

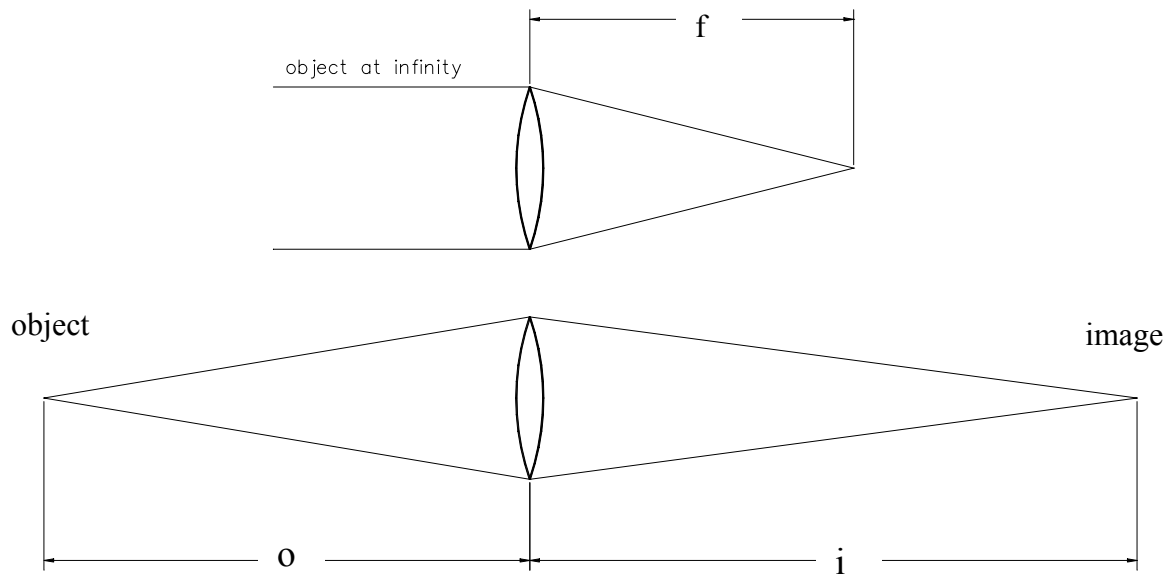
OPTI 420 – Introductory Optomechanical Engineering

3) First order imaging systems

Imaging system

Positive thin lens, creates real image

$f = \text{focal length}$



$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{o} + \frac{1}{i}$$

magnification

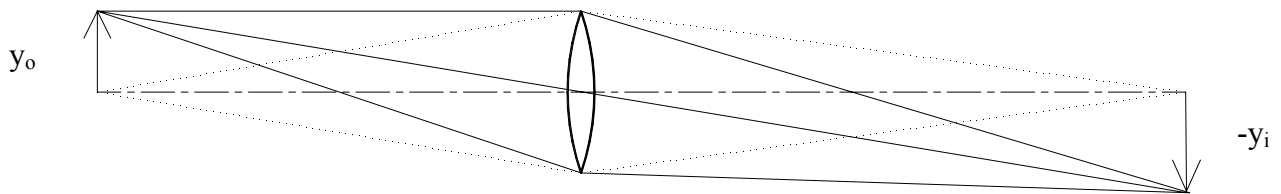


image is rotated 180°, maintains ‘handedness’

lateral magnification $m = -\frac{y_i}{y_o} = \frac{i}{o}$

Object at infinity, $m = 0$
Object at focal point, $m = \infty$

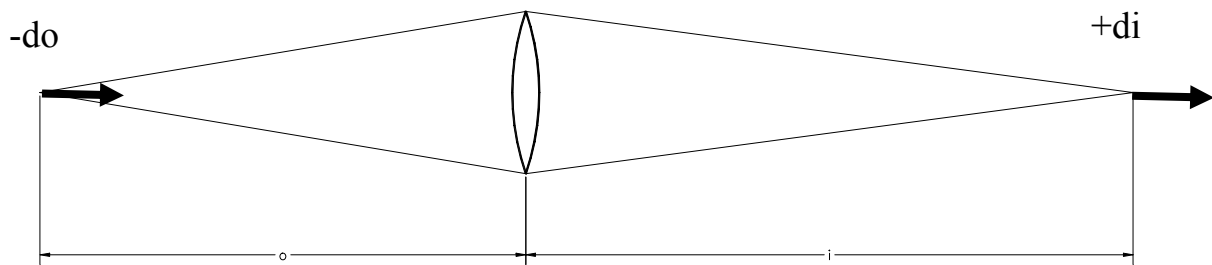
If the object moves, how much does the image move?

For lateral motion, simply scales by magnification

Motion of y_o in object space appears as y_i in image space

$$\frac{y_i}{y_o} = -m$$

What about motion along the axis:



For axial motion, differentiate:

$$\frac{-di}{i^2} + \frac{-do}{o^2} = 0$$

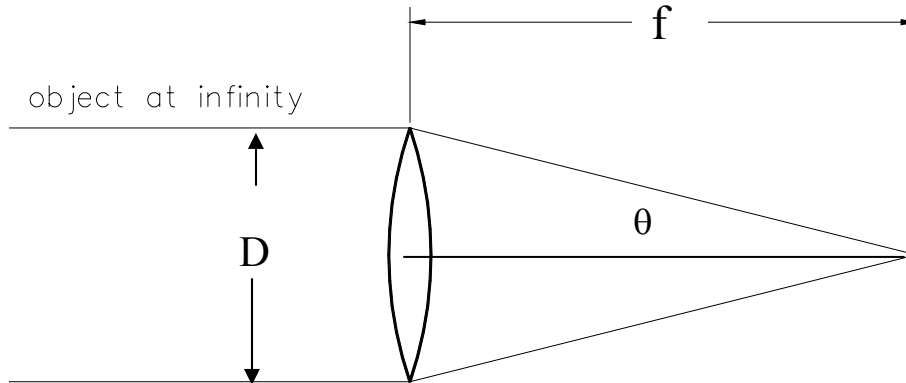
$$\frac{di}{do} = -\frac{i^2}{o^2} = -m^2$$

This is often called the axial magnification

(Object and image always move in the same direction)

Focal ratio

Simple case
stop at lens, object at infinity



$$\text{f/number : } F\# = \frac{f}{D}$$

100 mm focal length, 10 mm diameter lens -- $f/10$

Numerical aperture NA

(in medium with refractive index n)

$$u = \sin\theta$$

$$NA = n \sin \theta \cong \frac{1}{2F\#}$$

Diffraction limit:

Width of Airy function = $2.44 \lambda F\#$

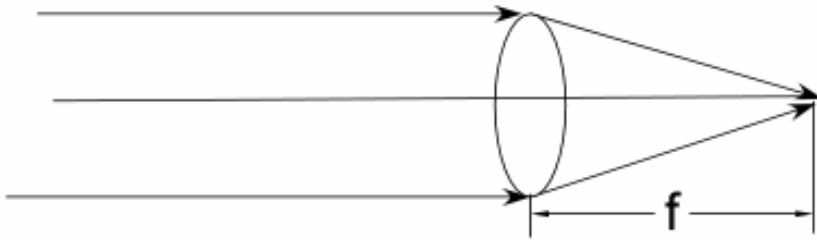
$$(\text{FWHM} = \lambda F\#)$$

Depth of focus : $\Delta z = \pm 2 \lambda (F\#)^2$

MTF cutoff : $f_c = 1/(\lambda F\#)$

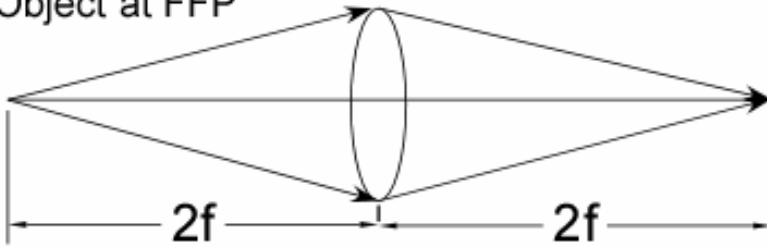
Positive lens

Object at infinity



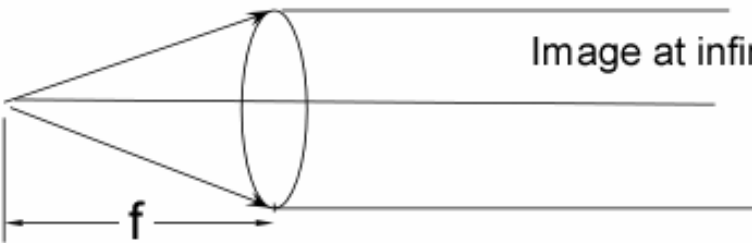
$m=0$

Object at FFP



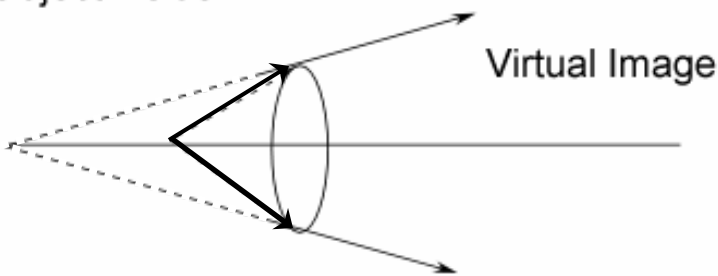
$m= -1$

Image at infinity



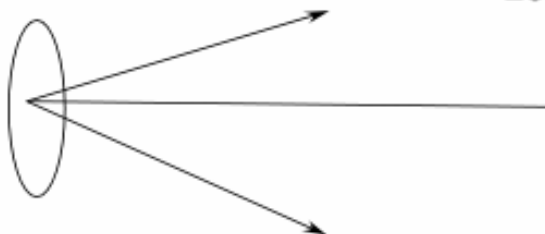
$m= -\infty$

Object inside FFP



$m > 1$

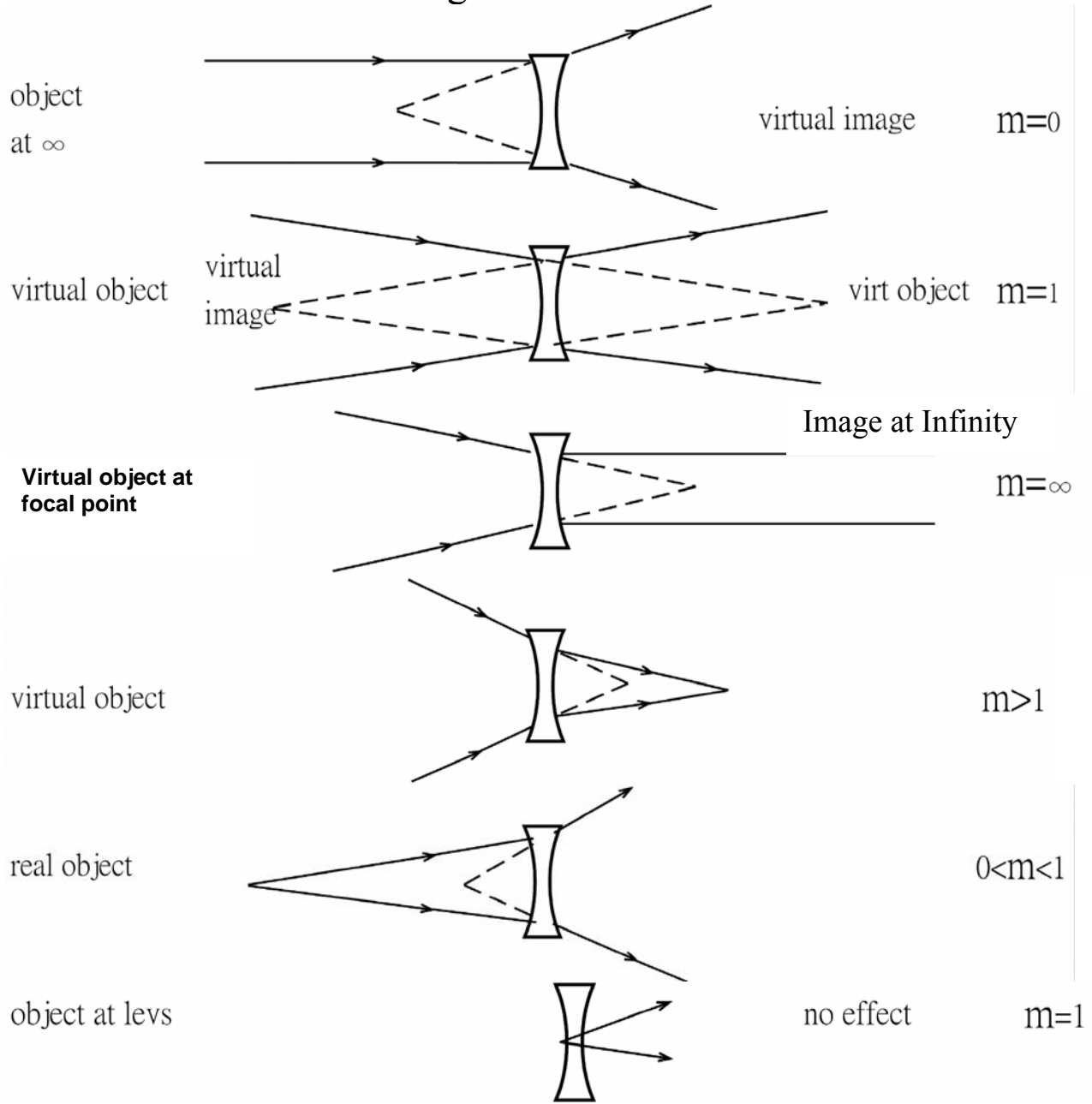
Object at Lens



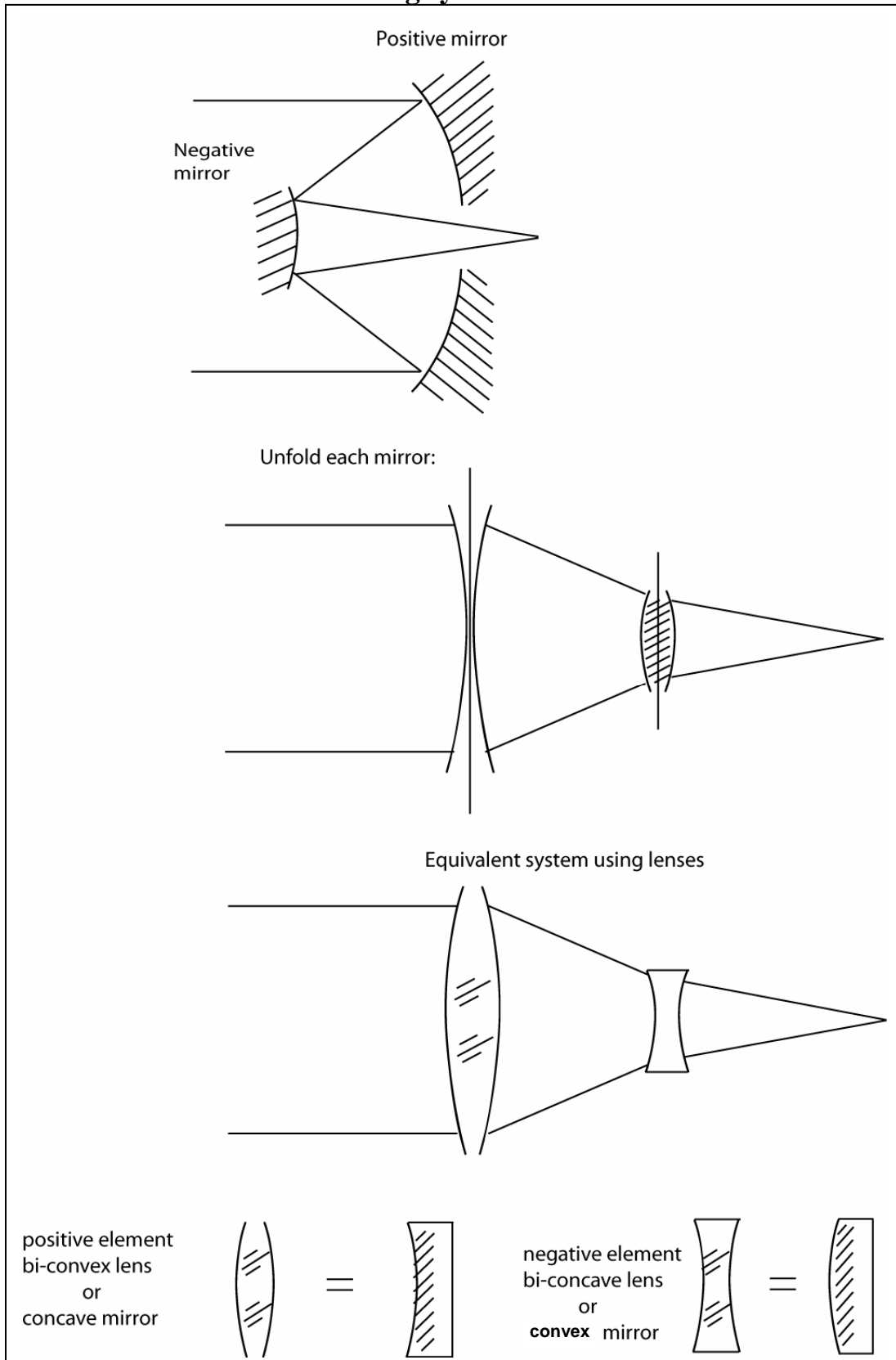
Lens has no effect

$m= 1$

Negative Lens



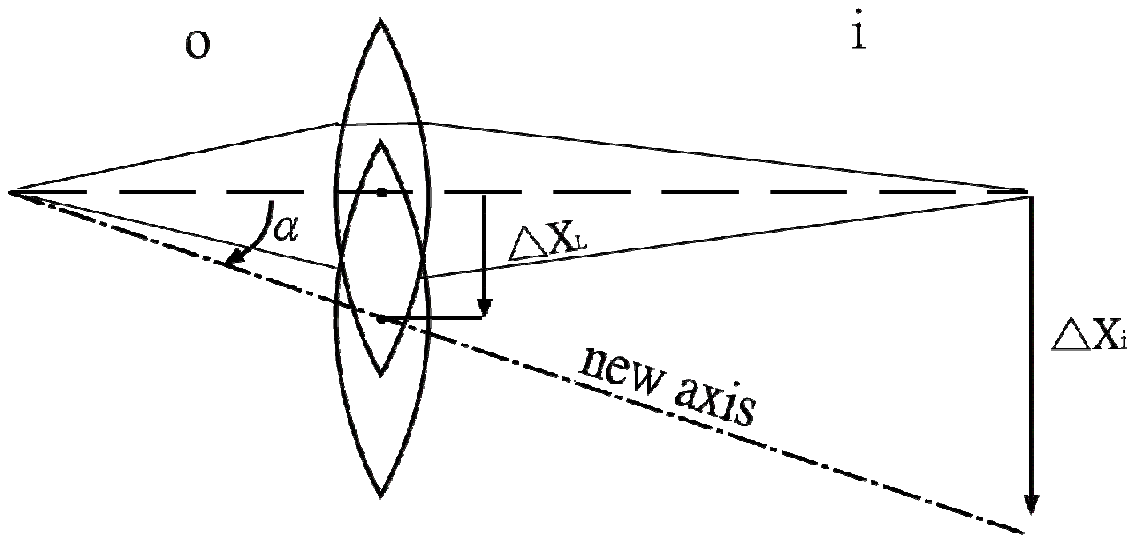
Unfolding systems with mirrors



Lateral motion of lens

We treat the case where the lens moves, yet the object and the image plane do not. To calculate the amount of image motion, simply sketch this out.

You can solve this using similar triangles



$$\frac{i}{o} = -m$$

New Axis , angle $\alpha = \frac{\Delta X_L}{O}$

Image moves $\alpha(o + i) = \Delta X_i$

$$\Delta X_i = \Delta X_L \frac{o + i}{o}$$

$$\Delta X_i = \Delta X_L (1 - m)$$

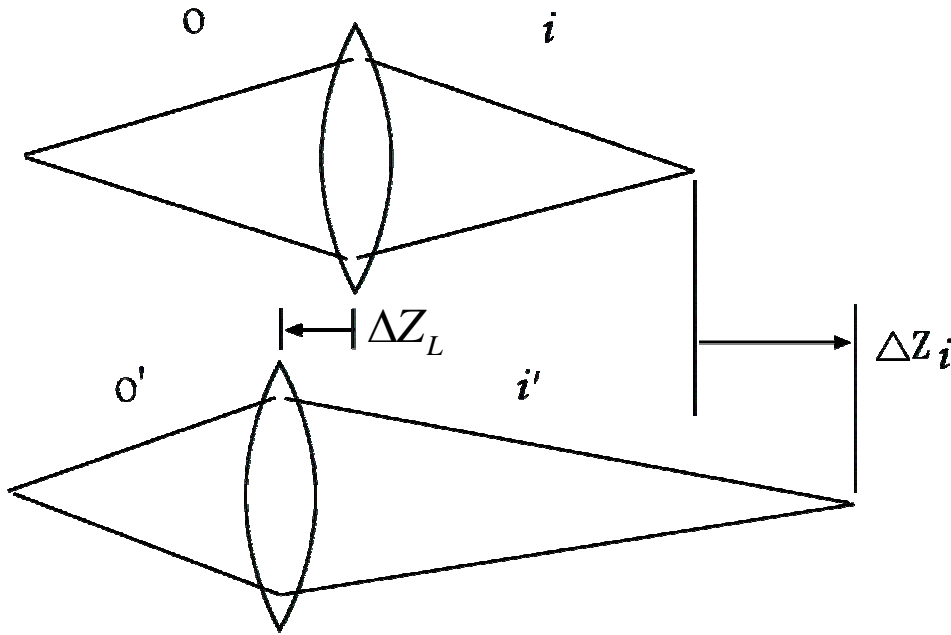
For object at infinity, $\Delta X_i = \Delta X_L$

(Mirrors behave the same way)

Axial motion of lens

We treat the case where the lens moves axially, yet the object and the image plane do not. To calculate the amount of image defocus, you need to be careful. Make a good sketch!

Absolute image motion = Lens motion + (Image motion relative to lens)



$$o' = o - \Delta Z_L$$

$$o - o' = \Delta Z_L$$

$$i' = i + \Delta Z_L + \Delta Z_i$$

$$i - i' = -\Delta Z_L - \Delta Z_i$$

$$\frac{i - i'}{o - o'} = \frac{\Delta i}{\Delta o} = -m^2$$

$$\frac{-\Delta Z_L - \Delta Z_i}{\Delta Z_L} = -m^2 \quad \text{so} \quad \Delta Z_i = (m^2 - 1)\Delta Z_L$$

Object at infinity, $m = 0$, $\Delta Z_i = -\Delta Z_L$

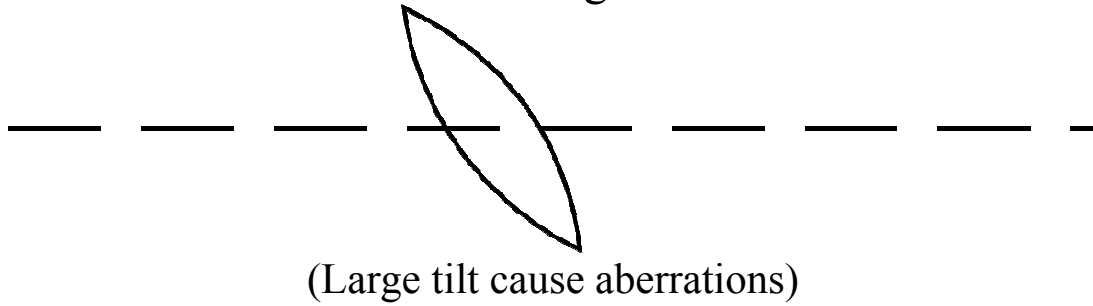
1:1 conjugate, $m = -1$, $\frac{\Delta Z_i}{\Delta Z_L} = 0$ (stationary point)

Be careful with mirrors!

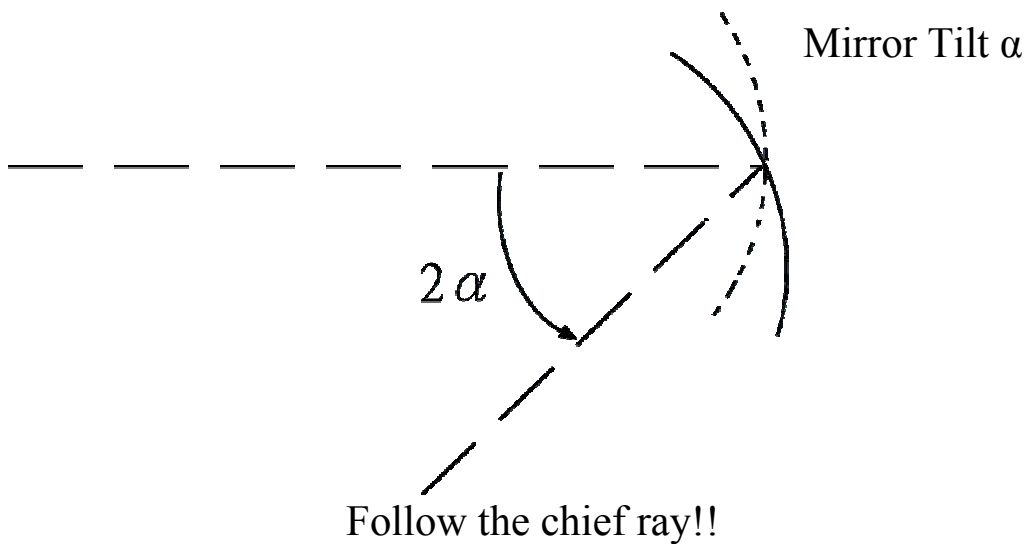
Tilt of optical element

Tilt an element about its center, what happens to the image?

For thin lens- No significant effects



For Mirrors



Motion of detector

The “detector” could be film, CCD, fiber end, ...

What we care about is motion of the image *with respect to the detector*.

This motion would cause a blurred image, tracking error, or degraded coupling efficiency.

If the image and detector move together, the system performs perfectly. Motion of the detector has the same (but opposite sign) as motion of the image.

Although pointing performance is defined by image motion on the detector, it is usually not specified in image space where problem occurs, but it is referred back to object space.

You must be able to go efficiently back and forth between these two spaces:

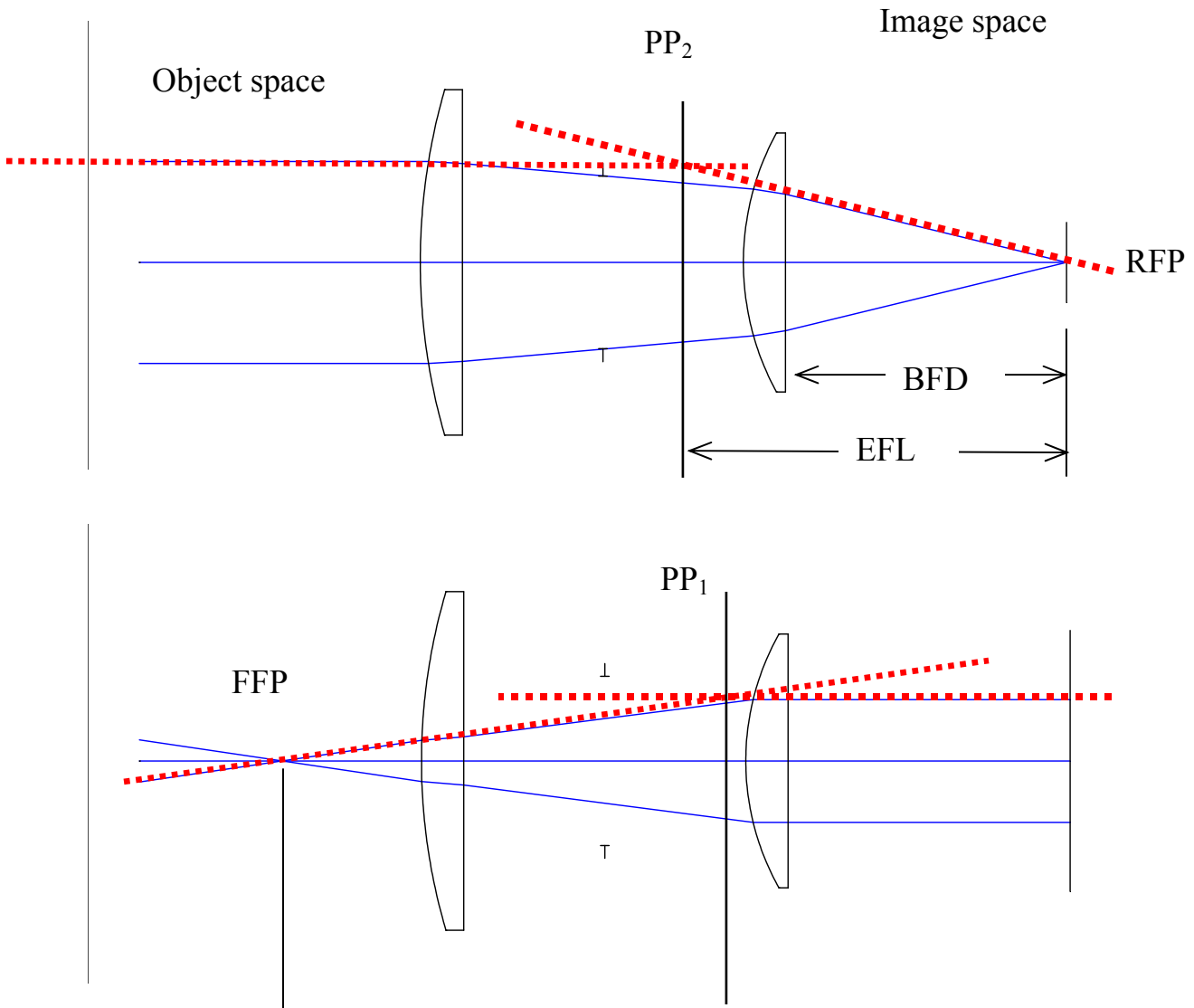
$$\Delta x_i = m \Delta x_o$$

For $m = 0$

$$\Delta x_i = EFL \cdot \Delta \alpha_o$$

Where $\Delta \alpha_o$ gives the angle in object space.

Definition of cardinal points – project rays from object and image space



PP1: Front principal point

PP2: Rear principal point

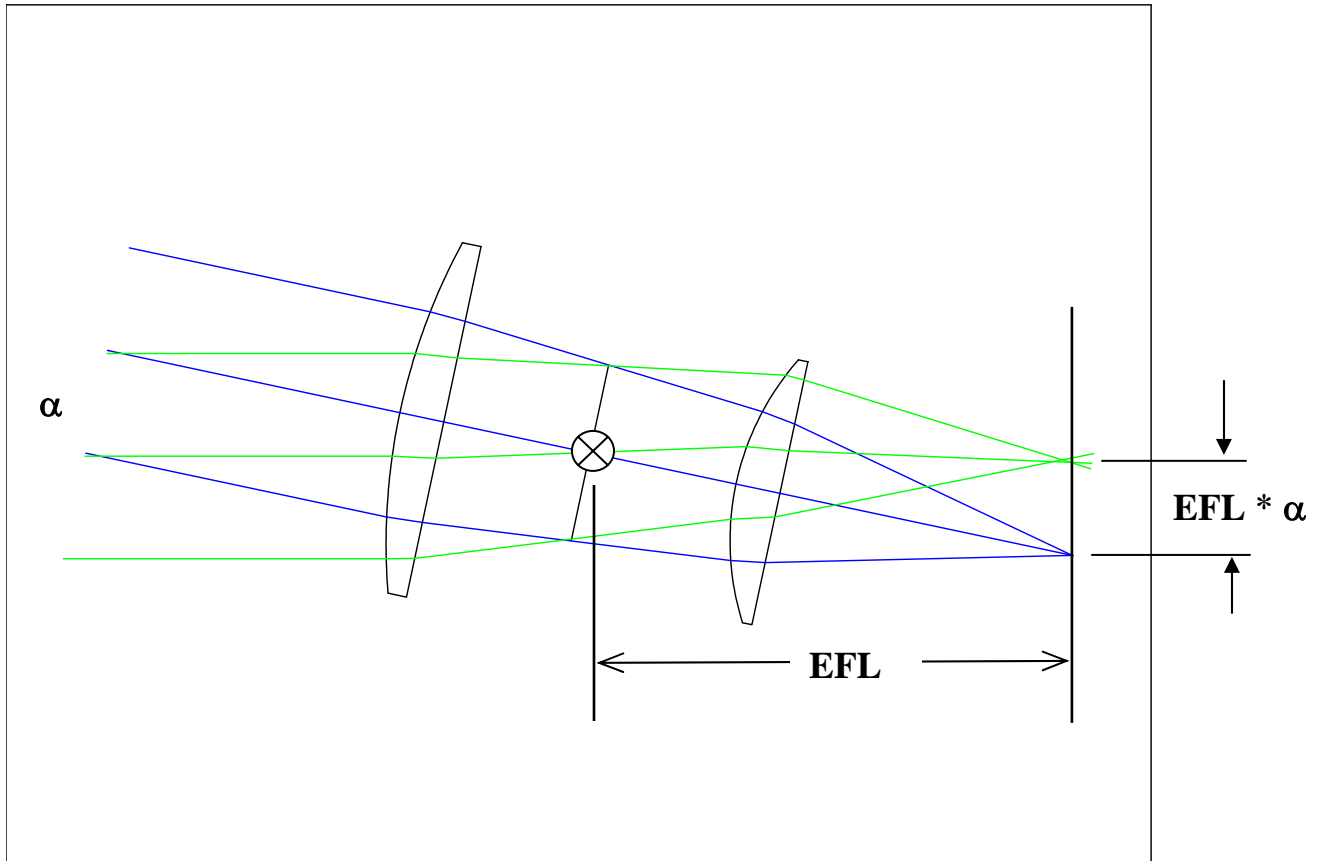
FFP: Front focal point

RFP: Rear focal point (image of object at infinity)

EFL: Effective focal length

BFD: Back focal distance

Nodal point at rear principal plane



In air, object at infinity, nodal point is coincident with rear principal plane

Rotation of lens system about nodal point does not move image

Simple proof (for images in air):

Object at field angle α has image height of $EFL \times \alpha$ relative to axis

Lens rotation α about PP_2 moves system axis at focal plane by $EFL \times \alpha$

Lens rotation α causes a fixed object to shift by angle $-\alpha$ relative to axis

The absolute image motion is

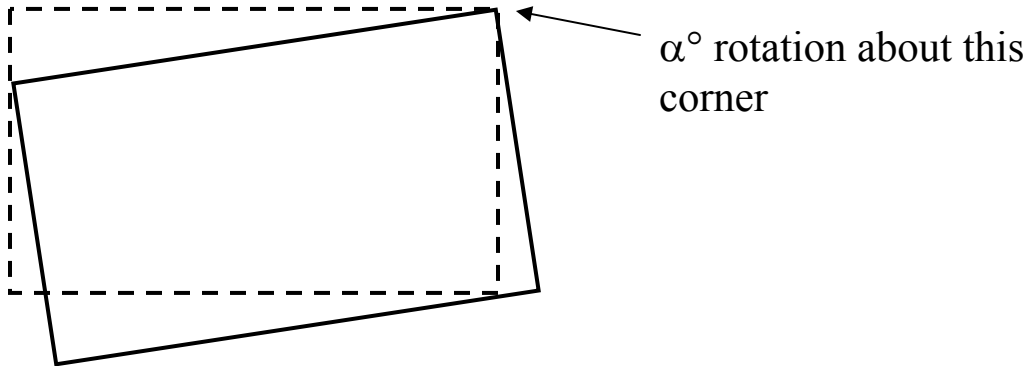
$$\frac{\text{image motion relative to lens axis} + \text{motion of lens axis}}{\text{-----}} = \frac{EFL \times -\alpha + EFL \times \alpha}{\text{-----}}$$

0, no motion

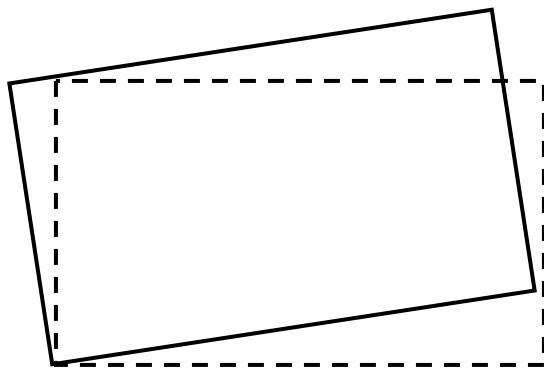
Only for the case where the system is rotated about the rear principal point.

Rigid body rotation

Rotation about one point on an object is equivalent to rotation about any other point plus a translation.

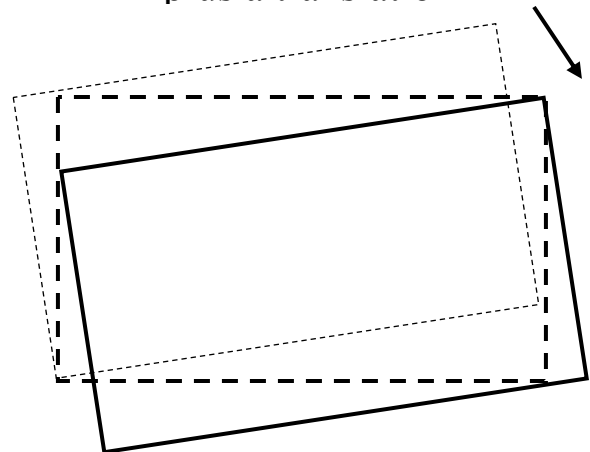


is equivalent to



α° rotation about this corner

plus a translation



(Calculate the magnitude of the translation using trigonometry)

You can choose any point you want to rotate about as long as you keep track of the translation

To calculate effect of rotating an optical system:

1. Decompose rotation to
 - a. translation of the nodal point
 - b. rotation about that point
2. Image motion will be caused only by ***translation*** of nodal point

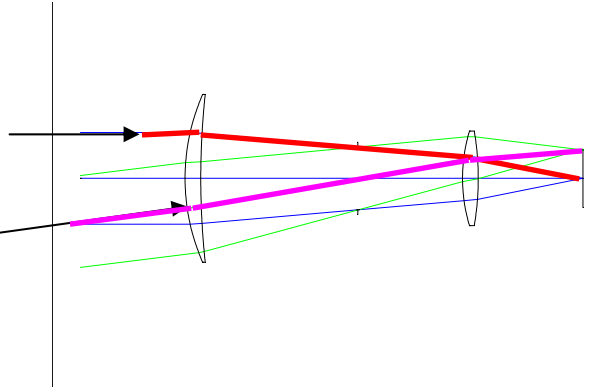
Definition of pupils

Aperture stop

Actual "hole" that defines which rays get through the system

Marginal ray – on axis ray that goes through edge of stop

Chief ray – off axis ray that goes through center of stop

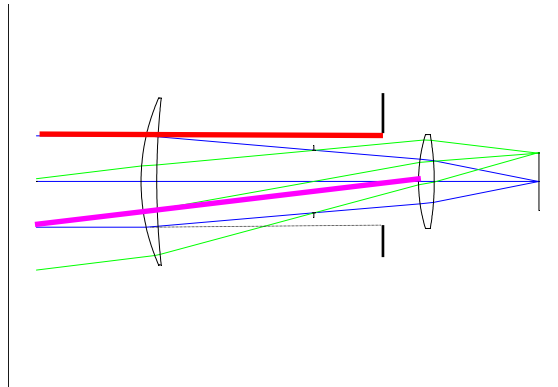


Entrance pupil

Image of the stop in object space

Located where chief ray cross the axis in object space

Sized by marginal ray height of pupil image in object space

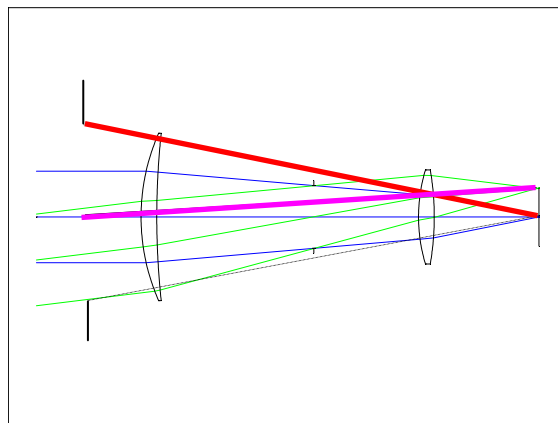


Exit pupil

Image of the stop in image space

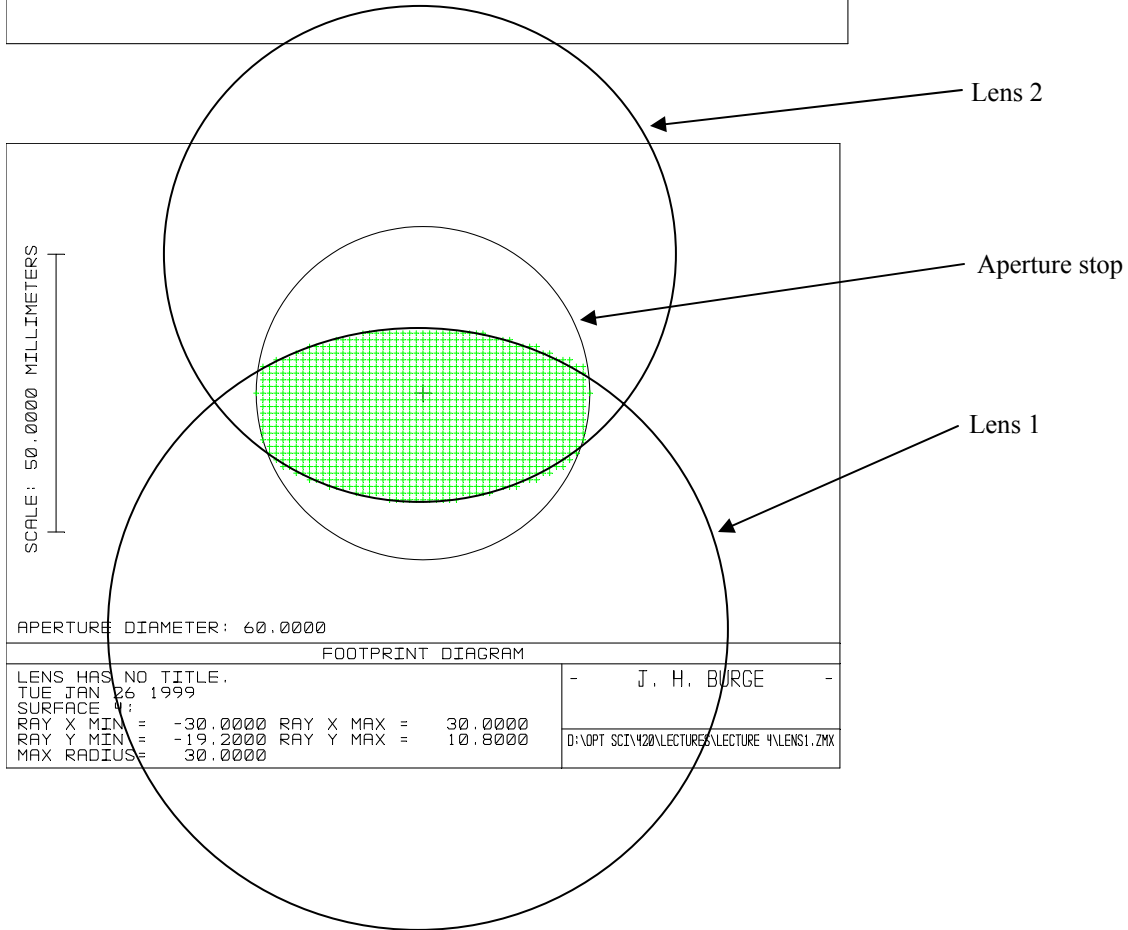
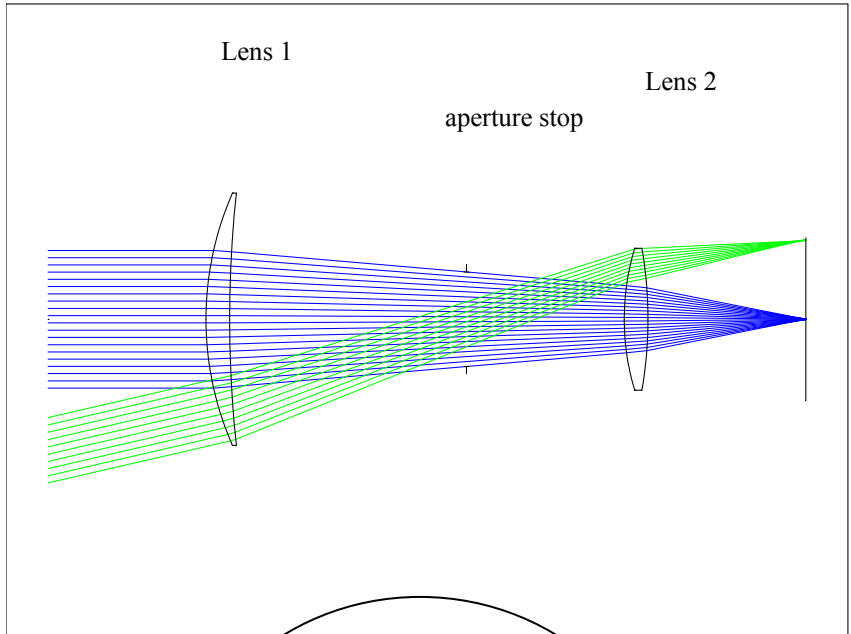
Located where chief ray cross the axis in image space

Sized by marginal ray height of pupil image in image space

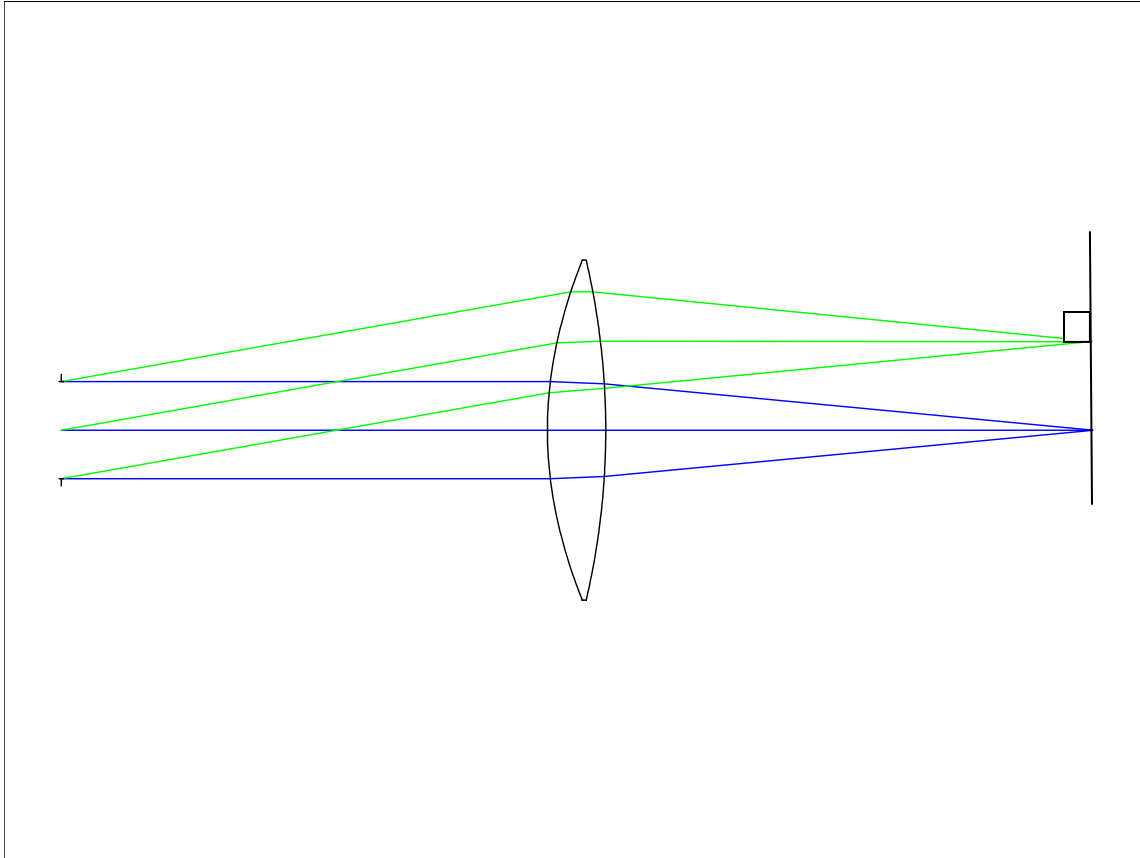


Vignetting

When something other than the aperture defines which rays get through. Leads to loss of light.



Telecentric system



Telecentric in image space

Exit pupil at infinity

Chief ray is normal to image plane

Telecentric in object space,

Entrance pupil at infinity

Chief ray is normal to object plane

Why do we care?

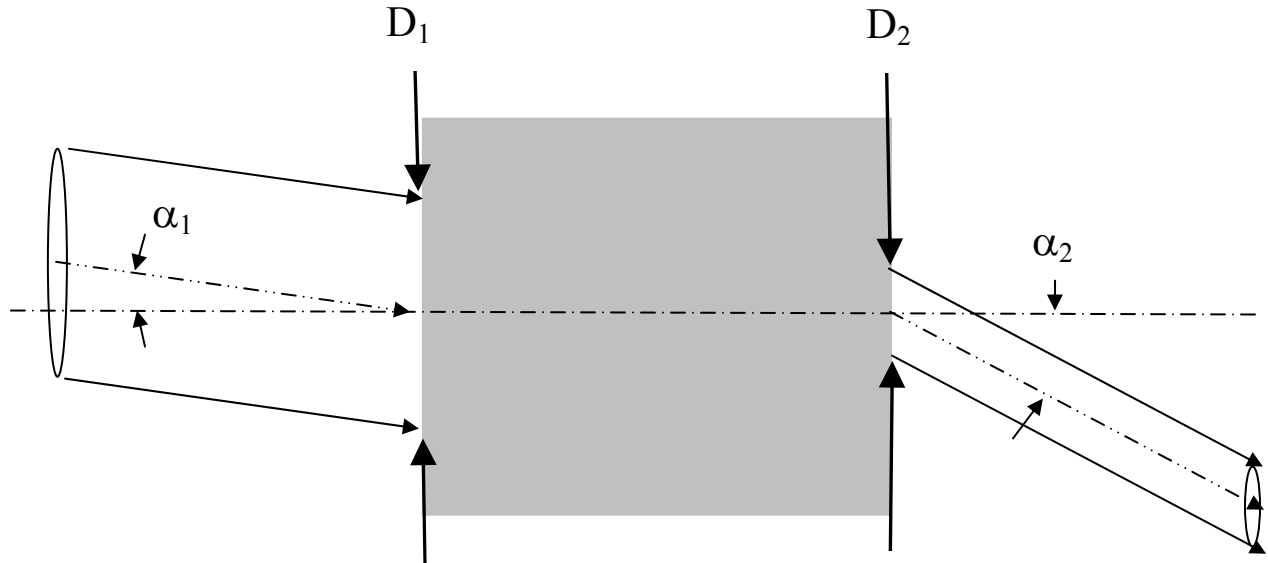
Going through focus, image does not shift

Provides uniform illumination across the field

Some detectors are highly directional (fiber optic bundles)

Afocal systems

Do not create a real image -- object at infinity, image at infinity



D_1 = Entrance Pupil

D_2 = Exit pupil

It makes stuff appear larger – magnifying power

$$MP = \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}$$

LaGrange Invariant requires $D_1\alpha_1 = D_2\alpha_2$

Examples:

Galilean, Keplerian telescope, laser beam projector

Binoculars