

## Mirror Practice Problems

1. A small object is placed 50 cm from a concave mirror with a focal length of 20 cm.
- How far is the image from the mirror? **+33.33cm**
  - Is the image on the same side of the mirror as the object? **YES BK d, is positive**
  - Is the image upright or inverted? **Inverted bk it is a real image**
  - Is the image real or virtual? **Real bk on some side of object (di =ve)**
  - If the object is 8 mm tall, how tall is the image?

$$\mathbf{-0.53cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f} &= \frac{1}{do} + \frac{1}{di} \\ \frac{1}{20cm} &= \frac{1}{50cm} + \frac{1}{di} \\ \frac{100cm}{100cm} - \frac{100cm}{100cm} &= \frac{1}{di} \\ \frac{100cm}{3} &= \frac{1}{di} \\ di &= \frac{100cm}{3} \\ di &= 33.33cm \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{hi}{ho} &= \frac{-di}{do} \\ \frac{hi}{0.8cm} &= \frac{-33.33cm}{50cm} \\ hi &= -0.53cm \end{aligned}$$

2. A 6.0 cm pin is located 20 cm from a 25 cm focal length concave mirror. Determine the location, size, nature and orientation of the image of the pin. **S- larger (5x) A- upright (hi=ve) L- behind mirror T- virtual (di=ve)**

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3. A concave mirror produces a real, inverted image of an object. The image is half the size of the object. If the object is 40 cm from the mirror, what is its focal length? **13.33cm**

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{40\text{cm}} + \frac{1}{20\text{cm}}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{3}{40\text{cm}}$$

$$f = 13.33\text{cm}$$

4. A dentist uses a small mirror of radius 40mm to locate a cavity in a patient's tooth. The mirror is concave and held 16mm from the tooth.

- a) What is the magnification of the image? **5 x**  
 b) What is the mirror's focal length? **20 mm**  
 c) What is the distance of the image from the mirror? **-80mm**  
 d) Is the image real or virtual? **virtual**  
 e) Is the image upright or inverted? **Upright**

$$\frac{1}{20\text{mm}} = \frac{1}{16\text{mm}} + \frac{1}{di}$$

$$\frac{1}{20\text{mm}} - \frac{1}{16\text{mm}} = \frac{1}{di}$$

$$\frac{80\text{mm} - 80\text{mm}}{-1 \cdot 80\text{mm}} = \frac{1}{di}$$

$$di = -80\text{mm}$$

$$M = 5$$

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$$\text{radius} = C = 2f$$

$$40\text{mm} = 2f$$

$$f = 20\text{mm}$$

$$m = \frac{-di}{do} = \frac{-(-80\text{mm})}{16\text{mm}}$$

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5. A production line inspector wants a mirror that produces an upright image with a magnification of 7.5 when it is located 14.0 mm from a machine part.

- a) What kind of mirror would do this job? **Concave since M is +ve**  
 b) What is the radius of curvature? **C=2f= 32.4 mm**

**+m so must be concave**

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{do} + \frac{1}{di}$$

$$= \frac{1}{14\text{mm}} + \frac{1}{-105\text{mm}}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{13}{20} \quad f = 16.2\text{mm}$$

$$m = \frac{-di}{do}$$

$$7.5 = \frac{-di}{14\text{mm}} \quad -di = 105\text{mm}$$