### Optics

### Investigates phenomena of the creation, detection and propagation of light









# Historical light models

Euclide:	Optics (BC.280) Light is emitted by the eye
Alhazen:	(11th century, Bhagdad)
	Light emitted by light sources, eye is a detector
Déscartes: (1637 La dioptrique)	
	Light: particles moving in "ether"
	Laws of reflection and refraction (Snell's law, )
Huygens	(1679) Light is an elasthic wave of "ether"
Newton	(1704 Opticks)
	Light: particles moving like mechanical objects
	Dispersion observed, color~ size of particle
	Composition of white light
	Newton's rings
Fermat:	(18th century)
	Principle of shortest propagation distance (time)
Young	(1802): <b>Double slit experiment, wave explanation</b>
Fresnel	(1819) Wave theory of light
Maxwell:	(1862) EM wave theory of light
Michelson & Morley: (1881) There is no "ether",	
	c is independent of coordinatte system
Planck	(1900) Black body radiation, energy quanta
Einstein	(1905) Photoelectric effect, light particles, photons
Today:	Dual nature of light (and of matter)

### Modern light models





### Reflection on a planar interface



### **Total Internal Reflection**

finger

laser

ALT 2-71/2-710



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# Brewster effect



Polarized sunglasses Brewster window Polarizing beam splitter





### Ray tracing



Petzval lens, the first photographic portrait objective lens Calculated by 8 artillery gunners and 3

corporals using ray tracing. ~ 1 year. Today: ~1 minute of CPU time



#### **Oil-Immersion Infinity-Corrected Apochromat Objective**

# Image Formation of a plane mirror

The image point *I* is located behind the mirror a distance *q* from the mirror. The image is virtual.







The image in the mirror is reversed front to back, which makes the right hand appear to be a left hand.



# Images Formed by Spherical Mirrors



The reflected rays intersect at different points on the principal axis.

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When the object is very far away, the image distance  $q \approx R/2 = f$ , where *f* is the focal length of the mirror.



- Spherical aberration
- Coma, Astigmatism etc...
- Chromatic aberrations
- Paraxial optics



#### Parabolic surfaces: eliminate spherical aberration



### Stigmatism: point-to point Imaging

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#### Hiperbolic lens

Parabolic mirror

#### **Elliptical lens**

### Images Formed by Spherical Mirrors 2



# Images Formed by Spherical Mirrors 3





# Single refractive surface



# Images Formed by Thin Lenses







Biconvex

Convex-

concave

Planoconvex



 $\frac{1}{f} = (n-1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$ 

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = (n-1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

# Images Formed by Thin Lenses 2





### Simple Imaging Instruments



Camera



### Composed Imaging Instruments: Microscope



# Composed Imaging Instruments: Telescope



# Interference: Young's Double-Slit Experiment



Light passing through narrow slits does *not* behave this way.



Light passing through narrow slits *diffracts*.



# Interference in thin films

Newton's Rings





Anti-Reflective Coating



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LIGO (Laser Interferometric Gravitational-wave Observatory)