Mirror formula and magnification.

For a spherical mirror if u = Distance of object from pole, v = distance of image from pole, f = Focal length, R = Radius of curvature, O = Size of object, I = size of image, m = magnification (or linear magnification), ms = Areal magnification, A_o = Area of object, A_i = Area of image

 $\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{u}$; (use sign convention while solving the problems).

Note: Newton's formula: If object distance (x1) and image distance (x2) are measured from focus instead of pole then $f^2 = x_1 x_2$

(2) Magnification: $m = \frac{\text{Size of object}}{\text{Size of image}}$



Note: Don't put the sign of quantity which is to be determined.



If a spherical mirror produces an image 'm' times the size of the object (m = magnification) then u, v and f are given by the followings

$$u = \left(\frac{m-1}{m}\right)f, \quad v = -(m-1)f \quad \text{and} \quad f = \left(\frac{m}{m-1}\right)u$$
 (Use sign convention)

(3) Uses of mirrors

(i) Concave mirror: Used as a shaving mirror, in search light, in cinema projector, in telescope, by E.N.T. specialists etc.

(ii) Convex mirror: In road lamps, side mirror in vehicles etc.

Note: Field of view of convex mirror is more than that of concave mirror.

Different graphs





yes if (distance of virtual object) u < f (focal length)



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