

Physics 250: Unquiz 08

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If the image were virtual, then the only way that the magnification can be -2 is if the object were virtual which could not happen with a single element system.

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$$s_o = s_i \Rightarrow \frac{2}{s_o} = \frac{1}{f} \Rightarrow \frac{s_o}{2} = f$$

The image is inverted, unmagnified and real.

Two thin converging lenses are in direct contact. Each lens has a focal length of 10 cm. Characterize the image that forms when an object is placed at 2 cm.

$$\frac{1}{f_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} = \frac{2}{10} \Rightarrow f_{\text{eff}} = \frac{10}{2} = 5. \quad \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{10} - \frac{5}{10} = \frac{-3}{10} \Rightarrow s_i = \frac{-10}{3} = -3.333$$

$$M = \frac{-s_i}{s_o} = \frac{3.333}{2} = 1.67$$

The image is virtual, upright, magnified