

# Power of lens , combination of thin lenses in contact

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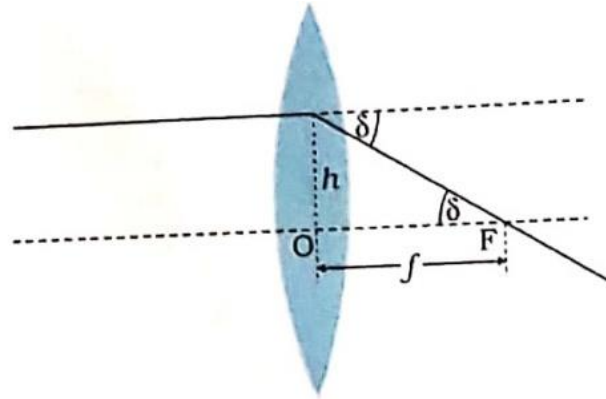
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# NUMERICAL

- Power of lens:

- Power of a lens is a measure of the convergence or divergence , which a lens introduces to the light falling on it.
- Power of a lens is numerically equal to the tangent of the angle by which it converges or diverges a beam of light falling at unit distance from optical centre.
- In the figure a beam parallel to principal axis strikes the lens at a height  $h$ .
- From figure ,  $\delta$  = deviation angle
- As  $\tan \delta = h/f$ . If  $h = \text{unity}$  , then  $\tan \delta = 1/f$
- So power of lens is ;  **$P = 1/f$**
- S.I. unit of power is diopetre (D ) and  **$1 \text{ D} = 1 \text{ m}^{-1}$** .



## Two thin lenses in contact:

In figure two thin lenses A and B of focal lengths  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  with powers  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are in contact. O is the object.  $I_1$  is the image for A and object for B. I is the image of B and image of the combination.

Now for lens A using lens formula ,  $\frac{1}{v_1} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{f_1}$  ....(i)

Now for lens B using lens formula ,  $\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{v_1} = \frac{1}{f_2}$  ....(ii)

Adding equations (i) and (ii) we get ,  $\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2}$  ..(iii)

Since  $u$  = object distance for the combination and  $v$  = image distance of combination ,

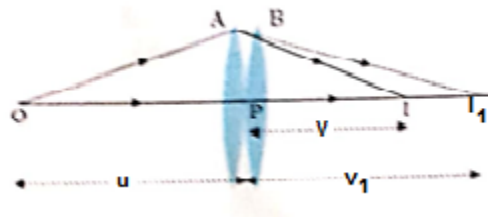
Hence for the combination ;  $\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{f}$  ... (iv)

( Where  $f$  = equivalent focal length of the combination )

Comparing equations (iii) and (iv) we get ,  $\frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} = \frac{1}{f} \Rightarrow f = \frac{f_1 f_2}{f_1 + f_2}$

Power of the combination is ;  $P = P_1 + P_2$

- For large number of lenses in contact ,  $\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} + \dots$  OR  $P = P_1 + P_2 + \dots$



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**Solution:** For combination ;  $v = 40$  cm ( positive as real image ) and  $m = -2$  ( as inverted )

$$\text{Since , } m = \frac{f-v}{f} \Rightarrow -2 = \frac{f-40}{f} \Rightarrow -2f = f-40 \Rightarrow -3f = -40\text{cm} \Rightarrow f = \frac{40}{3}\text{cm}$$

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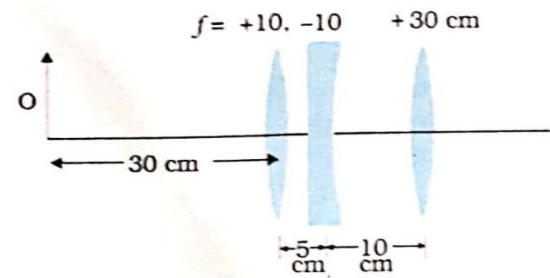
Now  $f_1 = 10\text{cm}$ .

$$\text{As , } \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} = \frac{1}{f} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f_2} = \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{f_1} = \frac{3}{40} - \frac{1}{10} = -\frac{1}{40\text{cm}} \Rightarrow f_2 = -40\text{cm}$$

So second lens is divergent lens with focal length 40 cm.

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$$\text{By lens formula ; } \frac{1}{v_1} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{u_1} = \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{30} = \frac{3-1}{30} = \frac{1}{15\text{cm}}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = 15\text{cm}$$

Now for combination cases , image of first lens is the object of the second lens ' .

So for second lens ;  $u_2 = v_1 - d_{12} = 15$  cm - 5 cm = 10 cm ( +ve because virtual object )

$$f_2 = -10\text{cm}$$

$$\text{By lens formula ; } \frac{1}{v_2} = \frac{1}{f_2} + \frac{1}{u_2} = -\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_2 = \infty$$

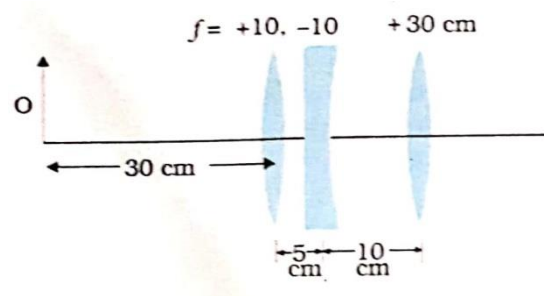
So for third lens ;  $u_3 = v_2 - d_{23} = \infty - 10\text{cm} = \infty$

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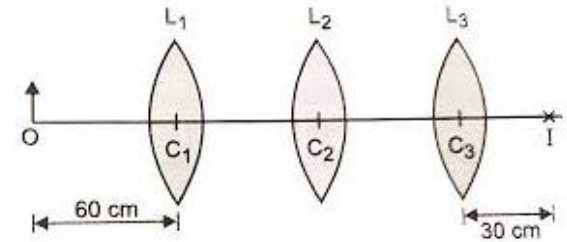
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So final image is produced 30 cm right to the third lens.



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i.e. image is at the second focus of the third lens. So the incident ray for this lens must be parallel to principal axis. So  $u_3 = \infty$  .

So whatever the separation between  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  may be for 2<sup>nd</sup> lens  $v_2 = \infty$  . Again  $f_2 = 30$  cm.

So object for 2<sup>nd</sup> lens must be at its 1<sup>st</sup> focus.

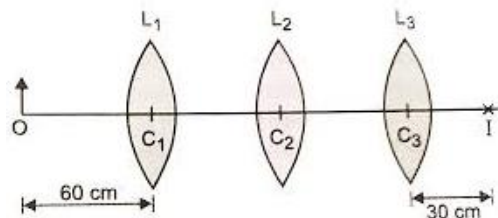
So  $u_2 = -30$  cm.

For 1<sup>st</sup> lens ;  $u_1 = -60$  cm and  $f_1 = 30$  cm

$$\text{By lens formula ; } \frac{1}{v_1} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{u_1} = \frac{1}{30} - \frac{1}{60} = \frac{2-1}{60} = \frac{1}{60\text{cm}}$$
$$\Rightarrow v_1 = 60\text{cm}$$

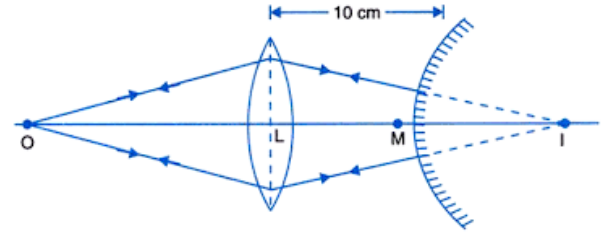
So for second lens ;  $u_2 = v_1 - d_{12} \Rightarrow d_{12} = v_1 - u_2 = 60\text{ cm} - (-30\text{cm}) = 90\text{ cm}$

So separation between  $L_1$  and  $L_2 = 90$  cm and separation between  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  can be of any value.



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**Solution:** The ray diagram is shown below.

As the refracted rays from lens are returning along same line that means the rays must be normal to the mirror i.e. approaching towards the centre of curvature.

Hence image of lens is the centre of curvature of the mirror.

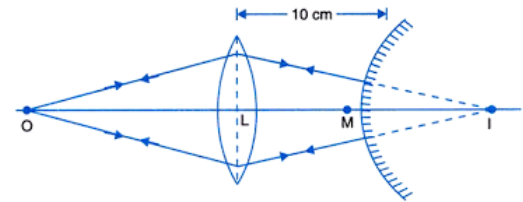
Hence for the lens ;  $v = 10 \text{ cm} + R \text{ of the mirror} = 10 \text{ cm} + 40 \text{ cm} = 50 \text{ cm}$

And  $f = 30 \text{ cm}$

$$\text{By lens formula ; } \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{f} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{50} - \frac{1}{30} = \frac{3-5}{150} = \frac{-2}{150}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = -75 \text{ cm}$$

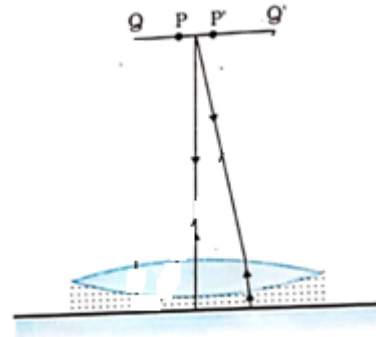
Hence object is at 75 cm left of the convex lens.



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Numerical: In the given figure an equi-convex lens of refractive index 1.5 is kept on a liquid of unknown refractive index on a plane mirror. In this situation a very small pin PQ is moved along the axis till its image coincide with it. This happens at a distance  $x$  from the combination. Now the same experiment is repeated after removing the liquid and the distance of pin is found to be  $y$ . Find the refractive index of the unknown liquid.

Solution: When a lens system is kept on a mirror and the image coincides with the object, then the refracted rays from the lens system must be normal to the mirror. As here mirror is plane mirror, hence normal to this means parallel to the principal axis of the lens system. So refracted rays of the lens system are parallel to the principal axis. Hence object is at the 1<sup>st</sup> focus of the lens.



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$$\therefore f = x$$

Here  $f$  is the focal length of the lens system i.e. the equi-convex lens ( focal length  $f_1$ ) in contact with the plano-concave lens ( focal length  $f_2$  ) formed by the liquid and lens.

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2} \dots\dots(i)$$

When the liquid is removed then only convex lens remains. Here he observed distance is  $y$ .

Hence focal length of the lens is  $y$

$$\therefore f_1 = y \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\text{Using equation (ii) in (i) we have ; } \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{f_2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f_2} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} = \frac{y-x}{xy} \dots\dots(iii)$$

Using lens maker's formula for equi-convex lens ;

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$$\frac{1}{f_1} = (1.5 - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{-R} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} = 0.5 \left( \frac{2}{R} \right) = \frac{1}{R} \Rightarrow R = y \dots\dots(iv)$$

For the liquid lens ,  $R_1 = -R = -y$  and  $R_2 = \infty$ . Let the refractive index of the liuid =  $n$ .

Using Lens maker's formula for the liquid lens:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f_2} &= (n-1) \left( \frac{1}{-R} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f_2} = - \left( \frac{n-1}{R} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{y-x}{xy} &= - \left( \frac{n-1}{R} \right) = - \left( \frac{n-1}{y} \right) \quad \text{(using equation (iii) and (iv))} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{x-y}{x} &= n-1 \Rightarrow n = \frac{x-y}{x} + 1 = \frac{2x-y}{x} \end{aligned}$$

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