

CLASS-10  
PHYSICAL SCIENCE  
PERIOD PLANS

**CHAPTER: 03 – REFLECTION OF LIGHT BY DIFFERENT SURFACES**

**PERIOD PLAN-10 :** Derivation of formula for curved mirrors  
Sign convection to the mirror formula

Content Analysis	Class Room Environment	Teaching Learning Material
<p><b><u>Derivation of formula for curved mirrors:</u></b> A ray coming from the point O which is on the principal axis of the mirror falls on the mirror at point A which is at height 'h' from the axis and after reflection, passes through point I which is also on the axis. Here AC is the normal.</p> <p>The angle of incidence (angle OAC) nagamurthy.weebly.com The angle of reflection (angle CAI) are equal</p> <p>Observe 3 right angled triangles <math>\Delta AOP^I</math>, <math>\Delta ACP^I</math> and <math>\Delta AIP^I</math>. from these <math>\tan \alpha = P^I A / P^I O = h / P^I O = h / PO</math> <math>\tan \beta = P^I A / P^I C = h / P^I C = h / PC</math> <math>\tan \gamma = P^I A / P^I I = h / P^I I = h / PI</math></p> <p>If 'h' is very small and For very small angles <math>P^I</math> coincides with P. Then <math>P^I O = PO</math>, <math>P^I C = PC</math>, <math>P^I I = PI</math>.</p> <p>And <math>\tan \alpha = \alpha</math>, <math>\tan \beta = \beta</math>, <math>\tan \gamma = \gamma</math>. So <math>\alpha = h / PO</math>, <math>\beta = h / PC</math>, <math>\gamma = h / PI</math>.</p> <p>In a <math>\Delta</math>, sum of the interior angles is equal to the exterior angle. From <math>\Delta AOC</math>, <math>\beta = \alpha + \theta \rightarrow \theta = \beta - \alpha</math> From <math>\Delta ACI</math>, <math>\gamma = \beta + \theta = \beta + \beta - \alpha = 2\beta - \alpha</math> <math>\rightarrow \alpha + \gamma = 2\beta \rightarrow h / PO + h / PI = 2 h / PC \rightarrow 1 / PO + 1 / PI = 2 / PC</math></p> <p><b><u>Sign convention for the parameters related to the mirror equation:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All distances should be measured from the pole.</li> <li>The distances measured in the direction of incident light, to be taken positive and those measured in the direction opposite to incident light to be taken negative.</li> <li>Height of object (<math>H_o</math>) and height of image (<math>H_i</math>) are positive if measured upwards from the axis and negative if measured downwards.</li> </ol> <p>Substitute the values of PC, PO and PI in related equation according to the sign convention. Radius of curvature <math>PC = -R</math> ; Object distance <math>PO = -u</math> Image distance <math>PI = -v</math> then <math>2 / -R = 1 / -u + 1 / -v \rightarrow 2 / R = 1 / u + 1 / v</math> radius of curvature(<math>R</math>) = 2 (focal length) = 2f <math>2 / 2f = 1 / u + 1 / v \rightarrow 1 / f = 1 / u + 1 / v</math></p> <p>This mirror formula should be used according to the sign convention in every situation.</p>	<p><b>Conversation:</b> about derivation of mirror formula. <b>Explanation:</b> The theory and mathematical concepts.</p> 	