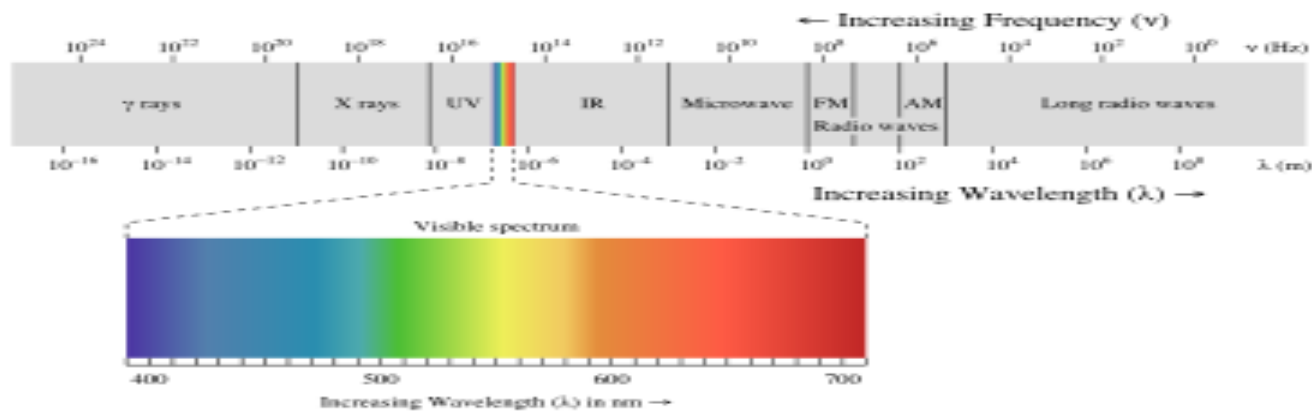
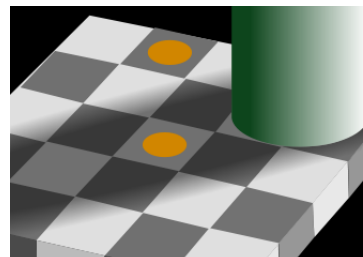
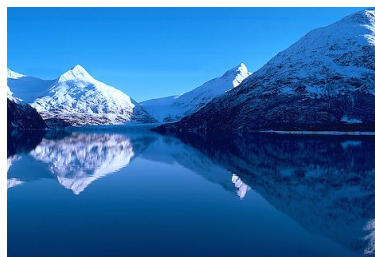
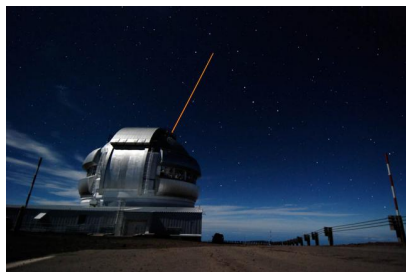


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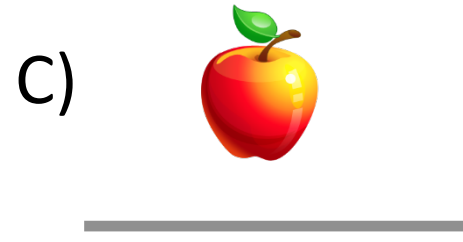
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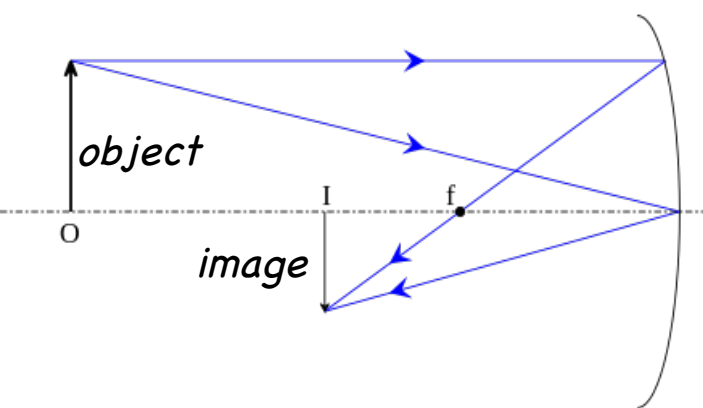
# Flat mirror reflection

Which shows the correct location, orientation, and size for the image?



## Announcements:

- lectures 5 is posted on the class website
- midterm 1 solutions are posted
- homework 5 is posted on D2L
  - due Thurs, March 6 in homework box in Help Room
  - solutions will be posted on D2L
- reading for this week is:
  - Ch. 3 in SL



**Concave** solar concentrator

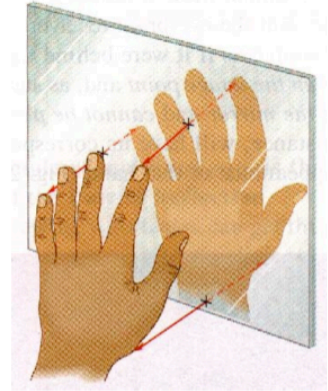


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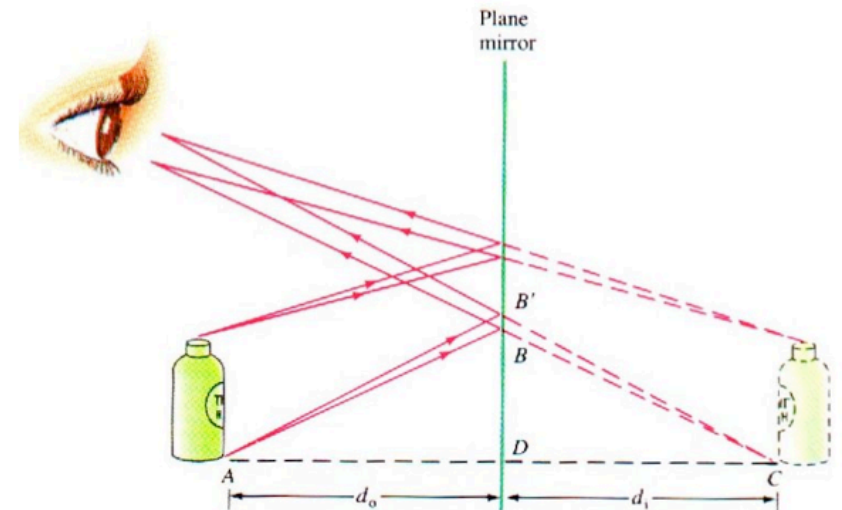
**Convex** traffic safety mirror

recall lecture 5: Image formation: mirrors & mirages

- real and virtual images
- image due to reflection: plane mirror
- image due to refraction: mirage, rainbow, sun columns
- optical illusions



How we see an image



Today

# Spherical mirrors

- convex and concave mirrors
  - ray tracing
  - image formation
  - applications



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Convex traffic safety mirror

# Mirrors everywhere



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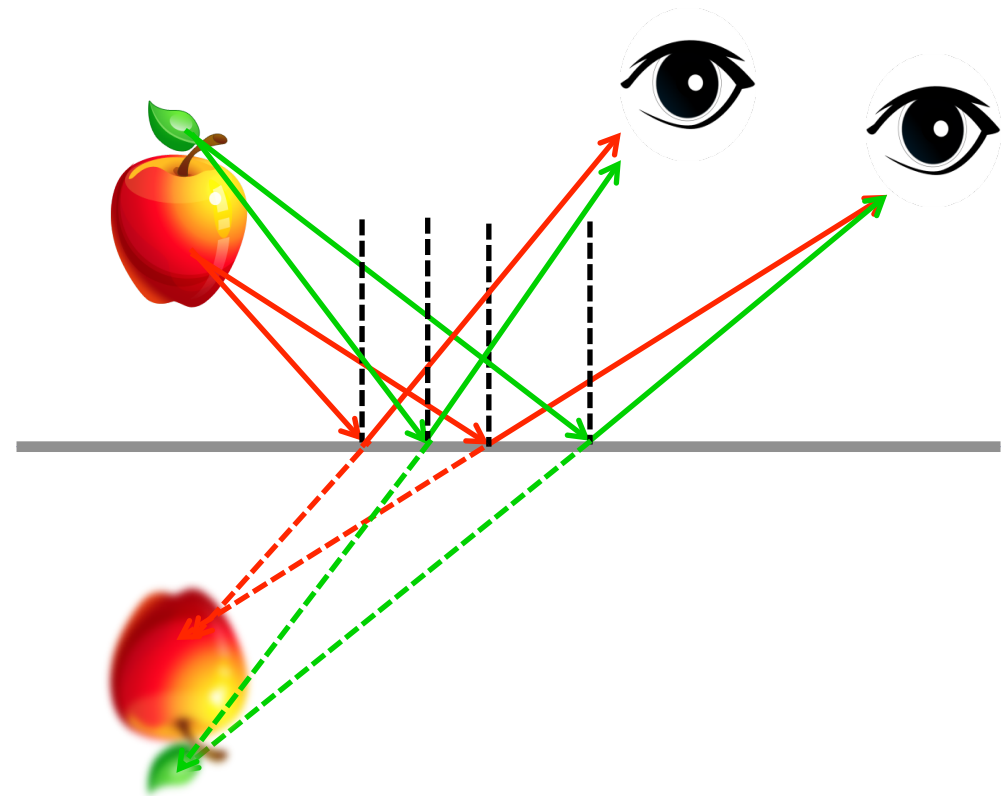
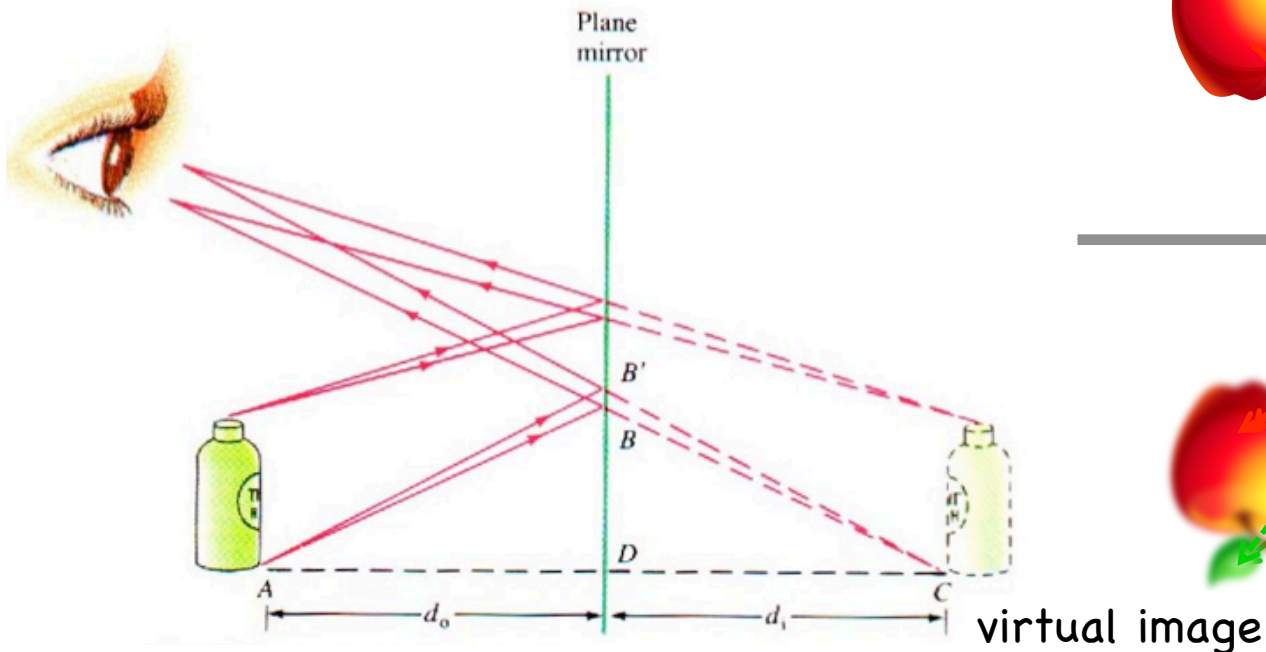


Convex traffic safety mirror

# Flat mirrors review

- Recall ray tracing of a flat mirror: *normal* and law of *reflection*
- There are “special” rays that are sufficient for locating the image
- The virtual image is in the same place regardless of the location of the viewer
- The image is called virtual because no real rays reach the image, and it cannot be seen by putting a screen at its position

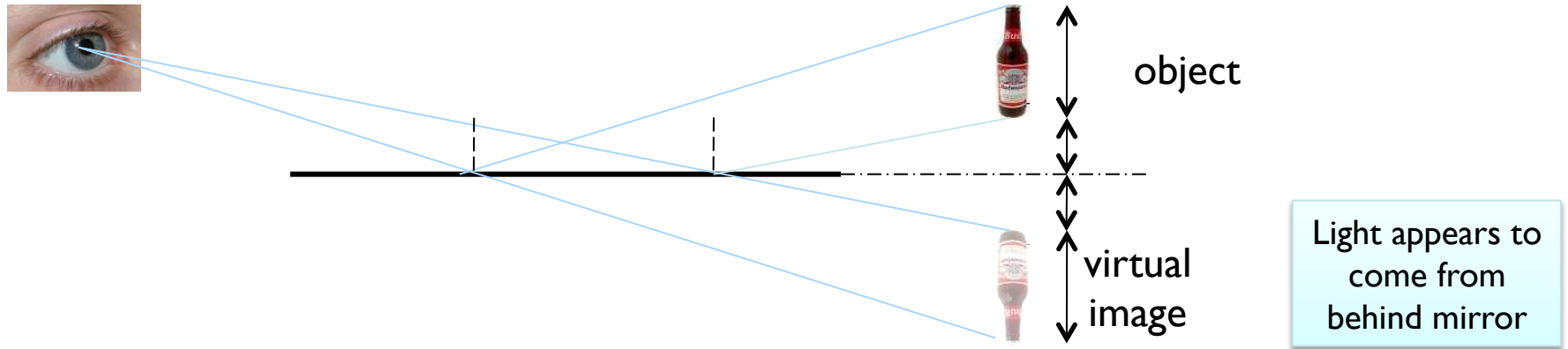
## How we see an image



# Virtual vs real image

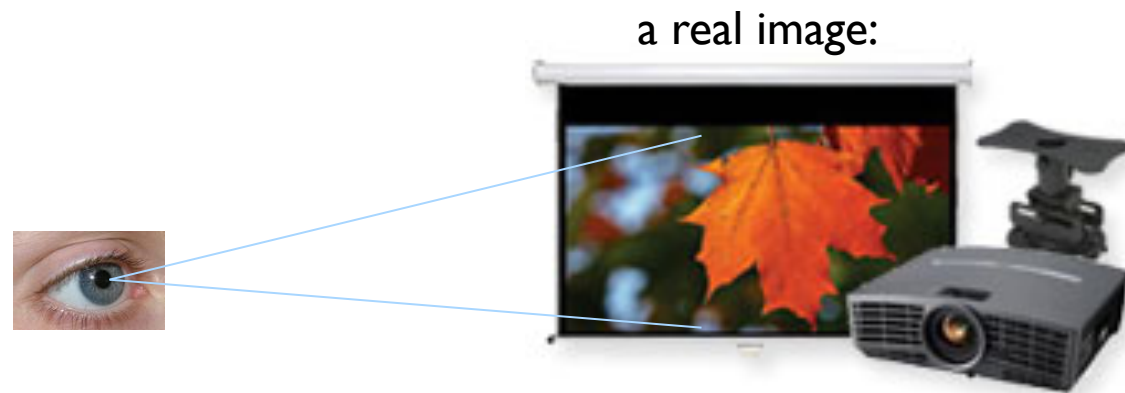
## Virtual image:

The light appears to come from the virtual image, but in fact does not come from there.



## Real image:

The light comes from the image (rather than appearing to come from there). You may need a screen to see it.





# Spherical mirrors



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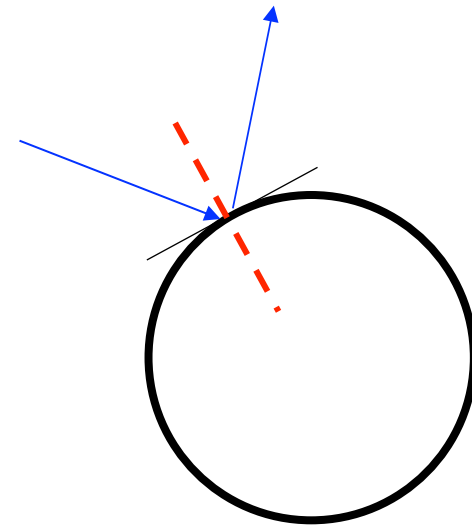
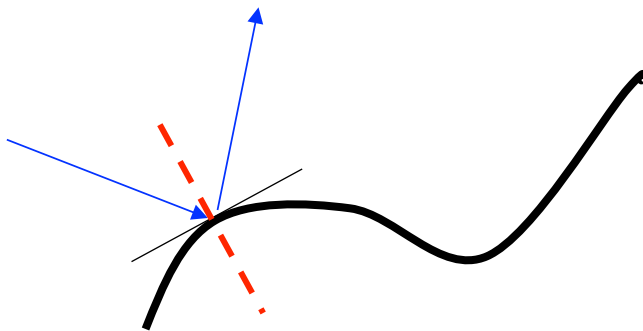
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**Convex** traffic safety mirror

## Normal to a surface

What is the *normal* to a *curved* surface and how is it used to find reflected rays?

- draw a tangent line to the curve (tangent plane to the surface)
- the normal is perpendicular to that line at the point
- with normal in place reflected and refracted rays are given as for the flat interface



# Convex vs concave spherical mirrors

Metal bowls have both a convex and a concave mirror  
(though not very good ones)



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Convex traffic safety mirror



Concave solar concentrator

## Convex:

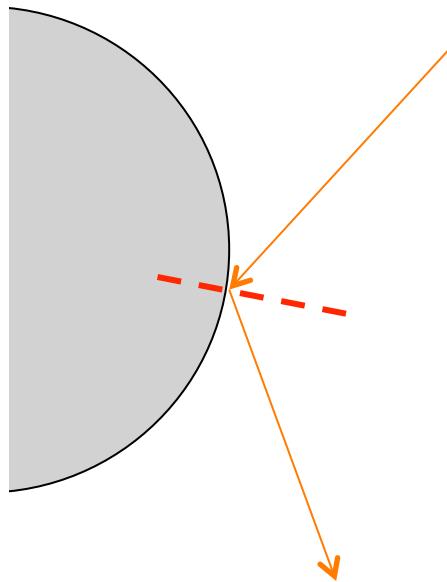
- make something *smaller*
- looks *far* away
- lets you see a *wide angle*
- bike mirrors, car mirrors

## Concave:

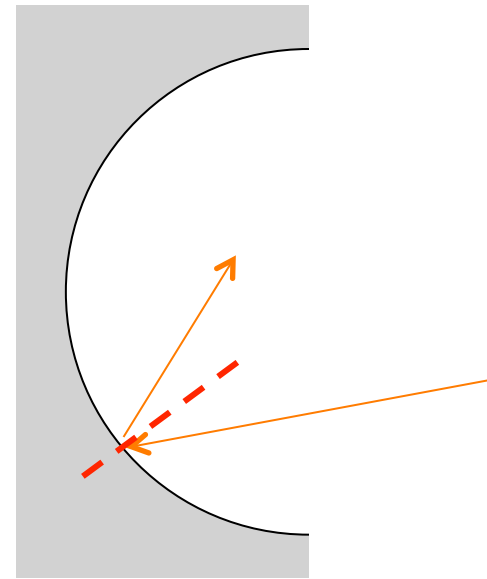
- make something *bigger*
- looks *closer*
- you can't see much around you
- makeup mirrors

# Convex vs concave spherical mirrors

- Spherical mirrors are drawn in two dimensions, so you have to imagine the 3D mirror that this line represents
- Both convex and concave mirrors obey the same law of reflection, but they make different kinds of images

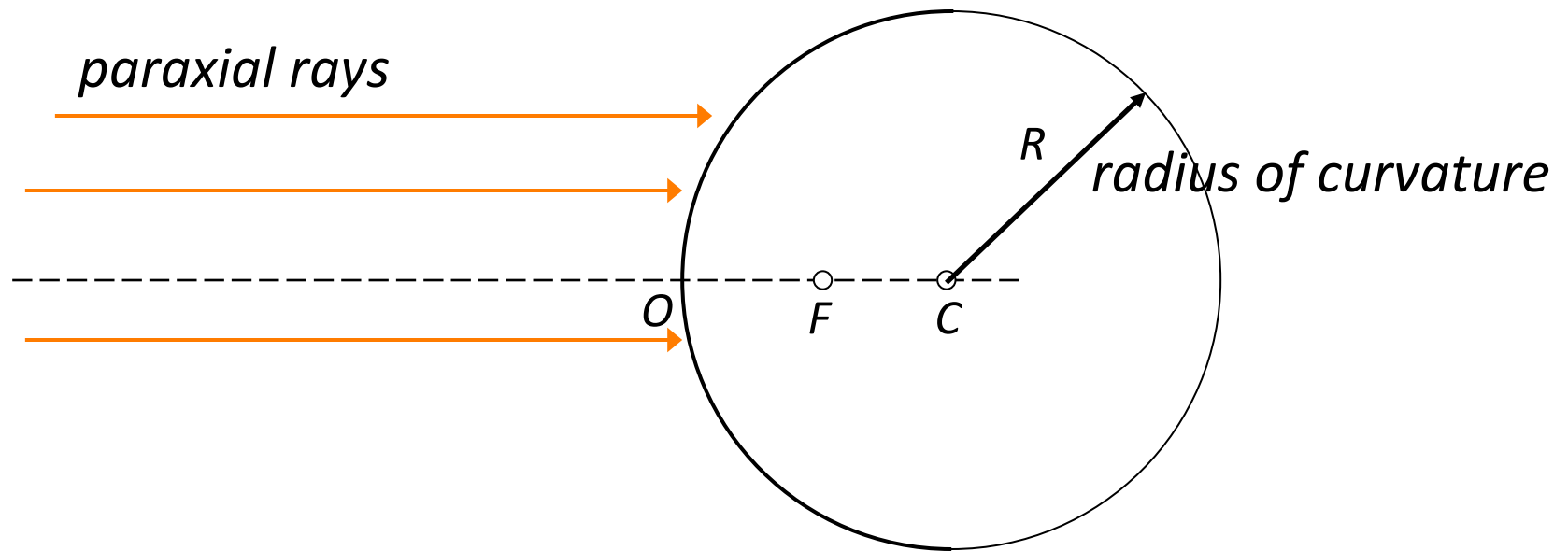


Convex



Concave

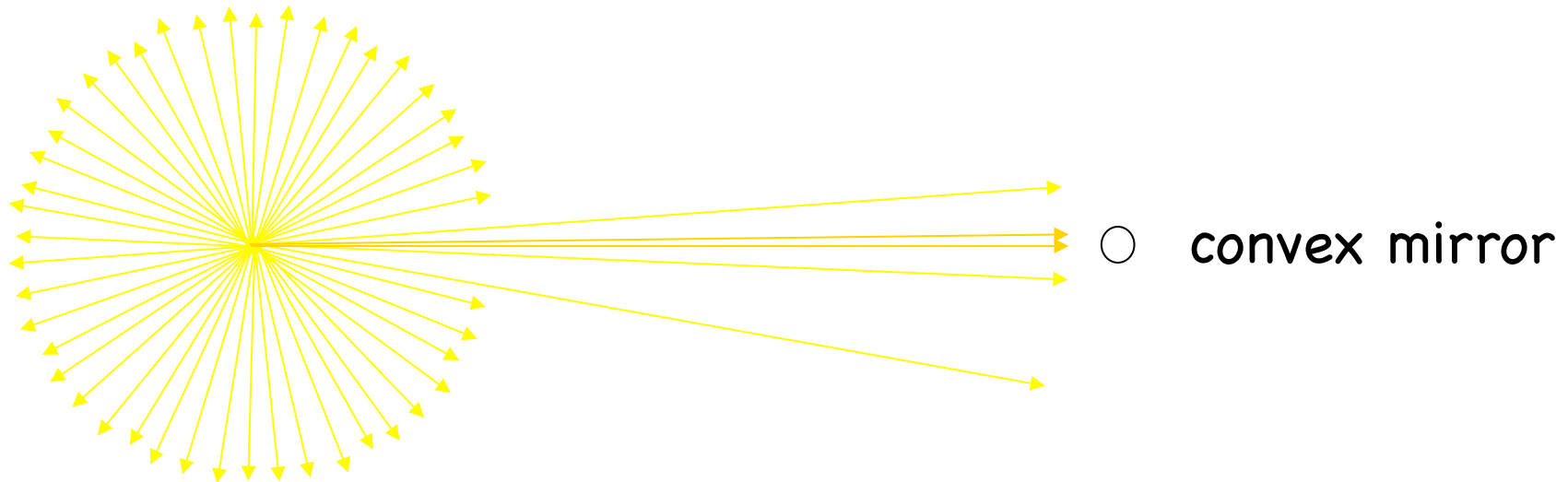
# Ray tracing for spherical mirrors



- radius of curvature ( $R$ ): radius of the sphere the mirror is “cut from”
- center of curvature ( $C$ ): center of the sphere
- focal point ( $F$ ): point where rays from a distance appear to converge;  
half way between the surface and the center of curvature
- paraxial rays: rays coming onto the mirror close to the axis
- $f = OF = \frac{1}{2} OC$ : focal length

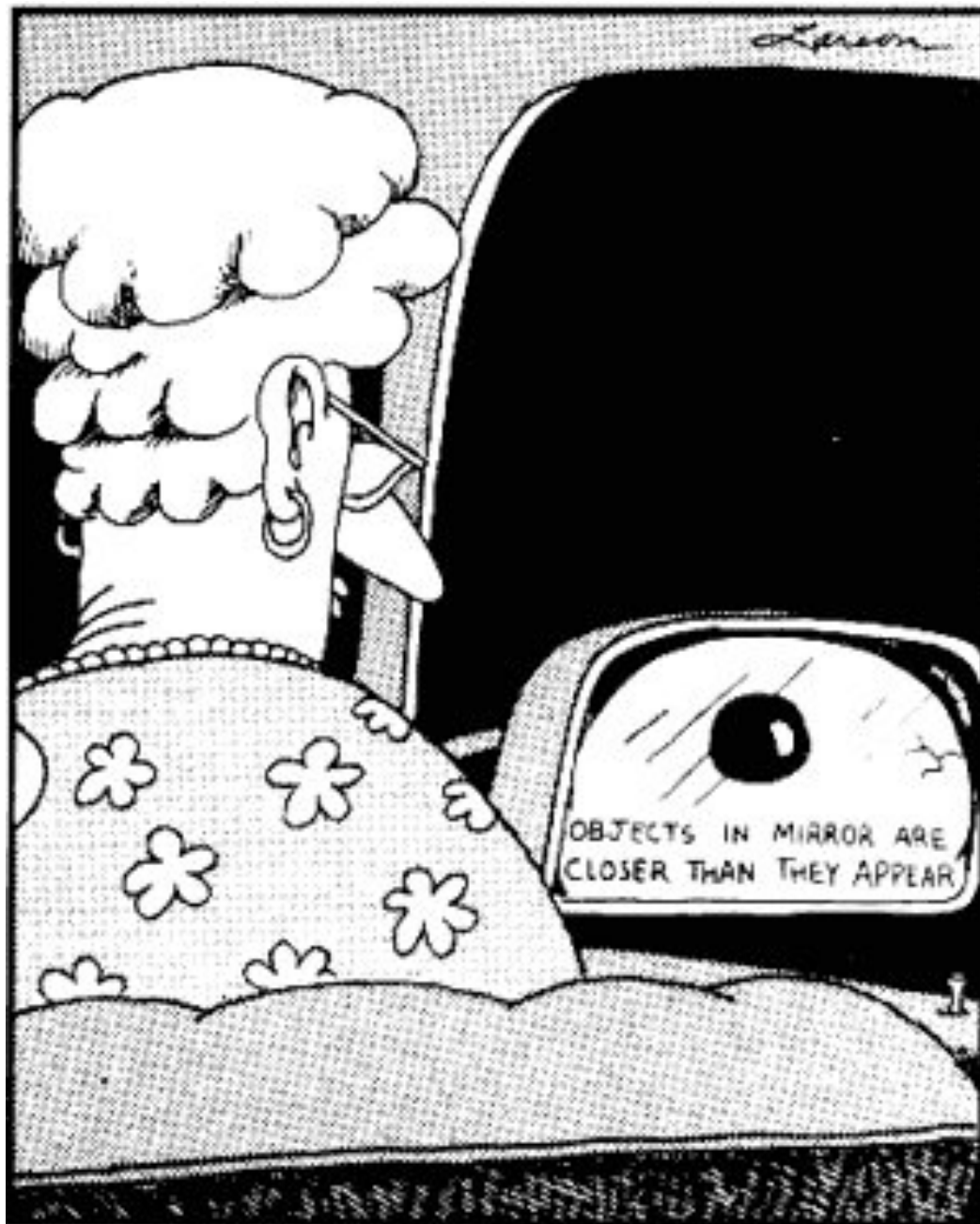
## Sources of paraxial rays

- The rays coming from a distance source can be considered approximately paraxial (parallel, close to axis) when they reach a mirror



- The rays from a nearby source, such as a candle or bare light bulb, cannot be considered paraxial

# Convex mirrors

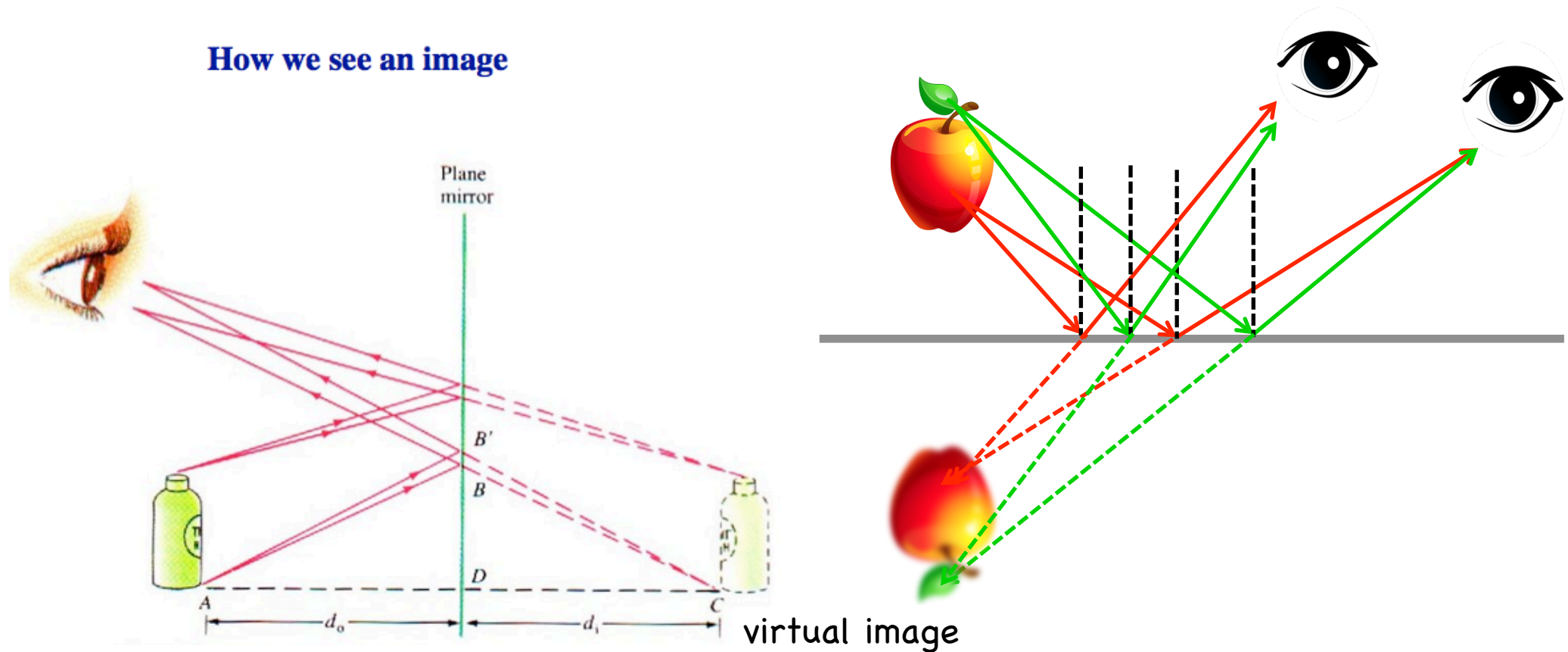


# Image formation in spherical mirrors

*recall plane mirror:*

- reflected rays extrapolated behind mirror
- intersection found to locate image

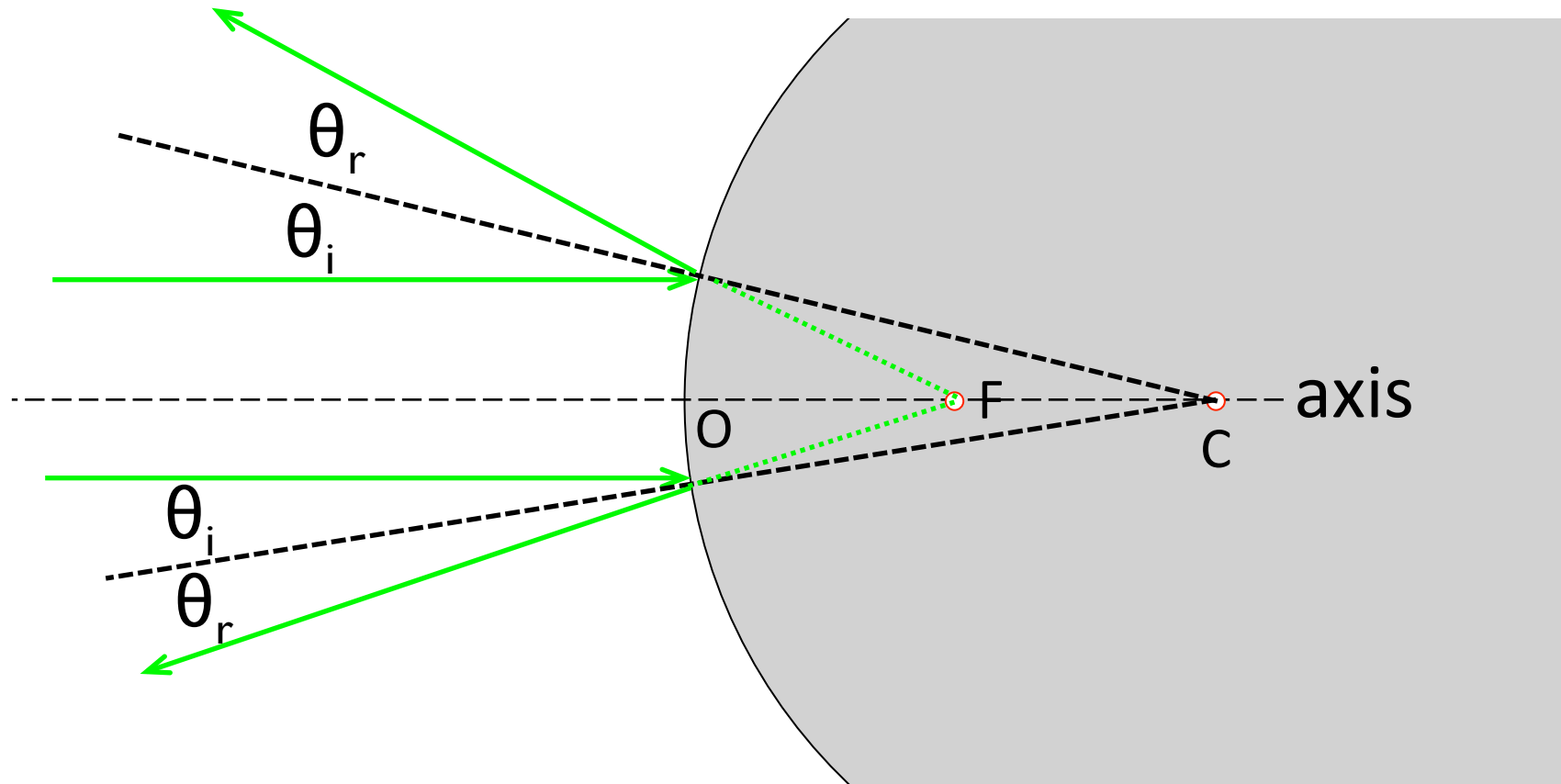
How we see an image





## Special rays: convex mirror

$$f = OF = \frac{1}{2} OC > 0$$



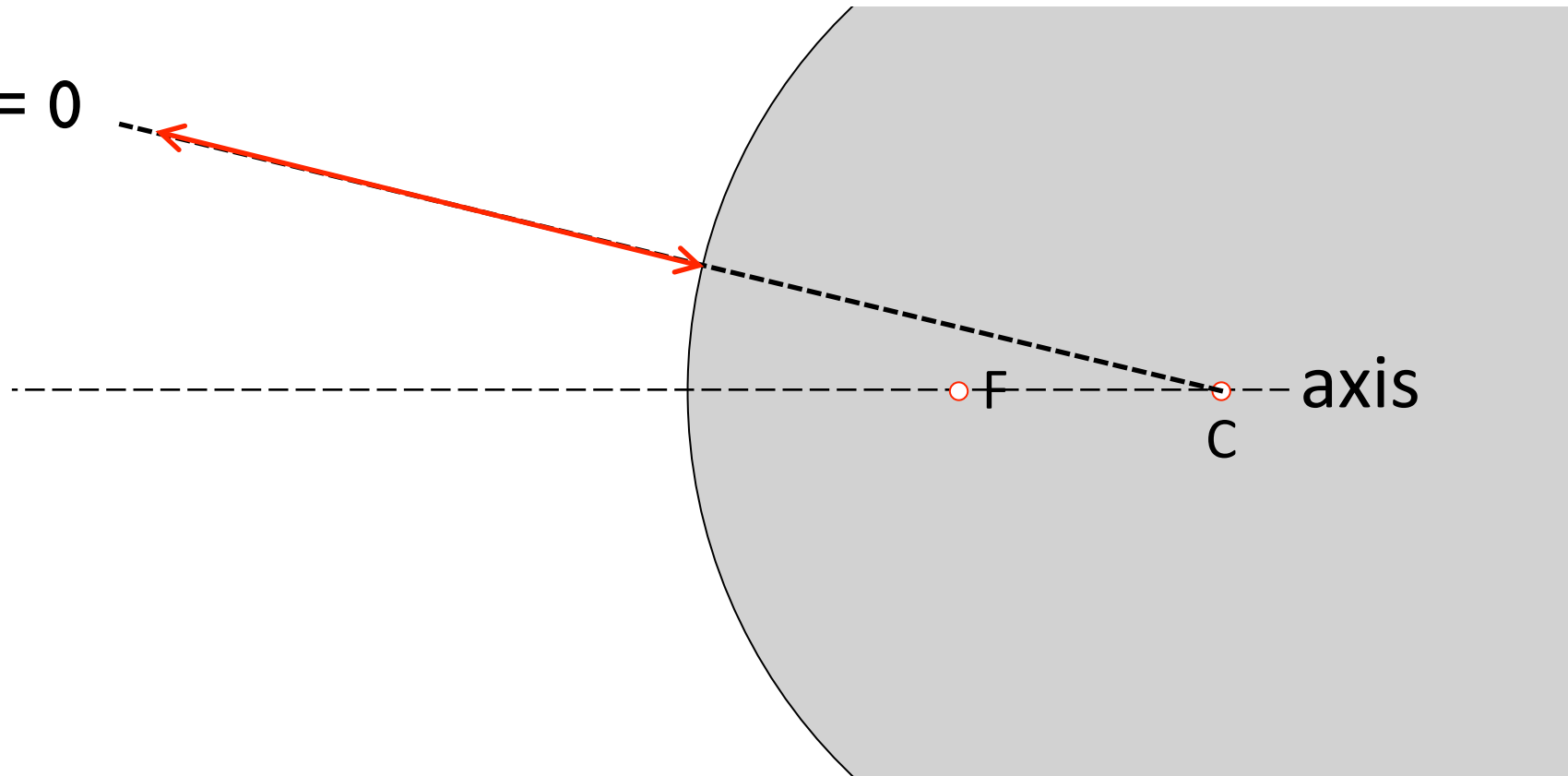
### Rule 1:

All rays incident parallel to the axis are reflected so that they appear to be coming from the focal point, F.

## Special rays: convex mirror

$$f = OF = \frac{1}{2} OC > 0$$

$$\theta_i = \theta_r = 0$$

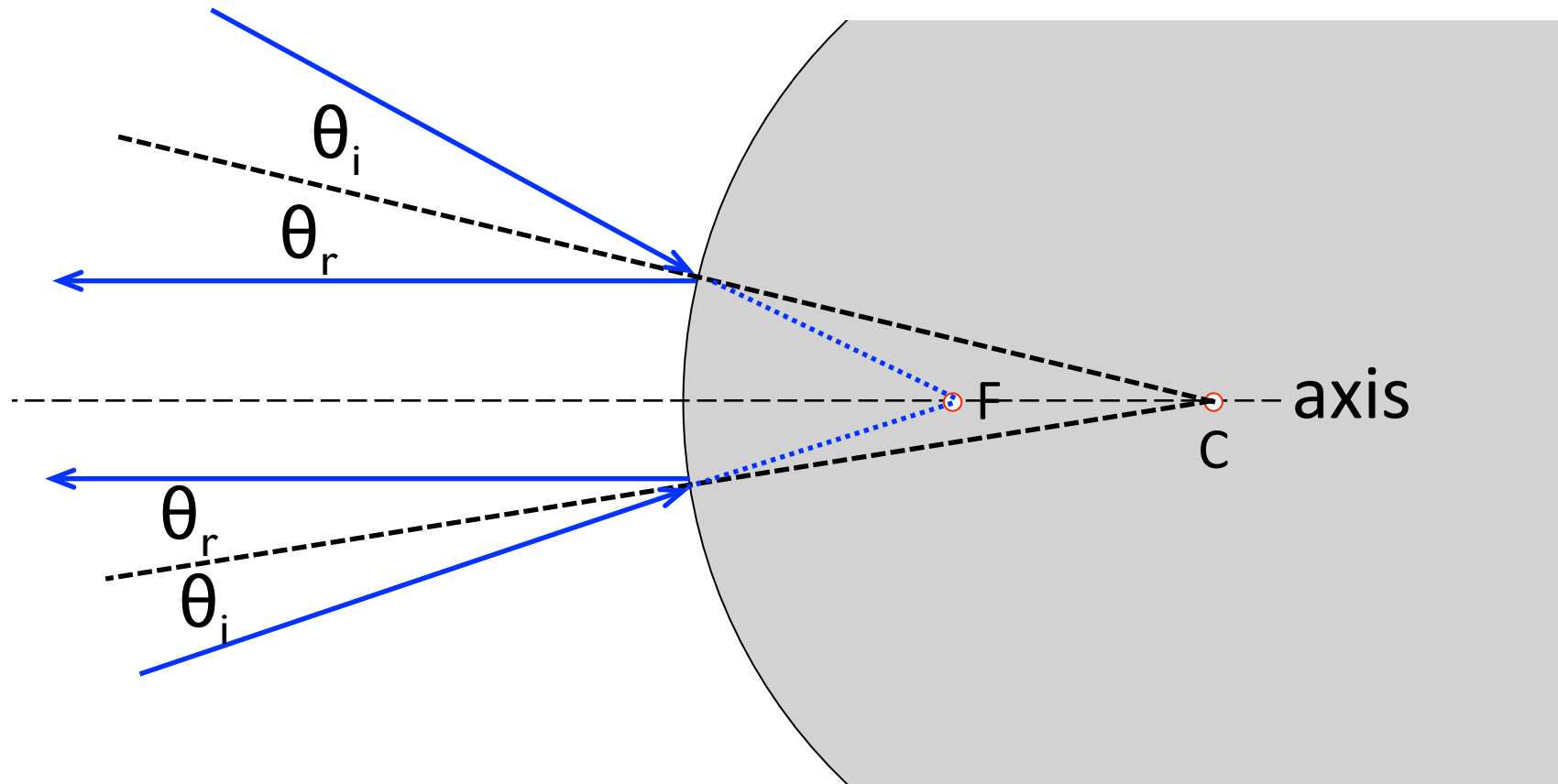


### Rule 2:

All rays that (when extended) pass through C are reflected back on themselves

## Special rays: convex mirror

$$f = OF = \frac{1}{2} OC > 0$$



### Rule 3:

All rays that (when extended) pass through F are reflected back parallel to the axis

# Three rules of ray tracing: convex mirror

## Ray 1 rule:

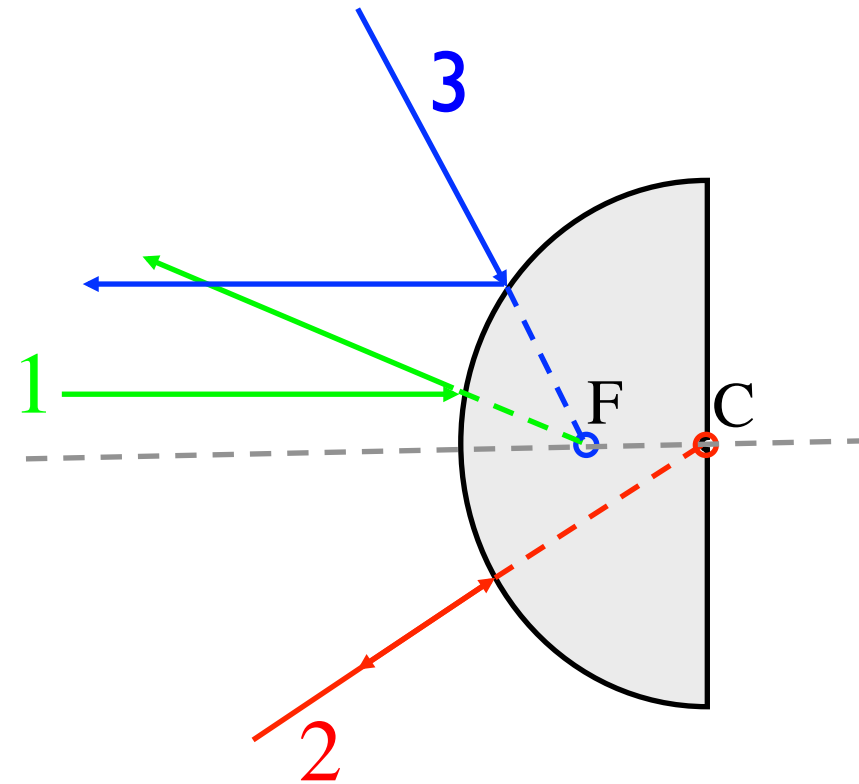
All rays incident parallel to the axis (line connecting C and F) are reflected so that they appear to be coming from the focal point, F.

## Rule 2:

All rays aimed at the center point, C are reflected back on themselves

## Rule 3:

All rays aimed at the focal point, F are reflected back parallel to the axis (line connecting C and F)



(use a ruler)

*strictly valid only for paraxial rays; others cause blurring*

# Locating an image: convex mirror

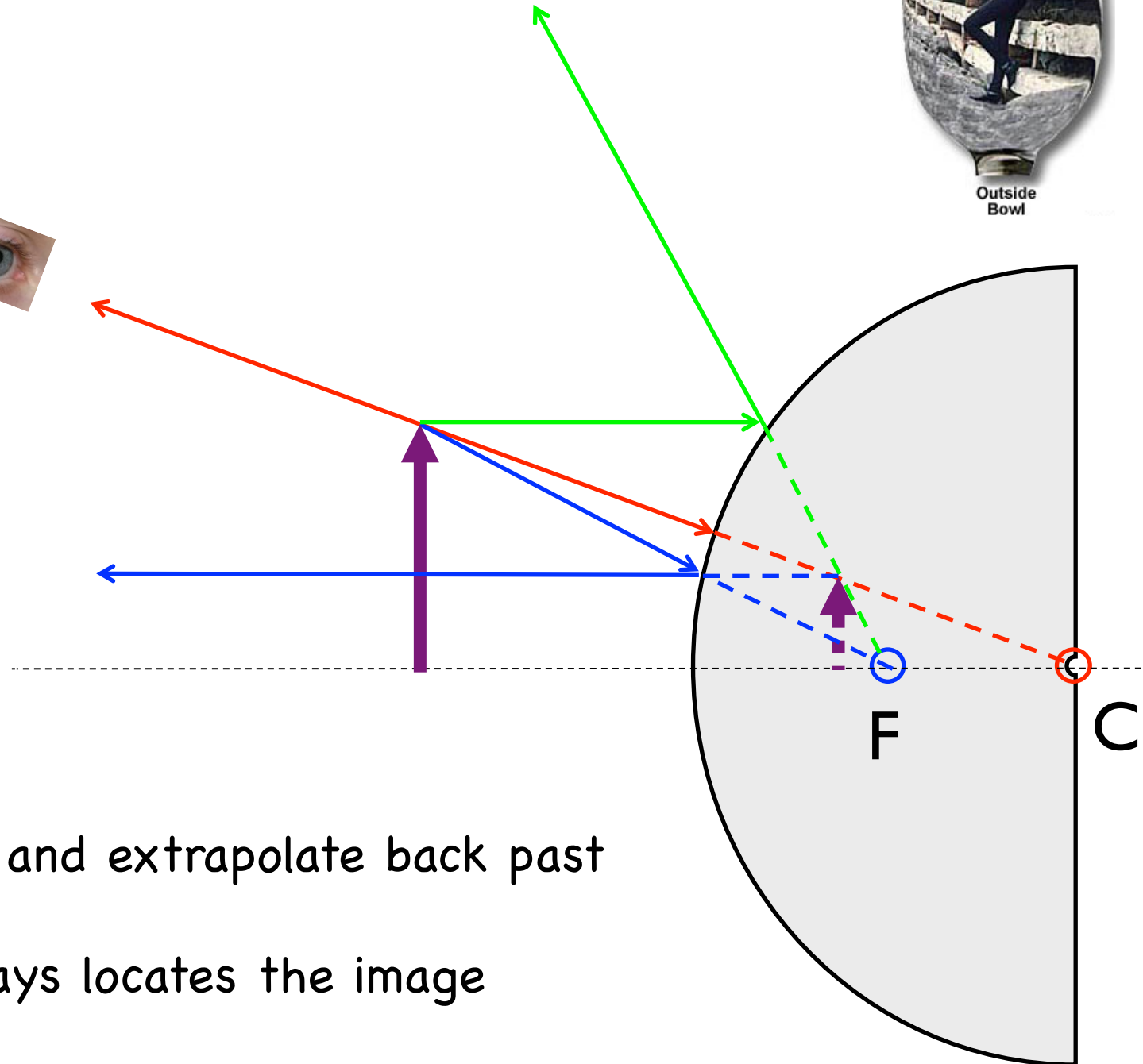
What does the observer see in the mirror?



## Image properties:

- virtual
- right-side up
- closer to the mirror than object
- smaller than the object

- Draw in the rays and extrapolate back past the mirror
- Intersection of rays locates the image



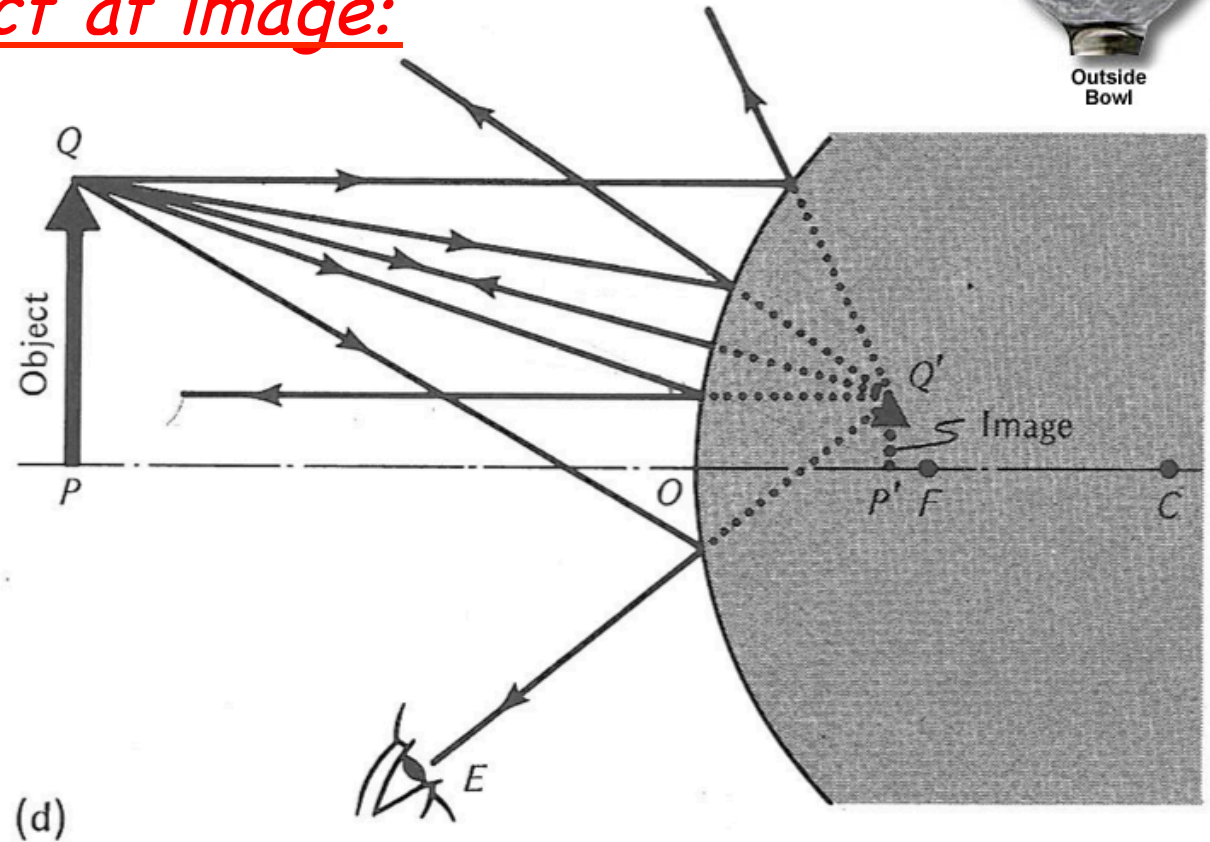
# Locating an image: convex mirror

What does the observer see in the mirror?

All other rays intersect at image:

Image properties:

- virtual
- right-side up
- closer to the mirror than object
- smaller than the object



- Draw in the rays and extrapolate back past the mirror
- Intersection of rays locates the image

# Locating an image: convex mirror

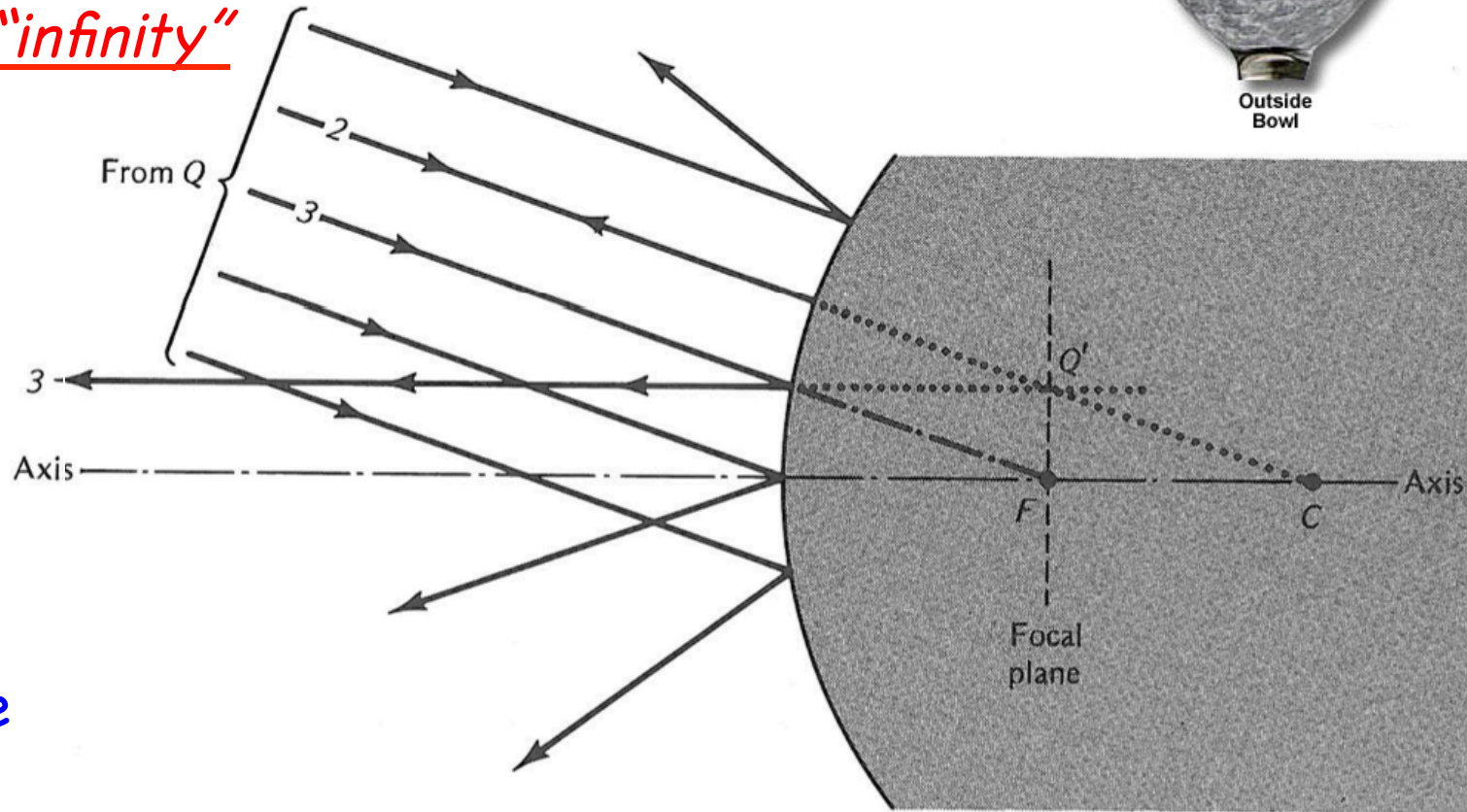
What does the observer see in the mirror?



object Q (star) at "infinity"  
imaged at F:

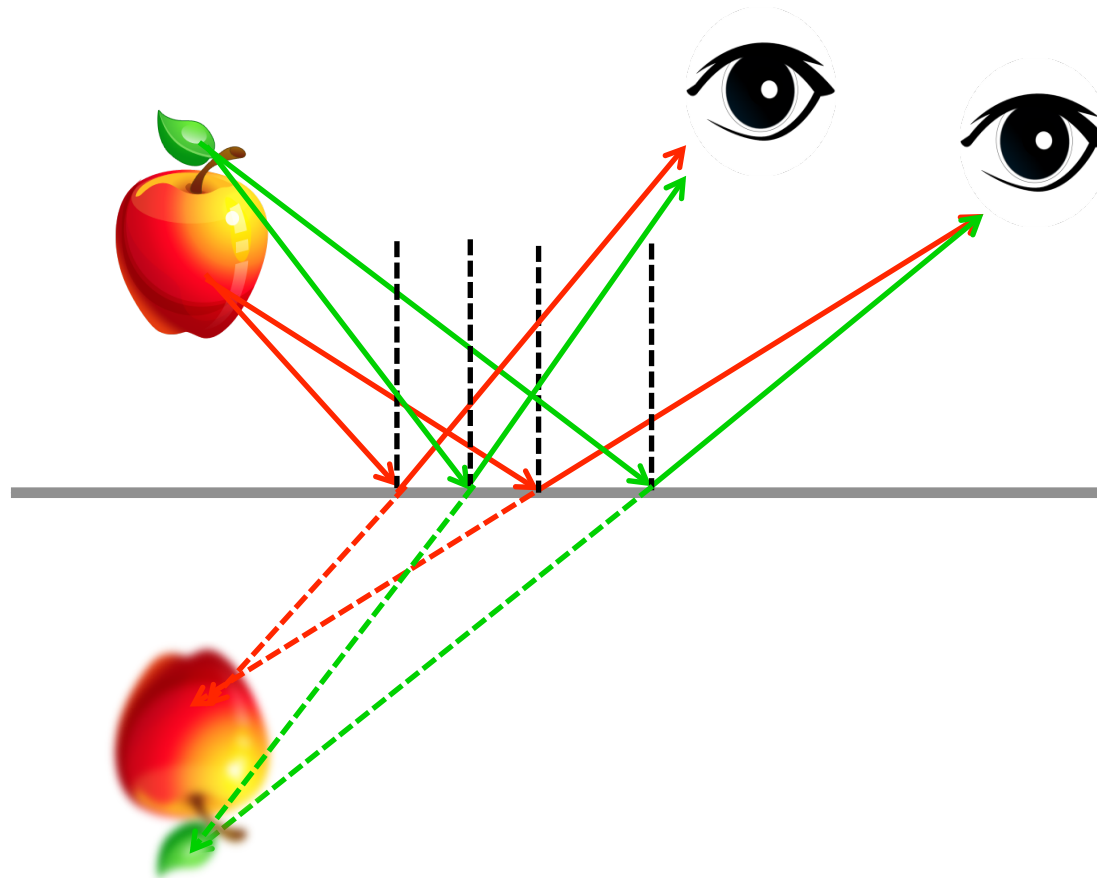
Image properties:

- virtual
- right-side up
- closer to the mirror than object
- smaller than the object



- Draw in the rays and extrapolate back past the mirror
- Intersection of rays locates the image

# Compare to flat mirror



virtual image

Image properties:

- virtual
- upside down
- the same distance from to the mirror as the object
- the same size as the object



## Image of a convex mirror

Q: The image formed in a convex mirror is smaller than the object. This would make a convex mirror useful for which application?

- a) Makeup or shaving mirror
- b) Wide-angle mirror, on a car or at a blind intersection
- c) A mirror in a clothing store dressing room



*Because the image is smaller than the object, convex mirrors reflect from wider angles than flat mirrors*

# Convex mirror art

anamorphic art

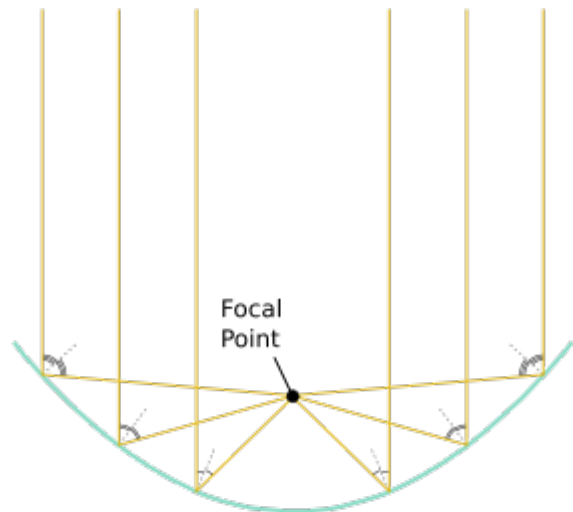
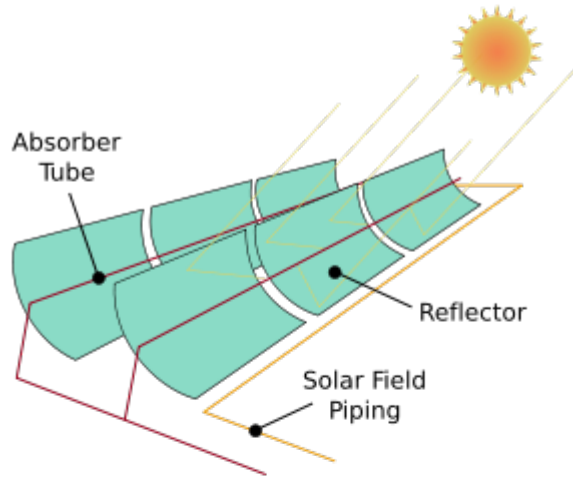


*M.C. Escher's "Hand with reflecting globe"*

# Concave mirrors

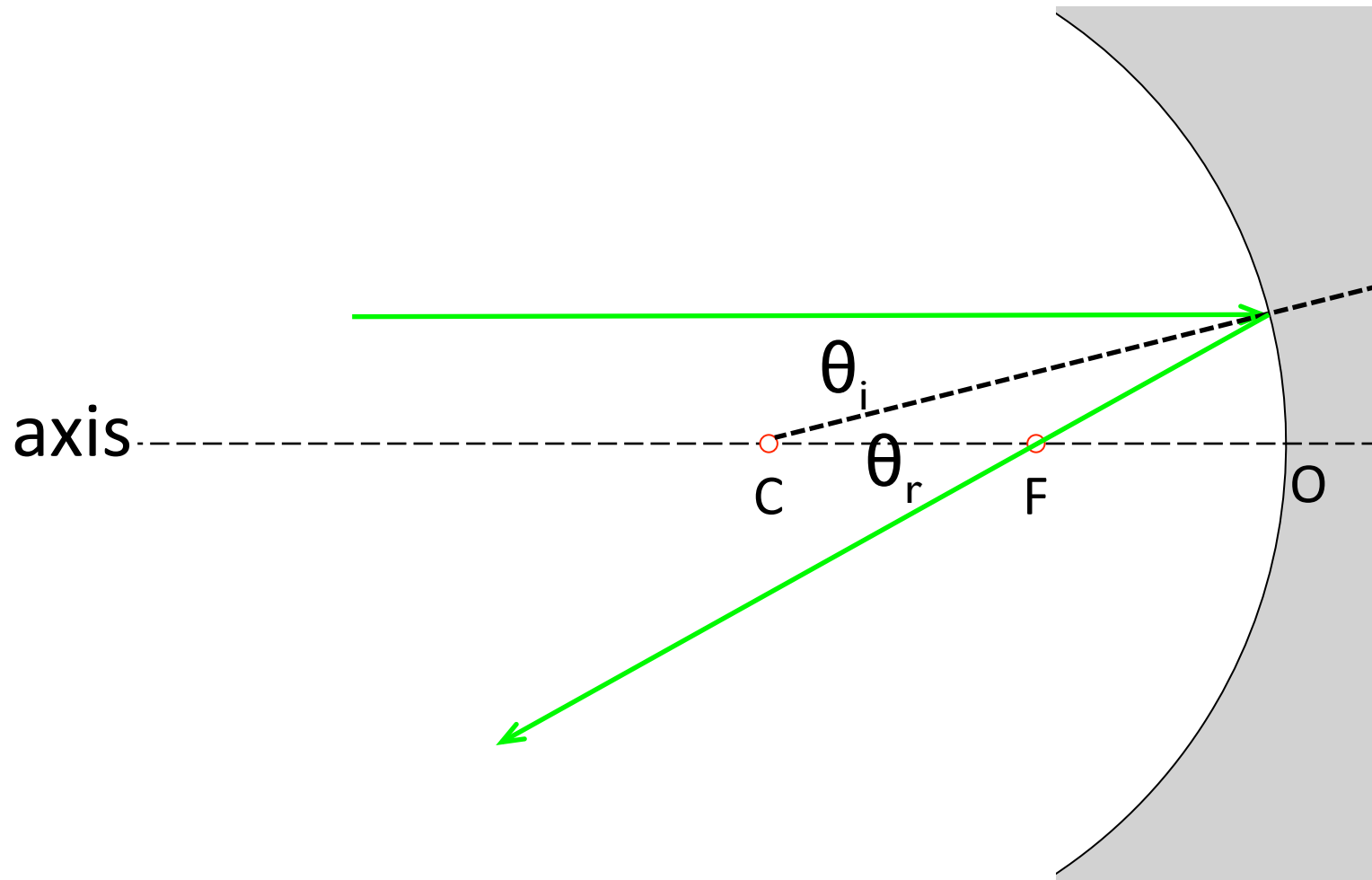
Archimedes' idea  
(see pg.104-105 SL text)

*power from Sun:*  
1 kilowatt/meter<sup>2</sup>



## Special rays: concave mirror

$$f = OF = \frac{1}{2} OC < 0$$

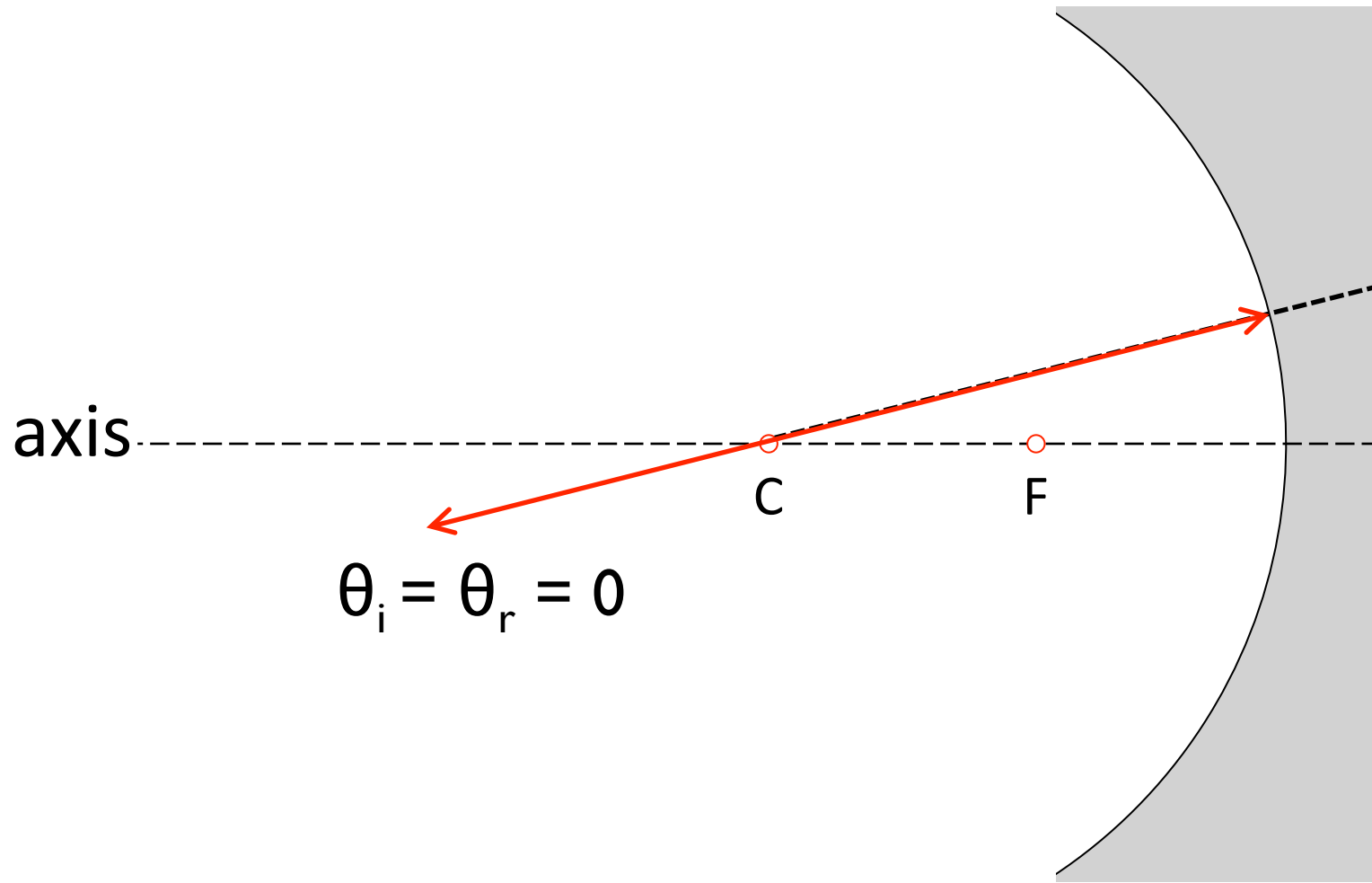


### Rule 1:

All rays incident parallel to the axis are reflected so that they pass through the focal point, F.

## Special rays: concave mirror

$$f = OF = \frac{1}{2} OC < 0$$

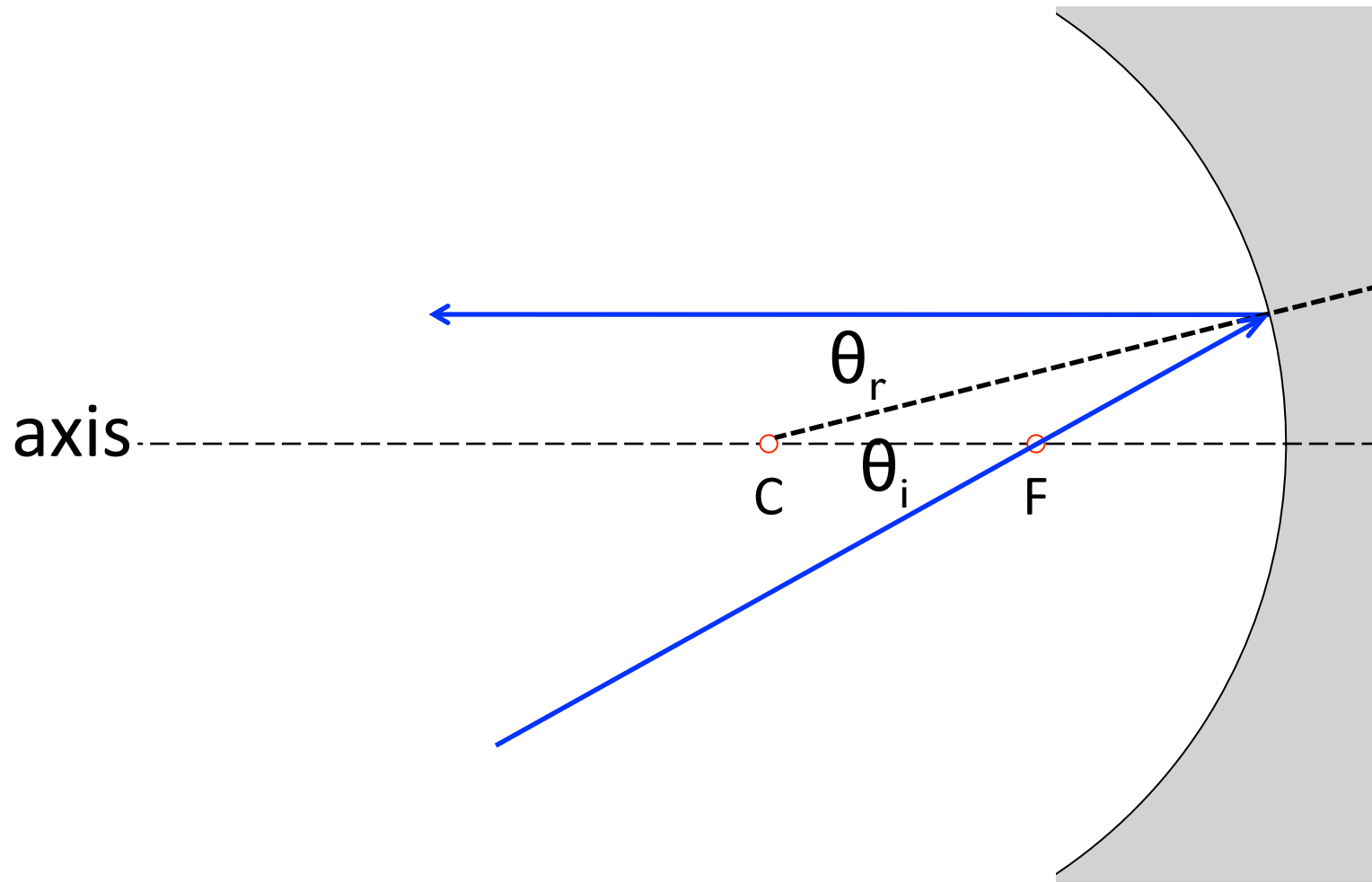


### Rule 2:

All rays that pass through C are reflected back on themselves.

## Special rays: concave mirror

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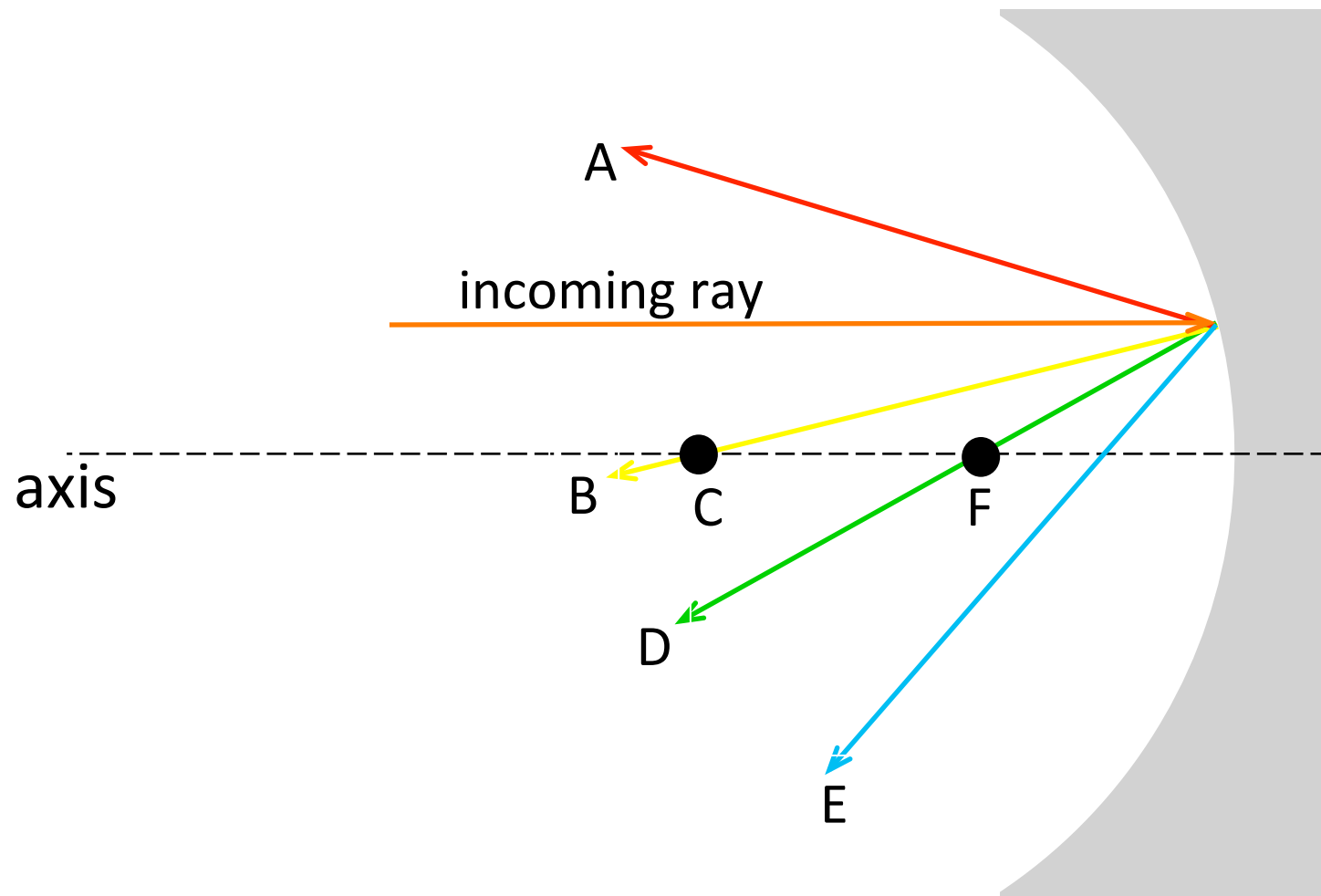
### Rule 3:

All rays that pass through F are reflected back parallel to the axis.

## Concave mirror reflection

Q: Using ray tracing rules, which is the correct reflected ray for the incoming ray parallel to the axis?

- a) ray A
- b) ray B
- c) ray C
- d) ray D**
- e) ray E

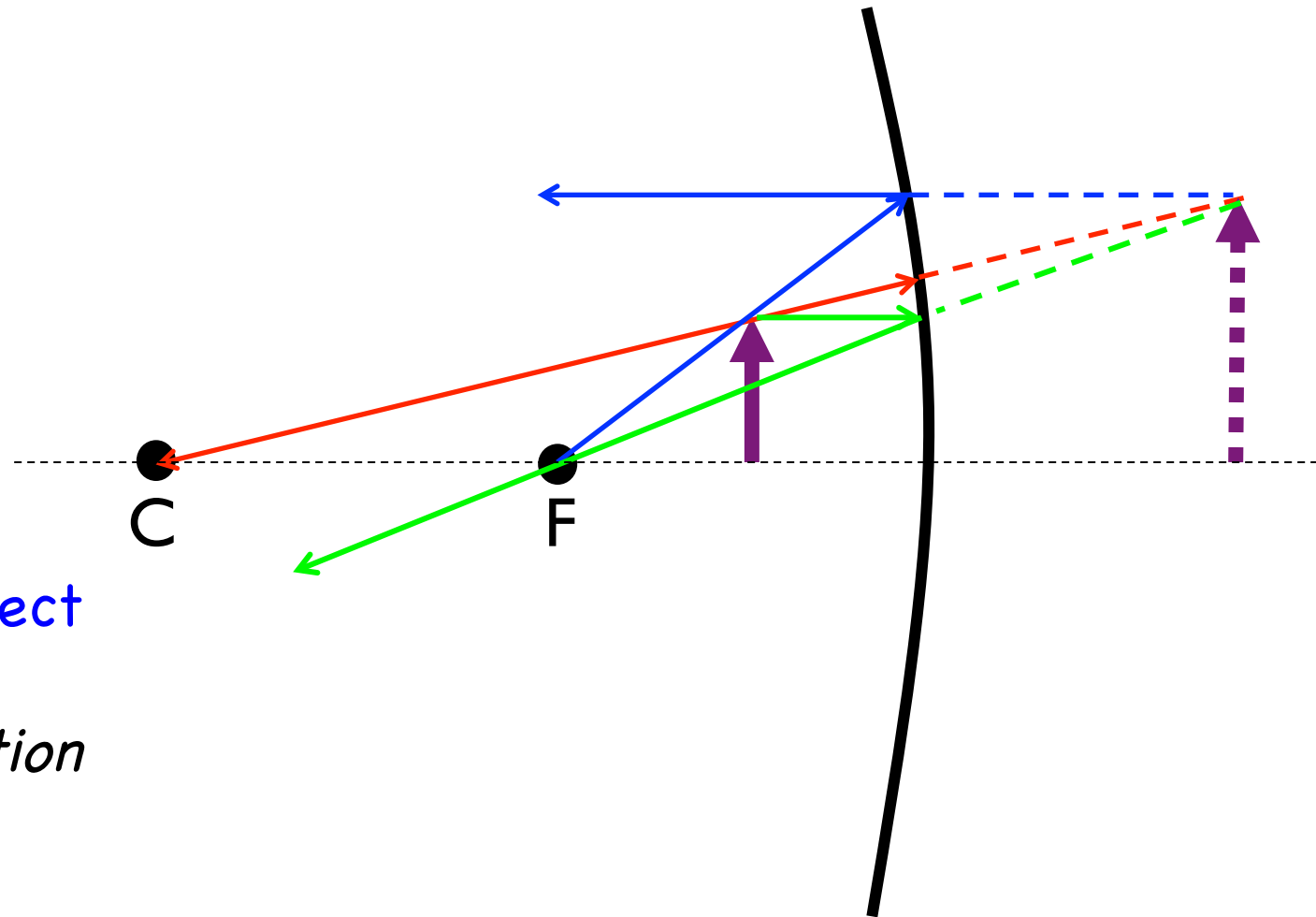


# Locating an image: concave mirror

case 1: object between focus  $F$  and mirror

## Image properties:

- virtual
- right-side up
- further from the mirror than the object
- larger than the object  $\rightarrow$  magnification



- Draw in the rays and extrapolate back past the mirror
- Intersection of rays locates the image

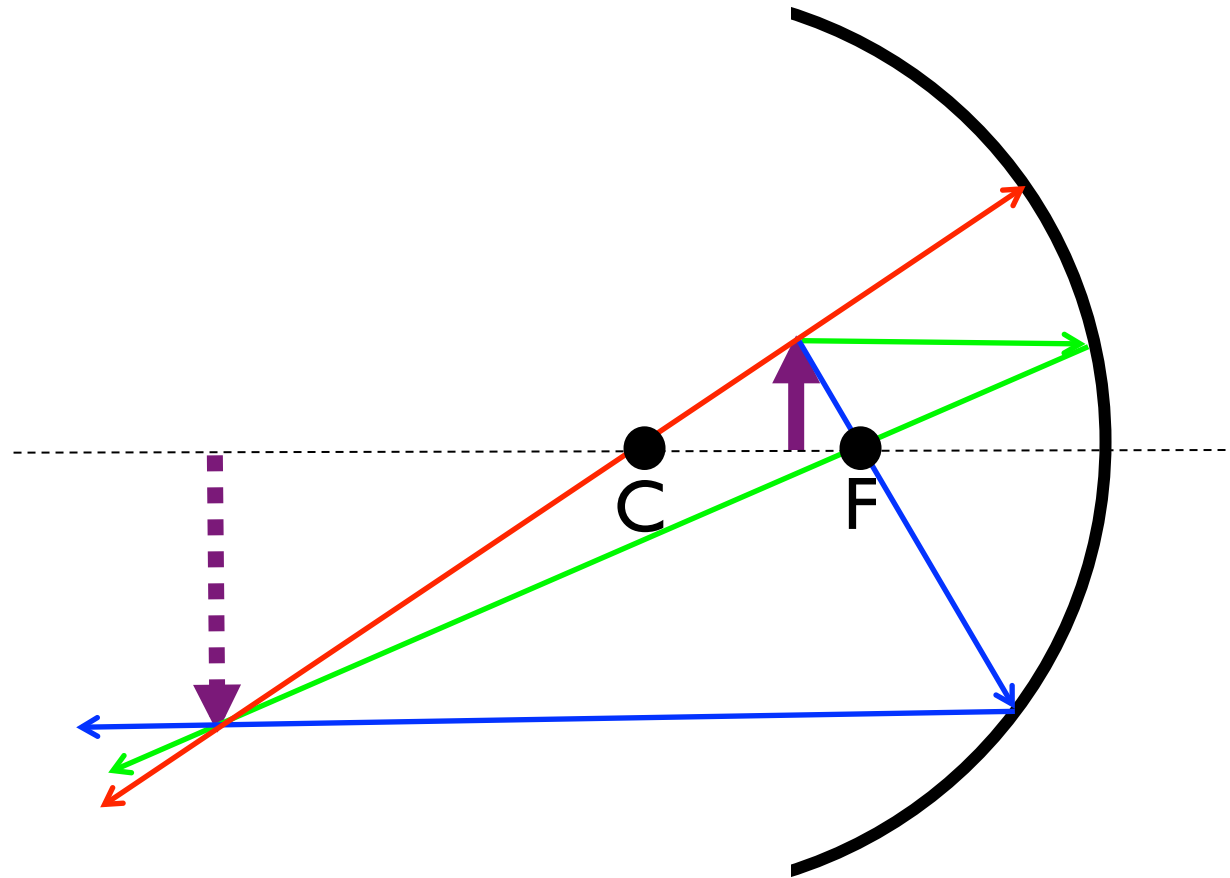


# Locating an image: concave mirror

case 2: object between focus  $F$  and center of curvature  $C$

## Image properties:

- real
- upside down
- further from the mirror than the object
- larger than the object  $\rightarrow$  magnification



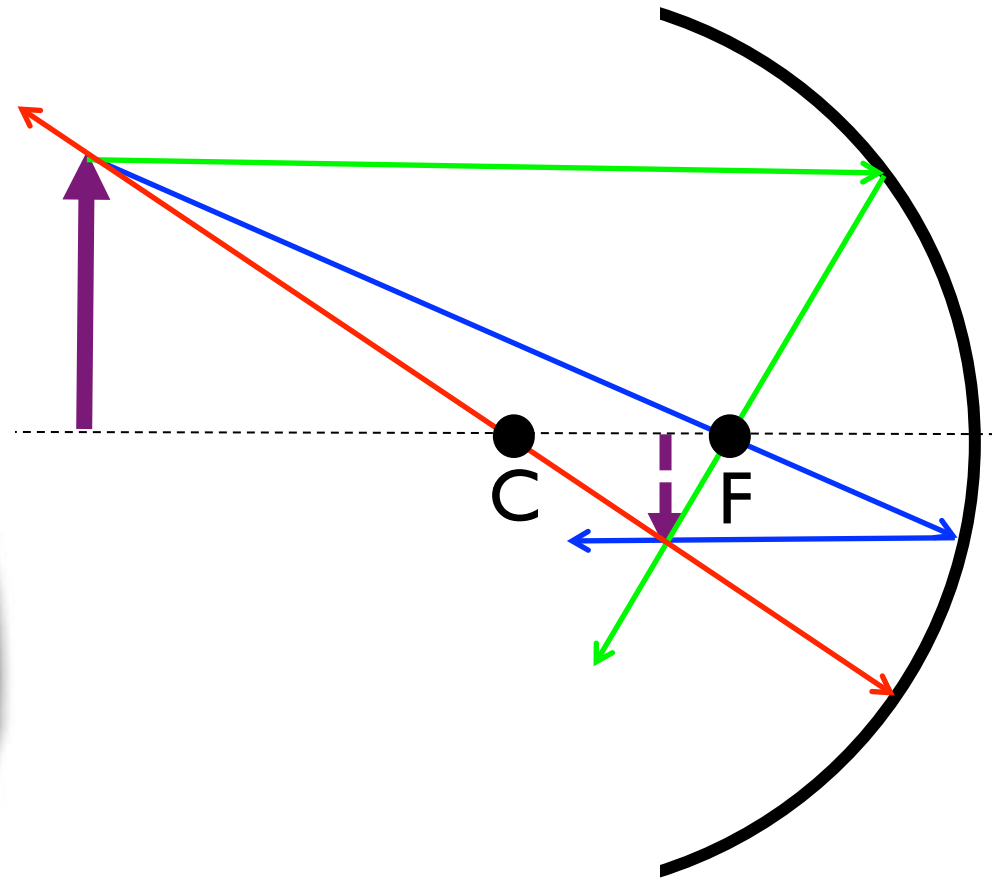
- Draw in the rays and extrapolate back past the mirror
- Intersection of rays locates the image

# Locating an image: concave mirror

case 3: object past the center of curvature  $C$

## Image properties:

- real
- upside down
- closer to the mirror than the object
- smaller than the object



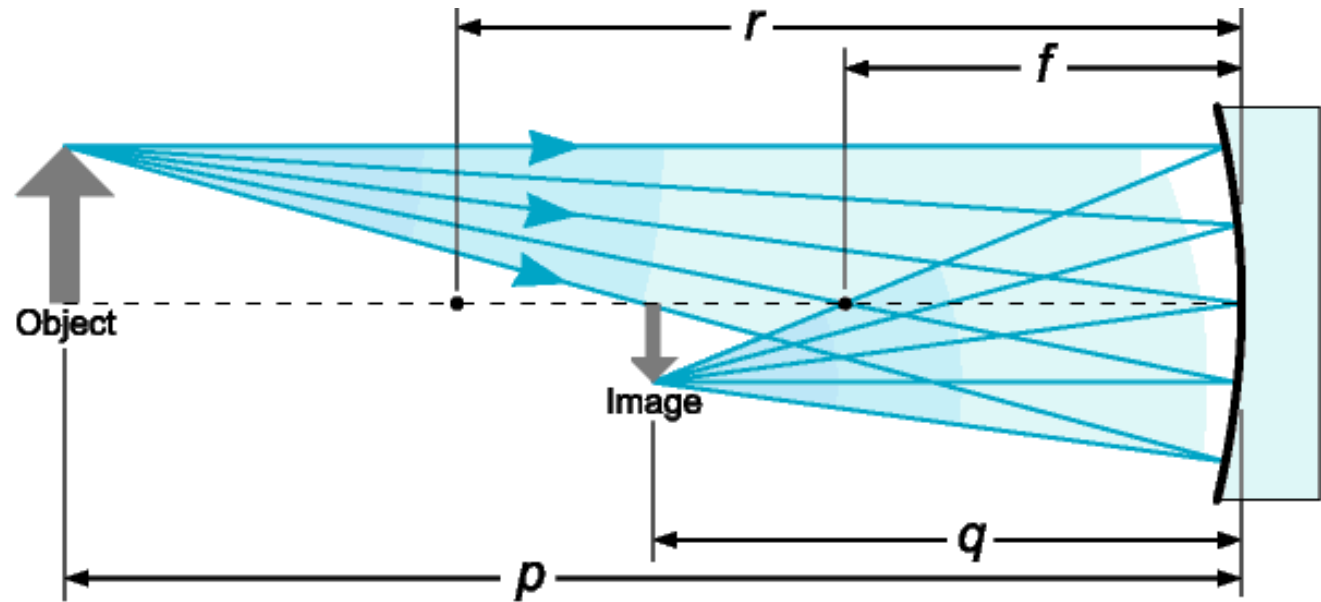
- Draw in the rays and extrapolate back past the mirror
- Intersection of rays locates the image

# Locating an image: concave mirror

case 3: object past the center of curvature  $C$

## Image properties:

- real
- upside down
- closer to the mirror than the object
- smaller than the object



- Draw in the rays and extrapolate back past the mirror
- Intersection of rays locates the image

# Summary of spherical mirrors

## 4 distinct cases to understand and remember:

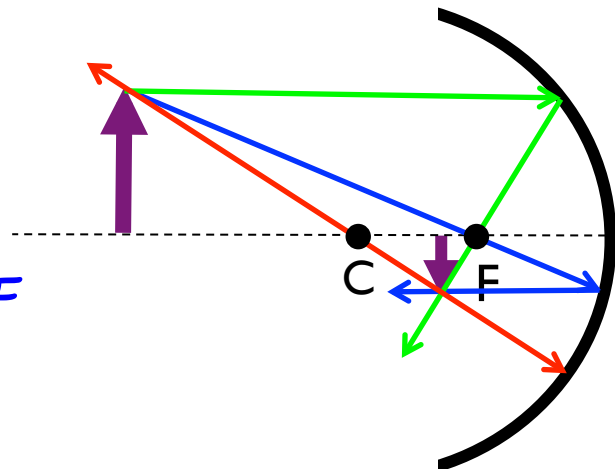
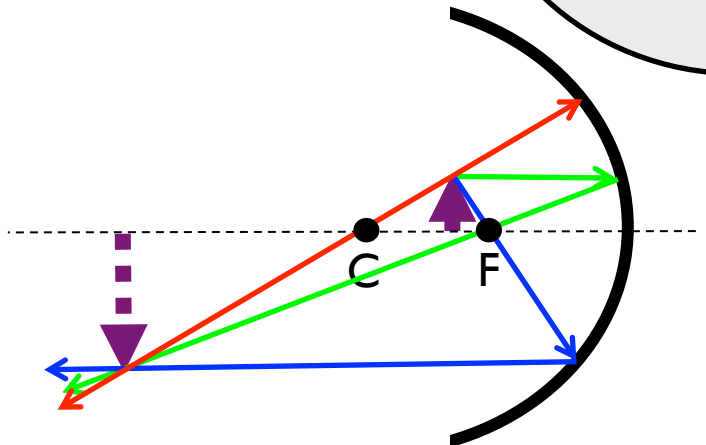
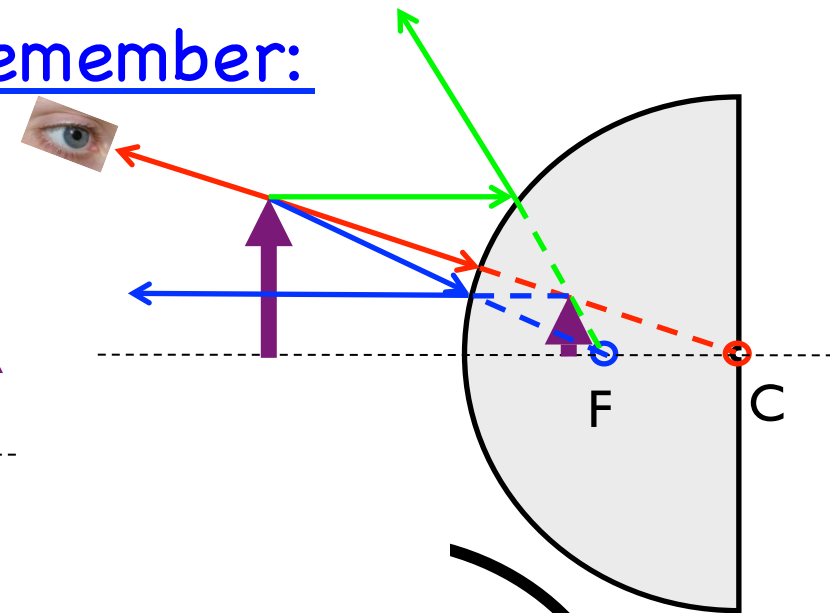
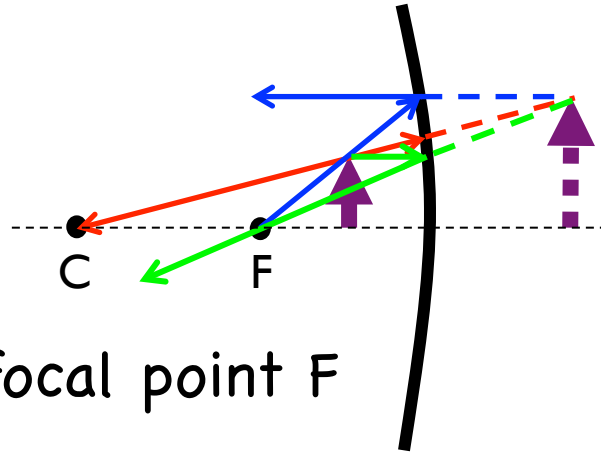
1. Convex mirror

2. Concave mirror

a. object between focal point  $F$  and mirror

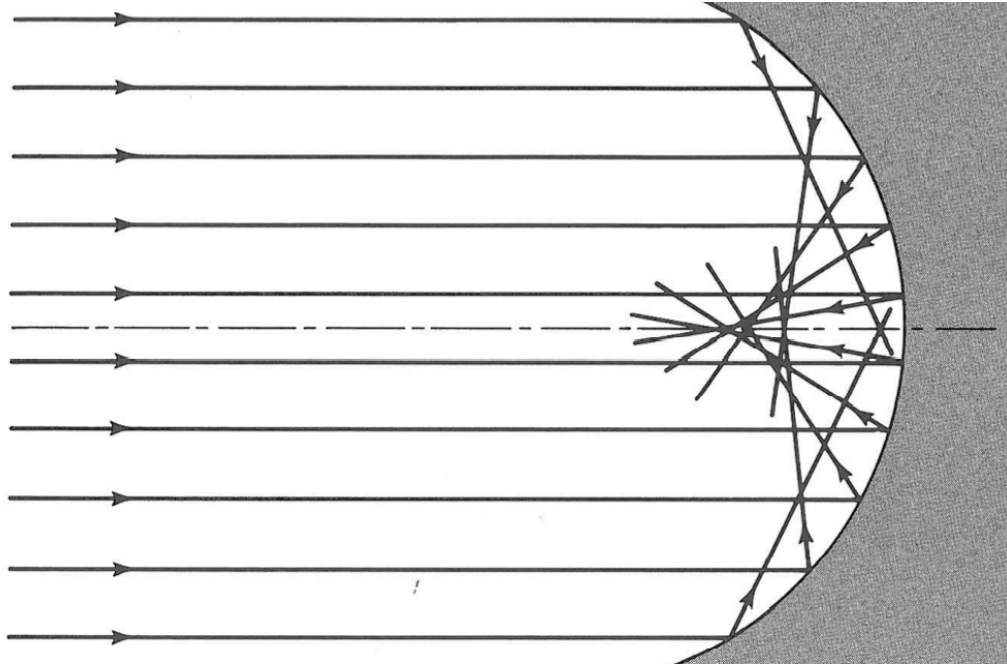
b. object between focal point  $F$  and center of curvature point  $C$   
*moving object to  $F$ , moves images out to infinity*

c. object outside center of curvature point  $C$   
*moving object to infinity, moves image to  $F$*

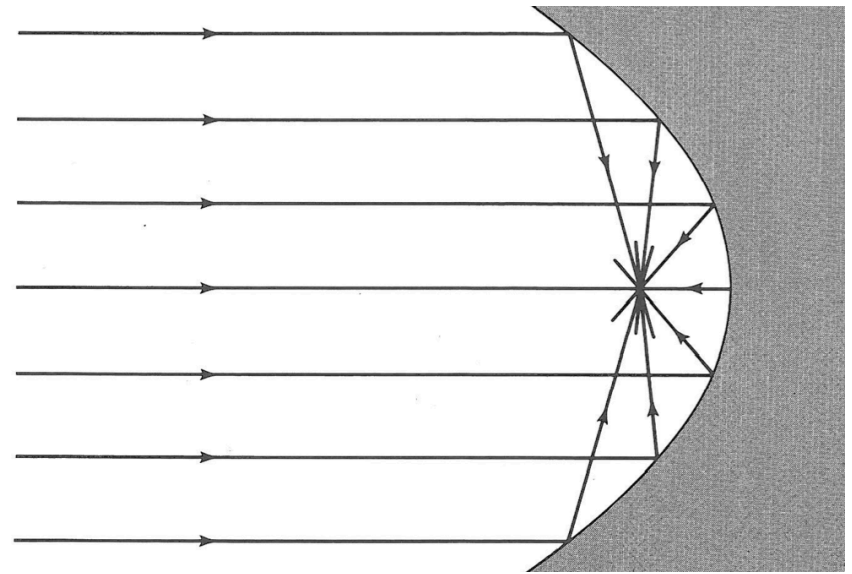


# Spherical aberration

- The nonparaxial (outer) rays have different focal point than the paraxial (inner) rays, leading to a blurry image

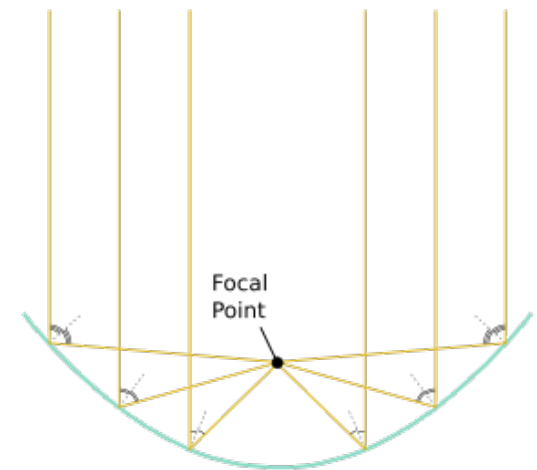
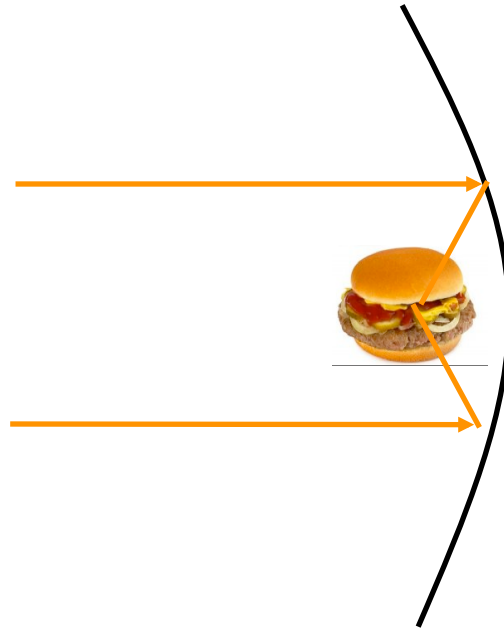
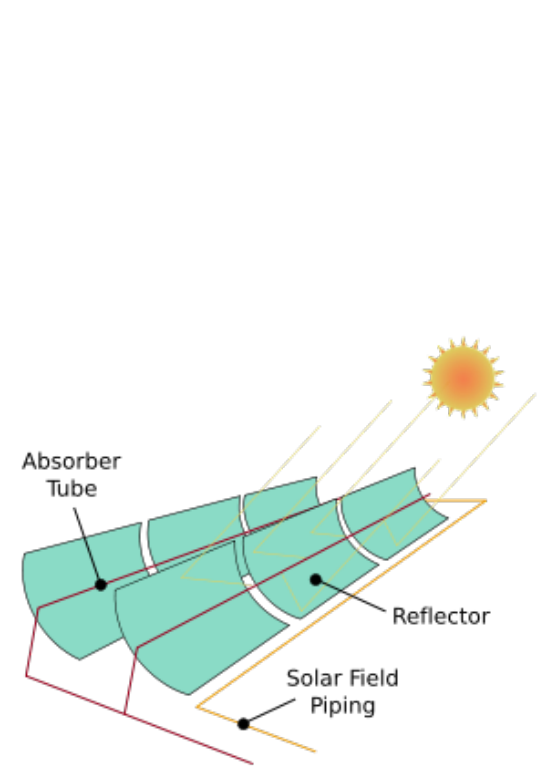


- Parabolic mirror has no spherical aberration



# Application of concave mirrors

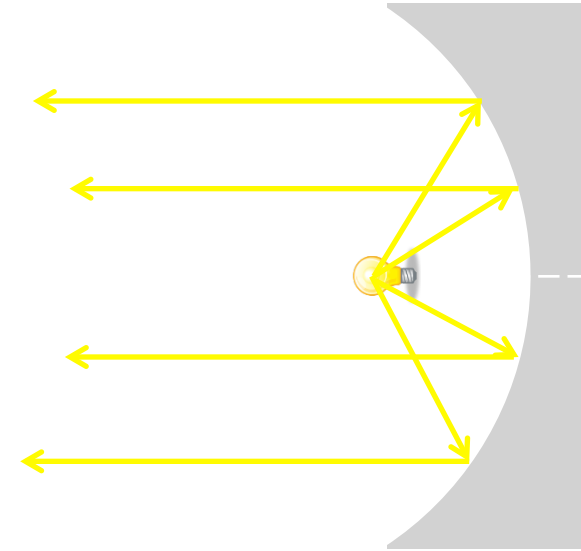
focus sun's rays at a focal point F to convert into heat



# Application of concave mirrors

light beam emitter (*flashlight*) → produces collimated light

- What if we put a light source at the focal point of a concave mirror?
- All the rays emitted go through the focal point, and are therefore reflected parallel to the axis of the mirror → *flashlight*



# Application of concave mirrors

## *radio telescope antennas*



Parallel rays from a distance source are reflected from a large dish and focused onto a receiver at the focal point



## Concave mirror reflection

Q: The inside of a spoon bowl is a concave surface with a radius of curvature of a couple of inches. If you hold it about a foot from your face, what will your face look like?

- a) Normal size, upside down
- b) Normal size, right side up
- c) Smaller, upside down**
- d) Smaller, right side up

Reflection from Convex and Concave Surfaces

