

Tutorial for PHYS210 Lecture 9. Telescopes, microscopes

You have available 4 lenses:

A biconvex lens with a focal distance of 50 mm

A biconvex lens with a focal distance of 100 mm

A biconvex lens with a focal distance of 500 mm

A biconcave lens with a focal distance of -100 mm

- 1)
 - a) Which of the available lenses gives the best magnification when used as a magnifying glass?
 - b) At what distance should you hold it from an object to be able to see it without accommodating the eye?
 - c) What is the magnification of this lens compared to seeing the object without the lens at a distance of 25 cm?

- 2)
 - a) Which two lenses would give the largest magnification when used to make an astronomical telescope?
 - b) What is the magnification?
 - c) What is the distance between the two lenses?

- 3)
 - a) Which two lenses would you use to make a Galilean telescope?
 - b) What is the magnification?
 - c) What is the distance between the two lenses?

- 4) Use the two strongest lenses in the configuration of a compound microscope. Use the strongest lens as eyepiece and the second strongest lens as the objective.
 - a) What is the magnification of the eyepiece?
 - b) What should the magnification of the objective be to achieve a total magnification of -10 ?
 - c) What should be the distance between the eyepiece and the objective?