Physics 9B Fall 2013 - Discussion #9

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$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{2n_2 - n_1 - 1}{R}$$

Hint: If the lenses are thin, you should notice that the image distance from the first lens will be the object distance for the second lens. (b) If $n_1 = 1.3$ and $n_2 = 1.5$ with R = 7 cm and an object is placed 6 cm from the lens system, where will the image form? (c) What type of image is it?

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