

# It's Always the Same:

$$\frac{1}{S} + \frac{1}{S'} = \frac{1}{f} \quad M = -\frac{S'}{S}$$

You just have to keep the signs straight:

$s'$  is positive for a real image

$f$  is positive when it can produce a real image

## Lens sign conventions

$S$ : positive if object is “upstream” of lens

$S'$ : positive if image is “downstream” of lens

$f$ : positive if converging lens

## Mirrors sign conventions

$S$ : positive if object is “upstream” of mirror

$S'$ : positive if image is “upstream” of mirror

$f$ : positive if converging mirror (concave)