

## Phys111 Report

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### Experiment #5: Focal Length of a Convex Lens

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#### (1) Abstract:

- Aim of the experiment:

is to calculate the focal length of a convex lens.

- The main result is:

The focal length of the convex lens is  $f = \pm (17.9 \pm 0.2) \text{ cm}$ .

#### (2) Data:

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
$u \text{ (cm)}$	30.0	40.0	50.0	60.0	70.0	78.0
$v \text{ (cm)}$	37.8	29.2	25.7	23.5	22.5	21.5
$1/u \text{ (cm)}$	0.033	0.025	0.02	0.0166	0.0142	0.0128
$1/v \text{ (cm)}$	0.0264	0.0342	0.0389	0.0425	0.0444	0.0465

$\bar{u} = 54.7 \text{ cm}$   
 $\bar{v} = 26.7 \text{ cm}$

$\Delta u \approx 0.4 \text{ cm}$	$\Delta v \approx 0.4 \text{ cm}$	$f_{\text{true}} \approx 16.5 \text{ cm}$
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### (3) Calculations:

$$\bar{u} = 54,7 \text{ cm}, \quad \bar{v} = 26,7 \text{ cm}, \quad \overline{\left(\frac{1}{u}\right)} = 0,0203 \text{ cm}^{-1}, \quad \overline{\left(\frac{1}{v}\right)} = 0,0388 \text{ cm}^{-1}.$$

$$f_1 = x_{\text{intercept}} = 0,055 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 18,1818 \text{ cm}, \quad f_2 = y_{\text{intercept}} = 0,057 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 17,5438 \text{ cm}$$

$$\bar{f} = \frac{f_1 + f_2}{2} = 17,8628 \text{ cm} \approx 17,90 \text{ cm}.$$

$$\Delta \bar{f} = \bar{f}^2 \left( \frac{\Delta v}{v^2} + \frac{\Delta u}{u^2} \right) = (17,8628)^2 \cdot \left( \frac{0,4}{(26,7)^2} + \frac{0,4}{(54,7)^2} \right) = 0,22169 \approx 0,2.$$

### (4) Results:


- The focal length of the convex lens is  $f = \pm$

### (5) Conclusions:

$$f = (17,9 \pm 0,2) \text{ cm}$$

When we used the discrepancy test,  $|f_{\text{exp}} - f_{\text{true}}| \leq 20R$ , we found  $(1,4 \leq 0,4)$  that our result isn't accepted.

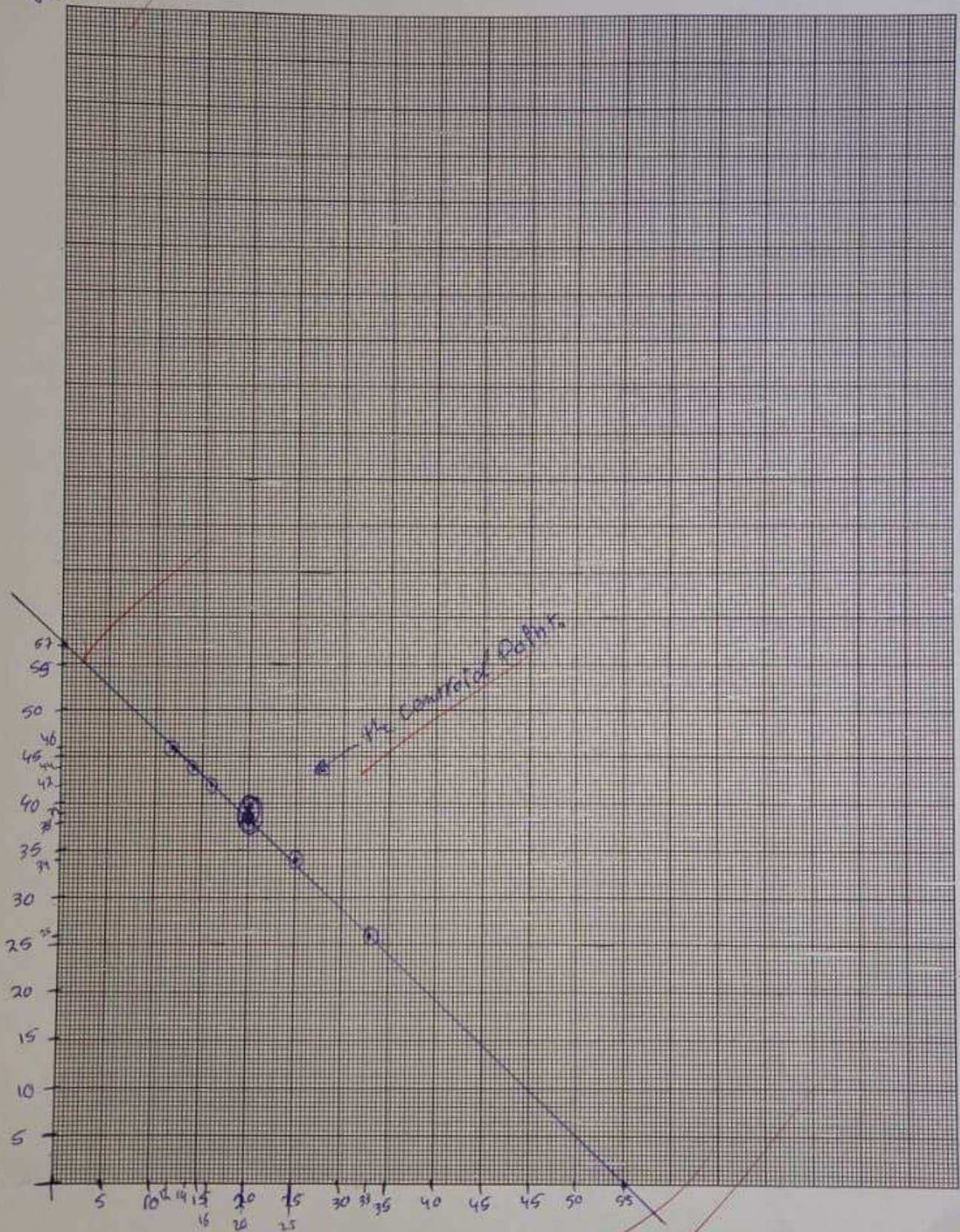
Sources of error:

- The light in the room: to get the best value for  $f_{\text{true}}$  we need only the source light in the lab to be the one on the lens.
  - Tilted lens: the lens plane must be perpendicular to the light so that the focal length will be above the ruler and measured relation between  $v'$  and  $u'$ .
  - Calibration of the ruler: the ruler was old, and it had some of its height lost from the bottom, so the measurement should be taken from a non-zero point, so the measurements wasn't accurate.
  - In graph we used a large scale to show the (x) and (y) intercepts points, so it will be estimated.
- the letter appearing on my lens was  and I used the average of  $f_y$  and  $f_x$  because the reasons that I mentioned before.

$$\frac{1}{v_{cm}} \times 10^{-3}$$

$\frac{1}{v_{cm}} \text{ vs } \frac{1}{u_{cm}}$

The Centroid  
 PS  $(\frac{1}{v}, \frac{1}{u})$   
 =  $(358, 20,9)$   
 $\times 10^{-3}$



$$f_1 = x_{intercept} = \frac{1}{x_{int}} = \frac{1}{0,055} = 18,18 \text{ cm}$$

$$f_2 = \frac{1}{y_{int}} = \frac{1}{0,057} = 17,5438 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{1}{u_{cm}} \times 10^{-3}$$