2.710 Optics Fall '00

Problem Set #3 Posted Sept. 19, 2001 — Due Wednesday Sept. 26, 2001

- 1. Two thin lenses, one with focal length +f and the other with focal length -f are mounted a distance d apart.
  - **1.a)** Find the principal planes and focal planes of the combination as function of d.
  - **1.b)** If an object is placed distance f in front of the first lens surface, where does the image form? (Express your answer in terms of distance away from the second lens).
- 2. A double concave lens made of glass with refractive index n = 1.53 has surfaces of power 5D (i.e., 5 diopters) and 8D. The lens is used in air and has an axial thickness of 3cm.
  - **2.a)** Determine the position of its focal and principal planes.
  - **2.b)** An object is placed at 30cm to the left of the first lens vertex; where will the image be formed?
  - **2.c)** Repeat the last question using the thin lens approximation (*i.e.*, ignoring lens thickness). What is the percent error in determining the image location with this approximation?
- 3. A parallel ray bundle of width  $a_1$  is incident from the left on a two-lens system composed of two lenses L1 (focal length  $f_1$ ) and L2 (focal length  $f_2$ ) as shown in the diagram below. What should the separation between the two lenses be in order for a parallel ray bundle to emerge from the system? What is the width of this outgoing ray bundle?

