



The Elementary Theory of the Symmetrical Optical Instrument (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Elementary Theory of the Symmetrical Optical Instrument In Gauss s Dioptrische Untersuchungen there is little trouble with sign conventions, and continued fractions are not employed. These are, however, prominent features in more recent presentations of the first-order theory of the optical instrument, and render the subject somewhat difficult to the beginner. It is the aim of the present Tract to eliminate all unnecessary difficulties and to give a quite elementary account of the theory; and, to this end, it has seemed desirable to follow (in Sections I Iv) the general lines of Gauss s memoir. I am indebted to a suggestion of Mr T. J. Ta. Bromwich for a feature of the present scheme which seems to me to mark a great advance in simplification, namely the postponing of the study of the functional form of the constants of the instrument till after its general optical properties have been established, and the employing of an elementary theorem in algebraic linear transformations to obtain the fundamental equations and the relation between the constants. Limits of...

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