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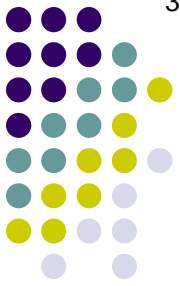
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*Because each lens in a scope will inevitably degrade contrast to some degree*

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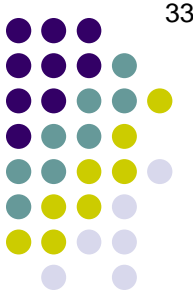
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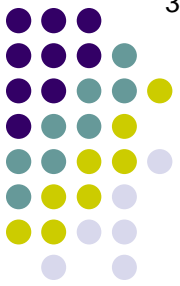
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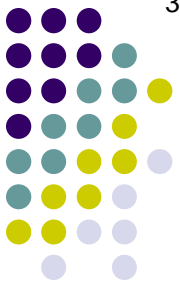


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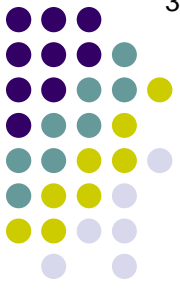
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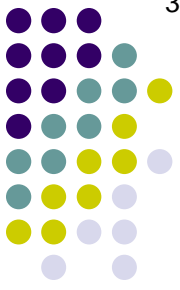
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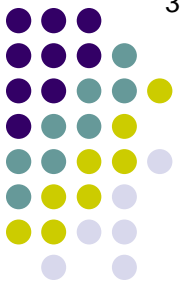
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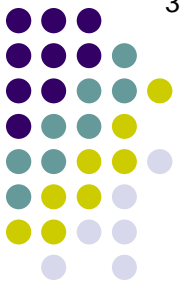
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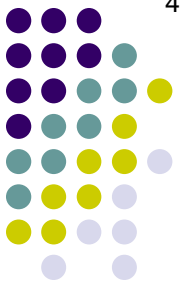
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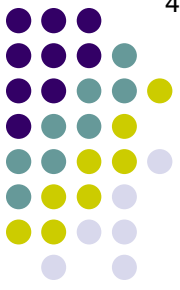


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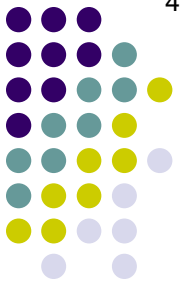




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- What does decreasing the size of an object do?

- A tele

- What is the magnification of a 2x magnifying glass?

- The **convergence demand** imposed by the magnification

*How is convergence demand calculated?*

Convergence demand =

*something*

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# Q/A

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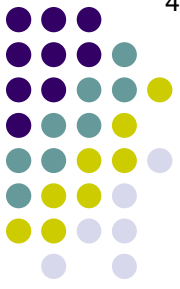
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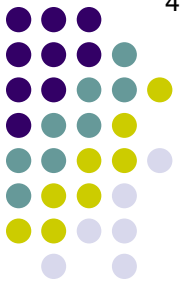
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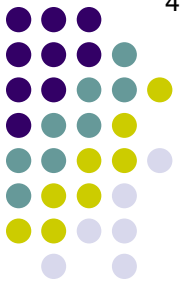
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*(No question yet—proceed when ready)*

- What does decreasing the viewing distance do to the convergence demand?
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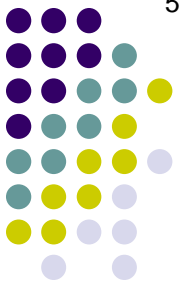
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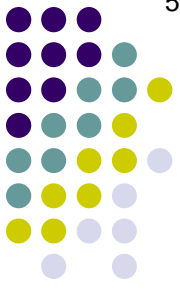
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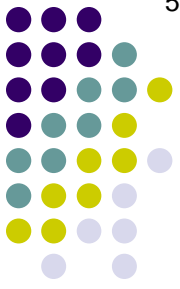
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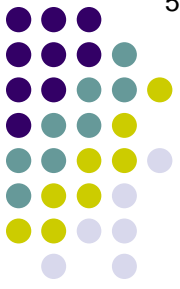
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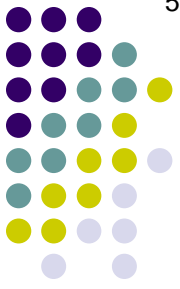
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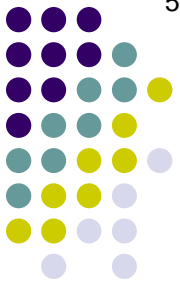
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