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ABSTRACT

An imaging lens including, in order from an object side: a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power; and a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power, a position of the first lens group G1 being fixed with respect to an image plane, the second lens group G2 consisting of a plurality of lens components, and given conditional expression being satisfied, thereby providing a compact imaging lens having a large aperture and a wide angle of view and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

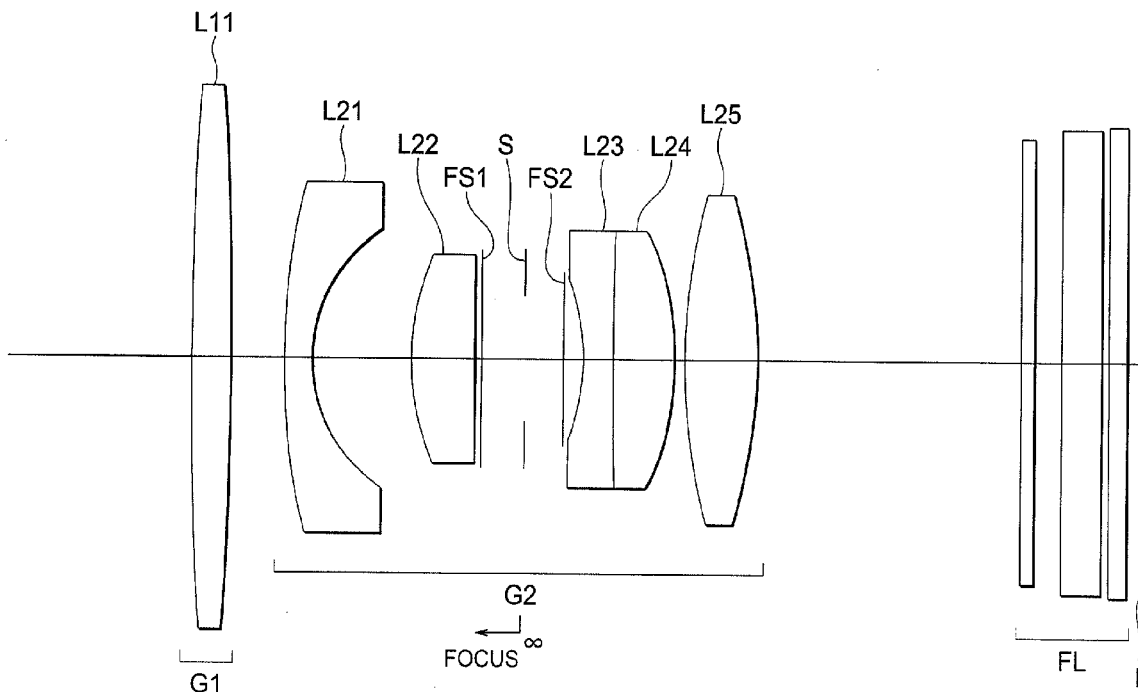


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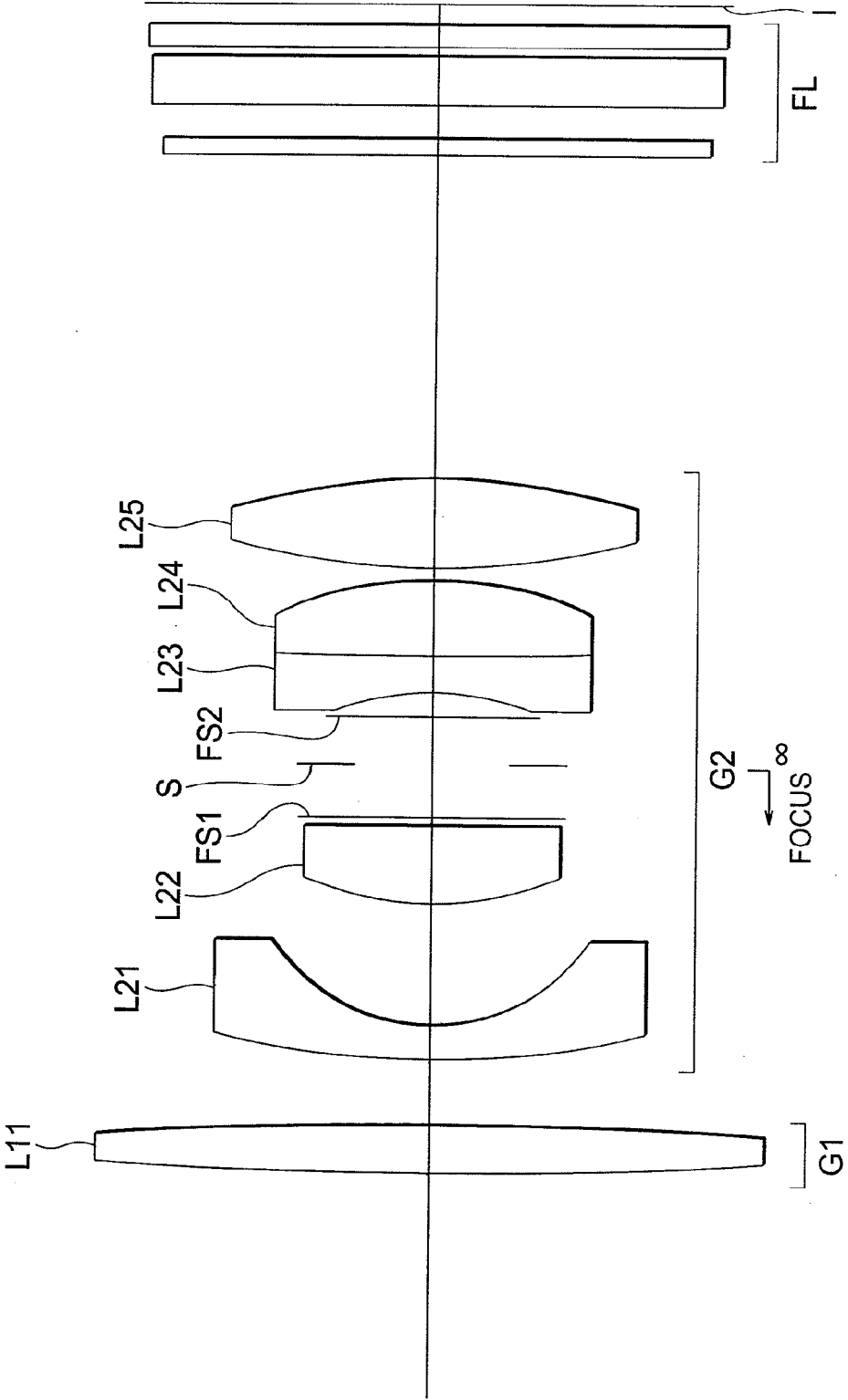


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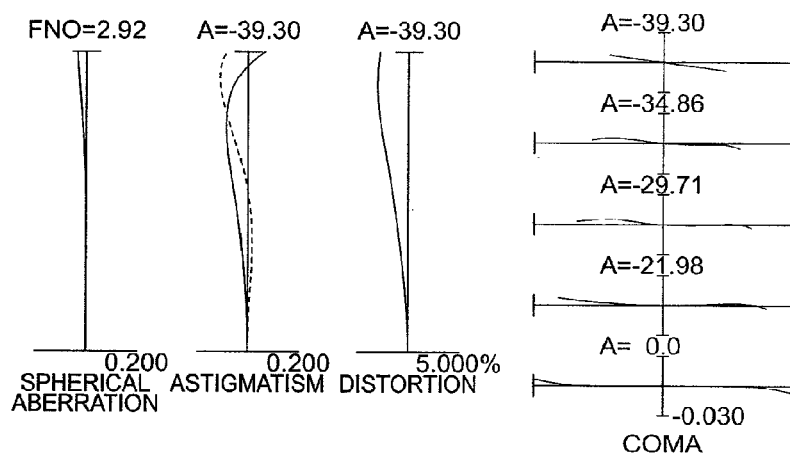


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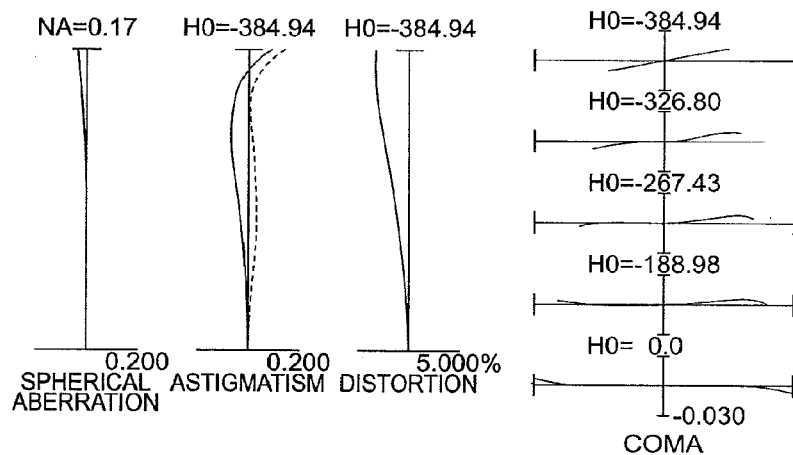


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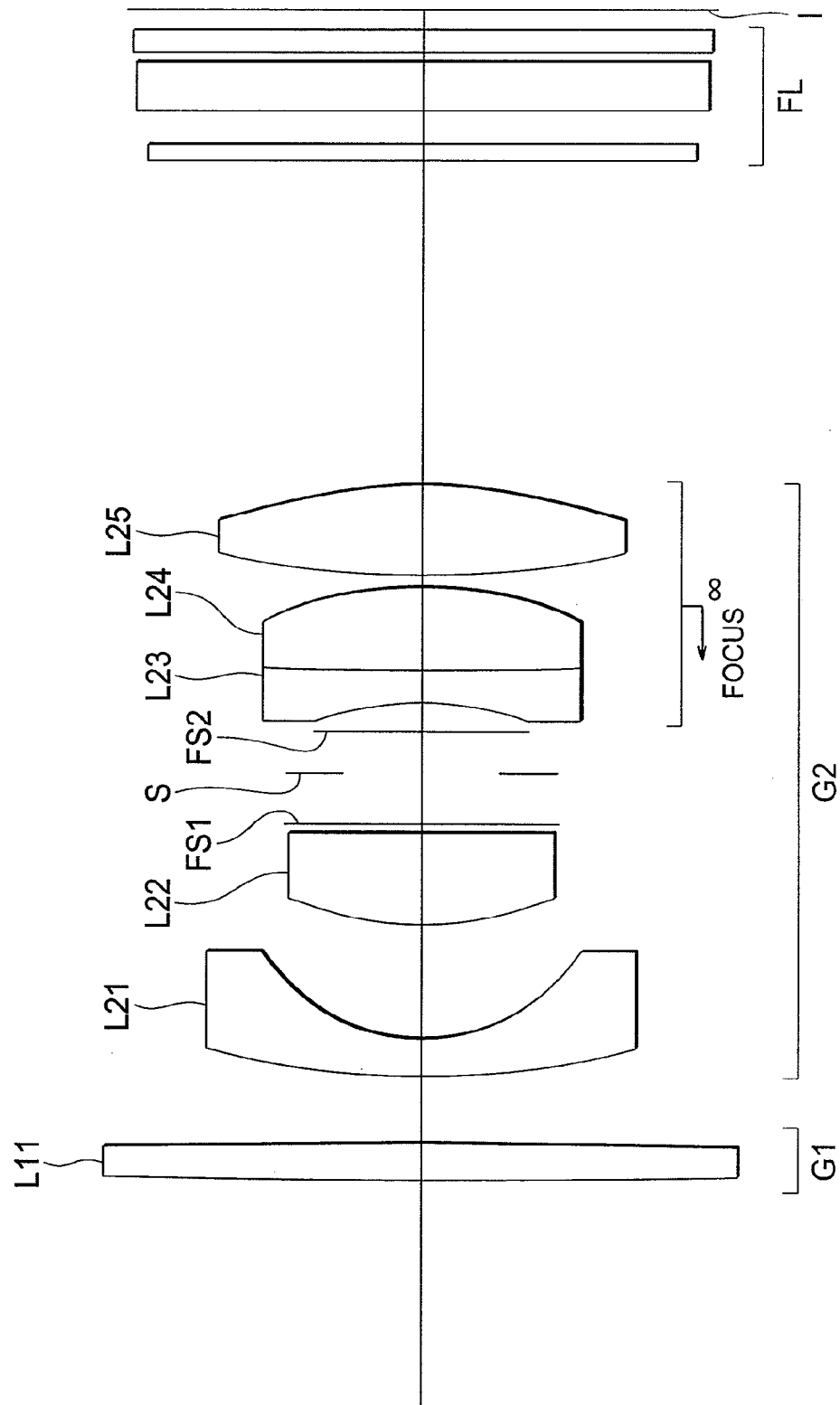


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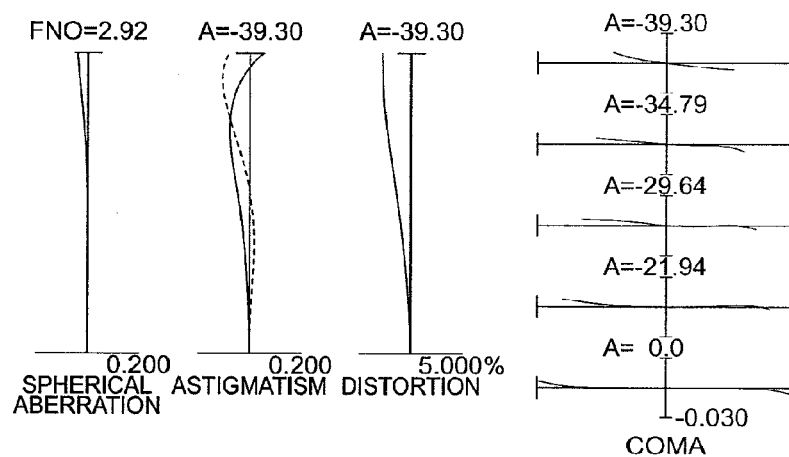


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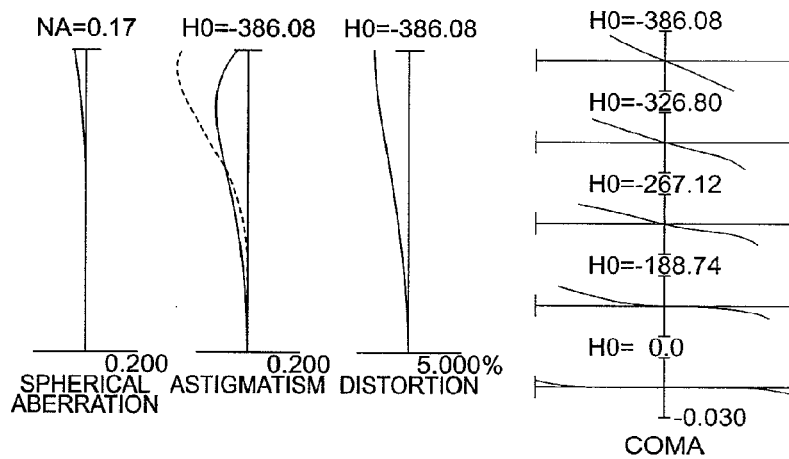


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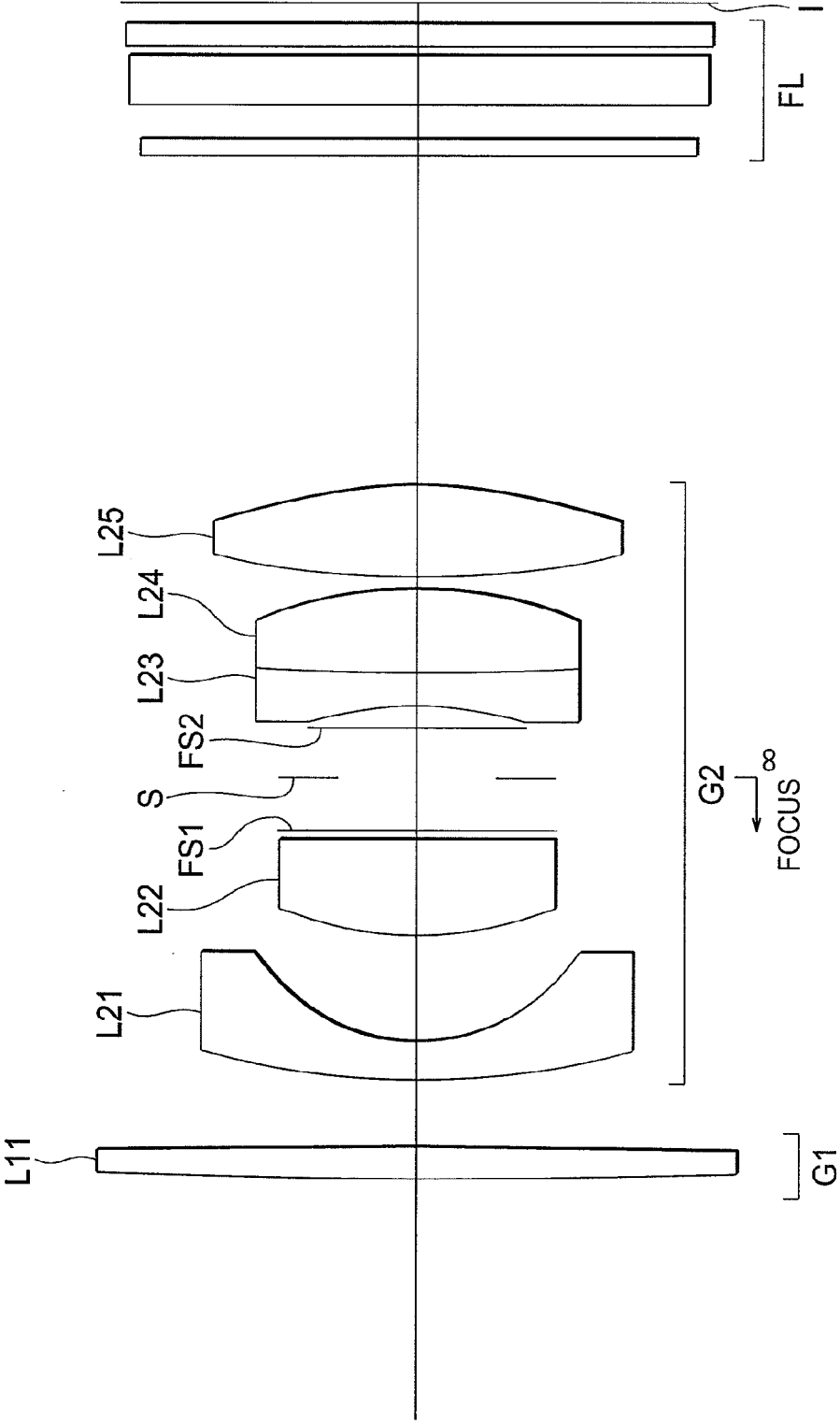


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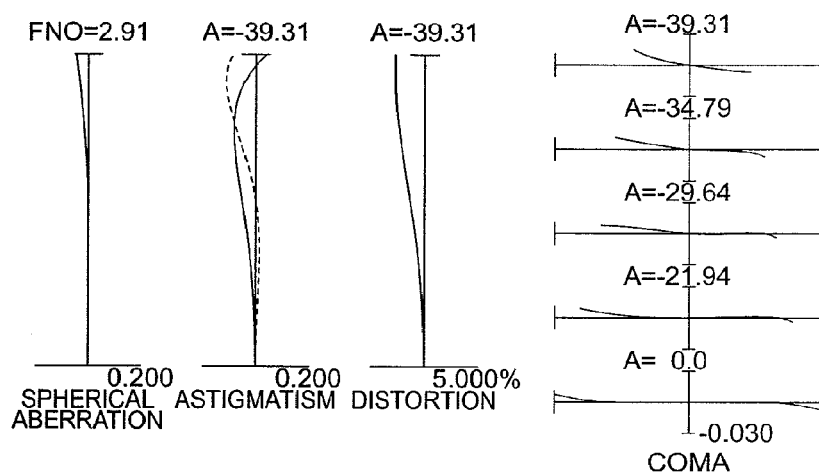


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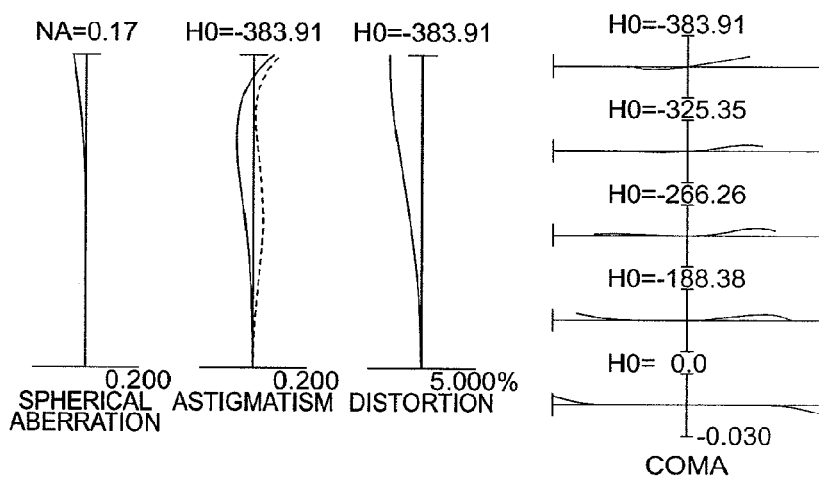


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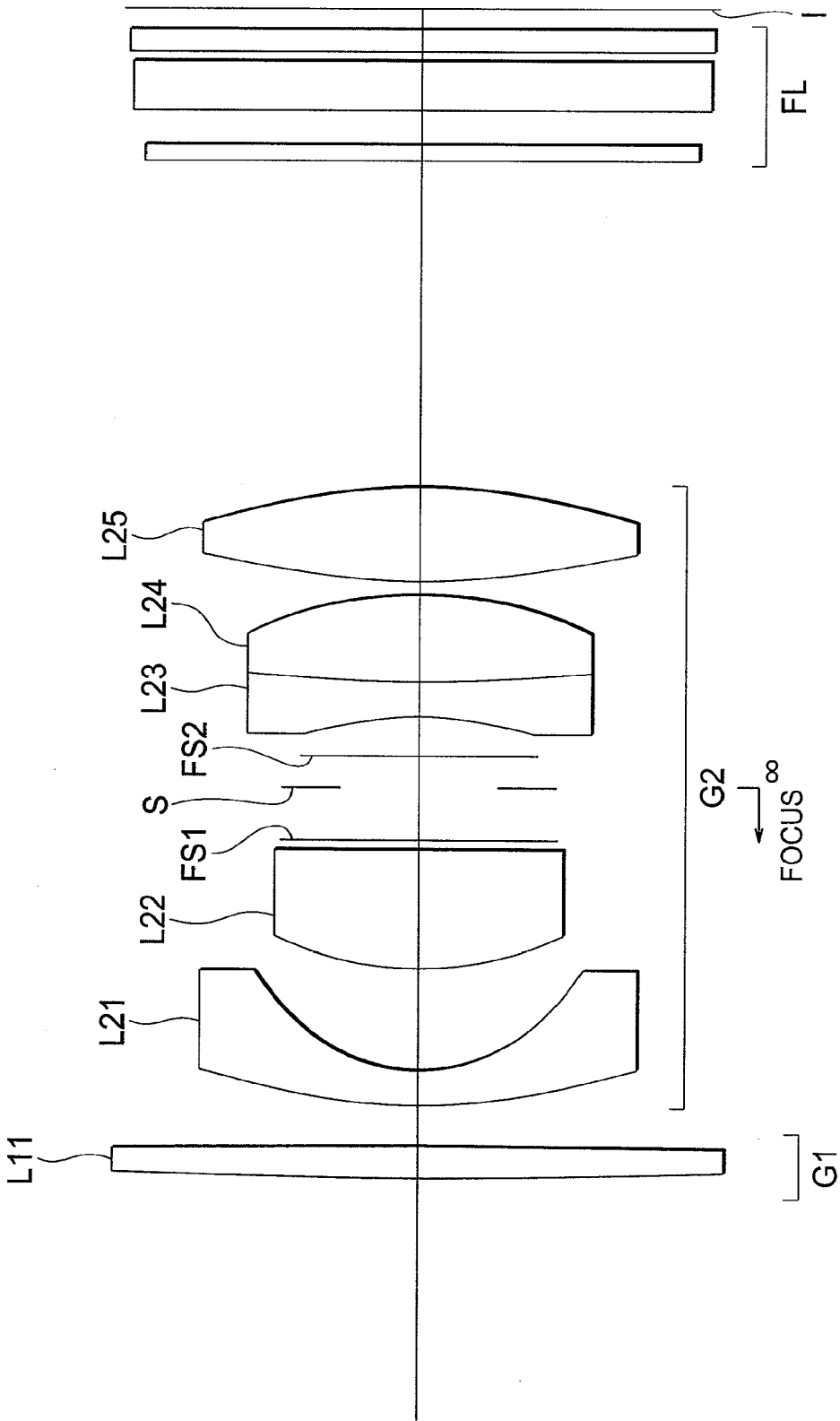


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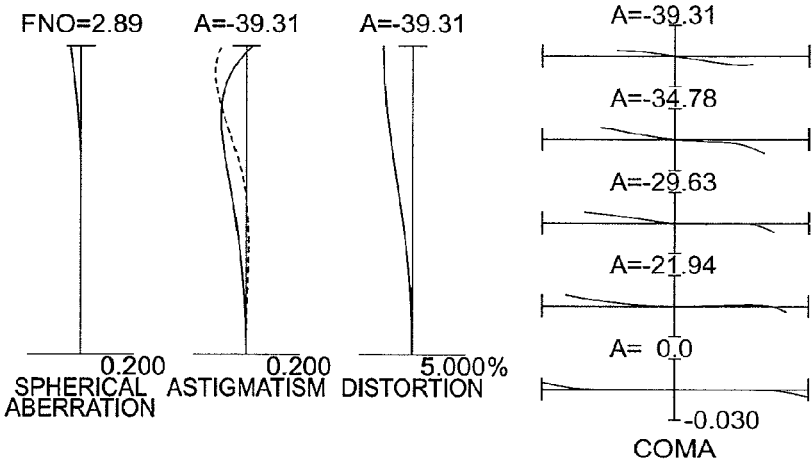


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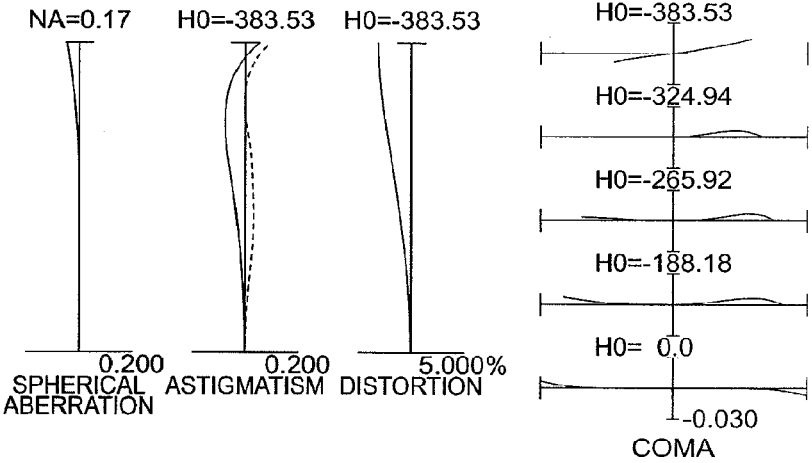


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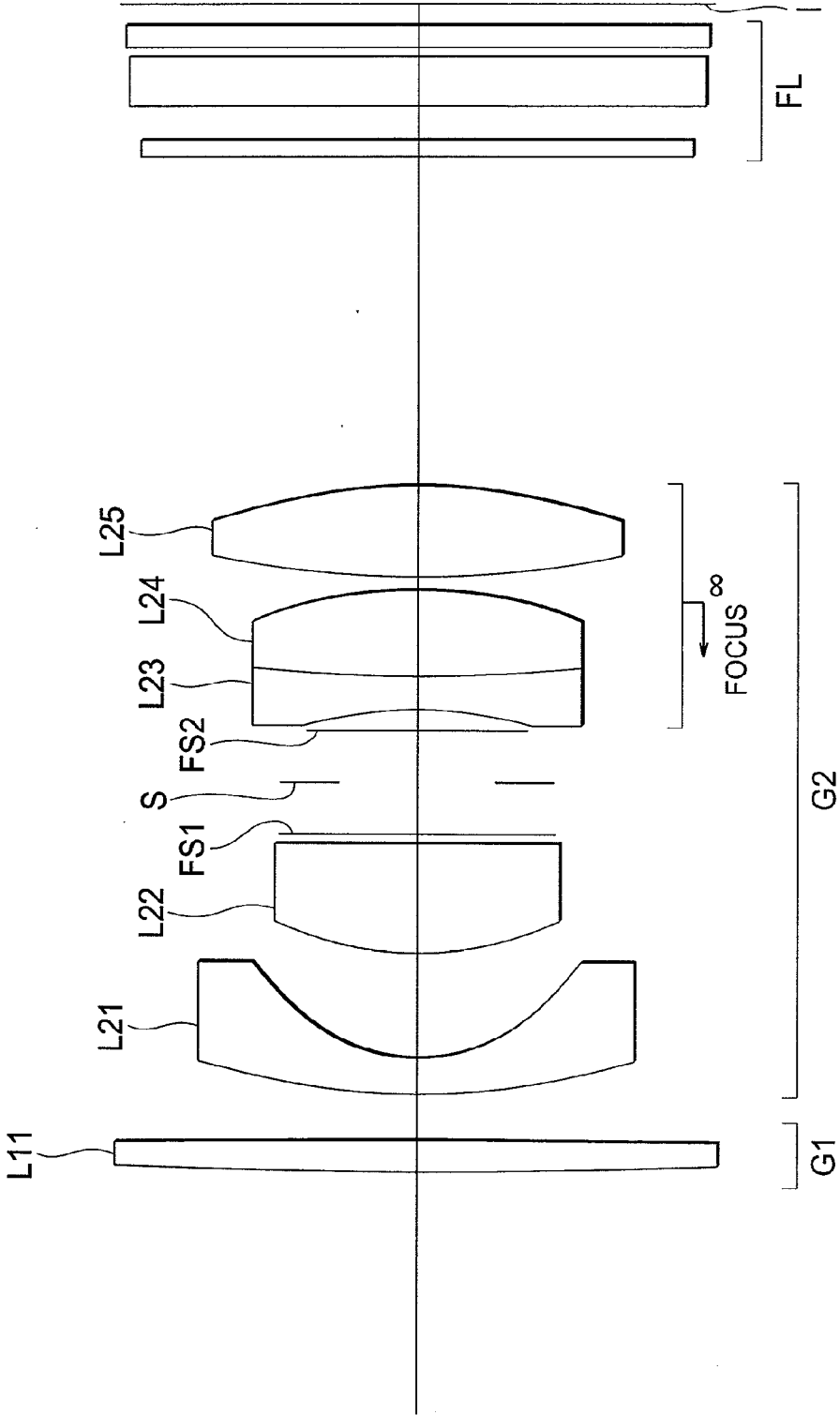


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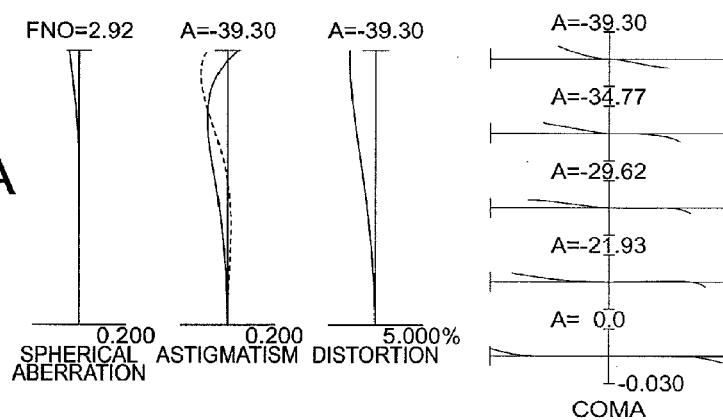


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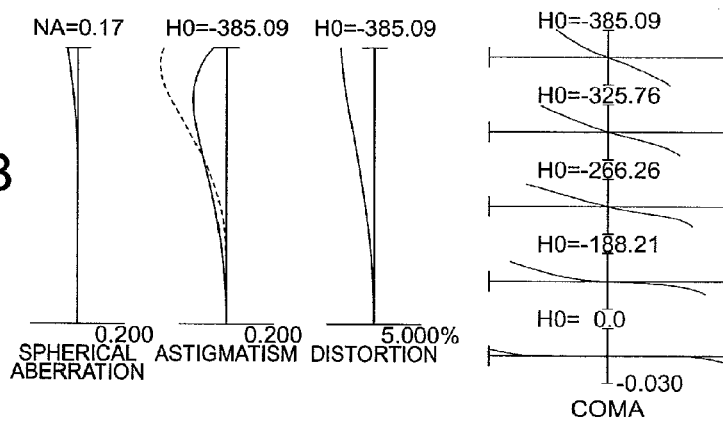


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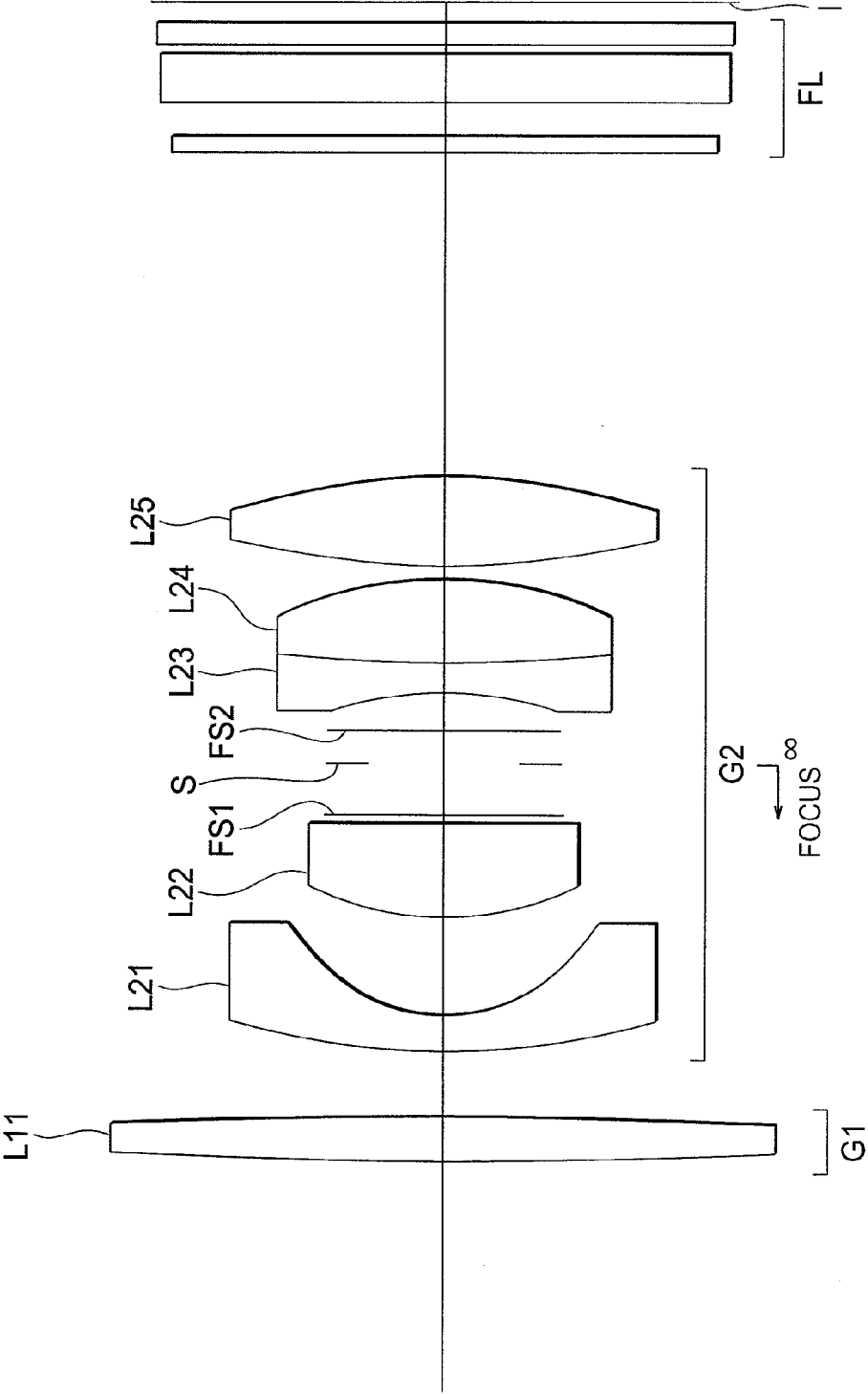


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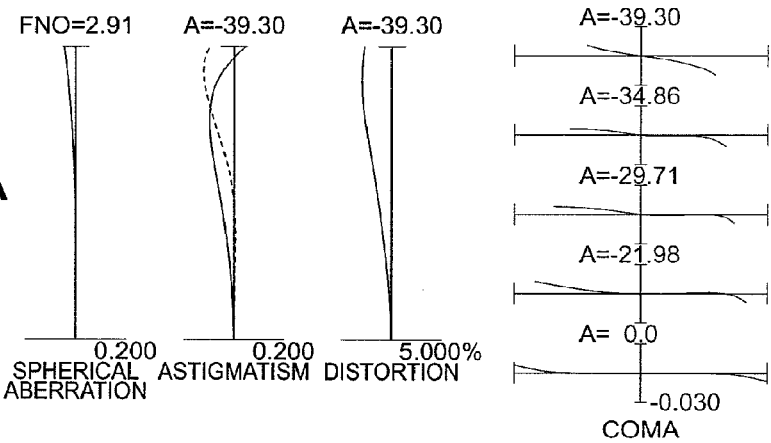


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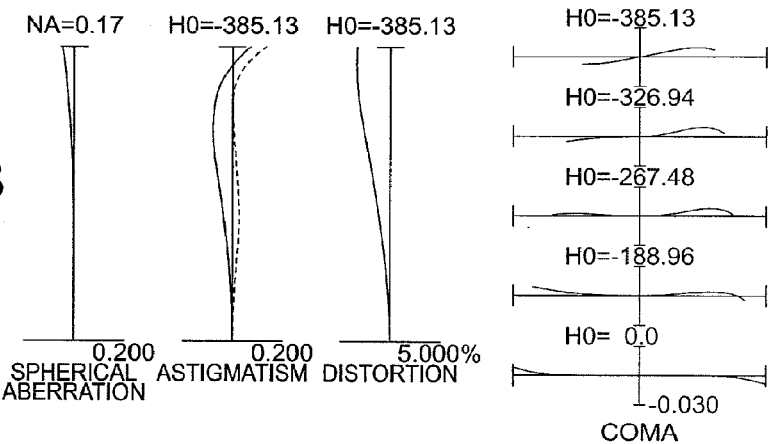


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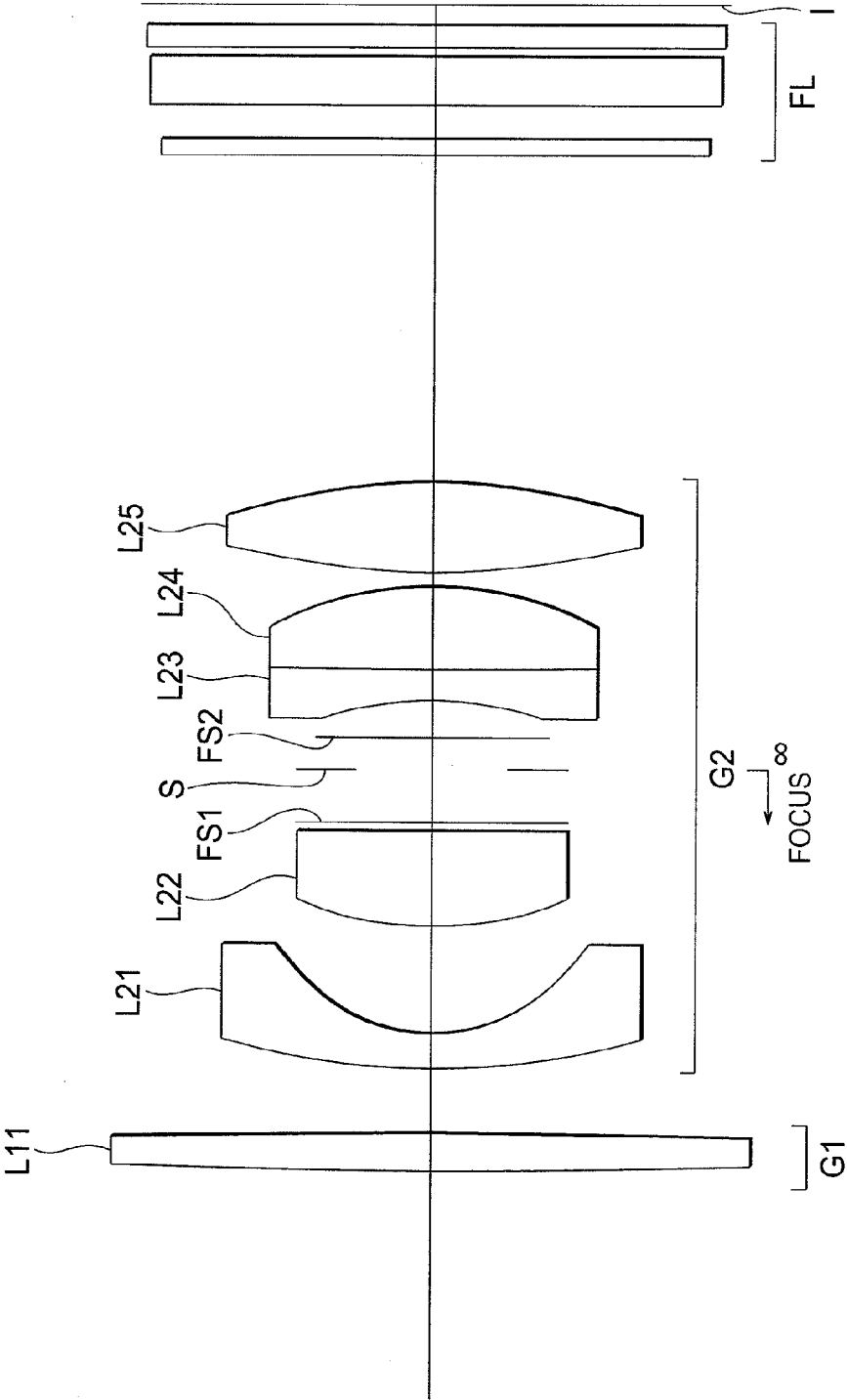


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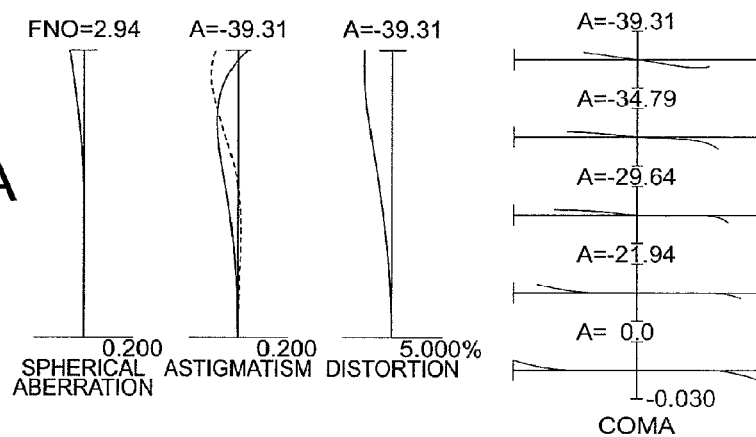


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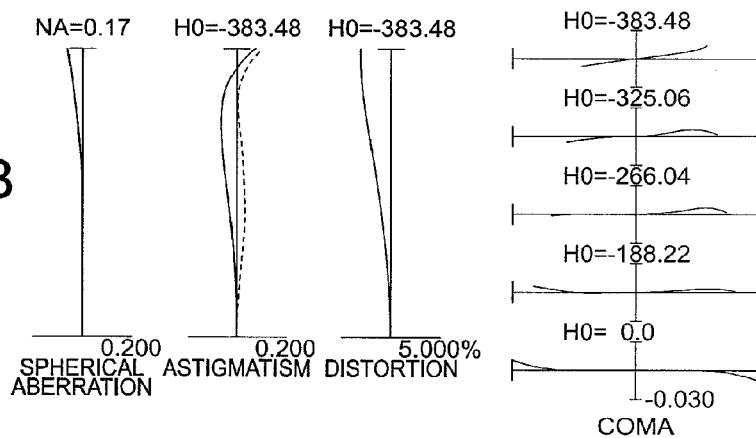


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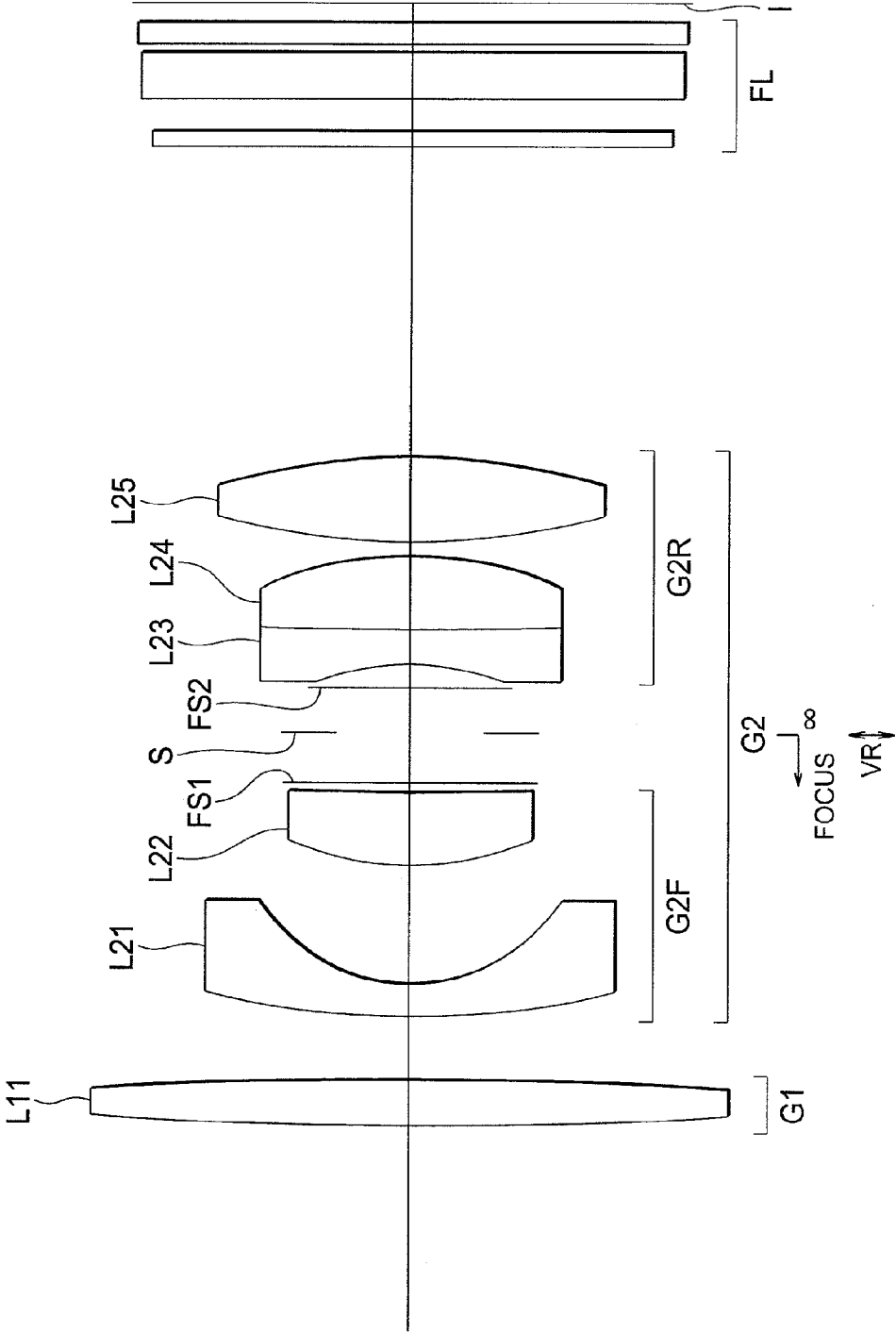


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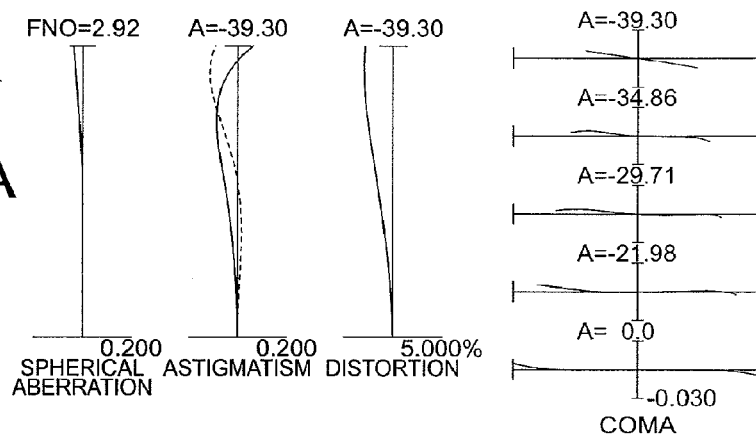


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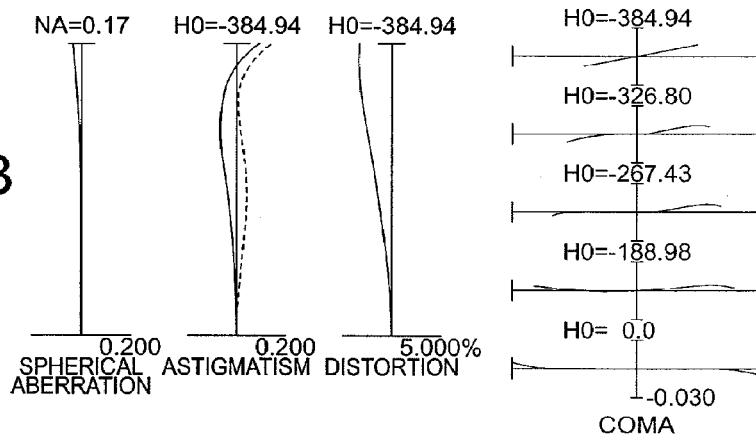


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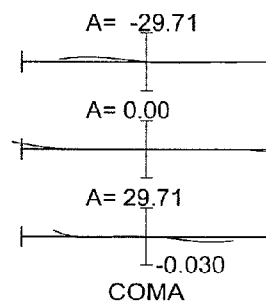


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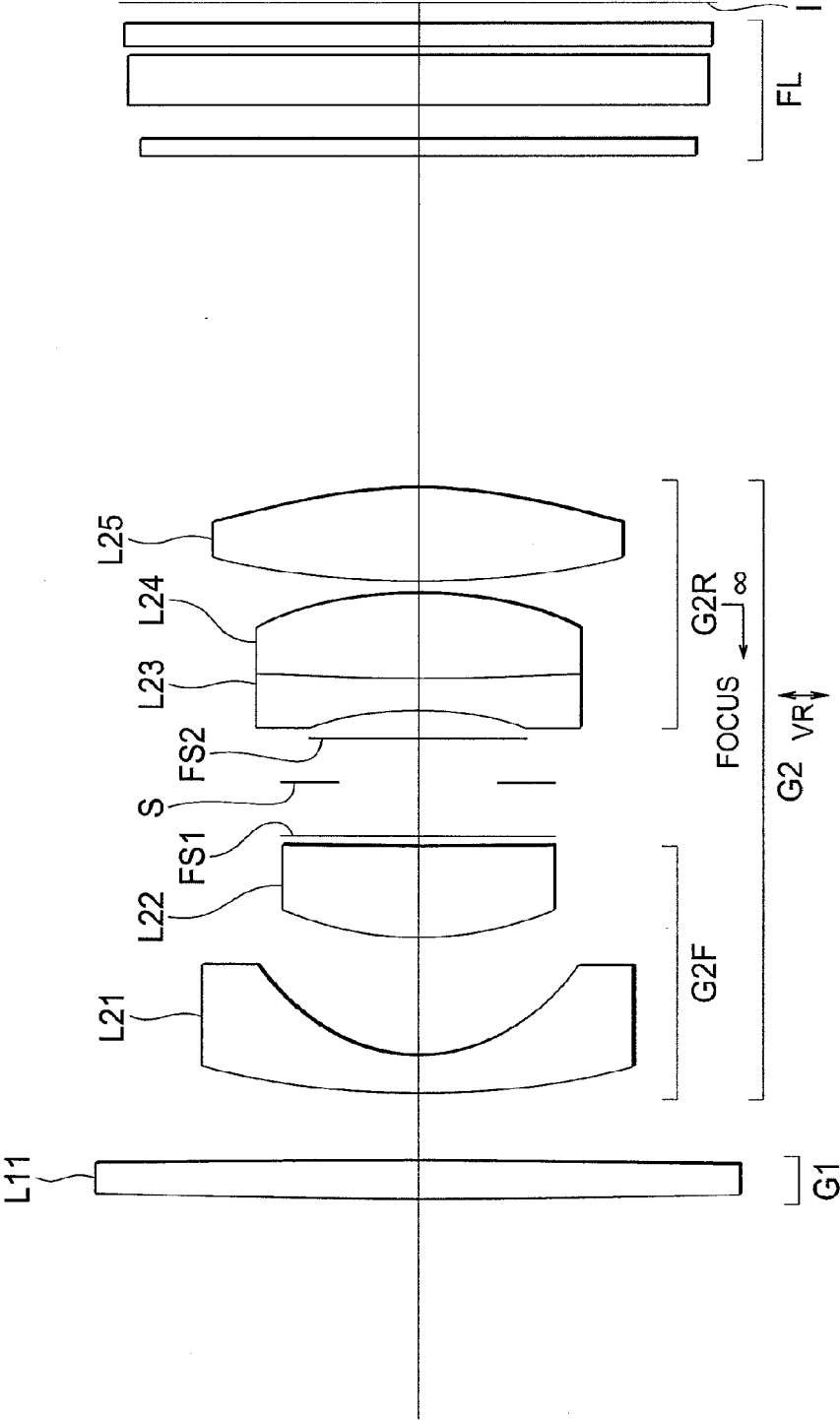


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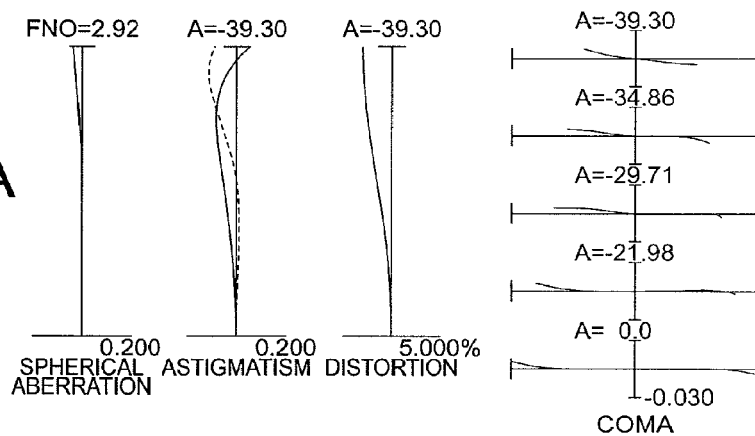


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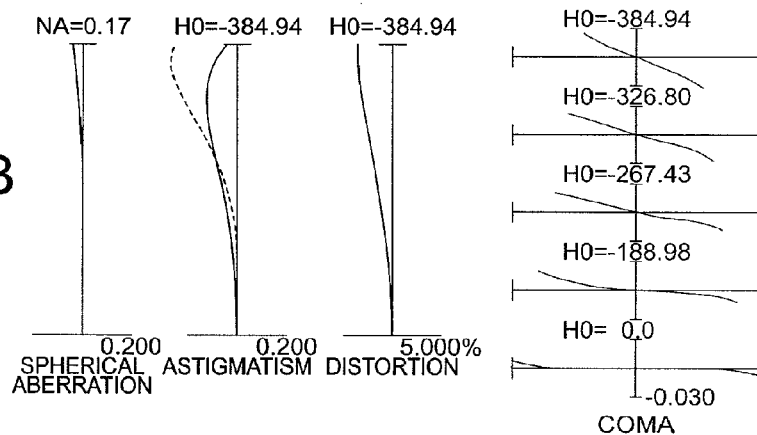


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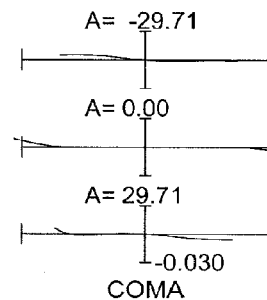


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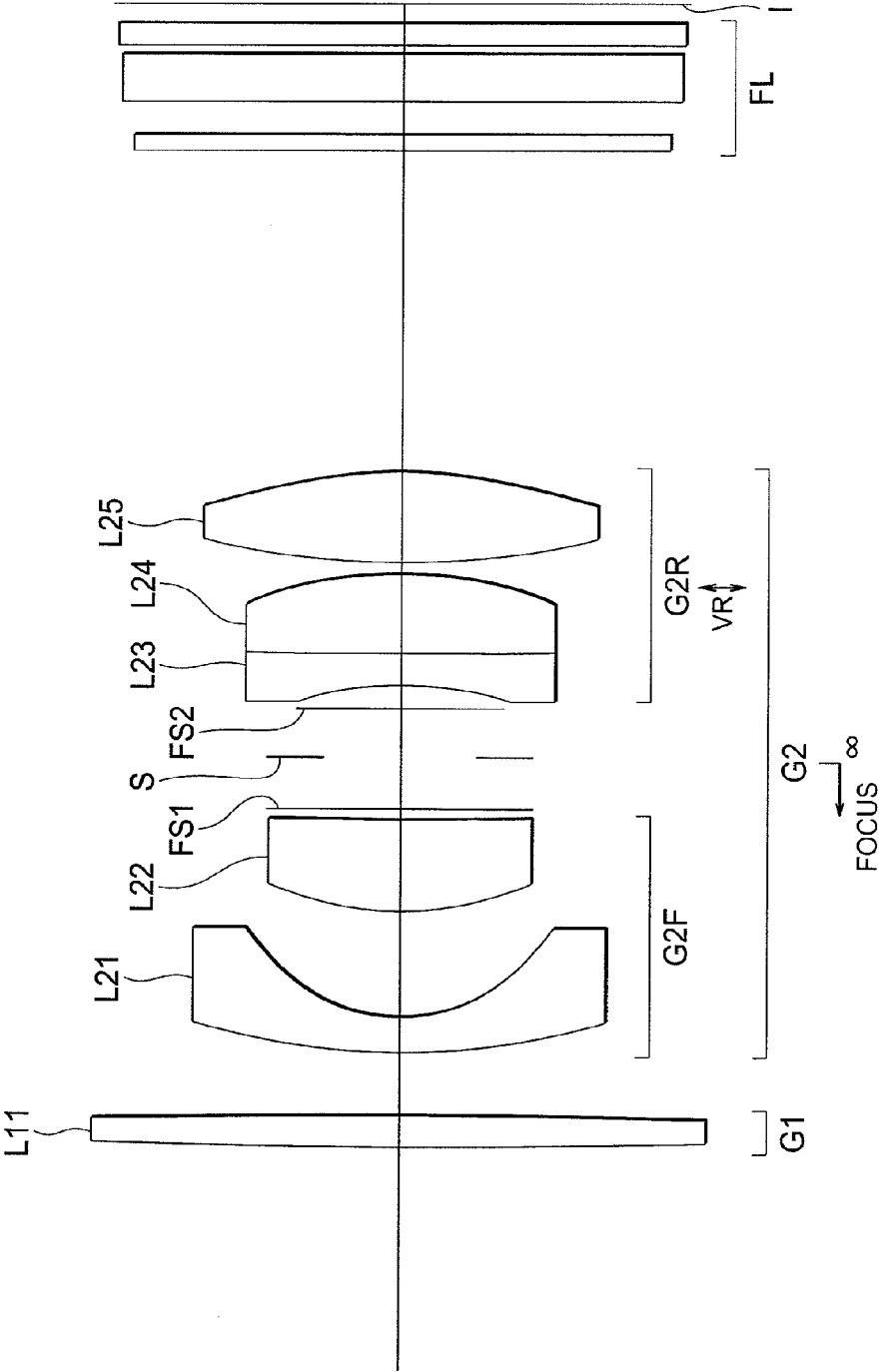


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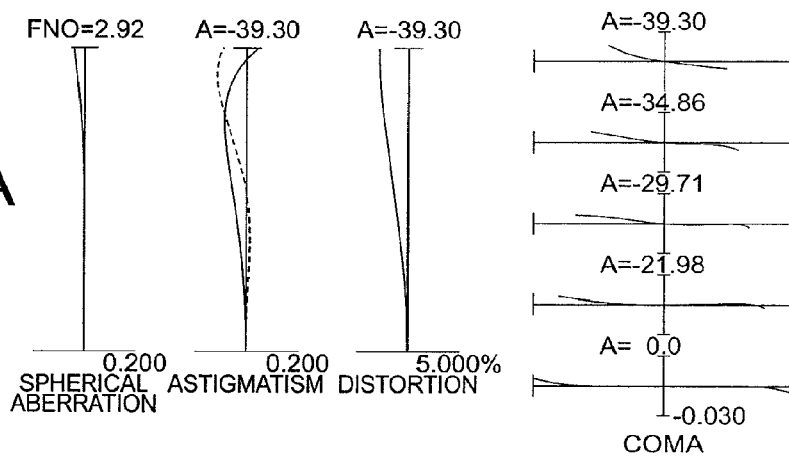


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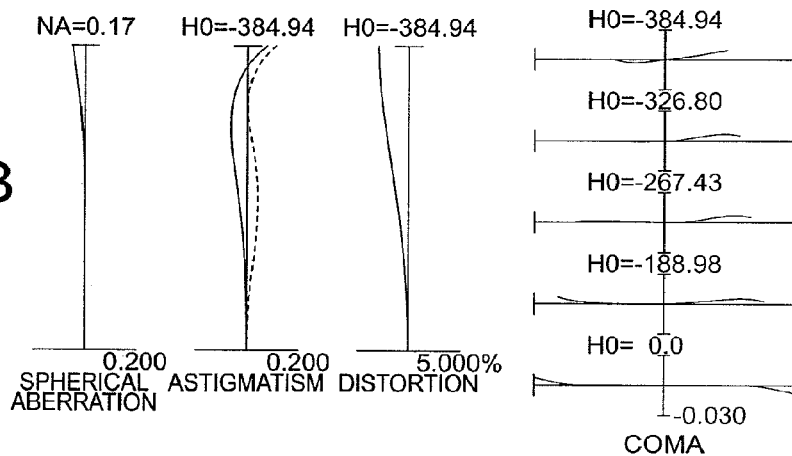


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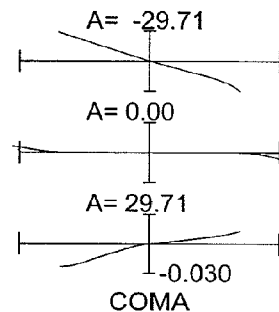


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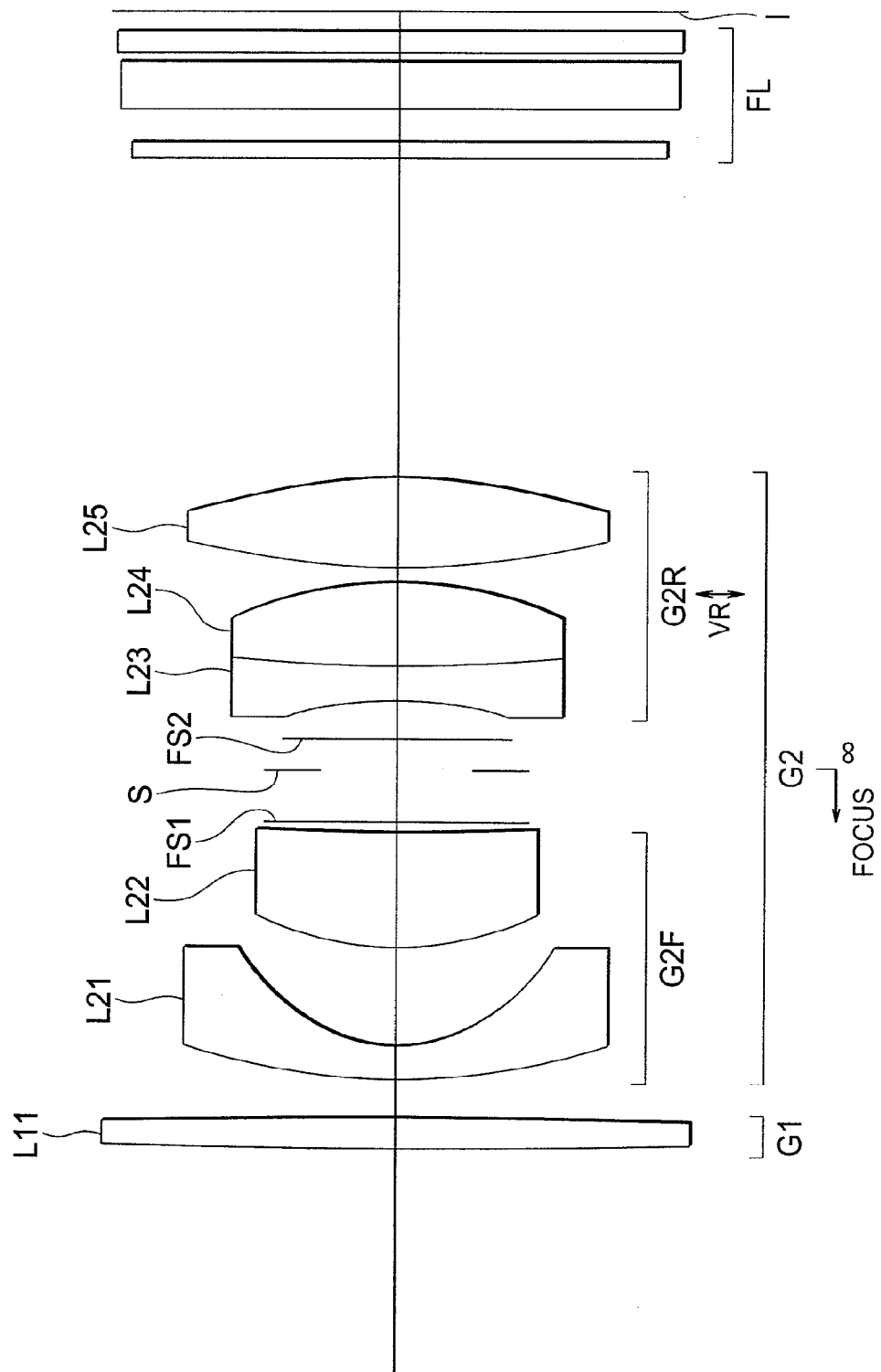


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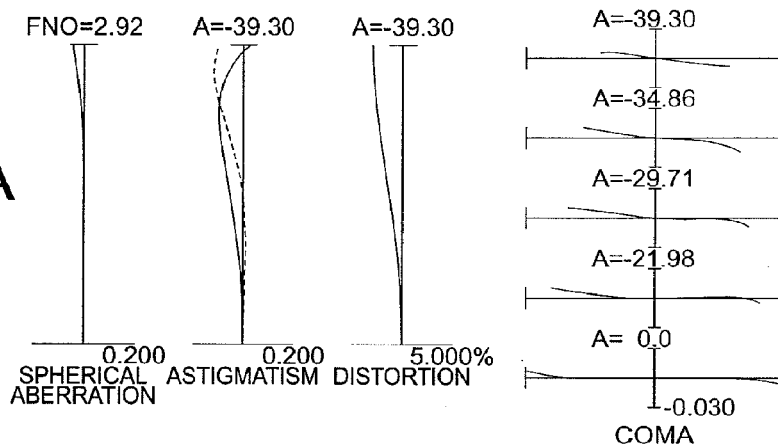


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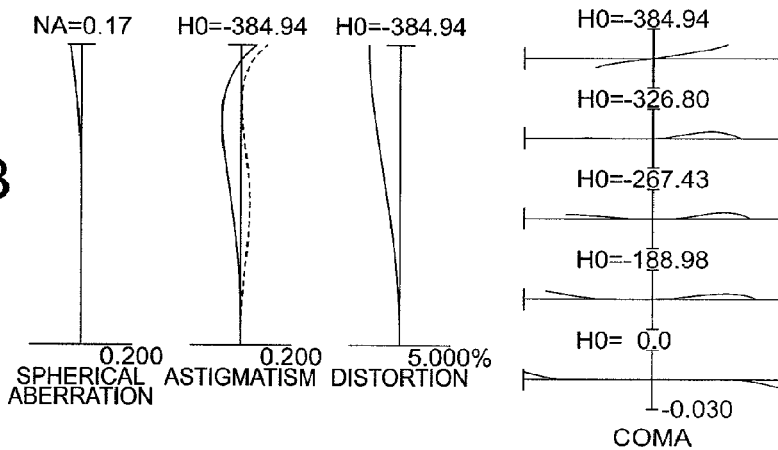


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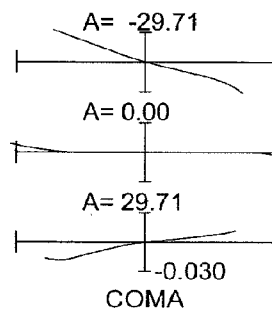


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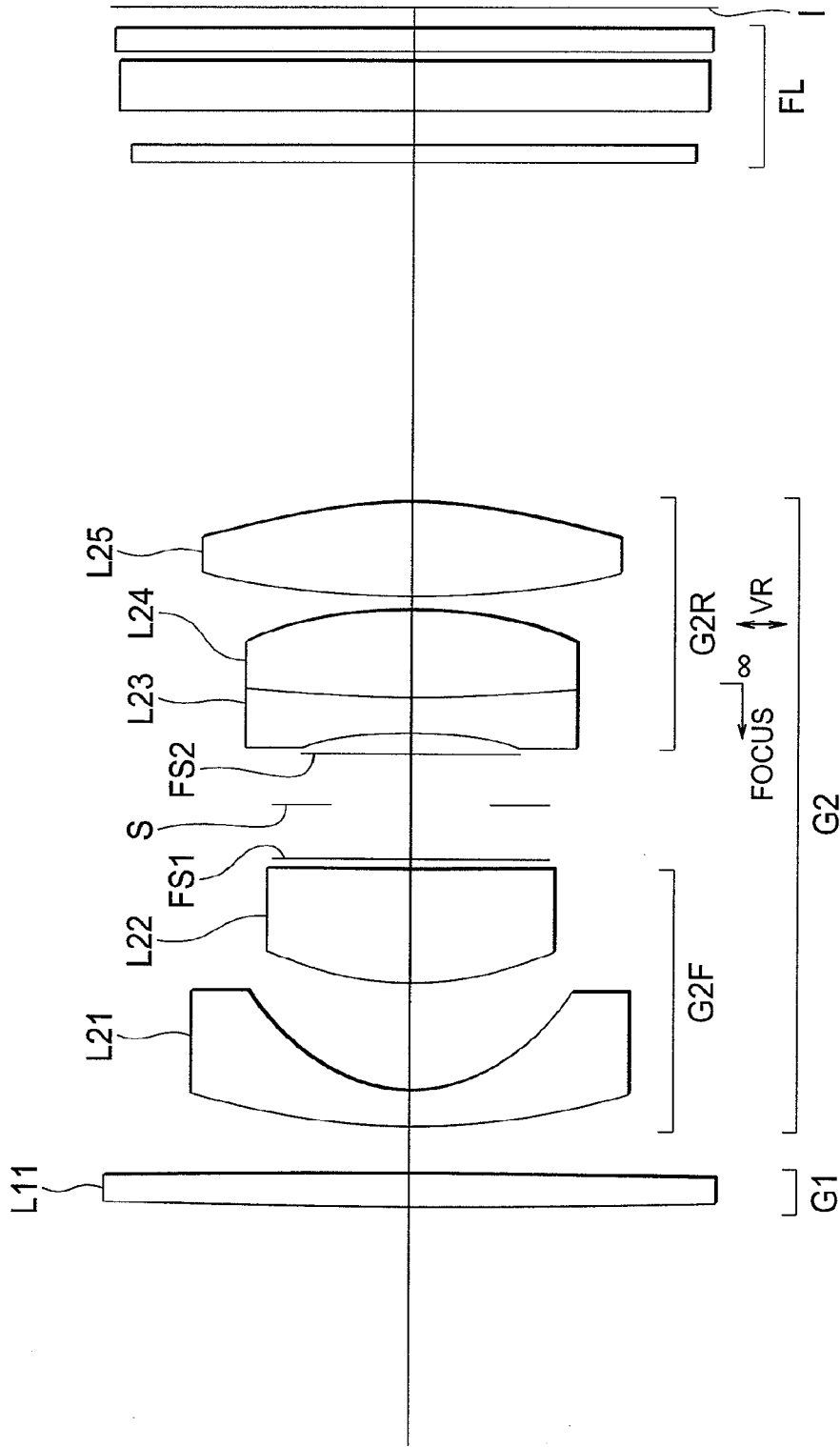


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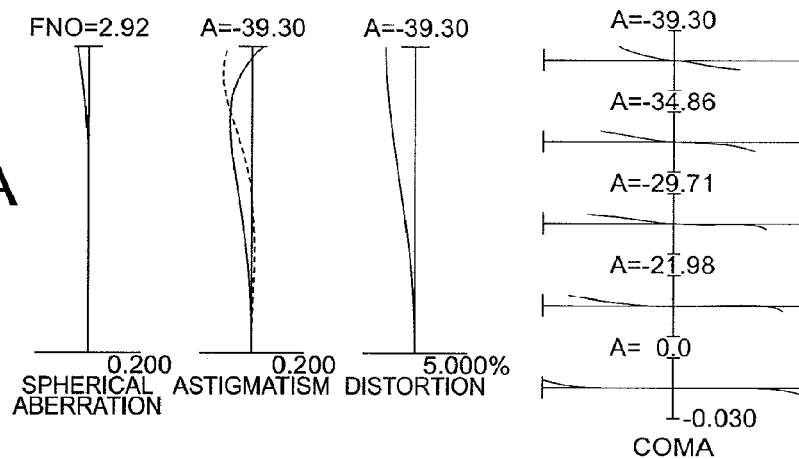


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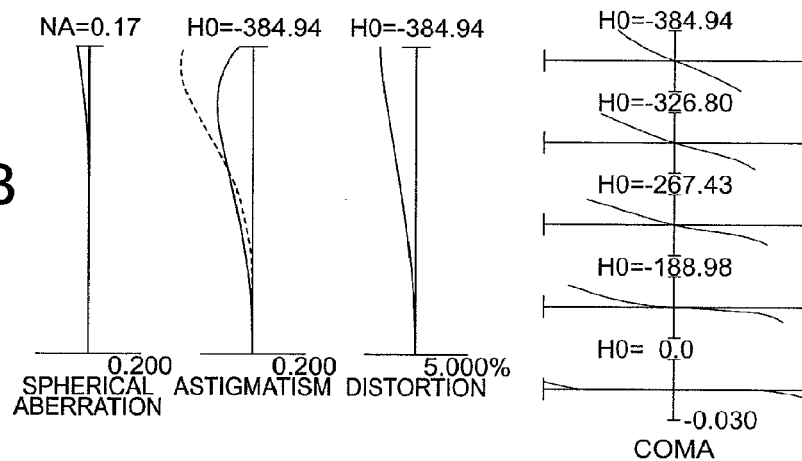


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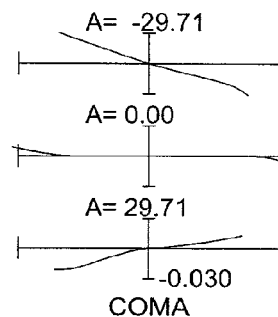


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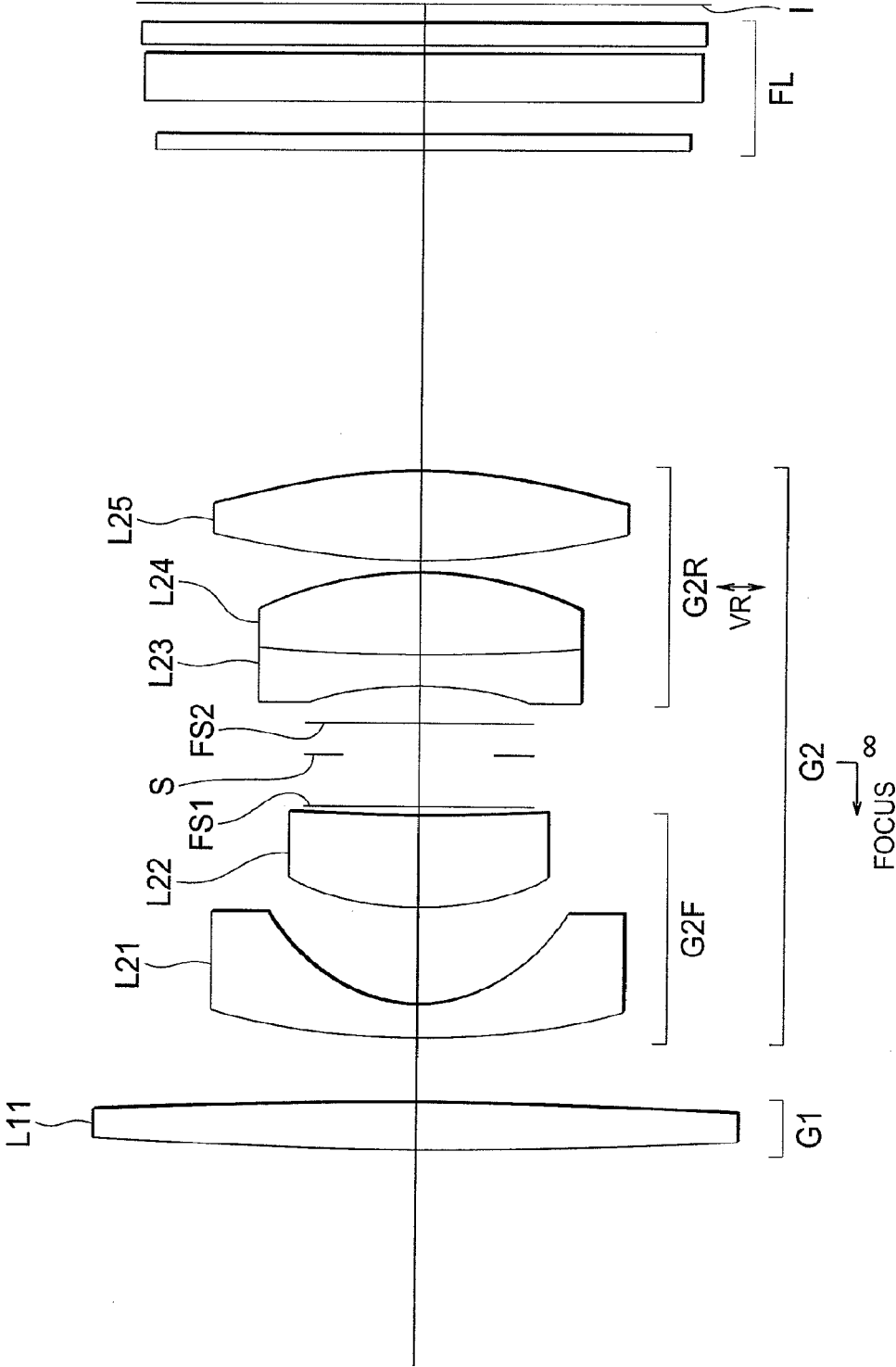


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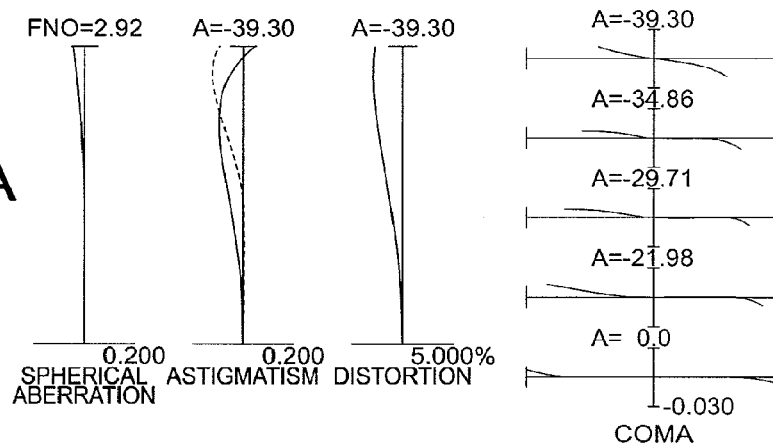


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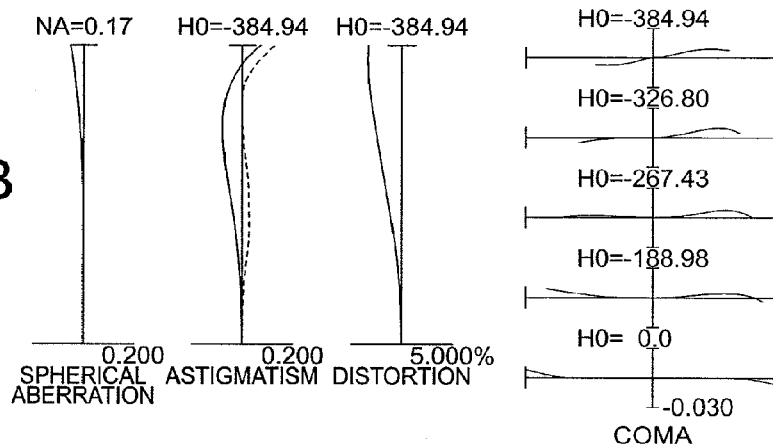


FIG. 26C

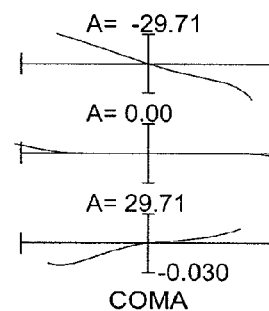


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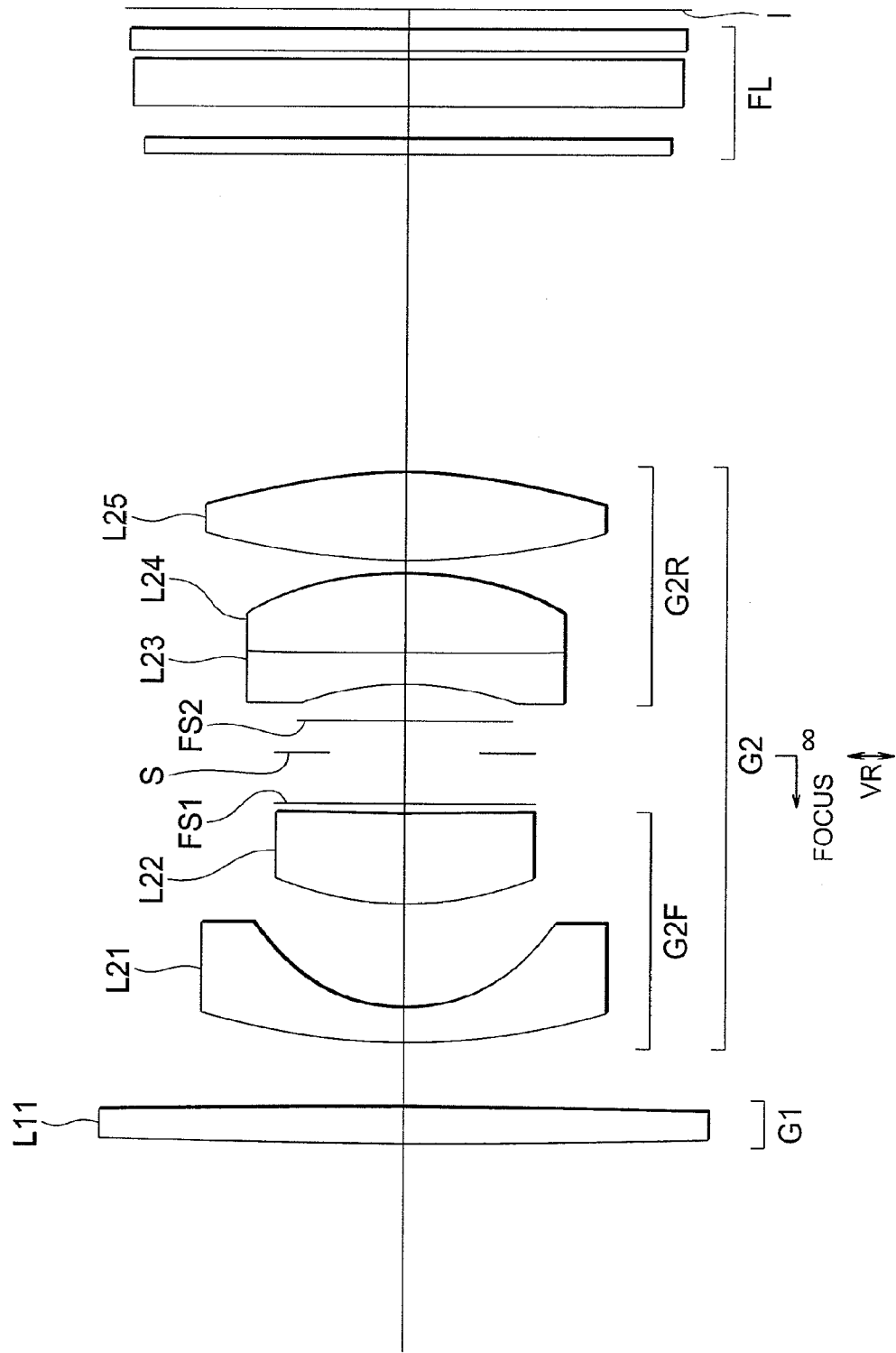


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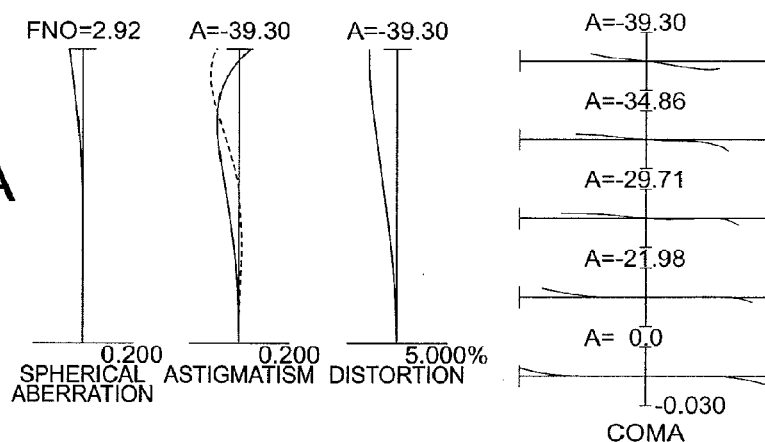


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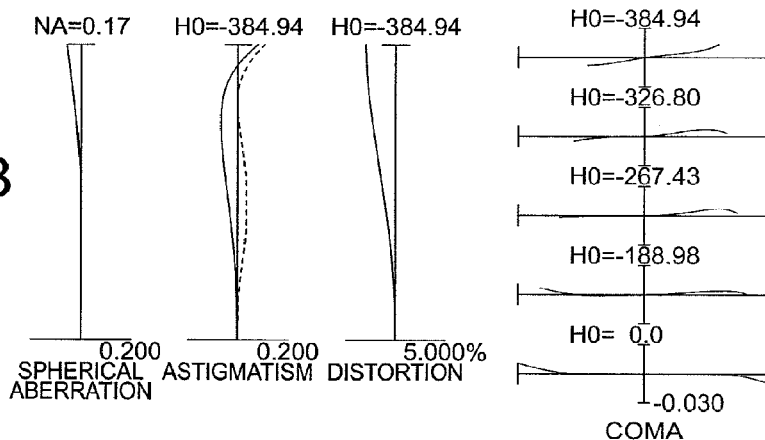


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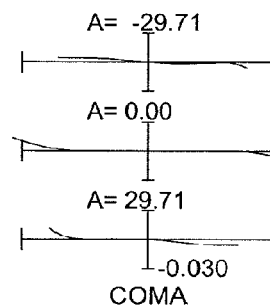


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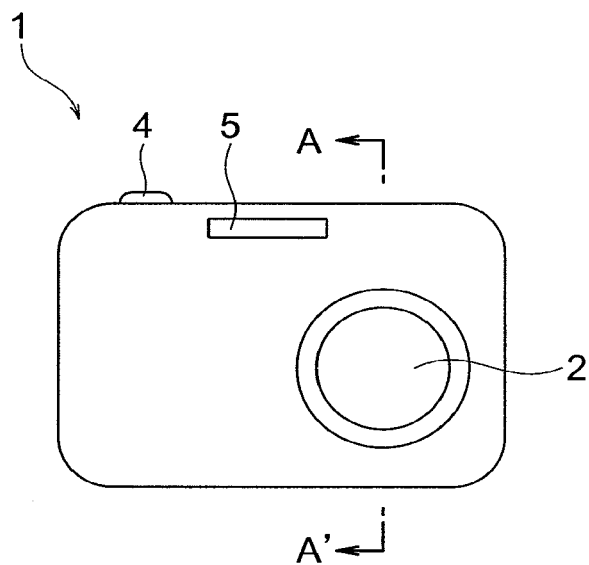


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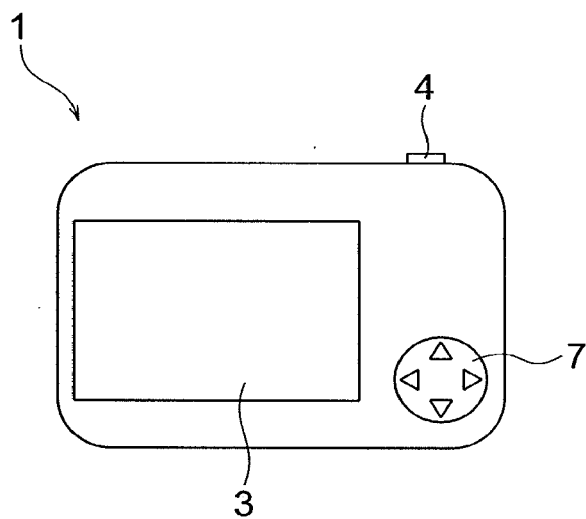


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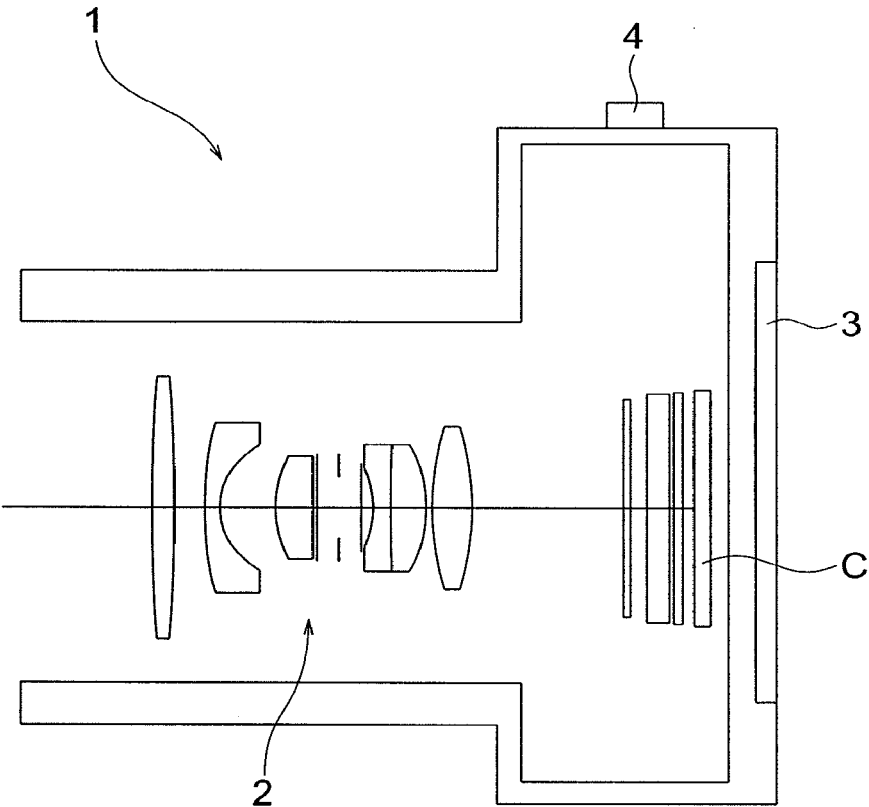


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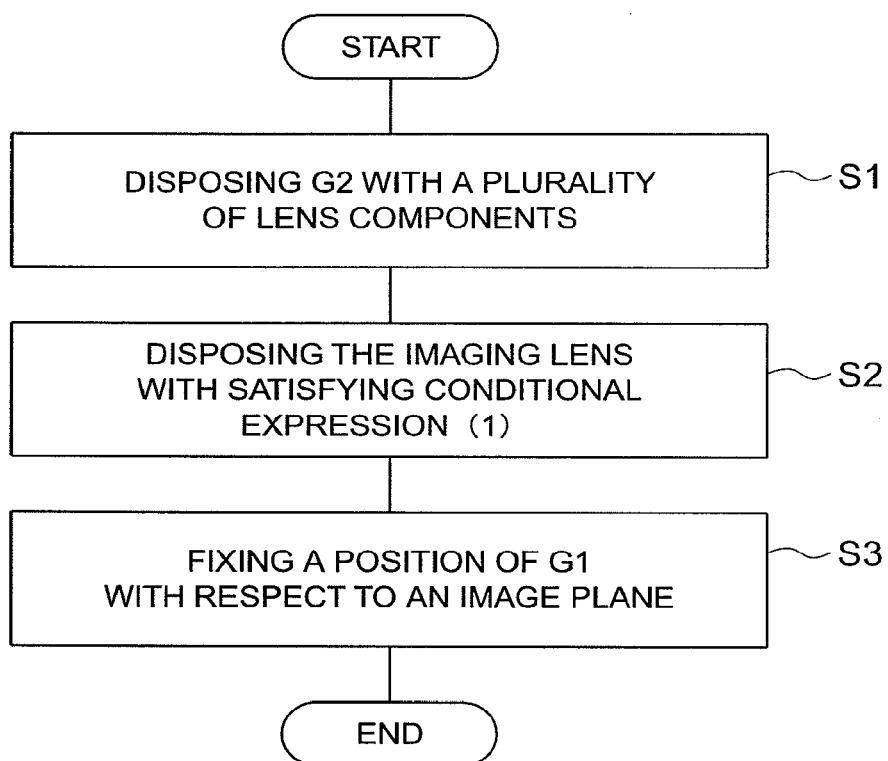


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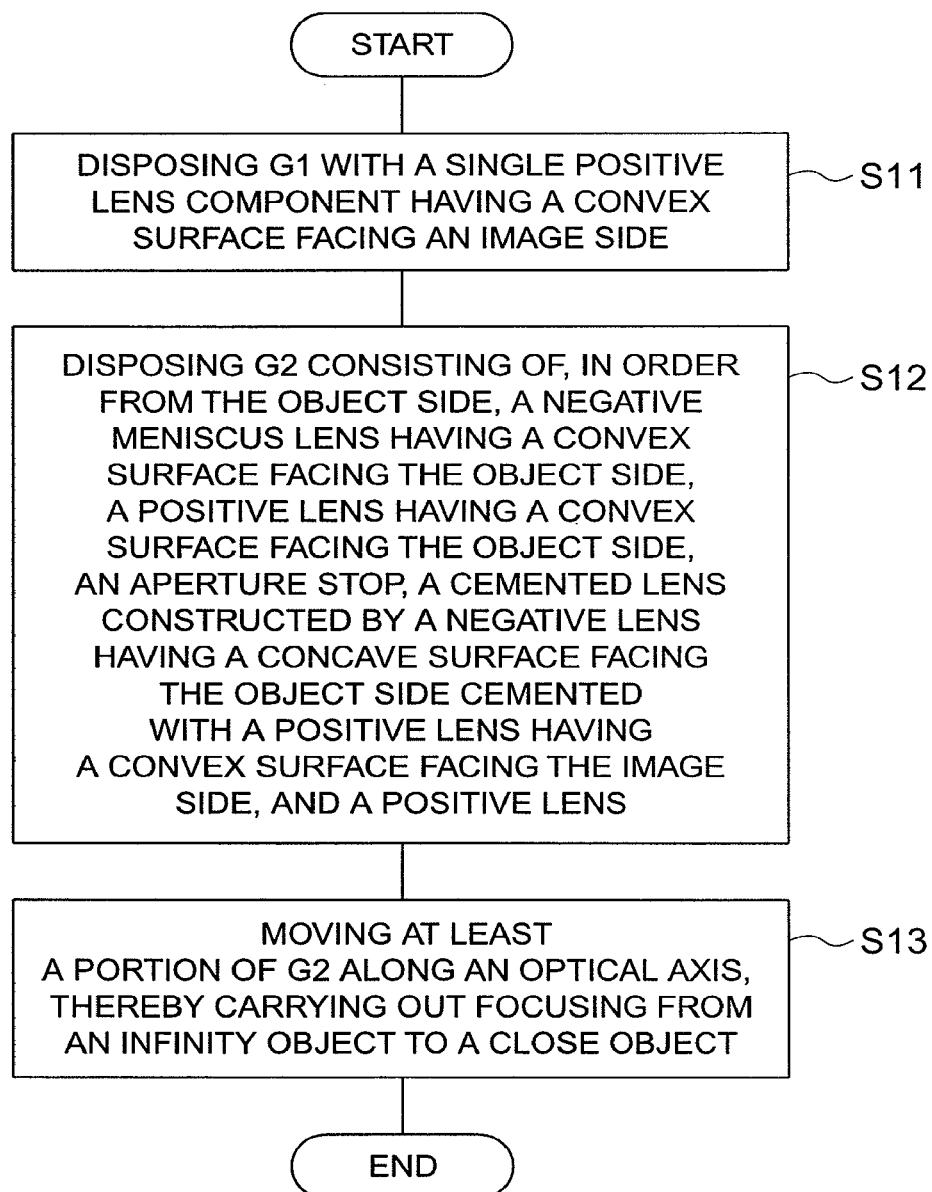
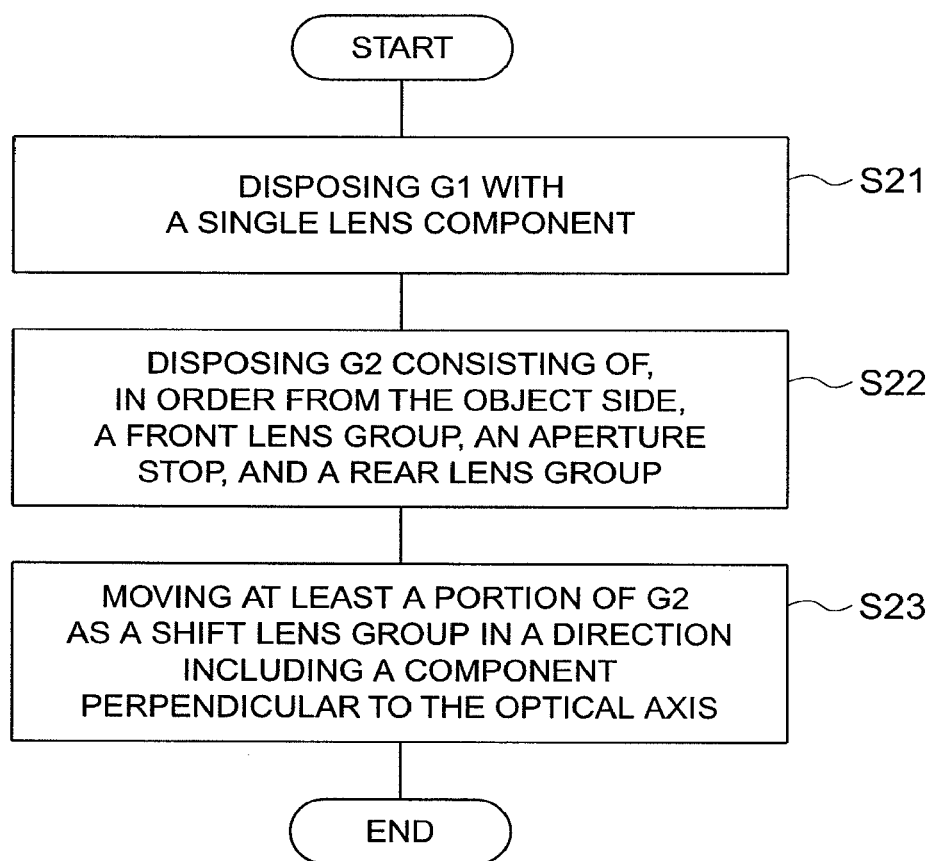


FIG. 33



IMAGING LENS, OPTICAL APPARATUS EQUIPPED THEREWITH, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING IMAGING LENS

[0001] The disclosure of the following priority applications are herein incorporated by reference:

[0002] Japanese Patent Application No. 2010-104444 filed on Apr. 28, 2010,

[0003] Japanese Patent Application No. 2010-104450 filed on Apr. 28, 2010,

[0004] Japanese Patent Application No. 2010-104461 filed on Apr. 28, 2010.

[0005] Japanese Patent Application No. 2011-089196 filed on Apr. 13, 2011,

[0006] Japanese Patent Application No. 2011-089204 filed on Apr. 13, 2011, and

[0007] Japanese Patent Application No. 2011-089211 filed on Apr. 13, 2011.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0008] 1. Field of the Invention

[0009] The present invention relates to an imaging lens, an optical apparatus equipped with the imaging lens, and a method for manufacturing the imaging lens.

[0010] 2. Related Background Art

[0011] A compact imaging lens suitable for a photographic camera, a video camera, and the like having an angle of view of about 50 degrees and relatively small value of an f-number has been proposed. Moreover, in such an imaging lens, there has been known a lens configuration including, in order from an object side, a first lens group composed of a negative lens and a positive lens, an aperture stop, and a second lens group composed of a cemented lens constructed by a negative lens cemented with a positive lens, and a positive lens, for example, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 9-189856.

[0012] However, in such a conventional imaging lens, when the whole lens is moved for focusing, the total lens length becomes long upon focusing from an infinity object to a close object. Moreover, various aberrations cannot be sufficiently corrected upon focusing on a close object.

[0013] Moreover, in a conventional camera equipped with such an imaging lens, when the camera becomes small, thin and lightweight, holding of the camera becomes difficult resulting in increase in shooting error cause by a camera shake or the like. In other words, the image is deteriorated by an image blur during exposure caused by a minute camera shake triggered by a hand movement occurred upon shooting (for example, a camera shake generated upon depressing a release button).

[0014] Accordingly, there has been known a method for correcting an image blur with installing a driving system that shifts a portion of lens as a shift lens group in a direction perpendicular to an optical axis, a detection system that detects a camera shake, and a calculation system that controls the driving system on the basis of a detection result of the detection system into such a conventional imaging lens.

[0015] However, in the above-described imaging lens capable of correcting an image blur, there has been a problem that various aberrations cannot be excellently corrected, and optical performance varies upon shifting the shifting lens group.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0016] The present invention is made in view of the above-described problems and has an object to provide a compact imaging lens having a large aperture and a wide angle of view and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object with suppressing variation in optical performance upon shifting the shifting lens group, an optical apparatus equipped with the imaging lens, and a method for manufacturing the imaging lens. According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided an imaging lens comprising, in order from an object side: a first lens group having positive refractive power; and a second lens group having positive refractive power, a position of the first lens group being fixed with respect to an image plane, the second lens group consisting of a plurality of lens components, and the following conditional expression (1) being satisfied:

$$0.015 < f/f_1 < 0.085 \quad (1)$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and f₁ denotes a focal length of the first lens group.

[0017] According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided an optical apparatus equipped with the imaging lens according to the first aspect.

[0018] According to a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided an imaging lens comprising, in order from an object side: a first lens group having positive refractive power; and a second lens group having positive refractive power, the first lens group consisting of a single lens component, the second lens group consisting of, in order from the object side, a front lens group, an aperture stop, and a rear lens group, and at least a portion of the second lens group being moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to an optical axis.

[0019] According to a fourth aspect of the present invention, there is provided an optical apparatus equipped with the imaging lens according to third aspect.

[0020] According to a fifth aspect of the present invention, there is provided an imaging lens comprising, in order from an object side: a first lens group having positive refractive power; and a second lens group having positive refractive power, the first lens group consisting of a single positive lens component having convex surface facing an image side, the second lens group consisting of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive lens having a convex surface facing the object side, an aperture stop, a cemented lens constructed by a negative lens having a concave surface facing the object side cemented with a positive lens having a convex surface facing the image side, and a positive lens, and at least a portion of the second lens group being moved along an optical axis, thereby carrying out focusing from an infinity object to a close object.

[0021] According to a sixth aspect of the present invention, there is provided an optical apparatus equipped with the imaging lens according to fifth aspect.

[0022] According to a seventh aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for manufacturing an imaging lens including, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power and a second lens group having positive refractive power, the method comprising steps of: disposing the second lens group with consisting of a plurality of lens components; disposing the imaging lens with satisfying the following conditional expression (1):

$$0.015 < f/f_1 < 0.085 \quad (1)$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and f_1 denotes a focal length of the first lens group; and fixing a position of the first lens group with respect to the image plane.

[0023] According to an eighth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for manufacturing an imaging lens including, in order from the object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power and a second lens group having positive refractive power, the method comprising steps of: disposing the first lens group with a single lens component; disposing the second lens group consisting of, in order from the object side, a front lens group, an aperture stop, and a rear lens group; and moving at least a portion of the second lens group as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to an optical axis.

[0024] According to a ninth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for manufacturing an imaging lens including, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power and a second lens group having positive refractive power, the method comprising steps of: disposing the first lens group with a single positive lens component having a convex surface facing an image side; disposing the second lens group consisting of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive lens having a convex surface facing the object side, an aperture stop, a cemented lens constructed by a negative lens having a concave surface facing the object side cemented with a positive lens having a convex surface facing the image side, and a positive lens; and moving at least a portion of the second lens group along an optical axis, thereby carrying out focusing from an infinity object to a close object.

[0025] The present invention makes it possible to provide a compact imaging lens having a large aperture and a wide angle of view and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object with suppressing variation in optical performance upon shifting the shifting lens group, an optical apparatus equipped with the imaging lens, and a method for manufacturing the imaging lens.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0026] FIG. 1 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 1 of a first embodiment of the present application.

[0027] FIGS. 2A and 2B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 1 of the first embodiment, in which FIG. 2A is upon focusing on an infinity object, and FIG. 2B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0028] FIG. 3 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 2 of the first embodiment of the present application.

[0029] FIGS. 4A and 4B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 2 of the first embodiment, in which FIG. 4A is upon focusing on an infinity object, and FIG. 4B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0030] FIG. 5 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 3 of the first embodiment of the present application.

[0031] FIGS. 6A and 6B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 3 of the first embodiment, in which FIG. 6A is upon focusing on an infinity object, and FIG. 6B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0032] FIG. 7 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 4 of the first embodiment of the present application.

[0033] FIGS. 8A and 8B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 4 of the first embodiment, in which FIG. 8A is upon focusing on an infinity object, and FIG. 8B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0034] FIG. 9 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 5 of the first embodiment of the present application.

[0035] FIGS. 10A and 10B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 5 of the first embodiment, in which FIG. 10A is upon focusing on an infinity object, and FIG. 10B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0036] FIG. 11 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 6 of the first embodiment of the present application.

[0037] FIGS. 12A and 12B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 6 of the first embodiment, in which FIG. 12A is upon focusing on an infinity object, and FIG. 12B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0038] FIG. 13 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 7 of the first embodiment of the present application.

[0039] FIGS. 14A and 14B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 7 of the first embodiment, in which FIG. 14A is upon focusing on an infinity object, and FIG. 14B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0040] FIG. 15 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 8 of a second embodiment of the present application.

[0041] FIGS. 16A, 16B and 16C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 8 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 16A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 16B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 16C shows coma upon vibration reduction.

[0042] FIG. 17 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 9 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0043] FIGS. 18A, 18B and 18C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 9 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 18A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 18B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 18C shows coma upon vibration reduction.

[0044] FIG. 19 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 10 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0045] FIGS. 20A, 20B and 20C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 10 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 20A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 20B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 20C shows coma upon vibration reduction.

[0046] FIG. 21 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 11 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0047] FIGS. 22A, 22B and 22C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 11 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 22A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 22B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 22C shows coma upon vibration reduction.

[0048] FIG. 23 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 12 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0049] FIGS. 24A, 24B and 24C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 12 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 24A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 24B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 24C shows coma upon vibration reduction.

[0050] FIG. 25 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 13 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0051] FIGS. 26A, 26B and 26C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 13 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 26A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 26B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 26C shows coma upon vibration reduction.

[0052] FIG. 27 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 14 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0053] FIGS. 28A, 28B and 28C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 14 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 28A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 28B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 28C shows coma upon vibration reduction.

[0054] FIGS. 29A and 29B are diagrams showing an electronic camera according to the present application, in which FIG. 29A is a front view and FIG. 29B is a rear view.

[0055] FIG. 30 is a sectional view along A-A' line in FIG. 29A.

[0056] FIG. 31 is a flowchart showing a method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present embodiment.

[0057] FIG. 32 is a flowchart showing a method for manufacturing an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application.

[0058] FIG. 33 is a flowchart showing a method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application.

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First Embodiment

[0059] An imaging lens, an optical apparatus equipped with the imaging lens and a method for manufacturing the imaging lens according to a first embodiment of the present application are explained below.

[0060] An imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application includes, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power and a second lens group having positive refractive power. A position of the first lens group is fixed with respect to an image

plane. The second lens group is composed of a plurality of lens components. The following conditional expression (1) is satisfied:

$$0.015 < f/f_1 < 0.085 \quad (1)$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and f_1 denotes a focal length of the first lens group.

[0061] As described above, an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application includes, in order from the object side, the first lens group having positive refractive power and the second lens group having positive refractive power, the position of the first lens group is fixed with respect to the image plane, and the second lens group is composed of a plurality of lens components. With this lens configuration, it becomes possible to realize a compact imaging lens having excellent optical performance. Incidentally, a lens component is defined as a single lens or a cemented lens constructed by cementing two lenses or more.

[0062] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, with satisfying conditional expression (1) under the configuration described above, spherical aberration and coma generated in the first lens group alone can be suppressed minimally.

[0063] Conditional expression (1) defines the focal length of the first lens group and the focal length of the imaging lens.

[0064] When the ratio f/f_1 is equal to or exceeds the upper limit of conditional expression (1), spherical aberration and coma generated in the first lens group alone become large, so that it becomes difficult to correct these aberrations. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (1) to 0.080. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (1) to 0.075.

[0065] On the other hand, when the ratio f/f_1 is equal to or falls below the lower limit of conditional expression (1), the focal length of the first lens group becomes large, and the total lens length of the imaging lens becomes large, so that it becomes opposite to the intension of the present application. Moreover, when the total lens length of the imaging lens is to be secured, coma and curvature of field become worse, so that it is undesirable. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (1) to 0.020. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (1) to 0.025.

[0066] With the configuration described above, it becomes possible to realize a compact imaging lens having a large aperture, a wide angle of view and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

[0067] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, the first lens group is preferably composed of a single positive lens component having a convex surface facing the object side. With this configuration, an imaging lens according to the present application makes it possible to realize further excellent optical performance.

[0068] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, the single positive lens component is preferably a single lens. With this lens configuration, it becomes possible to excellently correct distortion and curvature of field generated in the whole lens system of the imaging lens.

[0069] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, at least a portion of the second lens group is preferably moved to the object side, thereby carrying out focusing from an infinity object to a close object. With this configuration, a moving amount of the focusing lens group toward the object side upon focusing becomes extremely small, so that variation in spherical aberration and curvature of field can be excellently suppressed. Moreover, interference between lenses and mechanical parts that hold lenses can be prevented. In particular, when the whole of the second lens group is made to be the focusing lens group, the driving mechanism can be simplified. Moreover, when a portion of the second lens group is made to be the focusing lens group, since the focusing lens group can be lightened, response speed for focusing can be increased.

[0070] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (2) is preferably satisfied:

$$0.015 < f_2/f_1 < 0.085 \quad (2)$$

where f_1 denotes a focal length of the first lens group, and f_2 denotes a focal length of the second lens group.

[0071] Conditional expression (2) defines the focal length of the first lens group and the focal length of the second lens group. With satisfying conditional expression (2), an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application makes it possible to excellently correct curvature of field, spherical aberration, coma and spherical aberration generated in the first lens group, and coma generated in the second lens group.

[0072] When the ratio f_2/f_1 is equal to or exceeds the upper limit of conditional expression (2), refractive power of the first lens group becomes relatively strong, so that it becomes difficult to correct spherical aberration and coma generated in the first lens group alone. Moreover, refractive power of the second lens group becomes relatively weak, so that curvature of field cannot be excellently corrected. Accordingly, it is undesirable. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (2) to 0.080. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (2) to 0.075.

[0073] On the other hand, when the ratio f_2/f_1 is equal to or falls below the lower limit of conditional expression (2), refractive power of the first lens group becomes relatively weak, so that correction of spherical aberration becomes insufficient. Accordingly, it is undesirable. Moreover, refractive power of the second lens group becomes relatively strong, so that coma generated in the second lens group becomes excessively large. Accordingly, the purpose of the present application to obtain excellent optical performance cannot be achieved. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (2) to 0.020. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (2) to 0.025.

[0074] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, in order to harmonize higher optical performance with compactness, the second lens group preferably includes at least one aspherical surface. With this configuration, spherical aberration and curvature of field can be excellently corrected.

[0075] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (3) is preferably satisfied:

$$0.80 < f/f_2 < 1.10 \quad (3)$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and f_2 denotes a focal length of the second lens group.

[0076] Conditional expression (3) defines the focal length of the imaging lens and the focal length of the second lens group. With satisfying conditional expression (3), an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application makes it possible to excellently correct spherical aberration generated in the second lens group alone.

[0077] When the ratio f/f_2 is equal to or exceeds the upper limit of conditional expression (3), refractive power of the second lens group becomes strong, so that spherical aberration generated in the second lens group alone becomes large. Accordingly, it is undesirable. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (3) to 1.075. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (3) to 1.05.

[0078] On the other hand, when the ratio f/f_2 is equal to or falls below the lower limit of conditional expression (3), refractive power of the second lens group becomes weak, so that the second lens group does not become afocal. Accordingly, when a portion of the imaging lens is shifted in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis so as to carry out vibration reduction, variation in curvature of field upon vibration reduction becomes large. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (3) to 0.85. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (3) to 0.90.

[0079] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, in order to harmonize higher optical performance with compactness, the second lens group preferably includes, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side, an aperture stop, a cemented lens constructed by a negative lens having a concave surface facing the object side cemented with a positive lens having a convex surface facing an image side, and a positive lens. With this configuration, spherical aberration, curvature of field, and coma can be excellently corrected.

[0080] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (4) is preferably satisfied:

$$2.50 < (r_3F + r_2R)/(r_3F - r_2R) < 3.80 \quad (4)$$

where r_2R denotes a radius of curvature of the image side surface of the most object side lens component in the second lens group, and r_3F denotes a radius of curvature of a lens surface adjacent to the image side of the image side surface.

[0081] Conditional expression (4) is for excellently correcting coma and curvature of field generated in the second lens group alone. With satisfying conditional expression (4), an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application makes it possible to minimally suppress coma and curvature of field generated in the second lens group alone.

[0082] When the value $(r_3F + r_2R)/(r_3F - r_2R)$ is equal to or exceeds the upper limit of conditional expression (4), coma

and curvature of field generated in the second lens group alone cannot be corrected. Moreover, distortion increases, so that it is undesirable. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (4) to 3.70. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (4) to 3.60.

[0083] On the other hand, when the value $(r3F+r2R)/(r3F-r2R)$ is equal to or falls below the lower limit of conditional expression (4), coma generated in the second lens group alone becomes excessively large, so that optical performance upon focusing on a close object becomes worse. Accordingly, it is undesirable. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (4) to 2.60. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (4) to 2.70.

[0084] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, in order to harmonize higher optical performance with compactness, the most object side lens component in the second lens group preferably includes at least one aspherical surface. With this configuration, spherical aberration and curvature of field can be excellently corrected, and higher optical performance and compactness can be harmonized.

[0085] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, in order to accomplish higher optical performance, the plurality of lens components in the second lens group preferably include at least one positive lens component, and the most object side positive lens component in the at least one positive lens component preferably includes at least one aspherical surface. With this configuration, variations in distortion and curvature of field generated upon focusing can be excellently corrected.

[0086] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (5) is preferably satisfied:

$$1.55 < TL/\Sigma d < 1.75 \quad (5)$$

where TL denotes a total lens length of the imaging lens, and Σd denotes a distance along an optical axis between the most object side lens surface in the first lens group and the most image side lens surface in the second lens group.

[0087] Conditional expression (5) defines an appropriate total lens length of the imaging lens. With satisfying conditional expression (5), an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application makes it possible to harmonize high optical performance with compactness.

[0088] When the ratio $TL/\Sigma d$ is equal to or exceeds the upper limit of conditional expression (5), the total lens length of the imaging lens becomes large. Accordingly, it becomes impossible to harmonize high optical performance with compactness, so that it becomes opposite to the intension of the present application. Accordingly, it is undesirable. When the total lens length of the imaging lens is to be secured, coma and curvature of field become worse, so that it is undesirable. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (5) to 1.74. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (5) to 1.72.

[0089] On the other hand, when the ratio $TL/\Sigma d$ is equal to or falls below the lower limit of conditional expression (5), although it is effective for downsizing the imaging lens,

spherical aberration, coma and curvature of field generated in the whole system of the imaging lens cannot be excellently corrected, so that it is undesirable. Moreover, the back focal length cannot be made larger. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (5) to 1.60. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (5) to 1.65.

[0090] In an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (6) is preferably satisfied:

$$4.00 < TL/Y_{\max} < 5.00 \quad (6)$$

where TL denotes a total lens length of the imaging lens, and Y_{\max} denotes the maximum image height of the imaging lens.

[0091] Conditional expression (6) defines an appropriate total lens length of the imaging lens. With satisfying conditional expression (6), an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application makes it possible to harmonize high optical performance with further compactness.

[0092] When the ratio TL/Y_{\max} is equal to or exceeds the upper limit of conditional expression (6), the total lens length of the imaging lens becomes large. Accordingly, it becomes impossible to harmonize high optical performance with compactness, so that it becomes opposite to the intension of the present application. Accordingly, it is undesirable. When the total lens length of the imaging lens is to be secured, coma and curvature of field become worse, so that it is undesirable. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (6) to 4.85. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (6) to 4.70.

[0093] On the other hand, when the ratio TL/Y_{\max} is equal to or falls below the lower limit of conditional expression (6), although it is effective for downsizing, spherical aberration, coma and curvature of field generated in the whole system of the imaging lens cannot be excellently corrected, so that it is undesirable. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (6) to 4.20. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (6) to 4.40.

[0094] In an imaging lens according to the present application, in order to realize higher optical performance, an aperture stop is preferably disposed in the second lens group. With this configuration, refractive power distribution in the second lens group becomes close to a symmetric type, which is, in order from the object side, a lens group having positive refractive power, an aperture stop, and a lens group having positive refractive power, so that it becomes possible to excellently correct curvature of field and distortion.

[0095] An optical apparatus according to the first embodiment of the present application is characterized by including the imaging lens described above. With this configuration, it becomes possible to realize a compact optical apparatus having a large aperture and a wide angle of view and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

[0096] Moreover, a method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present appli-

cation is a method for manufacturing an imaging lens including, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power, and a second lens group having positive refractive power, the method comprising steps of:

[0097] disposing the second lens group with a plurality of lens components;

[0098] disposing the imaging lens with satisfying the following conditional expression (1):

$$0.015 < f/f_1 < 0.085 \quad (1)$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and f₁ denotes a focal length of the first lens group; and

[0099] fixing a position of the first lens group with respect to an image plane.

[0100] With this method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the present application, it becomes possible to manufacture a compact imaging lens having a large aperture and a wide angle of view and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

[0101] Then, an imaging lens, an optical apparatus equipped with the imaging lens, and a method for manufacturing the imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application are explained below.

[0102] An imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application includes, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power and a second lens group having positive refractive power. The first lens group consists of a single positive lens component having a convex surface facing an image side. The second lens group consists of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive lens having a convex surface facing the object side, an aperture stop, a cemented lens constructed by a negative lens having a concave surface facing the object side cemented with a positive lens having a convex surface facing the image side, and a positive lens. At least a portion of the second lens group is moved along the optical axis, thereby carrying out focusing from an infinity object to a close object.

[0103] As described above, an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application includes, in order from an object side, the first lens group having positive refractive power and the second lens group having positive refractive power. The first lens group consists of the single positive lens component having a convex surface facing an image side. The second lens group consists of, in order from the object side, the negative meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side, the positive lens having a convex surface facing the object side, the aperture stop, the cemented lens constructed by the negative lens having a concave surface facing the object side cemented with the positive lens having a convex surface facing the image side, and a positive lens. With this configuration, it becomes possible to realize a compact imaging lens having a wide-angle of view and excellent optical performance. Incidentally, a lens component is defined as a single lens or a cemented lens constructed by cementing two lenses or more.

[0104] As described above, in an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, at least a portion of the second lens group

is moved along the optical axis, thereby carrying out focusing from an infinity object to a close object. With this configuration, since a moving amount of the focusing lens group toward object side upon focusing becomes small, variations in spherical aberration and curvature of field can be excellently suppressed. Moreover, interference between lenses and mechanical parts that holds lenses can be prevented. In particular, when the whole of the second lens group is made to be the focusing lens group, the driving mechanism can be simplified. Moreover, when a portion of the second lens group is made to be the focusing lens group, since the focusing lens group can be lightened, response speed for focusing can be increased.

[0105] With the configuration described above, it becomes possible to realize a compact imaging lens having a large aperture, a wide angle of view and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

[0106] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, the single positive lens component is preferably a single lens. With this configuration, distortion and curvature of field generated in the imaging lens can be excellently corrected.

[0107] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, in order to realize higher optical performance, the position of the first lens group is preferably fixed with respect to the image plane. With this configuration, distortion and curvature of field generated in the imaging lens can be excellently corrected. Moreover, even if external force is inadvertently applied upon using the imaging lens, a moving portion of the imaging lens can be protected.

[0108] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (2) is preferably satisfied:

$$0.015 < f_2/f_1 < 0.085 \quad (2)$$

where f₁ denotes a focal length of the first lens group, and f₂ denotes a focal length of the second lens group.

[0109] Conditional expression (2) defines the focal length of the first lens group and the focal length of the second lens group. However, conditional expression (2) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0110] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (1) is preferably satisfied:

$$0.015 < f/f_1 < 0.085 \quad (1)$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and f₁ denotes a focal length of the first lens group.

[0111] Conditional expression (1) defines the focal length of the first lens group and the focal length of the imaging lens. However, conditional expression (1) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0112] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (4) is preferably satisfied:

$$2.50 < (r_3 F + r_2 R) / (r_3 F - r_2 R) < 3.80 \quad (4)$$

where r₂R denotes a radius of curvature of the image side surface of the most object side negative meniscus lens in the

second lens group, and $r3F$ denotes a radius of curvature of a lens surface adjacent to the image side of the image side surface.

[0113] Conditional expression (4) is for excellently correcting coma and curvature of field generated in the second lens group alone. However, conditional expression (4) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0114] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (3) is preferably satisfied:

$$0.85 < f/f2 < 1.10 \quad (3)$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and $f2$ denotes a focal length of the second lens group.

[0115] Conditional expression (3) defines the focal length of the imaging lens and the focal length of the second lens group. However, conditional expression (3) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0116] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (5) is preferably satisfied:

$$1.55 < TL/\Sigma d < 1.75 \quad (5)$$

where TL denotes a total lens length of the imaging lens, and Σd denotes a distance along an optical axis between the most object side lens surface in the first lens group and the most image side lens surface in the second lens group.

[0117] Conditional expression (5) defines an appropriate total lens length of the imaging lens. However, conditional expression (5) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0118] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (6) is preferably satisfied:

$$4.00 < TL/Y_{\max} < 5.00 \quad (6)$$

where TL denotes a total lens length of the imaging lens, and Y_{\max} denotes the maximum image height of the imaging lens.

[0119] Conditional expression (6) defines an appropriate total lens length of the imaging lens. However, conditional expression (6) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0120] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, in order to harmonize higher optical performance with compactness, the second lens group preferably includes at least one aspherical surface. With this configuration, spherical aberration and curvature of field can be excellently corrected.

[0121] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, in order to harmonize high optical performance with compactness, the negative meniscus lens disposed to the most object side in the second lens group preferably includes at least one aspherical surface. With this configuration, spherical aberration and curvature of field can be excellently corrected and high optical performance and compactness can be harmonized.

[0122] In an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, in order to realize higher optical performance, the positive

lens disposed to the most image side in the second lens group preferably includes at least one aspherical surface. With this configuration, distortion and curvature of field generated upon focusing can be excellently corrected.

[0123] An optical apparatus seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application is equipped with the above-described imaging lens. With this configuration, it becomes possible to realize a compact optical apparatus having a large aperture and a wide angle of view and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

[0124] Then, a method for manufacturing an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application is a method for manufacturing an imaging lens including, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power, and a second lens group having positive refractive power, the method comprising steps of:

[0125] disposing the first lens group with a single positive lens component having a convex surface facing an image side;

[0126] disposing the second lens group consisting of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive lens having a convex surface facing the object side, an aperture stop, a cemented lens constructed by a negative lens having a concave surface facing the object side cemented with a positive lens having a convex surface facing the image side, and a positive lens; and

[0127] moving at least a portion of the second lens group along an optical axis, thereby carrying out focusing from an infinity object to a close object.

[0128] With this method for manufacturing an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, it becomes possible to manufacture a compact imaging lens having a large aperture and a wide angle of view and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

[0129] Then, an imaging lens according to each numerical example of the first embodiment of the present application is explained below with reference to accompanying drawings.

Example 1

[0130] FIG. 1 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 1 of the first embodiment of the present application.

[0131] As shown in FIG. 1, the imaging lens according to Example 1 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0132] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0133] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens

L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0134] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0135] Incidentally, an unillustrated imaging device composed of a CCD, or a CMOS is disposed on the image plane I. This is the same in the other Examples explained later.

[0136] In the imaging lens according to Example 1, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the whole of the second lens group G2 along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0137] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 1 are listed in Table 1.

[0138] In (Specifications) in Table 1, f denotes a focal length, FNO denotes an f-number, 2ω denotes an angle of view (unit: degree), Y denotes an image height, TL denotes a total lens length, which is a distance along the optical axis between the most object side lens surface of the first lens group G1 and the image plane I, BF denotes a back focal length, which is a distance along the optical axis between the most image side lens surface in the second lens group G2 and the image plane I, ACTL denotes an air converted value of the total lens length, and ACBF denotes an air converted value of the back focal length. In (Lens Data), the left most column “i” shows an optical surface number counted in order from the object side, the second column “r” shows a radius of curvature of an optical surface, the third column “d” shows a distance to the next optical surface along an optical axis, the fourth column “nd” shows a refractive index at d-line (wavelength $\lambda=587.6$ nm), and the fifth column “vd” shows an Abbe number at d-line (wavelength $\lambda=587.6$ nm). In (Lens Data), an aperture stop S, a first flare stopper FS1, and a second flare stopper FS2 are shown. In the fourth column “nd” refractive index of the air $nd=1.000000$ is omitted. In the second column “r”, $r=\infty$ indicates a plane surface.

[0139] An aspherical surface is expressed by the following expression when y is a height in the direction vertical to the optical axis, S(y) is a distance (sag amount) along the optical axis from a tangent plane of a vertex of each aspherical surface at the height y up to each aspherical surface, r is a radius of curvature (paraxial radius of curvature) of a reference sphere, k is a conical coefficient and Cn is an n-th order aspherical surface coefficient. Note that [E-n] represents $[\times 10^{-n}]$ in the subsequent Examples:

$$S(y) = (y^2/r) / [1 + (1 - k \times y^2/r^2)^{1/2}] + C4 \times y^4 + C6 \times y^6 + C8 \times y^8 + C10 \times y^{10}.$$

[0140] It should be noted that a second order aspherical surface coefficient C2 is “0” in each of Examples.

[0141] In (Aspherical Surface Data), “E-n” denotes “ $\times 10^{-n}$ ”, in which “n” is an integer, and for example “1.234E-05” denotes “ 1.234×10^{-5} ”. Each aspherical surface is expressed in (Lens Data) by attaching “*” to the left side of the surface number. In (Variable Distances), INF denotes upon focusing on an infinity object, CLD denotes upon focusing on a close object (shooting range=0.5 m), and di (i is an integer) denotes the surface distance of the i-th surface. In (Values for Conditional Expressions), values for respective conditional expressions are shown.

[0142] In respective tables for various values, “mm” is generally used for the unit of length such as the focal length, the radius of curvature and the distance to the next lens surface. However, since similar optical performance can be obtained

by an optical system proportionally enlarged or reduced its dimension, the unit is not necessarily to be limited to “mm”, and any other suitable unit can be used.

[0143] The explanation of reference symbols is the same in the other Examples.

TABLE 1

(Specifications)				
f = 10.30				
FNO = 2.92				
$2\omega = 78.61$				
Y = 8.20				
TL = 37.96				
BF = 15.38				
ACTL = 37.01				
ACBF = 14.43				
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	160.5145	1.55	1.48749	70.23
2	-160.5440	d2		
3	26.1848	1.10	1.58913	61.16
*4	4.8842	3.95		
5	9.0140	2.50	1.74950	35.28
6	79.5499	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.55	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	0.75	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-8.6375	1.20	1.80810	22.76
11	113.7348	2.50	1.75500	52.32
12	-10.6165	0.40		
13	21.1214	2.95	1.59201	67.02
*14	-13.9521	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		
(Aspherical Surface Data)				
Surface Number = 4				
r = 4.8842				
$\kappa = +0.5528$				
C4 = +7.2260E-5				
C6 = -3.0492E-6				
C8 = +2.2154E-7				
C10 = -7.9802E-10				
Surface Number = 14				
r = -13.9521				
$\kappa = -11.4868$				
C4 = -3.0331E-4				
C6 = +1.1991E-5				
C8 = -1.9031E-7				
C10 = +1.4300E-9				
(Variable Distances)				
		INF	CLD	
d2 =		2.1334	1.9061	
d14 =		10.5166	10.7439	
d20 =		0.6644	0.6644	

TABLE 1-continued

(Lens Group Data)		
Group	I	Focal Length
1	1	164.9097
2	3	9.9988
(Values for Conditional Expressions)		
f = 10.3000		
f1 = 164.9097		
f2 = 9.9988		
r2R = 4.8842		
r3F = 9.0140		
TL = 37.9644		
$\Sigma d = 22.5834$		
Ymax = 8.2000		
(1) $f/f1 = 0.0625$		
(2) $f2/f1 = 0.0606$		
(3) $f/f2 = 1.0301$		
(4) $(r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 3.3653$		
(5) $TL/\Sigma d = 1.6811$		
(6) $TL/Ymax = 4.6298$		

[0144] FIGS. 2A and 2B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 1, in which FIG. 2A is upon focusing on infinity, and FIG. 2B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0145] In respective graphs, FNO denotes an f-number, A denotes a half angle of view, NA denotes a numerical aperture, HO denotes an object height. In graphs showing astigmatism, a solid line indicates a sagittal image plane, and a broken line indicates a meridional image plane. The explanations of reference symbols are the same in the other Examples.

[0146] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 1 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object.

Example 2

[0147] FIG. 3 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 2 of the present application.

[0148] As shown in FIG. 3, the imaging lens according to Example 2 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0149] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0150] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0151] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0152] In the imaging lens according to Example 2, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving a portion of the second lens group G2, in particular, a

cemented lens constructed by the negative lens L23 cemented with the positive lens L24, and the positive lens L25 in a body along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0153] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 2 are listed in Table 2.

TABLE 2

(Specifications)				
f = 10.30				
FNO = 2.92				
2 ω = 78.60				
Y = 8.20				
TL = 37.97				
BF = 15.46				
ACTL = 37.02				
ACBF = 14.51				
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	346.0582	1.20	1.60300	65.44
2	-346.0893	d2		
3	24.3607	1.20	1.58313	59.38
*4	4.6967	3.70		
5	9.3473	2.90	1.74950	35.28
6	305.1987	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.40	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	d9	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-9.2201	1.00	1.80810	22.76
11	77.4450	2.70	1.75500	52.32
12	-10.9830	0.40		
13	25.7154	2.95	1.59201	67.02
*14	-12.9856	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		
(Aspherical Surface Data)				
Surface Number = 4				
r = 4.6967				
$\kappa = +0.1147$				
C4 = +5.5141E-4				
C6 = +3.4495E-6				
C8 = +3.3752E-7				
C10 = -9.7228E-10				
Surface Number = 14				
r = -12.9856				
$\kappa = -10.9391$				
C4 = -4.1228E-4				
C6 = +1.5051E-5				
C8 = -2.5702E-7				
C10 = +2.1453E-9				
(Variable Distances)				
	INF	CLD		
d2 =	2.1557	2.1557		
d9 =	0.9000	0.6716		
d14 =	10.5637	10.7921		
d20 =	0.7000	0.7000		

TABLE 2-continued

(Lens Group Data)		
Group	I	Focal Length
1	1	287.1468
2	3	10.1322
(Values for Conditional Expressions)		
f = 10.3000		
f1 = 287.1468		
f2 = 10.1322		
r2R = 4.6967		
r3F = 9.3473		
TL = 37.9694		
$\Sigma d = 22.5057$		
Ymax = 8.2000		
(1) $f/f1 = 0.0359$		
(2) $f2/f1 = 0.0353$		
(3) $f/f2 = 1.0166$		
(4) $(r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 3.0199$		
(5) $TL/\Sigma d = 1.6871$		
(6) $TL/Ymax = 4.6304$		

[0154] FIGS. 4A and 4B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 2, in which FIG. 4A is upon focusing on infinity, and FIG. 4B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0155] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 2 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object.

Example 3

[0156] FIG. 5 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 3 of the present application.

[0157] As shown in FIG. 5, the imaging lens according to Example 3 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0158] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0159] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0160] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0161] In the imaging lens according to Example 3, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the whole of the second lens group G2 along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0162] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 3 are listed in Table 3.

TABLE 3

(Specifications)				
f = 10.30				
FNO = 2.91				
2 ω = 78.62				
Y = 8.20				
TL = 37.57				
BF = 15.47				
ACTL = 36.62				
ACBF = 14.52				
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	332.7704	1.00	1.60300	65.44
2	-332.7936	d2		
3	22.0308	1.10	1.58313	59.38
*4	4.5012	3.45		
5	9.0325	3.05	1.74950	35.28
6	117.5529	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.60	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	0.70	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-10.0955	1.00	1.80810	22.76
11	52.5077	2.70	1.75500	52.32
12	-11.5974	0.40		
13	24.8237	2.97	1.59201	67.05
*14	-12.8447	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		
(Aspherical Surface Data)				
Surface Number = 4				
r = 4.5012				
$\kappa = +0.3479$				
C4 = +3.0704E-4				
C6 = +9.9005E-7				
C8 = +3.7811E-7				
C10 = -1.2499E-9				
Surface Number = 14				
r = -12.8447				
$\kappa = -10.3357$				
C4 = -4.0200E-4				
C6 = +1.4415E-5				
C8 = -2.4522E-7				
C10 = +2.0151E-9				
(Variable Distances)				
	INF	CLD		
d2 =	2.1344	1.9074		
d14 =	10.6000	10.8270		
d20 =	0.6652	0.6652		
(Lens Group Data)				
Group	I	Focal Length		
1	1	276.0942		
2	3	10.1310		
(Values for Conditional Expressions)				
f = 10.2975				
f1 = 276.0942				
f2 = 10.1310				
r2R = 4.5012				
r3F = 9.0325				

TABLE 3-continued

TL = 37.5652
$\Sigma d = 22.1000$
Ymax = 8.2000
(1) $f/f1 = 0.0373$
(2) $f2/f1 = 0.0367$
(3) $f/f2 = 1.0164$
(4) $(r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 2.9867$
(5) $TL/\Sigma d = 1.6998$
(6) $TL/Ymax = 4.5811$

[0163] FIGS. 6A and 6B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 3, in which FIG. 6A is upon focusing on infinity, and FIG. 6B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0164] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 3 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object.

Example 4

[0165] FIG. 7 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 4 of the present application.

[0166] As shown in FIG. 7, the imaging lens according to Example 4 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0167] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0168] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0169] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0170] In the imaging lens according to Example 4, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the whole of the second lens group G2 along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0171] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 4 are listed in Table 4.

TABLE 4

(Specifications)	
f	10.30
FNO	2.89
2 ω	78.61
Y	8.20
TL	37.47
BF	15.38
ACTL	36.52
ACBF	14.43

TABLE 4-continued

(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	290.4936	1.00	1.51680	64.11
2	-290.7707	d2		
3	19.6032	1.10	1.58913	61.15
*4	4.4561	3.25		
5	9.1671	3.75	1.74950	35.28
6	79.1129	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.05	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	1.25	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-11.3274	1.15	1.80810	22.76
11	44.4829	2.75	1.75500	52.32
12	-11.5221	0.50		
13	23.9759	3.00	1.59201	67.02
*14	-14.2191	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		
(Aspherical Surface Data)				
Surface Number = 4				
r = 4.4561				
κ = +0.6048				
C4 = -2.4225E-5				
C6 = -1.1037E-5				
C8 = +5.0943E-7				
C10 = -1.8920E-8				
Surface Number = 14				
r = -14.2191				
κ = -11.3728				
C4 = -3.1719E-4				
C6 = +1.0532E-5				
C8 = -1.6628E-7				
C10 = +1.2559E-9				
(Variable Distances)				
	INF	CLD		
d2 =	1.2865	1.0592		
d14 =	10.5135	10.7408		
d20 =	0.6702	0.6702		
(Lens Group Data)				
Group	I	Focal Length		
1	1	281.3493		
2	3	10.1574		
(Values for Conditional Expressions)				
f = 10.3000				
f1 = 281.3493				
f2 = 10.1574				
r2R = 4.4561				
r3F = 9.1671				
TL = 37.4702				
Σd = 22.0865				
Ymax = 8.2000				
(1) f/f1 = 0.0366				
(2) f2/f1 = 0.0361				
(3) f/f2 = 1.0140				
(4) (r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 2.8917				
(5) TL/Σd = 1.6965				
(6) TL/Ymax = 4.5695				

[0172] FIGS. 8A and 8B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 4, in which FIG. 8A is upon focusing on infinity, and FIG. 8B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0173] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 4 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object.

Example 5

[0174] FIG. 9 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 5 of the present application.

[0175] As shown in FIG. 9, the imaging lens according to Example 5 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0176] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0177] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0178] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0179] In the imaging lens according to Example 5, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving a portion of the second lens group G2, in particular, a cemented lens constructed by the negative lens L23 cemented with the positive lens L24, and the positive lens L25 in a body along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0180] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 5 are listed in Table 5.

TABLE 5

(Specifications)				
f = 10.30				
FNO = 2.92				
2 ω = 78.60				
Y = 8.20				
TL = 37.45				
BF = 15.52				
ACTL = 36.50				
ACBF = 14.57				
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	367.5465	1.00	1.60300	65.44
2	-368.4597	d2		
3	21.2966	1.10	1.58313	59.38
*4	4.4652	3.35		
5	9.2118	3.50	1.74950	35.28
6	129.9098	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.60	Aperture Stop S	

TABLE 5-continued

		d9	Flare Stopper FS2	
9	∞		1.80810	22.76
10	-10.7870	1.10	1.75500	52.32
11	46.2743	2.75		
12	-11.6441	0.40		
13	25.7948	2.95	1.59201	67.02
*14	-13.3762	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		

(Aspherical Surface Data)

Surface Number = 4	
r	4.4652
κ	+0.3656
C4	+2.6809E-4
C6	+1.6171E-6
C8	+2.8446E-7
C10	+2.2563E-10
Surface Number = 14	
r	-13.3762
κ	-11.1665
C4	-3.9072E-4
C6	+1.3411E-5
C8	-2.2460E-7
C10	+1.8090E-9

(Variable Distances)

	INF	CLD
d2 =	1.4850	1.4850
d9 =	0.7000	0.4728
d14 =	10.6489	10.8762
d20 =	0.6663	0.6663

(Lens Group Data)

Group	I	Focal Length
1	1	305.2986
2	3	10.1676

(Values for Conditional Expressions)

f	10.3000
f1	305.2986
f2	10.1676
r2R	4.4652
r3F	9.2118
TL	37.4502
Σd	21.9350
Ymax	8.2000
(1) f/f1	0.0337
(2) f2/f1	0.0333
(3) f/f2	1.0130
(4) (r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R)	2.8814
(5) TL/ Σd	1.7073
(6) TL/Ymax	4.5671

[0181] FIGS. 10A and 10B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 5, in which FIG. 10A is upon focusing on infinity, and FIG. 10B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0182] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 5 shows superb optical performance as

a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object.

Example 6

[0183] FIG. 11 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 6 of the present application.

[0184] As shown in FIG. 11, the imaging lens according to Example 6 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0185] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0186] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0187] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0188] In the imaging lens according to Example 6, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the whole of the second lens group G2 along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0189] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 6 are listed in Table 6.

TABLE 6

(Specifications)				
	f = 10.30			
	FNO = 2.91			
	2 ω = 78.61			
	Y = 8.20			
	TL = 37.79			
	BF = 15.45			
	ACTL = 36.84			
	ACBF = 14.50			
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	160.4134	1.52	1.51633	64.14
2	-160.4538	d2		
3	23.9005	1.10	1.58313	59.38
*4	4.4680	3.19		
5	8.8845	3.00	1.74950	35.28
6	59.7352	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.05	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	1.25	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-10.3948	1.00	1.80810	22.76
11	53.0153	2.70	1.75500	52.32
12	-10.8113	0.40		
13	22.9281	2.99	1.59201	67.05
*14	-14.0952	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		

TABLE 6-continued

19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		
(Aspherical Surface Data)				
Surface Number = 4				
r = 4.4680				
κ = +0.4037				
C4 = +2.7434E-4				
C6 = +4.0423E-6				
C8 = +1.7001E-7				
C10 = +1.0858E-8				
Surface Number = 14				
r = -14.0952				
κ = -11.0203				
C4 = -3.0335E-4				
C6 = +1.0309E-5				
C8 = -1.5359E-7				
C10 = +1.0836E-9				
(Variable Distances)				
	INF	CLD		
d2 =	2.1336	1.9062		
d14 =	10.5627	10.7901		
d20 =	0.6862	0.6862		
(Lens Group Data)				
Group	I	Focal Length		
1	1	155.6106		
2	3	9.9966		
(Values for Conditional Expressions)				
f = 10.3014				
f1 = 155.6106				
f2 = 9.9966				
r2R = 4.4680				
r3F = 8.8845				
TL = 37.7862				
Σd = 22.3373				
Ymax = 8.2000				
(1) f/f1 = 0.0662				
(2) f2/f1 = 0.0642				
(3) f/f2 = 1.0305				
(4) (r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 3.0233				
(5) TL/ Σd = 1.6916				
(6) TL/Ymax = 4.6081				

[0190] FIGS. 12A and 12B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 6, in which FIG. 12A is upon focusing on infinity, and FIG. 12B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0191] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 6 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object.

Example 7

[0192] FIG. 13 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 7 of the present application.

[0193] As shown in FIG. 13, the imaging lens according to Example 7 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive

power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0194] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0195] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0196] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0197] In the imaging lens according to Example 7, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the whole of the second lens group G2 along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0198] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 7 are listed in Table 7.

TABLE 7

(Specifications)				
f = 10.30				
FNO = 2.94				
2ω = 78.61				
Y = 8.20				
TL = 37.86				
BF = 15.56				
ACTL = 36.91				
ACBF = 14.61				
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	307.5313	1.20	1.48749	70.23
2	-307.5947	d2		
3	21.9567	1.10	1.58313	59.38
*4	4.5581	3.45		
5	9.6306	3.05	1.74950	35.28
6	292.4663	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.05	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	1.25	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-8.9112	1.00	1.80810	22.76
11	506.5428	2.70	1.75500	52.32
12	-9.3793	0.40		
13	21.0314	2.97	1.49700	81.61
*14	-13.3938	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		
(Aspherical Surface Data)				
Surface Number = 4				
r = 4.5581				
κ = +0.1979				
C4 = +4.8517E-4				
C6 = +5.1785E-6				
C8 = +2.7432E-7				
C10 = +2.0130E-9				

TABLE 7-continued

Surface Number = 14		
r = -13.3938		
κ = -12.8217		
C4 = -4.2055E-4		
C6 = +1.6915E-5		
C8 = -2.9730E-7		
C10 = +2.4991E-9		
(Variable Distances)		
	INF	CLD
d2 =	2.1354	1.9083
d14 =	10.6990	10.9261
d20 =	0.6645	0.6645
(Lens Group Data)		
Group	I	Focal Length
1	1	315.6575
2	3	10.1518
(Values for Conditional Expressions)		
f = 10.3000		
f1 = 315.6575		
f2 = 10.1518		
r2R = 4.5581		
r3F = 9.6306		
TL = 37.8645		
Σd = 22.3010		
Ymax = 8.2000		
(1) f/f1 = 0.0326		
(2) f2/f1 = 0.0322		
(3) f/f2 = 1.0146		
(4) (r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 2.7972		
(5) TL/Σd = 1.6979		
(6) TL/Ymax = 4.6176		

[0199] FIGS. 14A and 14B are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 7, in which FIG. 14A is upon focusing on infinity, and FIG. 14B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance.

[0200] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 6 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object.

[0201] Each example described above makes it possible to provide a compact imaging lens having a wide angle of view of 60 degrees or more, a large aperture of an f-number of about 2.8 and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

[0202] In an imaging lens according to each Example, a back focal length, which is a distance along the optical axis between the image side lens surface of a lens disposed to the most image side and the image plane, is preferably from about 10.0 mm to 30.0 mm in the smallest state. Moreover, in an imaging lens according to each Example, the image height is preferably 5.0 mm to 12.5 mm, and most preferably 5.0 mm to 9.5 mm.

[0203] Then, an outline of a method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the first embodiment of the present application is explained below with reference to FIG. 31.

[0204] FIG. 31 is a flowchart showing a method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the present embodiment.

[0205] The method for manufacturing an imaging lens is a method for manufacturing an imaging lens including, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power and a second lens group having positive refractive, the method includes the following steps S1 through S3:

[0206] Step S1: disposing the second lens group with a plurality of lens components;

[0207] Step S2: disposing the imaging lens with satisfying the following conditional expression (1):

$$0.015 < f/f_1 < 0.085 \quad (1)$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and f_1 denotes a focal length of the first lens group; and

[0208] Step S3: fixing a position of the first lens group with respect to an image plane.

[0209] With the method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the present application, it becomes possible to manufacture a compact imaging lens having a wide angle of view, a large aperture and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

[0210] Then, an outline of a method for manufacturing an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application is explained below with reference to FIG. 32.

[0211] FIG. 32 is a flowchart showing a method for manufacturing an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application.

[0212] The method for manufacturing an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment is a method for manufacturing an imaging lens including, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power and a second lens group having positive refractive, the method includes the following steps S11 through S13:

[0213] Step S11: disposing the first lens group with a single positive lens component having a convex surface facing an image side;

[0214] Step S12: disposing the second lens group consisting of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side, a positive lens having a convex surface facing the object side, an aperture stop, a cemented lens constructed by a negative lens having a concave surface facing the object side cemented with a positive lens having a convex surface facing the image side, and a positive lens into a lens barrel in order from the object side; and

[0215] Step S13: moving the whole or a portion of the second lens group along an optical axis by providing a well-known moving mechanism in the lens barrel, thereby carrying out focusing from an infinity object to a close object.

[0216] With this method for manufacturing an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the first embodiment of the present application, it becomes possible to manufacture a compact imaging lens having a wide angle of view, a large aperture and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

Second Embodiment

[0217] Then, an imaging lens, an optical apparatus equipped with the imaging lens, and a method for manufacturing the imaging lens according to a second embodiment of the present application are explained below.

[0218] An imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application includes, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power, and a second lens group having positive refractive power. The first lens group consists of a single lens component. The second lens group consists of, in order from the object side, a front lens group, an aperture stop, and a rear lens group. The whole or the rear lens group of the second lens group is moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to an optical axis.

[0219] As described above, an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application includes, in order from the object side, the first lens group having positive refractive power, and the second lens group having positive refractive power. The first lens group consists of a single lens component. The second lens group consists of, in order from the object side, the front lens group, the aperture stop, and the rear lens group. With this configuration, it becomes possible to realize a compact imaging lens having a wide angle of view and high optical performance. In particular, the second lens group becomes close to a symmetric type refractive power distribution, which is, in order from the object side, the front lens group, the aperture stop, and the rear lens group, so that it becomes possible to excellently correct curvature of field and distortion. Incidentally, a lens component is defined as a single lens or a cemented lens constructed by cementing two lenses or more.

[0220] Moreover, at least a portion of the second lens group is moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis so as to shifting the image, thereby correcting an image blur caused by a camera shake (vibration reduction). In particular, when the whole of the second lens group is made to be the shift lens group, driving mechanism can be simplified. Moreover, when the rear lens group in the second lens group is made to be the shift lens group, since the shift lens group can be lightened, response speed upon vibration reduction can be increased.

[0221] With this configuration, it becomes possible to excellently correct various aberrations and realize a compact imaging lens having excellent optical performance over entire image frame with minimally suppressing deterioration in optical performance upon vibration reduction.

[0222] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (7) is preferably satisfied:

$$0.00 < f2R/f2F < 0.20 \quad (7)$$

where $f2F$ denotes a focal length of the front lens group, and $f2R$ denotes a focal length of the rear lens group.

[0223] Conditional expression (7) defines the focal length of the front lens group and the focal length of the rear lens group. With satisfying conditional expression (7), an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the present application makes it possible to excellently correct curvature of field, spherical aberration, coma and spherical aberration generated in the front lens group alone, and coma generated in the second lens group.

[0224] When the ratio $f2R/|f2F|$ is equal to or exceeds the upper limit of conditional expression (7), refractive power of the front lens group becomes relatively strong, so that it becomes difficult to correct spherical aberration and coma generated in the front lens group alone. Moreover, refractive power of the rear lens group becomes relatively weak, so that it becomes difficult to correct curvature of field. Accordingly,

it is undesirable. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (7) to 0.17. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (7) to 0.15.

[0225] On the other hand, when the ratio $f2R/|f2F|$ is equal to or falls below the lower limit of conditional expression (7), refractive power of the front lens group becomes relatively weak, correction of spherical aberration becomes insufficient, so that it is undesirable. Moreover, refractive power of the rear lens group becomes relatively strong, so that coma generated in the second lens group becomes excessively large. Accordingly, the purpose of the present application to obtain excellent optical performance cannot be realized. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (7) to 0.003. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (7) to 0.005.

[0226] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, in order to obtain higher optical performance, the rear lens group preferably includes, in order from the object side, a cemented lens constructed by a negative lens having a concave surface facing the object side cemented with a positive lens having a convex surface facing an image side, and a double convex positive lens. With this configuration, it becomes possible to excellently correct curvature of field and coma.

[0227] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, at least a portion of the second lens group is preferably moved as a focusing lens group along the optical axis, thereby carrying out focusing from an infinity object to a close object. With this configuration, a moving amount of the focusing lens group toward the object upon focusing becomes extremely small, so that variations in spherical aberration and curvature of field can be excellently suppressed. Moreover, interference between lenses and mechanical parts that holds lenses can be prevented.

[0228] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, in order to harmonize high optical performance with compactness, the front lens group preferably includes, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side, and a positive meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side. With this configuration, it becomes possible to excellently correct spherical aberration and curvature of field generated in the front lens group alone.

[0229] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, the front lens group preferably includes a plurality of lens components, and the following conditional expression (4) is preferably satisfied:

$$2.50 < (r3F + r2R) / (r3F - r2R) < 3.80 \quad (4)$$

where $r2R$ denotes a radius of curvature of the image side lens surface of a lens component disposed to the most object side in the front lens group, and $r3F$ denotes a radius of curvature of a lens surface adjacent to the image side of the image side lens surface.

[0230] Conditional expression (4) is for excellently correcting coma and curvature of field generated in the second lens group alone. However, conditional expression (4) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0231] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (5) is preferably satisfied:

$$1.55 < TL / \Sigma d < 1.75 \quad (5)$$

where TL denotes a total lens length of the imaging lens, and Σd denotes a distance along an optical axis between the most object side lens surface in the first lens group and the most image side lens surface in the second lens group.

[0232] Conditional expression (5) defines an appropriate total lens length of the imaging lens. However, conditional expression (5) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0233] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (6) is preferably satisfied:

$$4.00 < TL / Y_{\max} < 5.00 \quad (6)$$

where TL denotes a total lens length of the imaging lens, and Y_{\max} denotes the maximum image height of the imaging lens.

[0234] Conditional expression (6) defines an appropriate total lens length of the imaging lens. However, conditional expression (6) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0235] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (2) is preferably satisfied:

$$0.015 < f2/f1 < 0.085 \quad (2)$$

where $f1$ denotes a focal length of the first lens group, and $f2$ denotes a focal length of the second lens group.

[0236] Conditional expression (2) defines the focal length of the first lens group and the focal length of the second lens group. However, conditional expression (2) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0237] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (8) is preferably satisfied:

$$0.70 < f/f2R < 0.85 \quad (8)$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and $f2R$ denotes a focal length of the rear lens group.

[0238] Conditional expression (8) defines the focal length of the imaging lens and the focal length of the rear lens group. With satisfying conditional expression (8), an imaging lens seen from another point of view according to the present application makes it possible to suppress variation in curvature of field upon vibration reduction with excellently correcting spherical aberration generated in the rear lens group alone.

[0239] When the ratio $f/f2R$ is equal to or exceeds the upper limit of conditional expression (8), refractive power of the rear lens group becomes strong, so that spherical aberration generated in the rear lens group alone becomes large. Accordingly, it is undesirable. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (8) to 0.83. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the upper limit of conditional expression (8) to 0.82.

[0240] On the other hand, when the ratio $f/f2R$ is equal to or falls below the lower limit of conditional expression (8), refractive power of the rear lens group becomes weak, so that the rear lens group does not become afocal. Accordingly, variation in curvature of field upon vibration reduction

becomes large. In order to secure the effect of the present application, it is preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (8) to 0.72. In order to further secure the effect of the present application, it is most preferable to set the lower limit of conditional expression (8) to 0.74.

[0241] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, in order to realize higher optical performance, the first lens group preferably consists of a positive lens having a convex surface facing the object side. With this configuration, it becomes possible to excellently correct distortion and curvature of field generated in the whole system of the imaging lens.

[0242] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, in order to realize higher optical performance, the position of the first lens group is preferably fixed with respect to the image plane. With this configuration, it becomes possible to excellently correct distortion and curvature of field generated in the whole system of the imaging lens. Moreover, even if external force is inadvertently applied upon using the imaging lens, a moving portion of the imaging lens can be protected.

[0243] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, the following conditional expression (1) is preferably satisfied:

$$0.015 < f/f_1 < 0.085 \quad (1)$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and f_1 denotes a focal length of the first lens group.

[0244] Conditional expression (1) defines the focal length of the first lens group and the focal length of the imaging lens. However, conditional expression (1) has already been explained above, so that duplicated explanations are omitted.

[0245] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, in order to harmonize higher optical performance with compactness, the front lens group preferably includes at least one aspherical surface. With this configuration, spherical aberration and curvature of field can be excellently corrected.

[0246] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, in order to harmonize high optical performance with compactness, the front lens group preferably includes a plurality of lens components, and the most object side lens component in the first lens group preferably includes at least one aspherical surface. With this configuration, spherical aberration and curvature of field can be excellently corrected and higher optical performance and compactness can be harmonized.

[0247] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, in order to harmonize higher optical performance with compactness, the rear lens group preferably includes at least one aspherical surface. With this configuration, distortion and curvature of field can be excellently corrected.

[0248] In an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, in order to realize higher optical performance, it is preferable that the rear lens group includes a plurality of lens components and the most image side lens component in the rear lens group includes at least one aspherical surface. With this configuration, distortion and curvature of field generated upon focusing can be excellently corrected.

[0249] An optical apparatus according to the second embodiment of the present application is equipped with the above-described imaging lens. With this configuration, it

becomes possible to realize a compact optical apparatus capable of correcting various aberrations, suppressing deterioration in optical performance minimally upon vibration reduction, and having excellent optical performance over entire image frame.

[0250] Then, a method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application is a method for manufacturing an imaging lens including, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power, and a second lens group having positive refractive power, the method comprising steps of:

[0251] disposing the first lens group with a single lens component;

[0252] disposing the second lens group consisting of, in order from the object side, a front lens group, an aperture stop, and a rear lens group; and

[0253] moving the whole of the second lens group or the rear lens group as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to an optical axis.

[0254] With this method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, it becomes possible to manufacture a compact imaging lens capable of correcting various aberrations, suppressing deterioration in optical performance minimally upon vibration reduction, and having excellent optical performance over entire image frame.

[0255] Then, an imaging lens according to each numerical example of the second embodiment of the present application is explained below with reference to accompanying drawings.

Example 8

[0256] FIG. 15 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 8 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0257] As shown in FIG. 15, the imaging lens according to Example 8 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0258] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0259] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a front lens group G2F having positive refractive power, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, and a rear lens group G2R having positive refractive power.

[0260] The front lens group G2F is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, and a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side.

[0261] The rear lens group G2R is composed of, in order from the object side, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0262] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0263] In the imaging lens according to Example 8, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the whole of the second lens group G2 along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0264] Moreover, in the imaging lens according to Example 8, the whole of the second lens group is moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis, thereby correcting an image blur upon generating a camera shake.

[0265] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 8 are listed in Table 8.

TABLE 8				
(Specifications)				
$f = 10.30$ $FNO = 2.92$ $2\omega = 78.61$ $Y = 8.20$ $TL = 37.96$ $Bf = 15.38$ $ACTL = 37.01$ $ACBF = 14.43$				
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	160.5145	1.55	1.48749	70.23
2	-160.5440	d2		
3	26.1848	1.10	1.58913	61.16
*4	4.8842	3.95		
5	9.0140	2.50	1.74950	35.28
6	79.5499	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.55	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	0.75	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-8.6375	1.20	1.80810	22.76
11	113.7348	2.50	1.75500	52.32
12	-10.6165	0.40		
13	21.1214	2.95	1.59201	67.02
*14	-13.9521	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		
(Aspherical Surface Data)				
Surface Number = 4				
$r = 4.8842$ $\kappa = +0.5528$ $C4 = +7.2260E-5$ $C6 = -3.0492E-6$ $C8 = +2.2154E-7$ $C10 = -7.9802E-10$				
Surface Number = 14				
$r = -13.9521$ $\kappa = -11.4868$ $C4 = -3.0331E-4$ $C6 = +1.1991E-5$ $C8 = -1.9031E-7$ $C10 = +1.4300E-9$				
(Variable Distances)				
	INF	CLD		
d2 =	2.1334	1.9061		
d14 =	10.5166	10.7439		
d20 =	0.6644	0.6644		

TABLE 8-continued

(Lens Group Data)		
Group	I	Focal Length
1	1	164.9097
2	3	9.9988
(Values for Conditional Expressions)		
$f = 10.3000$ $f1 = 164.9097$ $f2 = 9.9988$ $f2F = 217.6430$ $f2R = 13.5869$ $r2R = 4.8842$ $r3F = 9.0140$ $TL = 37.9644$ $\Sigma d = 22.5834$ $Y_{max} = 8.2000$ (1) $f/f1 = 0.0625$ (2) $f2/f1 = 0.0606$ (4) $(r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 3.3653$ (5) $TL/\Sigma d = 1.6811$ (6) $TL/Y_{max} = 4.6298$ (7) $f2R/f2F = 0.0624$ (8) $f/f2R = 0.7581$		

[0266] FIGS. 16A, 16B and 16C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 8 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 16A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 16B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 16C is coma upon focusing on an infinity object upon moving the shift lens group vertically upward in FIG. 15 by an amount of 0.1 mm.

[0267] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 8 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object with minimally suppressing deterioration in optical performance upon vibration reduction.

Example 9

[0268] FIG. 17 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 9 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0269] As shown in FIG. 17, the imaging lens according to Example 9 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0270] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0271] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a front lens group G2F having positive refractive power, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, and a rear lens group G2R having positive refractive power.

[0272] The front lens group G2F is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, and a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side.

[0273] The rear lens group G2R is composed of, in order from the object side, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0274] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0275] In the imaging lens according to Example 9, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the rear lens group G2R, which is a portion of the second lens group G2, along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0276] Moreover, in the imaging lens according to Example 9, the whole of the second lens group is moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis, thereby correcting an image blur upon generating a camera shake.

[0277] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 9 are listed in Table 9.

TABLE 9				
(Specifications)				
f = 10.30				
FNO = 2.92				
2 ω = 78.60				
Y = 8.20				
TL = 37.97				
BF = 15.46				
ACTL = 37.02				
ACBF = 14.51				
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	346.0582	1.20	1.60300	65.44
2	-346.0893	d2		
3	24.3607	1.20	1.58313	59.38
*4	4.6967	3.70		
5	9.3473	2.90	1.74950	35.28
6	305.1987	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.40	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	d9	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-9.2201	1.00	1.80810	22.76
11	77.4450	2.70	1.75500	52.32
12	-10.9830	0.40		
13	25.7154	2.95	1.59201	67.02
*14	-12.9856	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		
(Aspherical Surface Data)				
Surface Number = 4				
r = 4.6967				
κ = +0.1147				
C4 = +5.5141E-4				
C6 = +3.4495E-6				
C8 = +3.3752E-7				
C10 = -9.7228E-10				
Surface Number = 14				
r = -12.9856				
κ = -10.9391				
C4 = -4.1228E-4				
C6 = +1.5051E-5				
C8 = -2.5702E-7				
C10 = +2.1453E-9				

TABLE 9-continued

(Variable Distances)		
	INF	CLD
d2 =	2.1557	2.1557
d9 =	0.9000	0.6716
d14 =	10.5637	10.7921
d20 =	0.7000	0.7000
(Lens Group Data)		
Group	I	Focal Length
1	1	287.1468
2	3	10.1322
(Values for Conditional Expressions)		
f = 10.3000		
f1 = 287.1468		
f2 = 10.1322		
f2F = 152.2949		
f2R = 13.7383		
r2R = 4.6967		
r3F = 9.3473		
TL = 37.9694		
Σd = 22.5057		
Ymax = 8.2000		
(1) f/f1 = 0.0359		
(2) f2/f1 = 0.0353		
(4) (r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 3.0199		
(5) TL/ Σd = 1.6871		
(6) TL/Ymax = 4.6304		
(7) f2R/f2F = 0.0902		
(8) f/f2R = 0.7497		

[0278] FIGS. 18A, 18B and 18C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 9 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 18A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 18B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 18C is coma upon focusing on an infinity object upon moving the shift lens group vertically upward in FIG. 17 by an amount of 0.1 mm.

[0279] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 9 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object with minimally suppressing deterioration in optical performance upon vibration reduction.

Example 10

[0280] FIG. 19 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 10 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0281] As shown in FIG. 19, the imaging lens according to Example 10 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0282] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0283] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a front lens group G2F having positive refractive power, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, and a rear lens group G2R having positive refractive power.

[0284] The front lens group G2F is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, and a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side.

[0285] The rear lens group G2R is composed of, in order from the object side, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0286] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0287] In the imaging lens according to Example 10, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the whole of the second lens group G2 along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0288] Moreover, in the imaging lens according to Example 10, the rear lens group G2R of the second lens group is moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis, thereby correcting an image blur upon generating a camera shake.

[0289] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 10 are listed in Table 10.

TABLE 10				
(Specifications)				
f = 10.30				
FNO = 2.91				
2 ω = 78.62				
Y = 8.20				
TL = 37.57				
BF = 15.47				
ACTL = 36.62				
ACBF = 14.52				
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	332.7704	1.00	1.60300	65.44
2	-332.7936	d2		
3	22.0308	1.10	1.58313	59.38
*4	4.5012	3.45		
5	9.0325	3.05	1.74950	35.28
6	117.5529	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.60	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	0.70	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-10.0955	1.00	1.80810	22.76
11	52.5077	2.70	1.75500	52.32
12	-11.5974	0.40		
13	24.8237	2.97	1.59201	67.05
*14	-12.8447	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		
(Aspherical Surface Data)				
Surface Number = 4				
r = 4.5012				
κ = +0.3479				
C4 = +3.0704E-4				
C6 = +9.9005E-7				
C8 = +3.7811E-7				
C10 = -1.2499E-9				

TABLE 10-continued

Surface Number = 14		
r = -12.8447		
κ = -10.3357		
C4 = -4.0200E-4		
C6 = +1.4415E-5		
C8 = -2.4522E-7		
C10 = +2.0151E-9		
(Variable Distances)		
	INF	CLD
d2 =	2.1344	1.9074
d14 =	10.6000	10.8270
d20 =	0.6652	0.6652
(Lens Group Data)		
Group	I	Focal Length
1	1	276.0942
2	3	10.1310
(Values for Conditional Expressions)		
f = 10.2975		
f1 = 276.0942		
f2 = 10.1310		
f2F = 824.1941		
f2R = 13.3447		
r2R = 4.5012		
r3F = 9.0325		
TL = 37.5652		
Σd = 22.1000		
Ymax = 8.2000		
(1) f/f1 = 0.0373		
(2) f2/f1 = 0.0367		
(4) (r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 2.9867		
(5) TL/ Σd = 1.6998		
(6) TL/Ymax = 4.5811		
(7) f2R/f2F = 0.0162		
(8) f/f2R = 0.7717		

[0290] FIGS. 20A, 20B and 20C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 10 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 20A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 20B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 20C is coma upon focusing on an infinity object upon moving the shift lens group vertically upward in FIG. 19 by an amount of 0.1 mm.

[0291] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 10 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object with minimally suppressing deterioration in optical performance upon vibration reduction.

Example 11

[0292] FIG. 21 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 11 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0293] As shown in FIG. 21, the imaging lens according to Example 11 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0294] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0295] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a front lens group G2F having positive refractive power, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, and a rear lens group G2R having positive refractive power.

[0296] The front lens group G2F is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, and a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side.

[0297] The rear lens group G2R is composed of, in order from the object side, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0298] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0299] In the imaging lens according to Example 11, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the whole of the second lens group G2 along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0300] Moreover, in the imaging lens according to Example 11, the rear lens group G2R of the second lens group is moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis, thereby correcting an image blur upon generating a camera shake.

[0301] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 11 are listed in Table 11.

TABLE 11

(Specifications)				
f = 10.30				
FNO = 2.89				
2 ω = 78.61				
Y = 8.20				
TL = 37.47				
BF = 15.38				
ACTL = 36.52				
ACBF = 14.43				
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	290.4936	1.00	1.51680	64.11
2	-290.7707	d2		
3	19.6032	1.10	1.58913	61.15
*4	4.4561	3.25		
5	9.1671	3.75	1.74950	35.28
6	79.1129	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.05	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	1.25	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-11.3274	1.15	1.80810	22.76
11	44.4829	2.75	1.75500	52.32
12	-11.5221	0.50		
13	23.9759	3.00	1.59201	67.02
*14	-14.2191	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		

TABLE 11-continued

(Aspherical Surface Data)		
Surface Number = 4		
r = 4.4561		
κ = +0.6048		
C4 = -2.4225E-5		
C6 = -1.1037E-5		
C8 = +5.0943E-7		
C10 = -1.8920E-8		
Surface Number = 14		
r = -14.2191		
κ = -11.3728		
C4 = -3.1719E-4		
C6 = +1.0532E-5		
C8 = -1.6628E-7		
C10 = +1.2559E-9		
(Variable Distances)		
	INF	CLD
d2 =	1.2865	1.0592
d14 =	10.5135	10.7408
d20 =	0.6702	0.6702
(Lens Group Data)		
Group	I	Focal Length
1	1	281.3493
2	3	10.1574
(Values for Conditional Expressions)		
f = 10.3000		
f1 = 281.3493		
f2 = 10.1574		
f2F = -195.0408		
f2R = 12.8820		
r2R = 4.4561		
r3F = 9.1671		
TL = 37.4702		
Σd = 22.0865		
Ymax = 8.2000		
(1) f/f1 = 0.0366		
(2) f2/f1 = 0.0361		
(4) (r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 2.8917		
(5) TL/ Σd = 1.6965		
(6) TL/Ymax = 4.5695		
(7) f2R/f2F = 0.0660		
(8) f/f2R = 0.7996		

[0302] FIGS. 22A, 22B and 22C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 11 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 22A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 22B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 22C is coma upon focusing on an infinity object upon moving the shift lens group vertically upward in FIG. 21 by an amount of 0.1 mm.

[0303] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 11 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object with minimally suppressing deterioration in optical performance upon vibration reduction.

Example 12

[0304] FIG. 23 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 12 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0305] As shown in FIG. 23, the imaging lens according to Example 12 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0306] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0307] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a front lens group G2F having positive refractive power, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, and a rear lens group G2R having positive refractive power.

[0308] The front lens group G2F is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, and a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side.

[0309] The rear lens group G2R is composed of, in order from the object side, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0310] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0311] In the imaging lens according to Example 12, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the rear lens group G2R, which is a portion of the second lens group G2, along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0312] Moreover, in the imaging lens according to Example 12, the rear lens group G2R of the second lens group G2 is moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis, thereby correcting an image blur upon generating a camera shake.

[0313] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 12 are listed in Table 12.

TABLE 12

(Specifications)				
	f = 10.30			
	FNO = 2.92			
	2 ω = 78.60			
	Y = 8.20			
	TL = 37.45			
	BF = 15.52			
	ACTL = 36.50			
	ACBF = 14.57			
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	367.5465	1.00	1.60300	65.44
2	-368.4597	d2		
3	21.2966	1.10	1.58313	59.38
*4	4.4652	3.35		
5	9.2118	3.50	1.74950	35.28
6	129.9098	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.60	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	d9	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-10.7870	1.10	1.80810	22.76
11	46.2743	2.75	1.75500	52.32
12	-11.6441	0.40		
13	25.7948	2.95	1.59201	67.02
*14	-13.3762	d14		

TABLE 12-continued

15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		
(Aspherical Surface Data)				
Surface Number = 4				
r = 4.4652				
κ = +0.3656				
C4 = +2.6809E-4				
C6 = +1.6171E-6				
C8 = +2.8446E-7				
C10 = +2.2563E-10				
Surface Number = 14				
r = -13.3762				
κ = -11.1665				
C4 = -3.9072E-4				
C6 = +1.3411E-5				
C8 = -2.2460E-7				
C10 = +1.8090E-9				
(Variable Distances)				
	INF	CLD		
d2 =	1.4850	1.4850		
d9 =	0.7000	0.4728		
d14 =	10.6489	10.8762		
d20 =	0.6663	0.6663		
(Lens Group Data)				
Group	I	Focal Length		
1	1	305.2986		
2	3	10.1676		
(Values for Conditional Expressions)				
f = 10.3000				
f1 = 305.2986				
f2 = 10.1676				
f2F = -1011.0523				
f2R = 13.2321				
r2R = 4.4652				
r3F = 9.2118				
TL = 37.4502				
Σd = 21.9350				
Ymax = 8.2000				
(1) f/f1 = 0.0337				
(2) f2/f1 = 0.0333				
(4) (r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 2.8814				
(5) TL/ Σd = 1.7073				
(6) TL/Ymax = 4.5671				
(7) f2R/f2F = 0.0131				
(8) f/f2R = 0.7784				

[0314] FIGS. 24A, 24B and 24C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 12 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 24A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 24B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 24C is coma upon focusing on an infinity object upon moving the shift lens group vertically upward in FIG. 23 by an amount of 0.1 mm.

[0315] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 12 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object with minimally suppressing deterioration in optical performance upon vibration reduction.

Example 13

[0316] FIG. 25 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 13 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0317] As shown in FIG. 25, the imaging lens according to Example 11 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0318] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0319] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a front lens group G2F having positive refractive power, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, and rear lens group G2R having positive refractive power.

[0320] The front lens group G2F is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, and a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side.

[0321] The rear lens group G2R is composed of, in order from the object side, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0322] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0323] In the imaging lens according to Example 13, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the whole of the second lens group G2 along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0324] Moreover, in the imaging lens according to Example 13, the rear lens group G2R of the second lens group is moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis, thereby correcting an image blur upon generating a camera shake.

[0325] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 13 are listed in Table 13.

TABLE 13

(Specifications)				
f = 10.30				
FNO = 2.91				
2 ω = 78.61				
Y = 8.20				
TL = 37.79				
BF = 15.45				
ACTL = 36.84				
ACBF = 14.50				
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	160.4134	1.52	1.51633	64.14
2	-160.4538	d2		
3	23.9005	1.10	1.58313	59.38
*4	4.4680	3.19		
5	8.8845	3.00	1.74950	35.28
6	59.7352	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.05	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	1.25	Flare Stopper FS2	

TABLE 13-continued

10	-10.3948	1.00	1.80810	22.76
11	53.0153	2.70	1.75500	52.32
12	-10.8113	0.40		
13	22.9281	2.99	1.59201	67.05
*14	-14.0952	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		

(Aspherical Surface Data)		
Surface Number = 4		
r = 4.4680		
κ = +0.4037		
C4 = +2.7434E-4		
C6 = +4.0423E-6		
C8 = +1.7001E-7		
C10 = +1.0858E-8		
Surface Number = 14		
r = -14.0952		
κ = -11.0203		
C4 = -3.0335E-4		
C6 = +1.0309E-5		
C8 = -1.5359E-7		
C10 = +1.0836E-9		

(Variable Distances)		
	INF	CLD
d2 =	2.1336	1.9062
d14 =	10.5627	10.7901
d20 =	0.6862	0.6862

(Lens Group Data)		
Group	I	Focal Length
1	1	155.6106
2	3	9.9966

(Values for Conditional Expressions)
f = 10.3014
f1 = 155.6106
f2 = 9.9966
f2F = -107.3070
f2R = 12.6842
r2R = 4.4680
r3F = 8.8845
TL = 37.7862
Σ d = 22.3373
Ymax = 8.2000
(1) f/f1 = 0.0662
(2) f2/f1 = 0.0642
(4) (r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 3.0233
(5) TL/ Σ d = 1.6916
(6) TL/Ymax = 4.6081
(7) f2R/f2F = 0.1182
(8) f/f2R = 0.8121

[0326] FIGS. 26A, 26B and 26C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 13 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 26A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 26B is upon focusing on a close shooting distance, and FIG. 26C is coma upon focusing on an infinity object upon moving the shift lens group vertically upward in FIG. 25 by an amount of 0.1 mm.

[0327] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 13 shows superb optical performance

as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object with minimally suppressing deterioration in optical performance upon vibration reduction.

Example 14

[0328] FIG. 27 is a sectional view showing a lens configuration of an imaging lens according to Example 14 of the second embodiment of the present application.

[0329] As shown in FIG. 27, the imaging lens according to Example 14 is composed of, in order from an unillustrated object side, a first lens group G1 having positive refractive power, a second lens group G2 having positive refractive power disposed with a distance from the first lens group G1, and a filter group FL disposed with a distance from the second lens group G2.

[0330] The first lens group G1 is composed of a double convex positive lens L11 only.

[0331] The second lens group G2 is composed of, in order from the object side, a front lens group G2F having positive refractive power, a first flare stopper FS1, an aperture stop S, a second flare stopper FS2, and a rear lens group G2R having positive refractive power.

[0332] The front lens group G2F is composed of, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens L21 having a convex surface facing the object side, and a positive meniscus lens L22 having a convex surface facing the object side.

[0333] The rear lens group G2R is composed of, in order from the object side, a cemented lens constructed by a double concave negative lens L23 cemented with a double convex positive lens L24, and a double convex positive lens L25.

[0334] The filter group FL is composed of a low-pass filter, an infrared-light-blocking filter, and the like.

[0335] In the imaging lens according to Example 14, focusing from an infinity object to a close object is carried out by moving the whole of the second lens group G2 along the optical axis toward the object side. Incidentally, the position of the first lens group G1 is fixed with respect to the image plane I.

[0336] Moreover, in the imaging lens according to Example 14, the whole of the second lens group is moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis, thereby correcting an image blur upon generating a camera shake.

[0337] Various values associated with the imaging lens according to Example 14 are listed in Table 14.

TABLE 14

(Specifications)				
f	10.30			
FNO	2.94			
2 ω	78.61			
Y	8.20			
TL	37.86			
BF	15.56			
ACTL	36.91			
ACBF	14.61			
(Lens Data)				
i	r	d	nd	vd
1	307.5313	1.20	1.48749	70.23
2	-307.5947	d2		
3	21.9567	1.10	1.58313	59.38

TABLE 14-continued

*4	4.5581	3.45		
5	9.6306	3.05	1.74950	35.28
6	292.4663	0.30		
7	∞	1.70	Flare Stopper FS1	
8	∞	1.05	Aperture Stop S	
9	∞	1.25	Flare Stopper FS2	
10	-8.9112	1.00	1.80810	22.76
11	506.5428	2.70	1.75500	52.32
12	-9.3793	0.40		
13	21.0314	2.97	1.49700	81.61
*14	-13.3938	d14		
15	∞	0.50	1.51633	64.14
16	∞	1.11		
17	∞	1.59	1.51633	64.14
18	∞	0.30		
19	∞	0.70	1.51633	64.14
20	∞	d20		

(Aspherical Surface Data)

Surface Number = 4

r = 4.5581
 κ = +0.1979
 C4 = +4.8517E-4
 C6 = +5.1785E-6
 C8 = +2.7432E-7
 C10 = +2.0130E-9

Surface Number = 14

r = -13.3938
 κ = -12.8217
 C4 = -4.2055E-4
 C6 = +1.6915E-5
 C8 = -2.9730E-7
 C10 = +2.4991E-9

(Variable Distances)

	INF	CLD
d2 =	2.1354	1.9083
d14 =	10.6990	10.9261
d20 =	0.6645	0.6645

(Lens Group Data)

Group	I	Focal Length
1	1	315.6575
2	3	10.1518

(Values for Conditional Expressions)

f = 10.3000
 f1 = 315.6575
 f2 = 10.1518
 f2F = 1702.3764
 f2R = 13.3866
 r2R = 4.5581
 r3F = 9.6306
 TL = 37.8645
 Σd = 22.3010
 Ymax = 8.2000
 (1) f/f1 = 0.0326
 (2) f2/f1 = 0.0322
 (4) (r3F + r2R)/(r3F - r2R) = 2.7972
 (5) TL/ Σd = 1.6979
 (6) TL/Ymax = 4.6176
 (7) f2R/f2F = 0.0079
 (8) f/f2R = 0.7694

[0338] FIGS. 28A, 28B and 28C are graphs showing various aberrations of the imaging lens according to Example 14 of the second embodiment, in which FIG. 28A is upon focusing on an infinity object, FIG. 28B is upon focusing on a close

shooting distance, and FIG. 28C is coma upon focusing on an infinity object upon moving the shift lens group vertically upward in FIG. 27 by an amount of 0.1 mm.

[0339] As is apparent from various graphs, the imaging lens according to Example 13 shows superb optical performance as a result of good corrections to various aberrations over entire focusing range from infinity to a close object with minimally suppressing deterioration in optical performance upon vibration reduction.

[0340] Each example described above makes it possible to provide a compact imaging lens having a wide angle of view of 60 degrees or more, a large aperture of an f-number of about 2.8 and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object, and minimally suppressing deterioration in optical performance upon vibration reduction.

[0341] In an imaging lens according to each Example, a back focal length, which is a distance along the optical axis between the image side lens surface of a lens disposed to the most image side and the image plane, is preferably from about 10.0 mm to 30.0 mm in the smallest state. Moreover, in an imaging lens according to each Example, the image height is preferably 5.0 mm to 12.5 mm, and most preferably 5.0 mm to 9.5 mm.

[0342] Then, an outline of a method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the second embodiment is explained below with reference to FIG. 33.

[0343] FIG. 33 is a flowchart showing a method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application.

[0344] The method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application is a method for manufacturing an imaging lens including, in order from an object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power and a second lens group having positive refractive, the method includes the following steps S21 through S23:

[0345] Step S21: disposing the first lens group with a single lens component;

[0346] Step S22: disposing the second lens group consisting of, in order from the object side, a front lens group, an aperture stop, and a rear lens group into a lens barrel in order from the object side; and

[0347] Step S23: moving the second lens group or the rear lens group as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis by providing a well-known moving mechanism in the lens barrel.

[0348] With this method for manufacturing an imaging lens according to the second embodiment of the present application, it becomes possible to manufacture a compact imaging lens having a wide angle of view, a large aperture and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object.

[0349] The present embodiment only shows a specific example for the purpose of better understanding of the present application. Accordingly, it is needless to say that the present application in its broader aspect is not limited to the specific details and representative devices. Incidentally, the following description may suitably be applied within limits that do not deteriorate optical performance.

[0350] As numerical examples of an imaging lens according to the present application, although a two-lens-group

configuration is shown, the lens-group configuration according to the present application is not limited to this, other lens-group configurations such as a three-lens-group configuration is possible to configure an imaging lens. Specifically, a lens configuration that a lens or a lens group is added to the most object side or the most image side of an imaging lens according to the present application is possible. Incidentally, a lens group means a portion that includes at least one lens and is separated by air spaces.

[0351] In an imaging lens according to the present application, in order to vary focusing from infinity to a close object, a portion of a lens group, a single lens group, or a plurality of lens groups may be moved along the optical axis as a focusing lens group. Focusing may be carried out by other configuration than the above-described Examples such as an object side portion of the second lens group (the negative meniscus lens L21 and the positive meniscus lens L22), or each single lens component of the whole lens system.

[0352] In this case, the focusing lens group can be used for auto focus, and suitable for being driven by a motor such as an ultrasonic motor. It is particularly preferable that a portion or the whole of the second lens group G2 is moved as the focusing lens group.

[0353] A lens group or a portion of a lens group may be shifted in a direction including a component perpendicular to the optical axis as a vibration reduction lens group, or tilted (swayed) in a direction including the optical axis for correcting an image blur caused by a camera shake, in other words, vibration correction. It is particularly preferable that a portion or the whole of the second lens group is used as a shift lens group.

[0354] A lens surface of a lens may be a spherical surface, a plane surface, or an aspherical surface. When a lens surface is a spherical surface or a plane surface, lens processing, assembling and adjustment become easy, and deterioration in optical performance caused by lens processing, assembling and adjustment errors can be prevented, so that it is preferable. Moreover, even if the image plane is shifted, deterioration in optical performance is little, so that it is preferable. When a lens surface is an aspherical surface, the aspherical surface may be fabricated by a fine grinding process, a glass molding process that a glass material is formed into an aspherical shape by a mold, or a compound type process that a resin material is formed into an aspherical shape on a glass lens surface. A lens surface may be a diffractive optical surface, and a lens may be a graded-index type lens (GRIN lens) or a plastic lens.

[0355] Although an aperture stop S is preferably provided in or in the vicinity of the second lens group, the function may be substituted by a lens frame without disposing a member as an aperture stop. Moreover, this is the same to the first and the second flare stoppers provided in an imaging lens according to each Example of the present application.

[0356] An antireflection coating having high transmittance over a broad wavelength range may be applied to each lens surface of an imaging lens according to the present application to reduce flare or ghost images, so that high optical performance with high contrast can be achieved.

[0357] In an imaging lens according to the present application, the first lens group preferably includes one positive lens component. The second lens group preferably includes three positive lens components and one negative lens component, and, in particular, these lens components are preferably disposed, in order from the object side, positive-positive-posi-

tive-negative with air spaces in between. Alternatively, the second lens group preferably includes two positive lens components and two negative lens components, and these lens components are preferably disposed, in order from the object side, positive-negative-positive-negative with air spaces in between.

[0358] Then, a camera equipped with an imaging lens according to the present application is explained with reference to FIGS. 29A, 29B and 30.

[0359] FIGS. 29A and 29B are diagrams showing an electronic camera according to the present application, in which FIG. 29A is a front view and FIG. 29B is a rear view. FIG. 30 is a sectional view along A-A' line in FIG. 29A.

[0360] The camera 1 is an electronic still camera equipped with the imaging lens according to Example 1 as an image-taking lens 2 as shown in FIGS. 29A through 30.

[0361] In the camera 1, when a power switch button (not shown) is pressed by a photographer, a shutter (not shown) of an image-taking lens, which blocks light from transmitting the image-taking lens 2, is opened. Accordingly, light from an object (not shown) is incident on the image-taking lens 2, and converged on an imaging device C (for example, a CCD or CMOS) disposed on an image plane I by the image-taking lens 2, thereby forming an image of the object. The object image formed on the imaging device C is displayed on a liquid crystal monitor 3 disposed backside of the camera 1. After fixing the image composition of the object image with observing the liquid crystal monitor 3, a photographer depresses a release button 4 to take a picture of the object image by the imaging device C, and stores in a memory (not shown). In this manner, the photographer can take a picture of the object by the camera 1. In the camera 1, the following members are disposed such as an auxiliary light emitter 5 that emits auxiliary light when the object is dark, and a function button 7 that is used for setting various conditions of the camera 1.

[0362] With this configuration, the camera 1 equipped with the imaging lens according to Example 1 as an image-taking lens 2 makes it possible to realize a compact optical apparatus having a wide angle of view, a large aperture and excellent optical performance over entire image frame with excellently correcting various aberrations upon focusing on an infinity object to a close object. Incidentally, the same effect as the camera 1 can be obtained by constructing a camera equipped with any one of the imaging lenses according to Example 2 through 7 as an image-taking lens 2. Moreover, an imaging lens according to the present application is not limited to the electronic still camera, and can be adopted to any other optical apparatus such as a digital video camera, and a film camera. Moreover, it may be adopted to an interchangeable lens.

1-15. (canceled)

16. An imaging lens comprising, in order from an object side:

- a first lens group having positive refractive power; and
- a second lens group having positive refractive power, the first lens group consisting of a single lens component, the second lens group consisting of, in order from the object side, a front lens group, an aperture stop, and a rear lens group, and

at least a portion of the second lens group being moved as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to an optical axis.

17. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the following conditional expression is satisfied:

$$0.00 < f2R/f2F < 0.20$$

where f2F denotes a focal length of the front lens group, and f2R denotes a focal length of the rear lens group.

18. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the rear lens group includes, in order from an object side, a cemented lens constructed by a negative lens having a concave surface facing the object cemented with a positive lens having a convex surface facing the image side, and a double convex positive lens.

19. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein at least a portion of the second lens group is moved along an optical axis, thereby carrying out focusing from an infinity object to a close object.

20. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the front lens group includes, in order from the object side, a negative meniscus lens having a convex surface facing the object side.

21. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the front lens group includes a plurality of lens components, and the following conditional expression is satisfied:

$$2.50 < (r3F+r2R)/(r3F-r2R) < 3.80$$

where r2R denotes a radius of curvature of the image side surface of the most object side lens component in the second lens group, and r3F denotes a radius of curvature of a lens surface adjacent to the image side of the image side surface.

22. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the following conditional expression is satisfied:

$$1.55 < TL/\Sigma d < 1.75$$

where TL denotes a total lens length of the imaging lens, and Σd denotes a distance along an optical axis between the most object side lens surface in the first lens group and the most image side lens surface in the second lens group.

23. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the following conditional expression is satisfied:

$$4.00 < TL/Y_{\max} < 5.00$$

where TL denotes a total lens length of the imaging lens, and Y_{\max} denotes the maximum image height of the imaging lens.

24. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the following conditional expression is satisfied:

$$0.015 < f2/f1 < 0.085$$

where f1 denotes a focal length of the first lens group, and f2 denotes a focal length of the second lens group.

25. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the following conditional expression is satisfied:

$$0.70 < f/f2R < 0.85$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and f2R denotes a focal length of the rear lens group.

26. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the first lens group consists of a positive lens having a convex surface facing the object side.

27. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein a position of the first lens group is fixed with respect to the image plane.

28. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the following conditional expression is satisfied:

$$0.015 < f/f1 < 0.085$$

where f denotes a focal length of the imaging lens, and f1 denotes a focal length of the first lens group.

29. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the front lens group includes at least one aspherical surface.

30. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the front lens group includes a plurality of lens components, and the most object side lens component in the front lens includes at least one aspherical surface.

31. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the rear lens group includes at least one aspherical surface.

32. The imaging lens according to claim 16, wherein the rear lens group includes a plurality of lens components, and the most image side lens component in the rear lens group includes at least one aspherical surface.

33. An optical apparatus equipped with the imaging lens according to claim 16.

34-40. (canceled)

41. A method for manufacturing an imaging lens including, in order from the object side, a first lens group having positive refractive power and a second lens group having positive refractive power, the method comprising steps of:

disposing the first lens group with a single lens component; disposing the second lens group consisting of, in order from the object side, a front lens group, an aperture stop, and a rear lens group; and moving at least a portion of the second lens group as a shift lens group in a direction including a component perpendicular to an optical axis.

42. The method according to claim 41, further comprising a step of: satisfying the following conditional expression:

$$0.00 < f2R / |f2F| < 0.20$$

where f2F denotes a focal length of the front lens group, and f2R denotes a focal length of the rear lens group.

43. The method according to claim 41, further comprising a step of: satisfying the following conditional expression:

$$2.50 < (r3F + r2R) / (r3F - r2R) < 3.80$$

where r2R denotes a radius of curvature of the image side surface of the most object side lens component in the second lens group, and r3F denotes a radius of curvature of a lens surface adjacent to the image side of the image side surface.

44. (canceled)

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