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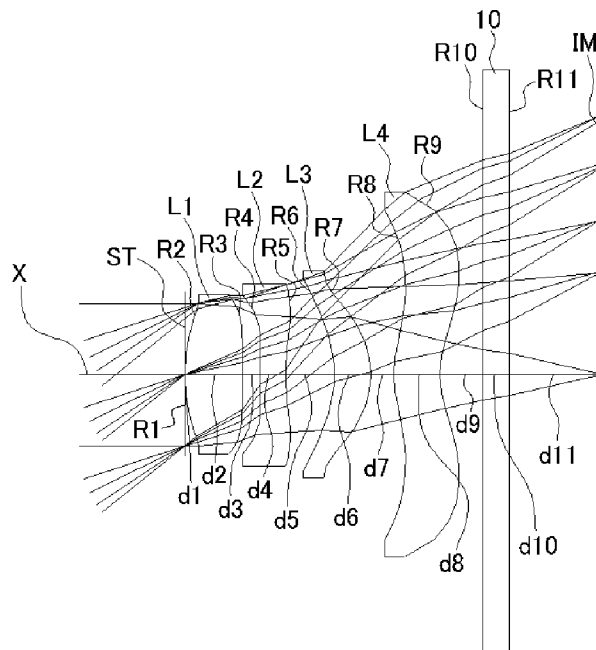
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An imaging lens includes an aperture stop ST, a first lens L1 that is shaped to form a meniscus lens that directs a convex surface to the object side near an optical axis and has positive refractive power, a second lens L2 that is shaped to form a meniscus lens that directs a convex surface to the object side near the optical axis and has negative refractive power, a third lens L3 that is shaped to form a meniscus lens that directs a concave surface to the object side near the optical axis and has positive refractive power, and a fourth lens L4 that is shaped to form a meniscus lens that directs a convex surface to the object side near the optical axis, arranged in this order from an object side to an image side. When the first lens L1 has a focal length f1 and the second lens L2 has a focal length f2, the imaging lens is configured such that a relationship  $0.3 < |f1/f2| < 0.7$  is satisfied.

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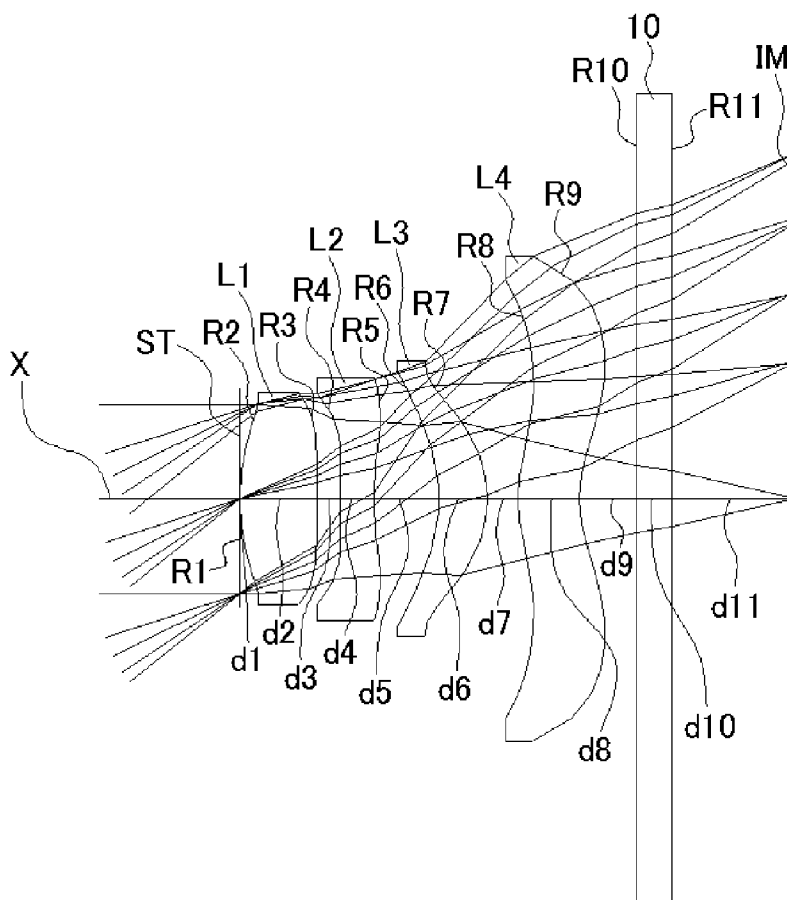


FIG. 1

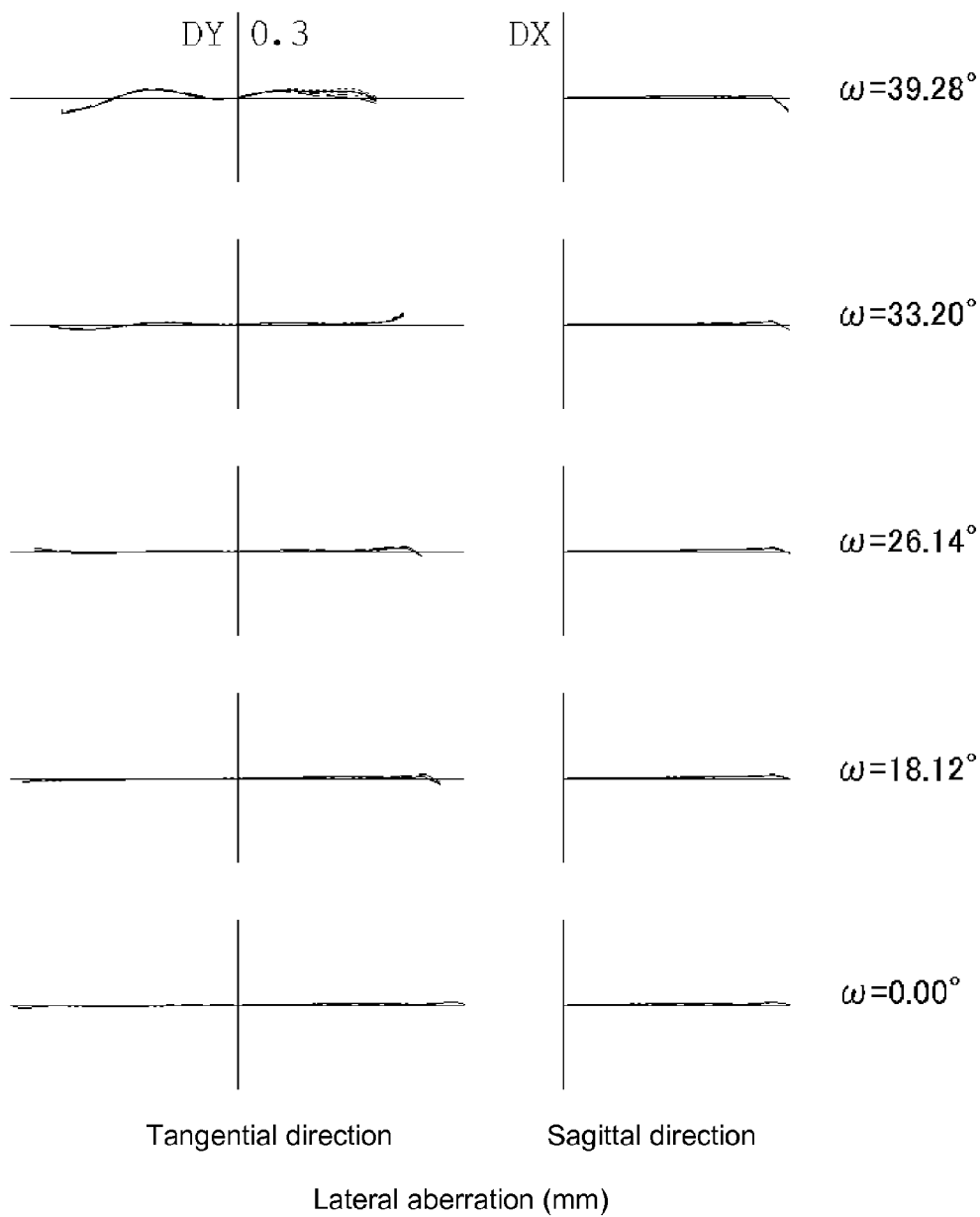


FIG. 2

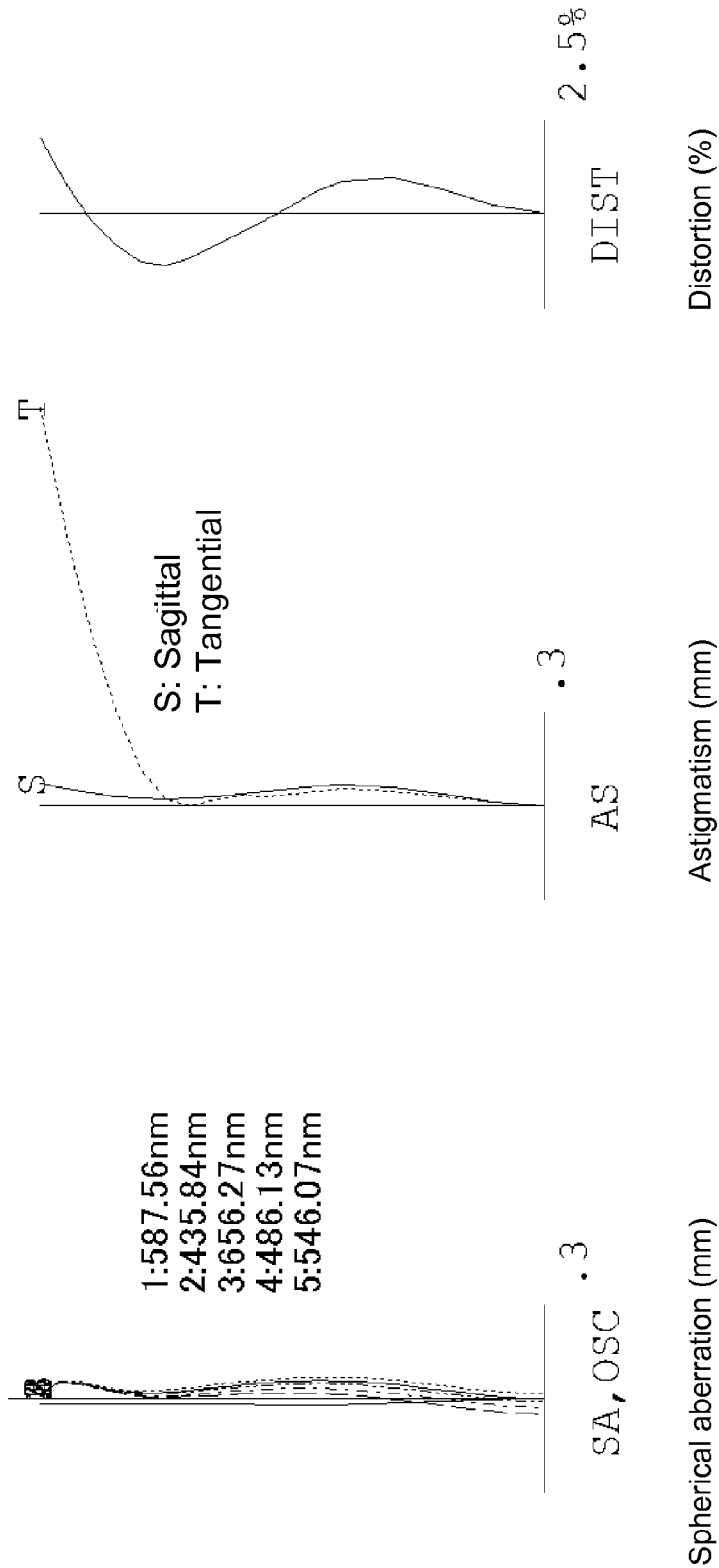


FIG. 3

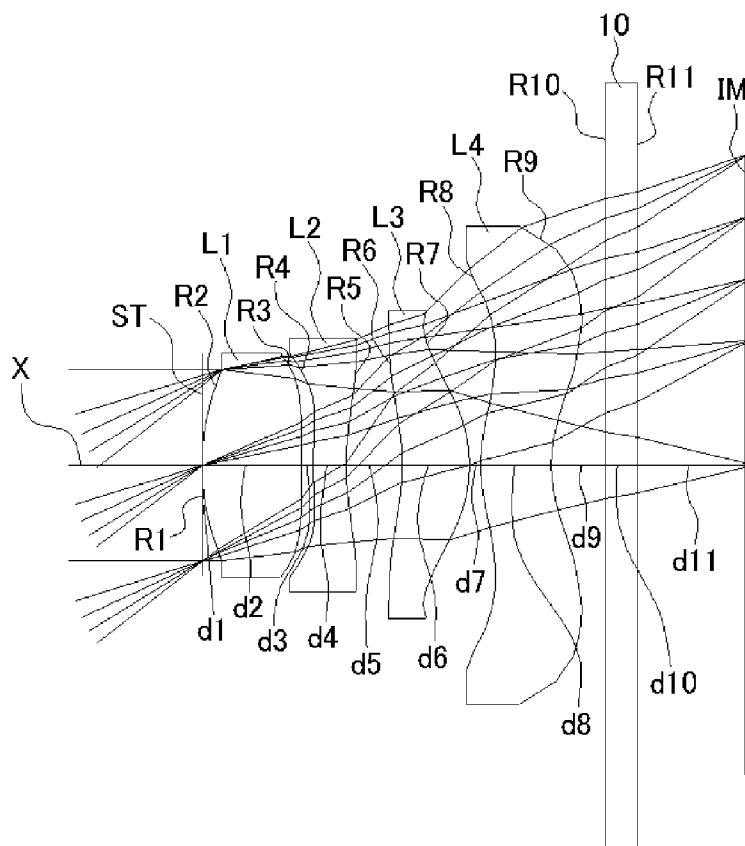


FIG. 4

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