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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an optical pickup and an optical reproducing apparatus, cutback of the number of optical parts and simplification of the alignment in the optical position setting are enabled so as to achieve simplification and a small size of the apparatus as a whole as well as stable obtainment of a tracking error signal with respect to an optical recording medium with any pit depth is achieved so as to facilitate the production by the semiconductor process.

Specifically, an optical pickup and an optical reproducing apparatus (10) comprising a light emitting part (LD), (M), a light receiving part comprising a light detecting element (PD1), (PD2), and a converging means (3) for converging and directing the outputted light (L_F) from the light emitting part onto an optical recording medium (2), and further, converging the returned light (L_R) reflected from the optical recording medium (2), wherein the light emitting part (LD), (M), and the light receiving part (PD1), (PD2) are formed on the same semiconductor substrate (7), the confocus of the converging means (3) is set on the semiconductor substrate (7), the light detecting element (PD1), (PD2) is positioned and formed at a position in the convergence limit of the returned light (L_R) in the vicinity of the confocal position by the converging means (3) by the returned light (L_R) and the returned light (L_R)

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generated by the end part of the pit (P) or the region, wherein information is recorded, of the optical recording medium (2) is received and detected by the light detecting element (PD1), (PD2) so as to detect the tracking error signal are provided.