

Abstract of the Invention

A lens device which can be used as an objective lens in an optical pickup apparatus includes an objective lens (200) provided along a light path facing a disc (300a or 300b) and having a predetermined effective diameter, and light controlling
5 means (100) provided along the light path for controlling the light in an intermediate region between near and far axes of an incident light beam (400), thus providing a simplified and inexpensive device for using discs of differing thickness in a single disc drive, by reducing the spherical aberration effect.