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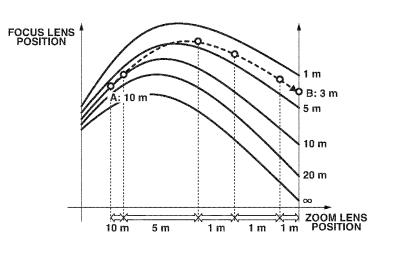
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(54) IMAGING CONTROL APPARATUS, IMAGING CONTROL METHOD, PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

(57) An apparatus includes first drive means for driving a zoom lens and change an angle of view, second drive means for driving a focus lens and change a focus position, acquisition means for acquiring first and second imaging conditions, wherein an imaging parameter including a zoom magnification and a focus position is set for each of the first and second imaging conditions, first control means for controlling the first drive means to perform a zooming operation from the zoom magnification of the first imaging condition to the zoom magnification of the second imaging condition, and second control means for controlling the second drive means during the zooming operation based on correspondence information indicating a focus lens position with respect to a zoom lens position, to change from the focus position of the first imaging condition to the focus position of the second imaging condition in one direction.

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