

Today: Focus, aperture, DOF

PHOTOGRAPHY FUNDAMENTALS

- 1) Framing
- 2) Camera
- 3) Lenses
- 4) Exposure Control
- 5) Resolution

Available for checkout:

Cell phone lens kit: macro, telephoto & wide angle
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3) LENSES

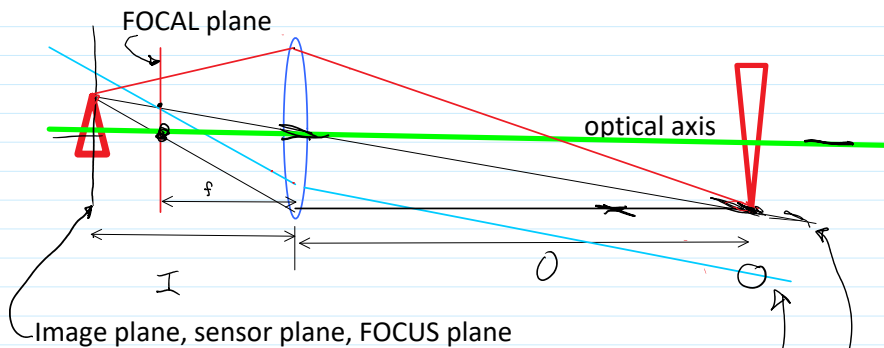
TRY THIS NOW

Make images at different lens focal lengths (zooms) and note the image compression effect.

Got your camera today?

FOCUS

'In focus' when all collected light from a point on the object shows up at a single point in the image.

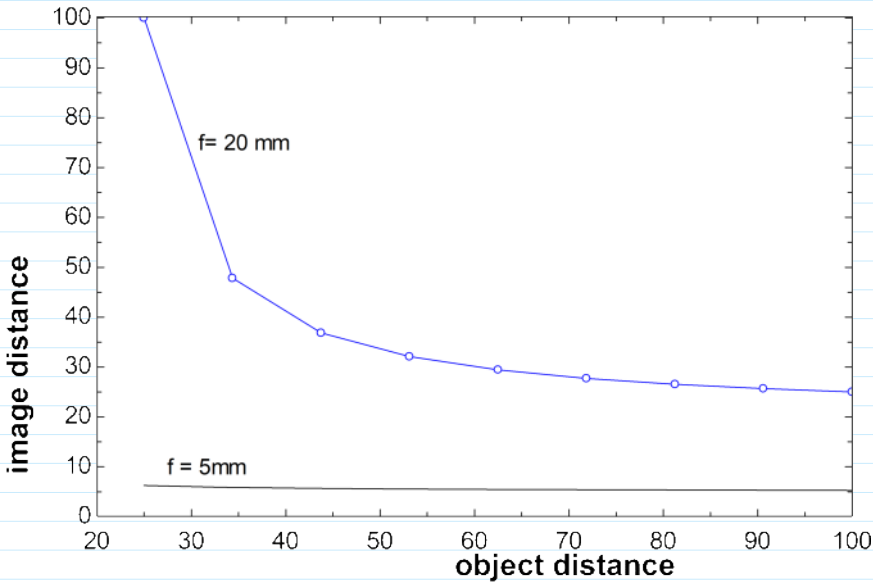


Lens laws:

- 1) light through center of lens is undeflected
- 2) light parallel to axis goes through focal point
- 3) all light entering lens at a given direction ends up at the same point in the focal plane

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{O_h} + \frac{1}{I_m}$$

For a set focal length, as an object moves closer, lens must move away from sensor plane to keep focus plane at sensor. Mechanical limit defines closest possible object distance for focus.

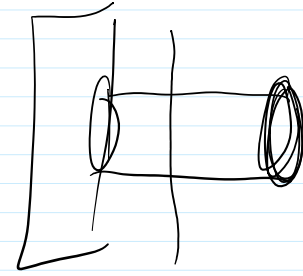


This is why small cameras with small sensors and short focal lengths have better macro capability than larger cameras. Hardly have to move the lens at all.

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Extension tubes (for DSLR) allow lens to move further out and focus closer. \$75 set of 3

"Reverse macro" adapters let you turn the lens around, or put a reversed lens at the end of your normal lens. \$15. Caution, interior lens element is now exposed, easily scratched.



'Close up' lenses allow close focus by changing system f. Long f lens, threads on to the outer end of main lens (threads standard, but need to match diameters).

Lower quality, though. Each additional lens element can lose 10% of light, introduce aberrations. PHD cameras and cell phones often lack threads. You can just hold a close up lens out in front, or mount to cardboard tube. Check focus often. Inexpensive, \$6 for set of 4. Available for camera phones too.

Spec'd in 'diopters' = 1/f in meters. Typically +1, +2, +4

$$\frac{1}{f_{TOTAL}} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2}$$

PHD cameras often have 'macro mode' = Flower Button. Does yours?

For DSLRs, prime and zoom 'macro' lenses are available. Expect high price, hope for quality.

- Homework Exercise:
1. Can you get the most magnification by zooming out and moving close, or by zooming in and moving back?
 2. At which extreme can you focus closest? What is the minimum distance? What is the FOV there?
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Example: Iphone 8. Exported medium resolution image. Quarter size (1 inch, 24 mm) is 166/640 px=0.2594 , 26% of the image, at 3" image distance. No optical zoom.

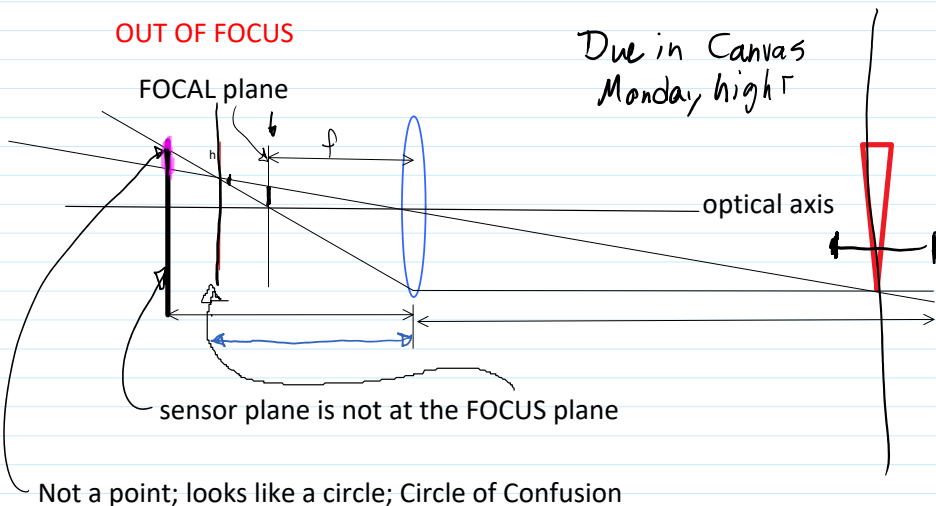


Homework Results: Can you get the most magnification by zooming out and moving close, or by zooming in and moving back? At which extreme can you focus closest?

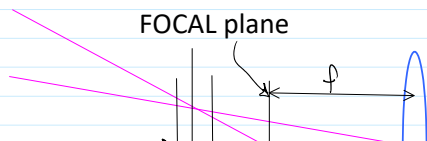
Most have No optical zoom
 Iphone X does

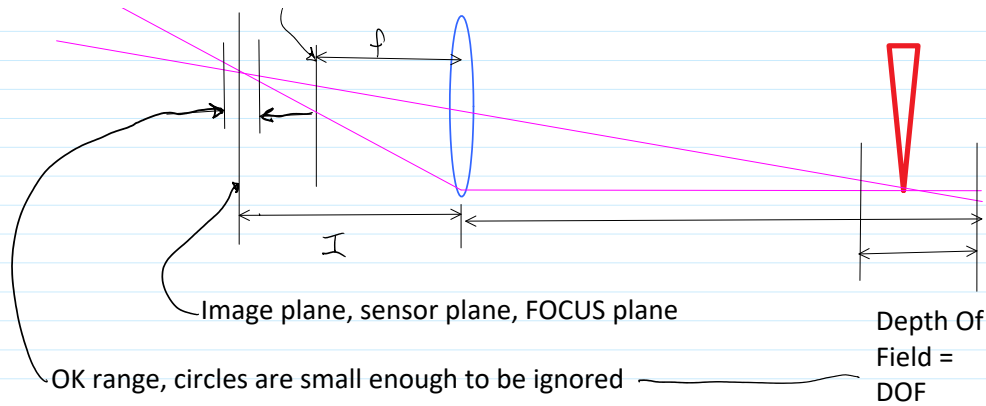
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| Cell | PHD <small>small sensor</small> | DLSR <small>Large sensor</small> | Cell | PHD | DLSR |
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zooming out and moving close by zooming in and moving back?



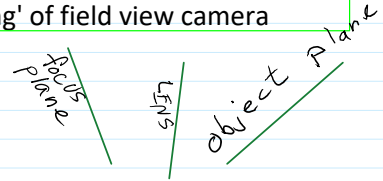
Depth of Field



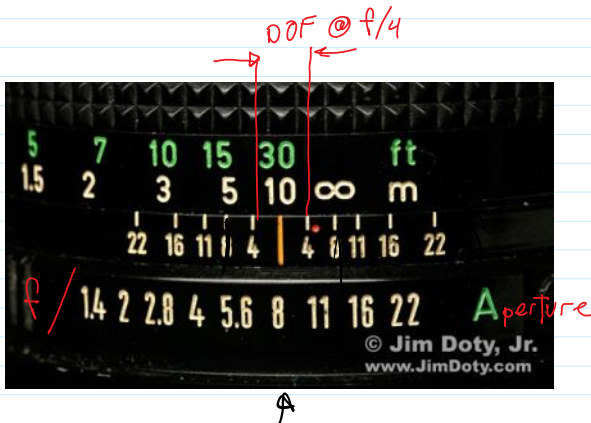
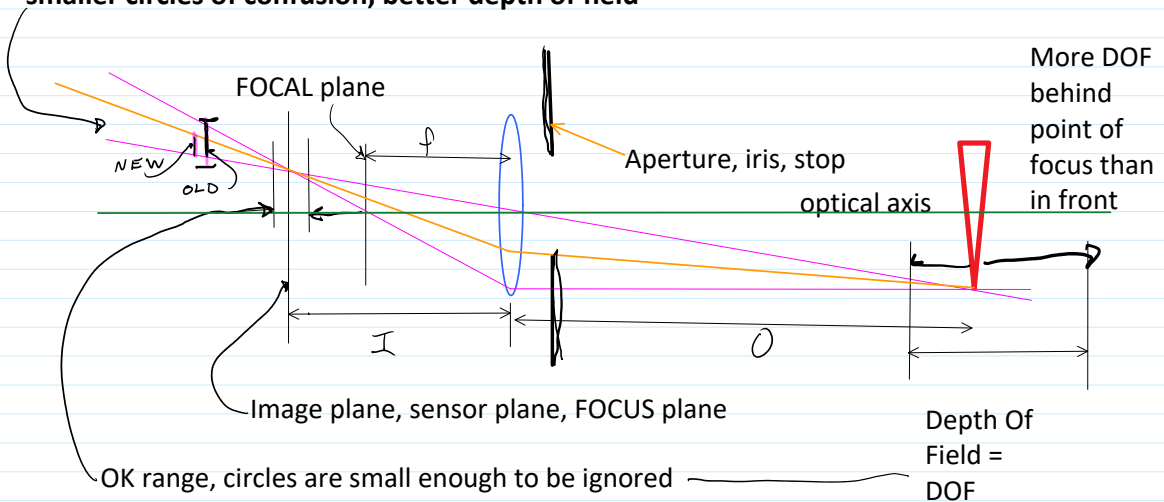


LensBaby: lets you angle the lens axis compared to the camera body axis. Effectively makes the object plane not parallel to the sensor plane. Same as 'swing' of field view camera

<http://lensbaby.com/lenses>



Improve DOF by reducing aperture diameter: smaller hole, smaller circles of confusion, better depth of field



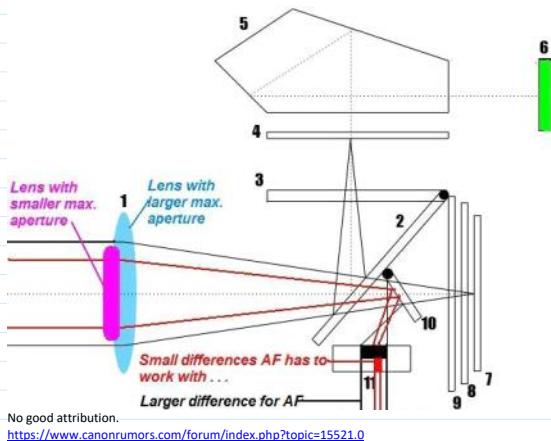
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More DOF behind best focus because of nonlinear lens equation

Detailed article on DOF:

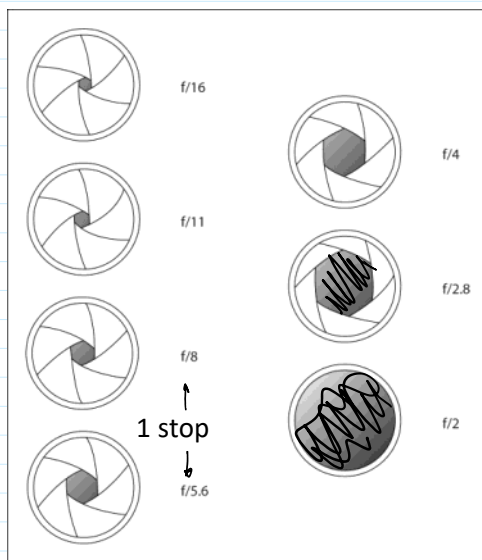
<http://www.largeformatphotography.info/articles/DoFinDepth.pdf>

Worse autofocus performance at small apertures. Use a large diameter lens/ large aperture for low light levels.



BUT, what else happens as aperture gets smaller? What is the problem with tiny apertures?
 Think, pair, share

LESS LIGHT



Aperture (iris) mechanism made from overlapping pivoting leaves.

Aperture has impact on **exposure** too, how much light total hits the sensor.

Units: 1 stop = 1 EV Exposure Value = factor of 2 in area, light.

Camera adjustments in 1/3 stops

Stop used to be a metal plate with hole punched in it. It stopped light.

2.8, 3.5, 4, 5.6, 8, 11, 16, 22, 32, 45, 64

http://media.wiley.com/assets/1007/41/0-764-5-9802-3_0213.jpg

<http://www.lavideofilmaker.com/cinematography/f-stops-focal-length-lens-aperture.html>

$$f / \# = \frac{f}{D}$$

or
f#

Ansel Adams founded f/64 club. Tiniest hole, maximum DOF.
 Modern lenses often best sharpness at f/5.6 or design point. We will come back to this when discussing resolution.

Homework Exercise: Make the same image with three f/stops: max, min and low medium. (Keep ISO the same, and use tripod or keep shutter time short.) Inspect the three images closely. What happened?

4. EXPOSURE

For a given light intensity, exposure = (aperture area) X (time shutter is open)

Shutter speeds: 30 = 1/30th of a second etc.

5 = 1/5th of a second

30" = 30 seconds

T = time, click to open shutter and again to close

B = bulb, shutter stays open as long as button is pressed (or bulb is squeezed)

Check your camera shutter speed options. What is the range?

Tv or S = Time priority; you set the shutter speed and ISO, camera AE will choose the aperture.

Av = aperture priority. You choose the aperture, camera will choose shutter speed.

Equivalent exposures: f/5.6, 1/100 sec

f/8, 1/50 sec

f/11, 1/25 sec