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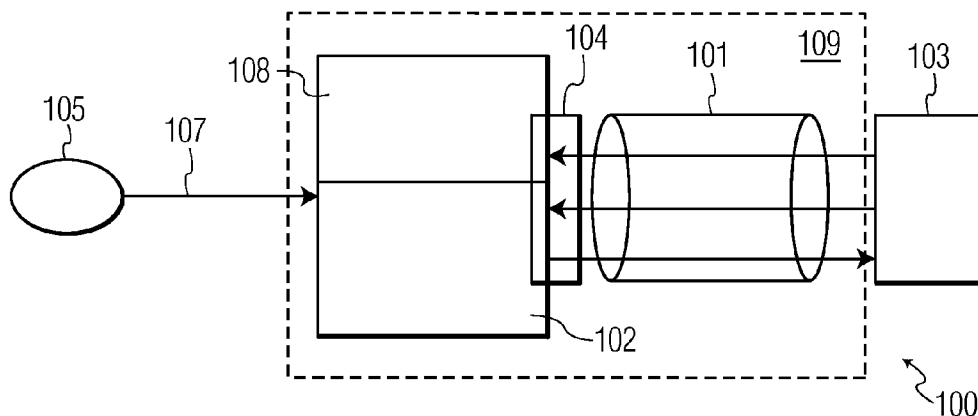
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a system (100 200), apparatus (300), and method for forwarding remote control commands to an MP3 player (103) connected through at least one of an analog or digital input/output cable (101/104 106) to a home device having a remote control (105) therefor. In this way, a user can use the home device as a host home device (102) by connecting an MP3 player (103) thereto and then using the host home device's remote control (RC) (105) to access the functions of the MP3 player (103). A special connector (104) is required on the host home device and a special cable (101) must be connected between this connector and the MP3 player for analog control and information transfer between the host (102) and the MP3 player (103). No cable or connector, other than those normally available (106), is required for digital exchanges of remote commands and audio?

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