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(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING DATA BY USING TIME SLICING**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Provided is a data transmission method using time slicing, the method includes: generating a plurality of transmission frames by realigning a plurality of pieces of data of a same layer among data of a plurality of original frames classified in a hierarchical structure based on a resolution; and transmitting the plurality of transmission frames according to a transmission order based on the hierarchical structure.

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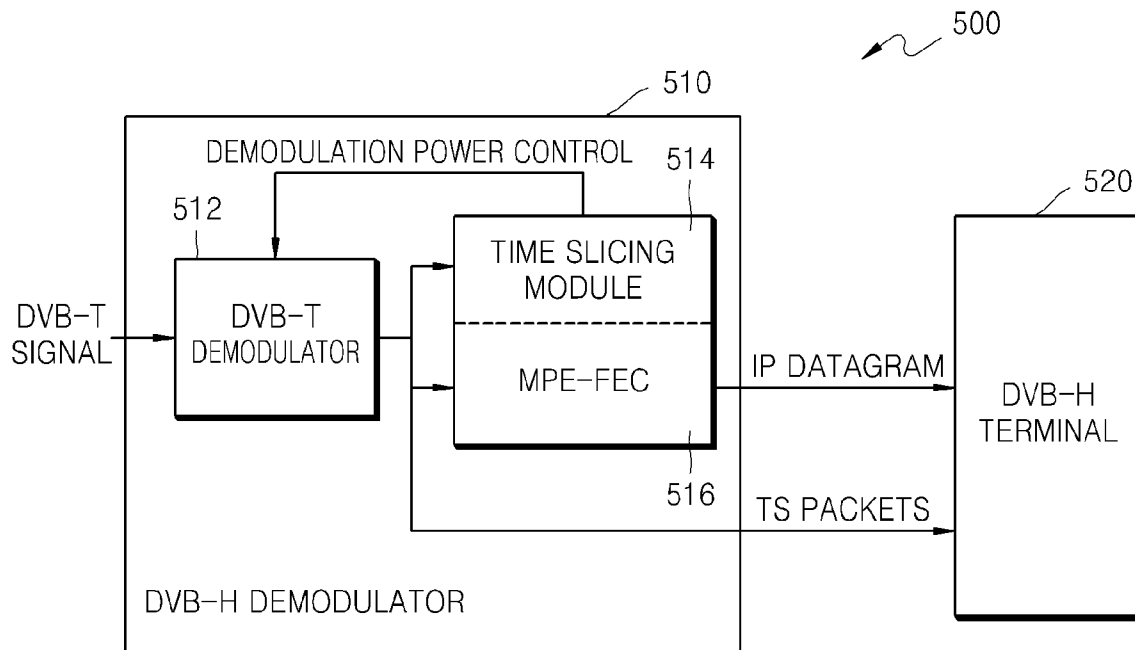


FIG. 1

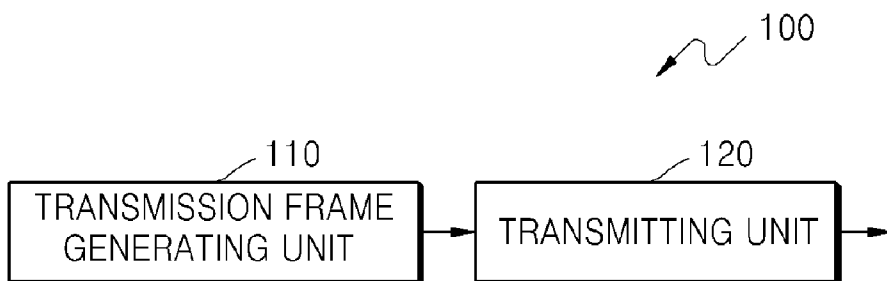


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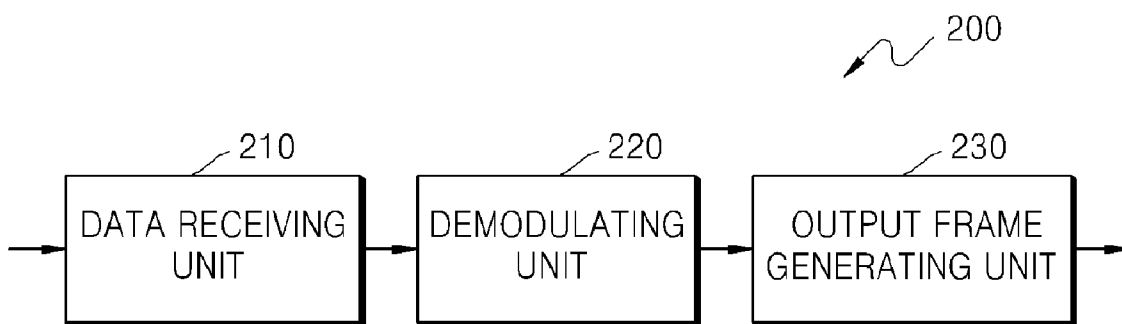


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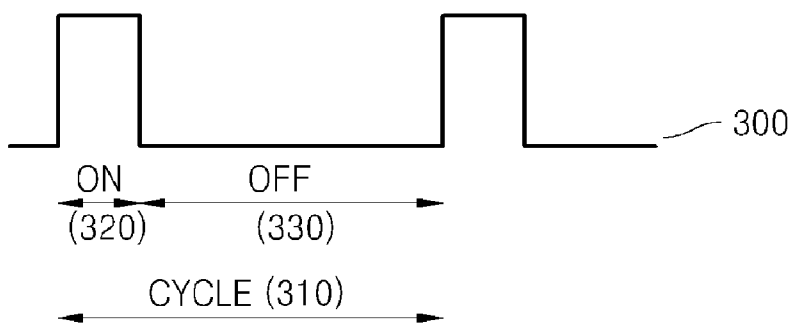


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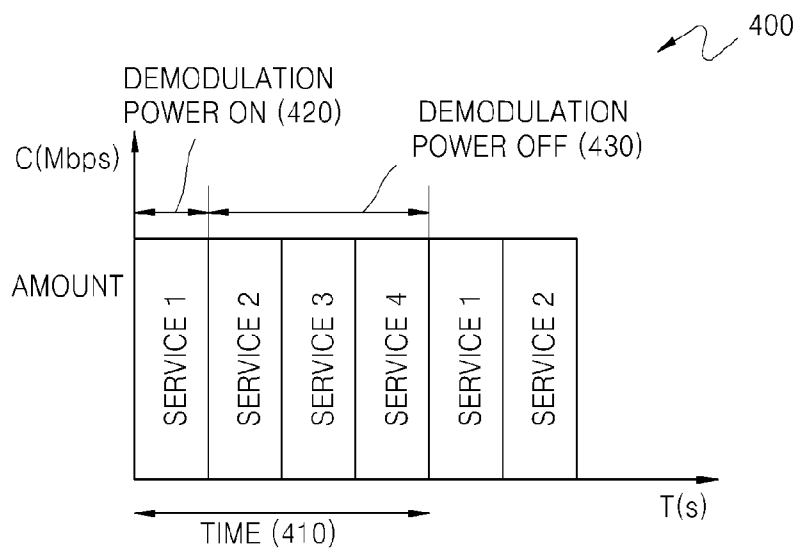


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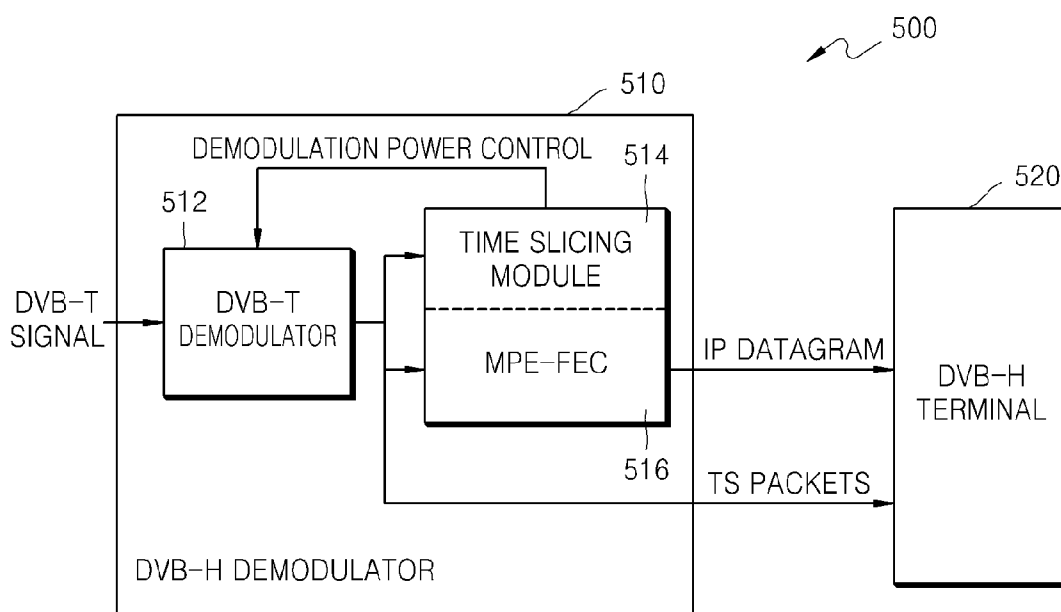


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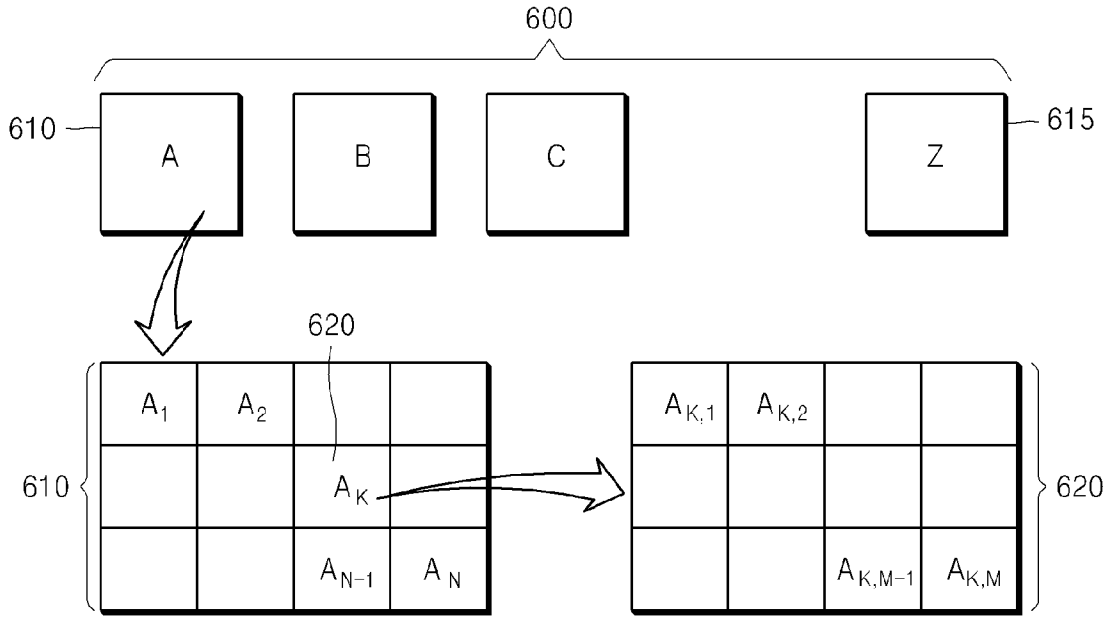


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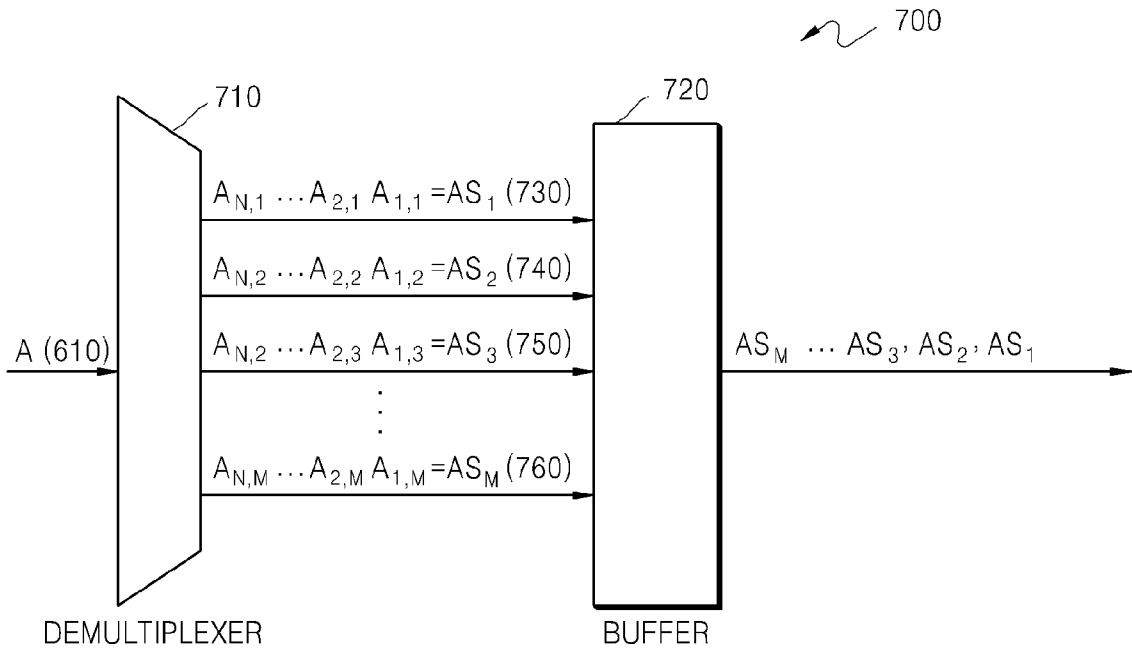


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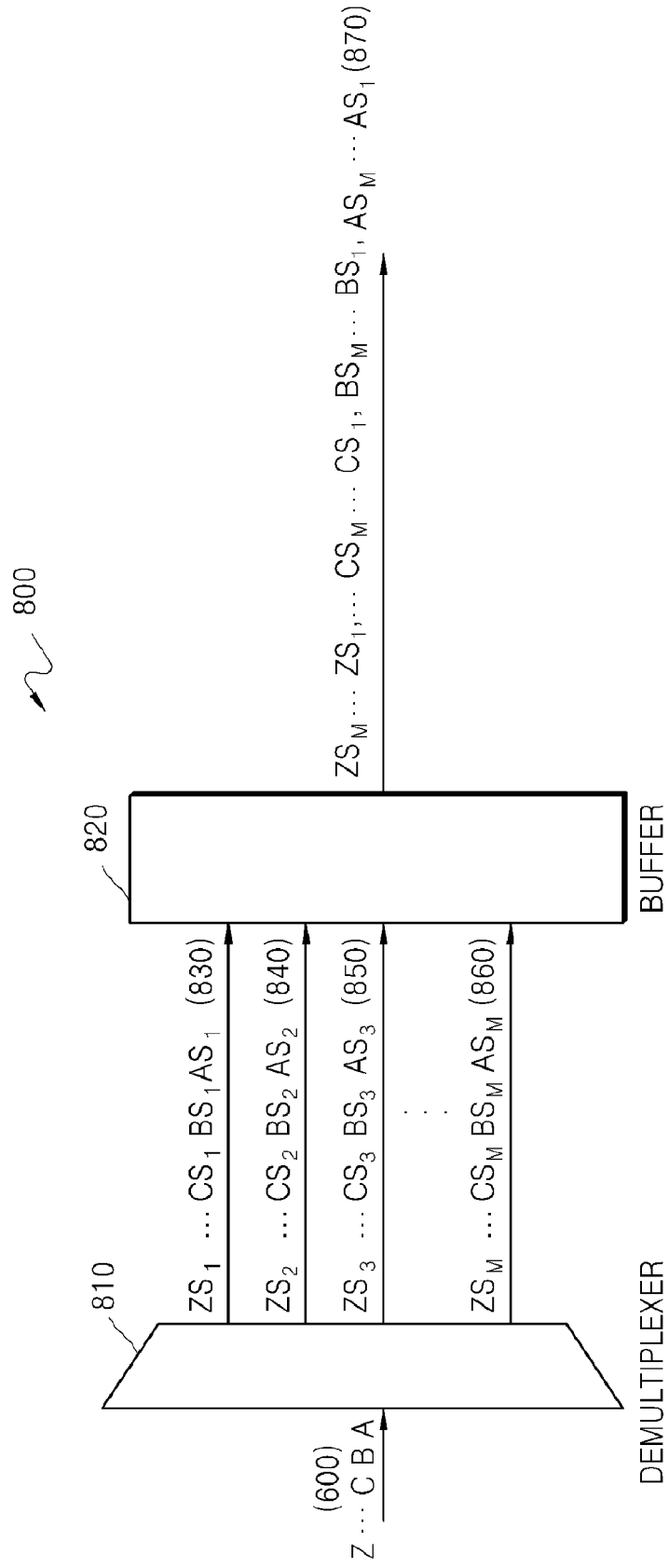


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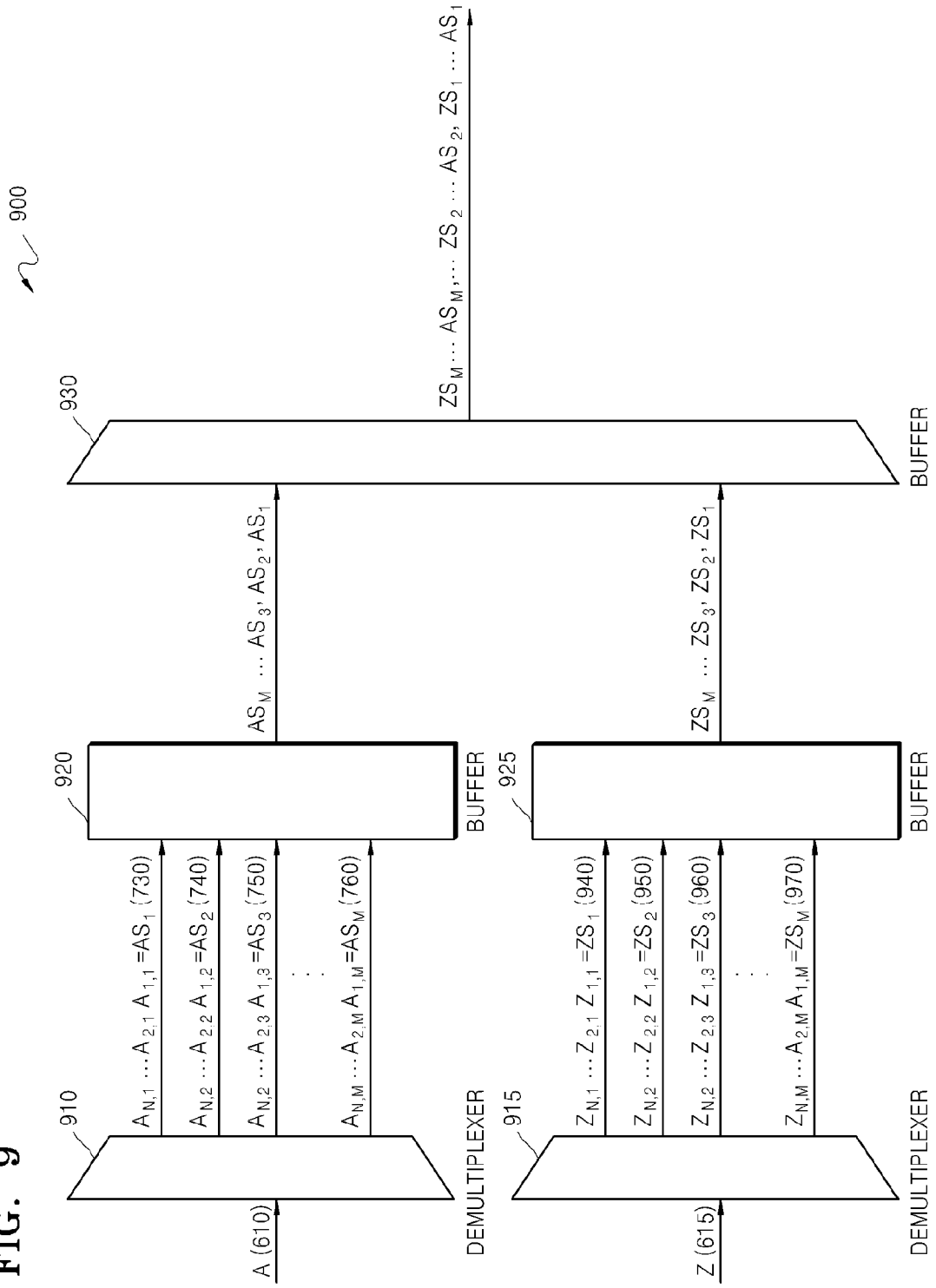


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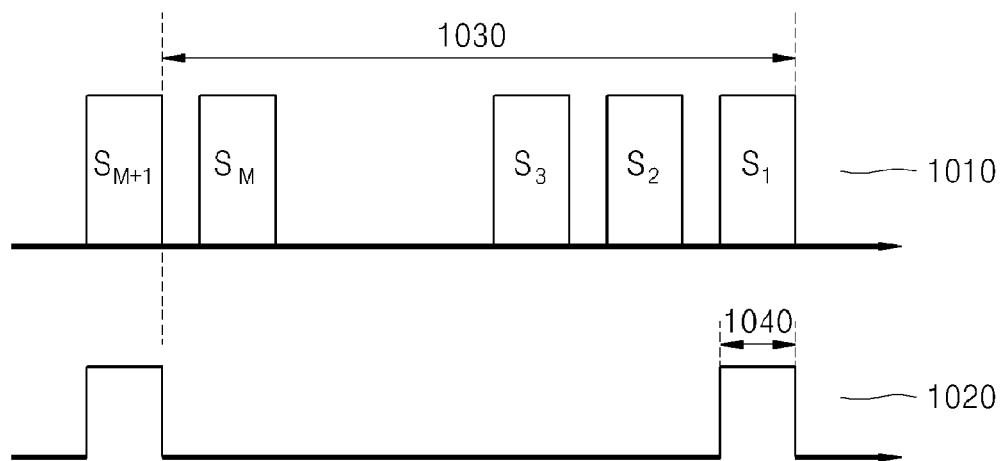


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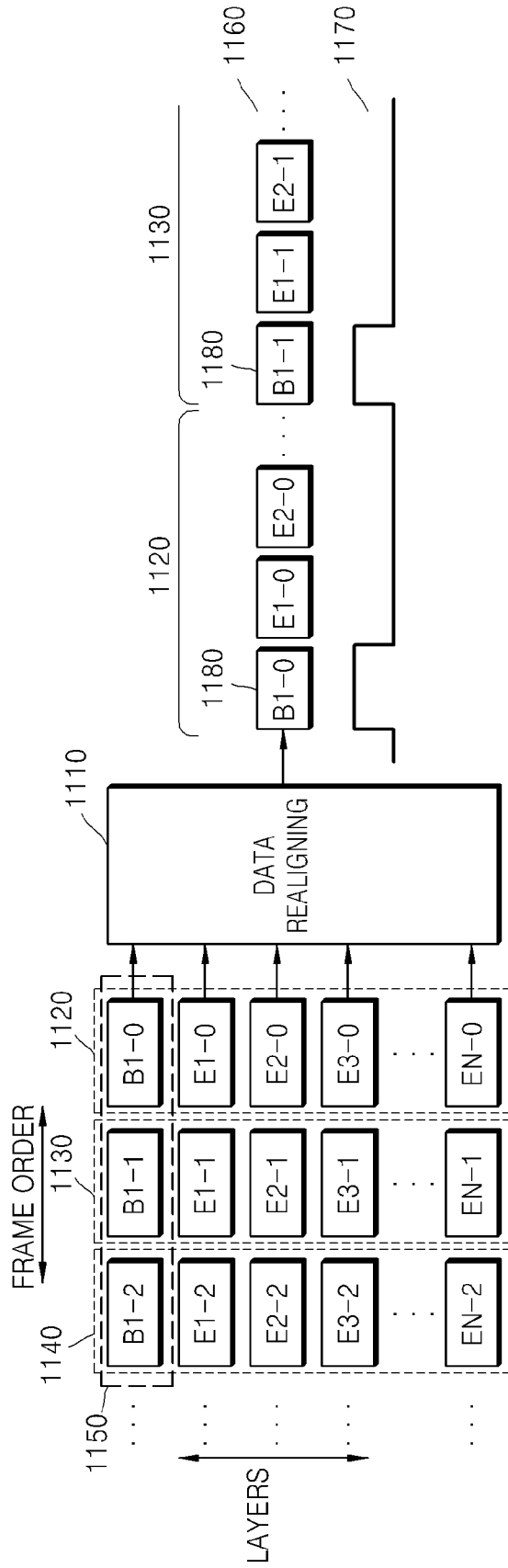


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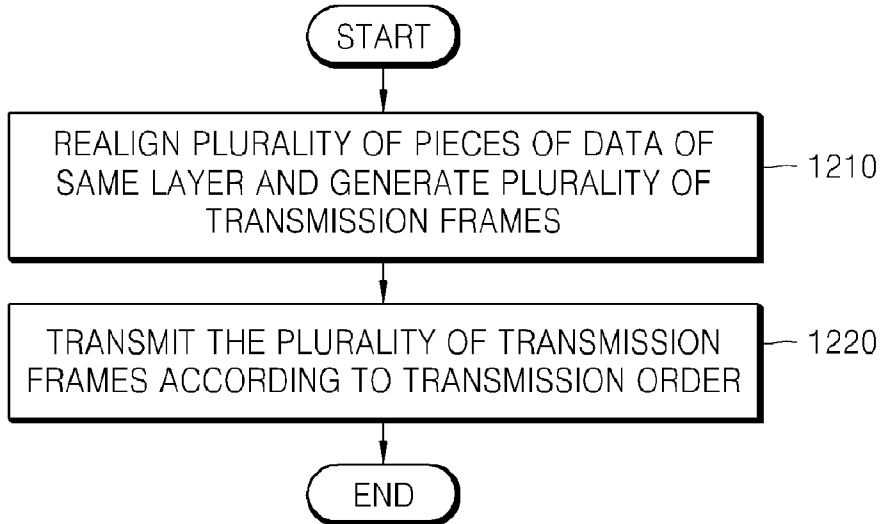
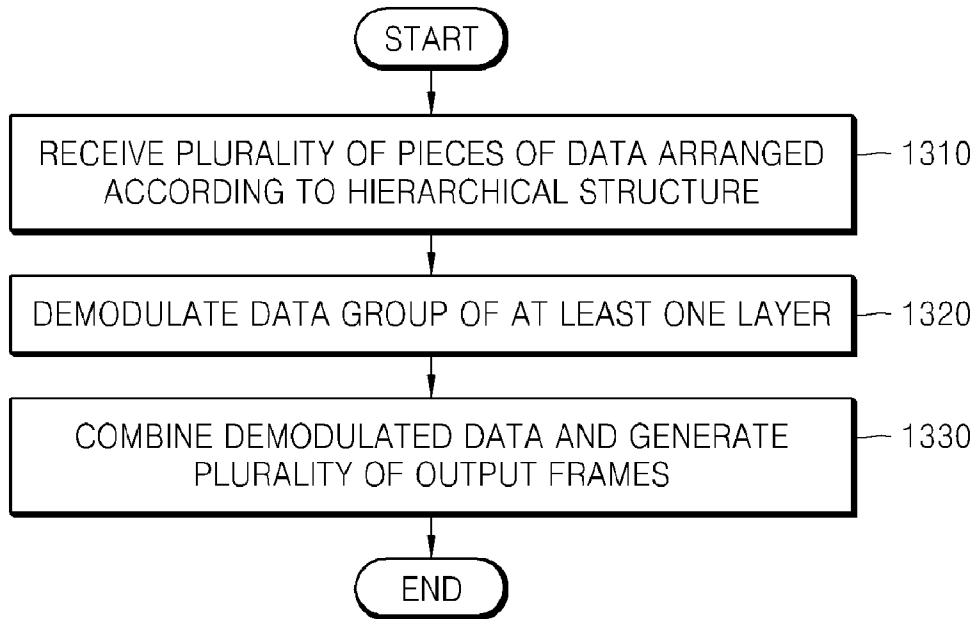


FIG. 13



METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING DATA BY USING TIME SLICING

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATION

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/053,084, filed on May 14, 2008 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2008-0130378, filed on Dec. 19, 2008 in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention Methods and apparatuses consistent with the present invention relates to transmitting and receiving data by using time slicing.

[0003] 2. Description of the Related Art

[0004] A method of transmitting and receiving data through a portable device that consumes less power and has a lower information processing ability than general customer electronic (CE) devices reduces power consumption of the portable device by using time slicing, divides capacity of a transmission line into predetermined time slots, and transmits a packetized broadcasting signal in the divided time slots.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] The present invention provides a method of reconfiguring and transmitting data according to a hierarchical structure on a temporal axis and demodulating and restoring data of at least one layer among the transmitted data according to the hierarchical structure.

[0006] According to an aspect of the present invention, there is provided a data transmission method using time slicing, the method including: realigning a plurality of pieces of data of a same layer among data of a plurality of original frames classified as a hierarchical structure according to a resolution and generating a plurality of transmission frames; and transmitting the plurality of transmission frames corresponding to the plurality of original frames according to a transmission order based on the hierarchical structure.

[0007] The plurality of original frames may be divided into a plurality of sections including predetermined pieces of data among the data of the plurality of original frames according to the hierarchical structure based on the resolution.

[0008] The generating of the plurality of transmission frames may include: generating a plurality of data groups each including data of each data position of the plurality of sections among the plurality of pieces of data of the plurality of original frames; and generating the plurality of transmission frames in which the plurality of data groups having data positions of the plurality of sections are arranged according to the order of the data positions of the plurality of sections.

[0009] The method may further include: performing error correction coding with regard to at least one data group of at least one layer of the plurality of original frames.

[0010] The transmitting of the plurality of transmission frames may include: determining the transmission order based on the hierarchical structure and according to whether the error correction coding is performed.

[0011] The performing of the error correction coding may include: adjusting a level of the error correction coding according to the at least one layer.

[0012] The transmitting of the plurality of transmission frames may include: determining a first transmission order to continuously transmit a plurality of data groups of the same layer of each transmission frame according to the order of the plurality of transmission frames; determining a second transmission order to continuously transmit a plurality of data groups of each layer of the plurality of transmission frames according to a priority of layers of the hierarchical structure; and transmitting the plurality of transmission frames according to the first transmission order and transmitting the plurality of transmission frames according to the second transmission order.

[0013] The transmitting of the plurality of transmission frames may include: determining a third transmission order to continuously transmit a plurality of data groups of each layer of one of the plurality of transmission frames according to a priority of layers of the hierarchical structure; determining a fourth transmission order to continuously transmit a plurality of pieces of data of the plurality of transmission frames according to the order of the transmission frames; and transmitting the plurality of transmission frames according to the third transmission order and transmitting the plurality of transmission frames according to the fourth transmission order.

[0014] The method may further include: classifying the data of the plurality of original frames as the hierarchical structure based on the resolution.

[0015] According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a data reception method using time slicing, the method including: receiving a plurality of pieces of data arranged by time slicing according to a hierarchical structure according to a resolution; demodulating a data group of at least one layer among the received plurality of pieces of data; and combining the demodulated data and generating a plurality of output frames.

[0016] The demodulating of the data group of at least one layer may include: determining a demodulation cycle of the plurality of pieces of data based on the hierarchical structure; and demodulating a data group of at least one layer among the received plurality of pieces of data according to the determined demodulation cycle.

[0017] The determining of the demodulation cycle may include: determining the demodulation cycle as a part of a frame cycle in which the data group of the at least one layer is received, wherein the frame cycle is a cycle where one frame is received, and a plurality of frames are cyclically received according to the order of the plurality of frames.

[0018] The determining of the demodulation cycle may include: determining the demodulation cycle as a layer cycle corresponding to at least one layer among data of the plurality of frames, wherein the layer cycle is a cycle where a plurality of data groups of a layer among the data of the plurality of frames are continuously received, and a plurality of data groups of each layer are cyclically received according to the order of layers of the hierarchical structure.

[0019] The determining of the demodulation cycle may include: determining the demodulation cycle as a period in which a data group of at least one layer corresponding to a predetermined resolution is received.

[0020] The generating of the plurality of output frames may include: generating the plurality of output frames that are

divided into a plurality of sections each including predetermined pieces of data; determining a plurality of data positions in the plurality of sections corresponding to the layers of the hierarchical structure; and arranging a plurality of data groups of each layer of the hierarchical structure among the demodulated data in the corresponding data positions in each section of the plurality of output frames.

[0021] Each of the plurality of output frames may include the same number of pieces of data as the number of the demodulated layers.

[0022] The method may further include: decrypting error correction coding performed with regard to at least one data group of at least one layer among the demodulated data.

[0023] The demodulating of the data group of at least one layer may include: determining the demodulation cycle of the data based on the hierarchical structure and according to whether the error correction coding is performed.

[0024] The decrypting of error correction coding may include: adjusting a level of error correction coding according to the at least one layer.

[0025] According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a data transmission apparatus using time slicing, the apparatus including: a transmission frame generating unit realigning a plurality of pieces of data of the same layer among data of a plurality of original frames classified as a hierarchical structure according to a resolution and generating a plurality of transmission frames; and a transmitting unit transmitting the plurality of transmission frames corresponding to the plurality of original frames according to a transmission order based on the hierarchical structure.

[0026] The apparatus may further include: an error correction coding unit performing error correction coding with regard to at least one data group of at least one layer of the plurality of original frames.

[0027] According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a data reception apparatus using time slicing, the apparatus including: a data receiving unit receiving a plurality of pieces of data arranged by time slicing according to a hierarchical structure according to a resolution; a demodulating unit demodulating a data group of at least one layer among the received plurality of pieces of data; and an output frame generating unit combining the demodulated data and generating a plurality of output frames.

[0028] The demodulating unit may include a demodulation cycle determining unit determining a demodulation cycle of the plurality of pieces of data based on the hierarchical structure, and demodulates at least one data group of at least one layer among the received plurality of pieces of data according to the determined demodulation cycle.

[0029] The apparatus may further include: an error correction coding decrypting unit decrypting error correction coding performed with regard to at least one data group of at least one layer among the demodulated data.

[0030] The apparatus may further include: a demodulation power controlling unit controlling a voltage of the demodulating unit according to the demodulation cycle of the received data; a demultiplexer arranging data according to the hierarchical structure of the received data based on the order of the plurality of output frames and layers of the data to generate the plurality of output frames; and a buffer storing the plurality of output frames.

[0031] According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of computer readable recording

medium having recorded thereon a program for executing the data transmission method using time slicing.

[0032] According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of computer readable recording medium having recorded thereon a program for executing the data reception method using time slicing.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0033] The above and other aspects of the present invention will become more apparent by describing in detail exemplary embodiments thereof with reference to the attached drawings in which:

[0034] FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a data transmission apparatus according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0035] FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a data receiving apparatus according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0036] FIG. 3 is a waveform diagram of a demodulation cycle for time slicing communication;

[0037] FIG. 4 is a graph illustrating a data service according to time slicing communication;

[0038] FIG. 5 is a conceptual structure diagram of a Digital Video Broadcasting-Handheld (DVB-H) receiver according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0039] FIG. 6 is a diagram for explaining a data division method according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0040] FIG. 7 is a diagram for explaining a method of transmitting a frame according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0041] FIG. 8 is a diagram for explaining a method of transmitting a plurality of frames according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0042] FIG. 9 is a diagram for explaining a method of transmitting a plurality of frames according to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0043] FIG. 10 is a waveform diagram of a demodulation cycle according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0044] FIG. 11 is a diagram for explaining a data division and transmission method according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0045] FIG. 12 is a flowchart illustrating a data transmission method according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention; and

[0046] FIG. 13 is a flowchart illustrating a data reception method according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

[0047] Hereinafter, exemplary embodiments will be described in detail with reference to the attached drawings.

[0048] FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a data transmission apparatus 100 according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 1, the data transmission apparatus 100, which uses time slicing, includes a transmission frame generating unit 110 and a transmitting unit 120. The data transmission apparatus 100 may further include an error correction coding unit (not shown) that performs error correction coding with regard to a data group of at least one layer of a plurality of original frames. The data transmission

apparatus **100** may further include a hierarchical structure classifying unit (not shown) that classifies a plurality of pieces of data of the original frames into hierarchical structures according to a resolution.

[0049] A hierarchical structure according to a resolution is a structure that is classified according to a capacity representing detailed information. Data of an original frame is divided into sections including a predetermined piece of data. In this regard, the order or position of data in each section may represent a layer corresponding to the data according to a hierarchical structure. Otherwise, the range of data including at least one piece of data in each section may represent a layer corresponding to the data according to a hierarchical structure.

[0050] The data transmission apparatus **100** transmits various types of data, such as sound, image, etc., having unlimited categories. For example, the data of the original frame, which is two-dimensional image data, may be divided into blocks.

[0051] For example, the data of the original frame may be divided into N blocks, and each block may include M pieces of data. If positions of the M pieces of data in a section correspond to layers, respectively, the position of predetermined data in a block including the M pieces of data represents a layer of the predetermined data.

[0052] The error correction coding unit (not shown) of the data transmission apparatus **100** may perform error correction coding with regard to a data group of at least one layer. The error correction coding unit (not shown) may perform error correction coding with regard to a data group for which error correction coding is determined according to a necessity for protecting the data group against a transmission error, corresponding to a predetermined layer.

[0053] Therefore, the error correction coding unit (not shown) may perform error correction coding with regard to a data group of a layer corresponding to a predetermined resolution or data groups of various layers. As another example, the error correction coding unit (not shown) may perform error correction coding with regard to data groups of all layers and may adjust a level of error correction coding according to layers of the data groups. For example, the error correction coding unit (not shown) may adjust the level of error correction coding with regard to a data group of the layer corresponding to the predetermined resolution, which requires more protection against transmission error than error correction coding performed with regard to data groups of other layers.

[0054] The transmission frame generating unit **110** realigns the plurality of pieces of data of the original frames that are classified into the hierarchical structures, according to layers, generates transmission frames in which a plurality of pieces of data of the same layer is arranged, and sends the generated transmission frames to the transmitting unit **120**.

[0055] The transmission frame generating unit **110** may generate the plurality of pieces of data of the original frames as data groups having the same position in each section, and generate the transmission frames in which the data groups having the same position in each section are arranged according to the data position order in each section.

[0056] For example, the transmission frame generating unit **110** selects data having positions of the 1 through M data in each block, and generates data groups in each position of the 1 through M data. The number of data in each data group is the same as the total number of blocks in the frame. The transmission frame generating unit **110** generates the transmission

frames in which the data groups of each position of the 1 through M data are arranged according to the data position order (i.e., 1, 2, . . . M).

[0057] The transmitting unit **120** transmits data of the transmission frames generated by the transmission frame generating unit **110** in which the plurality of pieces of data of the original frames are classified into the hierarchical structures and the data groups of the same layer are arranged. The original frames may correspond to the transmission frames, respectively.

[0058] In this regard, the transmission order of the transmission frames may be determined based on the hierarchical structures. If the error correction coding unit (not shown) performs error correction coding with regard to the data, the transmitting unit **120** may determine the transmission order of the transmission frames based on the hierarchical structures and according to whether the data is error corrected.

[0059] The transmitting unit **120** may determine the transmission order so as to continuously transmit the data groups of the same layer of each transmission frame according to the order of the transmission frames and to continuously transmit the data groups of each layer according to the order of layers of the hierarchical structures. In more detail, the transmitting unit **120** may determine the transmission order of the transmission frames so as to continuously transmit data groups having a first data position of all blocks of all the transmission frames according to the order of frames, to continuously transmit data groups having a second data position of all blocks of all the transmission frames according to the order of frames, and to transmit data groups of the same layer of all the transmission frames together.

[0060] In this regard, data groups of a predetermined layer are a set of data groups that include N pieces of data of a predetermined layer of 1 through M layers for each transmission frame among all frames.

[0061] The transmitting unit **120** may determine the transmission order so as to continuously transmit data groups of each layer of a first transmission frame according to the order of layers and to continuously transmit data groups of each layer of a second transmission frame according to the order of the layers. In more detail, the transmitting unit **120** may determine the transmission order so as to transmit all pieces of data of one of the transmission frames according to the order of layers and to transmit data of a next transmission frame, and to transmit a plurality of pieces of data of the same transmission frame.

[0062] Although not shown, the data transmission apparatus **100** may further include a demultiplexer that realigns the plurality of pieces of data of the original frames based on the hierarchical structures and the order of the original frames, and at least one buffer or memory as a storage unit for storing the data of the transmission frames.

[0063] FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a data receiving apparatus **200** according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 2, the data receiving apparatus **200**, which uses time slicing, includes a data receiving unit **210**, a demodulating unit **220**, and an output frame generating unit **230**. Although not shown, the data receiving unit **200** may further include an error correction coding decrypting unit (not shown).

[0064] The data receiving unit **210** receives a plurality of pieces of data that are time sliced according to a hierarchical structure according to a resolution and sends the received data

to the demodulating unit 220. With regard to the received data, a plurality of pieces of data are realigned according to the hierarchical structure.

[0065] The data receiving unit 210 may receive data of each frame in which data groups of each layer are arranged according to the hierarchical structure. The data receiving unit 210 may continuously receive data groups of the same layer of all frames according to the order of frames, and continuously receive data groups of each layer according to the order of layers. The data receiving unit 210 may continuously receive data groups of each layer of each frame according to the order of the layers, and continuously receive a plurality of pieces of data of each frame according to the order of frames.

[0066] The demodulating unit 220 demodulates a data group of at least one layer among the plurality of pieces of data received by the data receiving unit 210 and sends the demodulated data group to the output frame generating unit 230. The demodulating unit 220 may include a demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) that determines a demodulation cycle of the data based on the hierarchical structure. The demodulating unit 220 may demodulate the data group of at least one layer among the plurality of pieces of data according to the demodulation cycle determined by the demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown). The demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may not be included in the demodulating unit 220 and may be included separately in the data receiving apparatus 200.

[0067] The demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may determine the demodulation cycle as a part of a frame cycle in which the data group of at least one layer is received. The frame cycle is a cycle in which a frame is received. A plurality of frames may be continuously and cyclically received according to the order of the frames. For example, the demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may determine the demodulation cycle as a part of each frame cycle in order to demodulate a data group of a layer corresponding to a predetermined resolution of each frame or to demodulate data groups of several layers corresponding to the predetermined resolution.

[0068] The demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may determine the demodulation cycle as a layer cycle corresponding to at least one layer among a plurality of pieces of data of frames. In this regard, the layer cycle is a cycle in which a data group of a layer is received when data groups of the same layer among the plurality of pieces of data of frames are continuously received, and data groups of each layer are continuously and cyclically received according to the order of layers.

[0069] The error correction coding decrypting unit (not shown) performs error correction coding decrypting with regard to a data group of at least one layer among the demodulated data. The error correction coding decrypting unit (not shown) may adjust a level of error correction coding decrypting that may differ according to layers of data groups. The error correction coding decrypting unit (not shown) may perform error correction coding decrypting with regard to a data group of some layers among the demodulated data.

[0070] The demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may select the demodulation cycle according to an operation environment, such as a channel, communication specification, etc., and adjust an amount of service received or an amount of restoration performed.

[0071] The demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may determine the demodulation cycle of data

according to the hierarchical structure and whether error correction coding is performed with regard to the data. In view of an error correction coded area, the demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may determine the demodulation cycle of the data according to whether error correction coding is performed with regard to a data group as well as a layer of the data group.

[0072] The data receiving apparatus 200 may further include a demodulation power controlling unit (not shown) that controls a voltage level of the demodulating unit 220 according to the demodulation cycle determined by the demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) in order to control the amount of data to be demodulated. The determination and control of the demodulation cycle will be described in more detailed with reference to FIGS. 3 through 5.

[0073] The output frame generating unit 230 combines the data demodulated by the demodulating unit 220, generates output frames, and outputs the generated output frames. The output frame generating unit 230 generates the output frames that are divided into sections with regard to predetermined pieces of data, and determines data positions in the sections corresponding to layers of the hierarchical structure. The output frame generating unit 230 may arrange data groups of each layer among the demodulated data in data positions corresponding to the layers of the sections of the output frames.

[0074] The sections of the output frames may be sections including the same number of data as demodulated layers. For example, if a data group of 1 through m layers is demodulated among the total M layers, since the data group includes a total number of N pieces of data of each layer, the demodulating unit 220 demodulates $N \times m$ pieces of data and sends the demodulated $N \times m$ pieces of data to the output frame generating unit 230. The output frame generating unit 230 may generate an empty output frame that is divided into N blocks that are sections including positions of the m pieces of data. The output frame generating unit 230 inserts the data groups of each layer of the demodulated data in each block of the empty output frame into data positions corresponding to layers in order to generate the output frames.

[0075] The data receiving apparatus 200 may further include a demultiplexer that realigns the output frames in which a plurality of pieces of data according to the hierarchical structure of the received data are arranged based on the order of the output frames and layers of the data, and a storage unit, such as at least one buffer or memory, for storing the output frames.

[0076] FIG. 3 is a waveform diagram of a demodulation cycle for time slicing communication. Referring to FIG. 3, if received data is a cyclical signal and a predetermined operation is performed with regard to a predetermined section of the received data using time slicing, a voltage waveform 300 may be controlled so that a voltage is cyclically applied to an operation processor. In more detail, an ON status voltage is applied to the operation processor during a section 320 when the received data is being processed during a cycle 310 of the received data, and an OFF status voltage is applied to the operation processor during a section 330 when the received data is not being processed.

[0077] FIG. 4 is a graph illustrating a data service 400 according to time slicing communication. Referring to FIG. 4, the data service 400 is divided according to time slicing on a temporal axis and a slicing pattern is cyclically repeated. In

more detail, the data service 400 is divided into data services 1 through 4 on the temporal axis, and some of the data services 1 through 4 are continuously transmitted and received in a data cycle 410. For example, if only the data service 1 is transmitted and received, an ON status voltage is applied to a demodulating unit during a section 420 of the data service 1 and an OFF status voltage is applied to the demodulating unit during a section 430 of the data services 2 through 4 in the data cycle 410.

[0078] FIG. 5 is a conceptual structure diagram of a DVB-H receiver 500 according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. A time slicing receiving method may be applied to the DVB-H receiver. The DVB-H standard defines demodulation and time slicing according to the DVB-terrestrial (T) standard.

[0079] Referring to FIG. 5, the DVB-H receiver 500 includes a DVB-H demodulator 510 and a DVB-H terminal 520. The DVB-H demodulator 510 includes a DVB-T demodulator 512, a time slicing module 514 and a multi protocol encapsulation (MPE)-forward error correction (FEC) module 516. The time slicing module 514 reduces power consumption and the MPE-FEC module 516 improves tolerance to impulse noise.

[0080] The time slicing module 514 may control a voltage to be applied to the DVB-T demodulator 512 in a demodulation cycle of burst data. The MPE-FEC modulator 516 may transmit demodulated burst data in elementary stream (ES) types data which encapsulates each Internet Protocol (IP) datagram of the burst data into one MPE, to the DVB-H terminal 520. Transport stream (TS) packets and IP datagrams can be transmitted, by using time slicing and non-time slicing, respectively, to the DVB-H terminal 520.

[0081] The DVB-H receiver 500 controls the voltage applied to a front-end portion including the DVB-T demodulator 512 so that an ON status voltage is applied during a cycle when a dedicated service is being received and an OFF status voltage is applied during a cycle when a service which is not dedicated to demodulation is being received. Therefore, the DVB-H standard can reduce the entire power consumption of the DVB-H receiver, and is applied to a receiver having a small battery.

[0082] Hereinafter, a method of dividing and transmitting data by using time slicing will be described with reference to FIGS. 6 through 13.

[0083] FIG. 6 is a diagram for explaining a data division method according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. For the sake of description, image data includes a plurality of frames 600 between a frame A 610 and a frame Z 615. Each frame may be divided into at least one block including at least one piece of data.

[0084] With regard to a frame structure, the frame A 610 is divided into data sections of blocks A_1 through A_N , which are N blocks in total. Each of the blocks A_1 through A_N includes M data positions. For example, a block A_K includes M data positions $A_{K,1}$ through $A_{K,M}$. In more detail, since each block includes M pieces of data, each frame may include $N \times M$ pieces of data.

[0085] In the present exemplary embodiment, blocks of each frame are used to adjust an amount of a data processing unit, and data positions in a block may correspond to layers of a hierarchical structure, respectively. The layers may be divided according to the amount of data or the importance of information of a data set including at least one piece of data in a block.

[0086] The layers are divided according to data positions with reference to FIGS. 7 through 9. The layers are divided according to the importance of information, as illustrated in FIG. 11.

[0087] FIG. 7 is a diagram for explaining a method of transmitting a frame according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 7, a transmission frame generating unit 700 may realign the data of the original frames based on layers by using a demultiplexer 710, generate transmission frames in which the data of the same layer is arranged, and store the generated transmission frames in a buffer 720.

[0088] Data of a predetermined data position of a 1st data position through an Mth data position is selected from each block of a 1st block through an Nth block of the frame A 610, and the selected data is arranged in the order of the blocks. In more detail, a data group 730 AS₁ in which data of the 1st data position of each block is arranged, a data group 740 AS₂ in which data of the 2nd data position of each block is arranged, a data group 750 AS₃ in which data of the 3rd data position of each block is arranged, and a data group 760 AS_M in which data of the Mth data position is arranged are stored in the buffer 720.

[0089] The data groups 730 AS₁ through 760 AS_M are inserted into the transmission frames stored in the buffer 720 according to a hierarchical structure. The transmitting unit 120 may transmit the data groups 730 AS₁ through 760 AS_M included in the transmission frames according to a transmission order based on the priority of the hierarchical structure. The data groups 730 AS₁ through 760 AS_M classified by layers may correspond to different resolutions, amount of detailed information, etc.

[0090] FIG. 8 is a diagram for explaining a method of transmitting a plurality of frames according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 8, a transmission frame generating unit 800 may receive the frames 600, realign data of the frames 600 based on layers by using a demultiplexer 810, generate transmission frames in which the data of the same layer is arranged, and store the generated transmission frames in a buffer 820.

[0091] In more detail, data groups by layers, in which data groups of the same data position of each frame are arranged in the order of the original frames 600, are stored in the buffer 820. That is, a data group 830 AS₁, BS₁, CS₁, . . . ZS₁ having a 1st data position of each block is stored in the buffer 820 according to the order of A, B, C, . . . Z. A data group 840 AS₂, BS₂, CS₂, . . . ZS₂ having a second data position, a data group 850 AS₃, BS₃, CS₃, . . . ZS₃ having a third data position, and a data group 860 AS_M, BS_M, CS_M, . . . ZS_M having an Mth data position are stored in the buffer 820 in the same manner as the data group 830.

[0092] The data groups 830 through 860 of each layer may be simultaneously stored in the buffer 820. The data groups 830 through 860 of each layer may be stored in different spaces of the buffer 820. The data groups 830 through 860 of each layer of each frame may be simultaneously or sequentially stored in a space corresponding to each layer. That is, the data groups AS₁, AS₂, AS₃, . . . AS_M may be simultaneously or sequentially stored in the respective space and then the data groups BS₁, BS₂, BS₃, . . . BS_M may be stored in the respective space.

[0093] The transmitting unit 120 may collect the data groups of each layer stored in the buffer 820 in a frame unit and transmit the collected data groups. For example, the

transmitting unit **120** may transmit the data groups $AS_1, AS_2, AS_3, \dots, AS_M$ and then transmit the data groups $BS_1, BS_2, BS_3, \dots, BS_M$ by the frame. The transmitting unit **120** may transmit the data groups $AS_1, BS_1, CS_1, \dots, ZS_1$ in a layer unit and then transmit the data groups $AS_2, BS_2, CS_2, \dots, ZS_2$ by the layer. Although the frames are transmitted and received in the manner as described above, since data can be classified according to hierarchical structures, data of a layer satisfying a desired condition, such as a resolution or the amount of detailed information, can be demodulated and restored.

[0094] FIG. 9 is a diagram for explaining a method of transmitting a plurality of frames according to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 9, a data transmission apparatus **900** may include a plurality of demultiplexers and buffers corresponding to the frames. The buffers store data realigned according to hierarchical structures of all the frames in order to store transmission frames. In more detail, the data transmission apparatus **900** may include a demultiplexer **910** that realigns data of the frame **A 610** according to hierarchical structures, a buffer **920** that stores transmission frames of the frame **A 610**, a demultiplexer **915** that realigns data of the frame **Z 615** according to hierarchical structures, and a buffer **925** that stores transmission frames of the **Z** frame **615**.

[0095] In the same manner as the data groups **730** AS_1 through **760** AS_M , in which the data of the frame **A 610** is realigned by the demultiplexer **910**, are stored in the buffer **920**, a data group **940** ZS_1 having a 1st data position realigned by the demultiplexer **915**, a data group **950** ZS_2 having a 2nd data position realigned by the demultiplexer **915**, a data group **960** ZS_3 having a 3rd data position realigned by the demultiplexer **915**, and a data group **970** ZS_M having a 4th data position realigned by the demultiplexer **915** are stored in the buffer **925**. The data transmission apparatus **900** transmits the data of the transmission frames of the frame **Z 615** stored in the buffer **925** according to the transmission order of the data groups **940** ZS_1 through **970** ZS_M .

[0096] A buffer **930** stores data **770** and **980** aligned according to layers of all the frames of the frames **A 610** through **Z 615**. The transmitting unit **120** may determine the transmission order to collect the data groups of the all the frames of each layer and transmit the collected data groups (e.g., the data groups **730** AS_1 and **940** ZS_1 are transmitted and then the data groups **740** AS_2 and **950** ZS_2 are transmitted). The transmitting unit **120** may transmit the data groups of each layer stored in the buffer **930** in units of frames. That is, the transmitting unit **120** may determine the transmission order to transmit data of a frame based on layers and then transmit data of a next frame based on layers (i.e., the data groups **730** AS_1 through **760** AS_M are transmitted and then the data groups $BS_1, BS_2, BS_3, \dots, BS_M$ are transmitted).

[0097] FIG. 10 is a waveform diagram of a demodulation cycle **1040** according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 10, the data transmission apparatus **100** may transmit a data service **1010** realigned according to a hierarchical structure including M layers. The data receiving apparatus **200** may receive the data service **1010**. For example, data services of layers $S1, S2, S3, \dots, S_M$ are received during a frame cycle **1030** when a set of frames are transmitted and received.

[0098] The demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) of the data receiving apparatus **200** determines the demodulation cycle **1040** based on the hierarchical structure. The demodulation power controlling unit (not shown) may

control a voltage applied to the demodulating unit **220** according to the demodulation cycle **1040** determined by the demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown). That is, the demodulation power controlling unit (not shown) determines a waveform **1020** of the voltage applied to the demodulating unit **220**.

[0099] The demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) determines the demodulation cycle **1040** in order to cyclically demodulate a data group of at least one layer. The demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may determine the demodulation cycle **1040** in order to demodulate a data service of one of the layers $S1, S2, S3, \dots, S_M$. Alternatively, the demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may adjust the width of the demodulation cycle **1040** to demodulate data services of a plurality of layers.

[0100] Therefore, since an extension of the demodulation cycle **1040** increases an amount of demodulated data or detailed information, a data service including a larger amount of information can be restored in a terminal of a receiver, whereas a front-end portion of the receiver increases power consumption. On the contrary, a reduction in the demodulation cycle **1040** reduces power consumption, whereas a data service including a smaller amount of information is restored in the terminal of the receiver. Therefore, since the control of the demodulation cycle **1040** can adjust the resolution or the amount of information of restored data, the demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may determine the demodulation cycle **1040** based on a tradeoff between the amount of battery power and accuracy of restored information.

[0101] FIG. 11 is a diagram for explaining a data division and transmission method according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 11, when a plurality of frames including a frame **0 1120**, a frame **1 1130**, a frame **2 1140**, \dots are transmitted, the error correction coding unit (not shown) may perform error correction coding with regard to a data group **1150** $B1-0, B1-1, B1-2, \dots$ of a data layer that requires high protection against a transmission error. For example, $B1-0$ represents a data group **B1** of the frame **0 1120**. The transmission frame generating unit **110** may perform data realigning **1110** on the data group **1150** that is error correction coded and data groups of the other data layers that are not error correction coded. The transmitting unit **120** may transmit the realigned data groups **1160** in units of frames (**0, 1, 2, \dots**) **1120**.

[0102] The data receiving unit **210** receives the realigned data groups **1160** based on the hierarchical structure and according to whether error correction coding is performed. The demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) determines a demodulation cycle to demodulate a data section **1180** of a layer for which error correction coding is performed. The demodulation power controlling unit (not shown) may control a waveform **1170** of a voltage applied to the demodulating unit **220** according to the determined demodulation cycle. The error correction coding decrypting unit (not shown) may decrypt the error correction coded and demodulated data and restore a data service.

[0103] For example, error correction coding is performed in order to protect data groups of data and layers, necessary for restoring the data service against the transmission error. If data layers $E1, E2, E3, \dots, EN$ used to reinforce detailed information is demodulated, although quality of a restored data service can be improved, since the demodulated data layers $E1, E2, E3, \dots, EN$ are not necessary for restoring the

data service, data that is not error correction coded may be transmitted and received. Therefore, the demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may determine the demodulation cycle to demodulate error correction coded data based on tolerance of the data against the transmission error that may occur during data service communication.

[0104] Error correction coding may be performed with regard to data of all layers in which a lower level of error correction coding is performed with regard to a data group of a layer corresponding to relatively unimportant detailed information, whereas a higher level of error correction coding may be performed with regard to the data group 1150 that requires the most protection against the transmission error. Therefore, the demodulation cycle determining unit (not shown) may determine the demodulation cycle based on the level of error correction coding, the hierarchical structure, etc.

[0105] The data receiving apparatus 200 may demodulate all pieces of data received by the data receiving unit 210 by using the demodulating unit 220, obtains an average value of each piece of data corresponding to at least one layer of each block (section), and allocates the average value to each block of each frame, so that the output frame generating unit 230 generates output frames having a lower resolution and a lower signal to noise ratio (SNR) than the original frames. Therefore, in the previous exemplary embodiments, data having information suitable for a device of various resolutions can be selectively restored with less power consumption.

[0106] FIG. 12 is a flowchart illustrating a data transmission method according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 12, in operation 1210, data of the same layer among data of original frames classified in a hierarchical structure based on a resolution are realigned to generate transmission frames. The hierarchical structure may be determined based on a range including data indicating detailed information, as well as the resolution. The data of the original frames may be divided into sub-sections. A predetermined position of data in a sub-section or a range of a data set may correspond to a layer.

[0107] If the data includes an image frame, data of the same data position in a block is the data of the same layer. A data group of each layer includes data of the same data position in each block. A transmission frame is generated in which the data group of each layer is arranged according to the priority of layers included in the hierarchical structure.

[0108] In operation 1220, a plurality of transmission frames corresponding to the original frames are transmitted according to the transmission order based on the hierarchical structure. The transmission order may be determined based on the hierarchical structure, for example, the data group of each layer of a predetermined frame is continuously transmitted according to the hierarchical structure and a data group of each layer of a next frame is continuously transmitted, or data of all frames of a predetermined layer is continuously transmitted and a data group of a next layer is transmitted.

[0109] FIG. 13 is a flowchart illustrating a data reception method according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 13, in operation 1310, data arranged by time slicing according to a hierarchical structure based on a resolution is received. The hierarchical structure may be defined according to the amount of information to be restored, as well as the resolution.

[0110] In operation 1320, a data group of at least one layer among the received data is demodulated. Since the data

groups of a data section of a layer where the amount of information desired by a receiver can be restored is demodulated, power consumption of the receiver may be reduced. A demodulation cycle may be determined so that the data of at least one layer is demodulated based on the compensation relationship between the power consumption and accuracy of service restoration.

[0111] In operation 1330, the demodulated data is combined to generate output frames. Data of the demodulated layers is inserted into each section (e.g. block) of each output frame so that a data service having a predetermined resolution or including a predetermined amount of data can be restored.

[0112] The invention can also be embodied as computer readable codes on a computer readable recording medium. The computer readable recording medium is any data storage device that can store data which can be thereafter read by a computer system. Examples of the computer readable recording medium include read-only memory (ROM), random-access memory (RAM), CD-ROMs, magnetic tapes, floppy disks, optical data storage devices, etc.

[0113] While the present invention has been particularly shown and described with reference to exemplary embodiments thereof, it will be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art that various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A data transmission method comprising:

generating a plurality of transmission frames by realigning a plurality of pieces of data of a same layer among data of a plurality of original frames, wherein the plurality of pieces of data are classified in a hierarchical structure based on a resolution; and

transmitting the plurality of transmission frames according to a transmission order based on the hierarchical structure.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of original frames is divided into a plurality of sections including predetermined pieces of data among the data of the plurality of original frames, according to the hierarchical structure based on the resolution.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the generating the plurality of transmission frames comprises:

generating a plurality of data groups each including data of each data position of the plurality of sections among the plurality of pieces of data of the plurality of original frames; and

generating the plurality of transmission frames in which the plurality of data groups having data positions of the plurality of sections are arranged according to an order of the data positions of the plurality of sections.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising performing error correction coding with regard to at least one data group of at least one layer of the plurality of original frames.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the transmitting the plurality of transmission frames comprises:

determining the transmission order based on the hierarchical structure and according to whether the error correction coding is performed.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the performing of the error correction coding comprises adjusting a level of the error correction coding according to the at least one layer.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting the plurality of transmission frames comprises:

- determining a first transmission order to continuously transmit a plurality of data groups of the same layer of each transmission frame according to an order of the plurality of transmission frames;
- determining a second transmission order to continuously transmit a plurality of data groups of each layer of the plurality of transmission frames according to a priority of layers of the hierarchical structure; and
- transmitting the plurality of transmission frames according to the first transmission order and transmitting the plurality of transmission frames according to the second transmission order.
- 8.** The method of claim **1**, wherein the transmitting the plurality of transmission frames comprises:
- determining a first transmission order to continuously transmit a plurality of data groups of each layer of one of the plurality of transmission frames according to a priority of layers of the hierarchical structure;
- determining a second transmission order to continuously transmit a plurality of pieces of data of the plurality of transmission frames according to an order of the transmission frames; and
- transmitting the plurality of transmission frames according to the first transmission order and transmitting the plurality of transmission frames according to the second transmission order.
- 9.** The method of claim **1**, further comprising classifying the data of the plurality of original frames in the hierarchical structure based on the resolution.
- 10.** A data reception method comprising:
- receiving a plurality of pieces of data arranged by time slicing according to a hierarchical structure based on a resolution;
- demodulating data of a data group of at least one layer among the received plurality of pieces of data; and
- generating a plurality of output frames by combining the demodulated data.
- 11.** The method of claim **10**, wherein the demodulating the data of the data group of the at least one layer comprises:
- determining a demodulation cycle of the plurality of pieces of data based on the hierarchical structure; and
- demodulating the data of the data group of the at least one layer among the received plurality of pieces of data according to the determined demodulation cycle.
- 12.** The method of claim **11**, wherein the determining the demodulation cycle comprises:
- determining the demodulation cycle as a part of a frame cycle in which the data group of the at least one layer is received,
- wherein the frame cycle is a cycle where one frame is received, and a plurality of frames are cyclically received according to an order of the plurality of frames.
- 13.** The method of claim **11**, wherein the determining the demodulation cycle comprises:
- determining the demodulation cycle as a layer cycle corresponding to at least one layer among data of the plurality of frames,
- wherein the layer cycle is a cycle where a plurality of data groups of a layer among the data of the plurality of frames are continuously received, and a plurality of data groups of each layer are cyclically received according to the order of layers of the hierarchical structure.
- 14.** The method of claim **11**, wherein the determining the demodulation cycle comprises determining the demodulation cycle as a period in which a data group of at least one layer corresponding to a predetermined resolution is received.
- 15.** The method of claim **10**, wherein the generating the plurality of output frames comprises:
- generating the plurality of output frames that are divided into a plurality of sections each including predetermined pieces of data;
- determining a plurality of data positions in the plurality of sections corresponding to the layers of the hierarchical structure; and
- arranging a plurality of data groups of each layer of the hierarchical structure among the demodulated data in the corresponding data positions in each section of the plurality of output frames.
- 16.** The method of claim **15**, wherein each of the plurality of output frames includes a same number of pieces of data as a number of the demodulated layers.
- 17.** The method of claim **10**, further comprising decrypting error correction coding performed with regard to at least one data group of at least one layer among the demodulated data.
- 18.** The apparatus of claim **17**, wherein the demodulating the data group of the at least one layer comprises determining the demodulation cycle of the data based on the hierarchical structure and according to whether the error correction coding is performed.
- 19.** The apparatus of claim **17**, wherein the decrypting the error correction coding comprises adjusting a level of error correction coding according to the at least one layer.
- 20.** A data transmission apparatus comprising:
- a transmission frame generating unit which generates a plurality of transmission frames by realigning a plurality of pieces of data of a same layer among data of a plurality of original frames, wherein the plurality of pieces of data are classified in a hierarchical structure based on a resolution; and
- a transmitting unit which transmits the plurality of transmission frames according to a transmission order based on the hierarchical structure.
- 21.** The apparatus of claim **20**, further comprising an error correction coding unit which performs error correction coding with regard to at least one data group of at least one layer of the plurality of original frames.
- 22.** A data reception apparatus comprising:
- a data receiving unit which receives a plurality of pieces of data arranged by time slicing according to a hierarchical structure based on a resolution;
- a demodulating unit which demodulates data of a data group of at least one layer among the received plurality of pieces of data; and
- an output frame generating unit which generates a plurality of output frames by combining the demodulated data.
- 23.** The apparatus of claim **22**, wherein the demodulating unit determines a demodulation cycle of the plurality of pieces of data based on the hierarchical structure, and demodulates at least one data group of the at least one layer among the received plurality of pieces of data according to the determined demodulation cycle.

24. The apparatus of claim 22, further comprising an error correction coding decrypting unit which decrypts error correction coding performed with regard to at least data group of at least one layer among the demodulated data.

25. The apparatus of claim 22, further comprising:
a demodulation power controlling unit which controls a voltage of the demodulating unit according to the demodulation cycle of the received data;
a demultiplexer which arranges data according to the hierarchical structure of the received data based on an order

of the plurality of output frames and layers of the data to generate the plurality of output frames; and
a buffer which stores the plurality of output frames.

26. A computer readable recording medium having recorded thereon a program for executing the method of claim 1.

27. A computer readable recording medium having recorded thereon a program for executing the method of claim 10.

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