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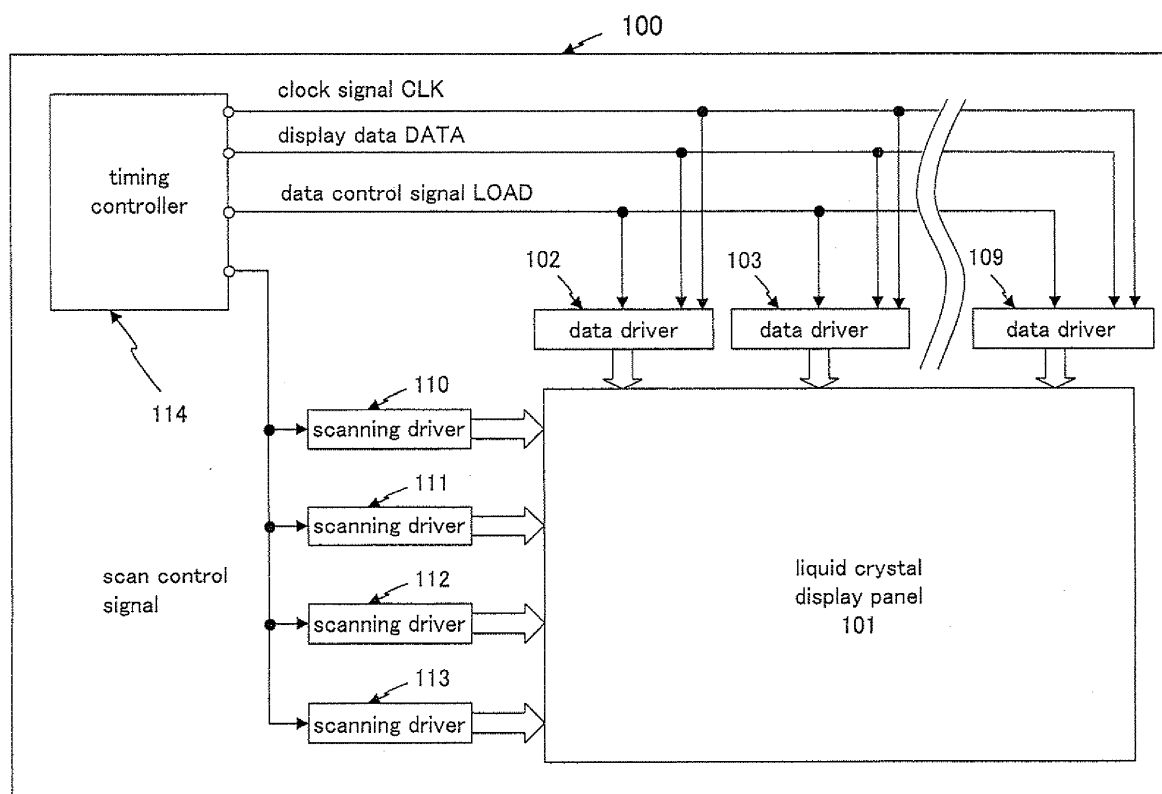
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(54) **Driving circuit, liquid crystal display apparatus and electronic information device**

(57) A driving circuit according to the present invention for driving a display apparatus based on display data and a control signal includes: a delay circuit for delaying the input control signal; and a data load section for loading the input display data to the display apparatus at a

timing generated by the delayed control signal, where the delay circuit delays the control signal in such a manner that load timing at which the display data is loaded to the display apparatus varies according to fixed timing determined by a constant cycle.

FIG. 1



Description

[0001] This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a) to Patent Application No. 2010-143187 filed in Japan on June 23, 2010, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION:

[0002] The present invention relates to a driving circuit, a liquid crystal display apparatus and an electronic information device, and more particularly, the present invention relates to a driving circuit for driving a display panel, such as a liquid crystal display panel, which is configured to disperse peak current; a liquid crystal display apparatus equipped with such a driving circuit; and an electronic information device including such a liquid crystal display apparatus.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART:

[0003] Flat display apparatuses, such as a liquid crystal display apparatus, have conventionally included a display panel such as a liquid crystal display, a driver for driving the display panel, and a control circuit for controlling the driver.

[0004] In recent years, as these display apparatuses become larger, have higher definition and are driven faster, the output frequency of display signals (gradation voltage) to be output as display data to a display panel becomes higher and the number of display signals to be output increases. As a result, in a data driver for driving such a display panel, unnecessary radiation caused during data outputting has become problematic.

[0005] Hereinafter, a detailed description will be provided with an example of a conventional data driver for driving a display panel.

[0006] Figure 14 is a block diagram describing a configuration of a conventional data driver.

[0007] A data driver 901 shown in Figure 14 has n-numbered signal output terminals 911-1 to 911-n, and the data driver 901 is capable of outputting display signals for indicating display data (gradation data) of a p gradation from each of the output terminals to a data line of a display panel.

[0008] In summary, the data driver 901 includes, as signal input terminals to which signals are input from the outside, a clock input terminal 902, a plurality of gradation data input terminals 903, a control signal input terminal 904, and reference voltage terminals 905 to 909. The data driver 901 also includes n-numbered signal output terminals 911-1 to 911-n, from which signals are output to a liquid crystal display panel.

[0009] The data driver 901 includes, as internally provided circuits, a reference voltage correcting circuit 921, a pointer shift register section 923 for operating based

on a clock signal **CLK**, a latch circuit section 924 for latching and sampling display data, a hold circuit section 925 for latching and holding latched-and-sampled display data, a D/A converter (Digital Analog Converter) section 926 for performing a D/A conversion on latched-and-held display data, and an output buffer section 927 for outputting display data subject to D/A conversion.

[0010] Herein, the pointer shift register section 923 includes n stages of shift registers 923-1 to 923-n. The latch circuit section 924 includes n latch circuits 924-1 to 924-n. The hold circuit section 925 includes n hold circuits 925-1 to 925-n. The D/A converter section 926 includes n D/A converter circuits 926-1 to 926-n. The output buffer section 927 includes n output buffers 927-1 to 927-n, each constituted of an operational amplifier.

[0011] Next, the operation of the apparatus described above will be described.

[0012] In the data driver 901 with such a configuration, an input of display data **DATA**, a data control signal **LOAD**, and a clock signal **CLK** from a control circuit (now shown) for controlling the driver 901 allows the pointer shift register section 923 to select one of latch circuits 924-1 to 924-n in accordance with the clock signal **CLK** input to the clock input terminal 902. In such a condition, an input of the gradation data **DATA** from the gradation data input terminal 903 causes a sampling value of the gradation data to be stored in the selected latch circuit in the latch circuit section 924.

[0013] In addition, latch circuit selection signals output from the pointer shift register section 923 cause a first stage latch circuit 924-1 to an nth stage latch circuit 924-n to be selected consecutively by the clock signal input from the clock input terminal 902. Therefore, an input of n clocks enables storage of the gradation data in all of the latch circuits 924-1 to 924-n. In addition, the gradation data stored in the latch circuits 924-1 to 924-n is transferred to corresponding n hold circuits 925-1 to 925-n by the control signal **LOAD**, to be digital input data of D/A converters 926-1 to 926-n.

[0014] The D/A converters 926-1 to 926-n select and output one of p types of gradation voltages to be input, according to the digital input data above. P types of gradation voltages are generated by the reference voltage correcting circuit 921 based on reference voltages **V0** to **V4** input from respective reference voltage terminals 905 to 909.

[0015] Further, the output buffer section 927 performs an impedance conversion on the gradation voltages output from the D/A converters 926-1 to 926-n, and the gradation voltages are output to data lines of a liquid crystal display panel (not shown) as driving signals from each of the signal output terminals 911-1 to 911-n to the liquid crystal display panel.

[0016] In the conventional data driver 901 with such a configuration, since data transferring is performed from the hold circuits 925-1 to 925-n to the D/A converter circuits 926-1 to 926-n all together by the control signal **LOAD** as described above, the gradation voltages output

from the D/A converter circuits **926-1** to **926-n** are simultaneously changed. Thus, a large amount of current is generated instantaneously in the data driver **901**. This current has an extremely large value due to the increase in the number of the signal output terminals **911-1** to **911-n** and the increase in the driving performance by the output buffer section **927**. Owing to this fact, not only is more current consumed by the data driver **901**, but also unnecessary radiation caused by the current becomes problematic.

[0017] Accordingly, a method disclosed in Reference 1 has been proposed as a method for preventing peak current from increasing due to concentrated current.

[0018] Figure 15 is a diagram describing a configuration of a data driver disclosed in Reference 1.

[0019] In a data driver **300** in Figure 15, circuit blocks **CB1** to **CB4** correspond to the hold circuits, D/A converter circuits and output buffers in the data driver **901** shown in Figure 14, and respective sets of the circuit blocks **CB1** to **CB4** are grouped by a plurality of groups **CG1** to **CGm**. In summary, the circuit blocks **CB1** to **CB4** in each group correspond to respective data lines of a liquid crystal display panel, and they output display data to corresponding data lines.

[0020] Further, in the data driver **300**, the control signal **LOAD** input via an input protection circuit **E (30)** is directly input into a first circuit group **CG1**. The control signal **LOAD** from the input protection circuit **E (30)** is input into a second circuit group **CG2** via a first delay circuit **31a1**. The control signal **LOAD** is input into a third circuit group **CG3** via the first delay circuit **31a1** and a second delay circuit **31a2**. In summary, the control signal **LOAD** is input into an m circuit group **CGm** via a first to m-1 delay circuits **31a1** to **31am-1**.

[0021] Thus, in a liquid crystal display apparatus equipped with such a data driver, since there is a delay circuit **D** provided in between circuit groups **CG**, display output signals (gradation voltages) are output from respective circuit groups **CG** with each display output signal shifted by a delay period of time of each delay circuit **D**.

[0022] Owing to this configuration, display output signals are dispersed for respective circuit groups **CG** to be output. Therefore, peak current flowing through a power source line is dispersed even in a case where the number of signals is increased due to higher definition and a wider screen, and unnecessary radiation can also be reduced.

[0023] Reference 2 discloses subject matter which causes timing for taking gradation data into a hold circuit to be different between data drivers.

Reference 1: Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 8-22267

Reference 2: Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 2008-262132

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0024] As described above, in the data driver described in Reference 1, display output signals (gradation voltages) are output from respective circuit groups **CG** with each display output signal shifted by a delay period of each delay circuit **D**, while the intervals at which display signals are output from respective circuit groups is constant. Thus, problems arise where the dispersion of frequency components of driving signals is not sufficient, and unnecessary radiation increases when the display apparatus has a larger screen, has higher definition, and is driven faster.

[0025] In a liquid crystal display apparatus disclosed in Reference 2, there also exist problems similar to those in the data driver described in Reference 1.

[0026] The present invention is intended to solve the conventional problems described above. The objective of the present invention is to provide for a driving circuit capable of dispersing frequency components of driving signals for driving a display apparatus, such as a liquid crystal display apparatus, to reduce unnecessary radiation; a liquid crystal display apparatus equipped with such a driving circuit; and an electronic information device including such a liquid crystal display apparatus.

[0027] A driving circuit according to the present invention for driving a display apparatus based on display data and a control signal, includes: a delay circuit for delaying the input control signal; and a data load section for loading the input display data to the display apparatus at a timing generated by the delayed control signal, where the delay circuit delays the control signal in such a manner that load timing at which the display data is loaded to the display apparatus varies according to fixed timing determined by a constant cycle, thereby achieving the objective described above.

[0028] Preferably, in a driving circuit according to the present invention, the input control signal is a signal for generating the fixed timing at the constant cycle, and the delay circuit repeats delay processing for the control signal, in which the load timing is delayed from the fixed timing by a given delay period every time an integral multiple of the constant cycle elapses, within the limits of a delay period of the load timing.

[0029] Still preferably, in a driving circuit according to the present invention, the display data and the control signal are included in a video signal supplied to the display apparatus, and the constant cycle is based on a horizontal synchronization period of the video signal.

[0030] Still preferably, in a driving circuit according to the present invention, the delay circuit includes: a count circuit for counting the fixed timing generated by the input control signal; and a decoder for decoding a count output of the count circuit, where a delay amount of the control signal is determined based on an output of the decoder.

[0031] Still preferably, in a driving circuit according to the present invention, the delay circuit includes: a plurality of delay elements connected in series; and a plurality

of switches for switching signal paths of the control signal so that the control signal is delayed by a given number of the delay elements connected in series among the plurality of delay elements, based on an output of the decoder.

[0032] Still preferably, in a driving circuit according to the present invention, the delay circuit includes: a shift register for performing a shift operation based on the fixed timing generated by the input control signal; a plurality of delay elements connected in series; and a plurality of switches for switching signal paths of the control signal so that the control signal is delayed by a given number of the delay elements connected in series among the plurality of delay elements, based on an output of the shift register.

[0033] Still preferably, a driving circuit according to the present invention includes: a data driver for driving a plurality of data lines of a liquid crystal display panel as the display apparatus; a scanning driver for driving a plurality of scanning lines of the liquid crystal display panel; and a timing controller for generating, based on an input video signal, the display data supplied to the data driver as well as generating, as the control signal, a data control signal supplied to the data driver and a scan control signal supplied to the scanning driver, where: the delay circuit constitutes the data driver; and the delay circuit delays the control signal input to the data driver in such a manner that timing, at which the display data is output from the data driver to a data line of the liquid crystal display panel, varies for each horizontal scanning line according to fixed timing determined based on a horizontal synchronization signal.

[0034] Still preferably, a driving circuit according to the present invention includes: a data driver for driving a plurality of data lines of a liquid crystal display panel as the display apparatus; a scanning driver for driving a plurality of scanning lines of the liquid crystal display panel; and a timing controller for generating, based on an input video signal, the display data supplied to the data driver as well as generating, as the control signal, a data control signal supplied to the data driver and a scan control signal supplied to the scanning driver, where: the delay circuit constitutes the timing controller; and the delay circuit delays the control signal generated by the timing controller based on the video signal in such a manner that timing, at which the display data is output from the data driver to a data line of the liquid crystal display panel, varies for each horizontal scanning line according to fixed timing determined based on a horizontal synchronization signal.

[0035] Still preferably, a driving circuit according to the present invention includes a data driver for driving a plurality of data lines of a liquid crystal display panel as the display apparatus, where: the delay circuit constitutes the data driver, for delaying the control signal input in the data driver; and the data driver includes: a plurality of driver circuits in a plurality of groups, provided for each data line of the liquid crystal display panel, for driving the corresponding data line, the plurality of driver circuits be-

ing grouped into a plurality of groups; and a signal delay section for delaying the control signal supplied to the driver circuits in each group in such a manner that the driver circuits in the same group supply the display data to the data line at the same timing, and the driver circuits in a different group supply the display data to the data line at a different timing.

[0036] Still preferably, in a driving circuit according to the present invention, the signal delay section includes a plurality of delay sections connected in series over a plurality of stages; the delay section in a first stage delays the control signal output from the delay circuit; and the delay sections in a second stage and later stages delay the control signal output from the delay section in the previous stage.

[0037] Still preferably, in a driving circuit according to the present invention, the delay sections constituting the signal delay section respectively delay the input control signal by a predetermined amount.

[0038] Still preferably, in a driving circuit according to the present invention, the plurality of delay sections include: a count circuit for counting timing of a fixed cycle generated by the input control signal; and a decoder for decoding a count output of the count circuit, and a delay amount of the control signal is determined based on an output of the decoder.

[0039] Still preferably, in a driving circuit according to the present invention, the plurality of delay sections include: a plurality of delay elements connected in series; and a plurality of switches for switching signal paths of the control signal so that the control signal is delayed by a given number of the delay elements connected in series among the plurality of delay elements, based on an output of the decoder.

[0040] Still preferably, in a driving circuit according to the present invention, the plurality of delay sections include: a shift register for performing a shift operation based on fixed cycle timing generated by the input control signal; a plurality of delay elements connected in series; and a plurality of switches for switching signal paths of the control signal so that the control signal is delayed by a given number of the delay elements connected in series among the plurality of delay elements, based on an output of the shift register.

[0041] A liquid crystal display apparatus according to the present invention includes a liquid crystal display panel, for displaying an image on the liquid crystal display panel based on a video signal, the liquid crystal display apparatus further including: a driving apparatus for driving the liquid crystal display panel based on the video signal, wherein the driving apparatus includes the driving circuit according to the present invention, thereby achieving the objective described above.

[0042] An electronic information device according to the present invention includes a liquid crystal display apparatus, where the liquid crystal display apparatus is the liquid crystal display apparatus according to the present invention, thereby achieving the objective described

above.

[0043] The functions of the present invention will be described hereinafter.

[0044] In the present invention, a delay circuit for delaying input control signals and a data load section for loading input display data to a display apparatus at the timing of the generation of a delayed control signal are included. The control signal is delayed in such a manner that load timing for loading the display data to the display apparatus varies according to fixed timing determined by a constant cycle. As a result, it becomes possible to obtain the effect of reducing unnecessary radiation, which was not sufficiently obtained in the conventional art.

[0045] In the present invention, since load timing for a control signal, with reference to fixed timing, is generated a plurality of times in a time series by the delay of a control signal, the size of the circuit for generating the load timing of the control signal a plurality of times can be prevented from being large, which leads to cost reduction.

[0046] In the present invention, the driving circuit includes a counter circuit for counting the rise of a pulse of a control signal, so that a delay circuit capable of varying load timing for each horizontal period can be configured without increasing the circuit size, which leads to cost reduction.

[0047] In the present invention, a plurality of corresponding circuit blocks for each data signal line form a group with a predetermined number of data signal lines as units, where each of the circuit blocks constitutes a driving circuit. Thus, the load timing of the control signal is generated a plurality of times in a time series with reference to the fixed timing. As a result, not only the frequency components of driving signals generated in the driving circuit can be dispersed and unnecessary radiation can be reduced, but also the timing for loading can be shifted for each plurality of circuit groups, thereby achieving further reduction of unnecessary radiation.

[0048] According to the present invention as described above, it becomes possible to obtain a driving circuit capable of dispersing frequency components of a driving signal for driving a display apparatus, such as a liquid crystal display apparatus, thereby reducing unnecessary radiation; a liquid crystal display apparatus equipped with such a driving circuit; and an electronic information device including such a liquid crystal display apparatus.

[0049] These and other advantages of the present invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon reading and understanding the following detailed description with reference to the accompanying figures.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0050]

Figure 1 is a diagram showing a configuration of a display apparatus including a driving circuit according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a block diagram showing a data driver, which is a driving circuit according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention.

Figure 3 is a block diagram showing a delay circuit constituting a driving circuit (data driver) according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention.

Figure 4 is a diagram describing an operation of a delay circuit according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention, showing a delayed load signal (control signal) in a timing diagram.

Figure 5 is a diagram showing a configuration of a display apparatus including a timing controller according to Embodiment 2 of the present invention.

Figure 6 is a block diagram showing a timing controller according to Embodiment 2 of the present invention.

Figure 7 is a diagram showing a configuration of a display apparatus including a driving circuit according to Embodiment 3 of the present invention.

Figure 8 is a block diagram showing a data driver, which is a driving circuit according to Embodiment 3 of the present invention.

Figure 9 is a block diagram showing a delay circuit constituting a driving circuit (data driver) according to Embodiment 3 of the present invention.

Figure 10 is a diagram showing a configuration of a display apparatus including a driving circuit according to Embodiment 4 of the present invention.

Figure 11 is a block diagram showing a data driver, which is a driving circuit according to Embodiment 4 of the present invention.

Figure 12 is a block diagram showing a delay circuit constituting a driving circuit (data driver) according to Embodiment 4 of the present invention.

Figure 13 is a block diagram showing a driving circuit (data driver) according to Embodiment 5 of the present invention.

Figure 14 is a block diagram describing an example of a configuration of a conventional data driver.

Figure 15 is a block diagram describing a configuration disclosed in Reference 1 as an example of a configuration of another conventional driving circuit.

14a control section

14b, 120, 120b, 220, D delay circuit

20a1-20am circuit block
24a1-24am, 24b1-24bm block delay circuit
100, 100a, 100b, 200 liquid crystal display apparatus
101, 201, 901 liquid crystal display panel
102-109, 102a-109a, 102b-109b, 202-209 LS1 data driver
110-113, 210-213 scanning driver
114, 114a, 214 timing controller
115, 215, 923 shift register section
115-1 to 115-n, 215-1 to 215-k shift register
116, 216, 924 latch circuit section
116-1 to 116-n, 216-1 to 216-n latch circuit
117, 217, 925 hold circuit section
117-1 to 117-n, 217-1 to 217-k hold circuit
118, 218, 926 D/A converter section
118-1 to 118-n, 218-1 to 218-k D/A converter
119, 219, 927 output buffer section
119-1 to 119-n, 219-1 to 219-k output buffer
121, 221 reference voltage correcting circuit
122, 222, 902 clock input terminal
123, 223, 903 data input terminal
124, 224, 904 control input terminal
125-129, 225-229, 905-909 reference voltage input terminal
130, 230, 911 output terminal section
130-1 to 130-n output terminal
131, 231 counter
132, 232 decoder
133-1 to 130-4 switch
134a, 134b, 134c delay section
De delay element

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0051] Hereinafter, embodiments of the present invention will be described.

(Embodiment 1)

[0052] Figure 1 is a diagram showing a configuration of a liquid crystal display apparatus including a driving circuit according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention.

[0053] A liquid crystal display apparatus **100** according to Embodiment 1 includes a liquid crystal display panel **101** for performing image display based on a video signal, a plurality of data drivers **102** to **109** for driving a data signal line of the liquid crystal display panel, a plurality of scanning drivers **110** to **113** for driving a scan signal line of the liquid crystal display panel, and a timing controller **114** for generating display data, a data control signal and a scan control signal from a video signal, for controlling the data drivers **102** to **109** with the display data and the data control signal, and for controlling the scanning drivers **110** to **113** with the scan control signal.

[0054] More particularly, the data drivers **102** to **109** are connected to the data signal line of the liquid crystal display panel **101**, and drives the data signal line based

on the display data and data control signal from the timing controller **114**. The data drivers **102** to **109** are formed by implementing a driver chip as an implementation structure such as a COF (Chip On Film) constituted of a semiconductor integrated circuit on a film substrate. The scanning drivers **110** to **113** are connected to the scan signal line of the liquid crystal display panel **101**, and drives the scan signal line with the scan control signal from the timing controller **114**. The scanning drivers **110** to **113** are also formed by implementing a driver chip as an implementation structure such as a COF (Chip On Film) constituted of a semiconductor integrated circuit on a film substrate. The timing controller **114** is connected through a signal line to at least one of the data drivers **102** to **109** and to at least one of the scanning drivers **110** to **113**. By controlling at least one of the data drivers **102** to **109** and at least one of the scanning drivers **110** to **113**, the timing controller **114** displays video data on the liquid crystal display panel **101**. In summary, the timing controller **114** may be directly connected with each data driver and each scanning driver through a data bus. Alternatively, the timing controller **114** may be connected to a first stage data driver and a first stage scanning driver, and signals from the timing controller **114** may be transmitted to the data drivers and scanning drivers in the following stages from the first stage data driver and the first stage scanning driver.

[0055] Figure 2 is a diagram showing a configuration of the data driver **102**. The data drivers **103** to **109** each include the same configuration as the data driver **102**, and thus the explanatory description for them will be omitted.

[0056] As shown in Figure 2, the data driver **102** includes a pointer shift register circuit section **115** for performing a shift operation based on a clock signal **CLK**, a latch circuit section **116** for latching and sampling display data **DATA**, a hold circuit section **117** for latching and holding latched-and-sampled display data, a D/A converter section **118** for performing a D/A conversion on latched-and-held display data, and an output buffer section **119** for outputting display data subject to D/A conversion.

[0057] Herein, the pointer shift register circuit section **115** includes n stages of shift registers **115-1** to **115-n**. The latch circuit section **116** includes n latch circuits **116-1** to **116-n**. The hold circuit section **117** includes n hold circuits **117-1** to **117-n**. The D/A converter **118** includes n D/A converter circuits **118-1** to **118-n**. The output buffer section **119** includes n output buffers **119-1** to **119-n**, each constituted of an operational amplifier.

[0058] The data driver **102** further includes a delay circuit **120** for delaying a data control signal, and a reference voltage correcting circuit **121** for generating m types of gradation voltages based on reference voltages **V0** to **V4** to be input.

[0059] As for input terminals, the data driver **102** further includes a clock input terminal **122**, a display data input terminal **123**, a control signal input terminal **124**, and ref-

erence voltage terminals **125** to **129**.

[0060] As for output terminals provided for signal outputting to the liquid crystal display panel **101**, the data driver **102** further includes n signal output terminals **130-1** to **130-n**. The signal output terminals **130-1** to **130-n** are individually connected to the data signal line of the aforementioned liquid crystal display panel **101**.

[0061] Herein, the clock input terminal **122** is provided to input a clock signal **CLK** given to the pointer shift register circuit section **115**. The display data input terminal **123** consists of a plurality of signal input terminals corresponding to respective bits of gradation data of a plurality of bits. The control signal input terminal **124** is connected to the hold circuit section **117** through the delay circuit **120**, and provided for allowing a data load signal **LOAD** to be input. The data load signal is used as a control signal for allowing the hold circuit section **117** to retain display data latched at the latch circuit section **116**. The reference voltage terminals **125** to **129** each are provided for inputting reference voltages **V0** to **V4** given to the reference voltage correcting circuit **121**.

[0062] The signal output terminals **130-1** to **130-n** are provided for outputting gradation voltages output from the n output buffers **119-1** to **119-n**, which constitute the output buffer section **119**, to the liquid crystal display panel **101**.

[0063] Next, the operation of the apparatus described above will be described.

[0064] In the liquid crystal display apparatus **100** according to Embodiment 1, upon the input of a video signal from the outside, the timing controller **114** generates a display data **DATA**, a data control signal **LOAD**, a scan control signal and a clock signal **CLK**, from the video signal. When the display data **DATA**, the data control signal **LOAD**, and the clock signal **CLK** are supplied to the data drivers **102** to **109**, the data drivers **102** to **109** drive the data signal line based on the display data and data control signal. Additionally, when the scan control signal is supplied to the scanning drivers **110** to **113**, the scanning drivers **110** to **113** drive the scan signal line based on the scan control signal. Thereby, an image is displayed on the liquid crystal display panel in accordance with the video signal.

[0065] In the meantime, in the data driver **102**, when the display data **DATA**, the data control signal **LOAD**, and the clock signal **CLK** from the timing controller **114** are supplied to the respective input terminals, the pointer shift register circuit section **115** shifts the clock signal **CLK** input in the clock input terminal **122**, with the respective stages of shift registers **115-1** to **115-n**, to output a latch circuit selection signal from the shift register of each stage. In summary, with the latch circuit selection signal, the pointer shift register circuit section **115** consecutively selects a first stage latch circuit **116-1** to an n th stage latch circuit **116-n**, which constitute the latch circuit section **116**.

[0066] Upon the input of the latch circuit selection signal, the n latch circuits **116-1** to **116-n** in the latch circuit

section **116** change to an active state which allows storage of the display data **DATA** input from the display data input terminal **123**. In this state, it is possible to store data of different values in the latch circuits **116-1** to **116-n**.

Therefore, when n clocks of the clock signal are input into the pointer shift register circuit section **115**, all of the latch circuits **116-1** to **116-n** can store display data corresponding to the respective data lines. When the display data **DATA** is input from the display data input terminal **123** in a state where each latch circuit can store data, a value of the display data **DATA** corresponding to each data line is selected and stored in each of the corresponding latch circuits **116-1** to **116-n**.

N numbers of the hold circuits **117-1** to **117-n** collectively retrieve and retain data stored in the corresponding latch circuits **116-1** to **116-n** at the timing when the load signal (data control signal) **LOAD** becomes active (e.g., H level). The data retained in the hold circuits **117-1** to **117-n** is changed into digital data input in the D/A converters **118-1** to **118-n**.

At this stage, the data control signal **LOAD** is output from the timing controller **114** and input into the control signal input terminal **124** through a signal line, and subsequently, the data control signal **LOAD** is input into the hold circuit section **117** through the delay circuit **120**. Thus, the data control signal **LOAD** is delayed for a predetermined time in the delay circuit **120** and is then input into the hold circuit section **117**.

The D/A converters **118-1** to **118-n** select and output one of the gradation voltages of p types, which is input from the reference voltage correcting circuit **121**, based on the digital data described above. The details of such D/A converters **118-1** to **118-n** are described in Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 2003-130921, for example, and thus the explanation for them will be omitted.

The output buffers **119-1** to **119-n** perform an impedance conversion on, and output, the gradation voltages output from the respective D/A converters **118-1** to **118-n**. The gradation voltages output from the output buffers **119-1** to **119-n** are output to the corresponding data signal lines of the liquid crystal display panel **101**, as gradation data (driving data), from respective signal output terminals **130-1** to **130-n**.

While the operation explained above is that of the data driver **102**, the rest of the data drivers **103** to **109** are operated in the same manner as the data driver **102**.

Next, the delay circuit **120** in a driving circuit (data driver) **102** according to Embodiment 1 will be described in detail.

Figure 3 is a block diagram showing a delay circuit constituting a driving circuit (data driver) **102** according to Embodiment 1.

The delay circuit **120** includes a 2 bit counter **131** connected to a control input terminal **124**, a 4 output decoder **132** for decoding an output of the counter **131**, four switches **133** (**133-0** to **133-3**) connected to the de-

coder **132**, and a delay element **De** connected to the switches **133**.

[0075] More particularly, the delay circuit **120** includes first to fourth switches **133-0** to **133-3**, a delay section **134a** consisting of three delay elements connected in series, a delay section **134b** consisting of two delay elements connected in series, and a delay section **134c** consisting of one delay element. The fourth switch **133-3** and the delay sections in the order of **134a** to **134c** are connected in series from the side of the input node and lie in between an input node (control input terminal **124**) and an output node of the delay circuit **120**.

[0076] Herein, the third switch **133-2** is connected in parallel to the series connection body of the fourth switch **133-3** and the delay section **134a**. The second switch **133-1** is connected in parallel to the series connection body of the fourth switch **133-3**, the delay section **134a** and the delay section **134b**. The first switch **133-0** is connected in parallel to the series connection body of the fourth switch **133-3**, the delay section **134a**, the delay section **134b** and the delay section **134c**.

[0077] In the delay circuit **120** as described above, the counter **131** counts the number of pulses of the control signal **LOAD(IN)** (see Figure 4) as a pulse signal input from the outside to the control input terminal **124**. The decoder **132** turns outputs **Y0** to **Y3** thereof into an active state consecutively in accordance with the count number. The control signal herein is a pulse signal in synchronism with a horizontal synchronization signal of a video signal. Therefore, the first to fourth switches **133-0** to **133-3** are consecutively switched to be on every time one horizontal synchronization period elapses, and the switching of the switches is repeated for every four horizontal synchronization periods.

[0078] In summary, according to the count number, the path for the control signal **LOAD** is switched to one of the path through the three delay sections **134a** to **134c**, the path through the two delay sections **134b** and **134c**, the path through the delay section **134c**, and the path through no delay section. Through such a path in accordance with the count number, the control signal **LOAD** is subsequently input into the hold circuit **117**.

[0079] Therefore, the control signal which has passed through the first switch **133-0** is output from an output node without delay. The control signal which has passed through the second switch **133-1** is output through one delay element **De**. The control signal which has passed through the third switch **133-2** is output through three delay elements **De**. The control signal which has passed through the fourth switch **133-3** is output through six delay elements **De**.

[0080] Thus, with one horizontal synchronization period defined to be $1H$ and a delay period of time by one delay element **De** defined to be α , the timing for the pulse rise of the control signal **LOAD**, which is input in the hold circuit section **117**, is delayed by a delay period of time $1H+\alpha$, $1H+2\alpha$, $1H+3\alpha$ or 0 for each horizontal period with respect to the timing determined by a fixed cycle with one

horizontal synchronization period as a reference. In other words, each pulse in the control signal rises after the elapse of the time $1H+\alpha$, $1H+2\alpha$, $1H+3\alpha$, and $1H-6\alpha$, from the pulse rise timing immediately before, and it can be said that there are four types of cycles such as $1H+\alpha$, $1H+2\alpha$, $1H+3\alpha$ and $1H-6\alpha$, as shown in Figure 4.

[0081] As a result, the frequency of the control signal in the data driver circuit is dispersed, thereby reducing unnecessary radiation.

[0082] According to Embodiment 1 as described above, the data drivers (driving circuits) **102** to **109**, which drives the liquid crystal display panel **101** based on the display data and the control signal, include the delay circuit **120** for delaying input control signal as well as the hold circuit section **117**, the D/A converter circuit section **118** and the output buffer section **119**, as a data load section for loading input display data to the liquid crystal display panel **101** at the timing generated by the delayed control signal. Further, the delay circuit **120** delays the control signal in such a manner that the load timing at which the display data is loaded to the liquid crystal display panel **101** varies with reference to a fixed timing determined by a constant cycle (one horizontal synchronization period). Therefore, it becomes possible to vary the output timing, at which the driving circuit loads data, periodically for each horizontal synchronization period. Thereby, it becomes possible to disperse frequency components of the display data output to the liquid crystal display panel and reduce unnecessary radiation.

[0083] In Embodiment 1, the output timing at which the driving circuit loads data is varied periodically for each horizontal synchronization period; however, the output timing at which the driving circuit loads data may be varied periodically for each of two or more horizontal synchronization periods.

(Embodiment 2)

[0084] Figure 5 is a diagram showing a configuration of a liquid crystal display apparatus including a timing controller according to Embodiment 2 of the present invention.

[0085] A liquid crystal display apparatus **100a** according to Embodiment 2 includes a timing controller **114a** equipped with a delay circuit **14b**, which has the same configuration as the delay circuit **120** in Embodiment 1, instead of the timing controller **114** in the liquid crystal display apparatus **100** according to Embodiment 1. In the liquid crystal display apparatus **100a** according to Embodiment 2, data drivers **102a**, **103a** and **109a** have the same configuration as that of the conventional data driver **901**. The rest of the configuration in the liquid crystal display apparatus **100a** according to Embodiment 2 is the same as that of the liquid crystal display apparatus **100** according to Embodiment 1.

[0086] Figure 6 is a diagram showing a timing controller according to Embodiment 2 of the present invention.

[0087] The timing controller **114a** according to Embodiment 2

iment 2 includes a control section **14a** for generating a display data, a data control signal, a clock signal and a scan control signal, based on a video signal supplied from outside the liquid crystal display apparatus **100a**, and a delay circuit **14b** for delaying a data control signal **LOAD** output from the control section **14a**. The delay circuit **14b** has the same configuration as the delay circuit **120** included in the data driver **102** according to Embodiment 1.

[0088] In the liquid crystal display apparatus **100a** according to Embodiment 2 with the configuration described above, the timing controller **114a** is configured to include the delay circuit **14b** for delaying a data control signal. Therefore, the control signal supplied from the delay circuit **14b** to data drivers (driving circuits) **102a** to **109a** is delayed in such a manner that the load timing at which the display data is loaded to the display apparatus varies according to fixed timing determined by a constant cycle (one horizontal synchronization period). As a result, it becomes possible to vary the output timing, at which the driving circuit loads data to the liquid crystal display panel, periodically for each horizontal synchronization period. Thereby, it becomes possible to disperse frequency components of the display data output to the liquid crystal display panel and reduce unnecessary radiation.

(Embodiment 3)

[0089] Figure 7 is a diagram showing a configuration of a liquid crystal display apparatus including a driving circuit according to Embodiment 3 of the present invention. Figure 8 is a diagram showing a data driver, which is a driving circuit according to Embodiment 3 of the present invention.

[0090] A liquid crystal display apparatus **100b** according to Embodiment 3 includes data drivers **102b** to **109b** each including a delay circuit **120b** with a circuit configuration different from that of the delay circuit **120**, instead of the data drivers **102** to **109** with the delay circuit **120** in the liquid crystal display apparatus **100** according to Embodiment 1. The rest of the configuration in the liquid crystal display apparatus **100b** according to Embodiment 3 is the same as that of the liquid crystal display apparatus **100** according to Embodiment 1.

[0091] Figure 9 is a block diagram showing a delay circuit **120b** constituting a driving circuit (data driver) according to Embodiment 3 of the present invention.

[0092] The delay circuit **120b** includes a shift register **132a** instead of the counter **131** and the decoder **132** in the delay circuit **120**, which constitutes the data driver **102** according to Embodiment 1. The rest of the configuration is the same as that of the delay circuit **120** in Embodiment 1.

[0093] In summary, the delay circuit **120b** in the data driver **102b** according to Embodiment 3 includes a shift register **132a** for performing a shift operation based on fixed timing generated from an input control signal **LOAD**,

a plurality of delay elements **De** connected in series, and a plurality of switches **133-0** to **133-3** for switching signal paths of the control signal based on the output of the shift register in such a manner that the control signal is delayed by a predetermined number of delay elements which are connected in series among the plurality of delay elements. The delay elements **De** and the switches **133-0** to **133-3** are identical to those in the delay circuit **120** according to Embodiment 1.

[0094] In the delay circuit **120b** with the configuration described above, the shift register **132a** turns outputs **Y0** to **Y3** thereof into an active state consecutively every time the pulse of the control signal **LOAD(IN)** (see Figure 4) rises, the control signal **LOAD(IN)** being a pulse signal input from the outside to the control input terminal **124**. The control signal herein is a pulse signal in synchronism with a horizontal synchronization signal of a video signal. Therefore, the first to fourth switches **133-0** to **133-3** are consecutively switched to be on every time one horizontal synchronization period elapses, and the switching of the switches is repeated for every four horizontal synchronization periods.

[0095] Therefore, similar to the delay circuit **120** according to Embodiment 1, the control signal which has passed through the first switch **133-0** is output from an output node without delay. The control signal which has passed through the second switch **133-1** is output through one delay element **De**. The control signal which has passed through the third switch **133-2** is output through three delay elements **De**. The control signal which has passed through the fourth switch **133-3** is output through six delay elements **De**.

[0096] Thus, with one horizontal synchronization period defined to be $1H$ and a delay period of time by one delay element **De** defined to be α , the timing for the pulse rise of the control signal **LOAD**, which is input in the hold circuit section **117**, is delayed for a delay period of time $1H+\alpha$, $1H+2\alpha$, $1H+3\alpha$ or 0 for each horizontal period with respect to the timing determined by a fixed cycle with one horizontal synchronization period as a reference.

[0097] As a result, the frequency of the control signal in the data driver circuit is dispersed, thereby reducing unnecessary radiation.

(Embodiment 4)

[0098] Figure 10 is a diagram showing a configuration of a display apparatus including a driving circuit according to Embodiment 4 of the present invention.

[0099] A liquid crystal display apparatus **200** according to Embodiment 4 includes data drivers **202** to **209**, instead of the data drivers **102** to **109** in the liquid crystal display apparatus **100** according to Embodiment 1, the configuration of the data drivers **202** to **209** being different from that of the data drivers **102** to **109**.

[0100] Figure 11 is a block diagram showing a data driver, which is a driving circuit according to Embodiment 4 of the present invention, showing a configuration of a

data driver **202**.

[0101] More particularly, in addition to the configuration of the data driver **102** according to Embodiment 1, the data driver **202** according to Embodiment 4 includes shift registers, latch circuits, hold circuits, D/A converter circuits, and buffer circuits, formed into a group of m groups **20a1** to **20am**, for each data signal line of a pre-determined number (k, herein) among all of n-numbered data signal lines. The data driver **202** further includes delay circuits **24a1** to **24am** with a fixed delay period of time, each corresponding to the respective group, the delay circuits **21a1** to **24am** being provided in the previous stage of the respective group.

[0102] The delay circuits **24a1** to **24am** are connected in series so that control signals from a delay circuit **220** are delayed consecutively for a given period of time. The delay circuit **220** has the same configuration as the delay circuit **120** according to Embodiment 1 and is also capable of varying the delay amount. Outputs from the delay circuits **24a1** to **24am** with a fixed delay amount and provided in the previous stage of each group, are supplied to each hold circuit in each of the groups **20a1** to **20am**.

[0103] Therefore, a timing controller **214**, scanning drivers **210** to **213**, and a liquid crystal display panel **201** in the liquid crystal display apparatus **200** according to Embodiment 4 are identical to the timing controller **114**, the scanning drivers **110** to **113**, and the liquid crystal display panel **101** in the liquid crystal display apparatus **100** according to Embodiment 1.

[0104] In summary, the data drivers **202** to **209** are connected to a data signal line of the liquid crystal display panel **201**, and drive the data signal lines. In addition, the data drivers **202** to **209** are formed by implementing a driver chip as an implementation structure such as a COF (Chip On Film) constituted of a semiconductor integrated circuit on a film substrate. The scanning drivers **210** to **213** are connected to a scan signal line of a display panel **201**, and drives the scan signal lines. The scanning drivers **210** to **213** are also formed by implementing a driver chip as an implementation structure such as a COF (Chip On Film) constituted of a semiconductor integrated circuit on a film substrate. The timing controller **214** is connected to at least one of the data drivers **202** to **209** and to at least one of the scanning drivers **210** to **213**, through a signal line. By controlling at least one of the data drivers **202** to **209** and at least one of the scanning drivers **210** to **213**, the timing controller **214** causes the liquid crystal display panel **201** to display video data.

[0105] Hereinafter, the data driver **202** will be described.

[0106] The data drivers **203** to **209** each include the same configuration as the data driver **202**, and thus the explanatory description for them will be omitted.

[0107] Similar to the data driver **102** according to Embodiment 1, the data driver **202** includes a pointer shifter register circuit section **215**, a latch circuit **216**, a hold circuit section **217**, a D/A converter section **218** and an output buffer section **219**.

[0108] In the data driver **202**, however, shift registers **215-1** to **215-n**, constituting the pointer shift register circuit section **215**, are grouped to form a group for each k-numbered data signal lines. In addition, latch circuits **216-1** to **216-n** constituting the latch circuit **216**, hold circuits **217-1** to **217-n** constituting the hold circuit section **217**, D/A converters **218-1** to **218-n** constituting the D/A converter section **218**, and output buffers **219-1** to **219-n** constituting the output buffer section **219** are grouped in a similar manner.

[0109] In summary, respective groups **20a1** to **20am** each include shift registers **215-1** to **215-k** constituting the pointer shift register circuit section **215**, latch circuits **216-1** to **216-k** constituting the latch circuit **216**, hold circuits **217-1** to **217-k** constituting the hold circuit section **217**, D/A converters **218-1** to **218-k** constituting the D/A converter section **218**, and output buffers **219-1** to **219-k** constituting the output buffer section **219**.

[0110] The data driver **202** also includes a delay circuit **220** with a variable delay amount, and a reference voltage correcting circuit **221**. As for input terminals, the data driver **202** further includes a clock input terminal **222**, a display data input terminal **223**, a control signal input terminal **224**, and reference voltage terminals **225** to **229**.

In addition, as for output terminals provided for signal outputting to the liquid crystal display panel **201**, the data driver **202** further includes n signal output terminals **230-1** to **230-n**. The signal output terminals **230-1** to **230-n** are individually connected to the data signal line of the aforementioned liquid crystal display panel **201**.

[0111] The clock input terminal **222** is provided to input a clock signal **CLK** given to the pointer shift register circuit section **215**. The display data input terminal **223** consists of a plurality of signal input terminals corresponding to respective bits of gradation data of a plurality of bits. The control signal input terminal **224** is connected to the hold circuit section **217** through the delay circuit **220** with a variable delay amount, and allows a control signal to be input. The control signal is used as a signal for allowing the hold circuit section **217** to retain display data latched at the latch circuit section **216**. The reference voltage terminals **225** to **229** are respectively provided for inputting reference voltages **V0** to **V4** given to the reference voltage correcting circuit **221**.

[0112] The signal output terminals **230-1** to **230-n** are provided for outputting gradation voltages output from the output buffers **219-1** to **219-n**, constituting the output buffer section **219**, to the liquid crystal display panel **201**.

[0113] Figure 12 is a block diagram showing a delay circuit with a variable delay amount, constituting a driving circuit (data driver) according to Embodiment 4.

[0114] The delay circuit **220** with a variable delay amount according to Embodiment 4 has the same configuration as the delay circuit **120** according to Embodiment 1 as shown in Figure 3.

[0115] The delay circuit **220** is formed of a 2 bit counter **231** connected to a control input terminal **224**, a 4 output decoder **232** connected to the counter **231**, four switches

233 (**233-0** to **233-3**) connected to the decoder **232**, and delay elements **De** connected to the switches **233**. Herein, delay sections **234a** to **234c**, which include a 2 bit counter **231**, a 4 output decoder **232**, switches **233** and delay elements **De**, are identical to those in the delay circuit according to Embodiment 1.

[0116] Next, the operation of the apparatus described above will be described.

[0117] In the liquid crystal display apparatus **200** according to Embodiment 4, upon the input of a video signal from the outside, the timing controller **214** generates a display data **DATA**, a data control signal **LOAD**, a scan control signal and a clock signal **CLK**, from the video signal. When the display data **DATA**, the data control signal **LOAD**, and the clock signal **CLK** are supplied to the data drivers **202** to **209**, the data drivers **202** to **209** drive the data signal line based on the display data and data control signal. Additionally, when the scan control signal is supplied to the scanning drivers **210** to **213**, the scanning drivers **210** to **213** drive the scan signal line based on the scan control signal. Thereby, an image is displayed on the liquid crystal display panel in accordance with the video signal.

[0118] In the meantime, in the data driver **202**, when the display data **DATA**, the data control signal **LOAD**, and the clock signal **CLK** from the timing controller **214** are supplied to respective input terminals, the pointer shift register circuit section **215** shifts the clock signal **CLK** input to the clock input terminal **222**, with the respective stages of shift registers **215-1** to **215-n**, to output a latch circuit selection signal from the shift register of each stage. With the latch circuit selection signal, the pointer shift register circuit section **215** consecutively selects a first stage latch circuit **216-1** to an nth stage latch circuit **216-n**, which constitute the latch circuit section **216**.

[0119] Upon the input of the latch circuit selection signal, the latch circuits **216-1** to **216-n** turn into an active state which allows storage of the display data **DATA** input from the display data input terminal **223**. In this state, it is possible to store data of different values in the latch circuits **216-1** to **216-n**. Therefore, when n clocks of the clock signal are input to the pointer shift register circuit section **215**, all of the latch circuits **216-1** to **216-n** can store display data corresponding to respective data lines. When the display data **DATA** is input from the display data input terminal **223** in this state, the display data **DATA** is selected and stored in each of the corresponding latch circuits **216-1** to **216-n**.

[0120] The hold circuit section **217** is constituted of n-numbered hold circuits **217-1** to **217-n**, which are divided into a plurality of groups (mnumber). The number of groups is not particularly limited; however, there can be four or eight groups, to be specific.

[0121] In addition, the hold circuits of each divided group, which constitute the hold circuit section **217**, are connected with delay circuits **24a1** to **24am** with a fixed delay amount, in such a manner that the number of the

delay circuits **24a1** to **24am** with a fixed delay amount, through which the input control signal passes, is different in accordance with each group. As a result, the control signal can be delayed for a predetermined delay period of time for each hold circuit of each group.

[0122] The hold circuits **117-1** to **117-n**, which constitute the hold circuit section **217**, retrieve and retain data stored in the corresponding latch circuits **216-1** to **216-n** at the timing when the control signal delayed for a predetermined delay period of time set for each group becomes active (e.g., H level), for each group. The data retained in the hold circuits **217-1** to **217-n** is changed into digital data input in the D/A converters **218-1** to **218-n**.

[0123] The control signal is output from the timing controller **214** and input into the control signal input terminal **224** through a signal line, and subsequently, the control signal is input into the hold circuit section **217** of each group (hold circuits **217-1** to **217-k**) through the delay circuit **220** with a variable delay amount and delay circuits **24a1** to **24am** with a fixed delay amount. Thus, the control signal is delayed for a predetermined time in the delay circuit **220** and the delay circuits **24a1** to **24am** and is then input into the hold circuit section **217** of each group (hold circuits **217-1** to **217-k**). Therefore, with regard to the control signal timing output from the timing controller **214**, the data retrieval timing of the hold circuit section **217** of each group (hold circuits **217-1** to **217-k**) is delayed for the total sum of the time delayed in the delay circuit **220** with a variable delay amount, and the time delayed in the predetermined number (the number corresponding to each group) of the delay circuits among the delay circuits **24a1** to **24am** with a fixed delay amount.

[0124] In addition, the D/A converters **218-1** to **218-n** select and output one of the gradation voltages of p types, which are input from the reference voltage correcting circuit **221**, based on the digital data described above. The details of such D/A converters **218-1** to **218-n** are described in Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 2003-130921, for example, and thus the explanation for them will be omitted.

[0125] The output buffers **219-1** to **219-n** perform an impedance conversion on the gradation voltages output from respective D/A converters **218-1** to **218-n**. The gradation voltages are output from the output buffers **219-1** to **219-n** to the liquid crystal display panel **201**, as gradation data (driving data), from respective signal output terminals **230-1** to **230-n**.

[0126] In addition, in the delay circuit **220** with a variable delay amount, signals input from the outside to the control input terminal **224** are counted by the counter **231**, and the control signal is delayed at the delay element **De** in accordance with the count number and is input to the hold circuit section **217**. At this stage, the control signal which has passed through the switch **233-0** is output from an output node without delay. The control signal which has passed through the switch **233-1** is output through one delay element **De**. The control signal which

has passed through the switch **233-2** is output through three delay elements **De**. The control signal which has passed through the switch **233-3** is output through six delay elements **De**. Thus, with one horizontal synchronization period defined to be $1H$ and a delay period of time by one delay element **De** defined to be α , there are four types of signal cycles which are input to the hold circuit section **217**, such as $1H+\alpha$, $1H+2\alpha$, $1H+3\alpha$ and $1H-6\alpha$, as shown in Figure 4.

[0127] As a result, the frequency of the control signal is dispersed, and furthermore, the data load timing is different for each group, thereby reducing unnecessary radiation even more.

[0128] In Embodiment 4, the control signal output from the timing controller is delayed by the delay circuit in the data driver to generate the timing with a plurality of cycles as the load timing of the control signal and to disperse frequency components of the driving signal generated in the driving circuit. However, as described in Embodiment 2, a method in which no delay is made in the data driver may also be used where a delay circuit is provided in a timing controller, and through delay processing of the control signal **LOAD (IN)**, a signal whose pulse rise timing varies with respect to fixed timing determined by a constant cycle is generated as the control signal **LOAD (OUT)**, and further the control signal which has been subject to such delay processing is output from the timing controller.

[0129] In Embodiment 4, the configuration has been described where the latch circuits **216-1** to **216-n**, hold circuits **217-1** to **217-n**, D/A converters **218-1** to **218-n**, and output buffers **219-1** to **219-n** in the data driver are all divided into groups; however, the data driver may have a structure in which only the hold circuits **217-1** to **217-n** are divided into groups.

(Embodiment 5)

[0130] Figure 13 is a block diagram showing a driving circuit (data driver) according to Embodiment 5 of the present invention.

[0131] The driving circuit according to Embodiment 5 is obtained by replacing the delay circuit, having a fixed delay amount corresponding to each group in the data driver according to Embodiment 4, with the delay circuit shown in Figure 12 which varies a delay amount based on the count number of the control signal. The rest of the configuration is identical to that of the data driver according to Embodiment 4.

[0132] The data driver according to Embodiment 5 with such a configuration can achieve an effect of varying a delay amount of a control signal more precisely for each group, in addition to the effect in Embodiment 4.

[0133] In Embodiments 4 and 5, the timing for loading display data to a liquid crystal display panel is different among a plurality of groups obtained by grouping circuits in one data driver. However, it is also possible to differently set the timing for loading display data to a liquid

crystal display panel among a plurality of data drivers.

[0134] Thus, the load timing of display data is shifted among a plurality of driving circuits (data drivers) with reduced unnecessary radiation, so that unnecessary radiation in the entire display device can be further reduced.

[0135] In Embodiment 5, a driving circuit has been described which is obtained by replacing the delay circuit, having a fixed delay amount corresponding to each group in the data driver according to Embodiment 4, with the delay circuit with a variable delay amount shown in Figure 12. However, the delay circuit with a fixed delay amount corresponding to each group in the data driver according to Embodiment 4 may be replaced by the delay circuit with a variable delay amount using a shift register as shown in Figure 9.

[0136] In addition, the liquid crystal display apparatus including the driving circuit as described in Embodiments 1 to 5 can be utilized as a display apparatus of an electronic information device, such as a cell phone device, a personal computer, and a television set.

[0137] As described above, the present invention is exemplified by the use of its preferred embodiments. However, the present invention should not be interpreted solely based on the embodiments described above. It is understood that the scope of the present invention should be interpreted solely based on the claims. It is also understood that those skilled in the art can implement equivalent scope of technology, based on the description of the present invention and common knowledge from the description of the detailed preferred embodiments of the present invention. Furthermore, it is understood that any patent, any patent application and any references cited in the present specification should be incorporated by reference in the present specification in the same manner as the contents are specifically described therein.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

[0138] The present invention can be applied in the field of a driving circuit, a liquid crystal display apparatus and an electronic information device. According to the present invention, it is possible to provide a driving circuit capable of reducing unnecessary radiation by changing output timing of the driving circuit for each horizontal synchronization period or for each plurality of horizontal synchronization periods to disperse frequencies; a liquid crystal display apparatus equipped with such a driving circuit; and an electronic information device including such a liquid crystal display apparatus.

[0139] Various other modifications will be apparent to and can be readily made by those skilled in the art without departing from the scope and spirit of this invention. Accordingly, it is not intended that the scope of the claims appended hereto be limited to the description as set forth herein, but rather that the claims be broadly construed.

Claims

1. A driving circuit for driving a display apparatus based on display data and a control signal, comprising:

a delay circuit for delaying the input control signal; and
 a data load section for loading the input display data to the display apparatus at a timing generated by the delayed control signal,
 wherein the delay circuit delays the control signal in such a manner that load timing at which the display data is loaded to the display apparatus varies according to fixed timing determined by a constant cycle.

2. A driving circuit according to claim 1, wherein the input control signal is a signal for generating the fixed timing at the constant cycle, and the delay circuit repeats delay processing for the control signal, in which the load timing is delayed from the fixed timing by a given delay period every time an integral multiple of the constant cycle elapses, within the limits of a delay period of the load timing.

3. A driving circuit according to claim 2, wherein the display data and the control signal are included in a video signal supplied to the display apparatus, and the constant cycle is based on a horizontal synchronization period of the video signal.

4. A driving circuit according to claim 1, wherein the delay circuit includes:

a count circuit for counting the fixed timing generated by the input control signal; and
 a decoder for decoding a count output of the count circuit,
 wherein a delay amount of the control signal is determined based on an output of the decoder.

5. A driving circuit according to claim 4, wherein the delay circuit includes:

a plurality of delay elements connected in series; and
 a plurality of switches for switching signal paths of the control signal so that the control signal is delayed by a given number of the delay elements connected in series among the plurality of delay elements, based on an output of the decoder.

6. A driving circuit according to claim 1, wherein the delay circuit includes:

a shift register for performing a shift operation based on the fixed timing generated by the input

control signal;

a plurality of delay elements connected in series; and

a plurality of switches for switching signal paths of the control signal so that the control signal is delayed by a given number of the delay elements connected in series among the plurality of delay elements, based on an output of the shift register.

7. A driving circuit according to claim 3, including:

a data driver for driving a plurality of data lines of a liquid crystal display panel as the display apparatus;
 a scanning driver for driving a plurality of scanning lines of the liquid crystal display panel; and
 a timing controller for generating, based on an input video signal, the display data supplied to the data driver as well as generating, as the control signal, a data control signal supplied to the data driver and a scan control signal supplied to the scanning driver,
 wherein:

the delay circuit constitutes the data driver; and
 the delay circuit delays the control signal input to the data driver in such a manner that timing, at which the display data is output from the data driver to a data line of the liquid crystal display panel, varies for each horizontal scanning line according to fixed timing determined based on a horizontal synchronization signal.

8. A driving circuit according to claim 3, including:

a data driver for driving a plurality of data lines of a liquid crystal display panel as the display apparatus;
 a scanning driver for driving a plurality of scanning lines of the liquid crystal display panel; and
 a timing controller for generating, based on an input video signal, the display data supplied to the data driver as well as generating, as the control signal, a data control signal supplied to the data driver and a scan control signal supplied to the scanning driver,
 wherein:

the delay circuit constitutes the timing controller; and
 the delay circuit delays the control signal generated by the timing controller based on the video signal in such a manner that timing, at which the display data is output from the data driver to a data line of the liquid

- crystal display panel, varies for each horizontal scanning line according to fixed timing determined based on a horizontal synchronization signal.
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9. A driving circuit according to claim 1, including a data driver for driving a plurality of data lines of a liquid crystal display panel as the display apparatus, wherein:
- the delay circuit constitutes the data driver, for delaying the control signal input in the data driver; and
- the data driver includes:
- a plurality of driver circuits in a plurality of groups, provided for each data line of the liquid crystal display panel, for driving the corresponding data line, the plurality of driver circuits being grouped into a plurality of groups; and
- a signal delay section for delaying the control signal supplied to the driver circuits in each group in such a manner that the driver circuits in the same group supply the display data to the data line at the same timing, and the driver circuits in a different group supply the display data to the data line at a different timing.
10. A driving circuit according to claim 9, wherein:
- the signal delay section includes a plurality of delay sections connected in series over a plurality of stages;
- the delay section in a first stage delays the control signal output from the delay circuit; and
- the delay sections in a second stage and later stages delay the control signal output from the delay section in the previous stage.
11. A driving circuit according to claim 10, wherein the delay sections constituting the signal delay section respectively delay the input control signal by a predetermined amount.
12. A driving circuit according to claim 10, wherein the plurality of delay sections include:
- a count circuit for counting timing of a fixed cycle generated by the input control signal; and
- a decoder for decoding a count output of the count circuit,
- and a delay amount of the control signal is determined based on an output of the decoder.
13. A driving circuit according to claim 12, wherein the plurality of delay sections include:
- a plurality of delay elements connected in series; and
- a plurality of switches for switching signal paths of the control signal so that the control signal is delayed by a given number of the delay elements connected in series among the plurality of delay elements, based on an output of the decoder.
14. A driving circuit according to claim 10, wherein the plurality of delay sections include:
- a shift register for performing a shift operation based on fixed cycle timing generated by the input control signal;
- a plurality of delay elements connected in series; and
- a plurality of switches for switching signal paths of the control signal so that the control signal is delayed by a given number of the delay elements connected in series among the plurality of delay elements, based on an output of the shift register.
15. A liquid crystal display apparatus comprising a liquid crystal display panel, for displaying an image on the liquid crystal display panel based on a video signal, the liquid crystal display apparatus further comprising:
- a driving apparatus for driving the liquid crystal display panel based on the video signal, wherein the driving apparatus includes the driving circuit according to any of claims 1 to 14.
16. An electronic information device comprising a liquid crystal display apparatus, wherein the liquid crystal display apparatus is the liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 15.

FIG. 1

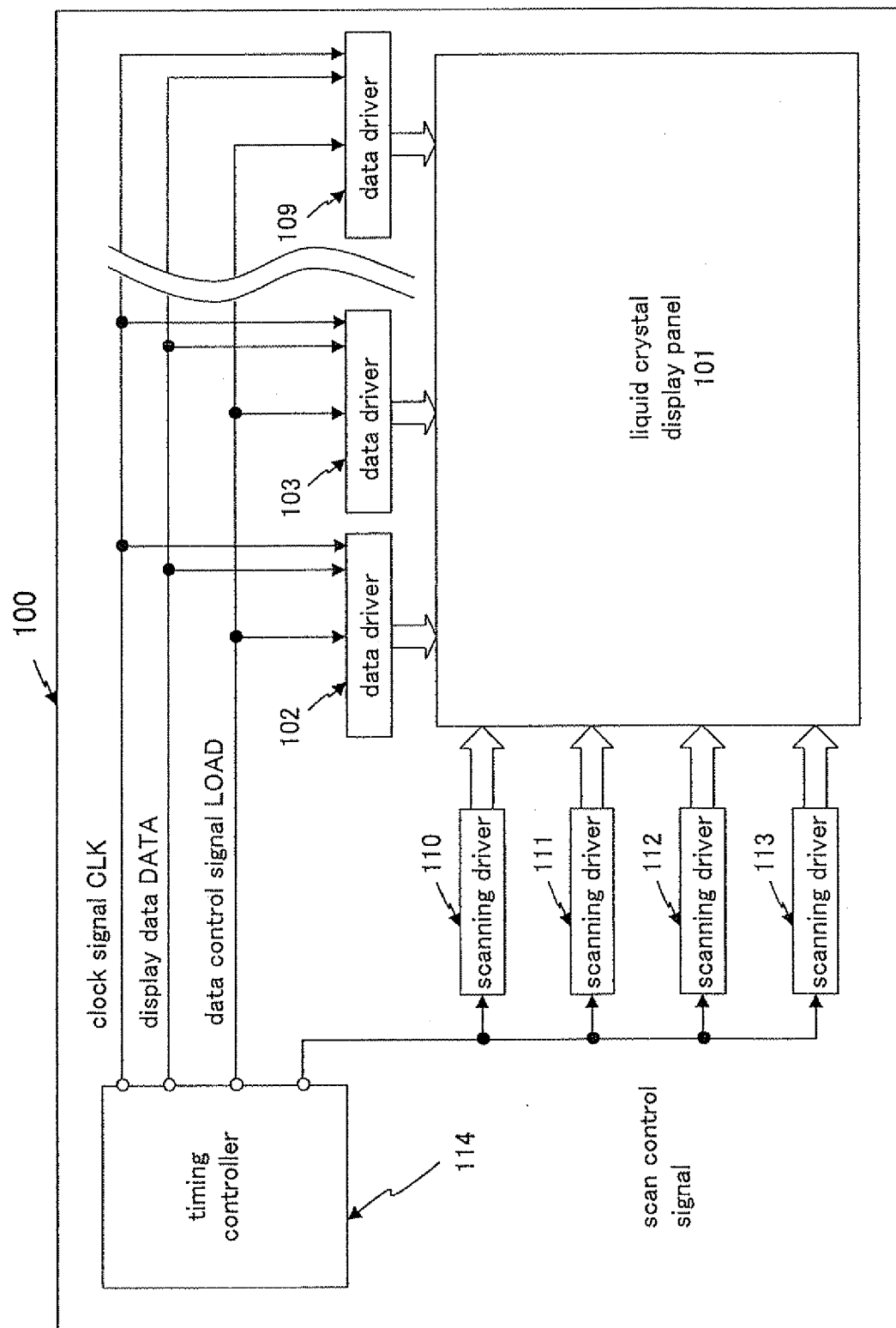


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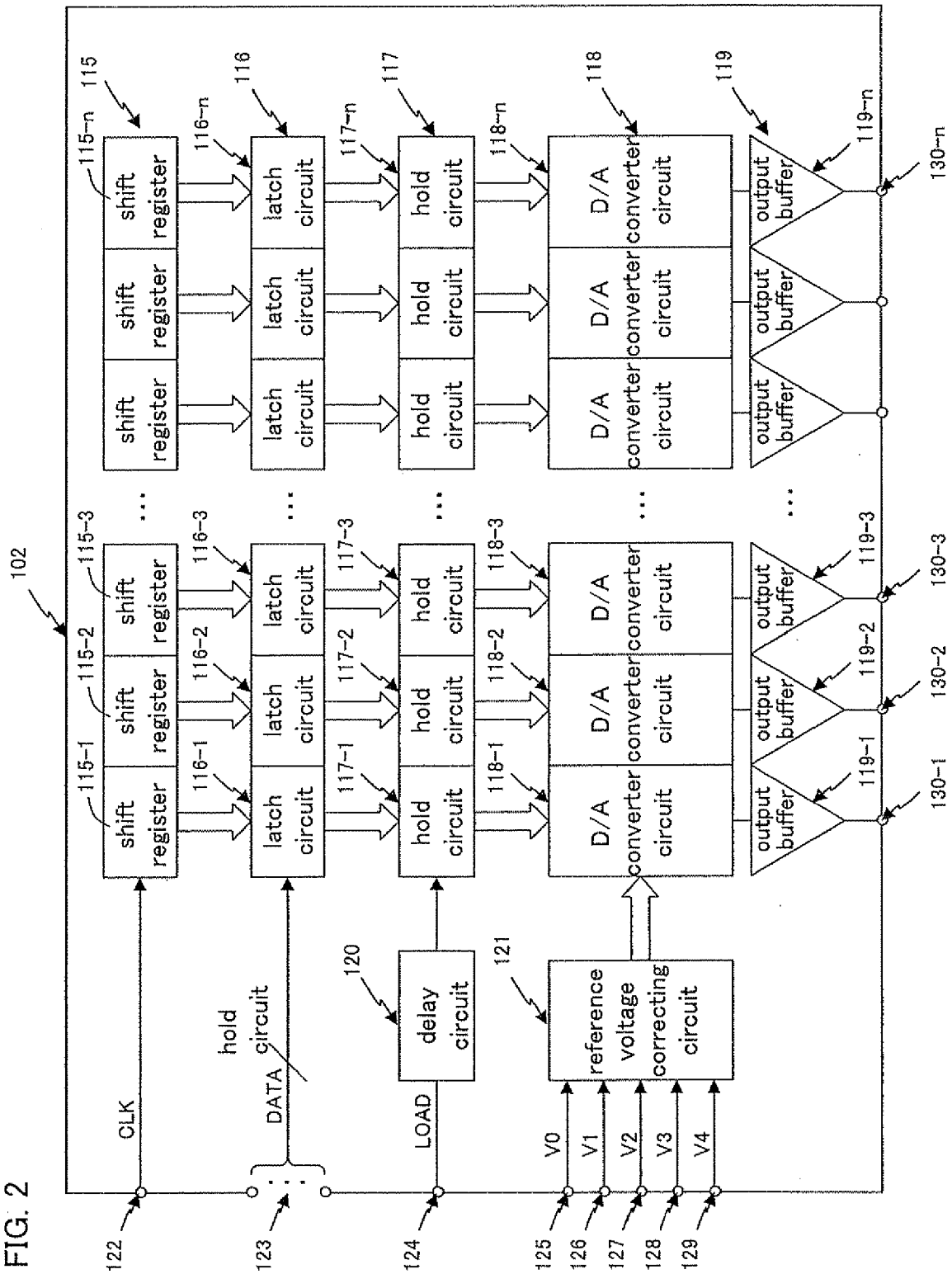


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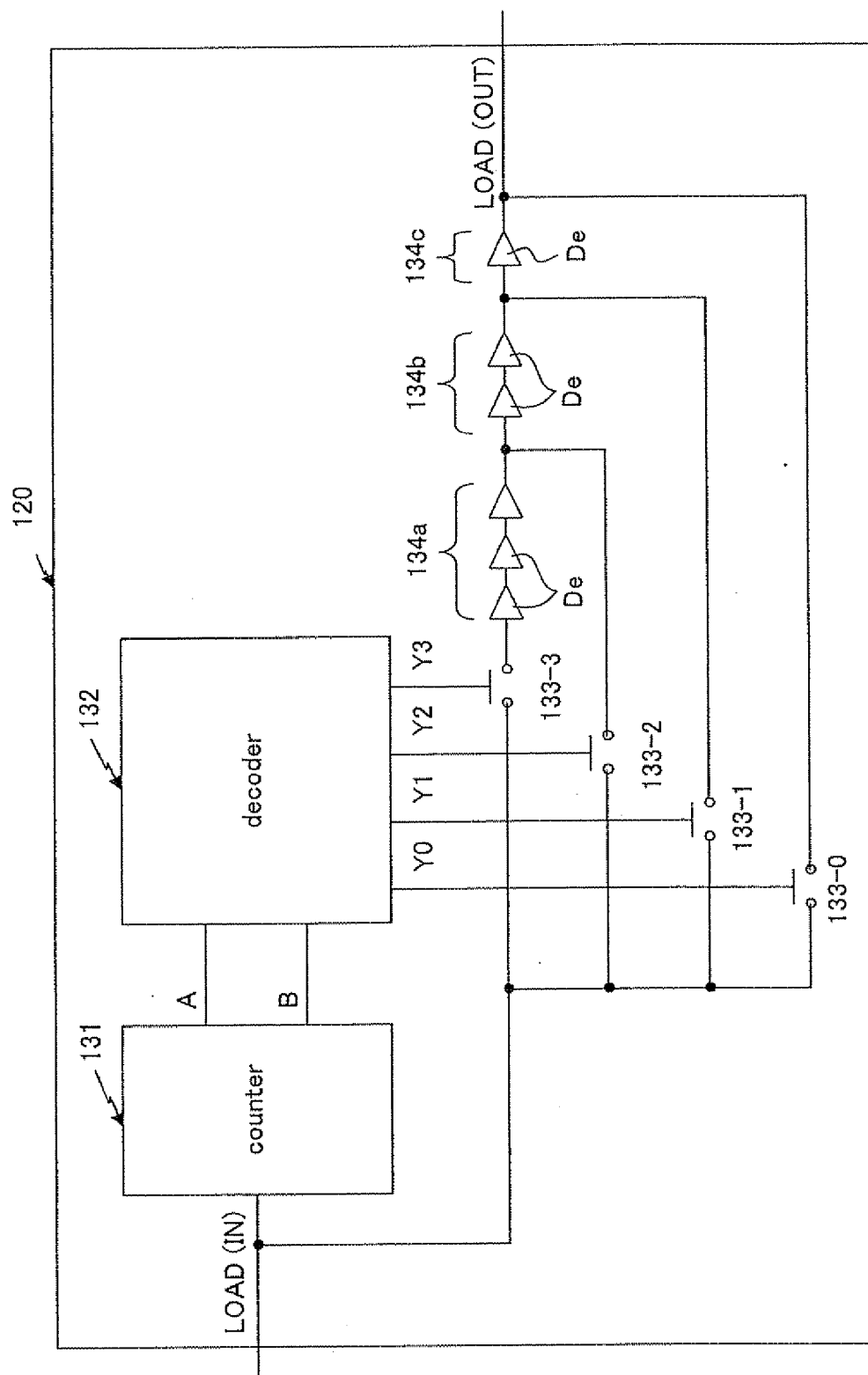


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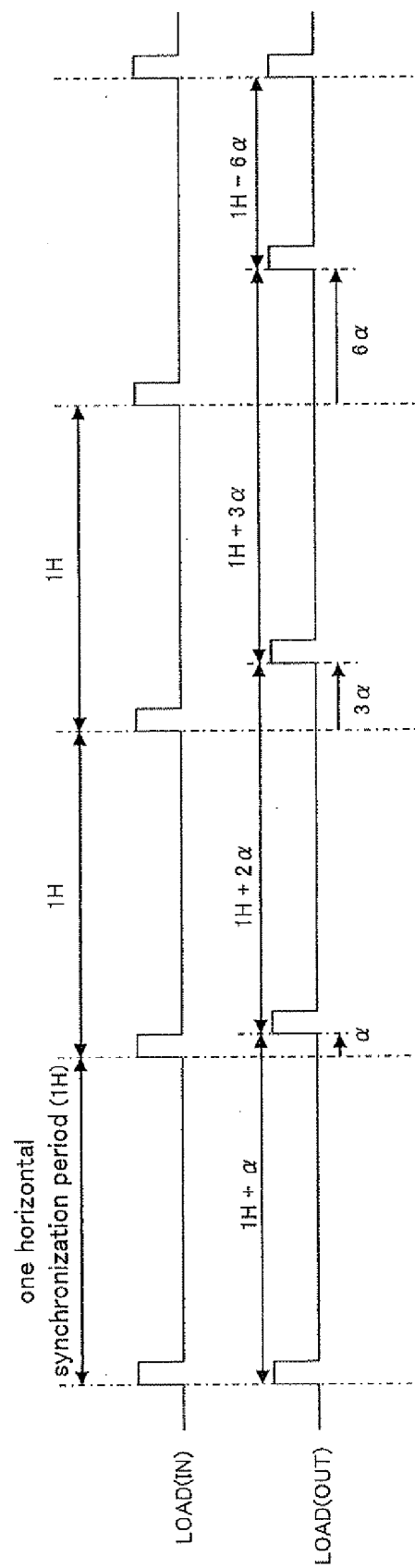


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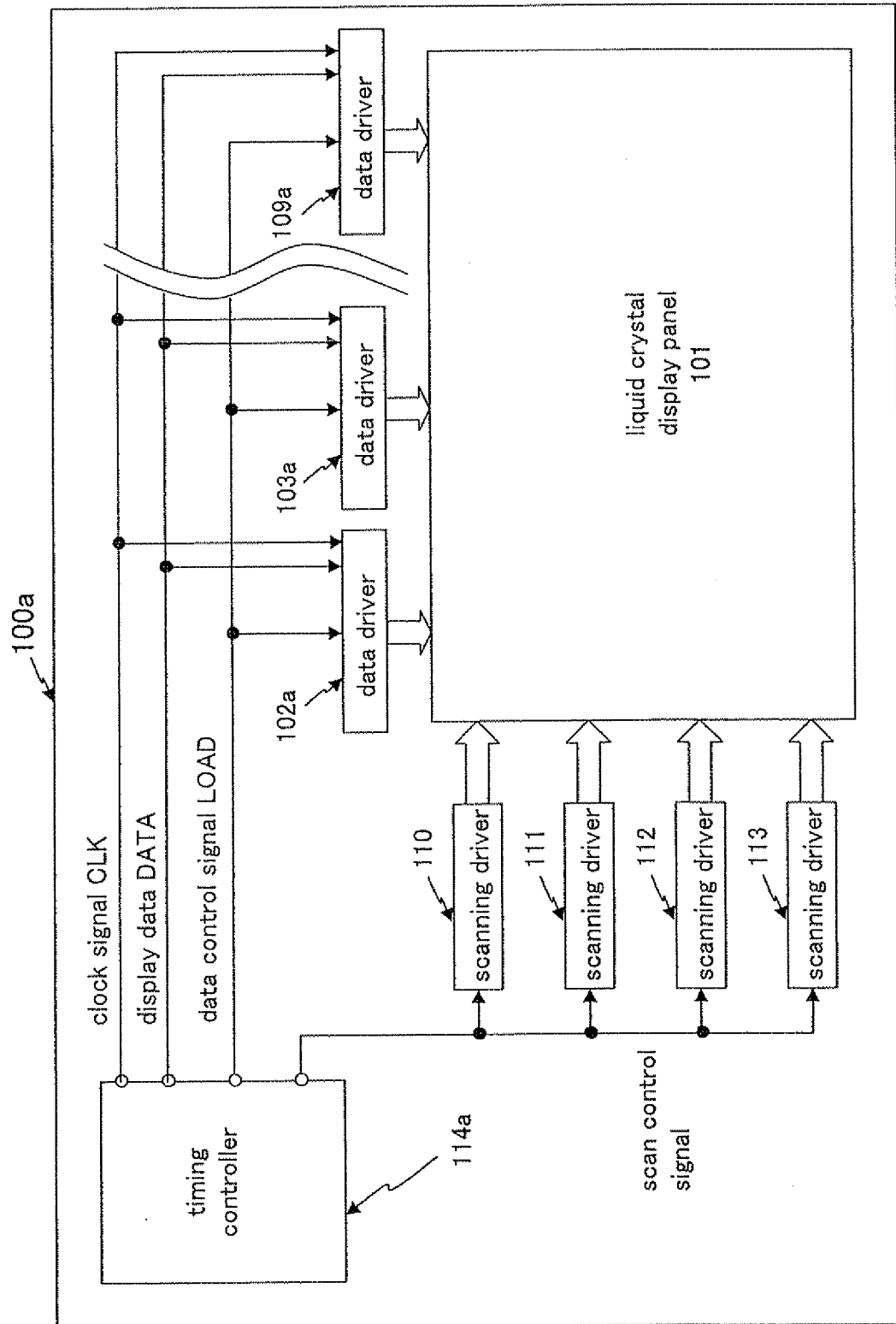


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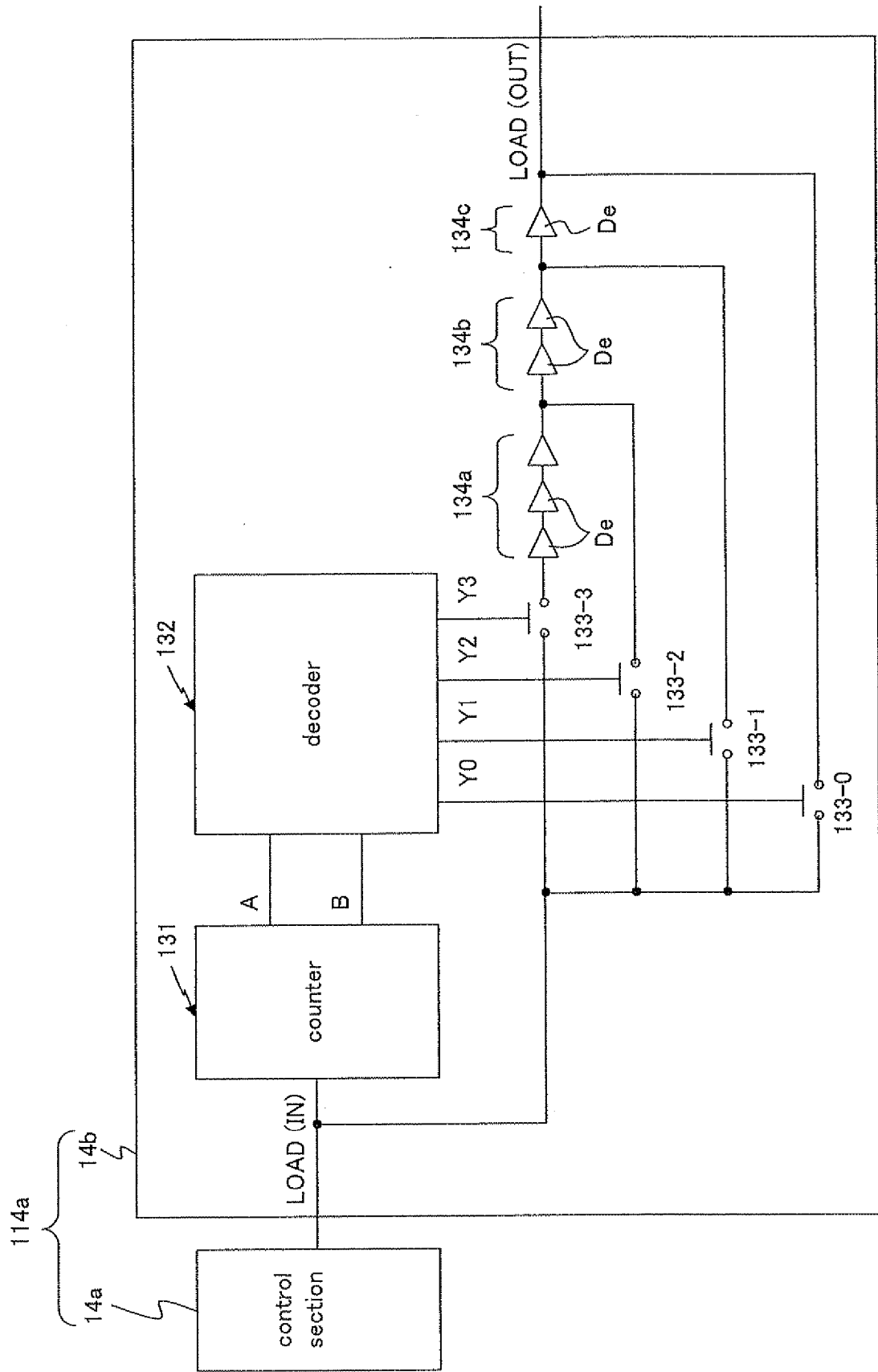


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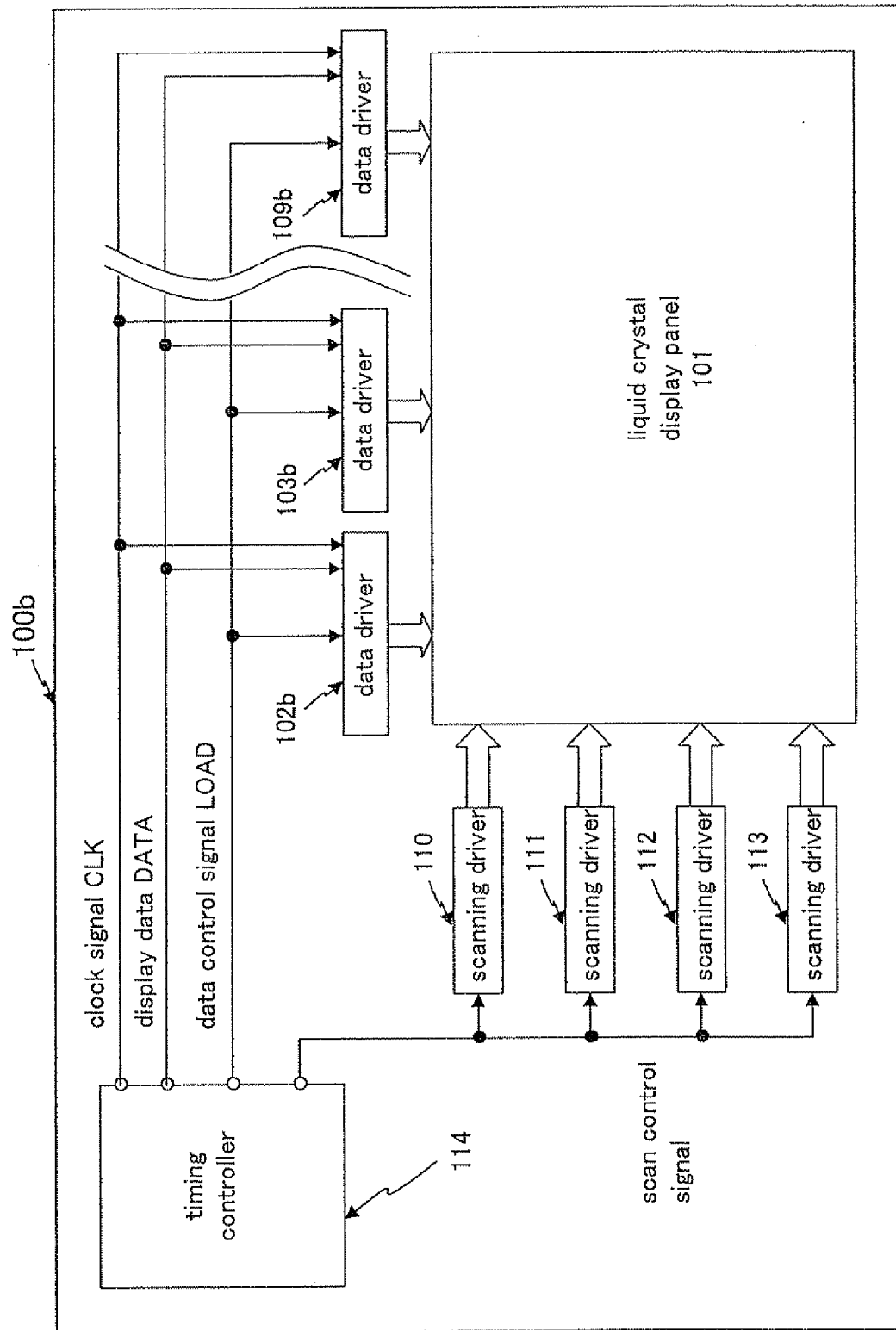


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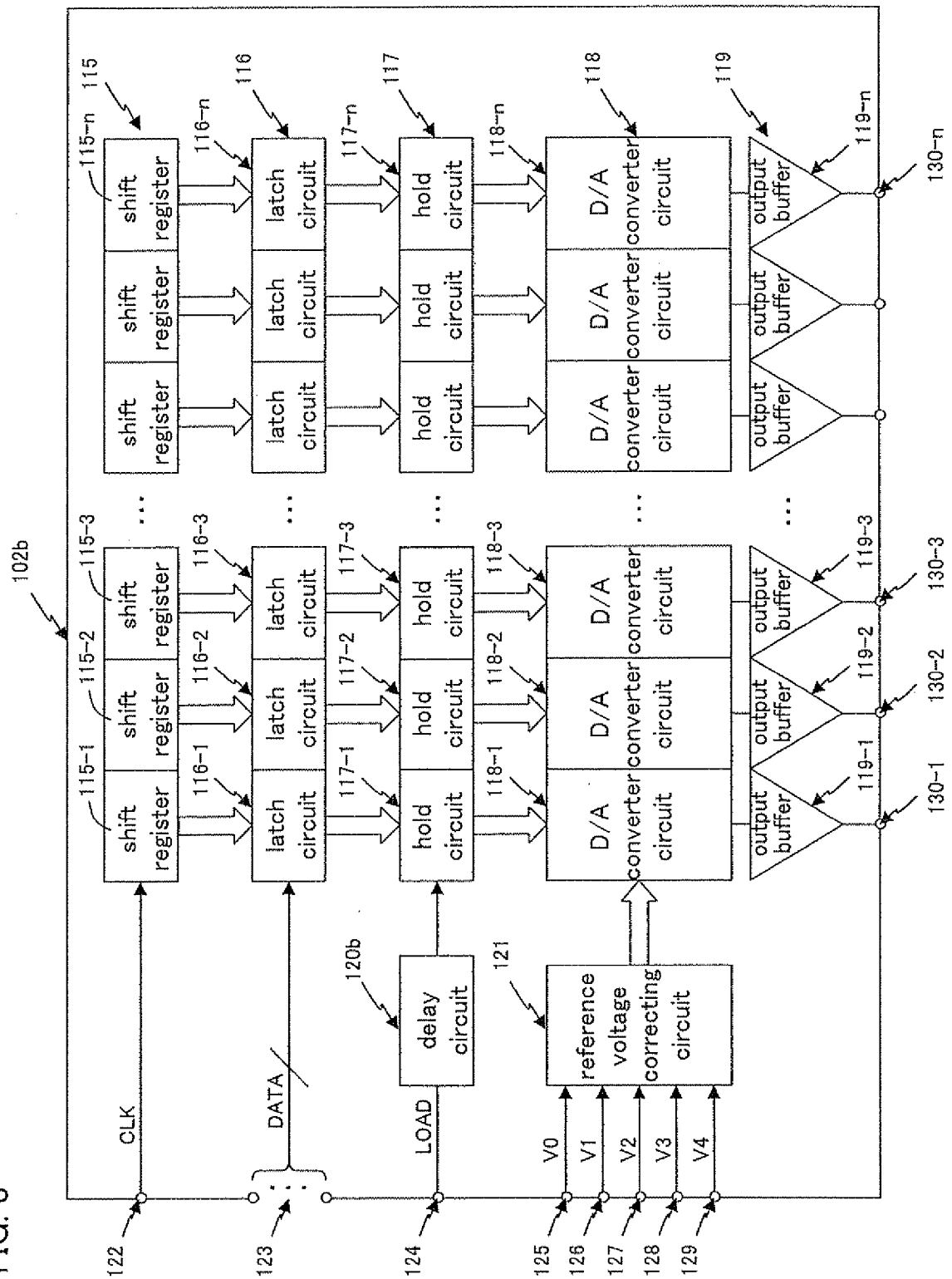


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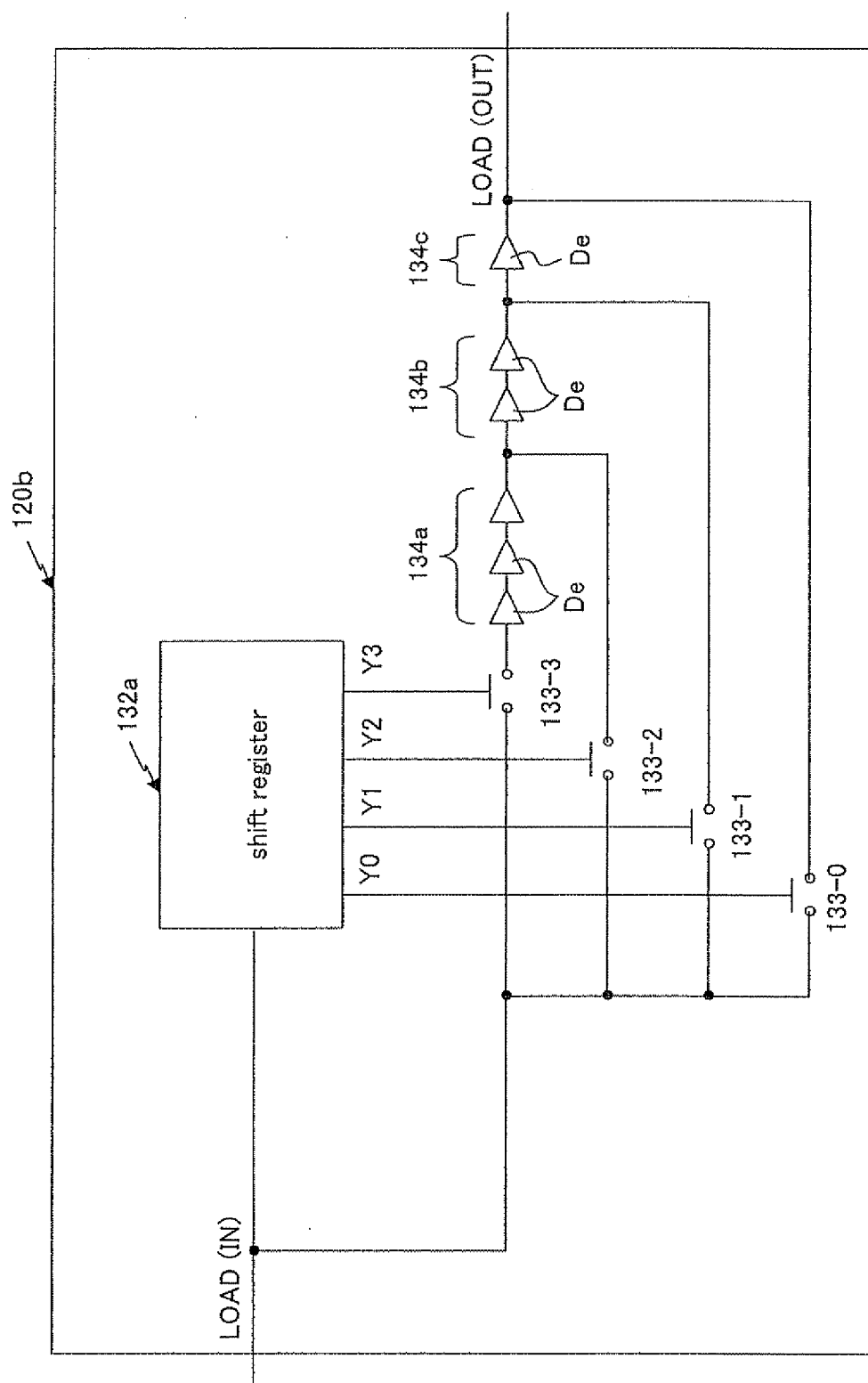


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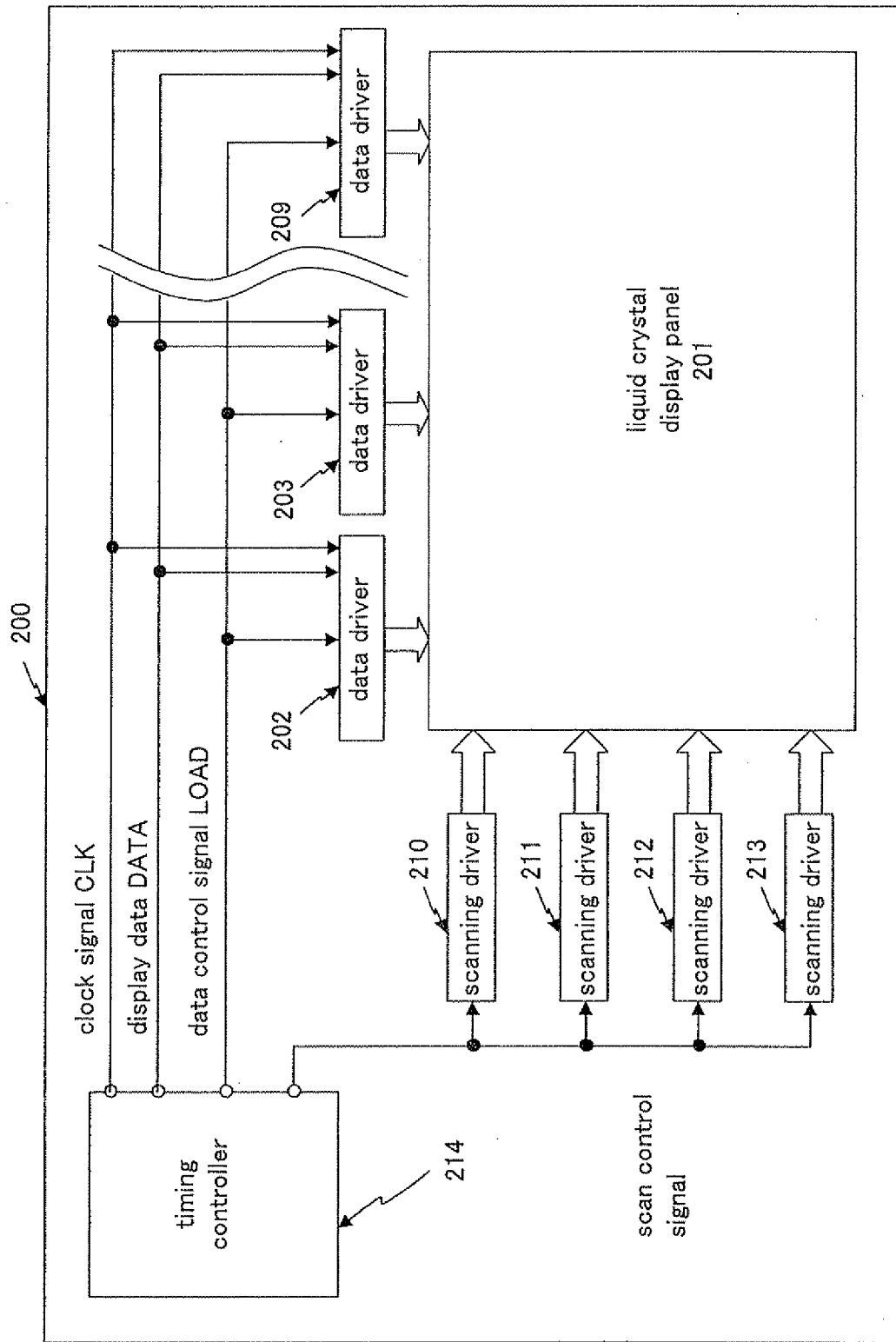


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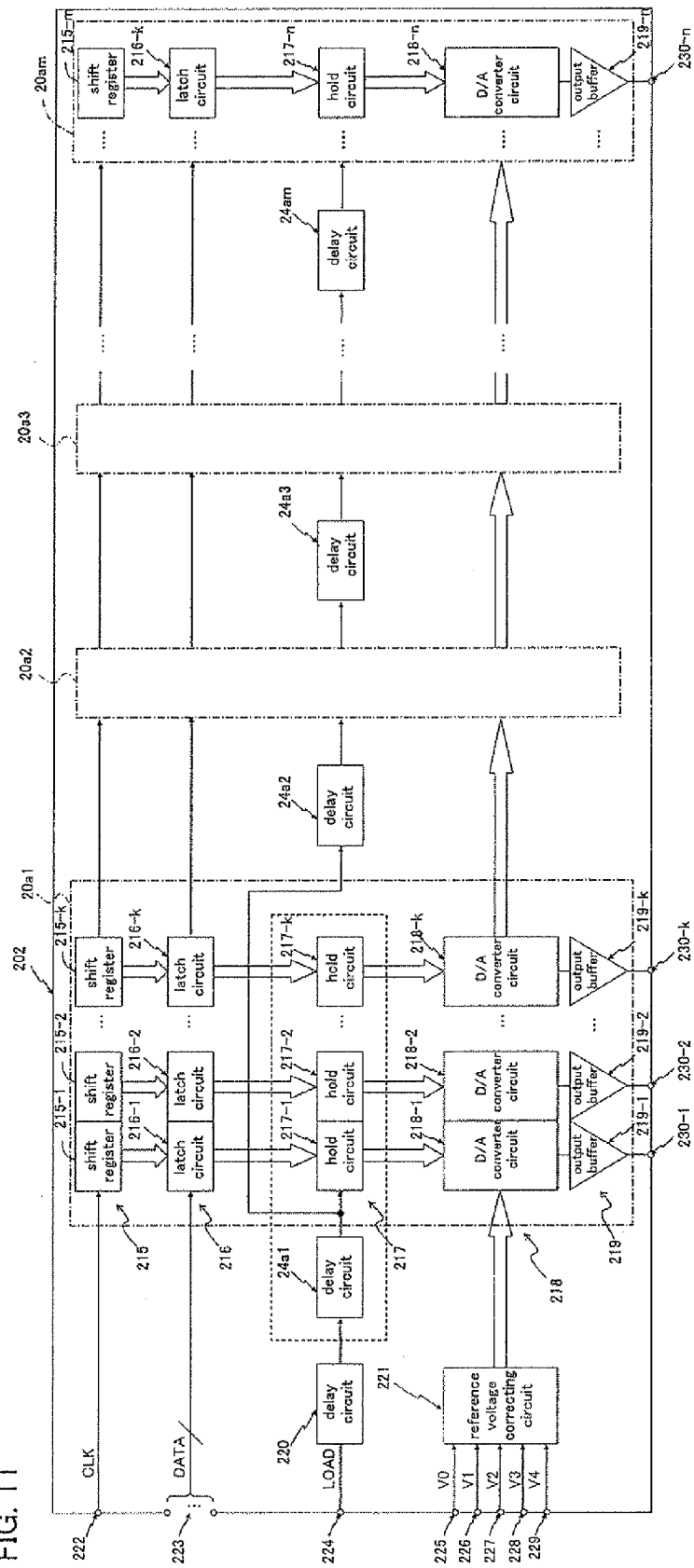


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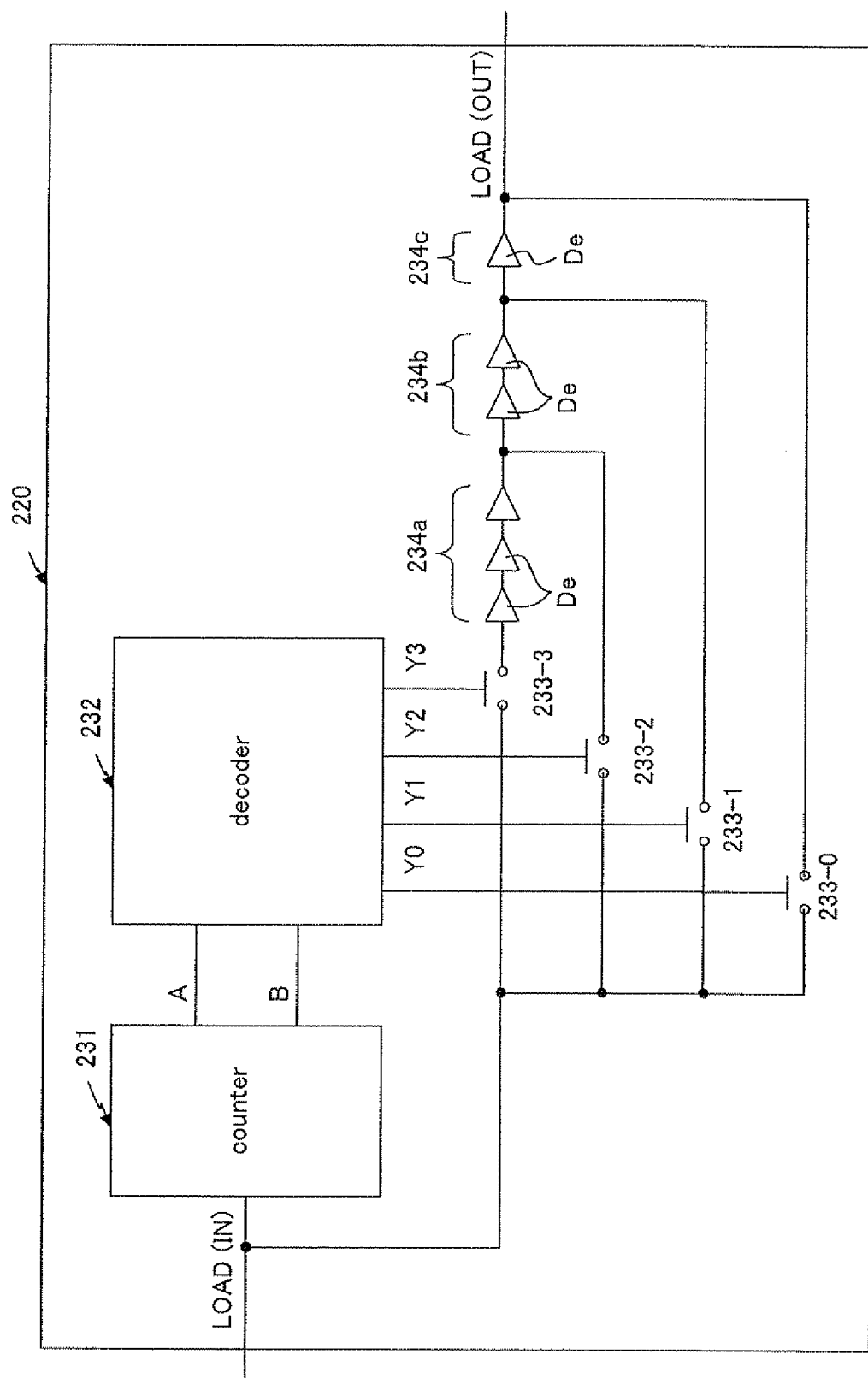


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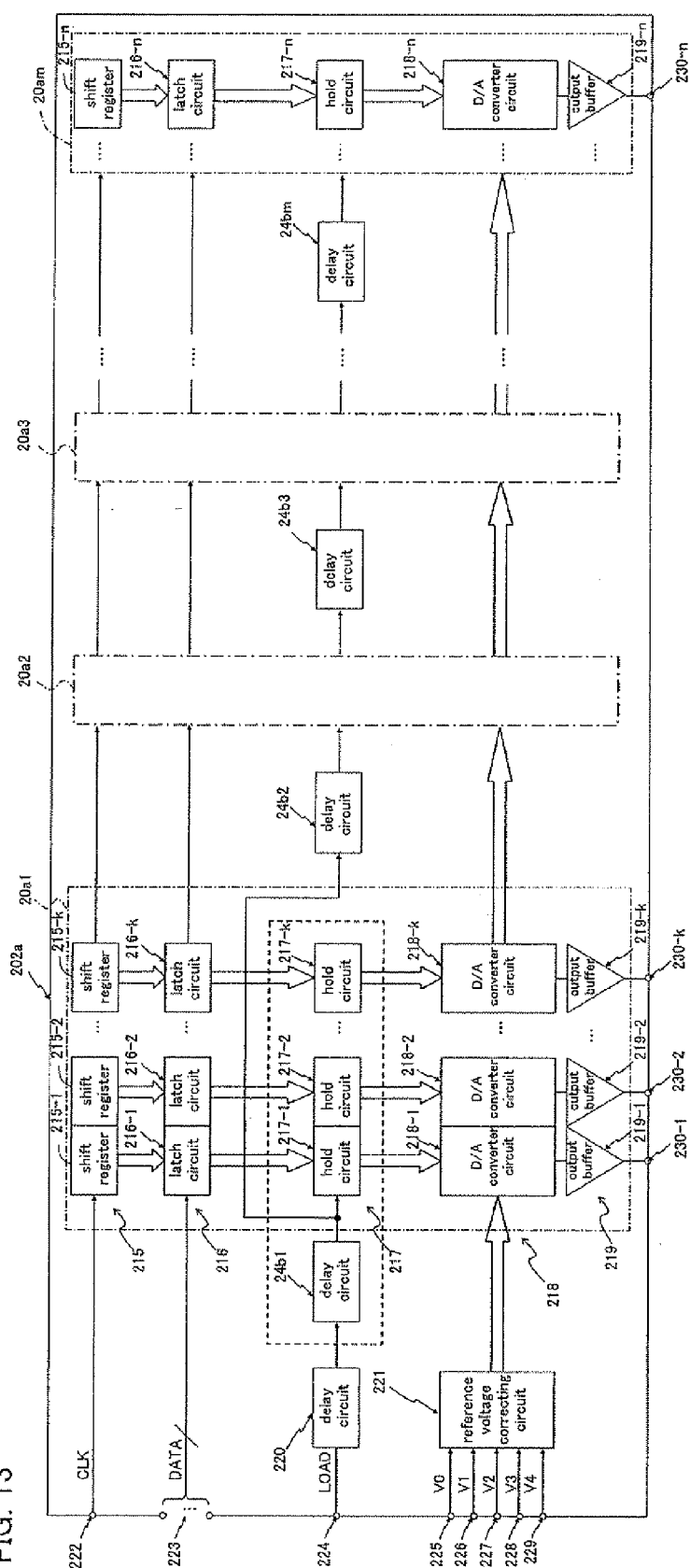


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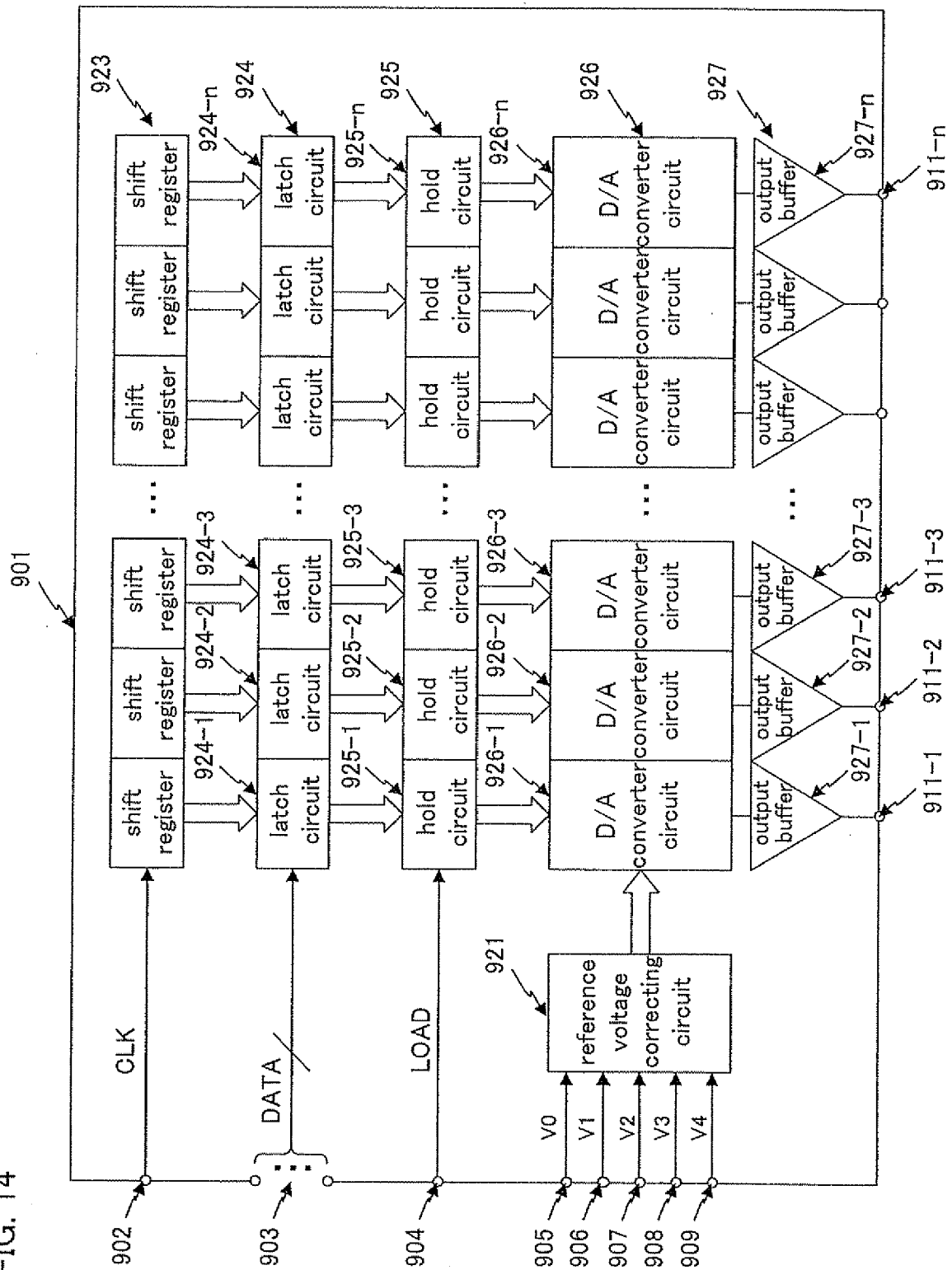
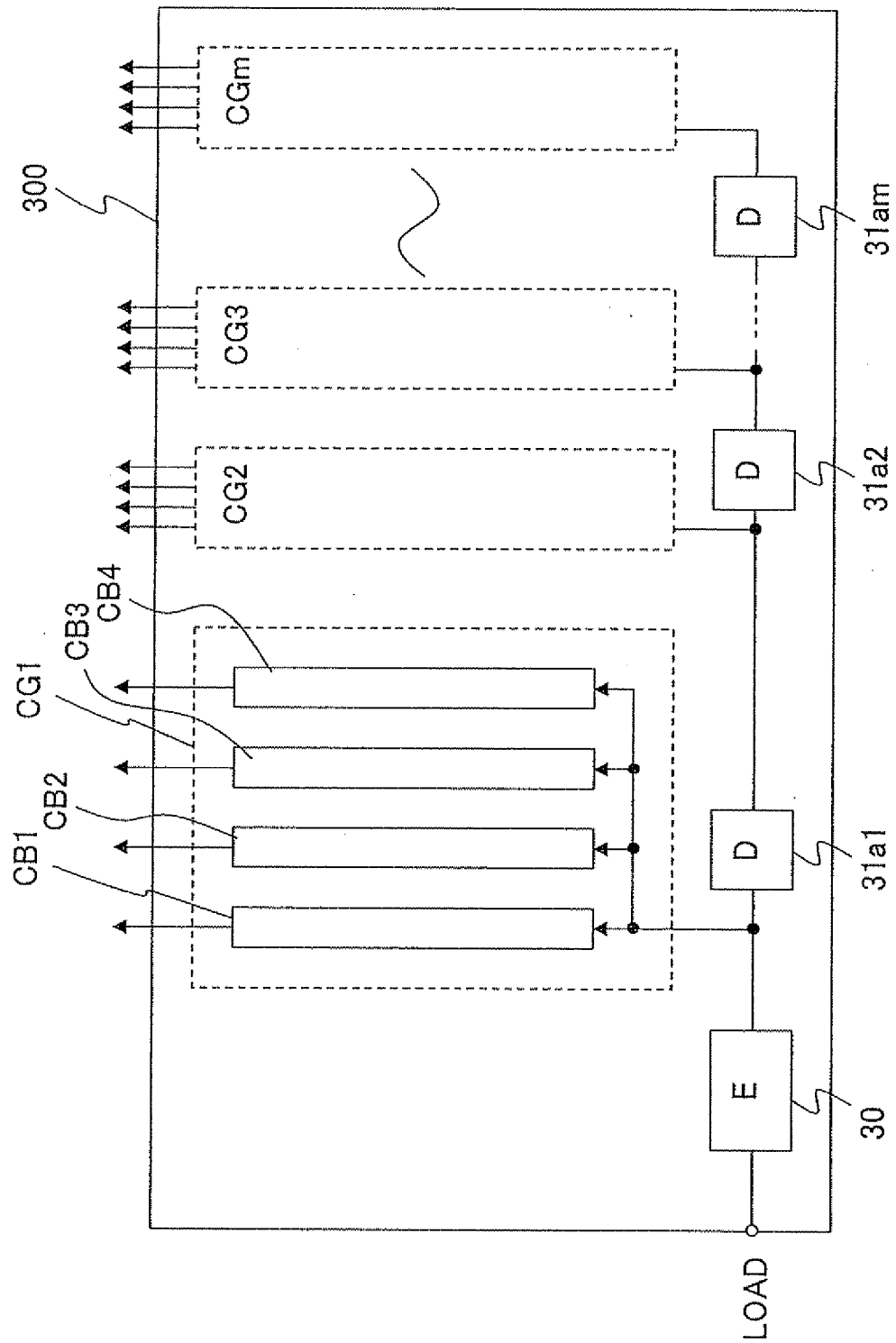


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摘要(译)

根据本发明的用于基于显示数据和控制信号驱动显示装置的驱动电路包括：延迟电路，用于延迟输入控制信号；数据加载部分，用于在由延迟控制信号产生的定时将输入显示数据加载到显示装置，其中延迟电路以这样的方式延迟控制信号，即显示数据加载到显示器的加载定时装置根据由恒定周期确定的固定定时而变化。

FIG. 1

