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(54) **ARRAY CIRCUIT OF A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY WHEREIN COMMON ELECTRODES ISOLATED EACH OTHER IN DIFFERENT PIXEL REGIONS**

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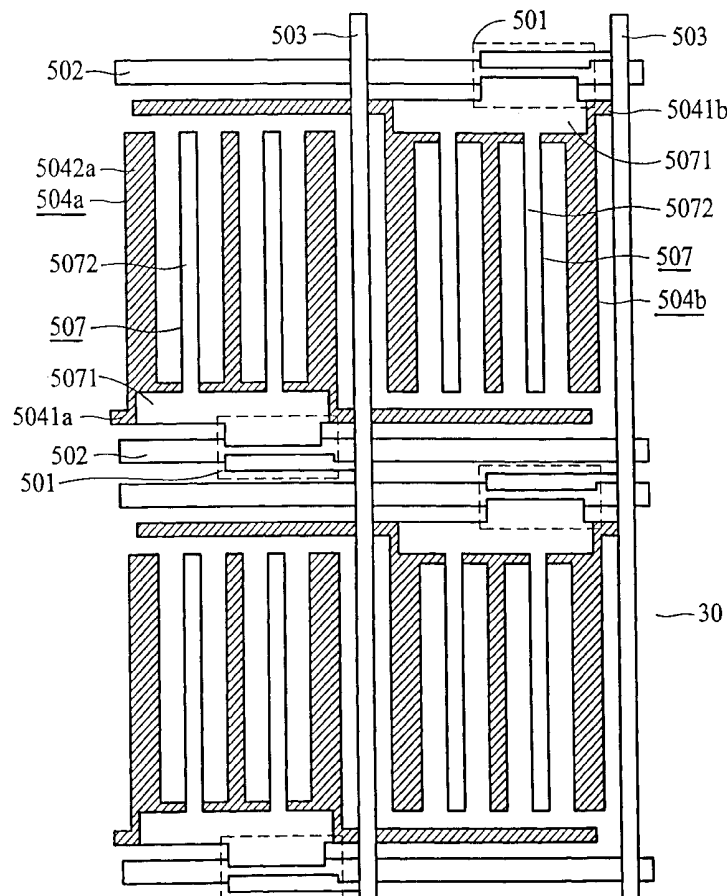
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An array structure of a liquid crystal display is provided, comprising a substrate having a first and a second pixel region thereon. Each of the pixel regions has a transistor, a pixel electrode electrically connected to a drain of the transistor, and a common electrode forming a capacitance with the pixel electrode, wherein the common electrodes of the first and second pixel regions are electrically isolated from each other.

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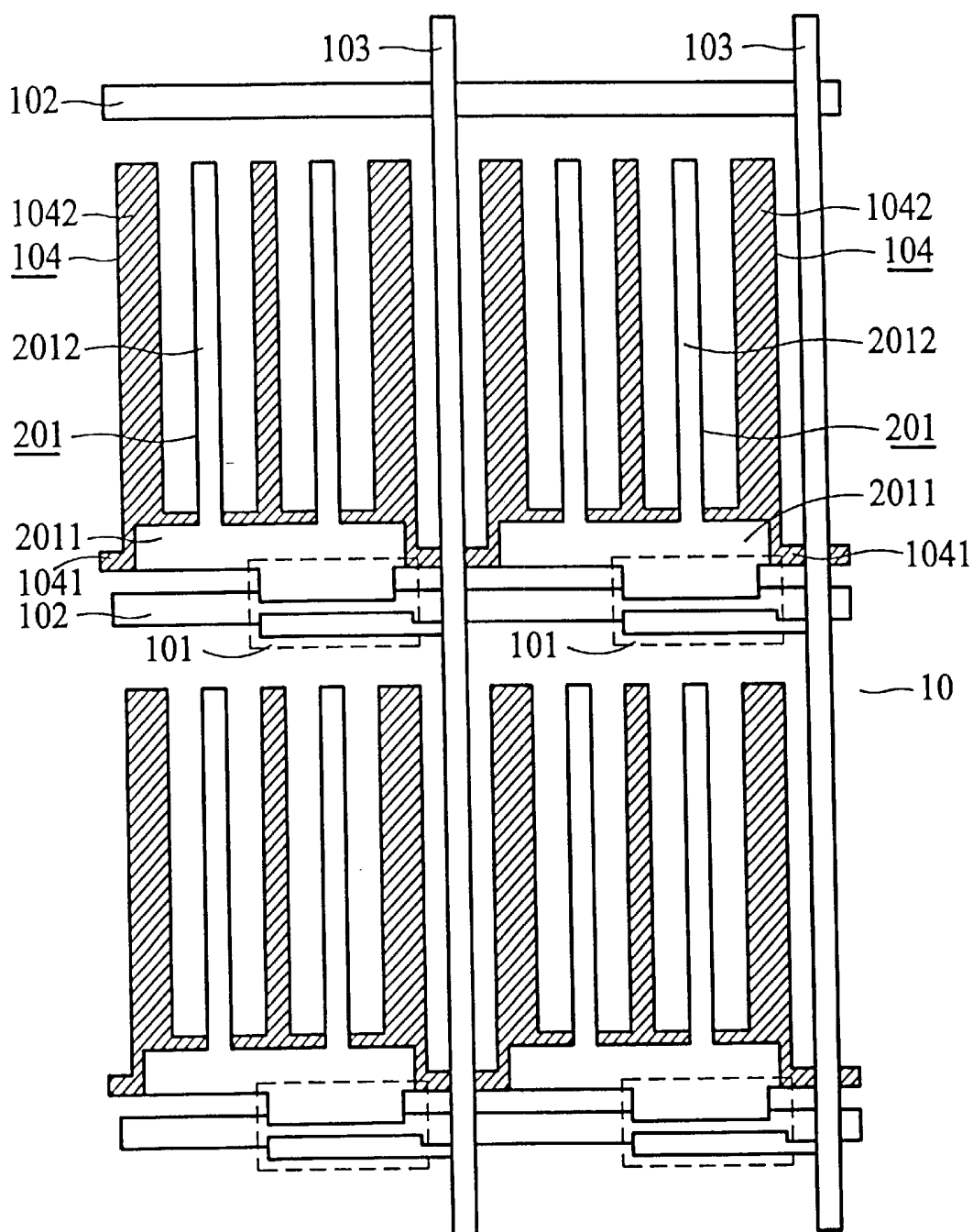


FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)

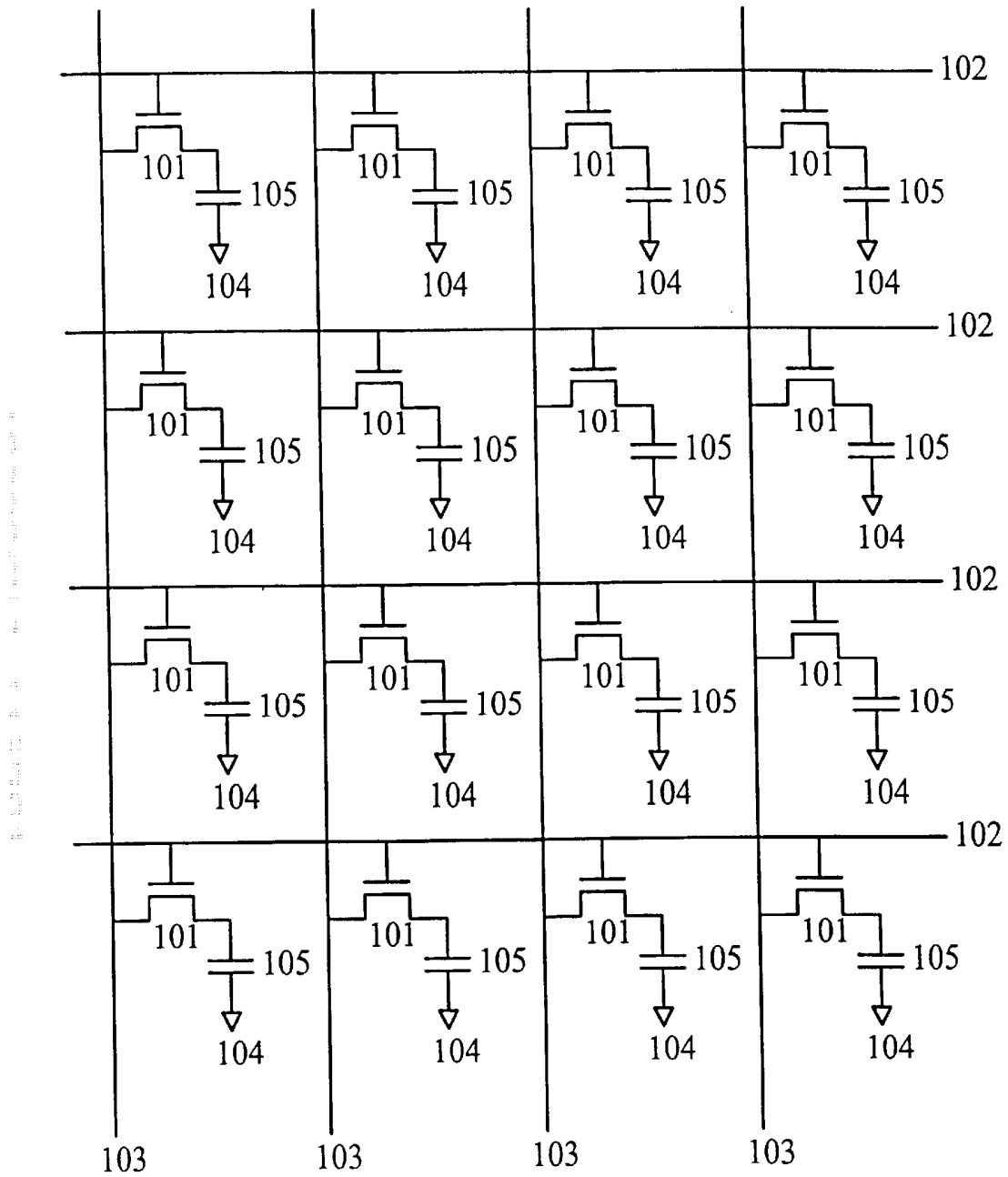


FIG. 2 (PRIOR ART)

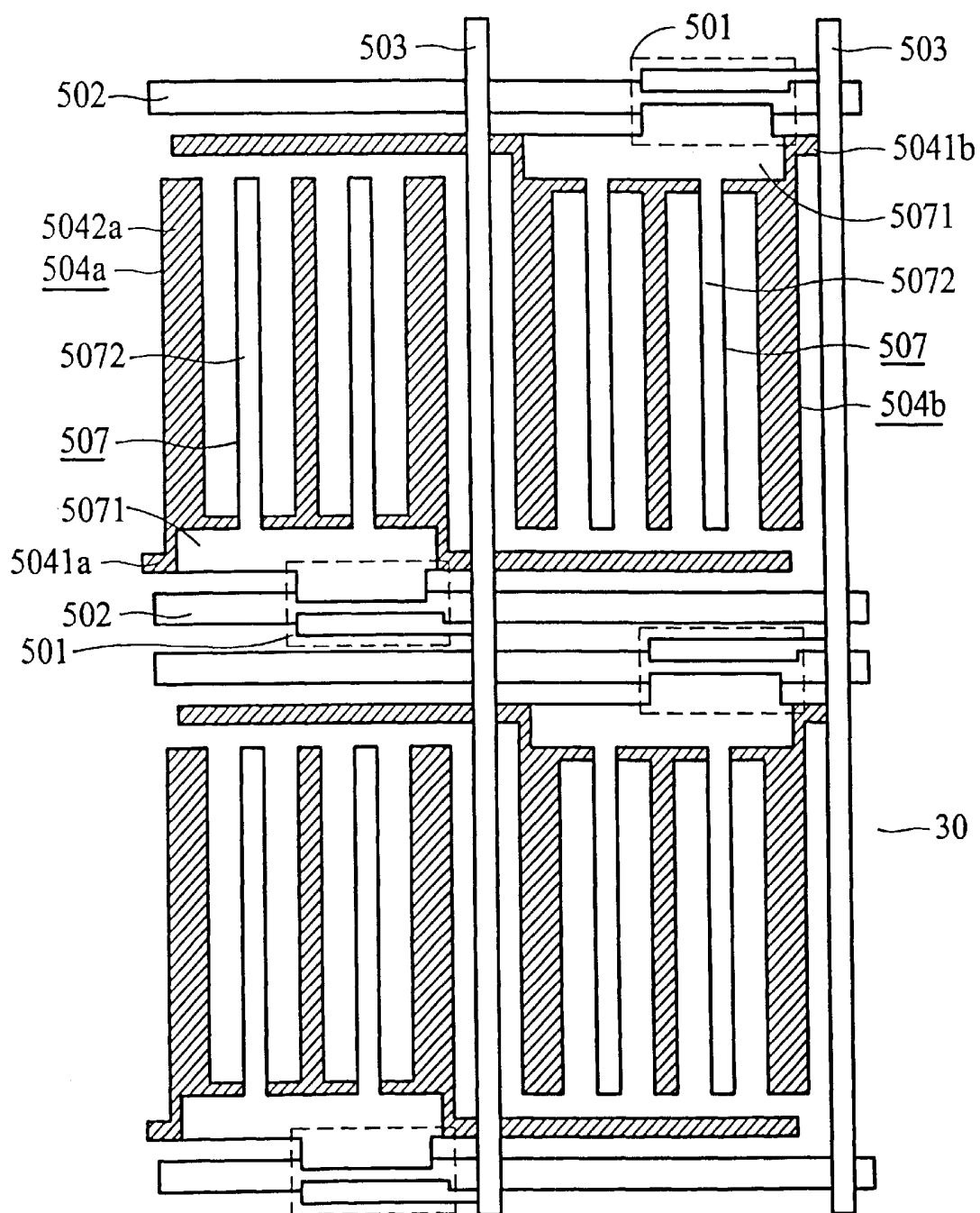


FIG. 3

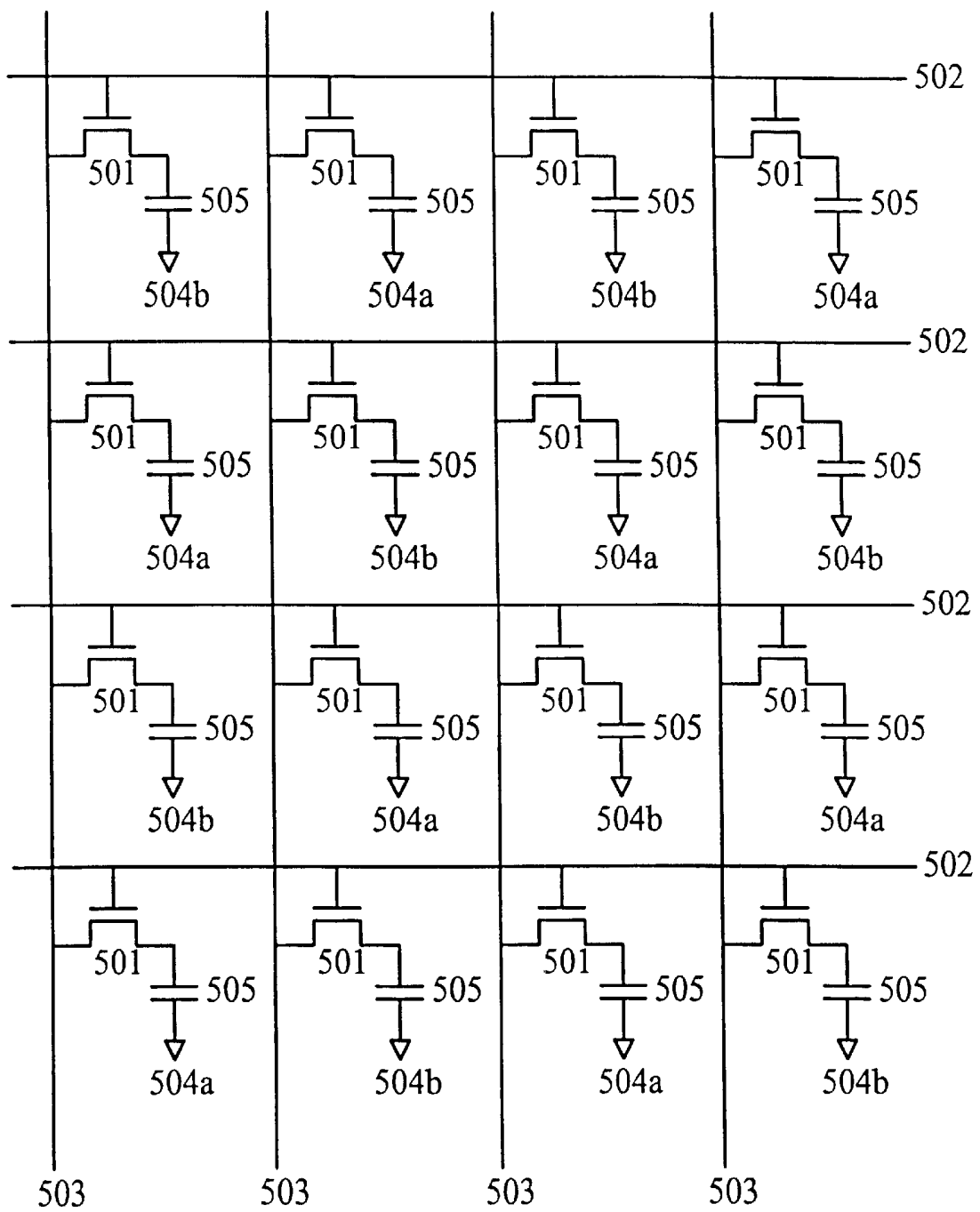


FIG. 4

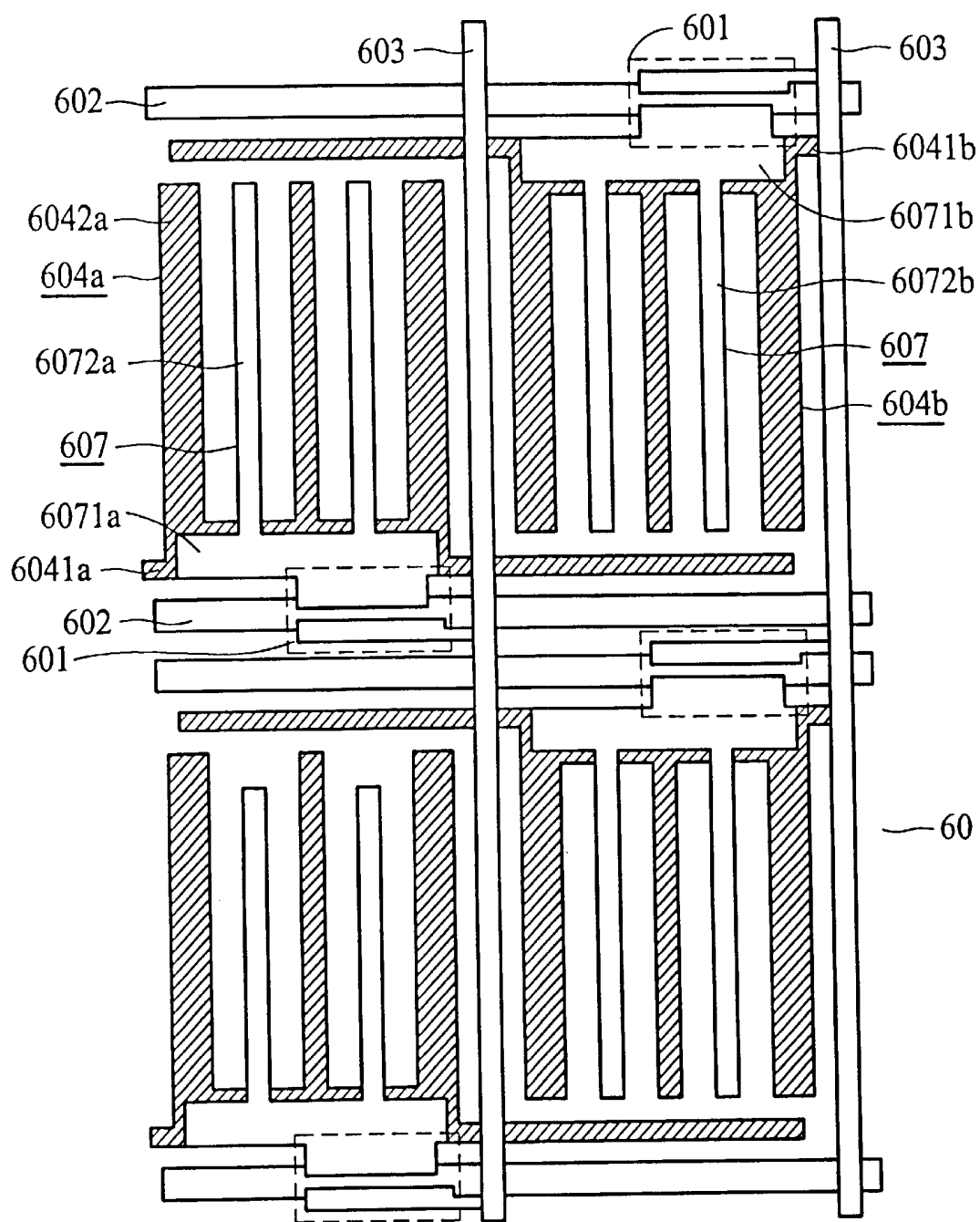


FIG. 5

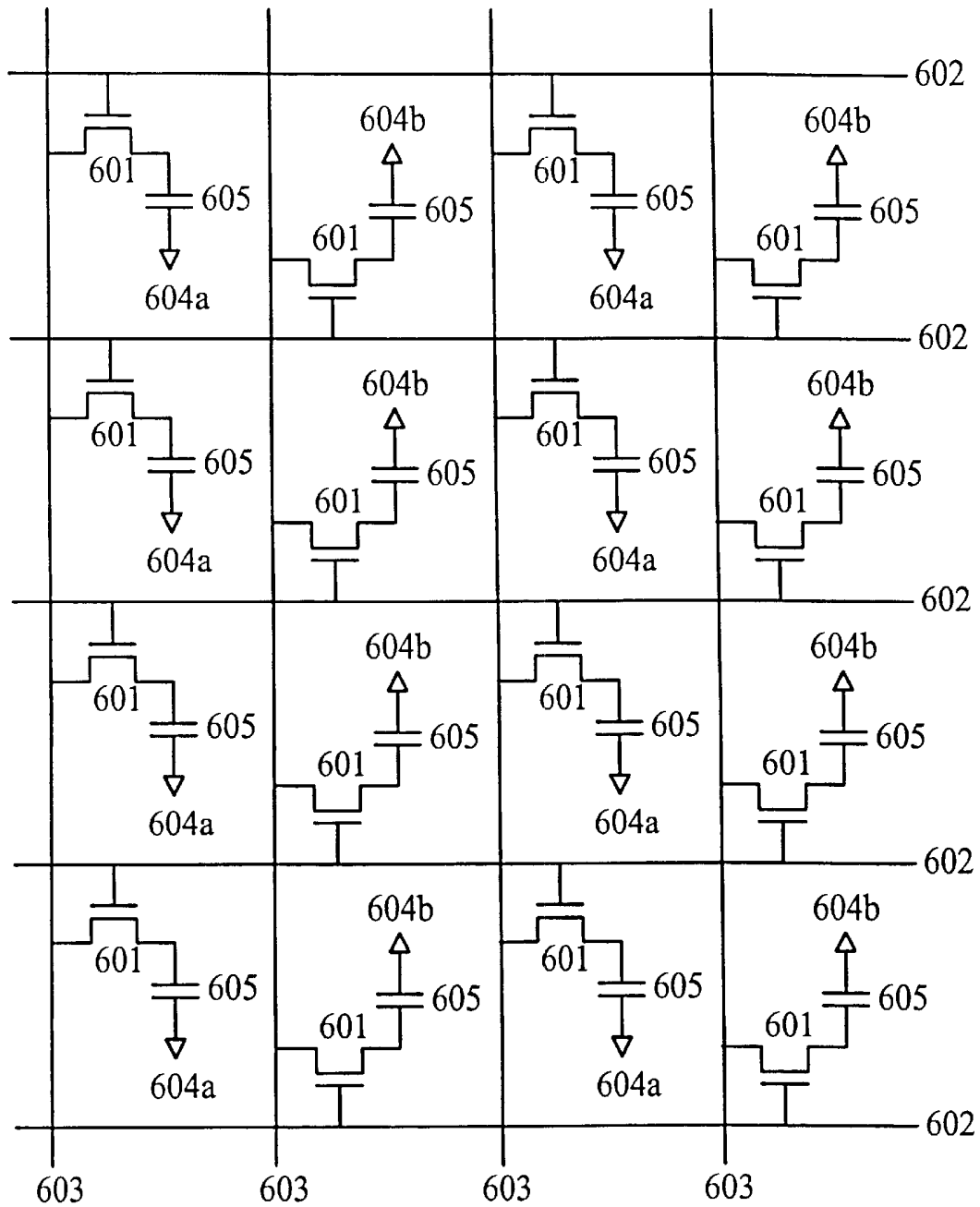


FIG. 6

ARRAY CIRCUIT OF A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY WHEREIN COMMON ELECTRODES ISOLATED EACH OTHER IN DIFFERENT PIXEL REGIONS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a liquid crystal display, particularly to an array structure of a liquid crystal display having two common electrodes.

2. Description of the Prior Art

FIG. 1 is a diagram showing a conventional array structure of a liquid crystal display. There are four pixel regions on a substrate **10**. Each scan line **102** is electrically connected to gates of transistors **101** in one line of pixel regions through via holes (not shown). Each data line **103** is electrically connected to sources of the transistors **101** in one row of pixel regions through via holes. Each pixel electrode **201** has a connector **2011** electrically connected to drains of the transistors **101** and extended portions **2012** extending from the connector **2011**. A common electrode **104** has connectors **1041** along with the lines of the pixel regions and extended portions **1042** extending from the connectors **1041**. The transistors **101** are positioned where the extended portions **1042** extend from the connectors **1041** of the common electrode **104**. Capacitances are formed between the extended portions **2012** and **1042** respectively of the pixel electrodes **201** and the common electrode **104**.

FIG. 2 is a diagram showing an equivalent circuit of the conventional transistor array of the liquid crystal display. The same symbols are used in FIG. 1 and FIG. 2. The circuit comprises the transistors **101**, the scan lines **102** connected to the gates of lines of the transistors **101**, the data lines connected to the sources of rows of the transistors **101**, the common electrode **104** and the capacitances **105** formed between the drains of the transistors **101** and the common electrodes **104**.

However, all the pixel regions of the conventional transistor array structure have the same common electrode voltage since they have the same common electrode. It is impossible to apply two different common electrode voltages to the pixel regions. Thus, any driving method using two different common electrode voltages cannot be implemented by a conventional circuit.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore, the object of the present invention is to provide an array structure of a liquid crystal display having two common electrodes isolated from each other.

The other object of the present invention is to provide two different driving voltages to drive the two isolated common electrode in the array structure. The two different driving voltages comprise a positive and negative voltage.

The present invention provides an array structure of a liquid crystal display. The circuit comprises a substrate having a first and a second pixel region thereon. Each of the pixel regions has a transistor, a pixel electrode electrically connected to a drain of the transistor and a common electrode forming a capacitance with the pixel electrode, wherein the common electrodes of the first and second pixel regions are electrically isolated from each other.

The present invention further provides an array structure of a liquid crystal display comprising a substrate having a first and a second pixel region thereon. Each of the pixel

regions has a transistor, a pixel electrode electrically connected to a drain of the transistor, and a common electrode having an extended portion forming a capacitance with the pixel electrode and a connector which the extended portion extends from, wherein the common electrodes of the first and second pixel regions are isolated from each other, and the transistors are positioned where the extended portions extending from the connectors.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The following detailed description, given by way of example and not intended to limit the invention solely to the embodiments described herein, will best be understood in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a diagram showing a conventional array structure of a liquid crystal display,

FIG. 2 is a diagram showing an equivalent circuit of the conventional transistor array of the liquid crystal display,

FIG. 3 is a diagram showing an array structure of a liquid crystal display according to a first embodiment of the invention,

FIG. 4 is a diagram showing an equivalent circuit of the transistor array of the liquid crystal display according to the first embodiment of the invention,

FIG. 5 is a diagram showing an array structure of a liquid crystal display according to a second embodiment of the invention, and

FIG. 6 is a diagram showing an equivalent circuit of the transistor array of the liquid crystal display according to the second embodiment of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

FIG. 3 is a diagram showing an array structure of a liquid crystal display according to a first embodiment of the invention.

There are at least four pixel regions as a unit on a substrate **30**. There are two electrically connected scan lines **502** for each line of pixel regions, which are also electrically connected to gates of transistors **501** in the line through via holes (not shown). Each data line **503** is electrically connected to sources of the transistors **501** in one row of pixel regions through via holes. Each pixel electrode **507** has a connector **5071** electrically connected to drains of the transistors **501** and extended portions **5072** extending from the connector **5071**. Two common electrodes **504a** and **504b**, isolated from each other, are provided, and have connectors **5041a** and **5041b** along with the lines of the pixel regions and extended portions **5042a** and **5042b** extending from the connectors **5041a** and **5041b**, respectively. The transistors **501** are positioned where the extended portions **5042a** and **5042b** extend from the connectors **5041a** and **5041b** of the common electrodes **504a** and **504b**. Capacitances are formed between the extended portions **5072**, **5042a** and **5042b**, respectively of the pixel electrodes **507** and the common electrodes **504a** and **504b**.

FIG. 4 is a diagram showing an equivalent circuit of the transistor array of the liquid crystal display according to the first embodiment of the invention. The same symbols are used in FIG. 3 and FIG. 4.

The circuit comprises the transistors **501**, the scan lines **502** connected to the gates of lines of the transistors **501**, the data lines **503** connected to the sources of rows of the transistors **501**, the common electrode **504a** and **504b**, and the capacitances **505** formed between the drains of the

transistors **501** and the common electrodes **504a** and **504b**. The common electrodes **504a** and **504b** provide two different driving voltages. The two adjacent pixel regions have the common electrodes **504a** and **504b** and are driven by the two different voltages, respectively.

FIG. 5 is a diagram showing an array structure of a liquid crystal display according to a second embodiment of the invention.

There are at least four pixel regions as a unit on a substrate **60**. Each scan line **602** for two adjacent lines of pixel regions is electrically connected to gates of transistors **601** near the scan line **602** through via holes (not shown). Each data line **603** is electrically connected to sources of the transistors **601** in one row of pixel regions through via holes. Each pixel electrode **607** has a connector **6071** electrically connected to drains of the transistors **601** and extended portions **6072** extending from the connector **6071**. Two common electrodes **604a** and **604b** isolated from each other are provided, and have connectors **6041a** and **6041b**, along with the lines of the pixel regions and extended portions **6042a** and **6042b** extending from the connectors **6041a** and **6041b**, respectively. The transistors **601** are positioned where the extended portions **6042a** and **6042b** extend from the connectors **6041a** and **6041b** of the common electrodes **604a** and **604b**. Capacitances are formed between the extended portions **6072**, **6042a** and **6042b** respectively, of the pixel electrodes **607** and the common electrodes **604a** and **604b**.

FIG. 6 is a diagram showing an equivalent circuit of the transistor array of the liquid crystal display according to the second embodiment of the invention. The same symbols are used in FIG. 5 and FIG. 6.

The circuit comprises the transistors **601**, the scan lines **602** between two adjacent lines of transistors **601**, which is alternatively connected to the gates of the transistors **601** in the two adjacent lines, the data lines **603** connected to the sources of rows of the transistors **601**, the common electrode **604a** and **604b**, and the capacitances **605** formed between the drains of the transistors **601** and the common electrodes **604a** and **604b**. The common electrodes **504a** and **504b** provide two different driving voltages. The two adjacent pixel regions have the common electrodes **604a** and **604b** and are driven by the two different voltages, respectively.

In the second embodiment, the connection of the scan lines to the transistor gates is different from that of a conventional liquid crystal display circuit so that the order of the scanned pixel regions is changed. An ordinary person skilled in the art can easily provide a new driving method for an LCD circuit configured in accordance with the second embodiment.

In conclusion, the present invention changes the structure of the common electrode to provide two common electrodes isolated from each other. Thus, it is possible for the pixel regions to have two different common electrode voltages having two different polarities.

While the invention has been described by way of example and in terms of the preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiments. On the contrary, it is intended to cover various modifications and similar arrangements as would be apparent to those skilled in the art. Therefore, the scope of the appended claims should be accorded the broadest interpretation so as to encompass all such modifications and similar arrangements.

What is claimed is:

1. An array structure of a liquid crystal display comprising:

a substrate having a first and a second pixel region thereon, each of which comprises:

a transistor;

a pixel electrode electrically connected to a drain of the transistor; and

a common electrode forming a capacitance with the pixel electrode;

wherein the common electrodes of the first and second pixel regions are electrically isolated from each other.

2. The structure as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a scan line electrically connected to gates of the transistors of the pixel regions.

3. The structure as claimed in claim 2 wherein the scan line is electrically connected to the gates of the transistors through via holes.

4. The structure as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a first and a second data line respectively connected to sources of the transistors of the first and second pixel region.

5. The structure as claimed in claim 4 wherein the data lines are electrically connected to the sources of the transistors through via holes.

6. The structure as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pixel electrodes are electrically connected to the drains of the transistors through via holes.

7. The structure as claimed in claim 1 wherein the common electrodes provide two different driving voltages.

8. The structure as claimed in claim 7 wherein the two different driving voltages have different polarities.

9. An array structure of a liquid crystal display comprising:

a substrate having a first and a second pixel region thereon, each of which comprises:

a transistor;

a pixel electrode electrically connected to a drain of the transistor; and

a common electrode having an extended portion forming a capacitance with the pixel electrode and a connector from which the extended portion extends; wherein the common electrodes of the first and second pixel regions are isolated from each other, and the transistors are positioned where the extended portions extend from the connectors.

10. The structure as claimed in claim 9, further comprising at least a scan line electrically connected to gates of the transistors of the pixel regions.

11. The structure as claimed in claim 10 wherein the scan line is electrically connected to the gates of the transistors through via holes.

12. The structure as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a first and a second data line respectively connected to sources of the transistors of the first and second pixel region.

13. The structure as claimed in claim 12 wherein the data lines are electrically connected to the sources of the transistors through via holes.

14. The structure as claimed in claim 9 wherein the pixel electrodes are electrically connected to the drains of the transistors through via holes.

15. The structure as claimed in claim 9 wherein the common electrodes provide two different driving voltages.

16. The structure as claimed in claim 15 wherein the two different driving voltages have different polarities.

