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(54) **LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY AND DISPLAY PANEL THEREOF**

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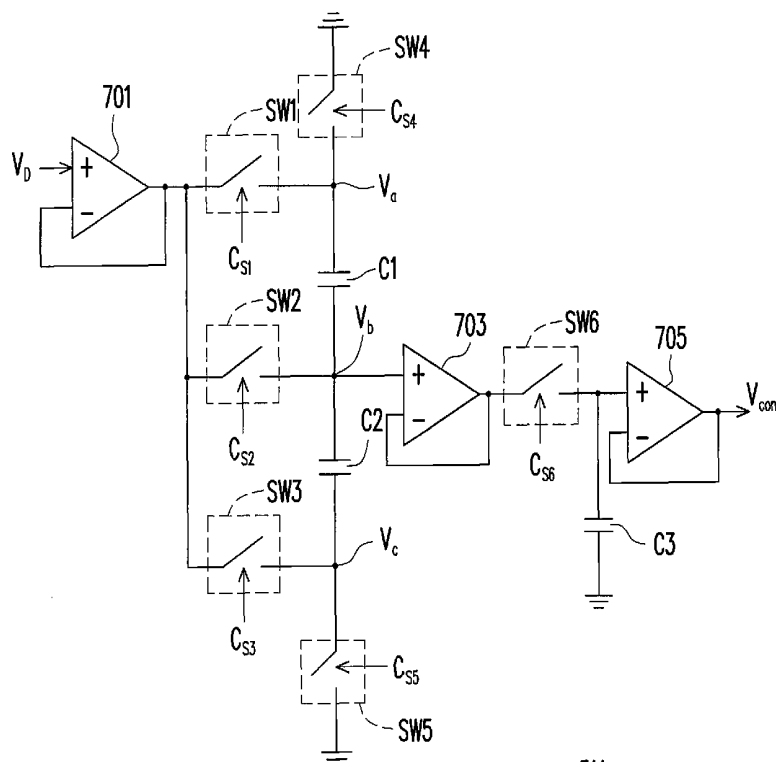
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An LCD and a display panel thereof are provided. A common voltage generation circuit of the display panel is electrically connected to at least one pixel in a non-active pixels region. According to the display voltage at a drain of a TFT in the pixel, an average of display voltages of positive and negative polarities is obtained in two frame times. The average value is regarded as a common voltage supplied to every pixel in an active pixel region in the display panel. Thereby, the problem of a drift of a feed-through voltage (ΔV_D) of a scan voltage due to an RC delay of a parasitic-capacitance and a parasitic-resistance on the scan line can be avoided. Further, the gray-level accuracy of every pixel in the active pixel region can be improved, and the flicker-noise of the display-panel can be reduced, thus significantly promoting the display quality of the LCD.

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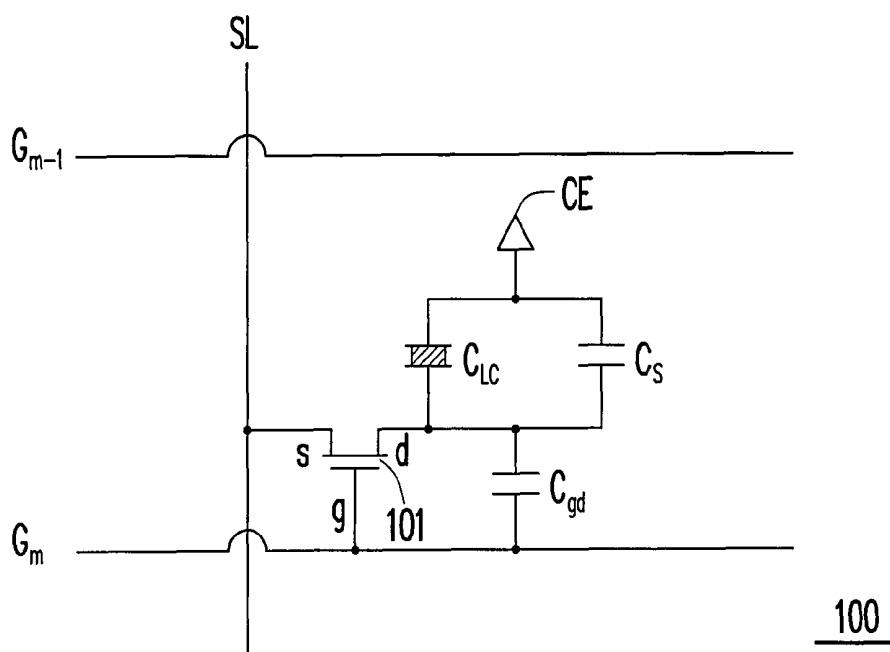


FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)

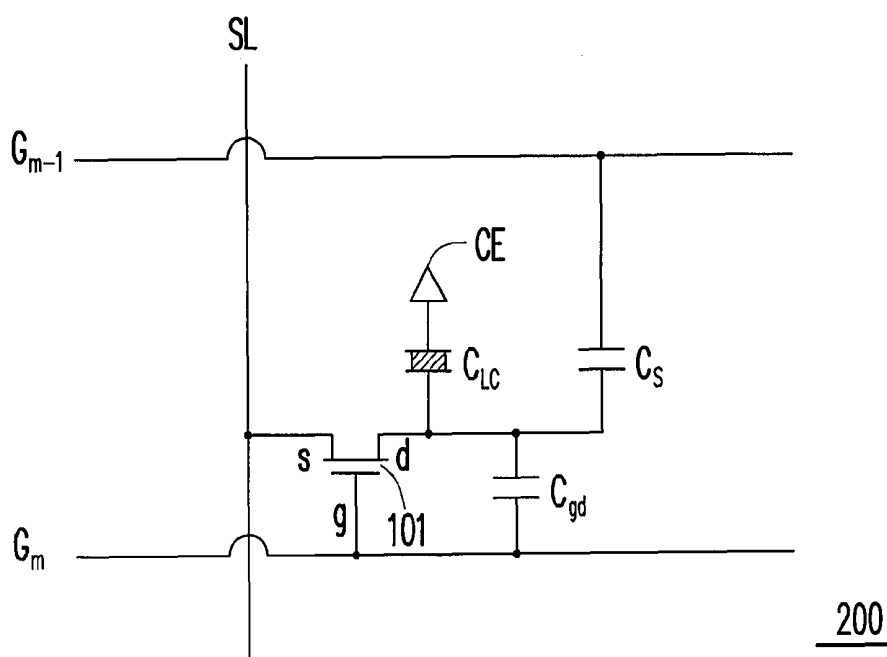


FIG. 2 (PRIOR ART)

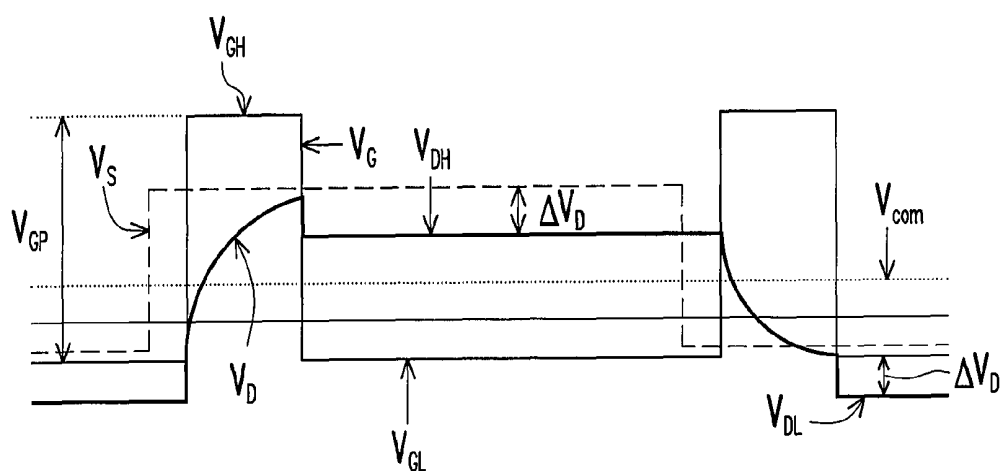


FIG. 3 (PRIOR ART)

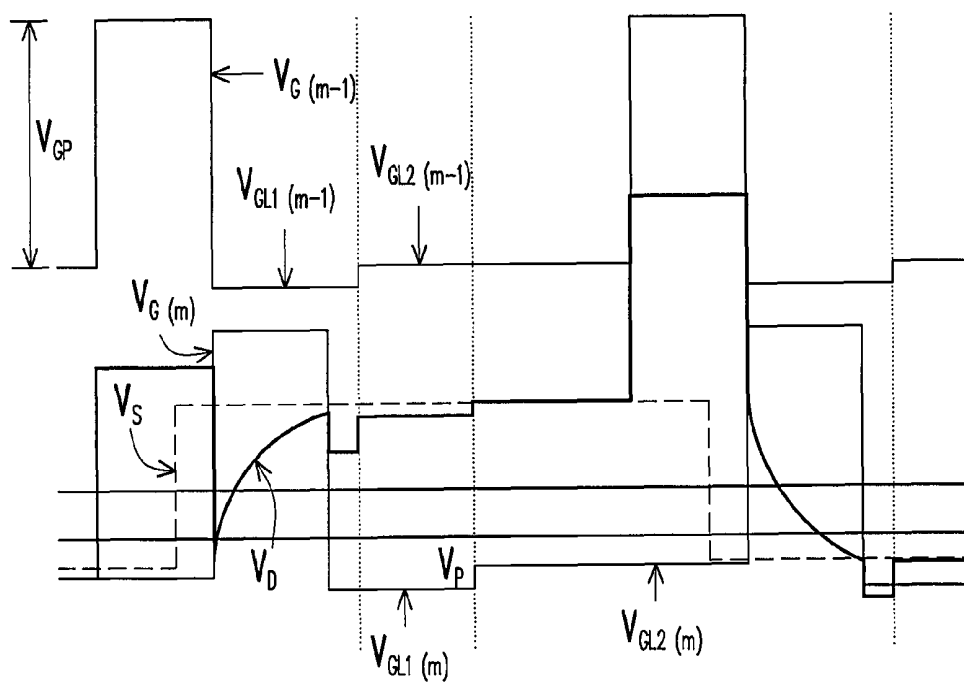


FIG. 4 (PRIOR ART)

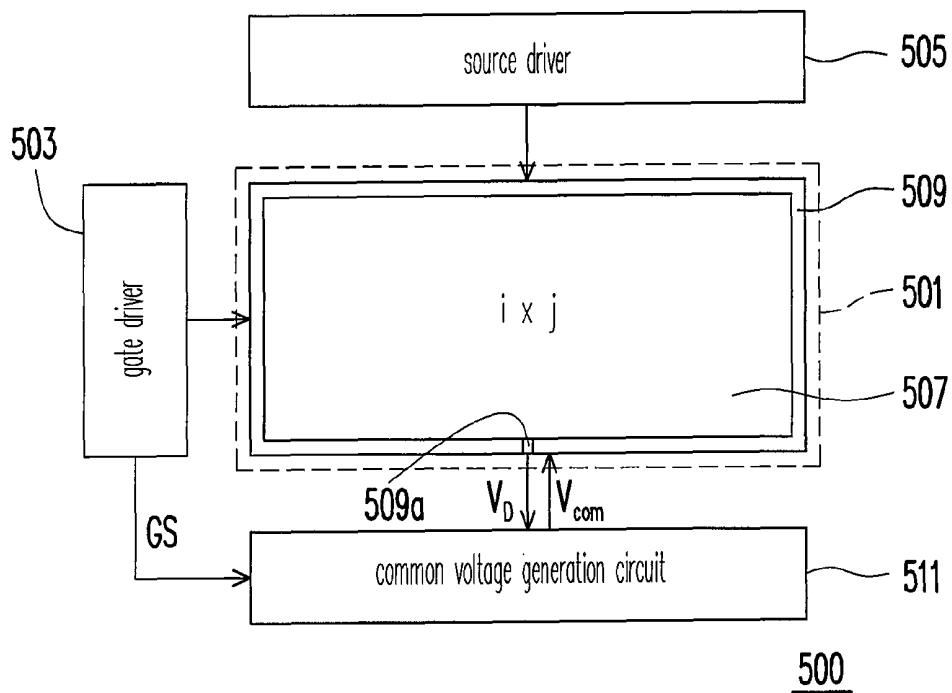


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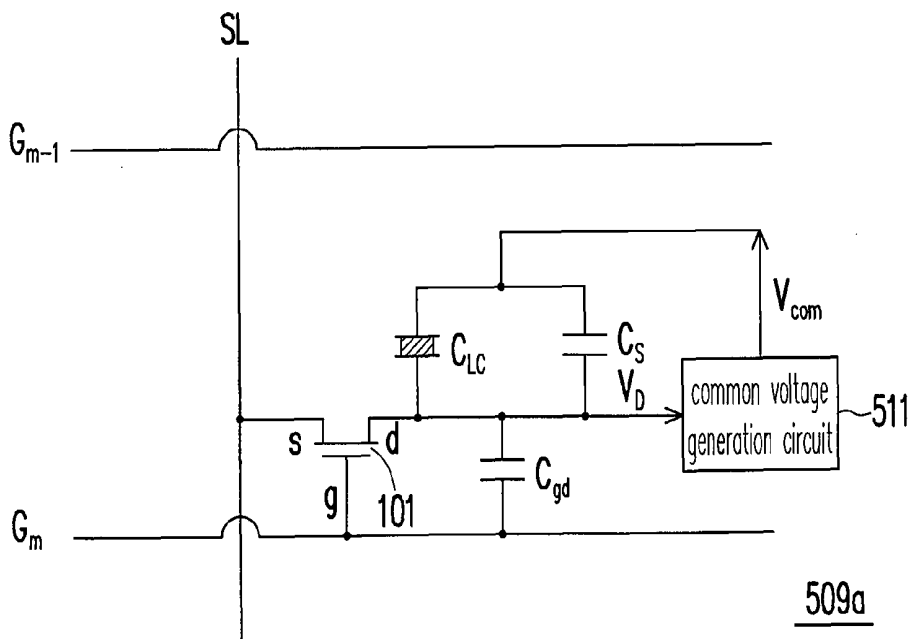


FIG. 6

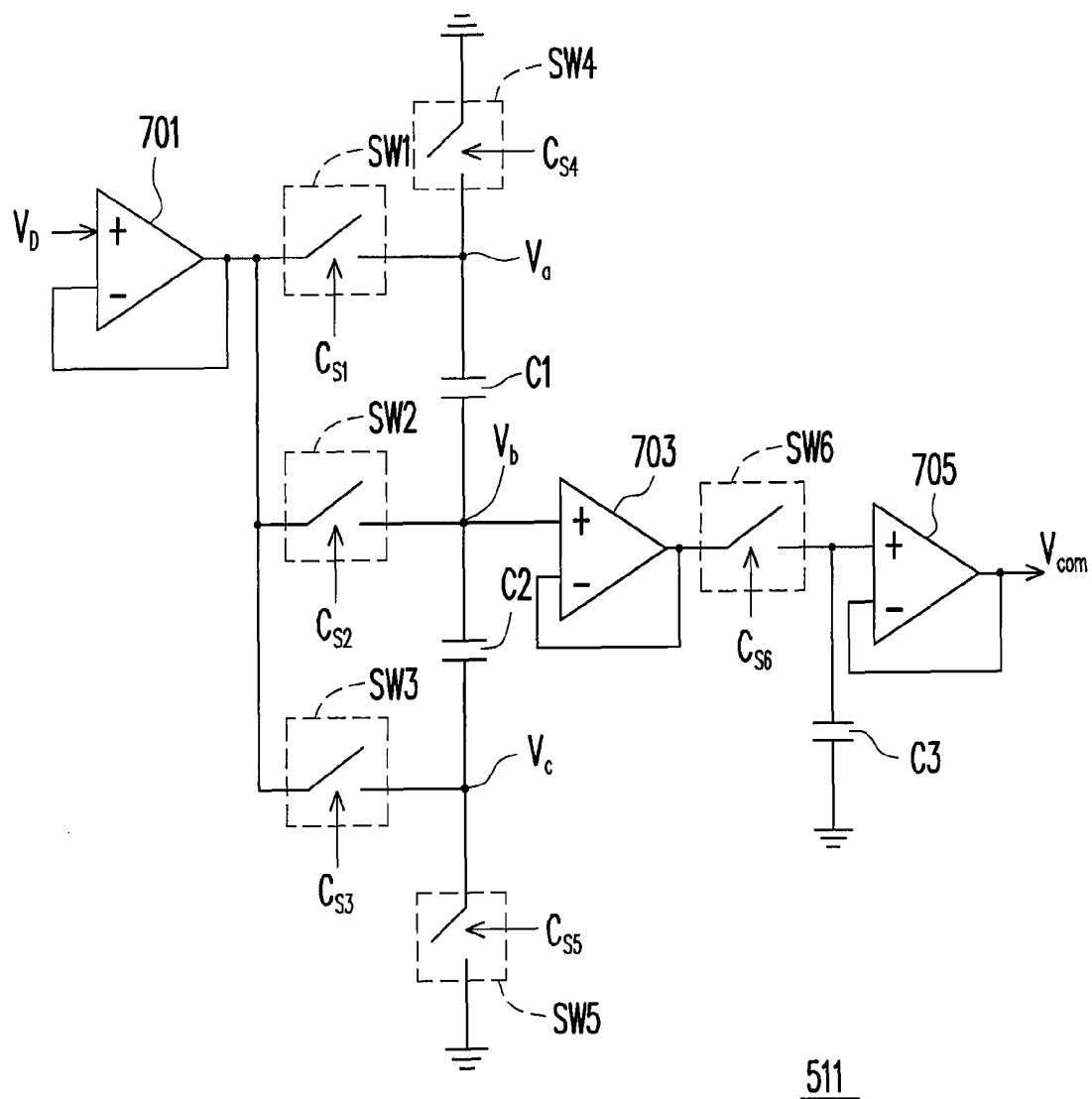


FIG. 7

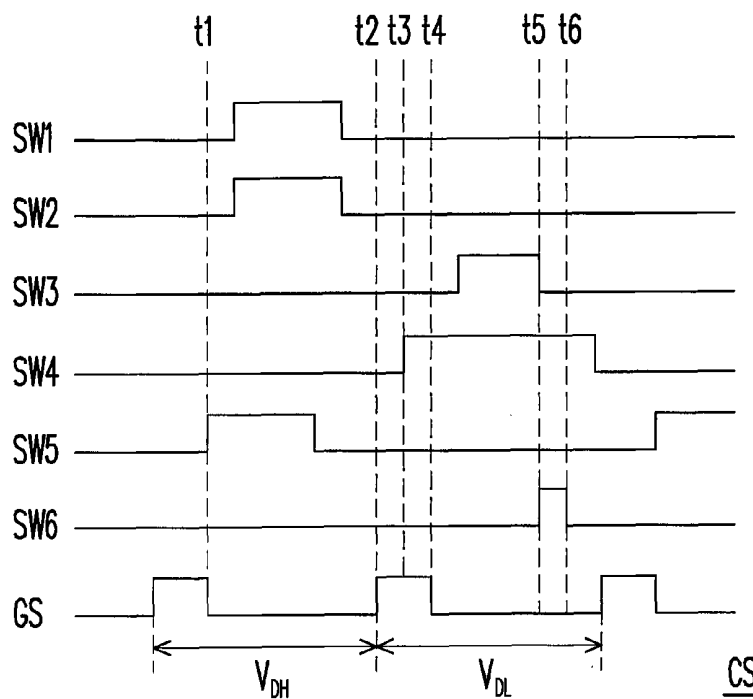


FIG. 8

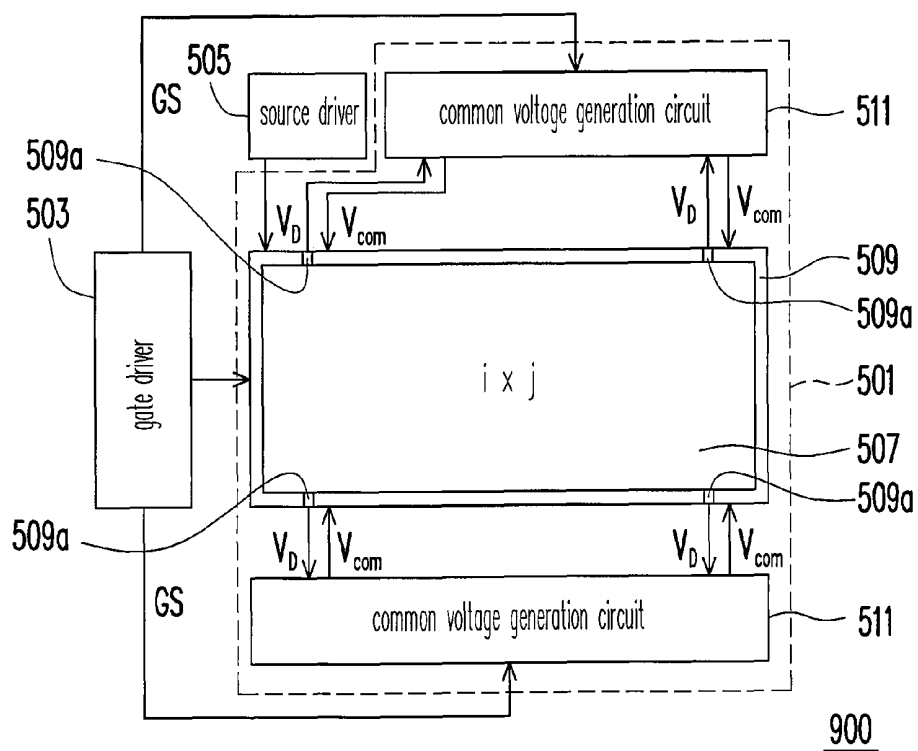


FIG. 9

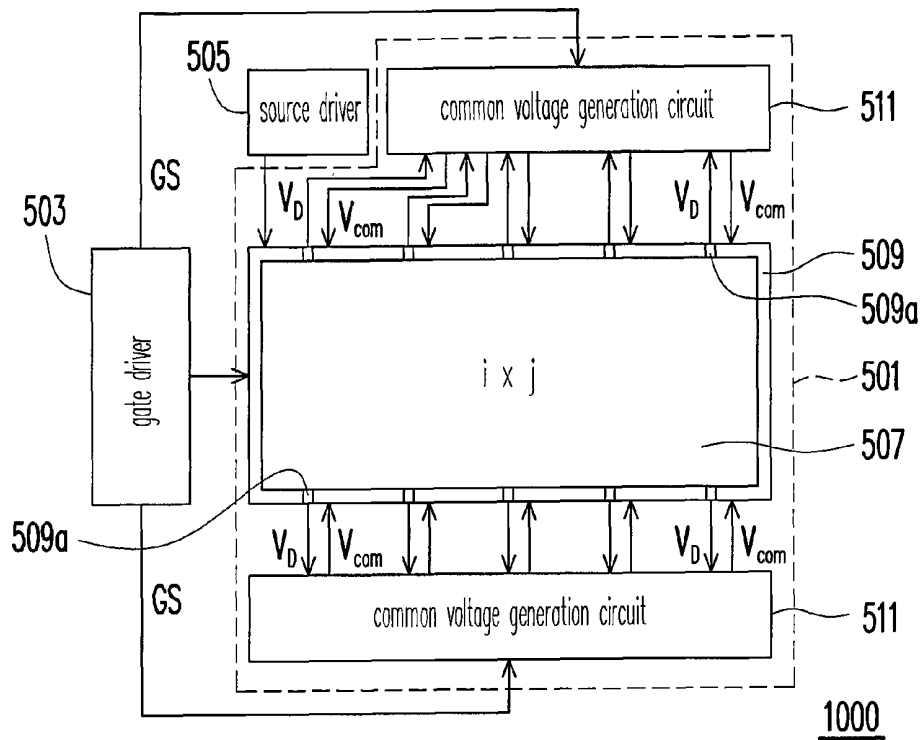


FIG. 10

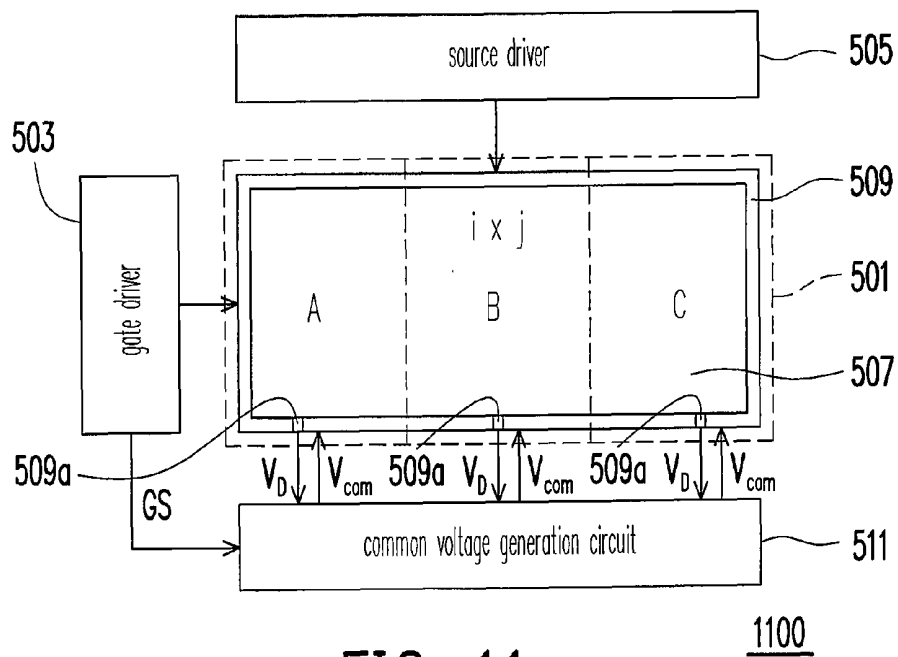


FIG. 11

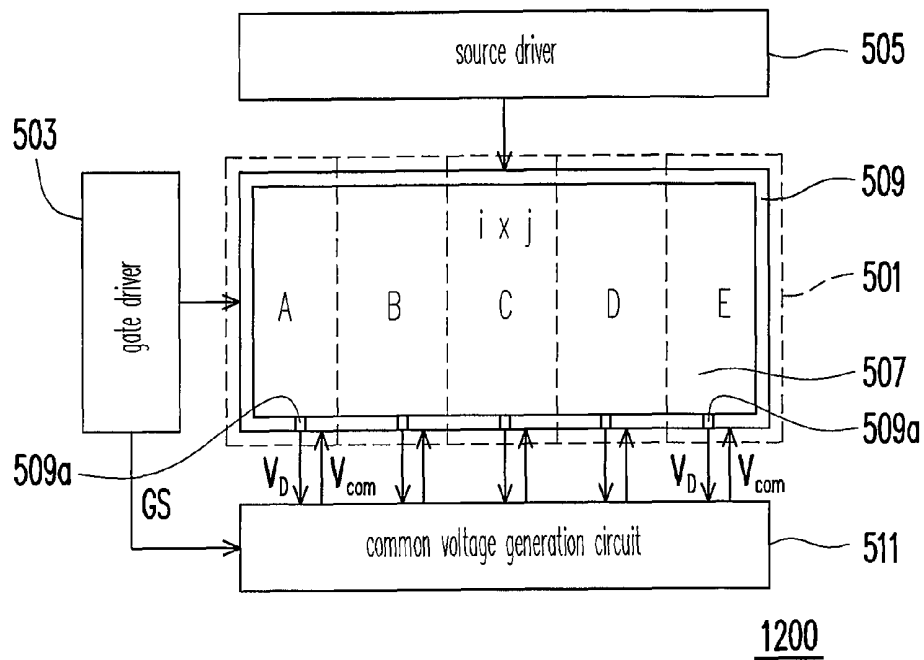


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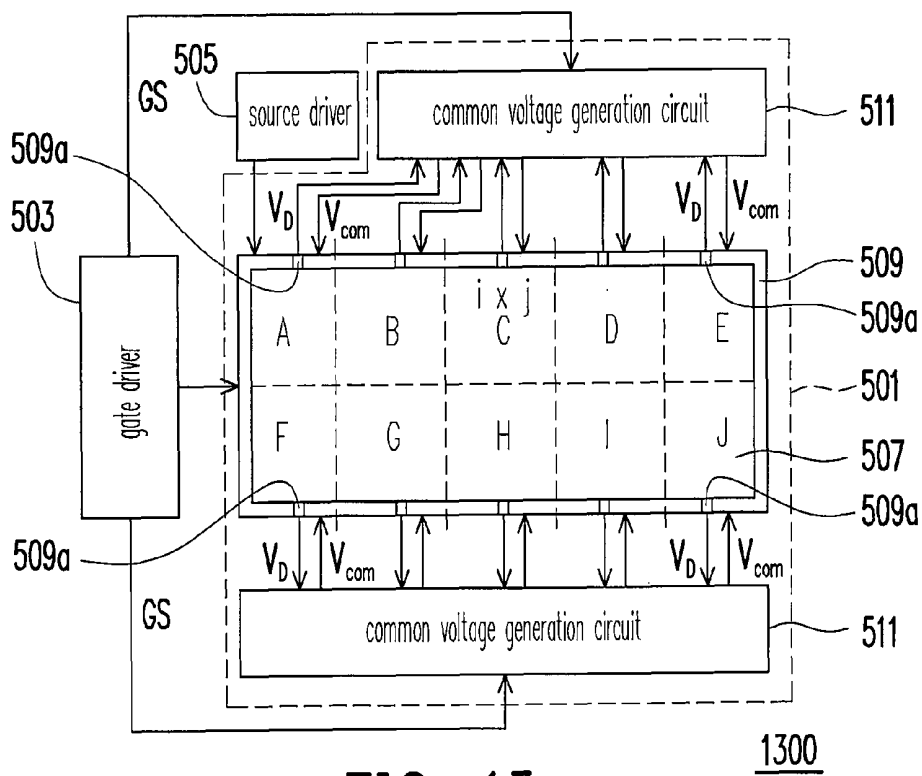


FIG. 13

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY AND DISPLAY PANEL THEREOF

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the priority benefit of Taiwan application serial no. 95142533, filed Nov. 17, 2006. All disclosure of the Taiwan application is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a display and a display panel thereof, and more particularly to a liquid crystal display and a display panel thereof capable of adjusting a common voltage automatically.

2. Description of Related Art

In recent years, liquid crystal displays (LCDs) have been widely adopted and have replaced the conventional cathode ray tube (CRT) displays. Currently, the LCDs have become one of the mainstream products in the market of displays. With the progress of the semiconductor technology, LCD panels have the advantages of low power consumption, slimness and compactness, high resolution, high color saturation, long life time, and so on. Therefore, the LCD panels have been extensively applied in electronic products closely related to daily life, including liquid crystal screens of computers and LCD TVs.

FIG. 1 illustrates a pixel configuration **100** of a conventional thin film transistor liquid crystal display (TFT-LCD). Please refer to FIG. 1. The pixel configuration **100** includes a TFT **101**, a liquid crystal capacitance C_{LC} , a storage capacitance C_s , a common electrode C_E , and a parasitic capacitance C_{gd} . The electrical connection of the pixel configuration **100** disclosed in FIG. 1 clearly indicates a Cs-on-common design. FIG. 2 illustrates another pixel configuration **200** of the conventional TFT-LCD. Please refer to FIGS. 1 and 2 together. The main difference between the pixel configurations **100** and **200** lies in that the pixel configuration **200** is of a Cs-on-gate design.

When the voltage level of a scan voltage (V_G) outputted by a gate driver (not shown) rapidly declines from a high voltage level (V_{GH}) to a low voltage level (V_{GL}) and the TFT **101** is then switched off, a coupling effect is induced by the parasitic capacitance C_{gd} no matter which pixel configuration is adopted. Thereby, the voltage in a drain d of the TFT **101** is simultaneously dropped by a voltage level (ΔV_D), which can be represented by the following equation 1.

$$\Delta V_D = \frac{C_{gd}}{C_{gd} + C_s + C_{LC}} \Delta V_{GP} \quad \text{Equation (1)}$$

In equation 1, ΔV_{GP} is obtained by subtracting the low voltage level (V_{GL}) from the high voltage level (V_{GH}) i.e. $\Delta V_{GP} = V_{GH} - V_{GL}$. The varying voltage level (ΔV_D) is called a feed-through voltage of the scan voltage, and the value of said feed-through voltage is not a constant.

Due to physical characteristics of liquid crystal molecules, however, the value of the liquid crystal capacitance C_{LC} varies according to different gray-level voltages. Hence, every pixels with different gray levels has different feed-through voltages (ΔV_D) of the scan voltage. In addition, it is well known that each of the scan lines in the display panel (not shown)

includes a parasitic capacitance and a parasitic resistance on a scan line. Accordingly, said ΔV_{GP} is affected by the parasitic capacitance and the parasitic resistance on the scan line, thus resulting in a so-called RC delay. Thereby, the farther the distance between an input terminal of the scan voltage and its corresponding pixel is, the smaller the value of ΔV_{GP} becomes. Besides, due to various RC delays on each of the scan lines in the display panel, the feed-through voltages (ΔV_D) of pixels in the same column in the display panel may be different.

As described above, both factors resulting in different feed-through voltages (ΔV_D) of the scan voltages lead to an increase in flicker noises of the display panel, and thereby images displayed by the TFT-LCD flicker. To resolve said problems, relevant solutions disclosed in the related art have been correspondingly developed, including:

1. Adjusting the common voltage V_{com} supplied to the pixels in the display panel based on the value of the feed-through voltage (ΔV_D) of the scan voltage.

2. Adopting a technology of driving a three-level or a four-level scan voltage.

Said solution **1** is adapted to the pixel configuration **100** (Cs on common) and to the pixel configuration **200** (Cs on gate), which is implemented by observing and adjusting the common voltage V_{com} supplied to the pixels in the display panel through optical measurements, such that the flicker noises in the middle of the display panel can be minimized. Then, after the adjusted common voltage is set, a corrected gamma voltage outside a source driver is fine tuned to eliminate the shift of the feed-through voltage (ΔV_D) of the scan voltage. Said shift is caused by variation in the value of the liquid crystal capacitance C_{LC} due to different gray-level voltages. It should be mentioned that the problem of the flicker noises at both sides of the display panel is not completely overcome even though said solution **1** minimizes the flicker noises in the middle of the display panel.

FIG. 3 is a diagram of a simulation waveform depicting said solution **1**. Please refer to FIGS. 1~3 together. As shown in FIG. 3, the diagram of the simulation waveform includes a waveform of the scan voltage V_G , of the data voltage V_s (the data voltage supplied by the source driver and received by the source s of the TFT **101**), of the display voltage V_D (the display voltage of the drain d of the TFT **101**), and of the common voltage V_{com} . Here, the coupling effect induced by said parasitic capacitance C_{gd} generates the feed-through voltage ΔV_D of the scan voltage, which can be learned from the waveform of the display voltage V_D .

In view of the foregoing, complicated manual measurement is required when the solution **1** is adopted to resolve the problem of the feed-through voltage (ΔV_D) of the scan voltage, so as to obtain the best common voltage V_{com} supplied to the pixel in the display panel. Moreover, each display panel has different characteristics, and therefore said best common voltage V_{com} and the fine-tuned corrected gamma voltage outside the source driver may not be applicable to all display panels.

Furthermore, said solution **2** can merely be used in the pixel configuration **200** (Cs on gate) disclosed hereinbefore. FIG. 4 is a diagram of a simulation waveform depicting said solution **2** which adopts a technology of driving a three-level scan voltage. Please refer to FIGS. 2 and 4 together. According to said solution **2**, as the scan voltage V_G of the previous scan line G_{m-1} is set at a low voltage level $V_{GL1(m-1)}$, and the feed-through voltage ΔV_D of the scan voltage V_G of the scan line G_m occurs, the scan voltage of the previous scan line G_{m-1} at the low voltage level $V_{GL1(m-1)}$ is raised by a voltage level V_p to a low voltage level $V_{GL2(m-1)}$. Through said

increase in the voltage level and the voltage coupling effects of the storage capacitance C_s and of the parasitic capacitance C_{gd} , the shift of the feed-through voltage ΔV_D of the scan voltage V_G of the scan line G_m is compensated. Theoretically, the voltage level V_p described in said solution 2 can be calculated through the following two equations:

$$\Delta V_D = \frac{C_{gd}}{C_{gd} + C_s + C_{LC}} \Delta V_{GP} \quad \text{Equation (2)}$$

$$\Delta V_D = \frac{C_s}{C_{gd} + C_s + C_{LC}} \Delta V_{GP} \quad \text{Equation (3)}$$

However, if a technology of driving a multi-level e.g. a three- or a four-level scan voltage is intended to be developed according to said solution 2, it is obvious that said development complicates the design of the gate driver. Besides, given that the voltage level V_p cannot be accurately calculated by the gate driver, the feed-through voltage ΔV_D of the scan voltage V_G of the scan line G_m may be insufficiently or excessively compensated, which results in uncertainties in terms of design and measurement. Moreover, it is required for said solution 2 to be implemented in conjunction with the fine-tuned corrected gamma voltage outside the source driver so as to compensate the shift of the feed-through voltage of the scan voltage. The shift is caused by variation in the value of the liquid crystal capacitance C_{LC} due to different gray-level voltages.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the present invention provides a display panel, in which a common voltage generation circuit is electrically connected to at least a pixel in a non-active pixel region, and a common voltage of the pixel corresponding to one column of pixels in the display panel is automatically adjusted in N frame time (N is a positive integer, e.g. 2). Thereby, the complicated process of conventional manual adjustment of the common voltage can be eliminated. Furthermore, the common voltage supplied is ensured to be at a best voltage level required by the column of the pixels in the display panel.

The present invention further provides a display to which the spirit of said display panel can be applied. Thereby, not only can the advantages of the display panel disclosed in the present invention be achieved, but the flicker noises of the display panel can be minimized, thus leading to an improvement of the display quality.

The display panel provided by the present invention includes a first pixel region, a second pixel region, and a common voltage generation circuit. The first pixel region includes a plurality of first pixels arranged in array. The second pixel region includes a plurality of second pixels disposed in the periphery of the first pixel region. The common voltage generation circuit is electrically connected to at least one second pixel corresponding to one column of pixels in the first pixel region. Here, the common voltage generation circuit supplies a common voltage to each of the first pixels in the first pixel region based on a display voltage of the second pixel, and the common voltage is an average of the display voltages of positive and negative polarities.

From another aspect, the present invention provides a display including a display panel and a gate driver. The display panel includes a first pixel region, a second pixel region, and a common voltage generation circuit. The first pixel region includes a plurality of first pixels arranged in array. The

second pixel region includes a plurality of second pixels disposed in the periphery of the first pixel region. The common voltage generation circuit is electrically connected to at least one second pixel corresponding to one column of pixels in the first pixel region.

The gate driver electrically connected to the display panel includes a plurality of gate lines for sequentially outputting a scan voltage from each of the gate lines to a corresponding scan line of the first pixels and the second pixels based on timing. Here, the common voltage generation circuit supplies a common voltage to each of the first pixels in the first pixel region based on a display voltage of the second pixel, and the common voltage is an average of the display voltages of positive and negative polarities.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, the display further includes a source driver electrically connected to the display panel. The source driver includes a plurality of source lines for outputting the display voltage to a corresponding data line of the first pixels through the source lines based on image data. The display voltage corresponds to the first pixels.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, each of the first and the second pixels includes a transistor and a storage capacitance. A gate terminal of the transistor is electrically connected to a scan line, and a first drain/source terminal thereof is electrically connected to a data line. The storage capacitance includes a first terminal and a second terminal. The first terminal is electrically connected to a second drain/source terminal of the transistor, and the second terminal is adopted to receive the common voltage.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, each of the first and the second pixels includes a parasitic capacitance and a liquid crystal capacitance. The parasitic capacitance has a first and a second terminals. The first terminal is electrically connected to the scan line, and the second terminal is electrically connected to the second drain/source terminal of the transistor. The liquid crystal capacitance includes a first and a second terminals. The first terminal is electrically connected to the second drain/source terminal of the transistor, and the second terminal is adopted to receive the common voltage.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, the transistor includes a TFT.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, the common voltage generation circuit includes a first operational amplifier, a first switch, a second switch, a third switch, a fourth switch, a first capacitance, a second capacitance, a fifth switch, a second operational amplifier, a sixth switch, a third capacitance, and a third operational amplifier. The first operational amplifier includes a positive input terminal, a negative input terminal, and an output terminal. The positive input terminal is electrically connected to the second drain/source terminal of the transistor, while the negative input terminal and the output terminal are electrically connected to each other. The first switch includes a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal. The first terminal is electrically connected to the output terminal of the first operational amplifier.

The second switch includes a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal. The first terminal is electrically connected to the first terminal of the first switch. The third switch includes a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal. The first terminal is electrically connected to the first terminal of the second switch. The fourth switch includes a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control

terminal. Here, the first terminal is electrically connected to the second terminal of the first switch, and the second terminal is connected to ground.

The first capacitance includes a first terminal and a second terminal. Here, the first terminal is electrically connected to the second terminal of the first switch, and the second terminal is electrically connected to the second terminal of the second switch. The second capacitance includes a first terminal and a second terminal. Here, the first terminal is electrically connected to the second terminal of the second switch, and the second terminal is electrically connected to the second terminal of the third switch. The fifth switch includes a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal. Here, the first terminal is electrically connected to the second terminal of the third switch, and the second terminal is connected to ground.

The second operational amplifier includes a positive input terminal, a negative input terminal, and an output terminal. The positive input terminal is electrically connected to the second terminal of the second switch, while the negative input terminal and the output terminal are electrically connected to each other. The sixth switch includes a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal. The first terminal is electrically connected to the output terminal of the second operational amplifier. The third capacitance includes a first terminal and a second terminal. Here, the first terminal is electrically connected to the second terminal of the sixth switch, and the second terminal is connected to ground. The third operational amplifier includes a positive input terminal, a negative input terminal, and an output terminal. The positive input terminal is electrically connected to the first terminal of the third capacitance, while the negative input terminal and the output terminal are electrically connected to each other, so as to output the common voltage to each of the first pixels in the first pixel region.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, the control terminals of the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, and the sixth switches determine an ON/OFF state of the switches based on a corresponding control signal.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a first phase. The first, the second, and the fifth switches are switched on and the third, the fourth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a second phase.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a third phase. The fourth switch is switched on and the first, the second, the third, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a fourth phase.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, the third and the fourth switches are switched on and the first, the second, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a fifth phase. The fourth and the sixth switches are switched on and the first, the second, the third, and the fifth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a sixth phase.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, the column of pixels is positioned in the middle of the first pixel region.

According to one embodiment of the present invention, the display panel includes an LCD panel, while the display includes an LCD.

In the display and the display panel thereof provided by the present invention, the common voltage generation circuit is electrically connected to at least one second pixel in the second pixel region i.e. the non-active pixel region in the display panel, and obtains an average of the voltages having positive and negative polarities in N frame time (N is a positive integer e.g. 2.) according to the display voltage of the drain of the TFT in the second pixel. Then, the average is utilized as the common voltage and provided to each of the first pixels in the first pixel region i.e. the active pixel region in the display panel. Thereby, the complicated process of conventional manual adjustment of the common voltage can be eliminated. Furthermore, the common voltage supplied is ensured to be at the best voltage level required by the column of the pixels in the display panel.

In addition, given that the common voltage generation circuit is electrically connected to more than two second pixels in the second pixel region i.e. the non-active pixel region, the problem of the drift of the feed-through voltage (ΔV_D) caused by an RC delay of the parasitic capacitance and the parasitic resistance on the scan line can be avoided. Thereby, the gray-level accuracy of each of the first pixels in the first pixel region in the display panel can be significantly improved, and the flicker noises of the display panel can be reduced, thus promoting the display quality.

In order to make the aforementioned and other objectives, features and advantages of the present invention comprehensible, several embodiments accompanied with figures are described in detail below.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 illustrates a pixel configuration of a conventional TFT-LCD.

FIG. 2 illustrates another pixel configuration of the conventional TFT-LCD.

FIG. 3 is a diagram of a simulation waveform depicting a conventional solution.

FIG. 4 is a diagram of a simulation waveform depicting another conventional solution which adopts a technology of driving a three-level scan voltage.

FIG. 5 is a block diagram depicting a display according to one embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 6 illustrates a pixel configuration of a second pixel according to one embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 7 is a diagram of a common voltage generation circuit according to one embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 8 is a timing diagram of controlling a control signal corresponding to a first to a sixth switches in the common voltage generation circuit according to one embodiment of the present invention.

FIGS. 9~13 are block diagrams depicting the display according to another embodiment of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

FIG. 5 is a block diagram depicting a display 500 according to one embodiment of the present invention. Please refer to FIG. 5. The display 500 e.g. an LCD includes a display panel 501 e.g. an LCD panel, a gate driver 503, and a source driver 505. In the present embodiment, the display panel 501 includes a first pixel region 507, a second pixel region 509, and a common voltage generation circuit 511. The first pixel region 507 has a plurality of first pixels (not shown) arranged in an $i*j$ array for displaying images. Here, i and j are positive

integers. The second pixel region **509** has a plurality of second pixels **509a** disposed in the periphery of the first pixel region **507**.

The common voltage generation circuit **511** is electrically connected to one of the second pixels **509a** in the second pixel region **509**, and the second pixel **509a** corresponds to one column of the pixels in the first pixel region **507**. In addition, the common voltage generation circuit **511** provides a common voltage V_{com} to each of the first pixels in the first pixel region **507** based on a display voltage (V_D) of the drain of the TFT (not shown) in the second pixel **509a** electrically connected to the common voltage generation circuit **511**. Here, the display voltage at a high voltage level V_{DH} has positive polarity, and the display voltage at a low voltage level V_{DL} has negative polarity. The common voltage V_{com} is an average of the display voltages of positive and negative polarities. Namely, it can be expressed by the following equation.

$$V_{com} = (V_{DH} + V_{DL})/2 \quad \text{Equation (4)}$$

In the second pixel region **509**, the amount of the second pixel **509a** electrically connected to the common voltage generation circuit **511** is not limited in the present embodiment. However, it is required for said second pixel **509a** to be the one adjacent to the uppermost or the lowermost row in the first pixel region **507**. For example, if the display panel resolution of the present embodiment is $i \times j$ (e.g. 1024×768 , i and j are positive integers), the second pixel **509a** which is in the second pixel region **509** and is electrically connected to the common voltage generation circuit **511** is disposed in row **0** (in the second pixel region **509** adjacent to the first row of the pixels in the first pixel region **507**) or in row **769** (in the second pixel region **509** adjacent to the 768th row of the pixels in the first pixel region **507**). According to the present embodiment, the second pixel **509a** corresponding to the column of pixels in the first pixel region **507** is approximately positioned in the middle of the first pixel region **507**. Noted that those skilled in the art should know the first pixel region **507** is an active pixel region, while the second pixel region **509** is a dummy pixel region. Thus, it can be known that the gate driver **503** and the source driver **505** of the present embodiment respectively supply a scan voltage and a data voltage not only to each of the first pixels in the first pixel region **507**, but also to the row of pixels corresponding to the second pixel **509a**. However, since the gate driver **503** and the source driver **505** are not the technical features of the present invention, and the principle of driving the gate driver **503** and the source driver **505** is well known to those skilled in the art. Hence, for fear of raising confusion between the related art and the present invention, detailed descriptions are then omitted.

FIG. 6 illustrates a pixel configuration of a second pixel **509a** according to the present embodiment. FIG. 7 is a diagram of a common voltage generation circuit **511** according to the present embodiment. Please refer to FIGS. 5~7 together. The second pixel **509a** depicted in FIG. 6 adopts a Cs-on-common pixel configuration. The common voltage V_{com} supplied to the first pixels and the second pixel **509a** is provided by the common voltage generation circuit **511** as disclosed in FIG. 7.

First, please refer to FIG. 7. The common voltage generation circuit **511** of the present embodiment includes operational amplifiers **701**, **703**, **705**, switches SW1~SW6, and capacitances C1~C3. Through the electrical connection between the operational amplifiers **701** and **703** disclosed in FIG. 7, it can be deduced that said operational amplifiers are employed as unit gain buffers to increase a driving force of the received voltage. Thereby, capacitances C1, C2 and a peak detector consisting of the operational amplifier **705** and the

capacitance C3 are driven, respectively. Besides, each of the switches SW1~SW6 has a control terminal which determines an ON/OFF state of the switches based on corresponding control signals $C_{S1} \sim C_{S6}$.

FIG. 8 is a timing diagram of controlling the control signals $C_{S1} \sim C_{S6}$ corresponding to the control switches SW1~SW6 in the common voltage generation circuit **511** according to the present embodiment. Please refer to FIGS. 5~8 together. It can be learned from the timing diagram in FIG. 8 that the switches SW1~SW6 are switched on correspondingly when pulses of the control signals $C_{S1} \sim C_{S6}$ are high. Hence, the switches SW1~SW6 are switched off at timing t1, which means the common voltage generation circuit **511** is in initial status, and node voltages $V_a = V_b = V_c = 0V$. At timing t2 during which the display voltage V_D of the drain of the TFT in the second pixel **509a** is at the high voltage level (i.e. a high-pulsed display voltage V_{DH}), the switches SW1, SW2, SW5 are switched on while SW3, SW4, SW6 are switched off. Here, the switches SW1 and SW2 receive a positive high-pulsed display voltage V_{DH} through the operational amplifier **701**, and the node voltages $V_a = V_b = V_{DH}$ while $V_c = 0V$.

Then, at timing t3, the switches SW1~SW6 are switched off, and the node voltages V_a , V_b , and V_c are in floating states. Thereby, the voltage differential between each group of two of the node voltages V_a , V_b , and V_c remains consistent, and thus it can be deduced that the node voltages $V_a = V_b$, and $V_a - V_c = V_{DH}$. Next, at timing t4, the switch SW4 is switched on while the other switches SW1~SW3, SW5, SW6 are switched off. Accordingly, it can be derived from the law of conservation of electric charges that the node voltages V_b and V_c are in floating states, and the node voltages $V_a = V_b = 0V$ while $V_c = -V_{DH}$.

Thereafter, at timing t5 during which the display voltage V_D of the drain of the TFT in the second pixel **509a** is at the low voltage level (i.e. a low-pulsed display voltage V_{DL}), the switches SW3 and SW4 are switched on while SW1, SW2, SW5, SW6 are switched off. Here, the node voltage $V_a = 0V$, and V_b is raised from $0V$ to $[(V_{DH} + V_{DL})/2]V$ in view of the principle of voltage division of the capacitances C1 and C2. Besides, V_c is raised from the negative high-pulsed display voltage $-V_{DH}$ to the positive low-pulsed display voltage V_{DL} . Finally, at timing t6, the switches SW4 and SW6 are switched on while the switches SW1~3 and SW5 are switched off. Here, through the operational amplifier **703**, the node voltage V_b is supplied to the peak detector consisting of the operational amplifier **705** and the capacitance C3, so as to stabilize the voltage outputted to each of the first pixels in the first pixel region **507**. The outputted voltage is regarded as the common voltage V_{com} required by each of the first pixels in the first pixel region **507**. Note that the values of the input capacitances of the operational amplifiers **701** and **703** ought to be as small as possible. And the values of the capacitances C1 and C2 must be identical and should be as large as possible. Thereby, the errors in the calculation of said common voltage V_{com} can be eliminated.

From the timing diagram of FIG. 8, the common voltage generation circuit **511** of the present embodiment requires two frame times for calculating the outputted common voltage V_{com} . It can also be learned from the timing of a scan signal GS. Here, in the first frame time, the common voltage generation circuit **511** memorizes the high-pulsed display voltage V_{DH} , while the common voltage generation circuit **511** memorizes the low-pulsed display voltage V_{DL} in the second frame time. Thereby, according to the order of controlling the switches SW1~SW6 through the control signals CS, the node voltage V_b can be obtained and supplied to each

of the first pixels in the first pixel region **507** as the common voltage V_{com} required by each of the first pixels in the first pixel region **507**.

From the operation of the common voltage generation circuit **511** disclosed in the present embodiment, it can be learned that the average of two voltage signals inputted at different frame times i.e. the average of the display voltages at the high voltage level V_{DH} and at the low voltage level V_{DL} is obtained. Therefore, the common voltage generation circuit **511** of the present embodiment can be applied to other technical fields in the event of obtaining the average voltage inputted at different frame times.

In the present embodiment, the second pixel **509a** (the dummy pixel region) is adopted by the common voltage generation circuit **511** to calculate the common voltage V_{com} required by the column of pixels in the display panel **501**. Accordingly, the gate driver **503** supplies the scan voltage to enable the row of pixels corresponding to the second pixel **509a**, and the data voltage supplied by the source driver **505** must be driven in the manner as driving the display panel **501** i.e. a normally white manner or a normally black manner. Thereby, the correct data voltage (white signal or black signal) is correspondingly supplied to the column of pixels, and the gray level of the supplied data voltage must be consistent.

For example, as the display panel **501** is driven in the normally white manner, the data voltage which is supplied to the column of the pixels corresponding to the second pixel **509a** by the source driver **505** must be a white signal. On the contrary, as the display panel **501** is driven in the normally black manner, the data voltage which is supplied to the column of the pixels corresponding to the second pixel **509a** by the source driver **505** must be a black signal. Thus, it should be noted that after the common voltage generation circuit **511** of the present invention is operated, the state of the scan voltage outputted by the gate driver **503** and that of the data voltage outputted by the source driver **505** ought to be taken into consideration even though the row of pixels corresponding to the second pixel **509a** is not used at the time the display panel **501** is driven.

More noticeably, since the second pixel **509a** is adopted by the common voltage generation circuit **511** to calculate the common voltage V_{com} required by the column of pixels in the display panel **501**, the column of pixels corresponding to the second pixel **509a** is capable of resolving the problem of the feed-through voltage (ΔV_D) of the scan voltage in the display panel, and further eliminating the flicker noises of the display panel **501** thoroughly. As disclosed in the related art, said problem of the feed-through voltage (ΔV_D) of the scan voltage results from the RC delay induced by the parasitic capacitance and the parasitic resistance on the scan line.

Furthermore, in the present embodiment, the RC delay on the scan line poses less impact on the first pixels adjacent to the column of pixels corresponding to the second pixel **509a** and is disposed in the display panel **501**. However, the first pixels far from the middle of the display panel **501** are still likely to be affected by the RC delay on the scan line. Hence, the flicker noises may occur in the first pixels at two sides of the display panel **501**.

Despite the flicker noises occurring in the first pixels at two sides of the display panel **501**, the flicker noises occurring in the first pixels adjacent to the display panel **501** or corresponding to the second pixel **509a** can be reduced. Moreover, according to the present embodiment, the common voltage V_{com} supplied to each of the first pixels in the display panel **501** is automatically generated by the common voltage generation circuit **511** rather than supplied outside. Thereby, the voltage across the liquid crystal capacitance C_{LC} and the

storage capacitance C_S remains consistent, and the gray level accuracy of each of the first pixels in the first pixel region **507** is further improved. Accordingly, the complicated process of conventional manual adjustment of the common voltage V_{com} can be eliminated, and the best common voltage V_{com} required by the first pixels in the display panel **501** can be obtained.

Said embodiment has taken one second pixel **509a** in the second pixel region **509** electrically connected to the common voltage generation circuit **511** for an example. To further reduce the flicker noises occurring in the first pixels at two sides of the display panel **501**, another embodiment taking a plurality of the second pixels **509a** in the second pixel region **509** electrically connected to the common voltage generation circuit **511** for an example is provided hereinafter.

FIG. 9 is a block diagram depicting a display **900** according to another embodiment of the present invention. Please refer to FIGS. 5 and 9 together. The difference between the display **900** of FIG. 9 and the display **500** lies in that the common voltage generation circuit **511** is electrically connected to four of the second pixels **509a** in the second pixel region **509**. Here, two of the second pixels **509a** are disposed adjacent to the uppermost row of the pixels in the first pixel region **507**, and the other two of the second pixels **509a** are disposed adjacent to the lowermost row of the pixels in the first pixel region **507**. The disposition represented in FIG. 9 but not limited in the present embodiment can be adjusted according to the design of the display panel **501**.

In the present embodiment, since the principle of operating the display panel **501** and the common voltage generation circuit **511** is similar to that of operating the display **500** described in the former embodiment, further descriptions are omitted. Note that the common voltage generation circuit **511** of the present embodiment is electrically connected to four of the second pixels **509a** in the second pixel region **509**. Hence, it can be anticipated that the flicker noises of the display panel **501** are significantly reduced, and the display quality of the display **900** is improved.

FIG. 10 is a block diagram depicting a display **1000** according to another embodiment of the present invention. Please refer to FIG. 10. In the display **1000** of FIG. 10, the common voltage generation circuit **511** is electrically connected to ten of the second pixels **509a** in the second pixel region **509**. Here, five of the second pixels **509a** are disposed adjacent to the uppermost row of the pixels in the first pixel region **507**, and the other five of the second pixels **509a** are disposed adjacent to the lowermost row of the pixels in the first pixel region **507**. The disposition represented in FIG. 10 but not limited in the present embodiment can be adjusted according to the design of the display panel **501**.

In the present embodiment, since the principle of operating the display panel **501** and the common voltage generation circuit **511** is similar to that of operating the display **500** described in the former embodiment, further descriptions are omitted. Note that the common voltage generation circuit **511** of the present embodiment is electrically connected to ten of the second pixels **509a** in the second pixel region **509**. Hence, it can be anticipated that the flicker noises of the display panel **501** are further reduced to a great extent, and the display quality of the display **1000** is better than that of the displays **500** and **900**.

According to said embodiment, it can be deduced that when the common voltage generation circuit **511** is electrically connected to more of the second pixels **509a** in the second pixel region **509**, the problem of the drift of the feed-through voltage (ΔV_D) caused by the RC delay of the parasitic-capacitance and the parasitic-resistance on the scan line

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can be avoided when said embodiment is applied to an actual display panel. Further, the flicker noises of the display panel **501** can be reduced, thus significantly promoting the display quality.

In addition to the above, three embodiments are provided hereinafter based on the spirit of said embodiments of the present invention. According to the following embodiments, a photo mask is adopted to divide a color filter of the display panel into a plurality of areas, and the common voltage generation circuit **511** described above is employed to supply the common voltage required by the pixels in each of the areas. Likewise, the three embodiments also have advantages similar to those of the former embodiments.

FIG. **11** is a block diagram depicting a display **1100** according to another embodiment of the present invention. Please refer to FIG. **11**. The display **1100** adopts a photo mask to divide a color filter (not shown) into three areas. That is, the display panel **501** is divided into three areas: area A, area B, and area C. Here, the areas A, B, and C have corresponding second pixel **509a** respectively and a common voltage V_{com} provided by the common voltage generation circuit **511**. In the present embodiment, since the principle of operating the display **1100** is similar to that of operating the display **500** described in the former embodiments, further descriptions are omitted. Thereby, the problem of the drift of the feed-through voltage (ΔV_D) caused by the RC delay on the scan line of the areas A, B, and C can be avoided when said embodiment is applied to an actual display panel. Further, the flicker noises of the display panel **501** can be reduced, thus significantly promoting the display quality of the display **1100**.

FIGS. **12** and **13** are block diagrams depicting displays **1200** and **1300** according to another embodiment of the present invention. Please refer to FIGS. **11**~**13** together. The displays **1200** and **1300** are similar to the display **1100**. The difference lies in that the display **1200** adopts a photo mask to divide a color filter into five areas, while the display **1300** divides the color filter into ten areas. Thus, the display panel of the display **1200** is divided into five areas A~E, and that of the display **1300** is divided into ten areas A~J. Based on the above, it can be deduced that when the color filter is divided into numerous areas, the display panel thereof is also divided into a great number of areas. And the common voltage generation circuit **511** described above is employed to supply the common voltage required in each of the areas. Thereby, the flicker noises of the display panel can be completely avoided, thus promoting the display quality.

In summary, the present invention provides a display and a display panel thereof. According to the spirit of the present invention, the present invention has the following advantages:

1. Through the electrical connection of the common voltage generation circuit to at least a second pixel in the second pixel region, and through the automatic adjustment of the common voltage of the pixel corresponding to one column of pixels in the display panel in N frame time (N is a positive integer, e.g. 2), the complicated process of conventional manual adjustment of the common voltage can be eliminated. Furthermore, the common voltage provided by the common voltage generation circuit is ensured to be at the best voltage level required by the column of the pixels in the display panel.

2. Through the photo mask, the color filter is divided into a plurality of areas, and so is the display panel. Thereby, the problem of the drift of the feed-through voltage (ΔV_D) of the scan voltage due to the RC delay on the scan line can be avoided. Further, the flicker noises of the display panel can be reduced, thus significantly promoting the display quality.

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Although the present invention has been disclosed above by the embodiments, they are not intended to limit the present invention. Anybody skilled in the art can make some modifications and alteration without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention. Therefore, the protecting range of the present invention falls in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A display panel, comprising:

a first pixel region, comprising a plurality of first pixels arranged in array;

a second pixel region, comprising a plurality of second pixels disposed around the first pixel region; and

a common voltage generation circuit, electrically connected to at least one second pixel corresponding to one column of pixels in the first pixel region,

wherein the common voltage generation circuit provides a single common voltage to all of the first pixels based on an average of a display voltage with positive polarity of said at least one second pixel and a display voltage with negative polarity of said at least one second pixel for N adjacent frame-times, and the single common voltage is further adjusted based on an average of a display voltage with positive polarity of said at least one second pixel and a display voltage with negative polarity of said at least one second pixel for next N adjacent frame-times, where N is a positive integer greater than or equal to 2,

wherein the common voltage generation circuit comprises:

a first operational amplifier, comprising a positive input terminal, a negative input terminal, and an output terminal, the positive input terminal being electrically connected to the second drain/source terminal of the transistor, the negative input terminal and the output terminal being electrically connected to each other;

a first switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the output terminal of the first operational amplifier;

a second switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the first terminal of the first switch;

a third switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the first terminal of the second switch;

a fourth switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the first switch, the second terminal being connected to ground;

a first capacitance, comprising a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the first switch, the second terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the second switch;

a second capacitance, comprising a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the second switch, the second terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the third switch;

a fifth switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the third switch, the second terminal being connected to ground;

a second operational amplifier, comprising a positive input terminal, a negative input terminal, and an out-

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put terminal, the positive input terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the second switch, the negative input terminal and the output terminal being electrically connected to each other;

a sixth switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the output terminal of the second operational amplifier;

a third capacitance, comprising a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the sixth switch, the second terminal being connected to ground; and

a third operational amplifier, comprising a positive input terminal, a negative input terminal, and an output terminal, the positive input terminal being electrically connected to the first terminal of the third capacitance, the negative input terminal and the output terminal being electrically connected to each other for outputting the single common voltage,

wherein the control terminals of the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, and the sixth switches determine an ON/OFF state of said switches based on a corresponding control signal.

2. The display panel of claim 1, each of the first and the second pixels comprising:

a transistor, a gate terminal thereof being electrically connected to a scan line, a first drain/source terminal thereof being electrically connected to a data line; and

a storage capacitance, comprising a first and a second terminals, the first terminal being electrically connected to a second drain/source terminal of the transistor, the second terminal being adopted to receive the single common voltage.

3. The display panel of claim 2, wherein the transistor comprises a thin film transistor.

4. The display panel of claim 2, each of the first and the second pixels further comprising:

a parasitic capacitance, comprising a first and a second terminals, the first terminal being electrically connected to the scan line, the second terminal being electrically connected to the second drain/source terminal of the transistor; and

a liquid crystal capacitance, comprising a first and a second terminals, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second drain/source terminal of the transistor, the second terminal being adopted to receive the single common voltage.

5. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a first phase, and the first, the second, and the fifth switches are switched on and the third, the fourth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a second phase.

6. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a third phase, and the fourth switch is switched on and the first, the second, the third, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a fourth phase.

7. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the third and the fourth switches are switched on and the first, the second, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a fifth phase, and the fourth and the sixth switches are switched on and the first, the second, the third, and the fifth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a sixth phase.

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8. The display panel of claim 1, wherein said one column of pixels corresponding to said at least one second pixel is positioned in the middle of the first pixel region.

9. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the display panel comprises a liquid crystal display panel.

10. A display, comprising:

a display panel, comprising:

a first pixel region, comprising a plurality of first pixels arranged in array;

a second pixel region, comprising a plurality of second pixels disposed around the first pixel region; and

a common voltage generation circuit electrically connected to at least one second pixel corresponding to one column of pixels in the first pixel region; and

a gate driver electrically connected to the display panel, the gate driver comprising a plurality of gate lines for sequentially outputting a scan voltage from each of the gate lines to a corresponding scan line of the first and the second pixels based on timing,

wherein the common voltage generation circuit provides a single common voltage to all of the first pixels based on an average of a display voltage with positive polarity of said at least one second pixel and a display voltage with negative polarity of said at least one second pixel for N adjacent frame-times, and the single common voltage is further adjusted based on an average of a display voltage with positive polarity of said at least one second pixel and a display voltage with negative polarity of said at least one second pixel for next N adjacent frame-times, where N is a positive integer greater than or equal to 2,

wherein the common voltage generation circuit comprises:

a first operational amplifier, comprising a positive input terminal, a negative input terminal, and an output terminal, the positive input terminal being electrically connected to the second drain/source terminal of the transistor, the negative input terminal and the output terminal being electrically connected to each other;

a first switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the output terminal of the first operational amplifier;

a second switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the first terminal of the first switch;

a third switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the first terminal of the second switch;

a fourth switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the first switch, the second terminal being connected to ground;

a first capacitance, comprising a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the first switch, the second terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the second switch;

a second capacitance, comprising a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the second switch, the second terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the third switch;

a fifth switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being

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electrically connected to the second terminal of the third switch, the second terminal being connected to ground;

- a second operational amplifier, comprising a positive input terminal, a negative input terminal, and an output terminal, the positive input terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the second switch, the negative input terminal and the output terminal being electrically connected to each other;
- a sixth switch, comprising a first terminal, a second terminal, and a control terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the output terminal of the second operational amplifier;

- a third capacitance, comprising a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second terminal of the sixth switch, the second terminal being connected to ground; and
- a third operational amplifier, comprising a positive input terminal, a negative input terminal, and an output terminal, the positive input terminal being electrically connected to the first terminal of the third capacitance, the negative input terminal and the output terminal being electrically connected to each other for outputting the single common voltage,

wherein the control terminals of the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, and the sixth switches determine an ON/OFF state of said switches based on a corresponding control signal.

11. The display of claim 10, further comprising a source driver electrically connected to the display panel, the source driver comprising a plurality of source lines for outputting the display voltage to a corresponding data line of the first pixels through the source lines based on image data.

12. The display of claim 11, each of the first and the second pixels comprising:

- a transistor, a gate terminal thereof being electrically connected to the scan line, a first drain/source terminal thereof being electrically connected to the data line correspondingly; and

- a storage capacitance, comprising a first and a second terminal, the first terminal being electrically connected to a second drain/source terminal of the transistor, the second terminal being adopted to receive the single common voltage.

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13. The display of claim 12, wherein the transistor comprises a TFT.

14. The display of claim 12, each of the first and the second pixels further comprising:

- a parasitic capacitance, comprising a first and a second terminals, the first terminal being electrically connected to the scan line, the second terminal being electrically connected to the second drain/source terminal of the transistor; and
- a liquid crystal capacitance, comprising a first and a second terminals, the first terminal being electrically connected to the second drain/source terminal of the transistor, the second terminal being adopted to receive the single common voltage.

15. The display of claim 10, wherein the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a first phase, and the first, the second, and the fifth switches are switched on and the third, the fourth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a second phase.

16. The display of claim 10, wherein the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a third phase, and the fourth switch is switched on and the first, the second, the third, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a fourth phase.

17. The display of claim 10, wherein the third and the fourth switches are switched on and the first, the second, the fifth, and the sixth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a fifth phase, and the fourth and the sixth switches are switched on and the first, the second, the third, and the fifth switches are switched off when the control signal is generated in a sixth phase.

18. The display of claim 10, wherein said one column of pixels corresponding to said at least one second pixel is positioned in the middle of the first pixel region.

19. The display of claim 10, wherein the display panel comprises an LCD panel.

20. The display of claim 10, wherein the display comprises an LCD.

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提供LCD及其显示面板。显示面板的公共电压产生电路电连接到非有源像素区域中的至少一个像素。根据像素中TFT的漏极处的显示电压，在两帧时间内获得正极性和负极性的显示电压的平均值。平均值被视为提供给显示面板中的有源像素区域中的每个像素的公共电压。因此，可以避免由于寄生电容的RC延迟和扫描线上的寄生电阻引起的扫描电压的馈通电压 (ΔV_D) 漂移的问题。此外，可以提高有源像素区域中每个像素的灰度精度，并且可以降低显示面板的闪烁噪声，从而显着提高LCD的显示质量。

