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(54) **DOUBLE-GATE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE**

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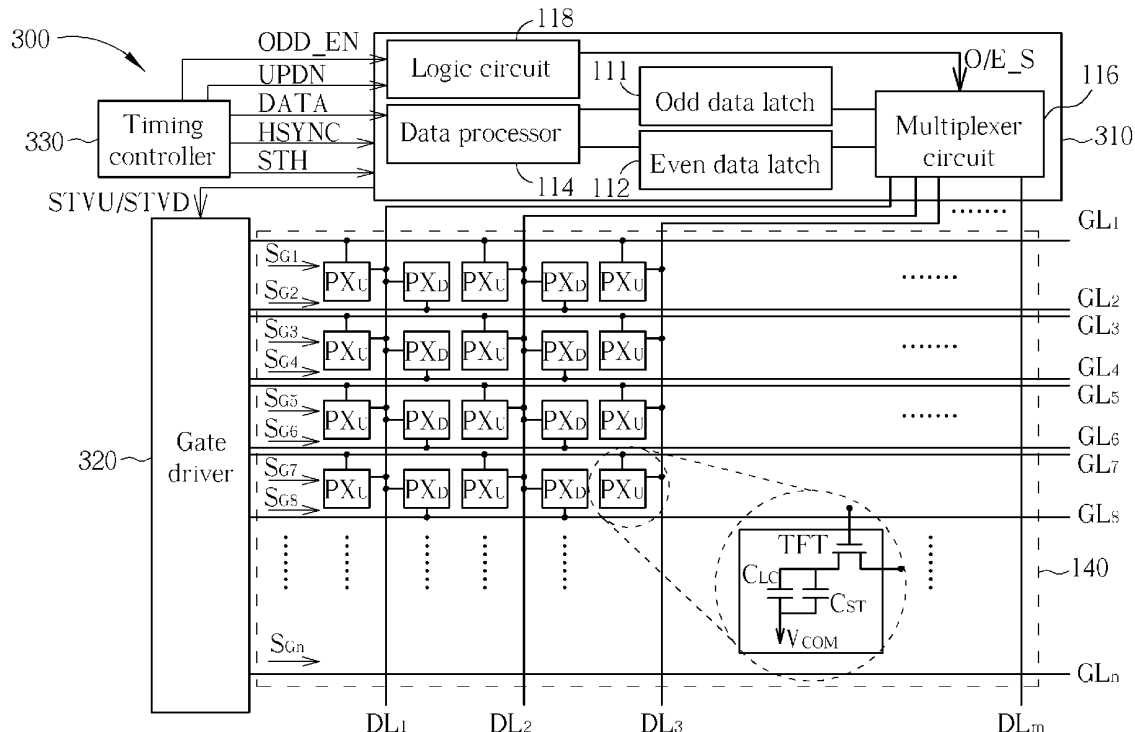
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A liquid crystal display includes a first gate line, a second gate line, a data line, a first pixel unit, a second pixel unit, a gate driver, and a source driver. The first and second gate lines respectively transmit a first and a second gate driving signals provided by the gate driver, while the data line transmits a first and a second data. The first pixel unit displays images according to the first gate driving signal and the first data, while the second pixel unit displays images according to the second gate driving signal and the second data. The source driver includes a logic circuit and a multiplexer circuit. The logic circuit generates an odd/even select signal according to a scan sequence signal and an enable signal. The multiplexer circuit outputs one of the first and second data according to the odd/even select signal.

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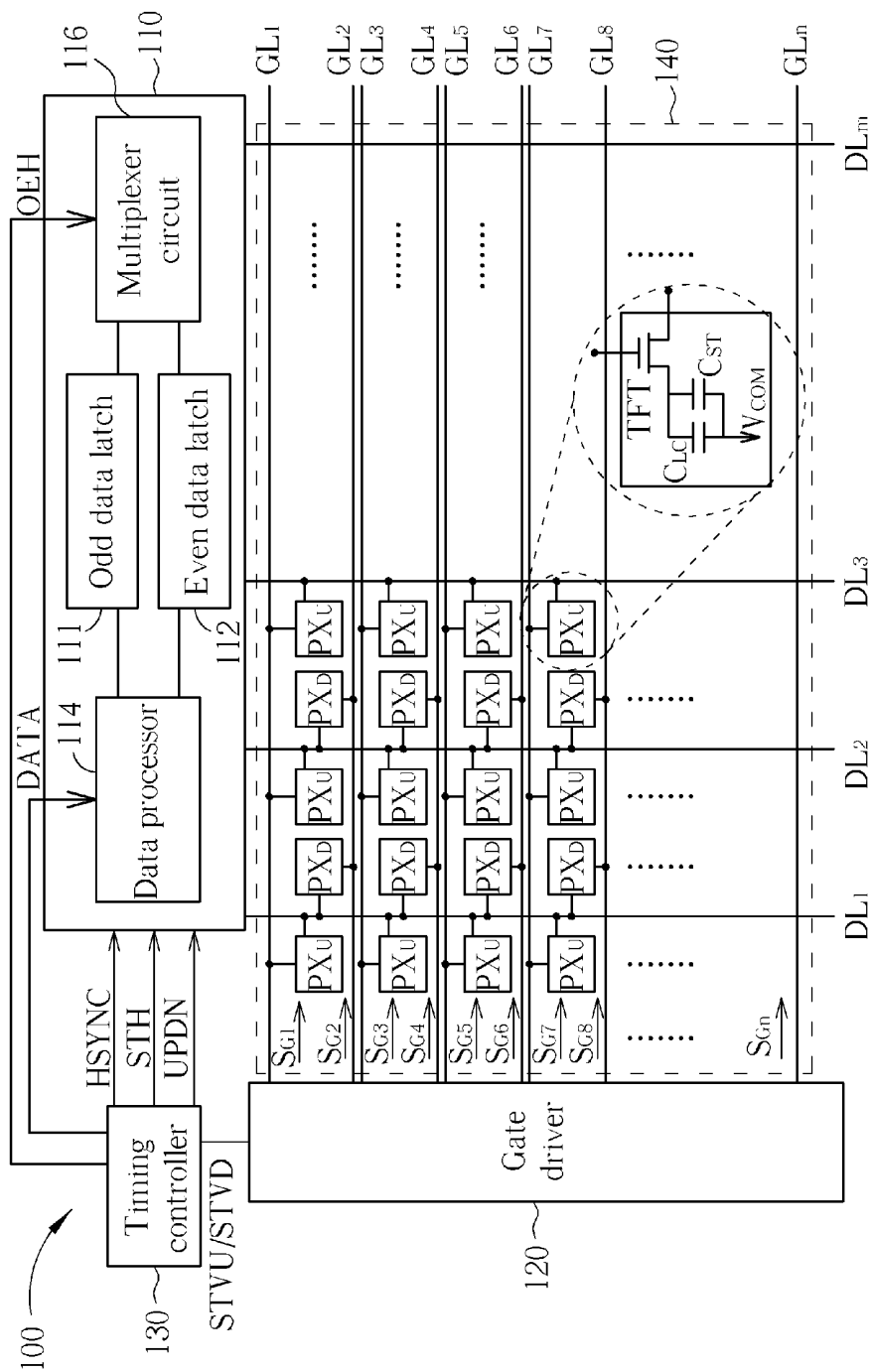


FIG. 1 PRIOR ART

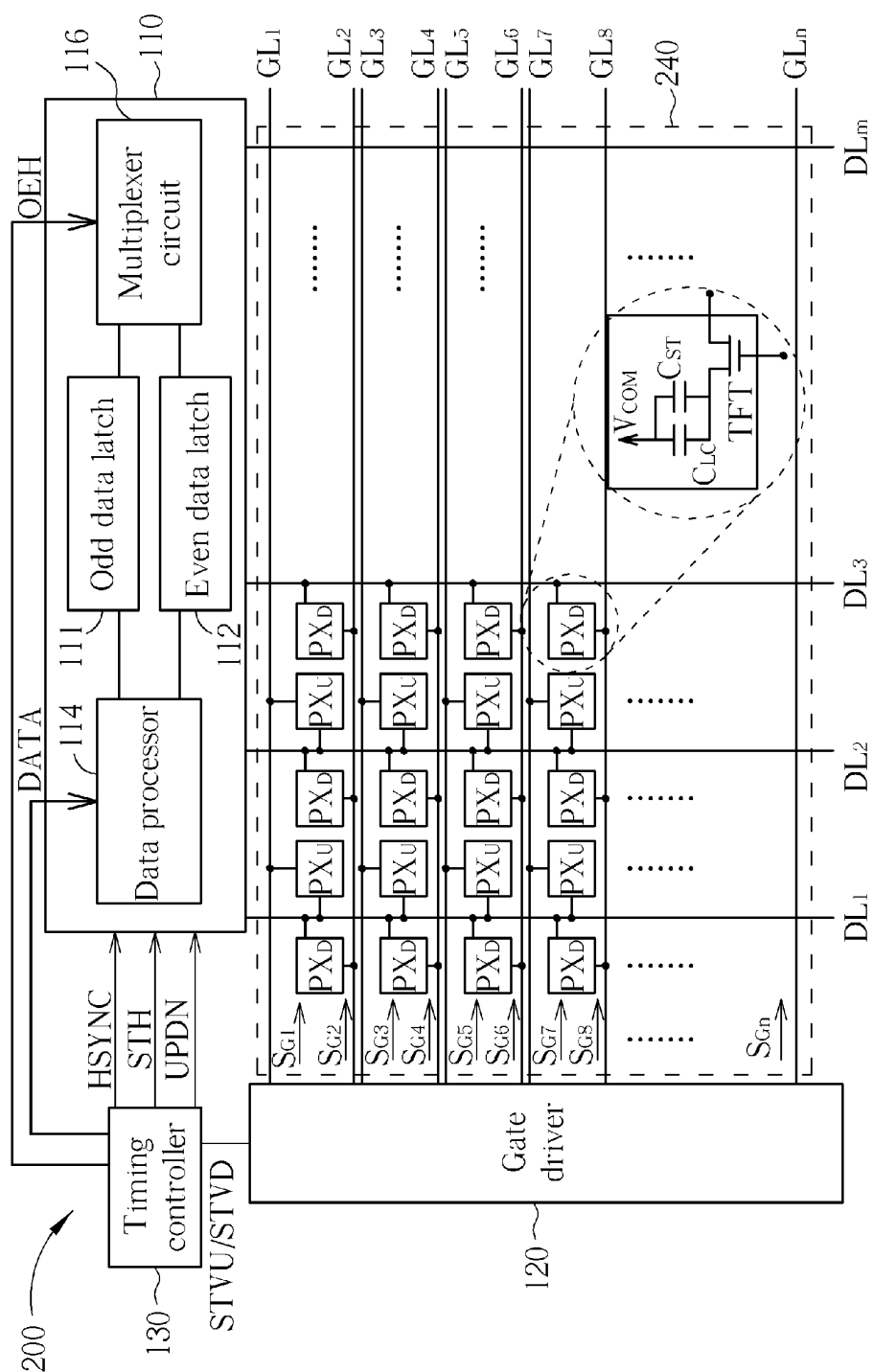


FIG. 2 PRIOR ART

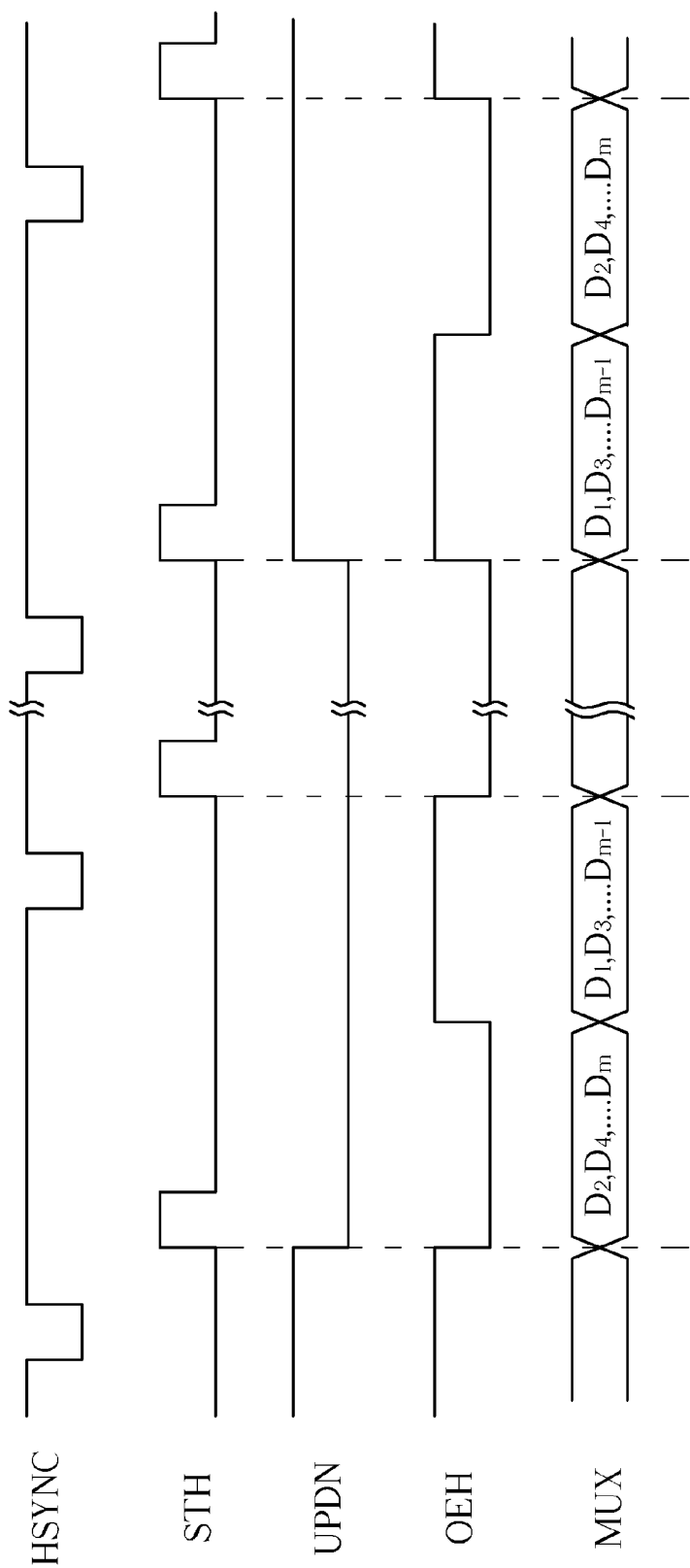


FIG. 3 PRIOR ART

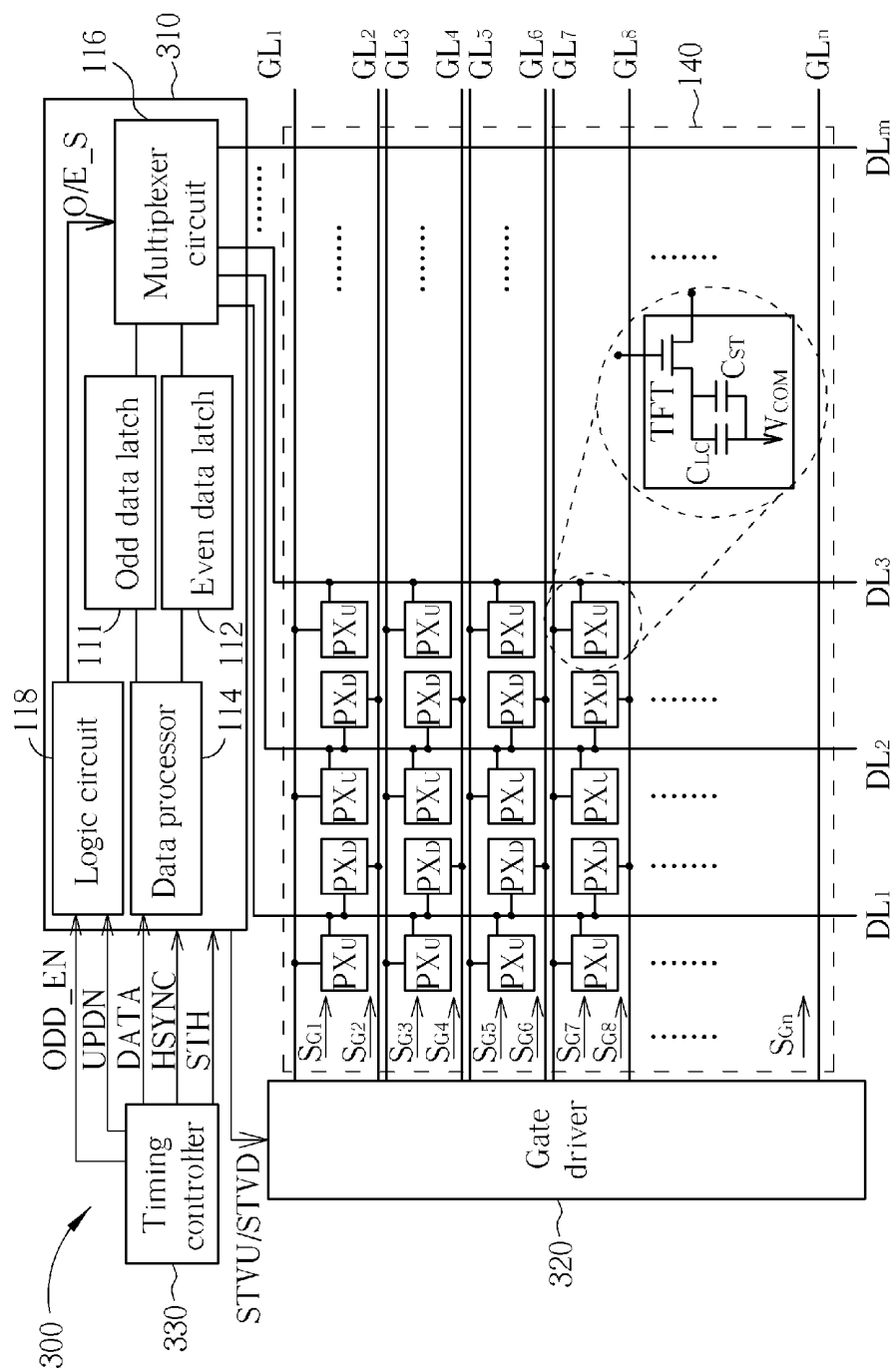


FIG. 4

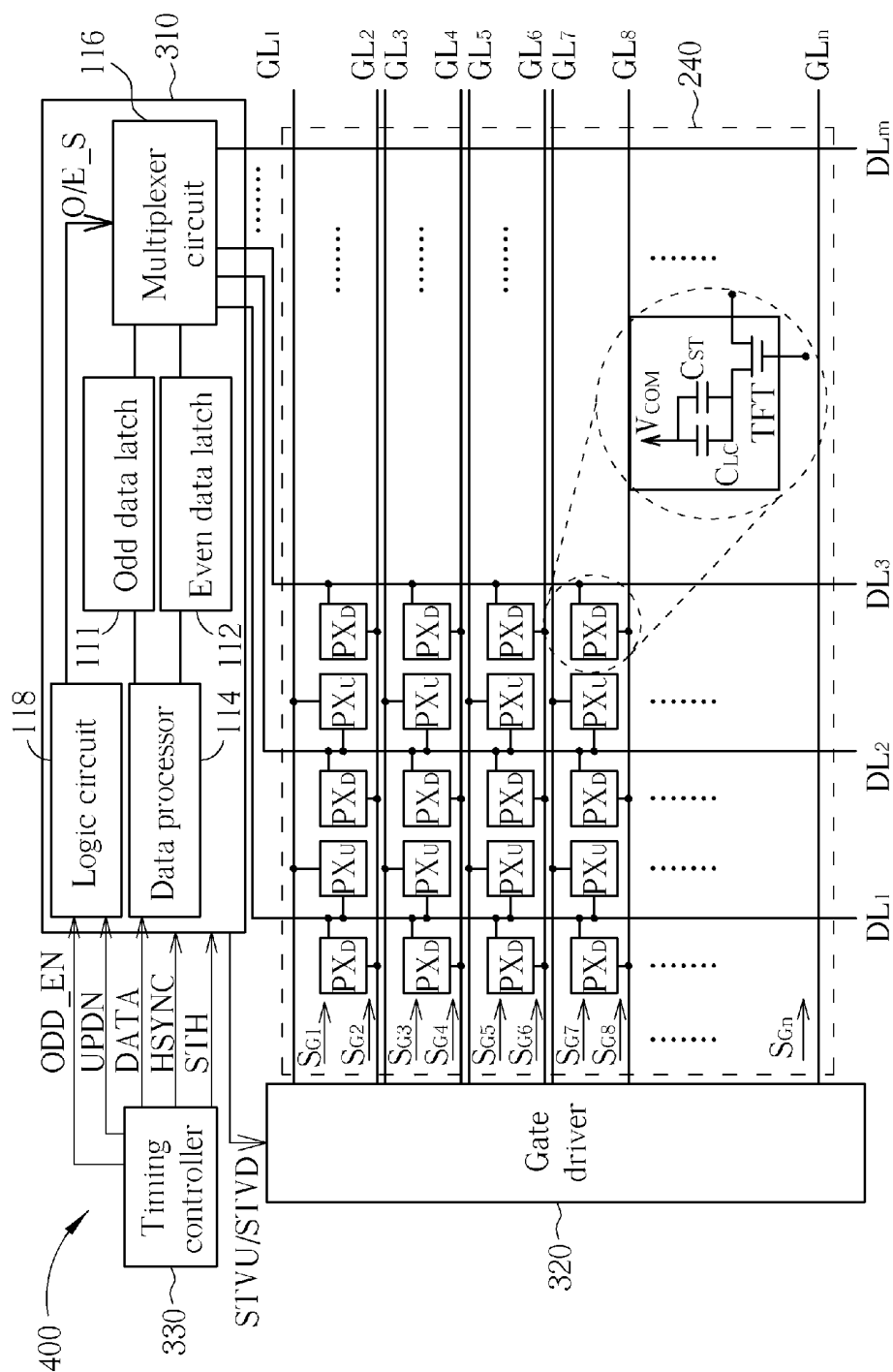


FIG. 5

UPDN	ODD_EN	O/E_S	Operation of multiplexer circuit
0	0	0	Output even-numbered data
0	1	1	Output odd-numbered data
1	0	1	Output odd-numbered data
1	1	0	Output even-numbered data

FIG. 6

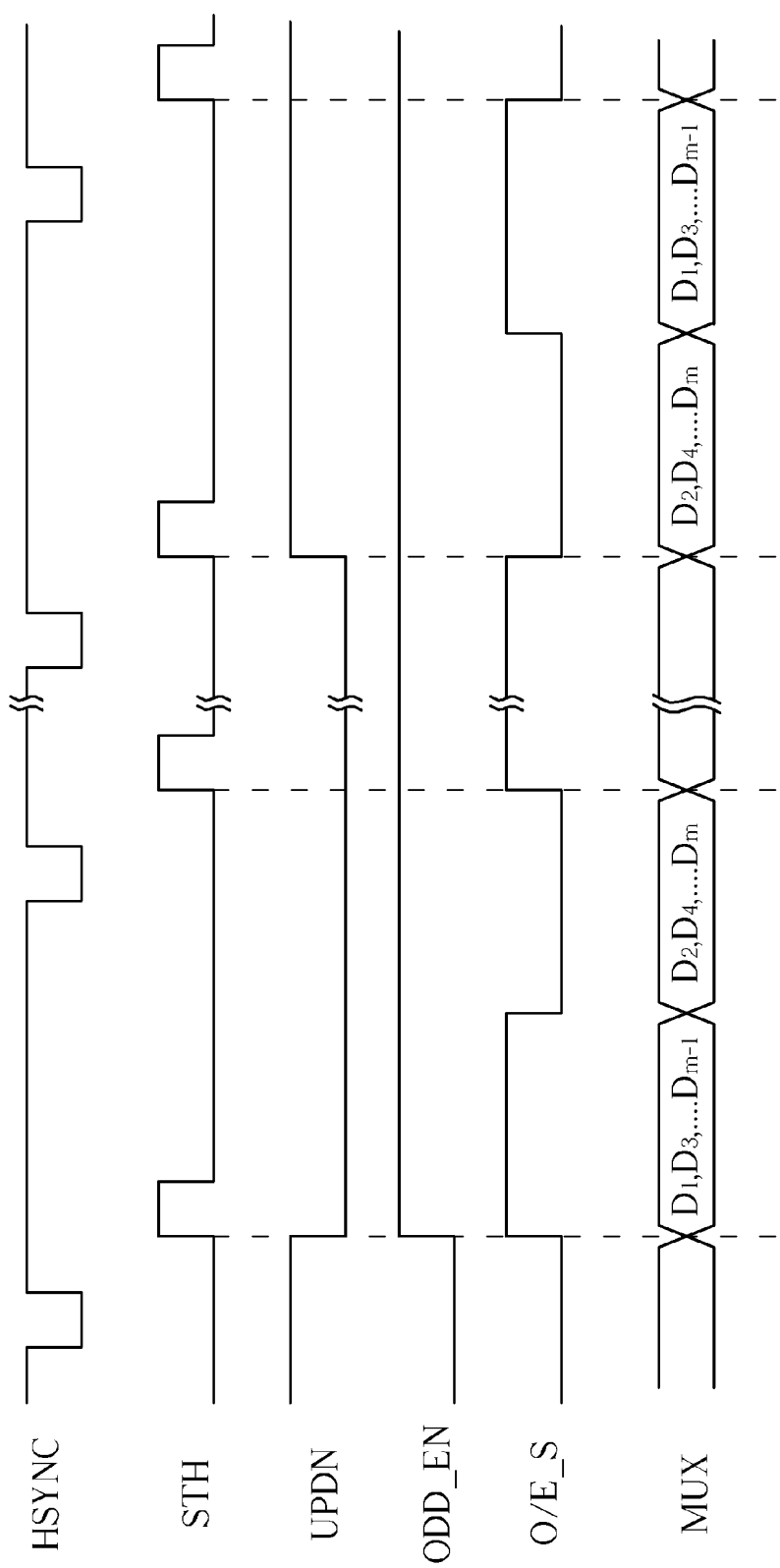


FIG. 7

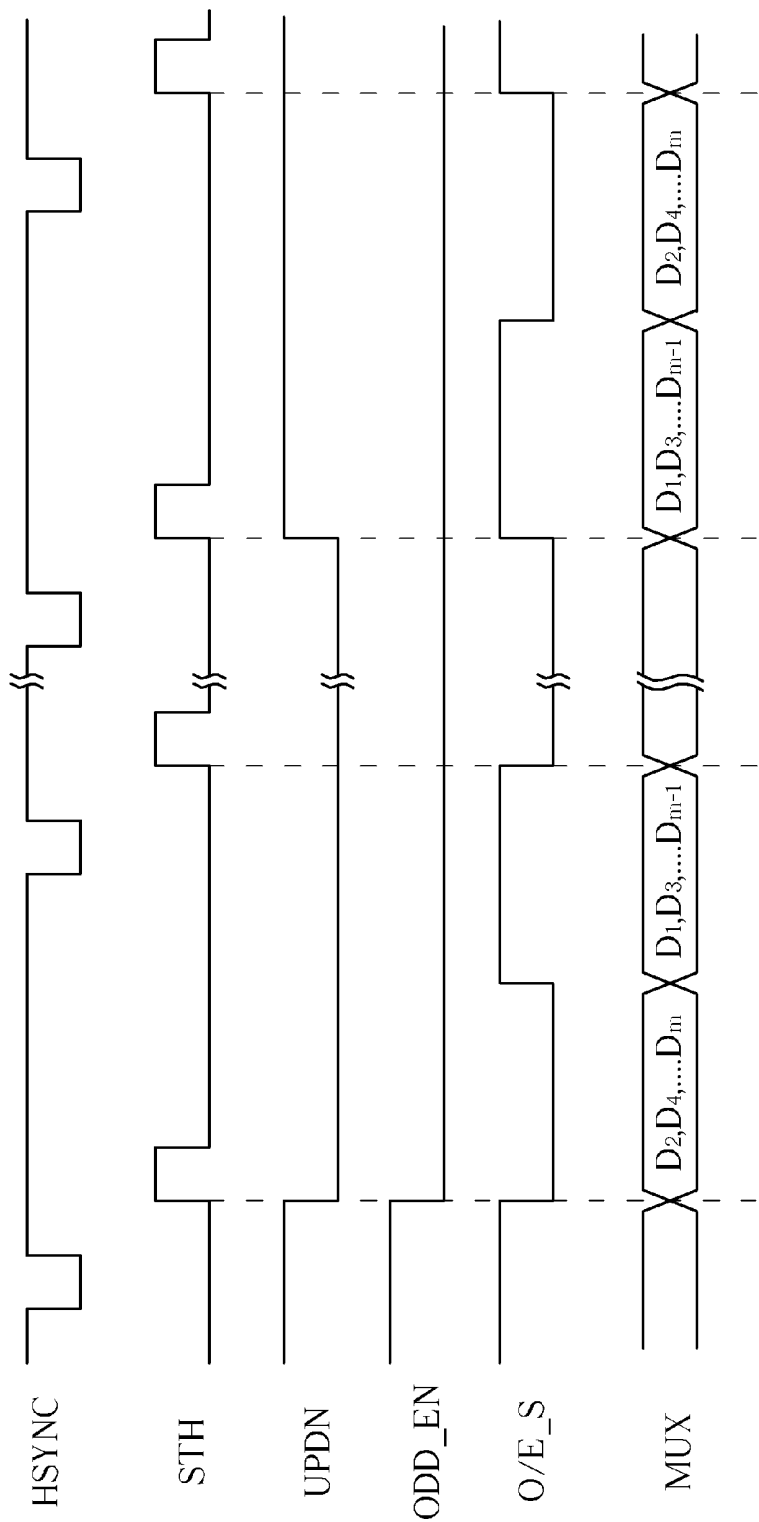


FIG. 8

DOUBLE-GATE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention is related to a liquid crystal display device, and more particularly, to a double-gate liquid crystal display device.

2. Description of the Prior Art

Liquid crystal display (LCD) devices, characterized in low radiation, small size and low power consumption, have gradually replaced traditional cathode ray tube (CRT) displays and been widely used in various electronic products, such as notebook computers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), flat panel TVs, or mobile phones. An LCD device display images by driving the pixels of the panel using source drivers and gate drivers. According to the driving modes, an LCD device may adopt a single-gate pixel structure or a double-gate pixel structure. The LCD device with double-gate pixel structure includes twice the number of gate lines and half the number of data lines, and thus requires more gate driving chips and fewer source driving chips when compared to the LCD device with single-gate pixel structure for the same resolution. Compared to a source driving chip, a gate driving chip is less expensive and consumes less power. Therefore, double-gate pixel structure can reduce manufacturing costs and power consumption.

FIGS. 1 and 2 are diagrams illustrating prior art double-gate LCD devices **100** and **200**. The LCD devices **100** and **200** both include a timing controller **130**, a source driver **110**, a gate driver **120**, a plurality of data lines DL_1 - DL_m , and a plurality of gate lines GL_1 - GL_n . The timing controller **130** can generate control signals for operating the source driver **110**, such as a horizontal synchronization signal HSYNC, a horizontal start pulse signal STH, a scan sequence signal UPDN and an output enable signal OEH. According to the scan sequence signal UPDN, the source driver **110** can generate a vertical start pulse signal STVU or STVD, based on which the gate driver **120** controls the scan sequence of the gate lines GL_1 - GL_n . For example, when the scan sequence signal UPDN is logic 0, the source driver **110** outputs the vertical start pulse signal STVU so that the gate driver **120** sequentially outputs the gate driving signals SG_1 - SG_n , thereby scanning the gate lines GL_1 - GL_n in an up-to-down direction; when the scan sequence signal UPDN is logic 1, the source driver **110** outputs the vertical start pulse signal STVD so that the gate driver **120** sequentially outputs the gate driving signals SG_n - SG_1 , thereby scanning the gate lines GL_n - GL_1 in a down-to-up direction.

The LCD device **100** depicted in FIG. 1 further includes a pixel matrix **140** having a plurality of pixel units PX_u and PX_D . Each pixel unit, including a thin film transistor switch TFT, a liquid crystal capacitor C_{LC} and a storage capacitor C_{ST} , is coupled to a corresponding data line, a corresponding gate line and a common voltage V_{COM} . In the LCD device **100**, the odd-numbered columns of the pixel units PX_u are respectively coupled to the corresponding odd-numbered gate lines $GL_1, GL_3, \dots, GL_{n-1}$, while the even-numbered columns of the pixel units PX_D are respectively coupled to the corresponding even-numbered gate lines $GL_2, GL_4, \dots, GL_n$ (assuming n is a positive even number). The LCD device **200** depicted in FIG. 2 further includes a pixel matrix **240** having a plurality of pixel units PX_u and PX_D . Each pixel unit, including a thin film transistor switch TFT, a liquid crystal capacitor C_{LC} and a storage capacitor C_{ST} , is coupled to a corresponding data line, a corresponding gate line and a com-

mon voltage V_{COM} . In the LCD device **200**, the odd-numbered columns of the pixel units PX_D are respectively coupled to the corresponding even-numbered gate lines $GL_2, GL_4, \dots, GL_n$, while the even-numbered columns of the pixel units PX_u are respectively coupled to the corresponding odd-numbered gate lines $GL_1, GL_3, \dots, GL_{n-1}$ (assuming n is a positive even number).

Although the pixel matrices **140** and **240** have different layouts, the LCD devices **100** and **200** both adopt double-gate pixel structure in which two adjacent gate lines control a corresponding row of pixel units and each data line transmits data to two adjacent columns of pixel units. Since the source driver **110** may output odd-numbered or even-numbered data to a data line, two gate lines are used for controlling each row of pixel units, so that the odd-numbered column of pixel units can correctly receive the odd-numbered data and the even-numbered column of pixel units can correctly receive the even-numbered data. The prior art source driver **110** includes a data processor **114**, an odd data latch **111**, an even data latch **112**, and a multiplexer circuit **116**. The data processor **114** can receive an original image data DATA. The odd-numbered data and the even-numbered data can then be provided by latching the original image data DATA using the odd data latch **111** and the even data latch **112**, respectively. The multiplexer circuit **116** can thus output the odd-numbered data or the even-numbered data according to the output enable signal OEH received from the timing controller **130**. Since the double-gate pixel structure may include different pixel layouts, data error may occur in the LCD device **200** if the source driver **110** is designed according to the pixel matrix **140** of the LCD device **100**. Likewise, data error may occur in the LCD device **100** if the source driver **110** is designed according to the pixel matrix **240** of the LCD device **200**.

FIG. 3 is a timing diagram illustrating the operation of the LCD **200** when the source driver **110** is designed according to the pixel matrix **240** of the LCD device **200**. The horizontal start pulse signal STH determines the scan start point of each gate line. The output enable signal OEH switches phase once during the scan period of each gate line. First, illustrations are made to the output sequence of the source driver **110** when the scan sequence signal UPDN is logic 0: when the output enable signal OEH is logic 0, the source driver **110** outputs the even-numbered data $D_2, D_4, \dots, D_m$; when the output enable signal OEH is logic 1, the source driver **110** outputs the odd-numbered data $D_1, D_3, \dots, D_{m-1}$. During this period (UPDN=0), the gate driver **120** sequentially scans the gate lines GL_1 - GL_n : the even-numbered pixel unit PX_u controlled by the gate line GL_1 is first turned on, thereby correctly receiving the even-numbered data D_2 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; the odd-numbered pixel unit PX_D controlled by the gate line GL_2 is then turned on, thereby correctly receiving the odd-numbered data D_1 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; and so on so forth. However, if the timing diagram depicted in FIG. 3 is applied to the LCD device **100**, the odd-numbered pixel unit PX_u controlled by the gate line GL_1 is first turned on, thereby incorrectly receiving the even-numbered data D_2 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; the even-numbered pixel unit PX_D controlled by the gate line GL_2 is then turned on, thereby incorrectly receiving the odd-numbered data D_1 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; and so on so forth.

similarly, illustrations are made to the output sequence of the source driver **110** when the scan sequence signal UPDN is logic 1: when the output enable signal OEH is logic 1, the source driver **110** outputs the odd-numbered data $D_1, D_3, \dots, D_{m-1}$; when the output enable signal OEH is logic 0, the source driver **110** outputs the even-numbered data $D_2,$

$D_4, \dots, D_m$. During this period (UPDN=1), the gate driver **120** sequentially scans the gate lines GL_n - GL_1 : the odd-numbered pixel unit PX_D controlled by the gate line GL_n is first turned on, thereby correctly receiving the odd-numbered data D_1 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; the even-numbered pixel unit PX_u controlled by the gate line GL_{n-1} is then turned on, thereby correctly receiving the even-numbered data D_2 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; and so on so forth. However, if the timing diagram depicted in FIG. 3 is applied to the LCD device **100**, the even-numbered pixel unit PX_D controlled by the gate line GL_n is first turned on, thereby incorrectly receiving the odd-numbered data D_1 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; the odd-numbered pixel unit PX_u controlled by the gate line GL_{n-1} is then turned on, thereby incorrectly receiving the even-numbered data D_2 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; and so on so forth.

In the prior art double-gate LCD devices, an LCD panel having a specific pixel layout can only be correctly driven using a specific source driver. To avoid data error in other applications, either the pixel layout or the design of the source driver needs to be changed, which may increase manufacturing costs.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a double-gate liquid crystal display device comprising a first gate line configured to transmit a first gate driving signal; a second gate line disposed in parallel with and adjacent to the first gate line and configured to transmit a second gate driving signal; a data line disposed in perpendicular to the first and second gate lines and configured to transmit a first data and a second data; a first pixel unit coupled to the data line and the first gate line and configured to display images according to the first gate driving signal and the first data; a second pixel unit coupled to the data line and the second gate line and configured to display images according to the second gate driving signal and the second data; a gate driver configured to output the first and second gate driving signals according to a vertical start pulse signal; and a source driver configured to generate the vertical start pulse signal according to a scan sequence signal. The source driver comprises a logic circuit configured to generate an odd/even select signal according to the scan sequence signal and an enable signal and a multiplexer circuit configured to receive the first and second data and output one of the first and second data according to the odd/even select signal.

These and other objectives of the present invention will no doubt become obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art after reading the following detailed description of the preferred embodiment that is illustrated in the various figures and drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIGS. 1 and 2 are diagrams illustrating prior art double-gate LCD devices.

FIG. 3 is a timing diagram illustrating the operation of the double-gate LCD device.

FIGS. 4 and 5 are diagrams illustrating double-gate LCD devices according to embodiments of the present invention.

FIGS. 6-8 are diagrams illustrating the operations of the LCD device according to the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

FIG. 4 is a diagram illustrating a double-gate LCD device **300** according to a first embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 5 is a diagram illustrating a double-gate LCD device **400** according to a second embodiment of the present invention. The LCD devices **300** and **400** both include a timing controller **330**, a source driver **310**, a gate driver **320**, a plurality of data lines DL_1 - DL_m , and a plurality of gate lines GL_1 - GL_n . The timing controller **330** can generate control signals for operating the source driver **310**, such as a horizontal synchronization signal HSYNC, a horizontal start pulse signal STH, a scan sequence signal UPDN, and an enable signal ODD_EN. According to the scan sequence signal UPDN, the source driver **310** can generate a vertical start pulse signal STVU or STVD, based on which the gate driver **320** controls the scan sequence of the gate lines GL_1 - GL_n . For example, when the scan sequence signal UPDN is logic 0, the source driver **310** outputs the vertical start pulse signal STVU so that the gate driver **320** sequentially outputs the gate driving signals SG_1 - SG_n , thereby scanning the gate lines GL_1 - GL_n in an up-to-down direction; when the scan sequence signal UPDN is logic 1, the source driver **310** outputs the vertical start pulse signal STVD so that the gate driver **320** sequentially outputs the gate driving signals SG_n - SG_1 , thereby scanning the gate lines GL_n - GL_1 in a down-to-up direction.

The LCD device **300** depicted in FIG. 4 further includes a pixel matrix **140** having a plurality of pixel units PX_u and PX_D . Each pixel unit, including a thin film transistor switch TFT, a liquid crystal capacitor C_{LC} and a storage capacitor C_{ST} , is coupled to a corresponding data line, a corresponding gate line and a common voltage V_{COM} . In the LCD device **300**, the odd-numbered columns of the pixel units PX_u are respectively coupled to the corresponding odd-numbered gate lines $GL_1, GL_3, \dots, GL_{n-1}$, while the even-numbered columns of the pixel units PX_D are respectively coupled to the corresponding even-numbered gate lines $GL_2, GL_4, \dots, GL_n$ (assuming n is a positive even number). The LCD device **400** depicted in FIG. 5 further includes a pixel matrix **240** having a plurality of pixel units PX_u and PX_D . Each pixel unit, including a thin film transistor switch TFT, a liquid crystal capacitor C_{LC} and a storage capacitor C_{ST} , is respectively coupled to a corresponding data line, a corresponding gate line and a common voltage V_{COM} . In the LCD device **400**, the odd-numbered columns of the pixel units PX_D are coupled to the corresponding even-numbered gate lines $GL_2, GL_4, \dots, GL_n$, while the even-numbered columns of the pixel units PX_u are coupled to the corresponding odd-numbered gate lines $GL_1, GL_3, \dots, GL_{n-1}$ (assuming n is a positive even number).

Although the pixel matrices **140** and **240** have different layouts, the LCD devices **300** and **400** both adopt double-gate pixel structure in which two adjacent gate lines control a corresponding row of pixel units and each data line transmits data to two adjacent columns of pixel units. Since the source driver **310** may output odd-numbered or even-numbered data to a data line, two gate lines are used for controlling each row of pixel units, so that the odd-numbered column of pixel units can correctly receive the odd-numbered data and the even-numbered column of pixel units can correctly receive the even-numbered data. The source driver **310** according to the present invention includes a data processor **114**, an odd data latch **111**, an even data latch **112**, a multiplexer circuit **116**, and a logic circuit **118**. The data processor **114** can receive an original image data DATA. The odd-numbered data and the even-numbered data can then be provided by latching the original image data DATA using the odd data latch **111** and the even data latch **112**, respectively. The logic circuit **118** can generate an odd/even select signal O/E_S according to the scan sequence signal UPDN and the enable signal ODD_EN transmitted from the timing controller **330**. The multiplexer

circuit **116** can thus output the odd-numbered data or the even-numbered data according to the odd/even select signal O/E_S. In the present invention, the logic circuit **118** can be an exclusive OR gate, or other logic devices having similar function.

FIGS. **6-8** are diagrams illustrate the operations of the LCD device according to the present invention. FIG. **6** is a truth table of the control signals which shows the logic levels of the scan sequence signal UPSN, the enable signal ODD_EN and the odd/even select signal O/E_S and illustrates how the multiplexer circuit **116** functions according to these signals. FIGS. **7** and **8** are timing diagrams illustrating the operation of the LCD devices according to the present invention.

As depicted in FIG. **6**, the source driver **310** of the present invention can be applied to pixel matrices having different layouts by setting the scan sequence signal UPSN and the enable signal ODD_EN properly. For example, when the source driver **310** is applied to the pixel matrix **140** of the LCD device **300**, the enable signal ODD_EN can be set to logic 0, and the operation of the LCD devices **300** is illustrated in FIG. **7**. First, illustrations are made to the output sequence of the source driver **310** when the scan sequence signal UPDN is logic 0: when the odd/even select signal O/E_S is logic 1, the source driver **310** outputs the odd-numbered data $D_1, D_3, \dots, D_{m-1}$; when the odd/even select signal O/E_S is logic 0, the source driver **310** outputs even-numbered data $D_2, D_4, \dots, D_m$. During this period (UPDN=1), the gate driver **320** sequentially scans the gate lines GL_n - GL_1 : the even-numbered pixel units PX_D controlled by the gate line GL_n is first turned on, thereby correctly receiving the even-numbered data D_2 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; the odd-numbered pixel unit PX_U controlled by the gate line GL_{n-1} is then turned on, thereby correctly receiving the odd-numbered data D_1 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; and so on so forth. Similarly, illustrations are made to the output sequence of the source driver **310** when the scan sequence signal UPDN is logic 1: when the odd/even select signal O/E_S is logic 0, the source driver **310** outputs even-numbered data $D_2, D_4, \dots, D_m$; when the odd/even select signal O/E_S is logic 1, the source driver **310** outputs odd-numbered data $D_1, D_3, \dots, D_{m-1}$. During this period (UPDN=1), the gate driver **320** sequentially scans the gate lines GL_n - GL_1 : the even-numbered pixel unit PX_D controlled by the gate line GL_n is first turned on, thereby correctly receiving the even-numbered data D_2 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; the odd-numbered pixel unit PX_U controlled by the gate line GL_{n-1} is then turned on, thereby correctly receiving the odd-numbered data D_1 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; and so on so forth.

On the other hand, when the source driver **310** is applied to the pixel matrix **240** of the LCD device **400**, the enable signal ODD_EN can be set to logic 1, and the operation of the LCD devices **400** is illustrated in FIG. **8**. First, illustrations are made to the output sequence of the source driver **310** when the scan sequence signal UPDN is logic 0: when the odd/even select signal O/E_S is logic 0, the source driver **310** outputs even-numbered data $D_2, D_4, \dots, D_m$; when the odd/even select signal O/E_S is logic 1, the source driver **310** outputs odd-numbered data $D_1, D_3, \dots, D_{m-1}$. During this period (UPDN=0), the gate driver **320** sequentially scans the gate lines GL_1 - GL_n : the even-numbered pixel unit PX_U controlled by the gate line GL_1 is first turned on, thereby correctly receiving the even-numbered data D_2 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; the odd-numbered pixel unit PX_D controlled by the gate line GL_2 is then turned on, thereby correctly receiving the odd-numbered data D_1 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; and so on so forth. Similarly, illustrations are made to

the output sequence of the source driver **310** when the scan sequence signal UPDN is logic 1: when the odd/even select signal O/E_S is logic 1, the source driver **310** outputs odd-numbered data $D_1, D_3, \dots, D_{m-1}$; when the odd/even select signal O/E_S is logic 0, the source driver **310** outputs even-numbered data $D_2, D_4, \dots, D_m$. During this period (UPDN=1), the gate driver **320** sequentially scans the gate lines GL_n - GL_1 : the odd-numbered pixel unit PX_D controlled by the gate line GL_n is first turned on, thereby correctly receiving the odd-numbered data D_1 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; the even-numbered pixel unit PX_U controlled by the gate line GL_{n-1} is then turned on, thereby correctly receiving the even-numbered data D_2 transmitted from the data line DL_1 ; and so on so forth.

In the double-gate LCD devices according to the present invention, the values of the scan sequence signal UPDN and the enable signal ODD_EN can be set according to the layout of the pixel matrices, and a corresponding odd/even select signal O/E_S can thus be generated using the logic circuit **118**. Therefore, the present invention can avoid data error in various applications without modifying manufacturing processes or circuit designs.

Those skilled in the art will readily observe that numerous modifications and alterations of the device and method may be made while retaining the teachings of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A double-gate liquid crystal display (LCD) device comprising:
 - a first gate line configured to transmit a first gate driving signal;
 - a second gate line disposed in parallel with and adjacent to the first gate line and configured to transmit a second gate driving signal;
 - a data line disposed in perpendicular to the first and second gate lines and configured to transmit a first data and a second data;
 - a first pixel unit coupled to the data line and the first gate line and configured to display images according to the first gate driving signal and the first data;
 - a second pixel unit coupled to the data line and the second gate line and configured to display images according to the second gate driving signal and the second data;
 - a gate driver configured to output the first and second gate driving signals according to a vertical start pulse signal; and
 - a source driver configured to generate the vertical start pulse signal according to a scan sequence signal, the source driver comprising:
 - a logic circuit configured to generate an odd/even select signal according to the scan sequence signal and an enable signal; and
 - a multiplexer circuit configured to receive the first and second data and output one of the first and second data according to the odd/even select signal.
2. The LCD device of claim 1 further comprising a timing controller configured to provide the scan sequence signal.
3. The LCD device of claim 1, wherein:
 - the first pixel unit comprises:
 - a first thin film transistor (TFT) switch including:
 - a control end coupled to the first gate line;
 - a first end coupled to the data line; and
 - a second end;
 - a first liquid crystal capacitor coupled between the second end of the first TFT switch and a common voltage; and
 - a first storage capacitor coupled between the second end of the first TFT switch and the common voltage; and

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the second pixel unit comprises:
 a second TFT switch including:
 a control end coupled to the second gate line;
 a first end coupled to the data line; and
 a second end;
 a second liquid crystal capacitor coupled between the second end of the second TFT switch and the common voltage; and
 a second storage capacitor coupled between the second end of the second TFT switch and the common voltage.

4. The LCD device of claim 1, wherein the logic circuit includes an exclusive OR gate.

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5. The LCD device of claim 1, wherein the gate driver changes an output sequence of the first and second gate driving signals according to the vertical start pulse signal.

6. The LCD device of claim 1, wherein the source driver further comprises:

a data processor configured to receive an original image data;
 a first data latch configured to provide the first data by latching the original image data; and
 a second data latch configured to provide the second data by latching the original image data.

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摘要(译)

液晶显示器包括第一栅极线，第二栅极线，数据线，第一像素单元，第二像素单元，栅极驱动器和源极驱动器。第一和第二栅极线分别传输由栅极驱动器提供的第一和第二栅极驱动信号，而数据线传输第一和第二数据。第一像素单元根据第一栅极驱动信号和第一数据显示图像，而第二像素单元根据第二栅极驱动信号和第二数据显示图像。源极驱动器包括逻辑电路和多路复用器电路。逻辑电路根据扫描序列信号和使能信号产生奇/偶选择信号。多路复用器电路根据奇/偶选择信号输出第一和第二数据之一。

