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MEMORY OF LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY
DEVICE**(52) **U.S. Cl.** **345/98**(76) **Inventor: Kyung Joon Kwon, Seoul (KR)**(57) **ABSTRACT**

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Systems, methods and apparatus provided for driving the memory of a liquid crystal display device that is capable of reducing the number of frame memories include the steps of storing a current frame data in an input line memory at a first speed; storing the data stored in the input line memory in a frame memory at a second speed faster than the first speed; storing a previous frame data stored in the frame memory in an output line memory at the second speed; and comparing the current frame data with the previous frame data, the previous frame data being outputted from the output line memory at the first speed and selecting a predetermined modulation data in accordance with the result of the comparison.

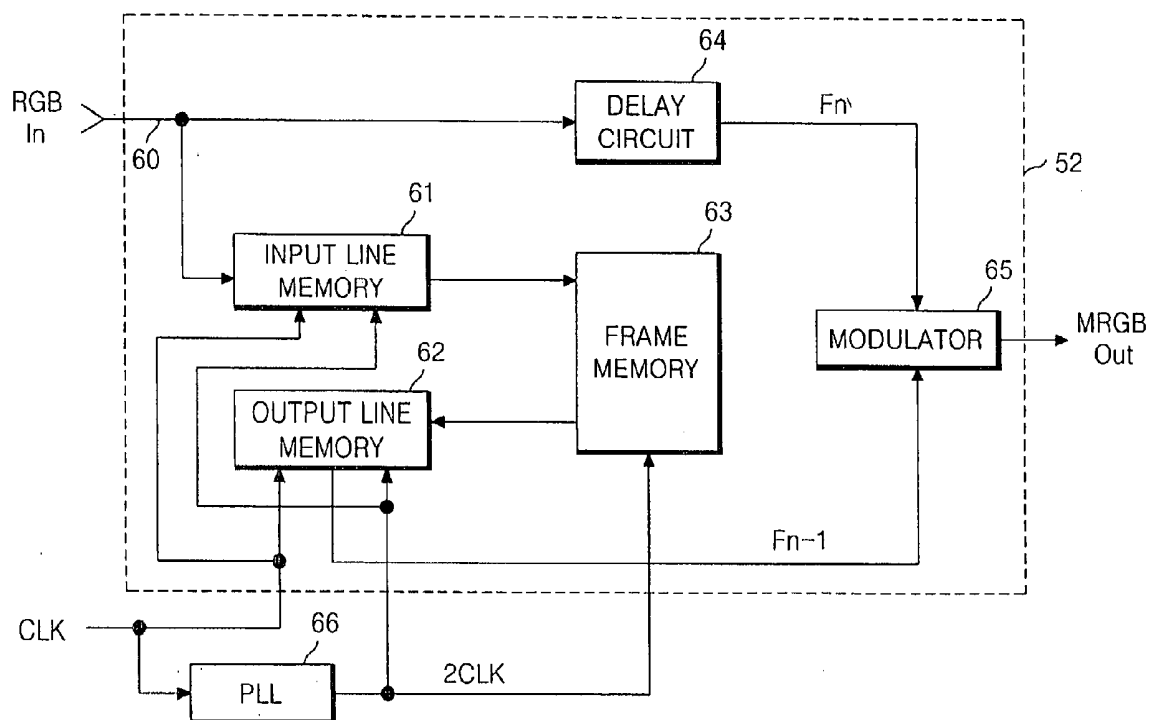


FIG. 1
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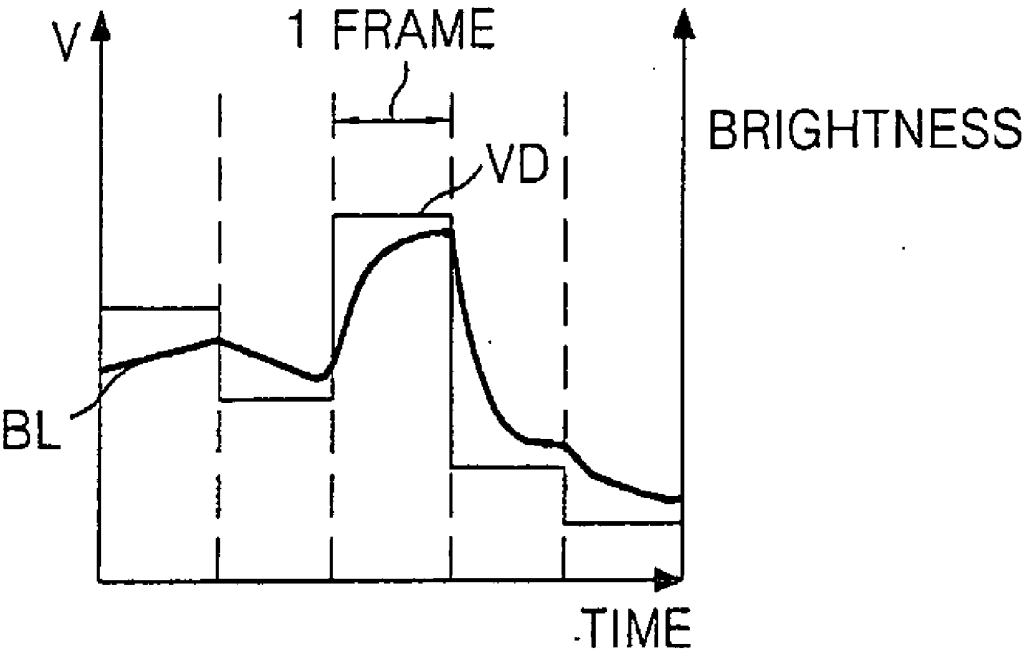


FIG. 2
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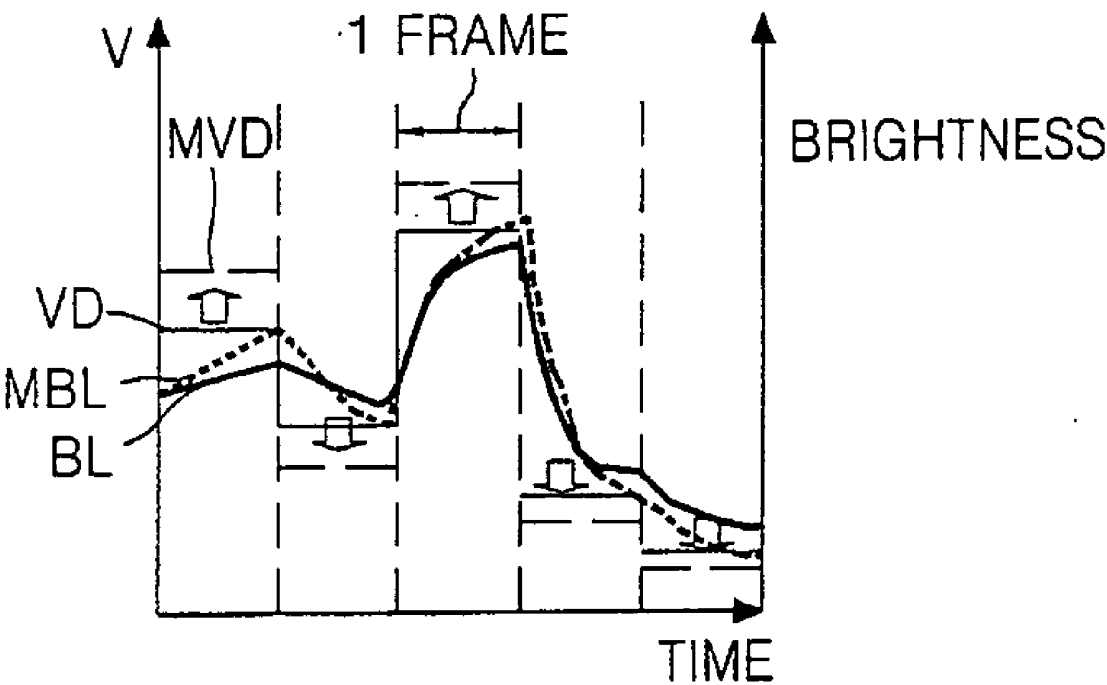


FIG. 3
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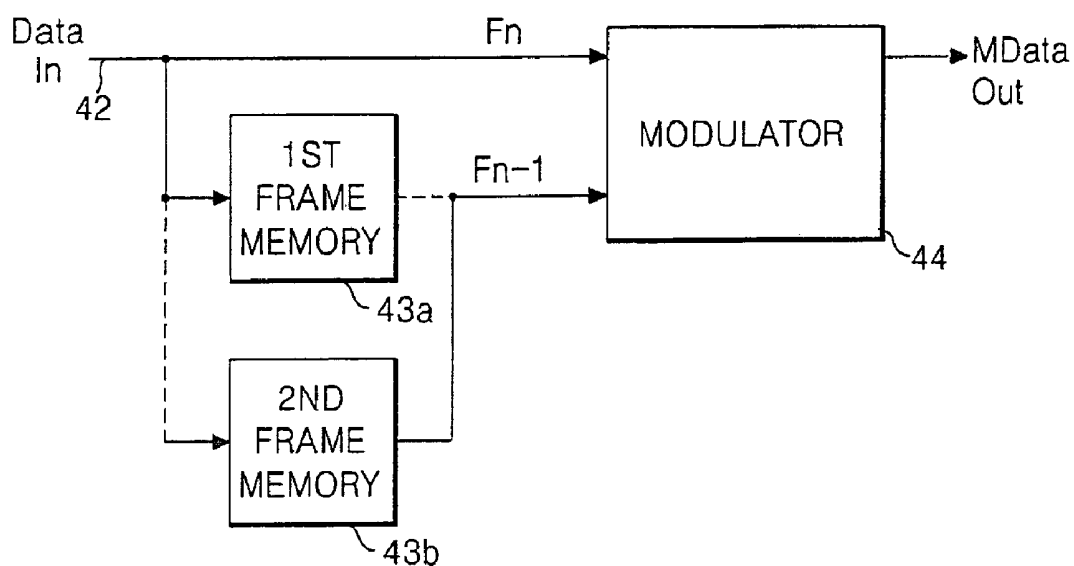


FIG. 4

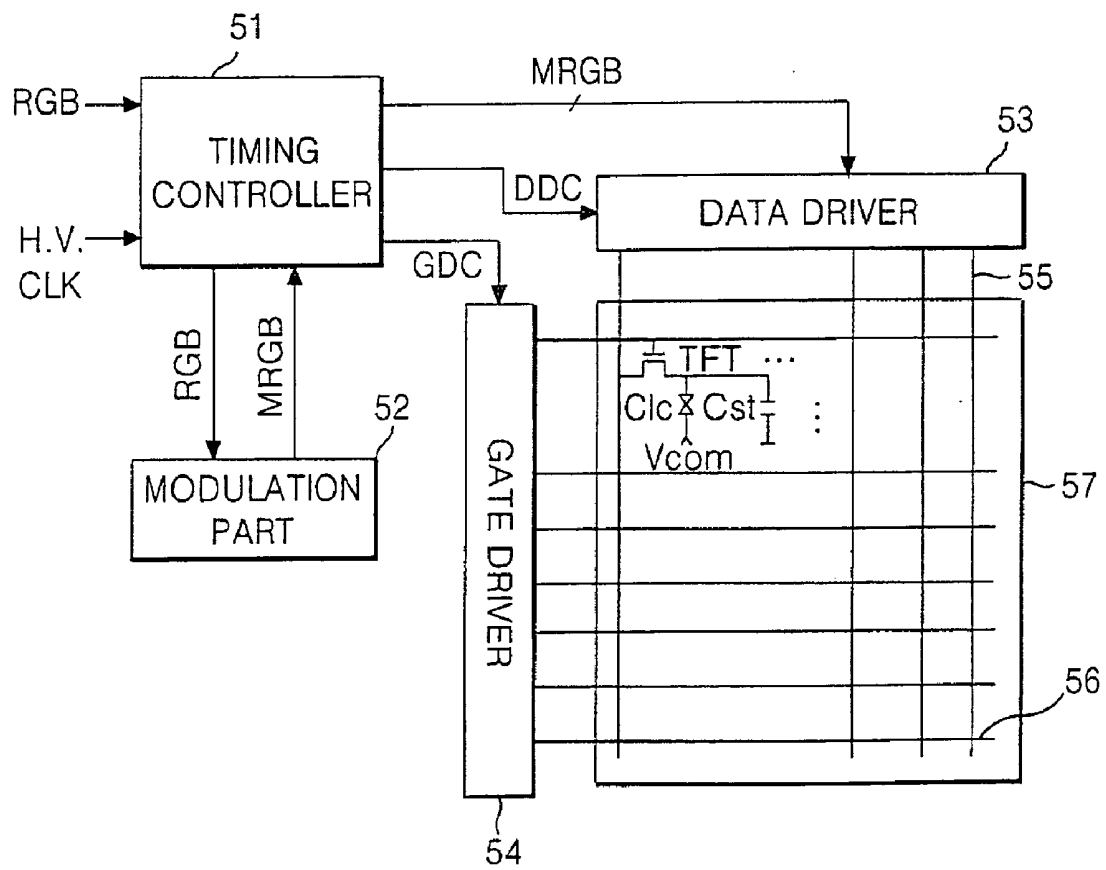


FIG. 5

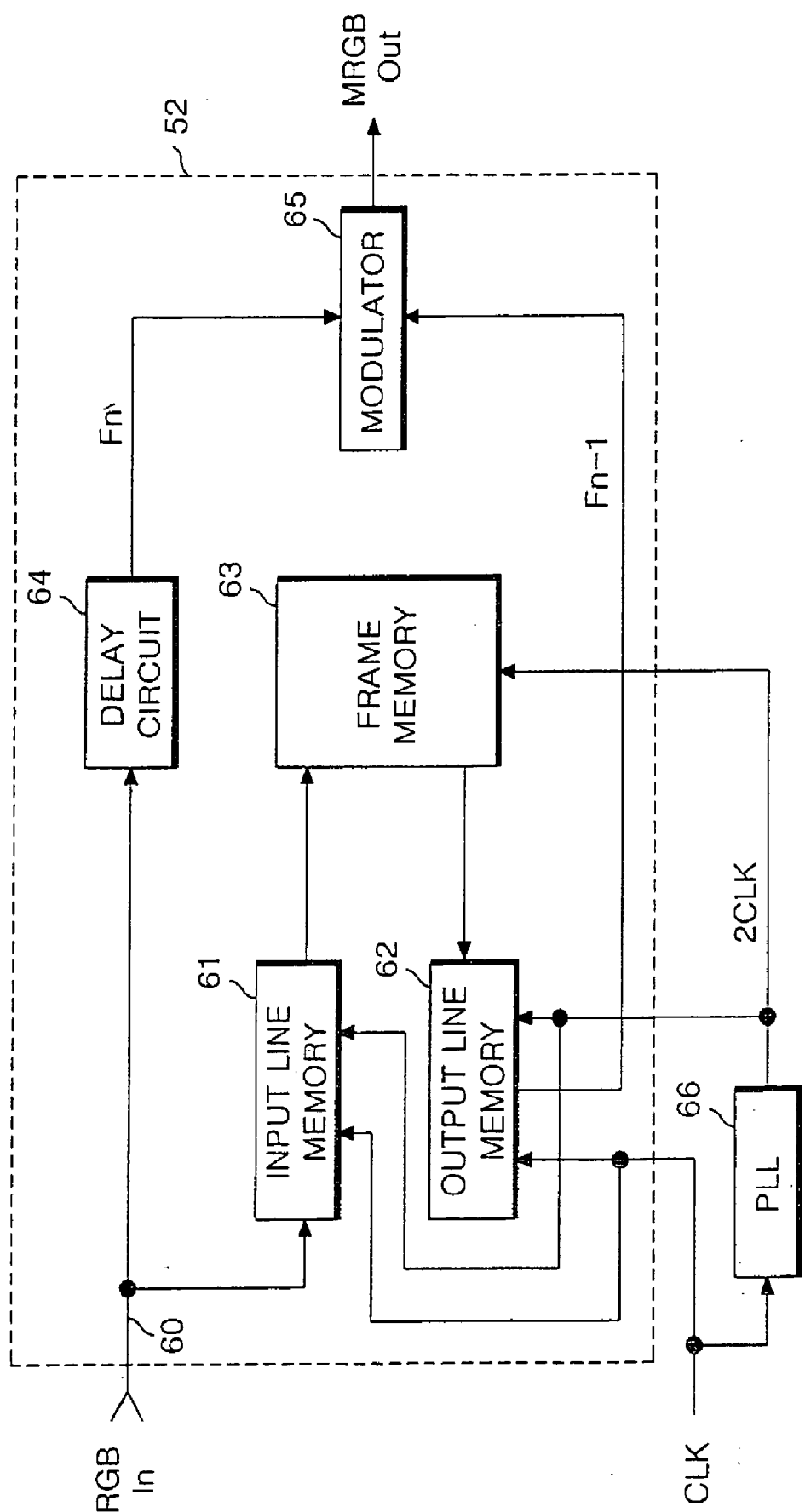


FIG. 6

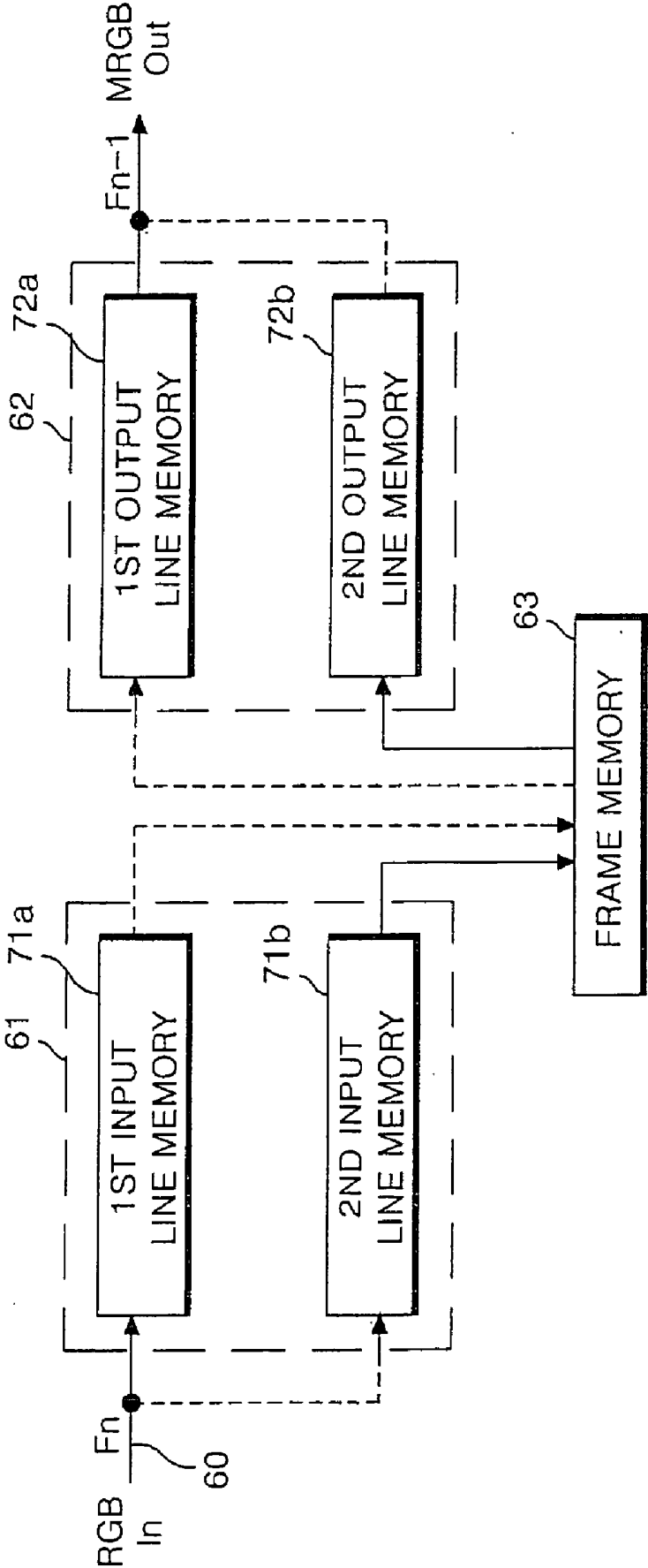


FIG. 7

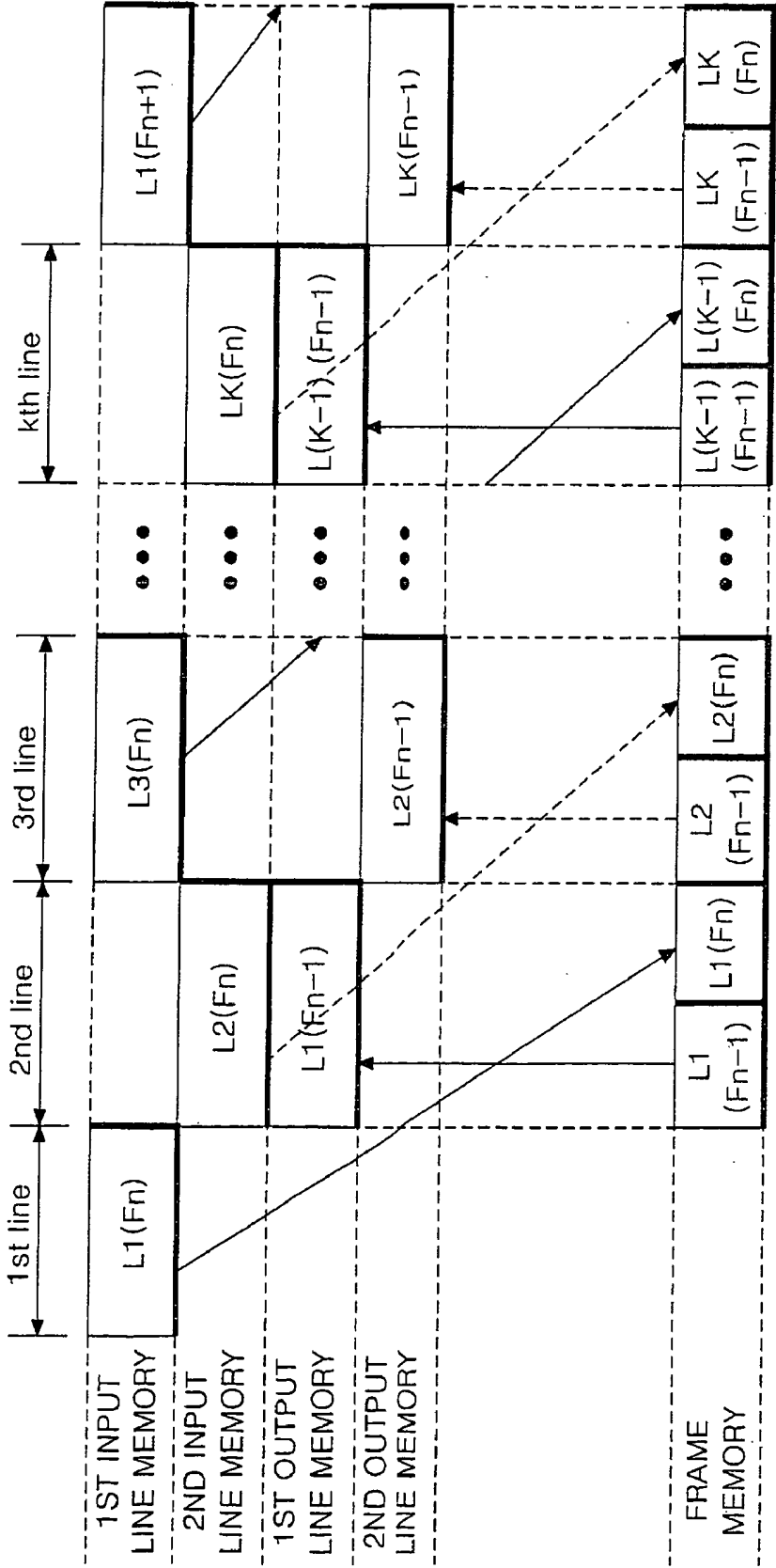


FIG. 8

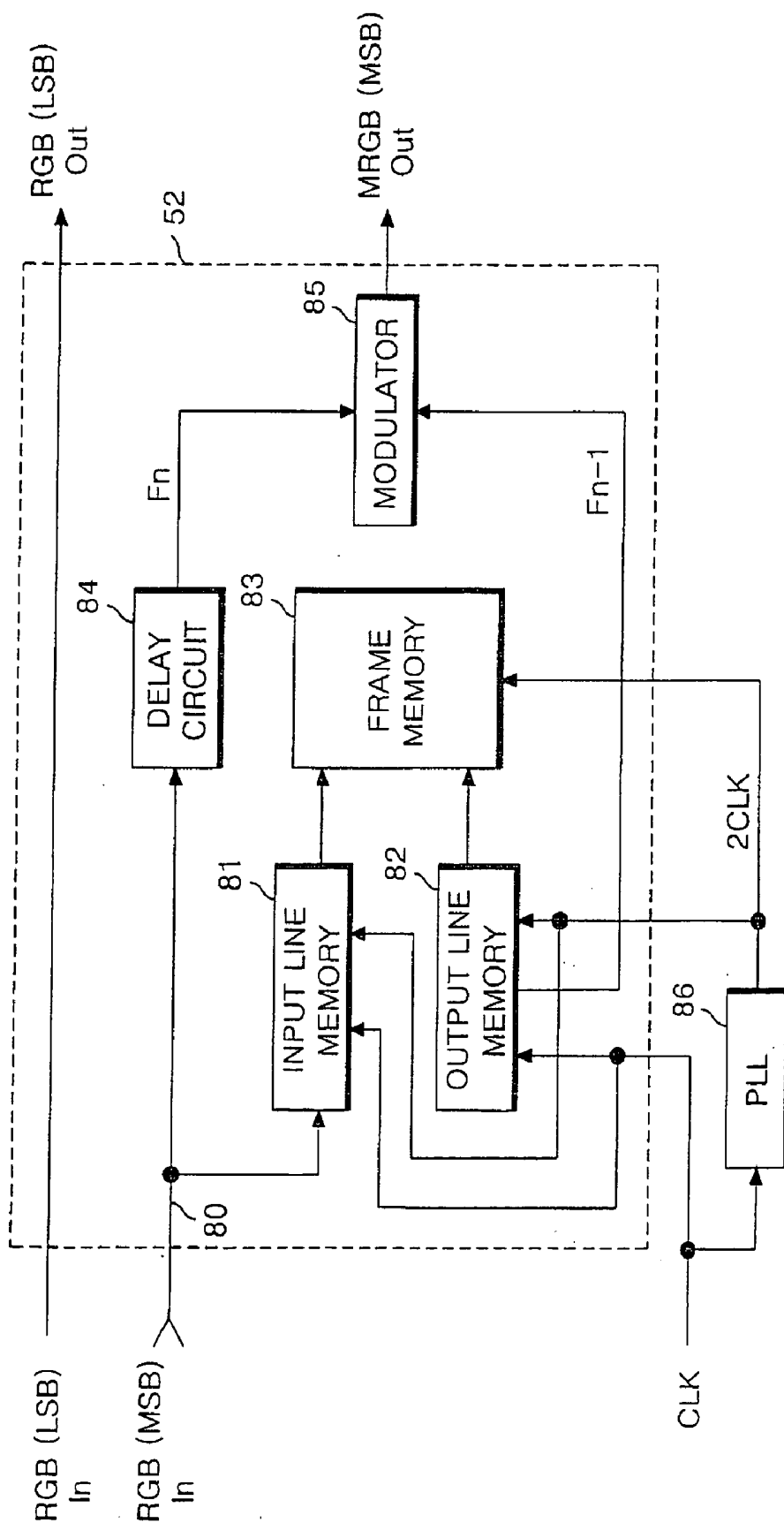
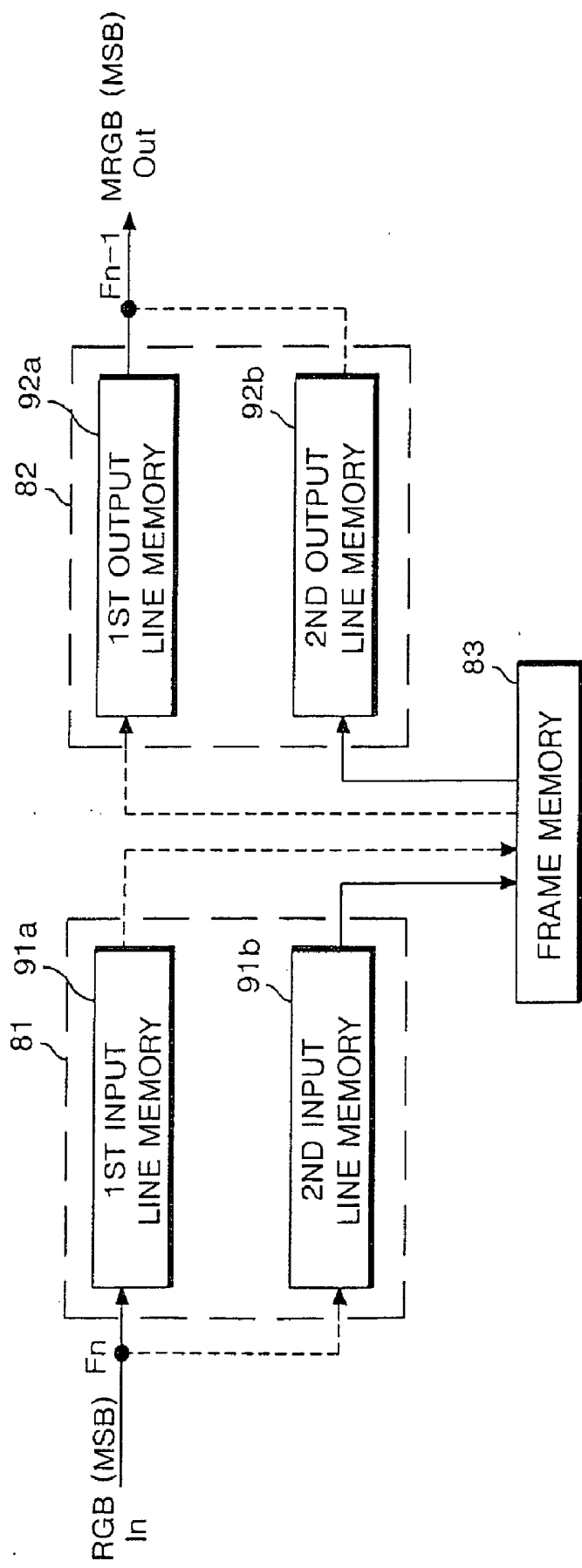


FIG. 9



METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DRIVING MEMORY OF LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

[0001] This application claims the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. P2003-99810 filed in Korea on Dec. 30, 2003, the subject matter of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention

[0003] The present invention relates to a liquid crystal display device, and more particularly, to a method and an apparatus for driving a memory of a liquid crystal display device capable of reducing the number of frame memories.

[0004] 2. Description of the Related Art

[0005] In general, liquid crystal display devices control the light transmissivity of liquid crystal cells in accordance with video signals to display pictures.

[0006] In such liquid crystal display devices, an active matrix type of liquid crystal display device in which a switching device is formed in each liquid crystal cell is suitable for displaying motion pictures due to an active control. The switching device used in the active matrix type of liquid crystal display device generally is a thin film transistor (hereinafter referred to as a 'TFT').

[0007] A liquid crystal display device, as shown in the following formulas 1 and 2, has a disadvantage that its response time is slow due to its properties such as, for example, the unique viscosity and elasticity of a particular liquid crystal material.

$$\tau_r \propto \frac{\gamma d^2}{\Delta \varepsilon [V_a^2 - V_F^2]} \quad (1)$$

[0008] Where, τ_r represents the rise time of a voltage applied to the liquid crystal material, V_a represents the applied voltage, V_F represents a Freederick Transition Voltage due to liquid crystal molecules starting to make a tilt motion, d represents a cell gap of a liquid crystal cell, and γ represents the rotational viscosity of a liquid crystal molecule.

$$\tau_f \propto \frac{\gamma d^2}{K} \quad (2)$$

[0009] Where, τ_f represents the decay time during which a liquid crystal material molecule is restored to its original, untilted position by elastic restoration after the voltage applied to the liquid crystal material is removed, and K represents a unique elastic modulus of the liquid crystal material.

[0010] The response speed of the liquid crystal material of a twisted nematic TN mode, which is a very widely used liquid crystal mode in liquid crystal display devices up to now, can be changed in accordance with the physical properties and the cell gap of the liquid crystal material, but

generally its rise time is about 20ms~80ms and its decay time is about 20ms~30ms. The response speed of such a liquid crystal material extends to the next frame before the voltage being applied to the liquid cell reaches a desired voltage, as shown in FIG. 1, because the response speed is longer than one frame period (NTSC: 16.67 ms). Thus a motion-blurring phenomenon occurs so that the LC device screen gets blurred when the device displays motion pictures.

[0011] Referring to FIG. 1, in a related art liquid crystal display device, the display brightness BL does not reach a desired brightness, so desired color and brightness are not able to be expressed, wherein the display brightness corresponds to the change of data VD from one level to another level due to a slow response speed. As a result, the liquid crystal display device causes a motion-blurring phenomenon to appear in motion picture displays and its picture quality lowers due to a deterioration of contrast ratio.

[0012] In order to rectify the slow response speed of the liquid crystal display device, U.S. Pat. No. 5,495,265 and PCT international publication No. WO 99/05567 have introduced a scheme (hereinafter 'high speed driving method') in which data are modulated in accordance with the existence or absence of a change of the data by use of a look-up table. The high speed driving method modulates data according to the principles illustrated in FIG. 2.

[0013] Referring to FIG. 2, the related art high speed driving method modulates input data VD into predetermined modulation data MVD and applies the modulated data MVD to a liquid cell to achieve a desired brightness MBL. The high speed driving method achieves the value of $|V_a^2 - V_F^2|$ in formula 1 on the basis of the existence or absence of a change of the data in order to achieve a desired brightness corresponding to the brightness value of the input data within one frame period. As a result, the liquid crystal display device using the high speed driving method compensates the slow response speed of liquid crystal material by modulating the data value to reduce the motion-blurring phenomenon in motion pictures display.

[0014] In other words, the high speed driving method compares data between a previous frame and a current frame. If the data is changed, then the high speed driving method modulates data of the current frame into the predetermined modulation data. A high speed driving apparatus implemented in this way can be implemented as in FIG. 3.

[0015] Referring to FIG. 3, the high speed driving method includes a first and a second frame memory 43a and 43b, respectively, for storing data from an input data line 42, and a modulator 44 to modulate data.

[0016] The first and the second frame memories 43a and 43b alternately store data of a frame unit in accordance with a pixel clock and then alternately output the stored data to supply a previous frame data, i.e., (n-1)th frame data f_{n-1} to the modulator 44.

[0017] The modulator 44 compares an (n)th frame data F_n from a data input line 43 and a (n-1)th frame data F_{n-1} from the first and the second frame memories 43a and 43b, and then selects modulation data MRGB corresponding to the comparison result from a look-up table such as Table 1 to modulate the data. The look-up table may be stored in a read only memory ROM.

TABLE 1

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
0	0	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	12	13	14	15	15	15
1	0	0	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13	14	15	15	15
2	0	0	2	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13	14	15	15	15	15
3	0	0	1	3	5	6	7	8	10	11	13	14	15	15	15	15
4	0	0	1	3	4	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	15	15
5	0	0	1	2	3	5	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	15	15
6	0	0	1	2	3	4	6	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	15	15
7	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	10	11	13	14	15	15	15
8	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	10	11	12	14	15	15	15
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11	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	13	14	15	15
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14	0	0	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	14	15
15	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	13	15

[0018] In table 1, the leftmost column represents the data of the previous frame Fn-1 and the uppermost row represents the data of the current frame Fn.

[0019] During an (n)th frame period, as represented by a solid line in FIG. 3, the (n)th frame data Fn is stored in the first frame memory 43a and is also supplied to the modulator 44 pursuant to the pixel clock. At the same time, for a (n)th frame period, the second frame memory 43b supplies the (n-1)th frame data Fn-1 to the modulator 44.

[0020] On the other hand, for a (n+1)th frame period, as represented by a dotted line in FIG. 3, the (n+1)th frame data Fn+1 is stored in the second frame memory 43b and is also supplied to the modulator 44 pursuant to the pixel clock. At the same time, for a (n+1)th frame period, the first frame memory 43a supplies the (n)th frame data Fn to the modulator 44.

[0021] As described above, the high speed driving method requires two frame memories 43a and 43b in order to alternately supply the previous frame data to the modulator 44. Because the frame memory is a cause of increasing circuit expense, a scheme capable of reducing the number of frame memories or the capacitance of the frame memory is desired.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0022] Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a method and an apparatus for driving the memory of a liquid crystal display device capable of reducing the number of frame memories and improving display quality by making the response speed of a liquid crystal material fast.

[0023] In order to achieve these and other objects of the invention, a method and apparatus for driving the C memory of a liquid crystal display device according to an embodiment of present invention includes: storing current frame data in an input line memory at a first speed; storing the data stored in the input line memory in a frame memory at a second speed faster than the first speed; storing a previous frame data stored in the frame memory in an output line memory at the second speed; and comparing the current frame data with the previous frame data, the previous frame data being outputted from the output line memory at the first

speed, and selecting predetermined modulation data in accordance with the result of the comparison.

[0024] The first speed is a one-pixel clock rate and the second speed is a two-pixel clock rate that is twice as high as the rate of the one-pixel clock rate.

[0025] The step of storing the current frame data in the input line memory at the first speed includes: storing odd-numbered line data of the current frame data in a first input line memory at the first speed during an odd-numbered line period; and storing even-numbered line data of the current frame data in a second input line memory at the first speed during an even-numbered line period.

[0026] The step of storing the data stored in the input line memory at the second speed in the frame memory includes: storing the odd-numbered line data of the current frame data stored in the first input line memory in the frame memory during $\frac{1}{2}$ of the period of the even-numbered line period; and storing the even-numbered line data of the current frame data stored in the second input line memory in the frame memory during $\frac{1}{2}$ of the period of the odd-numbered line period.

[0027] The step of storing the previous frame data stored in the frame memory in the output line memory at the second speed includes: storing the odd-numbered line data of the previous frame data, stored in the frame memory, in a first output line during the even-numbered line period; and storing the even-numbered line data of the previous frame data, stored in the frame memory, in a second output line during the odd-numbered line period.

[0028] The method further includes the step of synchronizing the current frame data and the previous frame data by delaying the current frame data.

[0029] An apparatus for driving a memory in a liquid crystal display device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention includes: an input line memory for storing a current frame data at a first speed and outputting the stored data at a second speed faster than the first speed; an output line memory for storing a previous frame data at the second speed and outputting the stored data at the first speed; a frame memory for storing the current frame data from the input line memory at the second speed and supplying the previous frame data to the output line memory at

the second speed; and a modulator for comparing the current frame data with the previous frame data from the output line memory and selecting a predetermined modulation data in accordance with the result of the comparison.

[0030] The apparatus further includes a frequency multiplier for multiplying a pixel clock at the one-pixel clock rate to generate a two-pixel clock rate having a frequency twice as high as the rate of the one-pixel clock.

[0031] The input line memory includes: a first input line memory for storing an odd-numbered line data of the current frame data at the first speed during an odd-numbered line period and supplying the odd-numbered line data of the current frame data at the second speed to the frame memory during $\frac{1}{2}$ of an even-numbered line period; and a second input line memory for storing an even-numbered line data of the current frame data at the first speed during the even-numbered line period and supplying the even-numbered line data of the current frame data at the second speed to the frame memory during $\frac{1}{2}$ of the odd-numbered line period.

[0032] The first and the second input line memories alternately input/output the data.

[0033] The output line memory includes: a first output line memory for storing the odd-numbered line data of the previous frame data at the second speed during the even-numbered line period and supplying the stored odd-numbered line data of the previous frame data at the first speed to the modulator; and a second output line memory for storing the even-numbered line data of the previous frame data at the second speed during the odd-numbered line period and supplying the stored even-numbered line data of the previous frame data at the first speed to the modulator.

[0034] The first and the second output line memories alternately input/output the data.

[0035] The apparatus further includes a delay circuit for delaying the current frame data to synchronize the frame data and the previous frame data.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0036] These and other objects of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed description of the embodiments of the present invention with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0037] FIG. 1 is a waveform representing a change of brightness according to data in a related art liquid crystal display device;

[0038] FIG. 2 is a waveform representing a change of brightness according to a data modulation in a high speed driving method;

[0039] FIG. 3 is an exemplary configuration of a high speed driving device;

[0040] FIG. 4 is a block diagram representing a liquid crystal display device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

[0041] FIGS. 5 and 6 are detailed circuit diagrams that together represent a first exemplary embodiment of the modulator shown in FIG. 4;

[0042] FIG. 7 is a configuration representing input/output of data in memories shown in FIG. 6; and

[0043] FIGS. 8 and 9 are detailed circuit diagrams that together represent a second exemplary embodiment of the modulator shown in FIG. 4.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0044] Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawing.

[0045] Hereinafter, the exemplary embodiments of the present invention will be described in detail with reference to FIGS. 4 to 8.

[0046] Referring to FIG. 4, a liquid crystal display device according to an embodiment of the present invention includes: a liquid crystal display panel 57 in which TFTs, thin film transistors, to drive liquid crystal cells Clc are formed at intersections of data lines 55 and gate lines 56; a data driver 53 to supply data to the data lines 55 of the liquid crystal display panel 57; a gate driver 54 to supply scan pulses to the gate lines 56 of the liquid crystal display panel 57; a modulating part 52 to modulate RGB data into a predetermined MRGB modulation data; and a timing controller 51 to control the data driver 53 and the gate driver 54 and to supply data RGB to the modulating part 52.

[0047] In various exemplary embodiments of the systems and methods of the invention, the liquid crystal display panel 57 has liquid crystal materials injected between two glass substrates, e.g., an upper glass substrate and a lower glass substrate, and the data lines 55 and the gate lines 56 are formed to cross each other on the lower glass substrate. The TFTs supply data from the data lines 55 to the liquid crystal cells, Clc, in response to scan pulses from the gate lines 56. To achieve this, a gate electrode of each of the TFTs is connected to each of the gate lines 56 and a source electrode is connected to each of the data lines 55, respectively. Also, a drain electrode of each of the TFTs is connected to a pixel electrode of each of the liquid crystal cells Clc. Also, a storage capacitor Cst is formed on the lower glass substrate of the liquid crystal display panel 57 to sustain the voltage of the liquid crystal cell Clc. The storage capacitor Cst can be formed between the liquid crystal cell Clc connected to the gate line 56 of a previous stage, or can be formed between the liquid crystal cell, Clc, and a separate common line.

[0048] The data driver 53 includes: a shift register; a register for temporarily storing modulation data MRGB; a latch to store the data by a line unit in response to clock signals from the shift register and to output the stored data by one line unit simultaneously; a digital-analog converter to select gamma compensation voltage of positive/negative polarity in response to the digital data value from a latch; a multiplexer to select the data line 55 to which the gamma voltage of positive/negative polarity is supplied; and an output buffer connected between the multiplexer and the data line 55. The data driver 53 receives the MRGB modulation data from the timing controller 51 and supplies the MRGB modulation data to the data lines 55 of the liquid crystal display panel 57 under control of the timing controller 51.

[0049] The gate driver 54 includes a shift register to sequentially generate scan pulses in response to gate control

signals GDC from the timing controller **51**, a level shifter to shift a swing width of the scan pulse to a level suitable for driving the liquid crystal cell Clc, and an output buffer. The gate driver **54** supplies the respective scan pulses to the gate line **56** to turn-on the TFT connected to the gate line **56**, thereby selecting the liquid crystal cell Clc of one horizontal line to which the analog gamma compensation voltage, i.e., a pixel voltage of data will be supplied. The data generated from the data driver **53** is synchronized with the scan pulse to be supplied to the liquid crystal cell, Clc, of the selected one horizontal line.

[0050] The timing controller **51** generates gate control signal GDC to control the gate driver **54** and a data control signal DDC to control the data driver **53** in use of vertical/horizontal synchronization signals V, H and a pixel clock CLK. The timing controller **51** samples RGB digital video data in accordance with the pixel clock CLK and supplies the RGB data to the modulation part **52**.

[0051] Based on a change of data value between a previous frame and a current frame, the modulating part **52** modulates RGB data by using modulation data predetermined based on Formulas 3 to 5, below, and supplies the MRGB modulation data to the timing controller **51**. The modulation data MRGB is registered in the look-up table stored in the ROM.

$$Fn(RGB) < Fn-1(RGB) \rightarrow Fn(MRGB) < Fn(RGB) \quad (3)$$

$$Fn(RGB) = Fn-1(RGB) \rightarrow Fn(MRGB) = Fn(RGB) \quad (4)$$

$$Fn(RGB) > Fn-1(RGB) \rightarrow Fn(MRGB) > Fn(RGB) \quad (5)$$

[0052] As can be seen from Formulas 3 to 5, if a pixel data value of a pixel in the current frame Fn becomes larger than that of the pixel in the previous frame Fn-1, then the MRGB modulation data will have a larger value than the pixel data in the current frame Fn. On the other hand, if the pixel data value of a pixel in the current frame Fn becomes smaller than that of the pixel in the previous frame Fn-1, then the MRGB modulation data will have a smaller value than the pixel data in the current frame Fn. Moreover, if a pixel data value of a pixel has the same value in the current frame Fn and the previous frame Fn-1, then the MRGB modulation data will have the same value as the pixel data in the current frame Fn.

[0053] FIGS. 5 and 6 represent a first exemplary embodiment of the modulating part **52**.

[0054] Referring to FIGS. 5 and 6, a liquid crystal display device according to the systems and methods of the present invention further includes a phase lock loop (PLL) **66** for multiplying the frequency of the pixel clock CLK. The modulating part **52** includes an input line memory **61**, an output line memory **62**, a frame memory **63**, a modulator **65** and a delay circuit **64**.

[0055] The PLL **66** multiplies the frequency of the pixel clock CLK to generate a "double" pixel clock 2CLK having a frequency twice as high as the frequency of the pixel clock CLK. The PLL **66** may be replaced as a PLL in the timing controller **51** or may be implemented with a separate PLL circuit, so that the PLL **66** is separated from the timing controller **51** or is additionally installed in the timing controller **51**.

[0056] The input line memory **61** stores data of the current frame Fn, at the one-pixel clock rate according to the pixel

clock CLK, and supplies the stored data at a two-pixel clock rate according to the double pixel clock 2CLK, to the frame memory **63**. The input line memory **61** includes a first input line memory **71a** and a second input line memory **71b** in which the data from the data input line **60** is alternately stored at the speed of one-pixel clock rate for one line unit, and the stored data is supplied at the speed of the two-pixel clock rate to the frame memory **63**, as shown in FIG. 6.

[0057] The frame memory **63** stores the current frame data Fn from input line memory **61** at the speed of the two-pixel clock rate, according to the double pixel clock 2CLK, and supplies the previous stored frame data Fn-1 to the output line memory **62** at the two-pixel clock rate.

[0058] The output line memory **62** stores the previous frame data Fn-1 from the frame memory **63** at the two-pixel clock rate, according to the double pixel clock 2CLK, and supplies the data stored at the one-pixel clock rate to the modulator **65**. The output line memory **62** includes a first output line memory **72a** and a second output line memory **72b** in which data from the frame memory **63** is alternately stored at the two-pixel clock rate for one line unit and the stored data is supplied at the one-pixel clock rate to the modulator **65**, as shown in FIG. 6.

[0059] The modulator **65** compares the current frame data Fn from the delay circuit **64** with the previous frame data Fn-1 from the output line memory **62** and selects an MRGB modulation data satisfying the Formulas 3 to 5 pursuant to the comparison result. Also, the modulator **65** supplies the selected MRGB modulation to the data driver **53**.

[0060] The delay circuit **64** delays the current frame data Fn from the data input line **60** by a delay value identical to the delay of the previous frame data Fn-1 delayed in the input line memory **61** and the output line memory **62**, to thereby synchronize the previous frame data Fn-1 and the current frame data Fn provided from the modulator **65**. Because the previous frame data Fn-1 is delayed for two line periods by the input line memory **61** and the output line memory **62**, a delay value of the delay circuit **64** becomes two line periods. Thus, the delay circuit **64** may be implemented with two line memories.

[0061] Let's assume that k-number of horizontal lines exists on the liquid crystal display panel **57**, and a method of driving data among the memories **61**, **62** and **63** will be described in conjunction with FIGS. 6 and 7.

[0062] Referring to FIGS. 6 and 7, during a first line period, the first input line memory **71a** stores a first line data L1(Fn) of the current frame at a one-pixel clock rate.

[0063] During a second line period, the frame memory **63** supplies first line data L1(Fn-1) of the previous frame to the first output line memory **72a** for an initial 1/2 period, and stores the first line data L1(Fn) of the current frame from the first input line memory **71a** for another 1/2 period, at the two-pixel clock rate. During the second line period, the second input line memory **71b** stores second line data L2(Fn) of the current frame at the one-pixel clock rate, and the first output line memory **72a** stores the first line data L1(Fn-1) of the previous frame supplied from the frame memory **63** at the two-pixel clock rate and then supplies the data L1(Fn-1) to the modulator **65**.

[0064] During a third line period, the frame memory **63** supplies second line data L2(Fn-1) of the previous frame to

the second output line memory **72b** for an initial $\frac{1}{2}$ period and stores the second line data $L2(Fn)$ of the current frame from the second input line memory **71b** for another $\frac{1}{2}$ period, at the two-pixel clock rate. During the third line period, the first input line memory **71a** stores third line data $L3(Fn)$ of the current frame at the one-pixel clock rate, and the second output line memory **72b** stores the second line data $L2(Fn-1)$ of the previous frame supplied from the frame memory **63** at the two-pixel clock rate and then supplies the data $L2(Fn-1)$ to the modulator **65**.

[0065] During a (k)th line period, i.e., the last line period in a one frame period, the frame memory **63** supplies a (k-1)th line data $L(k-1)(Fn-1)$ of the previous frame to the first output line memory **72a** for an initial $\frac{1}{2}$ period and stores a (k-1)th line data $L(k-1)(Fn)$ of the current frame from the first input line memory **71a** for another $\frac{1}{2}$ period, at the speed of two-pixel clock rate. During the (k)th line period, the second input line memory **71b** stores a (k)th line data $Lk(Fn)$ of the current frame at the one-pixel clock rate and the first output line memory **72a** stores the (k-1)th line data $L(k-1)(Fn-1)$ of the previous frame supplied from the frame memory **63** at the two-pixel clock rate and then supplies the data $L(k-1)(Fn-1)$ to the modulator **65**.

[0066] During the first line period of a next frame $Fn+1$, the frame memory **63** supplies a (k)th line data $Lk(Fn-1)$ of the previous frame to the second output line memory **72b** for an initial $\frac{1}{2}$ period and stores the (k)th line data $Lk(Fn)$ of the current frame Fn from the second input line memory **71b** for another $\frac{1}{2}$ period, at the two-pixel clock rate. During the first line period of the next frame $Fn+1$, the first input line memory **71a** stores first line data $L1(Fn+1)$ of the next frame $Fn+1$ at the one-pixel clock rate and the second output line memory **72b** stores the (k)th line data $Lk(Fn-1)$ of the previous frame $Fn-1$ supplied from the frame memory **63** at the two-pixel clock rate and then supplies the data $Lk(Fn-1)$ to the modulator **65**.

[0067] It is noted that a previous frame $Fn-1$ represents the frame corresponding to a previous screen of a screen being currently displayed in a liquid crystal display device and a current frame Fn represents the frame corresponding to a screen being currently displayed in a liquid crystal display device. Also, a next frame $Fn+1$ represents the frame corresponding to a next screen to be displayed after the screen being currently displayed.

[0068] Subsequently, the frame memory **63** reads out one line data of the current frame stored in the second input line memory **71b** and supplies the stored one line data of the previous frame to the second output line memory **72b**, at the two-pixel clock rate during each odd-numbered line period. Also, the frame memory **63** reads out one line data of the current frame stored in the first input line memory **71a** and supplies the stored one line data of the previous frame to the first output line memory **72a**, at the two-pixel clock rate during each even-numbered line period.

[0069] FIGS. 8 and 9 show a second exemplary embodiment of the modulation part **52**. The second embodiment performs the operation for data comparison with the most significant bit unit, not full bit unit, and uses the bit number of MRGB modulation data as the number of most significant bit, and thus it is possible to reduce the capacitance of a frame memory and a memory in a modulator.

[0070] Referring to FIGS. 8 and 9, the modulation part **52** includes: an input line memory **81** for storing data at a

one-pixel clock rate and outputting data at a two-pixel clock rate; an output line memory **82** for storing data at a two-pixel clock rate and outputting data by one-pixel clock rate; a frame memory **83** for storing and outputting data at a two-pixel clock rate; a modulator **85** for comparing the previous frame and the current frame by the most significant bit MSB data unit and modulating the current frame data; and a delay circuit **84** for synchronizing the previous frame data and the current frame data.

[0071] The PLL **86** shown FIG. 5 is substantially identical to that shown in FIG. 5, and therefore a detailed description of the PLL **86** will be omitted.

[0072] The input line memory **81** stores the most significant bit data $Fn(\text{MSB})$ of the current frame at a one-pixel clock rate according to the pixel clock, CLK, and supplies the stored data, according to the double pixel clock 2CLK , to the frame memory **83** at a two-pixel clock rate. The input line memory **81** includes a first input line memory **91a** and a second input line memory **91b** in which the data from the data input line **80** is alternately stored at the one-pixel clock rate for one line unit, and the stored data is supplied to the frame memory **83** at the two-pixel clock rate, as shown in FIG. 9.

[0073] The frame memory **83** stores the current frame data Fn from the input line memory **81** at the two-pixel clock rate, according to the double pixel clock 2CLK , and supplies the previous stored frame data $Fn-1$ to the output line memory **82** at the two-pixel clock rate.

[0074] The output line memory **82** stores the previous frame data $Fn-1$ from the frame memory **83** at the two-pixel clock rate, according to the double pixel clock 2CLK , and supplies the data stored at the one-pixel clock rate to the modulator **85**. The output line memory **82** includes a first output line memory **92a** and a second output line memory **92b** in which the data from the frame memory **83** is alternately stored at the two-pixel clock rate for one line unit and the stored data is supplied at the one-pixel clock rate to the modulator **85**, as shown in FIG. 9.

[0075] The modulator **85** compares the most significant bit $Fn(\text{MSB})$ of the current frame data from the delay circuit **84** and the previous frame data $Fn-1(\text{MSB})$ from the output line memory **82** and selects an MRGB (MSB) modulation data satisfying the Formulas 3 to 5 pursuant to the result of the comparison.

[0076] The MRGB (MSB) modulation data selected by the modulator **85** is supplied to the data driver **53** along with the least significant data $Fn(\text{LSB})$ of the current frame.

[0077] The delay circuit **84** delays the current frame data Fn from the data input line **80** by a delay value identical to that of the previous frame data $Fn-1$ being delayed in the input line memory **81** and the output line memory **82**, to thereby synchronize the previous frame data $Fn-1$ and the current frame data Fn provided from the modulator **85**. Because the previous frame data $Fn-1$ is delayed for two line periods by the input line memory **81** and the output line memory **82**, a delay value of the delay circuit **84** becomes two line periods. Thus, the delay circuit **84** may be implemented with two line memories.

[0078] Input and output operations of these memories are substantially identical to those shown in FIG. 7, and therefore detailed explanations of them will be omitted.

[0079] As described above, a method and an apparatus for driving a memory of a liquid crystal display device is capable of increasing the response speed of a liquid crystal material, which becomes fast through the use of a data modulation, and, thus, it is possible to improve display quality and reduce the number of frame memories to reduce circuit expense.

[0080] Although the present invention has been explained with respect to the exemplary embodiments shown in the drawings described above, it should be understood to the ordinary skilled person in the art that the systems and methods of the invention are not limited to the exemplary embodiments, but rather that various changes or modifications thereof are possible without departing from the spirit of the invention. Accordingly, the scope of the invention shall be determined only by the appended claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of driving a memory in a liquid crystal display device comprising:

storing current frame data in an input line memory at a first speed;

storing the data stored in the input line memory in a frame memory at a second speed faster than the first speed;
storing a previous frame data stored in the frame memory in an output line memory at the second speed;

comparing the current frame data with the previous frame data, the previous frame data being outputted from the output line memory at the first speed; and

selecting a predetermined modulation data in accordance with the result of the comparison.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first speed is a one-pixel clock rate and the second speed is a two-pixel clock rate which is twice as high as the rate of the one-pixel clock rate.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein storing the current frame data in the input line memory by the first speed comprises:

storing an odd-numbered line data of the current frame data in a first input line memory at the first speed during an odd-numbered line period; and

storing an even-numbered line data of the current frame data in a second input line memory at the first speed during an even-numbered line period.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein storing the data stored in the input line memory by the second speed in the frame memory includes:

storing the odd-numbered line data of the current frame data stored in the first input line memory in the frame memory during a $\frac{1}{2}$ period of the even-numbered line period; and

storing the even-numbered line data of the current frame data stored in the second input line memory in the frame memory during a $\frac{1}{2}$ period of the odd-numbered line period.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein storing the previous frame data stored in the frame memory in the output line memory by the second speed includes:

storing the odd-numbered line data of the previous frame data, stored in the frame memory, in a first output line during the even-numbered line period; and

storing the even-numbered line data of the previous frame data, stored in the frame memory, in a second output line during the odd-numbered line period.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of synchronizing the current frame data and the previous frame data by delaying the current frame data.

7. An apparatus for driving a memory in a liquid crystal display device comprising:

an input line memory for storing current frame data at a first speed and outputting the stored data at a second speed faster than the first speed;

an output line memory for storing previous frame data at the second speed and outputting the stored data at the first speed;

a frame memory for storing the current frame data from the input line memory at the second speed and supplying the previous frame data to the output line memory at the second speed; and

a modulator for comparing the current frame data with the previous frame data from the output line memory and selecting predetermined modulation data in accordance with the result of the comparison.

8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the first speed is a one-pixel clock rate and the second speed is a two-pixel clock rate which is twice as high as the rate of the one-pixel clock rate.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising a frequency multiplier for multiplying a pixel clock of the one-pixel clock rate to generate a two-pixel clock rate having a frequency higher twice than the rate of the one-pixel clock.

10. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the input line memory includes:

a first input line memory for storing an odd-numbered line data of the current frame data at the first speed during an odd-numbered line period and supplying the odd-numbered line data of the current frame data at the second speed to the frame memory during a $\frac{1}{2}$ period of an even-numbered line period; and

a second input line memory for storing an even-numbered line data of the current frame data at the first speed during the even-numbered line period and supplying the even-numbered line data of the current frame data at the second speed to the frame memory during a $\frac{1}{2}$ period of the odd-numbered line period.

11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the first and the second input line memories alternately input/output the data.

12. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the output line memory includes:

a first output line memory for storing the odd-numbered line data of the previous frame data at the second speed during the even-numbered line period and supplying the stored odd-numbered line data of the previous frame data at the first speed to the modulator; and

a second output line memory for storing the even-numbered line data of the previous frame data at the second speed during the odd-numbered line period and supplying the stored even-numbered line data of the previous frame data at the first speed to the modulator.

plying the stored even-numbered line data of the previous frame data at the first speed to the modulator.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first and the second output line memories alternately input/output the data.

14. The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a delay circuit for delaying the current frame data to synchronize the frame data and the previous frame data.

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提供用于驱动能够减少帧存储器数量的液晶显示装置的存储器的系统，方法和装置包括以第一速度将当前帧数据存储在输入线存储器中的步骤；将存储在输入行存储器中的数据以比第一速度快的第二速度存储在帧存储器中；将存储在帧存储器中的前一帧数据以第二速度存储在输出行存储器中；并且将当前帧数据与先前帧数据进行比较，先前帧数据以第一速度从输出线存储器输出，并根据比较结果选择预定调制数据。

