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(54) **THIN FILM TRANSISTOR ARRAY PANEL
AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE
SAME**

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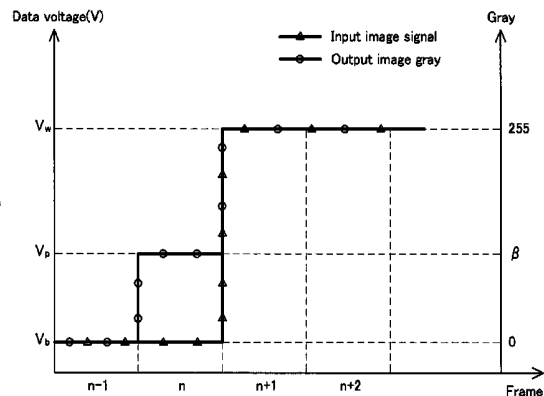
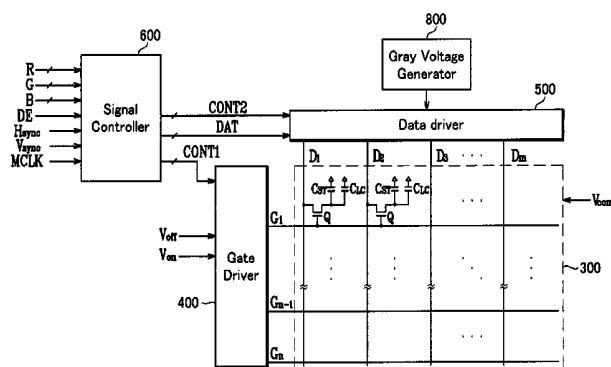
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A liquid crystal display device having a first substrate and a second substrate facing the first substrate, a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate, a pixel electrode formed over the first substrate, a common electrode formed over the first substrate with insulating from the pixel electrode, wherein a portion of the common electrode overlaps with the pixel electrode, includes a gray voltage generator generating a plurality of gray voltages, an image signal modification assembly configured to receive a first image signal, a second image signal, and a third image signal for subsequent three frames and modify the second image signal based on the first image signal and the third image signal, and a data driver configured to provide a data voltage selected from the plurality of gray voltages to the pixel electrode corresponding to the modified signal in the image signal modification assembly. A longitudinal axis of the liquid crystal molecule is inclined at an angle with a longitudinal pixel electrode.

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FIG. 1

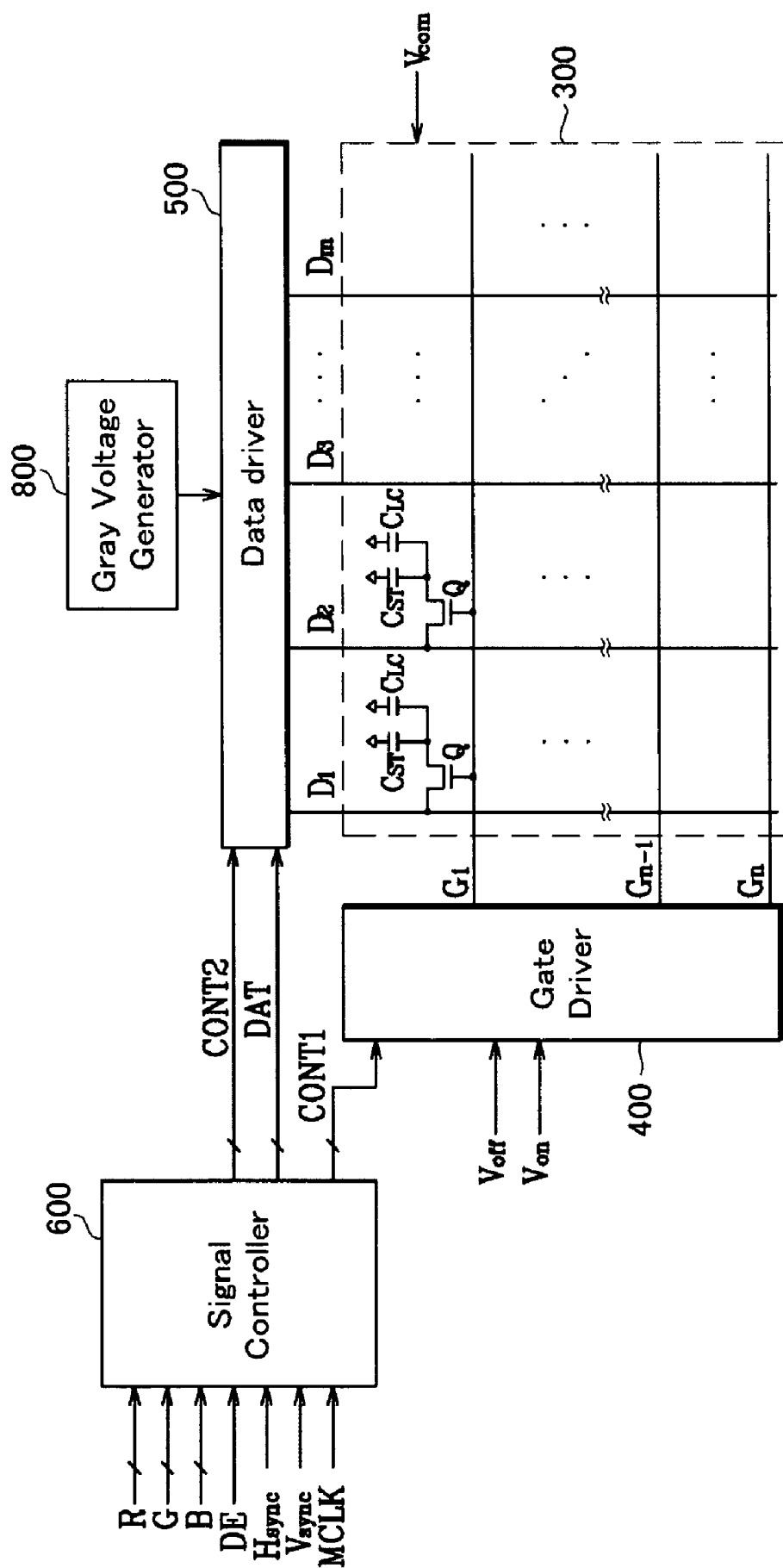


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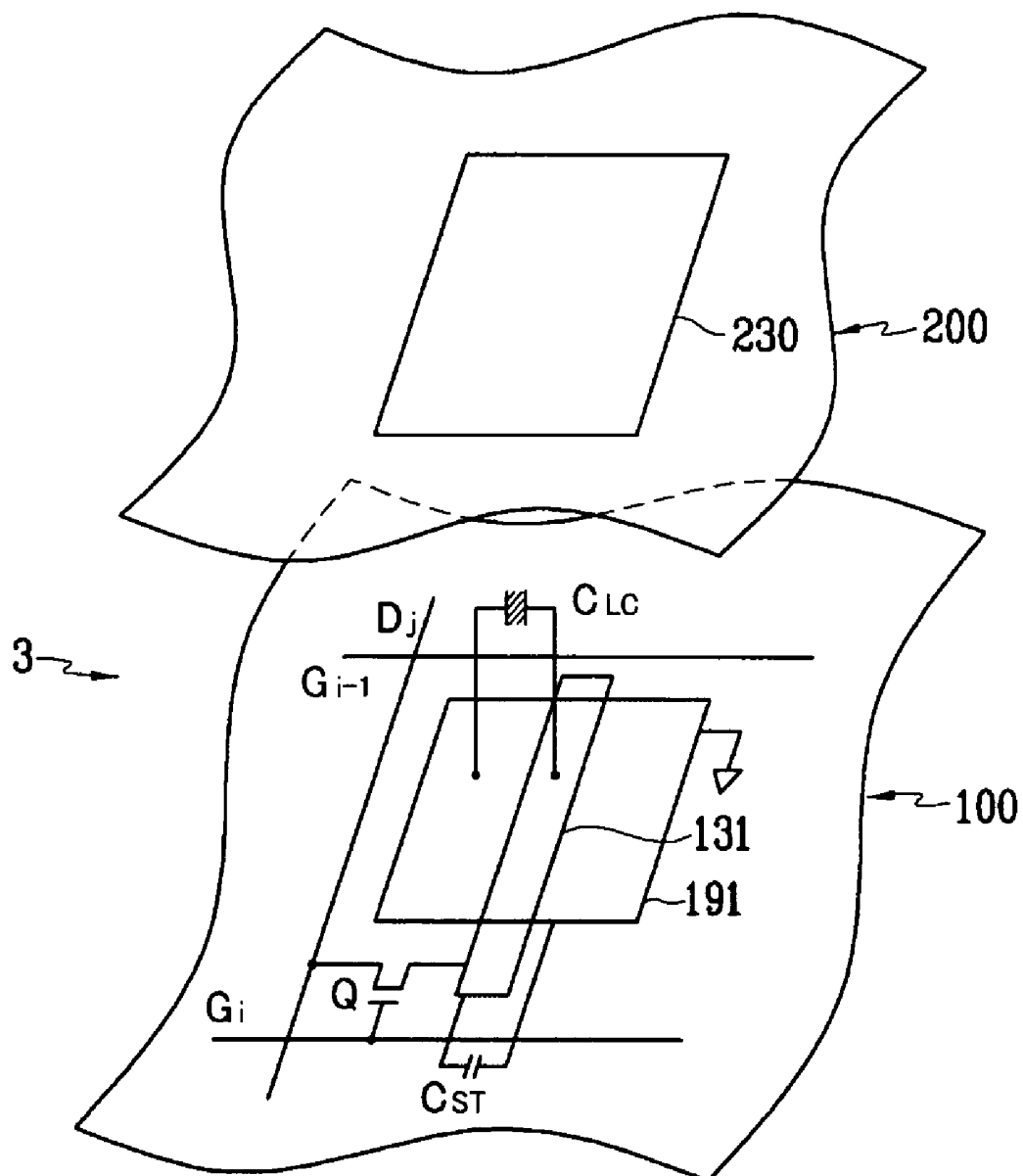


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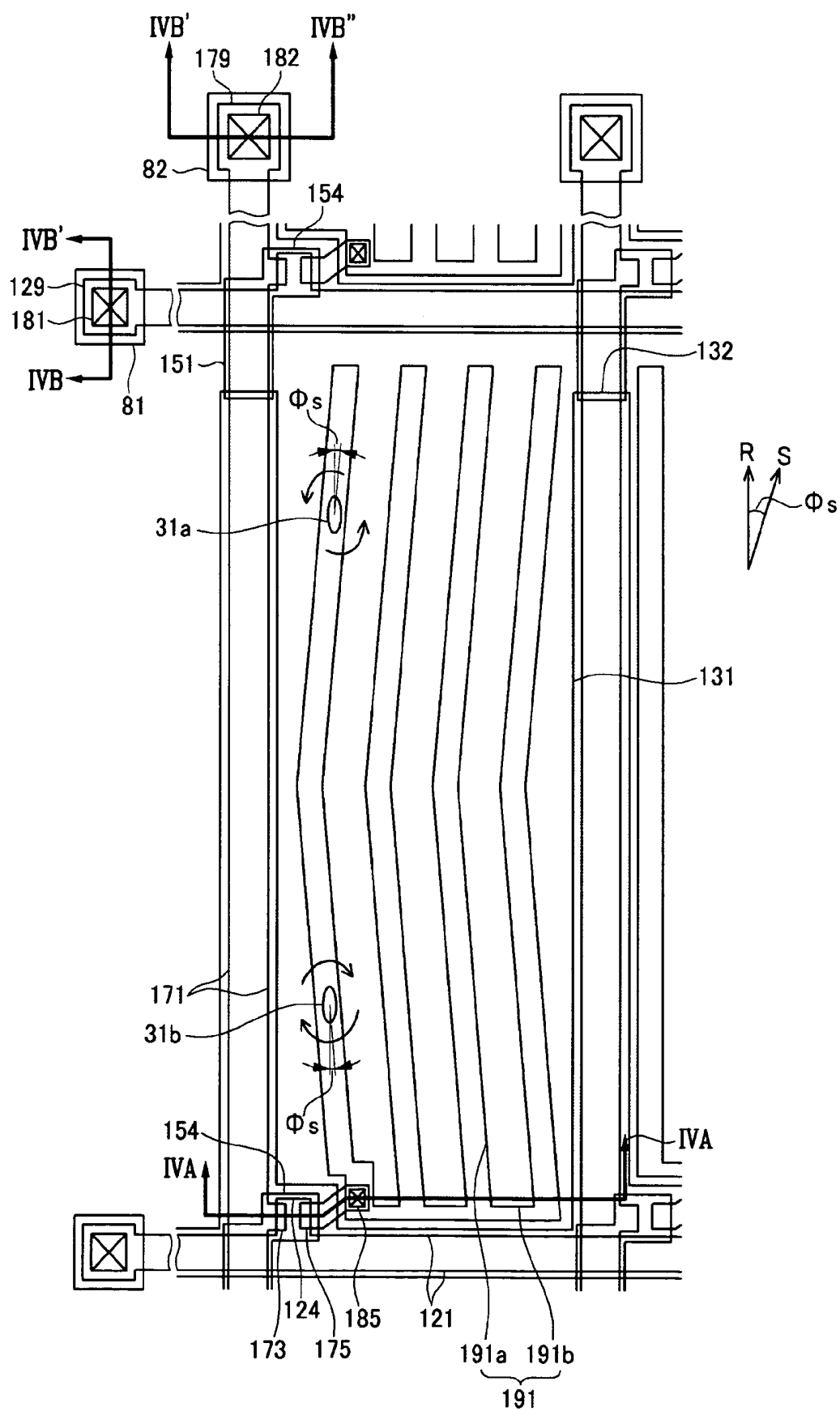


FIG. 4A

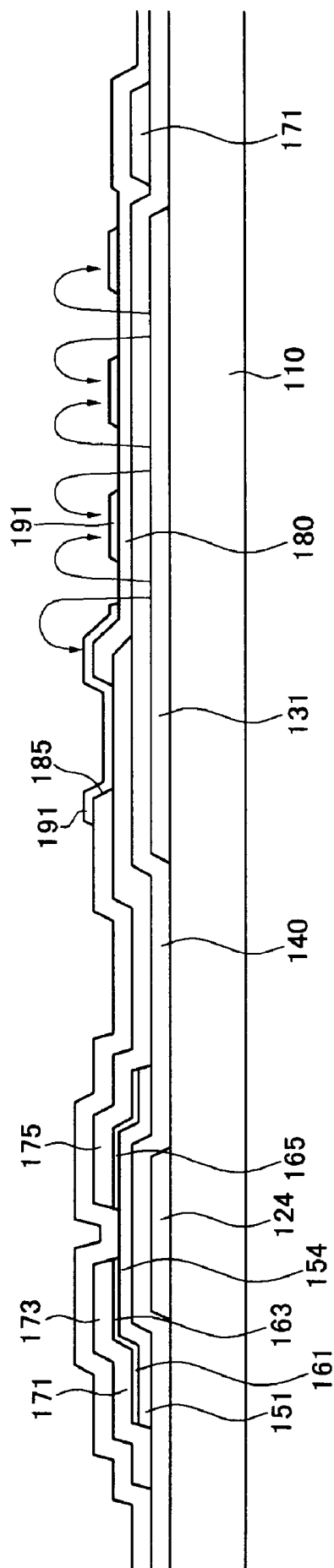


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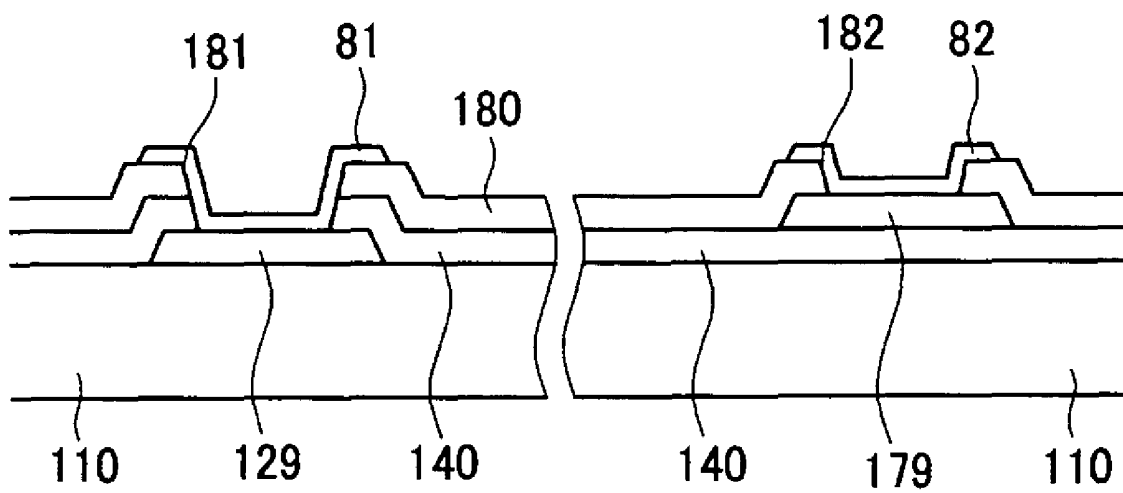


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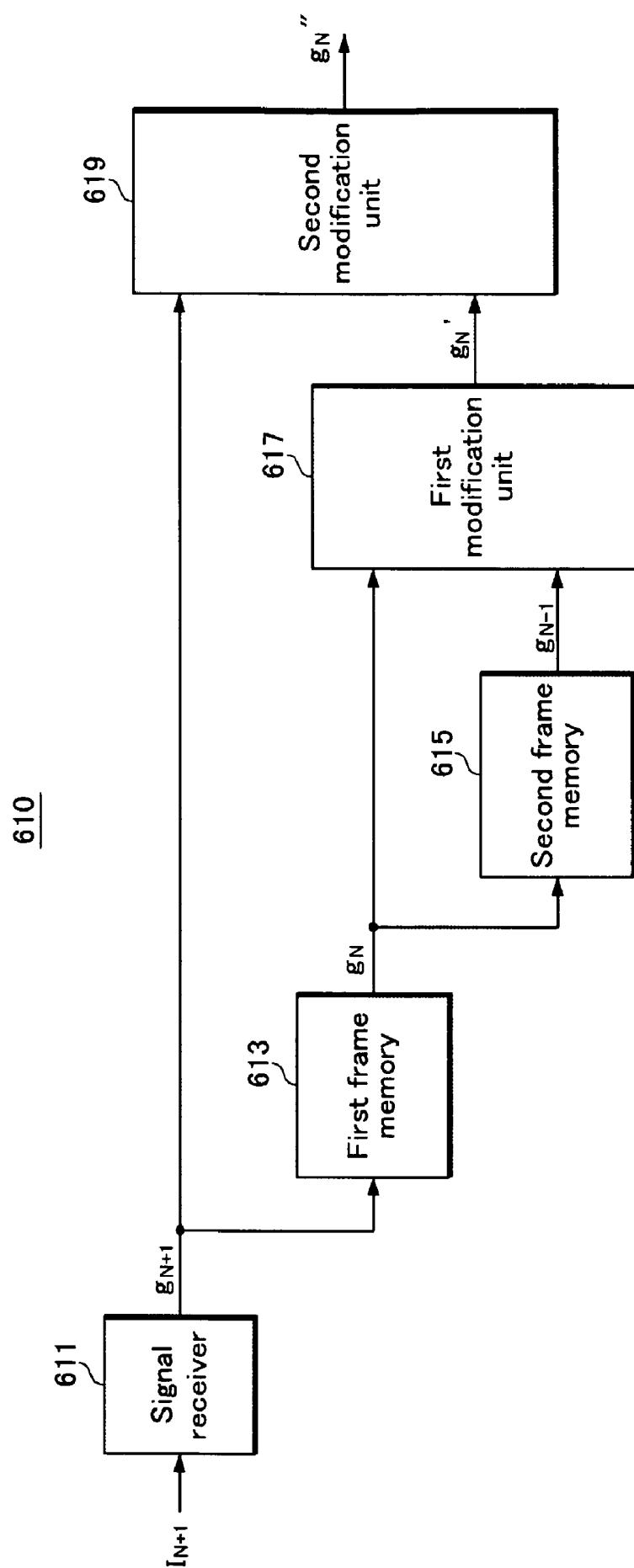


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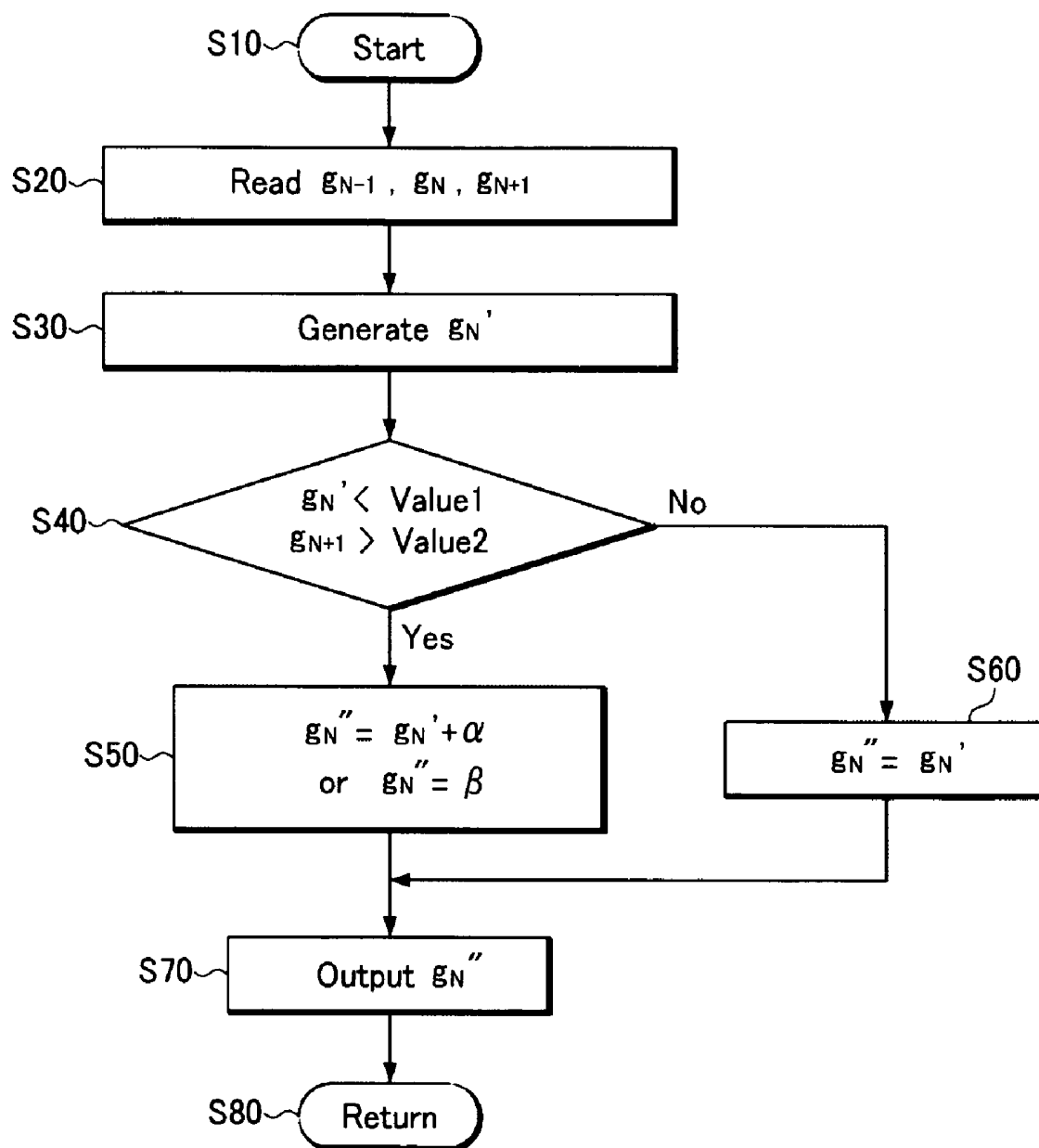


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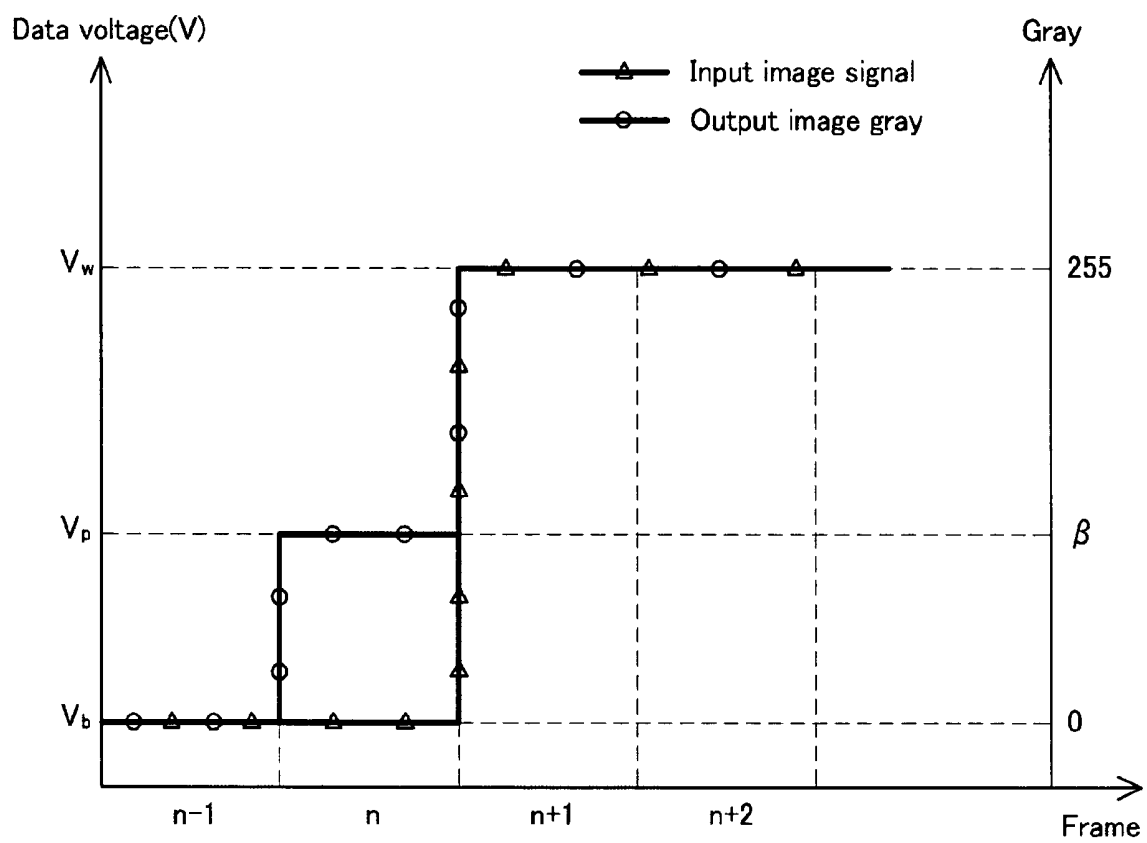


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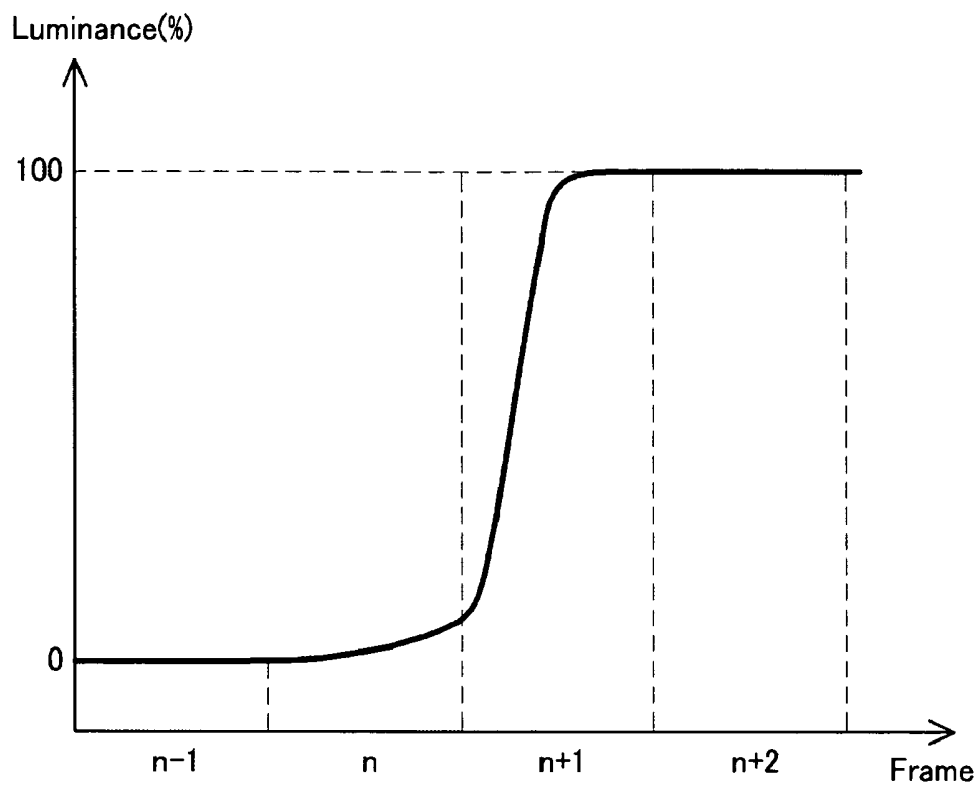


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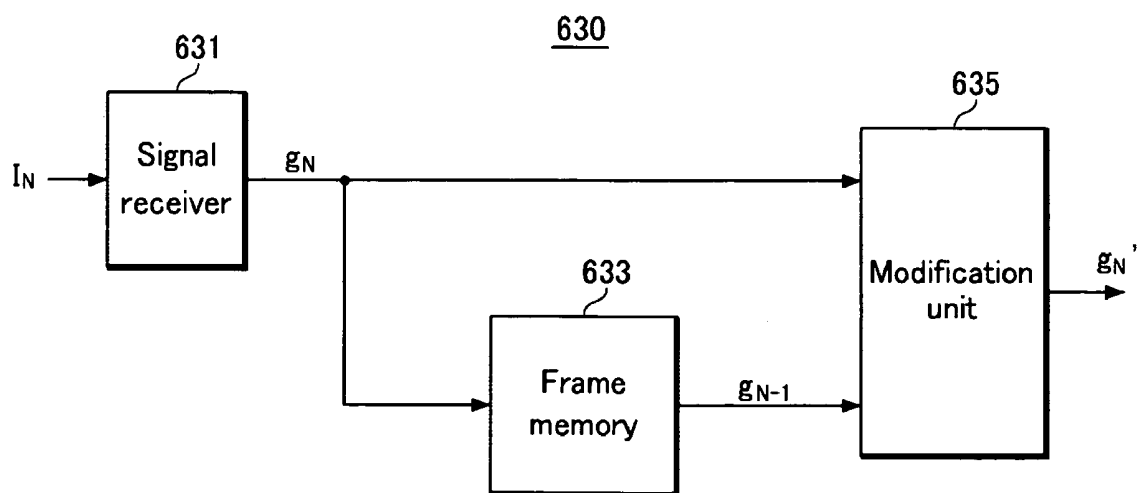


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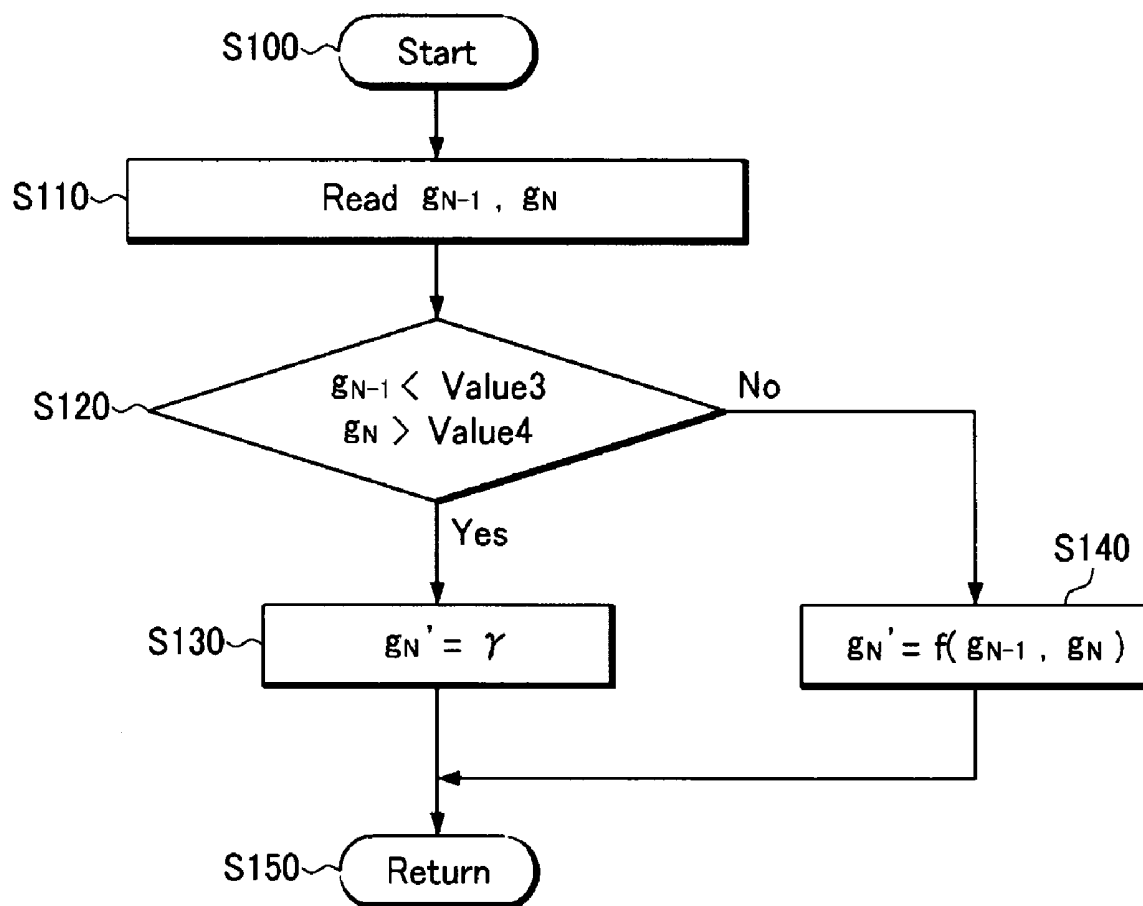


FIG. 11

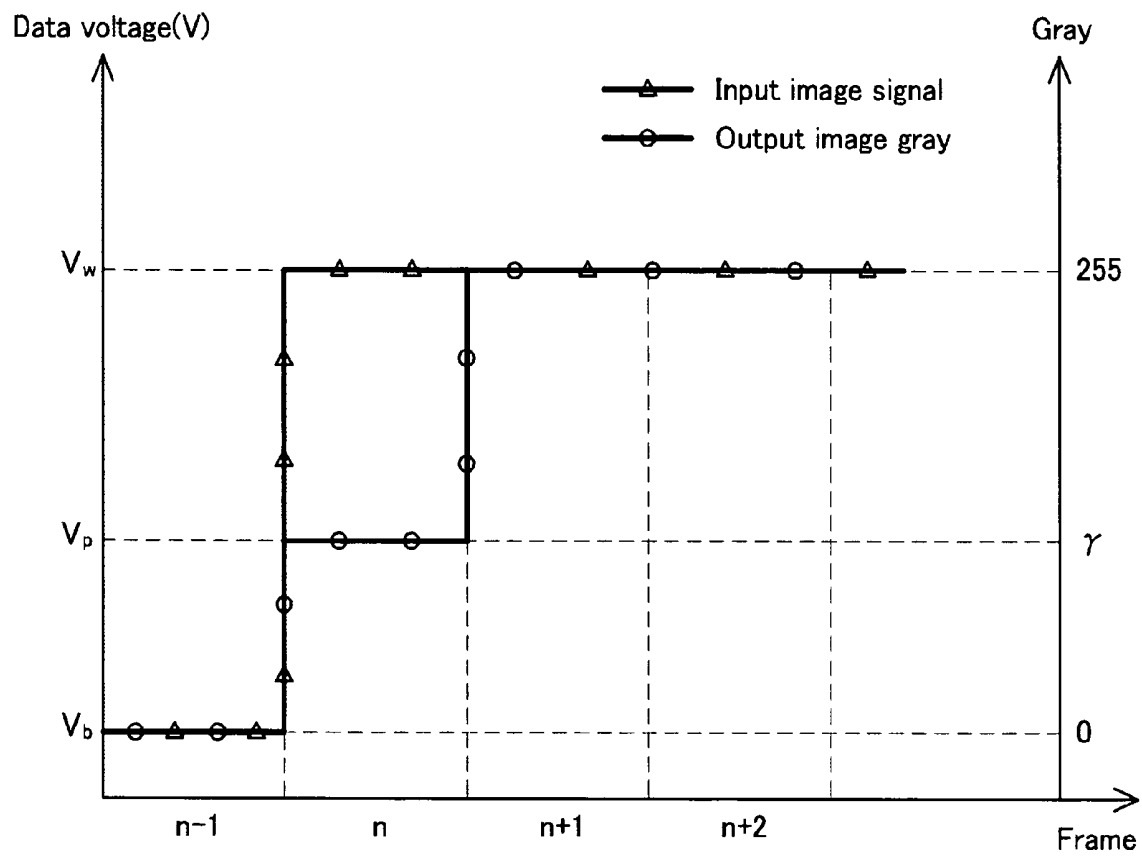


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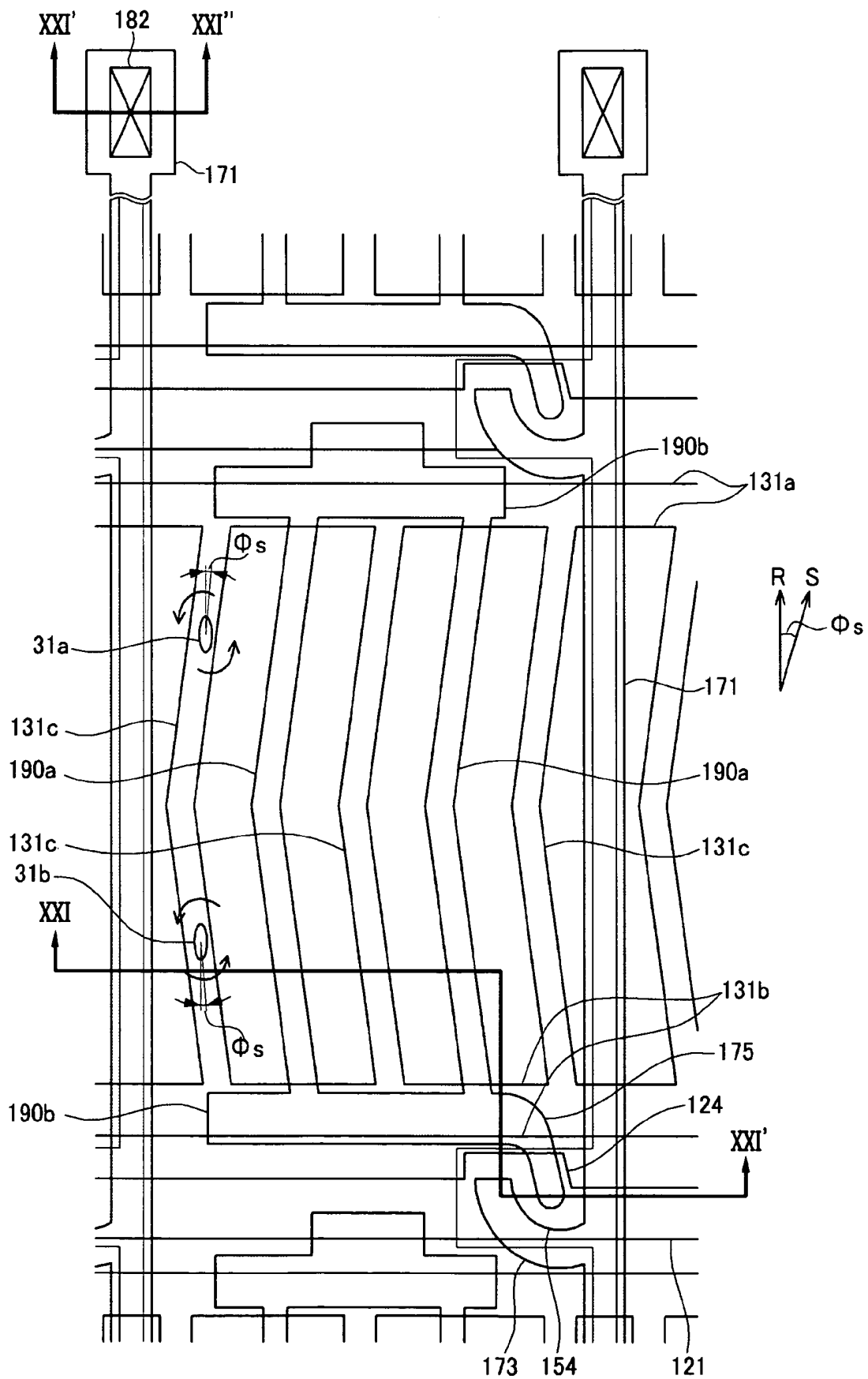


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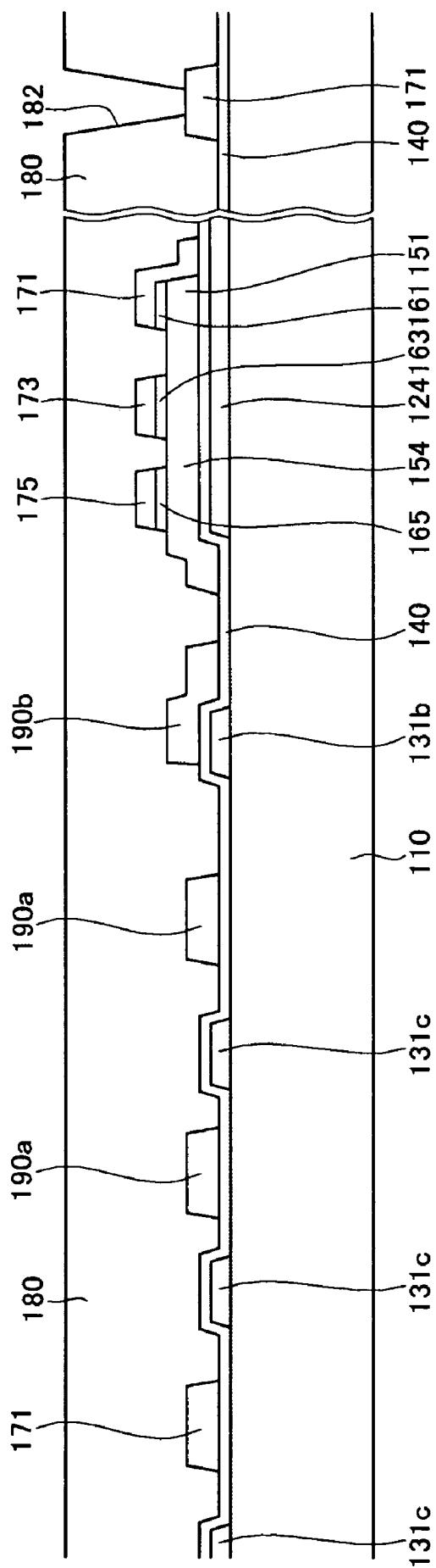


FIG.14

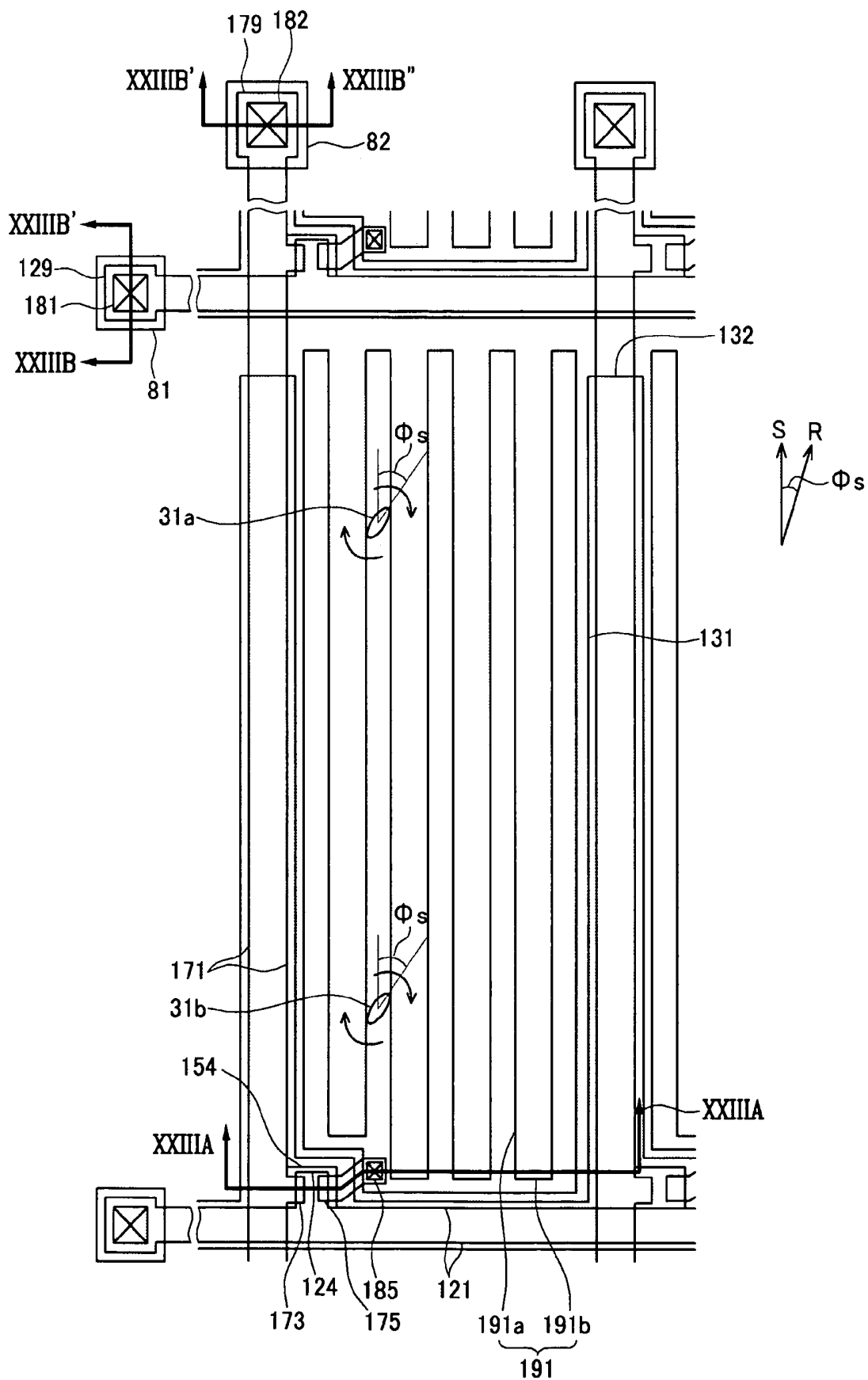


FIG. 15A

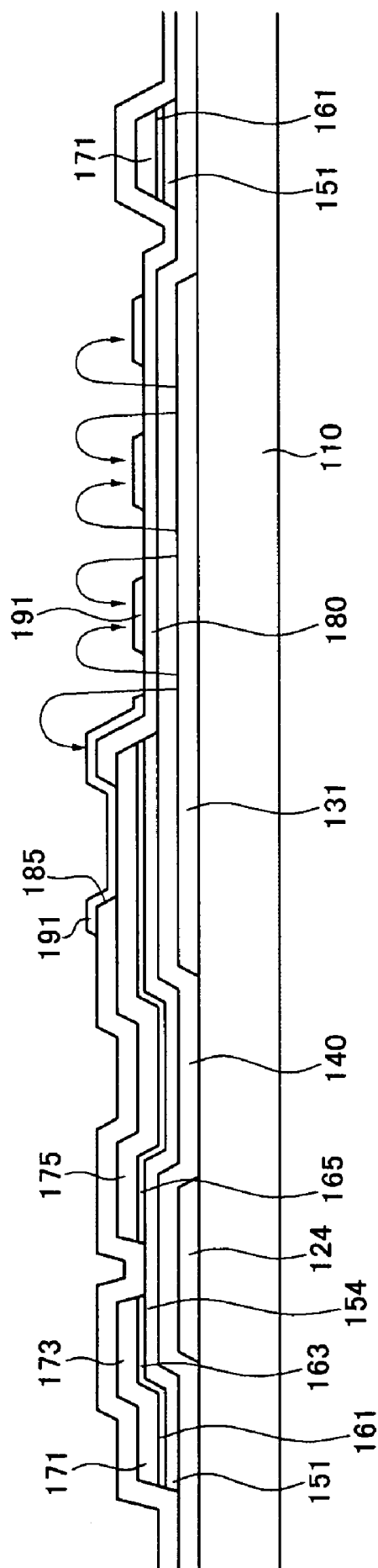
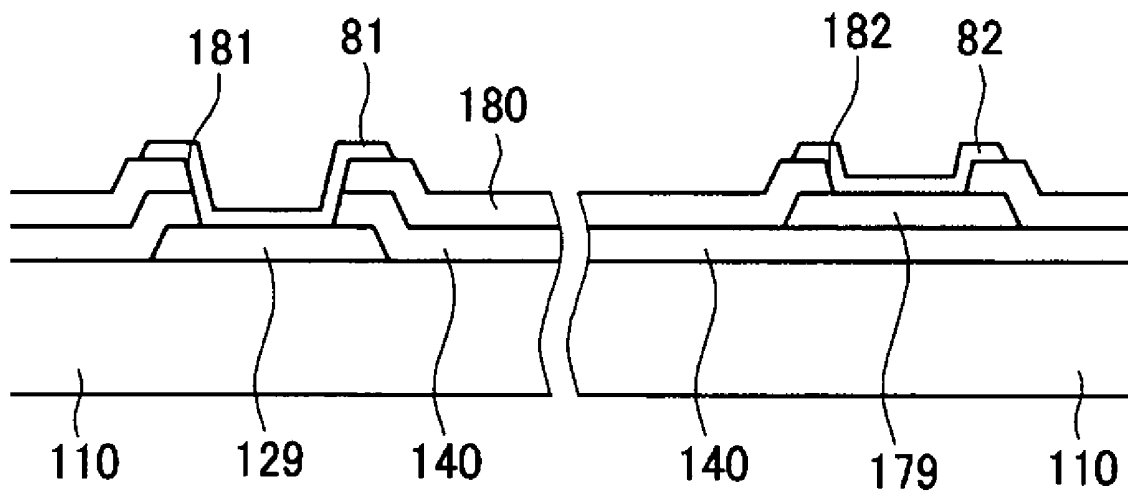


FIG. 15B



THIN FILM TRANSISTOR ARRAY PANEL AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 2005-0059673 filed on Jul. 4, 2005, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

BACKGROUND

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to liquid crystal displays (LCDs) and a method of driving the same.

2. Description of Related Art

A liquid crystal display (LCD) is one of the most widely used flat panel displays. An LCD includes two panels provided with field-generating electrodes (i.e., a pixel electrode and a common electrode) and a liquid crystal (LC) layer interposed therebetween. The LCD displays images by applying voltages to the field-generating electrodes to generate an electric field in the LC layer, which determines orientations of LC molecules in the LC layer to adjust polarization of incident light.

For wide viewing angles, a vertical alignment (VA) mode LCD device having cutouts in the field-generating electrodes or protrusions on the field-generating electrodes, an in-plane switching (IPS) mode LCD device, and a fringe field switching (FFS) mode LCD device have been developed.

IPS mode LCD devices and FFS mode LCD devices include the pixel electrode and the common electrode having an insulating layer therebetween on the same panel. The pixel electrode and the common electrode overlap to generate a storage capacitance, thereby reducing an aperture ratio (i.e., area which transmits light) of displaying image and decreasing luminance.

In the meantime, for decreasing a response time, LC molecules in IPS mode and FFS mode LCDs are aligned to have a pre-twist angle without applying voltage. However, this pre-twisting angle reduces the rotation angle range, thereby decreasing luminance.

Accordingly, there is need for decreasing a response time and increasing luminance at the same time.

SUMMARY

The present invention provides a LCD device and a method for driving thereof, which may increase a response speed of LC molecules and reduce a loss of luminance of LCD device. In an exemplary LCD device according to the present invention, the LCD device includes a first substrate, a second substrate facing the first substrate, a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate, a pixel electrode formed over the first substrate, a common electrode formed over the first substrate with insulating from the pixel electrode, where a portion of the common electrode overlaps with the pixel electrode, a gray voltage generator generating a plurality of gray voltages, an image signal modification assembly configured to receive a first image signal, a second image signal, and a third image signal for subsequent three frames and modify the second image signal based on the first image signal and the third image signal, and a data driver configured to provide a data voltage selected from the plurality of gray voltages to the pixel electrode corresponding to the

modified signal in the image signal modification assembly. A longitudinal axis of the liquid crystal molecule can be inclined at an angle with respect to the length of the pixel electrode. The angle can be greater than 0 degree and less than or equal to 10 degrees.

The image signal modification assembly generates a first modified image signal based on the first image signal and the second image signal, and then generates a second modified image signal based on the first modified image signal and the third image signal.

In another exemplary LCD device according to the invention, the LCD display device includes a first substrate and a second substrate facing with the first substrate, a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate, a pixel electrode formed over the first substrate, a common electrode formed over the second substrate that is insulated from the pixel electrode, where a portion of the common electrode overlaps with the pixel electrode, a gray voltage generator generating a plurality of gray voltages, an image signal modification assembly configured to receive a first image signal, a second image signal, and a third image signal for subsequent three frames, and generate a first modified signal based on the first image signal and the second image signal and a second modified signal based on the first modified signal and the third image signal, a data driver configured to provide a data voltage selected from the plurality of gray voltages to the pixel electrode corresponding to the second modified signal in the image signal modification assembly. A longitudinal axis of the liquid crystal molecule can be inclined at an angle with respect to a longitudinal axis of the pixel electrode.

The angle can be less than 0 degrees and greater than or equal to 10 degrees. The pixel electrode can have a bent portion.

The second modified signal is equal to a first correction constant when the first modified signal is less than a first value and the third image signal is larger than a second value. The second modified signal is equal to the sum of the first modified signal and a second correction constant when the first modified signal is less than a first value and the third image signal is larger than a second value. The second modified signal is equal to the first modified signal when the first modified signal is larger than the first value or the third image signal is less than the second value. The modified first signal is larger than the second image signal when the first signal is less than the second image signal.

The image signal modification assembly can include a first frame memory configured to output the second image signal and store the third image signal, a second frame memory configured to output the first image signal and the store the second image signal, a first modification unit configured to generate the first modified signal based on the second image signal from the first frame memory and the first image signal from the second frame memory, and a second modification unit configured to generate the second modified signal based on the first modified signal from the first modification unit and the third image signal.

In another exemplary of LCD device, the LCD device can include a first substrate and a second substrate facing with the first substrate, a common electrode formed over either the first substrate or the second substrate, a pixel electrode formed over the same substrate where the common electrode is formed, a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate, a gray voltage generator generating a plurality of gray voltages, an image signal modification assembly configured to receive a first image signal, a second image signal, and a third image signal for subsequent

three frames, and generate a first modified signal based on the first image signal and the second image signal and a second modified signal based on the first modified signal and the third image signal, and a data driver configured to provide a data voltage selected from the plurality of gray voltages to the pixel electrode corresponding to the second modified signal in the image signal modification assembly. A longitudinal axis of the liquid crystal molecule is inclined at an angle with respect to a longitudinal axis of the pixel electrode. The angle can be greater than zero and less than or equal to ten degrees.

The pixel electrode and the common electrode can have transverse parts and longitudinal parts, wherein the longitudinal part has a bent shape.

The longitudinal parts of the pixel electrode can be disposed alternately with and in parallel with the longitudinal parts of the common electrode.

In an exemplary method of driving a LCD device including a pixel electrode and a common electrode formed over a same substrate, a plurality of pixels defined by a gate line and a data line, a liquid crystal molecule aligned between the pixel electrode and the common electrode, where the liquid crystal molecule is inclined at a range of angle larger than zero and less than or equal to ten degrees with a longitudinal direction of the pixel electrode according to the invention, the method comprises generating a plurality of gray voltages, receiving a first image signal, a second image signal, and a third image signal for subsequent three frames, generating a first modified signal based on the first image signal and the second image signal, generating a second modified signal based on the first modified signal and the third image signal, selecting a data voltage from the plurality of gray voltages corresponding to the second modified signal, and providing the data voltage to the pixel.

Generating the second modified signal further includes comparing the first modified signal with a first value, comparing the third image signal with a second value, and generating the second modified signal based on the comparison results. The second modified signal has a first correction constant when the first modified signal is less than the first value and the third image signal is larger than the second value. The second modified signal is equal to the first modified signal when the first modified signal is equal or larger than the first value, or the third image signal is equal or less than the second value. The second modified signal is equal to the sum of the first modified signal and a second correction constant when the first modified signal is less than the first value, or the third image signal is larger than the second value.

The first modified signal is equal or larger than the second image signal when the first image signal is less than the second image signal.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The features of the present invention will become more apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art by describing in detail exemplary embodiments thereof with reference to the attached drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of an LCD device according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is an equivalent circuit of a pixel of the LCD device of FIG. 1 according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a plan view of a thin film transistor (TFT) array panel for an LCD device according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 4A is a cross-sectional view taken along the line IVA-IVA of the TFT array panel of FIG. 3;

FIG. 4B is a cross-sectional view taken along the line IVB-IVB'-IVB'' of the TFT array panel of FIG. 3;

FIG. 5 is a block diagram of an image signal modification assembly according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 6 is a flow chart illustrating an operation of the image signal modification assembly of FIG. 5;

FIG. 7 is a modified image signal according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 8 shows luminance corresponding to the modified image signal of FIG. 7;

FIG. 9 is a block diagram of an image signal modification part according to another embodiment;

FIG. 10 is a flow chart illustrating an operation of the image signal modification part of FIG. 9;

FIG. 11 shows a modified image signal according to another embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 12 is a plan view of a TFT array panel for a LCD device according to another embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line XXI-XXI'-XXI'' of the TFT array panel of FIG. 12;

FIG. 14 is a plan view of a TFT array panel for a LCD device according to another embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 15A is a cross-sectional view taken along the line XXIIIA-XXIIIA' of the TFT array panel of FIG. 14; and

FIG. 15B is a cross-sectional view taken along the line XXIIIB-XXIIIB'-XXIIIB'' of the TFT array panel of FIG. 14.

Use of the same reference symbols in different figures indicates similar or identical items.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of an LCD device according to an embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 2 is an equivalent circuit of a pixel which is formed in a liquid crystal panel assembly 300 of the LCD device shown in FIG. 1.

Referring to FIG. 1, a LCD device includes a liquid crystal panel assembly 300, a gate driver 400, a data driver 500, a gray voltage generator 800 connected to data driver 800, and a signal controller 600. Liquid crystal panel assembly 300 includes gate lines G_1 - G_m , data lines D_1 - D_m , and a plurality of pixel arranged in a matrix. As shown in FIG. 2, liquid crystal panel assembly 300 includes a first substrate 100, a second substrate 200, a liquid crystal layer 3 therebetween.

Gate lines G_1 - G_m carry gate signals and extend substantial parallel to one another, in a horizontal direction along rows of pixels. Data lines D_1 - D_m carry data signals and extend substantial parallel to one another, in a vertical direction along columns of pixels.

Each pixel includes a switch device Q, a liquid crystal capacitor C_{LC} , and a storage capacitor C_{ST} .

Switch device Q is a TFT formed on first substrate 100. A control terminal of the TFT and an input terminal is connected to an associated gate line G_i and an associated data line D_j , respectively. An output terminal of the TFT is connected to liquid crystal capacitor C_{LC} and storage capacitor C_{ST} .

A pixel electrode 191 and a common electrode 131 formed on first substrate 100, and liquid crystal layer 3 between pixel electrode 191 and common electrode 131 form liquid crystal capacitor C_{LC} . Pixel electrode is connected to switch device Q and common electrode formed on whole first substrate 100 is provided with a common voltage V_{com} .

Pixel electrode 191 and common electrode 131 overlap to forms a storage capacitor C_{ST} with an insulating layer therebetween as a dielectric layer.

Each pixel displays one of a set of primary color (space divided type), or displays alternately a set of primary color (time divided type) to realize desired images with mixing primary colors. An exemplary set of primary colors includes three primary colors: red, green, and blue. The display of images is obtained by the combination of the three primary colors.

As an example of space divided type, a color filter **230** representing one of primary color is formed on second substrate **200** corresponding to pixel electrode **191**. In one embodiment, color filter **230** can be formed under or over pixel electrode **191** formed on first substrate **100**.

At least one of polarizer (not shown) is provided on the outer surface of liquid crystal panel assembly **300**.

Referring to FIG. 1, gray voltage generator **800** generates two set of gray voltages corresponding to luminance. One set has positive values to common voltage V_{com} , and another set has negative values to common voltage V_{com} . Gray voltages are provided to data driver as standard data voltages.

Gate driver **400** provides gate signals to gate lines G_1 - G_n , where the gate signals are either V_{off} (a voltage sufficient to turn off the associated transistor) or V_{on} (a voltage sufficient to turn on the associated transistor).

Data driver **500** provides to data lines D_1 - D_m data voltages, which are selected from the gray voltages generated by gray voltage generator **800**. Data voltages are provided to pixel electrode **191** of FIG. 2 through switch device **Q**. The voltage difference of data voltage and common voltage V_{com} is a pixel voltage (i.e. voltage charging liquid crystal capacitor C_{LC}).

The LC molecules between pixel electrode **191** and common electrode **131** are aligned variously depending on the pixel voltage to adjust polarization of incident light. The light polarization alteration changes light transmittance through the liquid crystal panel assembly with at least one of polarizer, thereby changing luminance of the liquid crystal panel assembly.

A pixel voltage (i.e. black voltage V_b) for displaying black color having lowest gray level and a pixel voltage (i.e. white voltage V_w) for displaying white color having highest gray level determine the lower and the upper limit of the data voltages. For a normally black LCD device, black voltage V_b is a minimum pixel voltage, and white voltage V_w is a maximum pixel voltage. If desired, maximum pixel voltage is larger than 6V.

In one embodiment of a normally black LCD device, when pixel voltages have a range of 0V to 7.3V for desired luminance, and common voltage V_{com} is 0V, positive gray voltages have a range of 0V to 7.3V, and negative gray voltages have a range of -7.3V to 0V. For example, 8 bit image signal displays "0" gray level to "255" gray level. "0" gray level corresponds to 0V, and "255" gray level corresponds to 7.3V or -7.3V.

The range of pixel voltages and gray voltages can be adjusted depending on the characteristic of LCD device.

The following description is generalized for a normally black LCD device.

In some embodiments, gate driver **400** and/or data driver **500** are included in chips mounted directly on liquid crystal panel assembly **300**, or on flexible printed circuit films. In some embodiments, gate driver **400** and/or data driver **500** can be integrated on liquid crystal panel assembly **300**.

Signal controller **600** controls gate driver **400** and data driver **500**.

Input image signals (e.g., R, G, and B signals), and input control signals, such as a vertical synchronization signal V_{sync} to activate a frame, a horizontal synchronization signal H_{sync} to activate a line, a main clock MCLK and a data enable signal

DE from an external graphic controller (not shown), are provided to signal controller **600**. Signal controller **600** generates gate control signals CONT1 and data control signals CONT2 by processing input control signals. Signal controller **600** also converts input image signals R, G, and B to image signal DAT suitable for display panel **300**.

Gate control signals CONT1 include a scanning start signal to initiate scanning a gate-on voltage V_{on} and at least one clock signal for controlling the output time of the gate-on voltage V_{on} . The gate control signals CONT1 may include a plurality of output enable signals for defining the duration of the gate-on voltage V_{on} .

The data control signals CONT2 include a horizontal synchronization start signal for initiating data transmission for a group of pixels Px, a load signal instructing data driver **500** to apply the data voltages to the data lines D_1 - D_m , an inversion signal instructing a polarity of data voltage against the common voltage and a data clock signal.

Data driver **500** is provided with a set of image signals DAT for a row of pixels responsive to the data control signal CONT2. Data driver **500** converts the image signals DAT to data voltages by selecting gray voltages corresponding to the image signals DAT from gray voltage generator **800**. Data voltages are applied to the associated data lines D_1 - D_m .

Gate driver **400** provides the gate-on voltage V_{on} to the associated gate lines G_1 - G_n responsive to the gate control signal CONT1 from signal controller **600** to turn on the associated switch device **Q** connected to the gate lines G_1 - G_n . Data voltages from data lines D_1 - D_m are provided to the associated pixel electrode through the switch device **Q**.

The orientation of LC molecules in the LC layer between the pixel electrode and the common electrode is adjusted depending on the voltage difference (i.e. pixel voltage) between the data voltage applied to the pixel electrode and the common voltage applied to the common electrode, thereby adjusting polarization of incident light. The polarized light changes the light transmittance through the polarizer on the surface of liquid crystal panel assembly **300**, thereby the pixel displays the luminance (i.e. gray) corresponding to the image signals DAT.

By repeating this procedure for each row of pixels during horizontal periods 1H which means a period of a horizontal synchronization signal, all gate lines G_1 - G_n are sequentially supplied with the gate-on voltage V_{on} during a frame to apply the data voltages to all of pixels.

During next frame, the polarity of the pixel is inverted to that of the previous frame.

A liquid crystal panel assembly according to an embodiment of the present invention will be described in detail with reference to FIGS. 3 to 4B.

FIG. 3 is a plan view of a TFT array panel for an LCD device. FIG. 4A is a cross-sectional view taken along the line IVA-IVA-IVA of FIG. 3. FIG. 4B is a cross-sectional view taken along the line IVB-IVB'-IVB" of FIG. 3.

A plurality of gate lines **121** and common electrodes **131** are formed on an insulating substrate **110**, such as a transparent glass or a plastic.

Gate lines **121** carry gate signals and extend in a transverse direction. Gate electrodes **124** protrude from gate lines **121**. Each gate line **121** includes an end portion **129** having a relatively large area for contact with an external device or an output of gate driving circuit (e.g., formed on substrate **110** or external).

Common electrode **131** is supplied with a common voltage. Common electrode **131** extends in a transverse direction and is disposed between gate lines **121**. Common electrode **131** has longitudinal cutouts **132**.

Gate line **121** can be formed of a metal such as Al, Ag, Cu, Mo, Cr, Ta, Ti, or alloys thereof. Gate lines **121** may have a multi-layered structure including two layers having different physical characteristics. Lower film may be made of low resistivity metal such as Al, Cu, Ag or alloys thereof for reducing signal delay or voltage drop in gate lines **121**. Upper film may be made of a material such as Mo, Mo alloy (MoW alloy) or Cr, which have good physical, chemical, and electrical contact characteristics with other materials such as indium tin oxide (ITO) and indium zinc oxide (IZO). An exemplary combination of the lower film material and the upper film material is Cr and Al alloy, or Al alloy and Mo alloy, respectively. Gate lines **121** can be made of various metal or conductive materials.

Common electrode **131** can be formed of a transparent conductive material such as indium tin oxide (ITO) or indium zinc oxide (IZO).

The later sides of gate lines **121** and common electrodes **131** are inclined at angles in the range about 30 to about 80 degrees relative to the surface of substrate **110**. A gate insulating layer **140** such as silicon nitride SiN_x or silicon oxide SiO_x is formed on gate lines **121** and common electrodes **131**. Gate insulating layer **140** prevents a short circuit between gate lines **121** and common electrodes **131**, and insulates gate lines **121** and common electrodes **131** from a upper conductive layer.

Semiconductors **151** such as hydrogenated amorphous silicon or polysilicon is formed on gate insulating layer **140**. Each semiconductor **151** extends in a longitudinal direction and has a plurality of projections **154** protruding toward gate electrode **124**.

A plurality of ohmic contact stripes **161** and ohmic contact islands **165** (e.g., made of silicide or n+ hydrogenated amorphous silicon highly doped with n type impurities such as phosphorous) are formed on semiconductors **151**. Each ohmic contact stripe **161** has a plurality of protrusions **163**. Protrusions **163** and ohmic contact islands **165** are disposed on projections **154** of semiconductor **151** and are spaced apart from each other with respect to gate electrodes **124**. The lateral sides of semiconductors **151** and ohmic contacts **161** and **165** form a taper structure and are inclined at angles in the range about 30 to about 80 degrees relative to the surface of substrate **110**.

A plurality of data lines **171** and drain electrodes **175** are formed on ohmic contacts **161** and **165**. The data lines **171** transmit data signals and extend in a substantially longitudinal direction across gate line **121**. Each data line **171** has a source electrode **173** branching toward drain electrode **175**, with each data line **171** having an end portion **179** having a relatively large area for contact with other layers or external devices to receive a data signal from an external circuit.

Each pair of source electrodes **173** and drain electrodes **175** is separated from each other and facing each other with respect to a gate electrode **124** therebetween. A gate electrode **124**, a source electrode **173**, and a drain electrode **175**, along with the semiconductor projection **154** form a TFT. A channel of the TFT is formed on the projection **154** between the source electrode **173** and the drain electrode **175**.

Data lines **171** and drain electrodes **175** may be formed of a refractory metal such as Mo, Cr, Ta, Ti, and alloys thereof, and may have a single or a multi layered structure as described similarly for the gate line **121**. In an exemplary embodiment, the data line **171** can have a multi layered structure including a lower layer of Cr, Mo, or alloys thereof and an upper layer of Al alloy, or a lower layer of Mo, an intermediate layer of Al, and an upper layer of Mo.

Semiconductor **151** has the same shape as the data line **171**, the drain electrode **175**, and the underlying ohmic contacts **161** and **165**. However, the semiconductor **151** of semiconductor stripe **151** include some exposed portions, which are not covered with data lines **171** and drain electrodes **175**, such as the portions located between source electrodes **173** and drain electrodes **175**.

A passivation layer **180** is formed on the data lines **171** and the drain electrodes **175**, exposed portion of semiconductor **151** and the gate insulating layer **140**. Passivation layer **180** is made of an inorganic material such as silicon nitride and silicon oxide. In one embodiment, passivation layer **180** has a double-layered structure of a lower inorganic layer and an upper organic layer.

Passivation layer **180** has a plurality of contact holes **185** and **182** to expose at least a portion of the drain electrodes **175** and the end portions **179** of the data lines **171** respectively. Also, a plurality of contact holes **181** for exposing the end portion **129** of the gate line **121** are formed through the passivation layer **180** and the gate insulating layer **140**.

A plurality of pixel electrodes **190** and the contact assistants **81** and **82**, which may be made of IZO or ITO, are formed on passivation layer **180**.

Pixel electrodes **191** include branch electrodes **191a** and connection electrodes **191b**. Branch electrodes **191a**, extending in a longitudinal direction, have a bent shape and connection electrode **191b** connects branch electrodes **191a**. Branch electrodes **191a** are inclined at an angle of Φ_s with respect to data lines **171**. Branch electrodes **191a** have bent portions at the center, resulting in upper branches and lower branches relative to a center portion between gate lines **121**. Upper branches extend obliquely from an upper right side to a lower left side. Lower branches extend obliquely from an upper left side to a lower right side. Pixel electrode **191** overlaps with the associated common electrode **131**.

The overlapping area between common electrode **131** and data lines **171** forms a parasitic capacitor to delay a data signal. To reduce this problem, a portion of overlapping area is removed and remaining portions connect neighboring common electrodes.

Pixel electrode **191** is connected physically and electrically to the drain electrode **175** through the contact hole **185** to receive a data voltage (i.e. data signal). Referring to FIG. 4A, pixel electrode **191** provided with the data voltage and common electrode **131** provided with a common voltage generate an electric field having a horizontal component and a vertical component relative to substrate **110** in LC layer(not shown) disposed between the pixel electrode **190** and the common electrode **131**, thereby rotating and tilting LC molecules. The orientation of LC molecules adjusts a polarization of incident light. The pixel electrode **191** and the common electrode **131** form a liquid crystal capacitor C_{LC} , which stores applied voltages after turn-off of the TFT. A storage capacitor may be formed in parallel to the LC capacitor to enhance the capability of storing electrical charges. The storage capacitors are also implemented by overlapping pixel electrodes **191** and common electrode **131** along with passivation **180** and gate insulating layer **140** interposed between them.

The contact assistants **81** and **82** are connected to the end portions **129** and **179** of the gate lines **121** and the data lines **171**, respectively, through the contact holes **181** and **182**, respectively. The contact assistants **81** and **82** protect the end portions **129** and **179**, and enhance adhesion of the end portions **129** and **179** with external devices. The contact assistants **81** and **82** are optional elements and can be connected to external devices through an anisotropic conductive film (not shown) or, if integrated at the TFT array panel **100**, to the wire

lines of a corresponding integrated gate driving circuit or a corresponding integrated data driving circuit.

The inner surfaces on the substrates **100** and **200** of FIG. **2** are coated with alignment films (not shown) which help LC molecules maintain an initial horizontal orientation. The coated alignment films are treated by rubbing process or UV irradiation to align LC molecules in a direction.

Referring to FIG. **3**, according to an embodiment of the present invention, after alignment treatment such as rubbing process, longitudinal axis of LC molecule **31a** disposed over the area corresponding to the upper branches of branch electrodes **191a** is inclined at initial twist angle ϕ_S in a count-clockwise direction. Longitudinal axis of LC molecule **31b** disposed over the area corresponding to the lower branches of branch electrodes **191b** is inclined at initial twist angle ϕ_S in a clockwise direction. LC molecule **31a** rotates in a count-clockwise direction, and LC molecule **31b** rotates in a clockwise direction due to the initial twist angle ϕ_S . Accordingly, two domains are caused to widen viewing angle.

The initial twist angle ϕ_S is an angle between the longitudinal axis of LC molecule and the branch electrode of the pixel electrode without applying the pixel voltage. In one embodiment, the initial twist angle ϕ_S is larger than 0 degree and less than or equal to 10 degree.

The initial angle affects an initial rotation force as the following equation (1).

$$N=2\Delta E \sin(2\phi_S) \quad (1)$$

where ΔE is a dielectric anisotropy of LC molecule, E is an electric field applied to LC molecule, and ϕ_S is an initial twist angle.

When the initial angle ϕ_S is 0 degree to reduce the initial rotation force, the response speed of LC molecules decreases. When the initial angle ϕ_S is larger than 10 degree, response speed of LC molecule increases, but effective retardation of light decreases to reduce the luminance of a LCD device.

Accordingly, an embodiment of the present invention reduces the maximum initial twist angle ϕ_S as like the above description to improve the luminance of LCD device and provides a driving method to increase a response speed of LC molecules.

Referring to FIGS. **5** and **6** a driving method according to an embodiment of the present invention will be described in detail.

FIG. **5** is a block diagram of an image signal modification assembly for a LCD device according to an embodiment of the present invention.

An image signal modification assembly **610** includes a signal receiver **611**, a first frame memory **613**, a second frame memory **615**, a first modification unit **617**, and a second modification unit **619**. Image signal modification assembly **610** is formed in signal controller **600** or a portion of image signal modification assembly **610** is formed in signal controller **600**.

Signal receiver **611** receives an input image signal I_{N+1} for next frame from an external graphic controller such as input image signal R, G, and B of FIG. **1**. Signal receiver **611** converts the input image signal I_{N+1} into an image signal g_{N+1} which has a processable form in image signal modification assembly. The image signal g_{N+1} is provided to first frame memory **613** and second modification unit **619**.

First frame memory **613** is connected to signal receiver **611**. First frame memory **613** outputs a stored present image signal g_N (i.e. image signal for nth frame) to second frame memory **615**, and receives a next image signal g_{N+1} (i.e. image signal for (n+1)th frame) from signal receiver **611**. The next image signal g_{N+1} is stored in first frame memory **613**.

Second frame memory **615** is connected to first frame memory **613**. Second frame memory **615** outputs a stored previous image signal g_{N-1} (i.e. image signal for (n-1)th frame) to first modification unit **617**, and receives the present image signal g_N from first frame memory **613**. The present image signal g_N is stored in second frame memory **615**.

In another embodiment, one frame memory can output a stored previous image signal g_{N-1} and a present image signal g_N to first modification unit **617**, and receives and stores a next image signal g_{N+1} from signal receiver **611**.

First modification unit **615** is connected to first frame memory **613** and second frame memory **615**. First modification unit **615** receives the present image signal g_N from first frame memory **613** and the previous image signal g_{N-1} from second frame memory **615**. First modification unit **615** modifies the present image signal g_N based on the previous image signal g_{N-1} and outputs a first modified signal g_N' to second modification unit **619**.

Second modification unit **619** is connected to signal receiver **611** and first modification unit **619**. Second modification unit **619** receives the next image signal g_{N+1} from signal receiver and first modified signal g_N' from first modification unit **617**. Second modification unit **619** modifies first modified signal g_N' based on the next image signal g_{N+1} to generate and output a second modified signal g_N'' to data driver **500** of FIG. **1**.

FIG. **6** is a flow chart for illustrating an operation of first modification unit **617** and second modification unit **619** of FIG. **5**.

At S10, first modification unit **617** starts to operate.

At S20, first modification unit **617** reads the previous image signal g_{N-1} and the present image signal g_N . Second modification unit **619** reads the next image signal g_{N+1} .

At S30, first modification unit **617** recognizes and classifies a pair of the previous image signal g_{N-1} and the present image signal g_N , and extracts a standard data for modification from a look-up-table (not shown) corresponding to the pair. First modification unit **617** processes the extracted standard data to generate first modification signal g_N' . The standard data for modification can be adjusted through an experiment. According to an embodiment of the present invention, when the previous image signal g_{N-1} is less than the present image signal g_N , first modified signal g_N' is determined to have a larger value than the present image signal g_N . When the difference between the previous image signal g_{N-1} and the present image signal g_N is within a determined range, first modified signal g_N' has a equal value to the present image signal g_N . However, when the present image signal g_N has a maximum gray level (i.e. white gray), for example, when the present image signal g_N with 8 bit signal is "255" gray level (i.e. maximum gray for 8 bit image signal), the standard data for modification is determined so that first modified signal g_N' has a "255" gray level.

At S40, Second modification unit **619** compares first modified signal g_N' with a first value (value 1), and then compares next image signal g_{N+1} with a second value (value2). The value 1 and the value 2 are constant as a standard value.

At S50, as a result of comparison at S40, when first modified signal g_N' is less than the value 1 and next image signal g_{N+1} is larger than the value 2, first modified signal g_N' is added with a correction value α to generate second modified signal g_N'' . Otherwise, second modified signal g_N'' has a constant β irrespective of first modified value g_N' . The correction value α can be determined depending to first modified signal g_N' and next image signal g_{N+1} .

Meanwhile, at S60, as a result comparison at S40, when first modified signal g_N' is larger than the value 1, or next

image signal g_{N+1} is less than the value 2, second modified signal g_N'' has an equal value to first modified signal g_N' (S60).

After outputting second modified signal g_N'' at S70, the above procedures are repeated for a next frame.

FIG. 7 is a modified signal generated according to an embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 8 shows luminance corresponding to the modified signal.

Referring to FIG. 7, an image signal for (n-1)th frame and an image signal for nth frame has "0" gray level. An image signal for (n+1)th and (n+2)th frame has "255" gray level which is a maximum gray (white gray). A data voltage corresponding to gray level is represented in an absolute value.

The first modified signal for nth frame has a "0" gray level because there is no difference between gray levels of (n-1)th frame and nth frame.

The first modified signal for (n+2)th frame has a "255" gray level because the gray levels of (n+1)th frame is maximum gray. The first modified signal for (n+1)th frame has "255" gray level because the gray for (n+1)th frame has a maximum gray level.

In this embodiment, the value 1 is set up as "40" gray level, and the value 2 is set up as "210" gray level. At S50, the second modified signal is constant value β and β is equal to "91" gray level. The second modified signal for nth frame has a "91", and the second modified signal for (n+1)th frame is equal to the level of the first modified signal. If a range of gray voltage is from 0.0 V to 7.3 V, a data voltage adapted to be applied to a associated pixel electrode for (n-1)th frame is a minimum voltage 0.0 V (i.e. black voltage V_b). A data voltage for nth frame is 2.6 V (V_p) and a data voltage for (n+1)th frame is a maximum voltage 7.3 V (i.e. white voltage V_w). Even though a gray level for nth frame is "0", the data voltage 2.6 V for nth frame is applied to the pixel electrode through the operation of the image signal modification assembly, thereby pre-rotating LC molecules in nth frame for (n+1)th frame with a white gray to improve the response speed of LC molecules in (n+1)th frame. Accordingly, a target luminance (i.e. white gray) is achieved rapidly in (n+1)th frame as shown in FIG. 8.

According to the embodiment of the present invention, a pre-tilting voltage in nth frame is provided to a pixel electrode to increase a response speed for (n+1)th frame without increasing initial twist angle ϕ_S of FIG. 3. Also, limitation of initial twist angle ϕ_S of FIG. 3 reduce a loss of luminance of LCD device.

FIG. 9 is a block diagram of an image signal modification assembly according to another embodiment of the present invention.

An image signal modification assembly 630 includes a signal receiver 631, a frame memory 633 connected to signal receiver 631, and a modification unit 635 connected to signal receiver 631 and frame memory 633. Signal controller 600 of FIG. 1 can include a whole of image signal modification assembly 630 or a portion of image signal modification assembly 630.

Signal receiver 631 receives an input image signal I_N for a present frame from an external graphic controller, and converts the input image signal I_N into a present image signal g_N (i.e. image signal for nth frame) which can be processed in image signal modification assembly. The image signal g_N is provided to frame memory 633 and modification unit 635.

Frame memory 633 outputs a stored previous image signal g_{N-1} (i.e. image signal for (n-1)th frame) to modification unit 635. Frame memory 633 receives the present image signal g_N from signal receiver 631 and stores the present image signal g_N .

Modification unit 635 receives the present image signal g_N from signal receiver 631 and the previous image signal g_{N-1} from frame memory 633. Modification unit 635 modifies the present image signal g_N based on the previous image signal g_{N-1} to generate a modified image signal g_N' . Modified image signal g_N' outputs to data driver 500 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 10 is a flow chart for illustrating an operation of modification unit 635 of FIG. 9.

At S100, modification unit 635 starts to operate. At S110, modification unit 635 receives and reads the previous image signal g_{N-1} from frame memory 633 and the present image signal g_N from signal receiver 631. At S120, modification unit 635 compares the previous image signal g_{N-1} with a third value (value 3) and the present image signal g_N with a fourth value (value 4). The value 3 and the value 4 are constant as a standard value.

At S130, as a result of comparison at S120, when the previous image signal g_{N-1} is less than the value 3, and the present image signal g_N is larger than the value 4, a modified image signal g_N' with a constant γ is generated.

Meanwhile, at S140, as a result comparison at S120, when the previous image signal g_{N-1} is larger than the value 3, or the present image signal g_N is less than the value 4, a modified image signal g_N' is generated depending on the previous image signal g_{N-1} and the present image signal g_N according to the same method of generating the first modified image signal of FIG. 7.

At S150, after outputting modified signal g_N' , the above procedures are repeated for a next frame. FIG. 11 shows a modified signal generated according to an embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. 11, an image signal for (n-1)th frame has "0" gray (i.e. black gray), an image signal for nth frame has "255" gray (i.e. white gray) and an image signal for (n+1)th frame has "255" gray. A data voltage corresponding to gray level is represented in an absolute value in this embodiment.

In this embodiment, the value 3 is set up as "40" gray level, and the value 4 is set up as "210" gray level. At S130, the constant value γ as modified image signal g_N' has "91" gray level. The modified signal for nth frame has "91" gray level, and the modified signal for (n+1)th frame has "255" gray level. If a range of gray voltage is from 0.0 V to 7.3 V, a data voltage adapted to be applied to a associated pixel electrode for (n-1)th frame is a minimum voltage 0.0 V (i.e. black voltage V_b). A data voltage for nth frame is 2.6 V (V_p) and a data voltage for (n+1)th frame is a maximum voltage 7.3 V (i.e. white voltage V_w).

According to this embodiment of the present invention, when a black gray in nth frame changes into a white gray in (n+1)th frame, the data voltage 2.6 V for nth frame is applied to the pixel electrode to pre-rotate LC molecules in nth frame to improve the response speed of LC molecules in (n+1)th frame without an overshoot voltage for (n+1)th frame. Also, a maximum gray voltage is used as a white gray voltage to reduce a loss of gray.

Also, using a frame memory instead of two frame memories results in reduce a manufacturing cost according to this embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 12 is a plan view of a TFT array panel for an LCD device according to another embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line XXI-XXI' of FIG. 12.

Referring to FIGS. 12 and 13, a plurality of gate lines 121 and common electrode lines 131a and 131b are formed on an insulating substrate 110, such as a transparent glass or a plastic.

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Gate line 121 carries gate signal and extends in a transverse direction. Gate electrode 124 protrudes from gate line 121. Gate line 121 can include an end portion (not shown) having a relatively large area for contact with an external device or an output of gate driving circuit (e.g., formed on substrate 110 or external).

Common electrode lines 131a and 131b is supplied with a common voltage. Common electrode lines 131a and 131b are located between gate lines 121. Common electrode lines 131a and 131b are adjacent gate lines 121 and extend in parallel with gate lines 121. Common electrode lines 131a and 131b includes a plurality of common electrodes 131c. Common electrodes 131c extend obliquely from common electrode lines 131a and 131b to connect common electrode lines 131a and 131b.

Common electrodes 131c are inclined at an angle of ϕ_s with respect to data lines 171. Common electrodes 131c have upper branches and lower branches relative to center portion between gate lines 121. Upper branches extend obliquely from an upper right side to a lower left side. Lower branches extend obliquely from an upper left side to a lower right side.

Gate lines 121, common electrode lines 131a and 131b, and common electrodes 131c are formed in a same layer. Gate lines 121, common electrode lines 131a and 131b, and common electrodes 131c are formed of Al or Al alloys. Gate lines 121, common electrode lines 131a and 131b, and common electrodes 131c may have a multi-layered structure including Cr, Ti, Ta, Mo, or alloys thereof as an upper layer on a lower layer of Al or Al alloys. For example, the double-layered structure has an upper Cr and a lower AlNd. For a three-layered structure, a conductive layer containing Al is used as an intermediate layer.

The lateral sides of gate lines 121, common electrode lines 131a and 131b, and common electrode 131c are tapered so that subsequent layers to be deposited will conform, without a break, to the underlying structure.

A gate insulating layer 140 such as silicon nitride SiNx or silicon oxide SiOx is formed on gate lines 121, common electrode lines 131a and 131b, and common electrodes 131c.

Semiconductors 151 such as hydrogenated amorphous silicon or polysilicon is formed on gate insulating layer 140. Semiconductor 151 extends in a longitudinal direction and has a plurality of projections 154 protruding toward gate electrode 124.

A plurality of ohmic contact stripes 161 and ohmic contact islands 165 (e.g., made of silicide or n+ hydrogenated amorphous silicon highly doped with n type impurities such as phosphorous) are formed on semiconductor 151. Each ohmic contact stripe 161 has a plurality of protrusions 163. Protrusions 163 and ohmic contact islands 165 are disposed on projections 154 of semiconductor 151 and are spaced apart from each other with respect to gate electrodes 124. The lateral sides of semiconductors 151 and ohmic contacts 161 and 165 form a taper structure relative to the surface of substrate 110.

A plurality of data lines 171 and a plurality of pixel electrodes 190a and 190b are formed on ohmic contacts 161 and 165.

The data lines 171 carry data signals and extend in a substantially longitudinal direction across gate lines 121 and common electrode lines 131a and 131b. Each data line 171 has a "U" shape of source electrode 173 branching toward gate electrode 124, with each data line 171 having an end portion (not shown) having a relatively large area for contact with other layers or external devices to receive a data signal from an external circuit.

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Pixel electrodes 190a and 190b are formed in a pixel area defined by gate lines 121 and data lines 171 and ohmic contact island 165. Pixel electrodes 190a and 190b includes transverse parts 190a and longitudinal parts 190b. Transverse part 190a extends in parallel with an adjacent gate line 121, and longitudinal parts 190b extend at an angle ϕ_s relative to data lines 171. A portion of transverse parts 190a can overlap gate lines 121. Longitudinal parts 190b connect transverse parts 190a, and are disposed alternately and in parallel with common electrodes 131c. Longitudinal parts 190b have upper longitudinal parts and lower longitudinal parts relative to center portion between gate lines 121. Upper longitudinal parts extend obliquely from an upper right side to a lower left side. Lower longitudinal parts extend obliquely from an upper left side to a lower right side.

A portion of transverse parts 190b extends toward semiconductor projections 154 to form a drain electrode 175. Each pair of source electrodes 173 and drain electrodes 175 is separated from each other and facing each other with respect to a gate electrode 124 therebetween. A gate electrode 124, a source electrode 173, and a drain electrode 175, along with the semiconductor projection 154 form a TFT. A channel of the TFT is formed on the projection 154 between the source electrode 173 and the drain electrode 175.

Semiconductor 151 has the same shape as the data line 171, the drain electrode 175, and the underlying ohmic contacts 161 and 165. However, the projections 154 of semiconductor 151 include some exposed portions, which are not covered with data lines 171 and drain electrodes 175, such as the portions located between source electrodes 173 and drain electrodes 175. Thus, while the ohmic contacts 161 and 165 have the same shape as the data line 171 and the drain electrode 175, the semiconductor 151 is exposed between the source electrode 173 and the drain electrode 175.

Data line 171 and source electrode 173 may be formed of indium zinc oxynitride (IZON), indium tin oxynitride (ITON), a double-layered structure having a lower film such as ITO and IZO and an upper film such as IZON and ITON.

Pixel electrodes 190a and 190b can be formed of the same layer as data lines 171 and source electrodes 173.

A passivation layer 180 is formed on the data lines 171, the pixel electrodes 190a and 190b, and gate insulating layer 140. Passivation layer 180 is made of an inorganic material such as silicon nitride and silicon oxide. In one embodiment, passivation layer 180 may be formed of a photosensitive material having sufficient flatness characteristics or a low dielectric material such as a-Si:C:O and a-Si:O:F.

The passivation layer 180 has a plurality of contact holes 182 to expose at the end portions of the data lines 171. Also, a plurality of contact holes (not shown) for exposing the end portion of the gate line 121 are formed through the passivation layer 180 and the gate insulating layer 140.

Referring to FIG. 12, longitudinal axis of LC molecule 31a disposed over the area corresponding to the upper longitudinal part of pixel electrodes 190a is inclined at initial twist angle ϕ_s in a count-clockwise direction. Longitudinal axis of LC molecule 31b disposed over the area corresponding to the lower longitudinal part of pixel electrodes 190b is inclined at initial twist angle ϕ_s in a clockwise direction. LC molecule 31a rotates in a count-clockwise direction, and LC molecule 31b rotates in a clockwise direction due to the initial twist angle ϕ_s . Accordingly, two domains are caused to widen viewing angle.

Also, the initial twist angle ϕ_s is an angle between a rubbing direction R and a longitudinal axis S of the upper longitudinal part or the lower longitudinal part of the pixel electrodes 190a

and **190b** without applying a pixel voltage. In one embodiment, the initial twist angle ϕ_S is larger than 0 degree and 10 degree or less.

When the initial angle ϕ_S is 0 degree to reduce the initial rotation force, the response speed of LC molecules decreases. When the initial angle ϕ_S is larger than 10 degree, response speed of LC molecule increases, but effective retardation of light decreases to reduce the luminance of a LCD device.

Accordingly, an embodiment of the present invention reduces the maximum initial twist angle ϕ_S to improve the luminance of LCD device and provides the driving method as the above to increase a response speed of LC molecules.

FIG. **14** is a plan view of a TFT array panel for a LCD device according to another embodiment of the present invention. FIGS. **15A** to **15B** are cross-sectional views taken along the line XXIII A-XXIII A and XXIII B-XXIII B' respectively.

The TFT array panel according to this embodiment is similar to the TFT array panel as shown in FIGS. **3** to **4B** except a shape of a semiconductor **151** and a shape of a pixel electrode **191**. Accordingly, duplicated explanation is not required.

Semiconductor **151** has substantially the same shape as a data line **171**. A portion of semiconductor **151** is exposed between a source electrode **173** and a drain electrode to form a channel.

Branch electrodes **191a** of pixel electrode **191** extends in parallel with data lines **171**. A rubbing direction R is inclined at an angle ϕ_S with a longitudinal axis S of branch electrodes **191a**. LC molecules **31a** and **31b** is aligned along the rubbing direction R to form an initial twist angle ϕ_S with the longitudinal direction S of branch electrodes **191a**. In one embodiment, the initial twist angle ϕ_S is larger than 0 degree and 10 degree or less.

Accordingly, the embodiments of the present invention improve luminance and a response speed of a LCD device using IPS mode or FFS mode.

Although the invention has been described with reference to particular embodiments, the description is an example of the invention's application and should not be taken as a limitation. Various adaptations and combinations of the features of the embodiments disclosed are within the scope of the invention as defined by the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A liquid crystal display device comprising:

- a first substrate;
 - a second substrate facing the first substrate;
 - a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate;
 - a pixel electrode formed over the first substrate;
 - a common electrode formed over the first substrate with insulating from the pixel electrode, wherein a portion of the common electrode overlaps with the pixel electrode;
 - a gray voltage generator generating a plurality of gray voltages;
 - an image signal modification assembly configured to receive a first image signal, a second image signal, and a third image signal for subsequent three frames and modify the second image signal based on the first image signal and the third image signal; and,
 - a data driver configured to provide a data voltage selected from the plurality of gray voltages to the pixel electrode corresponding to the modified signal in the image signal modification assembly;
- wherein a longitudinal axis of the liquid crystal molecule is inclined at an angle with respect to a longitudinal axis of the pixel electrode and the image signal modification assembly generates an initial modified image signal based on the first image signal and the second image

signal, and then modifies the second image signal based on the initial modified image signal and the third image signal and generates a second modified signal, and

a maximum value of the second modified signal is equal to a maximum of the first image signal, the second image signal, and the third image signal, and the maximum value of the second modified signal is disposed between a block voltage of the lowest gray and a white voltage of the highest gray.

2. The liquid crystal display device of claim **1**, wherein the angle is larger than 0 degree and less than or equal to 10 degrees.

3. A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

- a first substrate and a second substrate facing with the first substrate;
 - a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate;
 - a pixel electrode formed over the first substrate;
 - a common electrode formed over the second substrate with insulating from the pixel electrode, wherein a portion of the common electrode overlaps with the pixel electrode;
 - a gray voltage generator generating a plurality of gray voltages;
 - an image signal modification assembly configured to receive a first image signal, a second image signal, and a third image signal for subsequent three frames, and generate a first modified signal based on the first image signal and the second image signal and a second modified signal based on the first modified signal and the third image signal; and
 - a data driver configured to provide a data voltage selected from the plurality of gray voltages to the pixel electrode corresponding to the second modified signal in the image signal modification assembly,
- wherein a longitudinal axis of the liquid crystal molecule is inclined at an angle with respect to a longitudinal axis of the pixel electrode,
- the second modified signal is disposed between a black voltage of the lowest gray and a white voltage of the highest gray.

4. The liquid crystal display device of claim **3**, wherein the angle is larger than 0 degree and less than or equal to 10 degrees.

5. The liquid crystal display device of claim **3**, wherein the pixel electrode has a bent portion.

6. The liquid crystal display device of claim **3**, wherein the second modified signal is equal to a first correction constant when the first modified signal is less than a first value, and the third image signal is larger than a second value.

7. The liquid crystal display device of claim **3**, wherein the second modified signal is equal to the sum of the first modified signal and a second correction constant when the first modified signal is less than a first value, and the third image signal is larger than a second value.

8. The liquid crystal display device of claim **6** or claim **7**, wherein the second modified signal is equal to the first modified signal when the first modified signal is larger than the first value or the third image signal is less than the second value.

9. The liquid crystal display device of claim **8**, wherein the modified first signal is larger than the second image signal when the first signal is less than the second image signal.

10. The liquid crystal display device of claim **3**, wherein the image signal modification assembly comprises:

- a first frame memory configured to output the second image signal and store the third image signal;
- a second frame memory configured to output the first image signal and store the second image signal;

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a first modification unit configured to generate the first modified signal based on the second image signal from the first frame memory and the first image signal from the second frame memory; and,

a second modification unit configured to generate the second modified signal based on the first modified signal from the first modification unit and the third image signal.

11. The liquid crystal display device of the claim 3, wherein a portion of the pixel electrode and a portion of the common electrode overlap to form a storage capacitor.

12. A liquid crystal display device comprising:

- a first substrate and a second substrate facing the first substrate;
- a common electrode formed over either the first substrate or the second substrate;
- a pixel electrode formed over the same substrate where the common electrode is formed;
- a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate;
- a gray voltage generator generating a plurality of gray voltages;
- an image signal modification assembly configured to receive a first image signal, a second image signal, and a third image signal for subsequent three frames, and generate a first modified signal based on the first image signal and the second image signal and a second modified signal based on the first modified signal and the third image signal; and,
- a data driver configured to provide a data voltage selected from the plurality of gray voltages to the pixel electrode corresponding to the second modified signal in the image signal modification assembly,

wherein a longitudinal axis of a liquid crystal molecule is inclined at an angle with a longitudinal axis of the pixel electrode,

and a maximum value of the second modified signal is equal to a maximum of the first image signal, the second image signal, and the third image signal, and

the second modified signal is disposed between a black voltage of the lowest gray and a white voltage of the highest gray.

13. The liquid crystal display device of claim 12, wherein the angle is larger than 0 degree and less than or equal to 10 degrees.

14. The liquid crystal display device of claim 12, wherein the pixel electrode and the common electrode have transverse parts and longitudinal parts, wherein the longitudinal part has a bent shape.

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15. The liquid crystal display device of claim 12, wherein the longitudinal parts of the pixel electrode are disposed alternately with and in parallel with the longitudinal parts of the common electrode.

16. A method for driving a liquid crystal display device including a pixel electrode and a common electrode formed over a same substrate, a plurality of pixel defined by a gate line and a data line, a liquid crystal molecule aligned between the pixel electrode and the common electrode, wherein the liquid crystal molecule is inclined at a range of angle larger than 0 degree and less than or equal to 10 degrees with a longitudinal direction of the pixel electrode comprising:

- generating a plurality of gray voltages;
- receiving a first image signal, a second image signal, and a third image signal for subsequent three frames;
- generating a first modified signal based on the first image signal and the second image signal;
- generating a second modified signal based on the first modified signal and the third image signal;
- selecting a data voltage from the plurality of gray voltages corresponding to the second modified signal; and,
- providing the data voltage to the pixel,

wherein the second modified signal is disposed between a black voltage of the lowest gray and a white voltage of the highest gray.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein generating the second modified signal further comprises:

- comparing the first modified signal with a first value;
- comparing the third image signal with a second value; and,
- generating the second modified signal based on the comparison results.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the second modified signal has a first correction constant when the first modified signal is less than the first value and the third image signal is larger than the second value.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the second modified signal is equal to the first modified signal when the first modified signal is equal or larger than the first value, or the third image signal is equal or less than the second value.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein the second modified signal is equal to the sum of the first modified signal and a second correction constant when the first modified signal is less than the first value, or the third image signal is larger than the second value.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the first modified signal is equal or larger than the second image signal when the first image signal is less than the second image signal.

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摘要(译)

一种液晶显示装置，具有第一基板和面对第一基板的第二基板，介于第一基板和第二基板之间的液晶层，形成在第一基板上的像素电极，形成在第一基板上的公共电极与像素电极绝缘，其中公共电极的一部分与像素电极重叠，包括产生多个灰度电压的灰度电压发生器，配置成接收第一图像信号的图像信号修改组件，第二图像信号，和用于后续三帧的第三图像信号，并基于第一图像信号和第三图像信号修改第二图像信号，以及数据驱动器，被配置为将从多个灰度电压中选择的数据电压提供给对应于该第一图像信号和第三图像信号的像素电极。图像信号修改组件中的修改信号。液晶分子的纵轴与纵向像素电极成一角度倾斜。

