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Example embodiments are directed to a reflective color display device including a first substrate and a second substrate spaced apart from each other; a plurality of first and second electrodes respectively on the first and second substrates; a polymer dispersed liquid crystal (PDLC) layer between the first and second electrodes and including a polymer and liquid crystals in the polymer; and a CMY color filter on the second substrate.

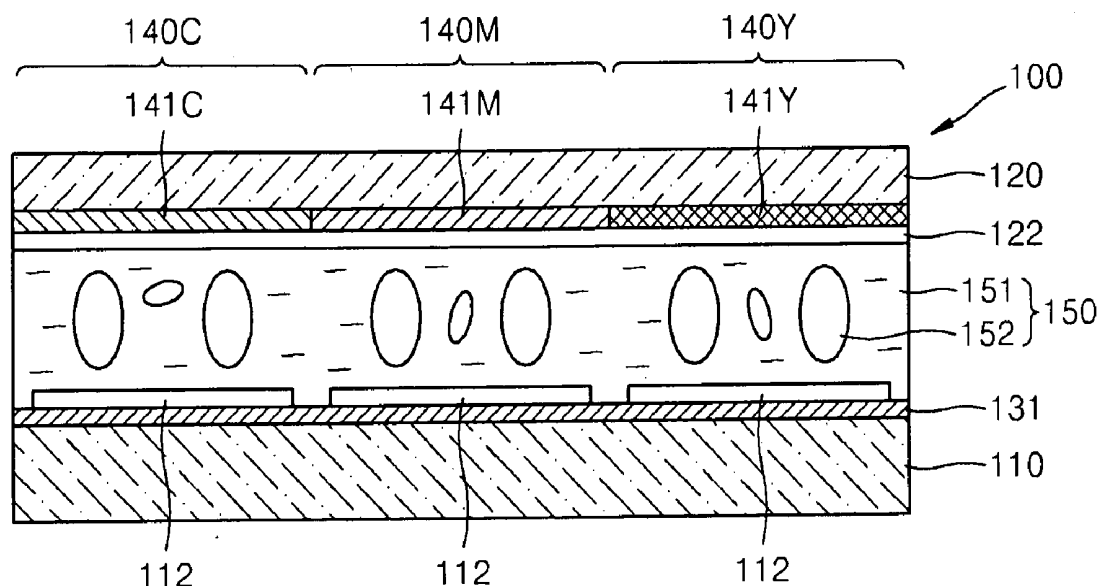


FIG. 1A

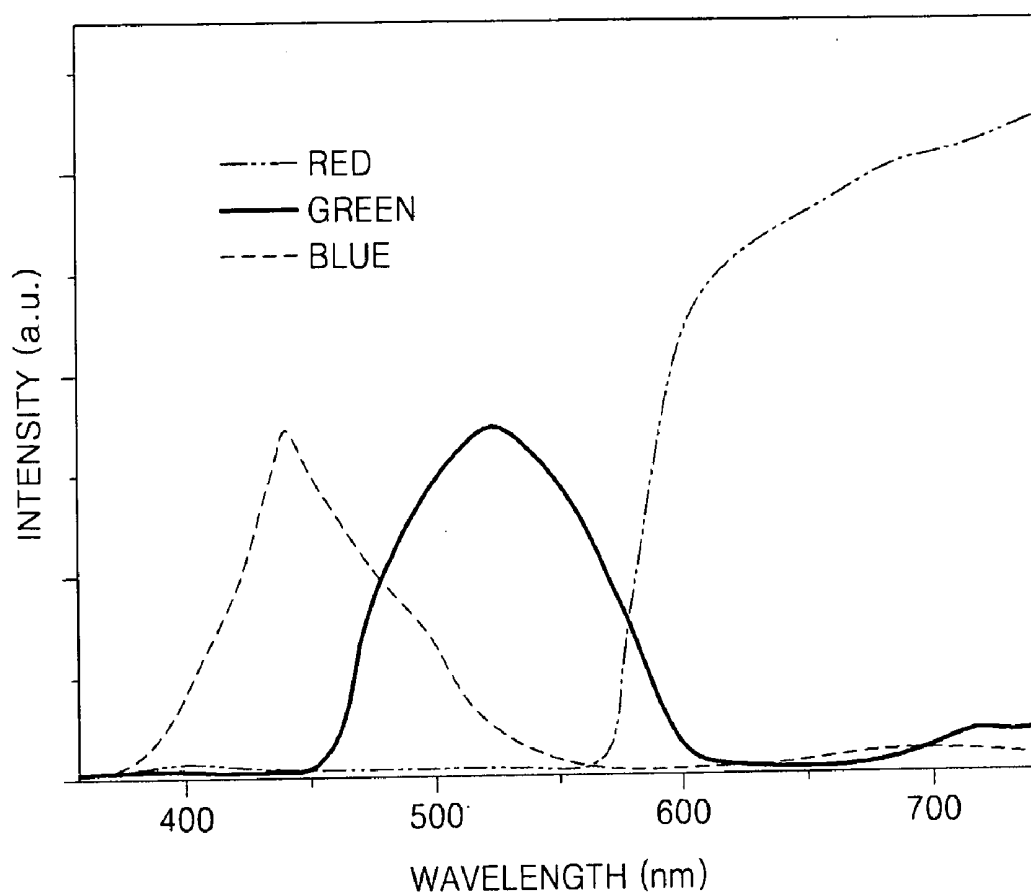


FIG. 1B

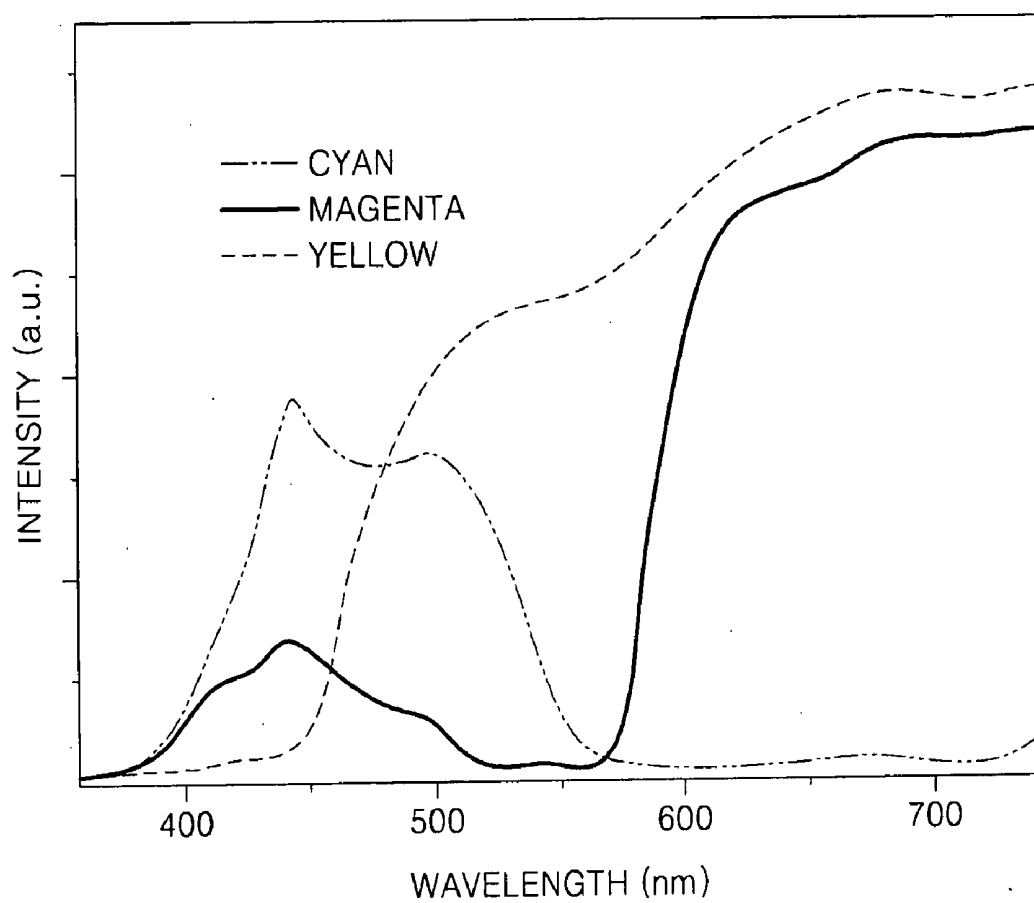


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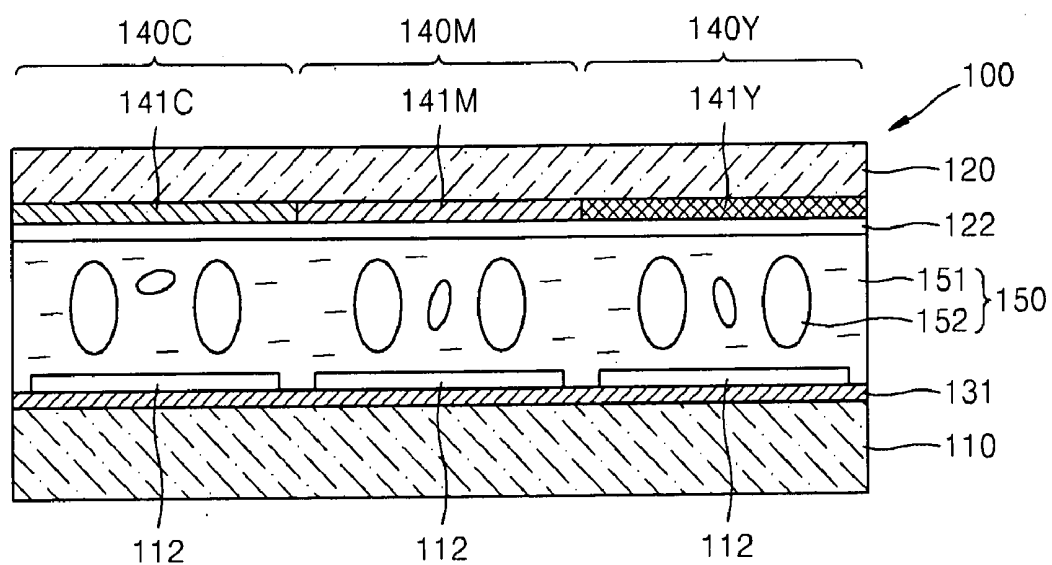


FIG. 3

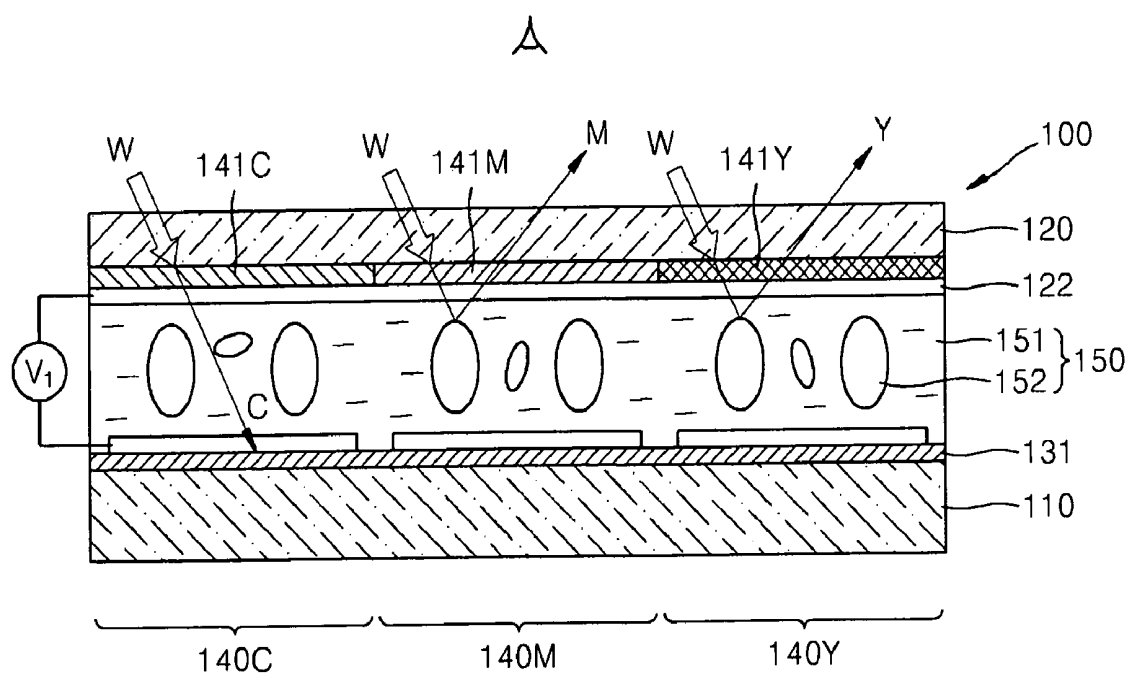


FIG. 4

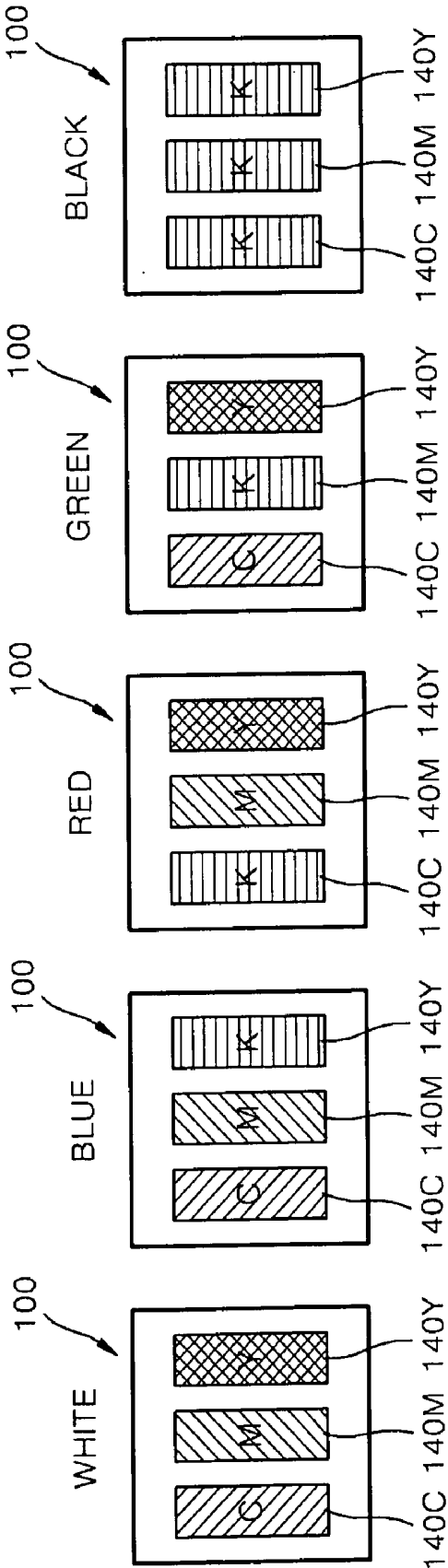


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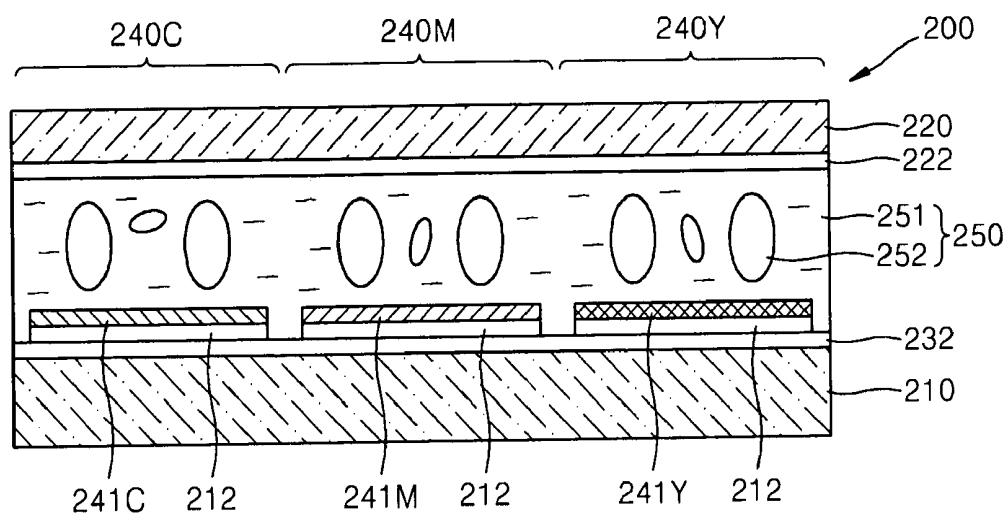


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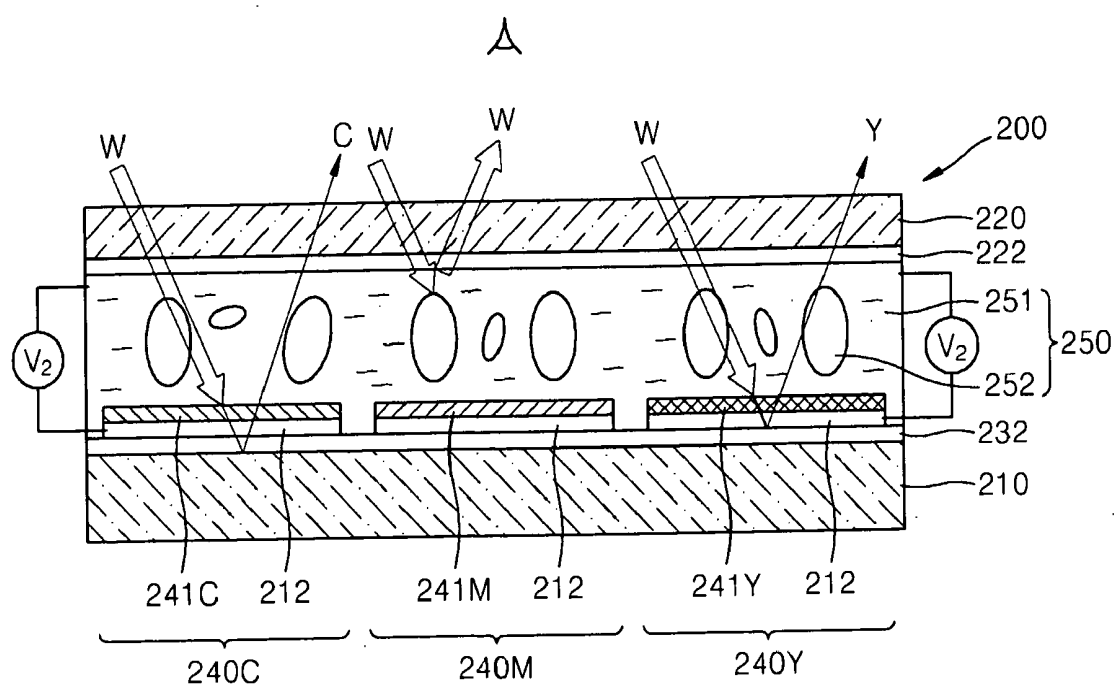


FIG. 7

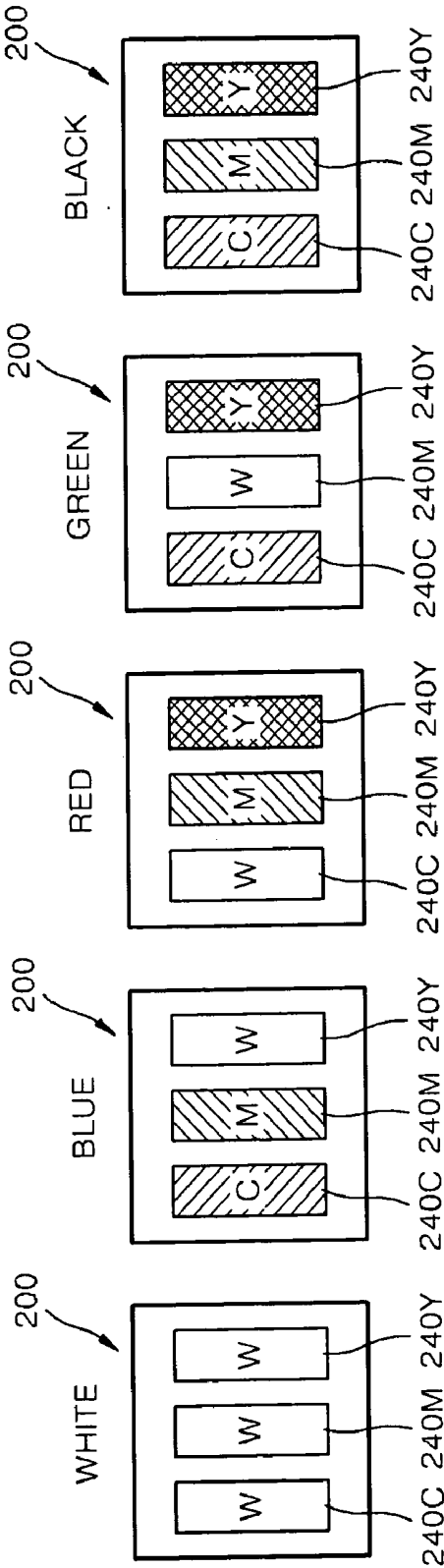


FIG. 8

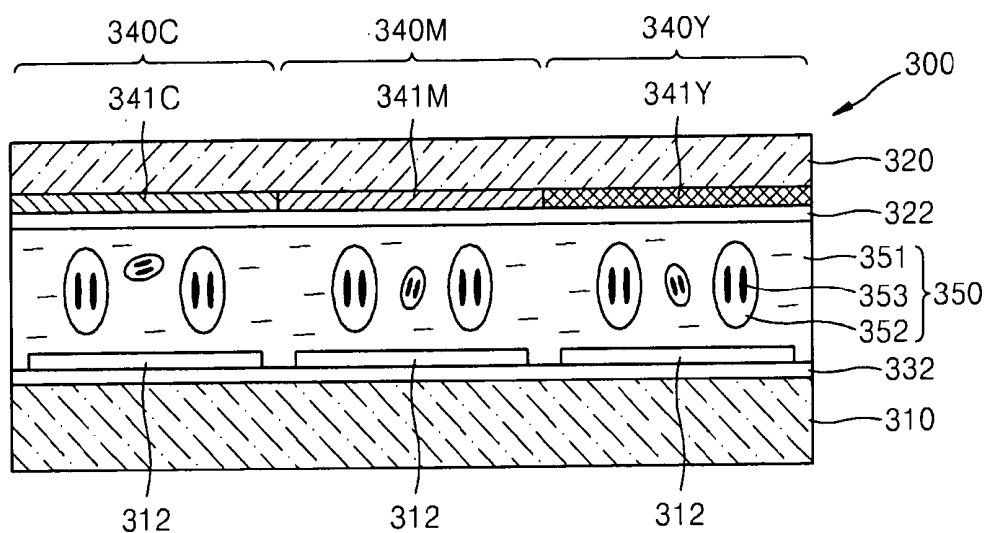
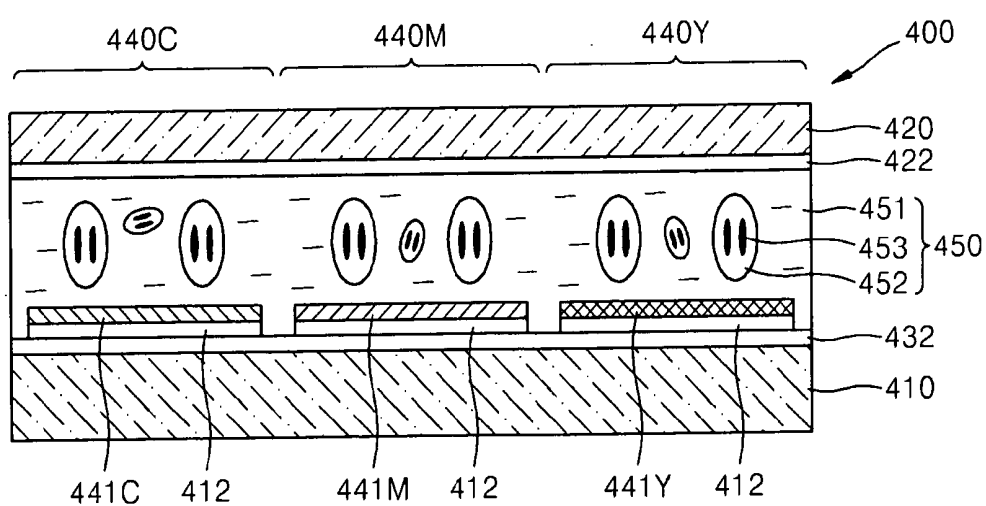


FIG. 9



REFLECTIVE COLOR DISPLAY DEVICE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to Korean Patent Application No. 10-2010-0053994, filed on Jun. 8, 2010, in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

BACKGROUND

[0002] 1. Field

[0003] Example embodiments relate to display devices, and to reflective color display devices including polymer dispersed liquid crystals (PDLC).

[0004] 2. Description of the Related Art

[0005] Polymer dispersed liquid crystals (PDLC) scatter and/or transmit light by adjusting a difference in the refractive indices of liquid crystals and polymers. Accordingly, the PDLC are used in reflective display devices for displaying information or images by using an external light source. Reflective color display devices including the PDLC may include a color filter for color realization. In detail, light is transmitted through the color filter so as to display images having predetermined/desired colors.

[0006] The color filter may be, for example, a RGB color filter including red, green, and blue color filter layers. In this case, light transmissivity may be ideally $\frac{1}{3}$ of external incident light (white light). When a reflectivity of the PDLC is from about 10% to about 20%, a reflectivity of the reflective PDLC display device including a RGB filter may be from about 3.3% to about 6.6%, indicating that a very dark image is obtained therefrom. Accordingly, the brightness of the reflective display device needs to be improved.

SUMMARY

[0007] According to example embodiments, a reflective color display device includes a first substrate and a second substrate spaced apart from each other; a plurality of first and second electrodes respectively on the first and second substrates; a polymer dispersed liquid crystal (PDLC) layer between the first and second electrodes and including a polymer and liquid crystals in the polymer; and

[0008] a cyan magenta yellow (CMY) color filter on the second substrate and including cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers.

[0009] According to example embodiments, an absorption layer that absorbs incident light or a material layer that reflects the incident light outside a range of a viewing angle is on the first substrate.

[0010] According to example embodiments, the PDLC layer further includes a black dye.

[0011] According to example embodiments, the black dye includes a dichroic dye having optical anisotropy.

[0012] According to example embodiments, a reflection layer that reflects incident light is on the first substrate.

[0013] According to example embodiments, the first and second substrates are transparent substrates, and the first and second electrodes include transparent conductive materials.

[0014] According to example embodiments, the plurality of first electrodes correspond to the cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers, and the plurality of second electrodes are a single unit that functions as a common electrode.

[0015] According to example embodiments, the first and second electrodes are stripes that cross each other.

[0016] According to example embodiments, a reflective color display device includes a first substrate and a second substrate spaced apart from each other; a plurality of first and second electrodes respectively on the first and second substrates; a polymer dispersed liquid crystal (PDLC) layer between the first and second electrodes and including a polymer and liquid crystals in the polymer; a cyan magenta yellow (CMY) color filter on the second substrate and including cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers; and a reflection layer on the first substrate and configured to reflect incident light.

[0017] According to example embodiments, the PDLC layer further includes a black dye.

[0018] According to example embodiments, the black dye includes a dichroic dye having optical anisotropy.

[0019] According to example embodiments, the first and second substrates are transparent substrates, and the first and second electrodes include transparent conductive materials.

[0020] According to example embodiments, the plurality of first electrodes correspond to the cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers, and the plurality of second electrodes are a single unit that functions as a common electrode.

[0021] According to example embodiments, the first and second electrodes are stripes that cross each other.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0022] The above and other features and advantages will become more apparent by describing in detail example embodiments with reference to the attached drawings. The accompanying drawings are intended to depict example embodiments and should not be interpreted to limit the intended scope of the claims. The accompanying drawings are not to be considered as drawn to scale unless explicitly noted.

[0023] FIG. 1A illustrates absorption spectrums of red light, green light, and blue light;

[0024] FIG. 1B illustrates absorption spectrums of cyan light, magenta light, and yellow light;

[0025] FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a reflective color display device according to example embodiments;

[0026] FIG. 3 is a schematic view illustrating a driving method of the reflective color display device of FIG. 2, according to example embodiments;

[0027] FIG. 4 illustrates examples of colors that may be recognized by an observer using the reflective color display device of FIG. 2;

[0028] FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a reflective color display device according to example embodiments;

[0029] FIG. 6 is a schematic view illustrating a driving method of the reflective color display device of FIG. 5, according to example embodiments;

[0030] FIG. 7 illustrates examples of colors that may be recognized by an observer using the reflective color display device of FIG. 5;

[0031] FIG. 8 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a reflective color display device according to example embodiments; and

[0032] FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a reflective color display device according to example embodiments.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0033] Detailed example embodiments are disclosed herein. However, specific structural and functional details disclosed herein are merely representative for purposes of describing example embodiments. Example embodiments may, however, be embodied in many alternate forms and should not be construed as limited to only the embodiments set forth herein.

[0034] Accordingly, while example embodiments are capable of various modifications and alternative forms, embodiments thereof are shown by way of example in the drawings and will herein be described in detail. It should be understood, however, that there is no intent to limit example embodiments to the particular forms disclosed, but to the contrary, example embodiments are to cover all modifications, equivalents, and alternatives falling within the scope of example embodiments. Like numbers refer to like elements throughout the description of the figures.

[0035] It will be understood that, although the terms first, second, etc. may be used herein to describe various elements, these elements should not be limited by these terms. These terms are only used to distinguish one element from another. For example, a first element could be termed a second element, and, similarly, a second element could be termed a first element, without departing from the scope of example embodiments. As used herein, the term “and/or” includes any and all combinations of one or more of the associated listed items.

[0036] It will be understood that when an element is referred to as being “connected” or “coupled” to another element, it may be directly connected or coupled to the other element or intervening elements may be present. In contrast, when an element is referred to as being “directly connected” or “directly coupled” to another element, there are no intervening elements present. Other words used to describe the relationship between elements should be interpreted in a like fashion (e.g., “between” versus “directly between”, “adjacent” versus “directly adjacent”, etc.).

[0037] The terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only and is not intended to be limiting of example embodiments. As used herein, the singular forms “a”, “an” and “the” are intended to include the plural forms as well, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. It will be further understood that the terms “comprises”, “comprising”, “includes” and/or “including”, when used herein, specify the presence of stated features, integers, steps, operations, elements, and/or components, but do not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, operations, elements, components, and/or groups thereof.

[0038] It should also be noted that in some alternative implementations, the functions/acts noted may occur out of the order noted in the figures. For example, two figures shown in succession may in fact be executed substantially concurrently or may sometimes be executed in the reverse order, depending upon the functionality/acts involved.

[0039] FIG. 1A illustrates absorption spectrums of red light, green light, and blue light, and FIG. 1B illustrates absorption spectrums of cyan light, magenta light, and yellow light. Referring to FIG. 1A, red light, green light, and blue light have different wavelength ranges. Referring to FIG. 1B,

cyan light is a combination of green light and blue light, and magenta light is a combination of red light and blue light, and yellow light is a combination of green light and red light.

[0040] When a RGB color filter formed of red, green, and blue color filter layers is used as a color filter, a light transmissivity of the RGB color filter with respect to external white light may be about $\frac{1}{3}$. Meanwhile, when a CMY color filter including cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers is used as a color filter, a light transmissivity of the CMY color filter with respect to external white light may be about $\frac{2}{3}$. Thus the light transmissivity of the CMY color filter is about twice as that of the RGB color filter. Accordingly, when the CMY color filter is used in a reflective color display device, reflectivity of the reflective color display device is increased so as to increase the brightness of the reflective color display device and to generate clearer images. Therefore, according to example embodiments, the CMY color filter including cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers is used as a color filter for color realization.

[0041] FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a reflective color display device according to example embodiments.

[0042] Referring to FIG. 2, the reflective color display device includes a plurality of pixel units **100**, which each comprise sub-pixels having desired colors, namely cyan, magenta, and yellow sub-pixels **140C**, **140M**, and **140Y**. The pixel units **100** may each be formed of a cyan sub-pixel **140C**, a magenta sub-pixel **140M**, and a yellow sub-pixel **140Y**. In FIG. 2, one of the pixel units **100** is shown for convenience of description. The pixel unit **100** may be formed of a cyan sub-pixel **140C**, a magenta sub-pixel **140M**, and a yellow sub-pixel **140Y**. The cyan, magenta, and yellow sub-pixels **140C**, **140M**, and **140Y** respectively correspond to cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers **141C**, **141M**, and **141Y**, which will be described later.

[0043] The pixel units **100** include first and second substrates **110** and **120** spaced apart from each other, a plurality of first and second electrodes **112** and **122** respectively formed on the first and second substrates **110** and **120**, a polymer dispersed liquid crystal (PDLC) layer **150** formed between the first and second electrodes **112** and **122**, a CMY color filter, which includes the cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers **141C**, **141M**, and/or **141Y**, formed on the second substrate **120**, and an absorption layer **131** formed on the first substrate **110**.

[0044] In detail, the first substrate **110**, which is a lower substrate, and the second substrate **120**, which is an upper substrate, may be transparent substrates. The first and second substrates **110** and **120** may be formed of glass or plastic. However, the first and second substrates **110** and **120** are not limited thereto and may also be formed of other materials. The absorption layer **131**, which absorbs incident light, is formed on an upper surface of the first substrate **110**. Alternatively, unlike shown in FIG. 2, the absorption layer **131** may also be formed on a lower surface of the first substrate **110**. Meanwhile, according to the example embodiments, a material layer (not shown) that reflects incident light at a predetermined/desired angle may be applied instead of the absorption layer **131**. The material layer reflects the incident light out of a range of a viewing angle of an observer, thus functioning as the absorption layer **131** within the range of the viewing angle of the observer.

[0045] The CMY color filter is disposed on a lower surface of the second substrate **120** that is the upper substrate. The

CMY color filter includes the cyan color filter layer **141C**, the magenta color filter layer **141M**, and/or the yellow color filter layer **141Y**.

[0046] A plurality of first electrodes **112** are formed on the first substrate **110**, on which the absorption layer **131** is formed, and the plurality of second electrodes **122** are formed on the second substrate **120**, on which the CMY color filter is formed. Unlike shown in FIG. 2, the CMY color filter may also be formed on lower surfaces of the second electrodes **122**. For example, the first and second electrodes **112** and **122** may be formed of a transparent conductive material, such as an indium tin oxide (ITO). In a passive matrix (PM) type display device, the first electrodes **112** may be in a form of stripes and be arranged parallel to one another, and the second electrodes **122** may also be in a form of stripes and arranged parallel to one another across the first electrodes **112**. In an active matrix (AM) type display device, the first electrodes **112** are formed in a form corresponding to the cyan sub-pixels **140C**, the magenta sub-pixels **140M**, and/or the yellow sub-pixels **140Y**, and the second electrodes **122** may be formed as a single unit so as to function as a common electrode.

[0047] The PDLC layer **150** is formed between the first electrodes **112** and the second electrodes **122**. The PDLC layer **150** includes a polymer **151** and liquid crystals **152** dispersed in the polymer **151**. The PDLC layer **150** may scatter or transmit light by adjusting a difference in the refractive indices of the liquid crystals **152** and the polymer **151**.

[0048] FIG. 3 is a schematic view illustrating a driving method of the reflective color display device of FIG. 2, according to example embodiments.

[0049] Referring to FIG. 3, when a desired voltage V_1 is applied to the first and second electrodes **112** and **122** corresponding to the cyan sub-pixel **140C**, liquid crystal molecules (not shown) of the liquid crystals **152** corresponding to the cyan sub-pixel **140C** are aligned parallel to an electrical field formed between the first electrodes **112** and the second electrodes **122**. Accordingly, a refractive index of the liquid crystals **152** becomes somewhat similar to that of the polymer **151**, and thus the PDLC layer **150** of the cyan sub-pixel **140C** may become transparent. Accordingly, in the cyan sub-pixel **140C**, only cyan light C among external white light W transmits through the cyan color filter layer **141C**, and then through the PDLC layer **150** to be absorbed by the absorption layer **131**. In the magenta and yellow sub-pixels **140M** and **140Y** to which no voltage is applied, the PDLC layer **150** scatters incident light due to a difference in the refractive indices of the polymer **151** and the liquid crystals **152**. Accordingly, in the magenta sub-pixel **140M**, only magenta light M among external white light W transmits through the magenta color filter layer **141M**, is scattered by the PDLC layer **150**, and is emitted to the outside through the second substrate **120**, which is the upper substrate. Also, in the yellow sub-pixel **140Y**, only yellow light Y among external white light W transmits through the yellow color filter layer **141Y**, is scattered by the PDLC layer **150**, and is emitted to the outside through the second substrate **120**, which is the upper substrate. As described above, the cyan sub-pixel **140C** displays black color, and the magenta and yellow sub-pixels **140M** and **140Y** respectively emit magenta light M and yellow light Y such that the observer recognizes the pixel units **100** as a red color.

[0050] In the above-described manner, various colors may be realized through the pixel units **100** by adjusting voltages each applied to the cyan sub-pixels **140C**, the magenta sub-

pixels **140M**, and/or the yellow sub-pixels **140Y**. FIG. 4 illustrates example five colors (white, blue, red, green, and black) that may be recognized by an observer by adjusting voltages applied to each of the cyan sub-pixels **140C**, the magenta sub-pixels **140M**, and the yellow sub-pixels **140Y** of the reflective color display device of FIG. 2.

[0051] As described above, by using the CMY color filter in the reflective color display device including the PDLC layer **150**, reflectivity of the reflective color display device may be improved, compared to when using a RGB color filter, which increases the brightness of a screen, and clearer images are obtained accordingly.

[0052] FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a reflective color display device according to example embodiments.

[0053] Referring to FIG. 5, the reflective color filter display device includes a plurality of pixel units **200** which are each formed of sub-pixels having desired colors, namely cyan, magenta, and/or yellow sub-pixels **240C**, **240M**, and **240Y**. In FIG. 5, one of the pixel units **200** is shown for convenience of description. The pixel unit **200** may be formed of a cyan sub-pixel **240C**, a magenta sub-pixel **240M**, and/or a yellow sub-pixel **240Y**.

[0054] The pixel units **200** include first and second substrates **210** and **220** spaced apart from each other, a plurality of first and second electrodes **212** and **222** respectively formed on the first and second substrates **210** and **220**, a PDLC layer **250** formed between the first and second electrodes **212** and **222**, and a CMY color filter, which includes the cyan, magenta, and/or yellow color filter layers **241C**, **241M**, and **241Y**, and a reflection layer **232** formed on the first substrate **210**.

[0055] The first substrate **210**, which is a lower substrate, and the second substrate **220**, which is an upper substrate, may be transparent substrates. The reflection layer **232** that reflects incident light is formed on an upper surface of the first substrate **210**. Alternatively, the reflection layer **232** may also be formed on a lower surface of the first substrate **210**, unlike shown in FIG. 5.

[0056] The plurality of first electrodes **212** are formed on an upper surface of the reflection layer **232** of the first substrate **210**, and the plurality of second electrodes **222** are formed on a lower surface of the second substrate **220**. The first and second electrodes **212** and **222** may be formed of transparent conductive materials as described above. In a PM type display device, the first electrodes **212** may be in a form of stripes and be arranged parallel to one another, and the second electrodes **222** may also be in a form of stripes and arranged parallel to one another across the first electrodes **212**. In an AM type display device, the first electrodes **212** are formed in a form corresponding to the cyan, magenta, and/or yellow sub-pixels **240C**, **240M**, and **240Y**, and the second electrodes **222** may be formed as a single unit so as to function as a common electrode.

[0057] The CMY color filter is formed on upper surfaces of the first electrodes **212**. The CMY color filter includes the cyan color filter layer **241C**, the magenta color filter layer **241M**, and/or the yellow color filter layer **241Y**. Unlike as shown in FIG. 5, the CMY color filter may also be formed on lower surfaces of the first electrodes **212**. The PDLC layer **250** is formed between the first electrodes **212** and the second electrodes **222**. The PDLC layer **250** includes a polymer **251** and liquid crystals **252** dispersed in the polymer **251**.

[0058] FIG. 6 is a schematic view illustrating a driving method of the reflective color display device of FIG. 5, according to example embodiments.

[0059] Referring to FIG. 6, when a desired voltage V_2 is applied to the first and second electrodes 212 and 222 corresponding to the cyan and yellow sub-pixel 240C and 240Y, liquid crystal molecules (not shown) of the liquid crystals 252 corresponding to the cyan and yellow sub-pixel 240C and 240Y are aligned parallel to an electrical field formed between the first electrodes 212 and the second electrodes 222. Accordingly, a refractive index of the liquid crystals 252 becomes approximately similar to that of the polymer 251, and thus the PDLC layer 250 of the cyan sub-pixel 240C becomes transparent. Accordingly, external white light W transmits through the PDLC layer 250 and is incident on the cyan color filter layer 241C. Also, only cyan light C among the white light W transmits through the cyan color filter layer 241C, is reflected by the reflection layer 232, and emitted to the outside through the second substrate 220. In the yellow sub-pixel 240Y, the external white light W transmits through the PDLC layer 250 and is incident on the yellow color filter layer 241Y. Then, only yellow light Y transmits through the yellow color filter layer 241Y among the white light W, is reflected by the reflection layer 232, and emitted to the outside through the second substrate 220. In the magenta sub-pixel 240M to which no voltage is applied, the PDLC layer 250 scatters the incident light due to a difference in the refractive indices of the polymer 251 and the liquid crystals 252. Accordingly, the external white light W is scattered by the PDLC layer 250 in the magenta sub-pixel 240M and is emitted to the outside through the second substrate 220. As described above, the magenta sub-pixel 240M displays white color, and the cyan and yellow sub-pixels 240C and 240Y respectively emit cyan light C and yellow light Y such that the observer recognizes the pixel unit 200 as a green color. In the reflective color display device of example embodiments, white color characteristics of images are increased, compared to the previous example embodiments.

[0060] As described above, various colors may be obtained through the pixel units 200 by adjusting voltages applied to the cyan, magenta, and/or yellow sub-pixels 240C, 240M, and 240Y. FIG. 7 illustrates example five colors (white, blue, red, green, and black) that may be recognized by an observer by adjusting voltages applied to each of the cyan sub-pixels 240C, the magenta sub-pixels 240M, and/or the yellow sub-pixels 240Y of the reflective color display device of FIG. 5.

[0061] FIG. 8 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a reflective color display device according to example embodiments.

[0062] Referring to FIG. 8, the reflective color filter display device includes a plurality of pixel units 300 which are each formed of sub-pixels having colors, cyan, magenta, and yellow sub-pixels 340C, 340M, and/or 340Y. In detail, the pixel units 300 may each be formed of a cyan sub-pixel 340C, a magenta sub-pixel 340M, and/or a yellow sub-pixel 340Y.

[0063] The pixel units 300 include first and second substrates 310 and 320 spaced apart from each other, a plurality of first and second electrodes 312 and 322 respectively formed on the first and second substrates 310 and 320, a PDLC layer 350 that is formed between the first and second electrodes 312 and 322 and includes a black dye 353, and a CMY color filter formed on the second substrate 320, and a reflection layer 332 formed on the first substrate 310.

[0064] The first and second substrates 310 and 320 may be transparent substrates. The reflection layer 332 that reflects

incident light is formed on an upper surface of the first substrate 310. Alternatively, the reflection layer 332 may also be formed on a lower surface of the first substrate 310, unlike shown in FIG. 8. The CMY color filter is formed on a lower surface of the second substrate 320, which is an upper substrate. The CMY color filter includes cyan, magenta, and/or yellow color filter layers 341C, 341M, and 341Y.

[0065] The first electrodes 312 are formed on the first substrate 310, on which the reflection layer 332 is formed, and the second electrodes 322 are formed on the second substrate 320, on which the CMY color filter is formed. Unlike as shown in FIG. 8, the CMY color filter may also be formed on lower surfaces of the second electrodes 322. The first and second electrodes 312 and 322 may be formed of a transparent conductive material. In a PM type display device, the first electrodes 312 may be in a form of stripes and be arranged parallel to one another, and the second electrodes 322 may also be in a form of stripes and arranged parallel to one another across the first electrodes 312. In an AM type display device, the first electrodes 312 are formed in a form corresponding to the cyan sub-pixels 340C, the magenta sub-pixels 340M, and/or the yellow sub-pixels 340Y, and the second electrodes 322 may be formed as a single unit so as to function as a common electrode.

[0066] The PDLC layer 350 is formed between the first electrodes 312 and the second electrodes 322. The PDLC layer 350 includes a polymer 351, liquid crystals 352 dispersed in the polymer 351, and/or the black dye 353 formed in the liquid crystals 352. The black dye 353 may be a dichroic dye having optical anisotropy.

[0067] The reflective color display device of FIG. 8 is driven in the following manner. For example, no voltage is applied to the cyan sub-pixel 340C, and voltages are applied to the magenta and yellow sub-pixels 340M and 340Y. In this case, liquid crystal molecules (not shown) and the black dye 353 included in the liquid crystals 352 of the cyan sub-pixels 340C are irregularly aligned. Accordingly, in the cyan sub-pixel 340C, only cyan light among external white light transmits through the cyan color filter layer 341C, and the cyan light is absorbed by the black dye 353 in the PDLC layer 350. Liquid crystal molecules and the black dye 353 included in the liquid crystals 352 corresponding to the magenta and yellow sub-pixels 340M and 340Y are aligned parallel to an electric field applied thereto, and the PDLC layer 350 becomes transparent accordingly. Consequently, in the magenta sub-pixel 340M, only magenta light among external white light transmits through the magenta color filter layer 341M, and the magenta light transmits through the PDLC layer 350 and then is reflected by the reflection layer 332, and is emitted to the outside through the second substrate 320, which is the upper substrate. In the yellow sub-pixel 340Y, only yellow light among external white light transmits through the yellow color filter layer 341Y, and the yellow light transmits through the PDLC layer 350 and is reflected by the reflection layer 332, and is emitted to the outside through the second substrate 320, which is the upper substrate. As described above, the cyan sub-pixel 340C displays black color, and the magenta and yellow sub-pixels 340M and 340Y respectively emit magenta light M and yellow light Y such that the observer recognizes the pixel units 300 as a red color. As described above, various colors may be realized through the pixel units 300 by adjusting voltages each applied to the cyan, magenta, and/or yellow sub-pixels 340C, 340M, and 340Y.

[0068] FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a reflective color display device according to example embodiments.

[0069] Referring to FIG. 9, the reflective color filter display device includes a plurality of pixel units 400 which are each formed of sub-pixels 440C, 440M, and 440Y having desired colors. In detail, the pixel units 400 each may be formed of a cyan sub-pixel 440C, a magenta sub-pixel 440M, and a yellow sub-pixel 440Y.

[0070] The pixel units 400 include first and second substrates 410 and 420 spaced apart from each other, a plurality of first and second electrodes 412 and 422 respectively formed on the first and second substrates 410 and 420, a PDLC layer 450 that is formed between the first and second electrodes 412 and 422 and includes a black dye 453, and a CMY color filter and a reflection layer 432 formed on the first substrate 410.

[0071] The first and second substrates 410 and 420 may be transparent substrates. The reflection layer 432 that reflects incident light is formed on an upper surface of the first substrate 410. Alternatively, the reflection layer 432 may also be formed on a lower surface of the first substrate 410, unlike shown in FIG. 9.

[0072] The first electrodes 412 are formed on an upper surface of the reflection layer 432, and the second electrodes 422 are formed on a lower surface of the second substrate 420. The first and second electrodes 412 and 422 may be formed of a transparent conductive material. In a PM type display device, the first electrodes 412 may be in a form of stripes and be arranged parallel to one another, and the second electrodes 422 may also be in a form of stripes and arranged parallel to one another across the first electrodes 412. In an AM type display device, the first electrodes 412 are formed in a form corresponding to the cyan, magenta, and/or yellow sub-pixels 440C, 440M, and 440Y, and the second electrodes 422 may be formed as a single unit so as to function as a common electrode.

[0073] The CMY color filter is formed on an upper surface of the first electrodes 412. The CMY color filter includes the cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers 441C, 441M, and/or 441Y. Unlike shown in FIG. 9, the CMY color filter may also be formed on a lower surface of the first electrodes 412. The PDLC layer 450 is formed between the first electrodes 412 and the second electrodes 422. The PDLC layer 450 includes a polymer 451, liquid crystals 452 dispersed in the polymer 451, and/or the black dye 453 formed in the liquid crystals 452. The black dye 453 may be dichroic dye having optical anisotropy.

[0074] The reflective color display device of FIG. 9 is driven in the following manner. For example, no voltage is applied to the cyan sub-pixel 440C, and voltages are applied to the magenta and yellow sub-pixels 440M and 440Y. In this case, liquid crystal molecules (not shown) and the black dye 453 included in the liquid crystals 452 of the cyan sub-pixels 440C are irregularly aligned. Accordingly, in the cyan sub-pixel 440C, external white light is absorbed by the black dye 453 in the PDLC layer 450. Liquid crystal molecules and the black dye 453 included in the liquid crystals 452 corresponding to the magenta and yellow sub-pixels 440M and 440Y are aligned parallel to an electric field applied thereto, and the PDLC layer 450 becomes transparent accordingly. Consequently, in the magenta sub-pixel 440M, external white light transmits through the PDLC layer 450, and only magenta light among the transmitted white light transmits through the magenta color filter layer 441M. Then the magenta light is

reflected by the reflection layer 432, and is emitted to the outside through the second substrate 420, which is the upper substrate. In the yellow sub-pixel 440Y, external white light transmits through the PDLC layer 450, and only yellow light among the transmitted external white light transmits through the yellow color filter layer 441Y. Then the yellow light is reflected by the reflection layer 432, and is emitted to the outside through the second substrate 420, which is the upper substrate. As described above, the cyan sub-pixel 440C displays black color, and the magenta and yellow sub-pixels 440M and 440Y respectively emit magenta light and yellow light such that the observer recognizes the pixel unit 400 as a red color. As described above, various colors may be realized through the pixel units 400 by adjusting voltages each applied to the cyan, magenta, and yellow sub-pixels 440C, 440M, and 440Y.

[0075] As described above, according to example embodiments, by using the CMY filter including cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers, a reflective color display device having improved reflectivity, compared to when using a RGB color filter, may be manufactured.

[0076] Example embodiments having thus been described, it will be obvious that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the intended spirit and scope of example embodiments, and all such modifications as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A reflective color display device comprising:
 - a first substrate and a second substrate spaced apart from each other;
 - a plurality of first and second electrodes respectively on the first and second substrates;
 - a polymer dispersed liquid crystal (PDLC) layer between the first and second electrodes and including a polymer and liquid crystals in the polymer; and
 - a cyan magenta yellow (CMY) color filter on the second substrate and including cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers.
2. The reflective color display device of claim 1, wherein an absorption layer that absorbs incident light or a material layer that reflects the incident light outside a range of a viewing angle is on the first substrate.
3. The reflective color display device of claim 1, wherein the PDLC layer further includes a black dye.
4. The reflective color display device of claim 3, wherein the black dye includes a dichroic dye having optical anisotropy.
5. The reflective color display device of claim 3, wherein a reflection layer that reflects incident light is on the first substrate.
6. The reflective color display device of claim 1, wherein the first and second substrates are transparent substrates, and the first and second electrodes include transparent conductive materials.
7. The reflective color display device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of first electrodes correspond to the cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers, and the plurality of second electrodes are a single unit that functions as a common electrode.
8. The reflective color display device of claim 1, wherein the first and second electrodes are stripes that cross each other.

9. A reflective color display device comprising:
a first substrate and a second substrate spaced apart from each other;
a plurality of first and second electrodes respectively on the first and second substrates;
a polymer dispersed liquid crystal (PDLC) layer between the first and second electrodes and including a polymer and liquid crystals in the polymer;
a cyan magenta yellow (CMY) color filter on the second substrate and including cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers; and
a reflection layer on the first substrate and configured to reflect incident light.
10. The reflective color display device of claim 9, wherein the PDLC layer further includes a black dye.

11. The reflective color display device of claim 10, wherein the black dye includes a dichroic dye having optical anisotropy.

12. The reflective color display device of claim 9, wherein the first and second substrates are transparent substrates, and the first and second electrodes include transparent conductive materials.

13. The reflective color display device of claim 9, wherein the plurality of first electrodes correspond to the cyan, magenta, and yellow color filter layers, and the plurality of second electrodes are a single unit that functions as a common electrode.

14. The reflective color display device of claim 9, wherein the first and second electrodes are stripes that cross each other.

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示例实施例涉及一种反射彩色显示装置，包括彼此间隔开的第一基板和第二基板；分别在第一和第二基板上的多个第一和第二电极；聚合物分散液晶（PDLC）层，位于第一和第二电极之间，并在聚合物中包含聚合物和液晶；和第二基板上的CMY滤色器。

