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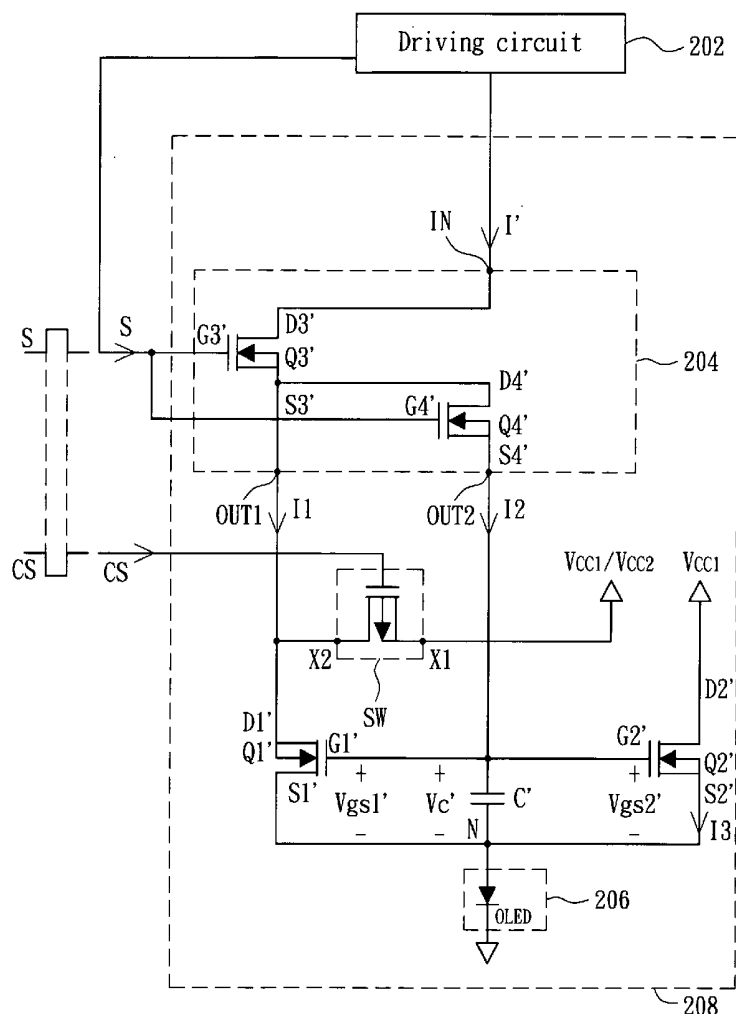
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A pixel of display is used in an Organic light emitted diode (OLED) display. Driving Circuit of the OLED display outputs a data current and a scanning signal. The pixel of display includes a switch circuit, a first transistor, a second transistor, a capacitor, a switch and a lighting emitting element. The switch circuit, which is controlled by the scanning signal, includes an input end for receiving the data current. When the scanning signal is enabled, a first and a second ends of the switch circuit respectively output a first and a second currents. The second current charges the capacitor. The voltage between the gate and the source of the first transistor is stored in the capacitor. When the scanning signal is disabled, the switch is turned on. The first and the second transistors respectively output currents corresponding to the cross-voltage of the capacitor to the lighting emitting element.

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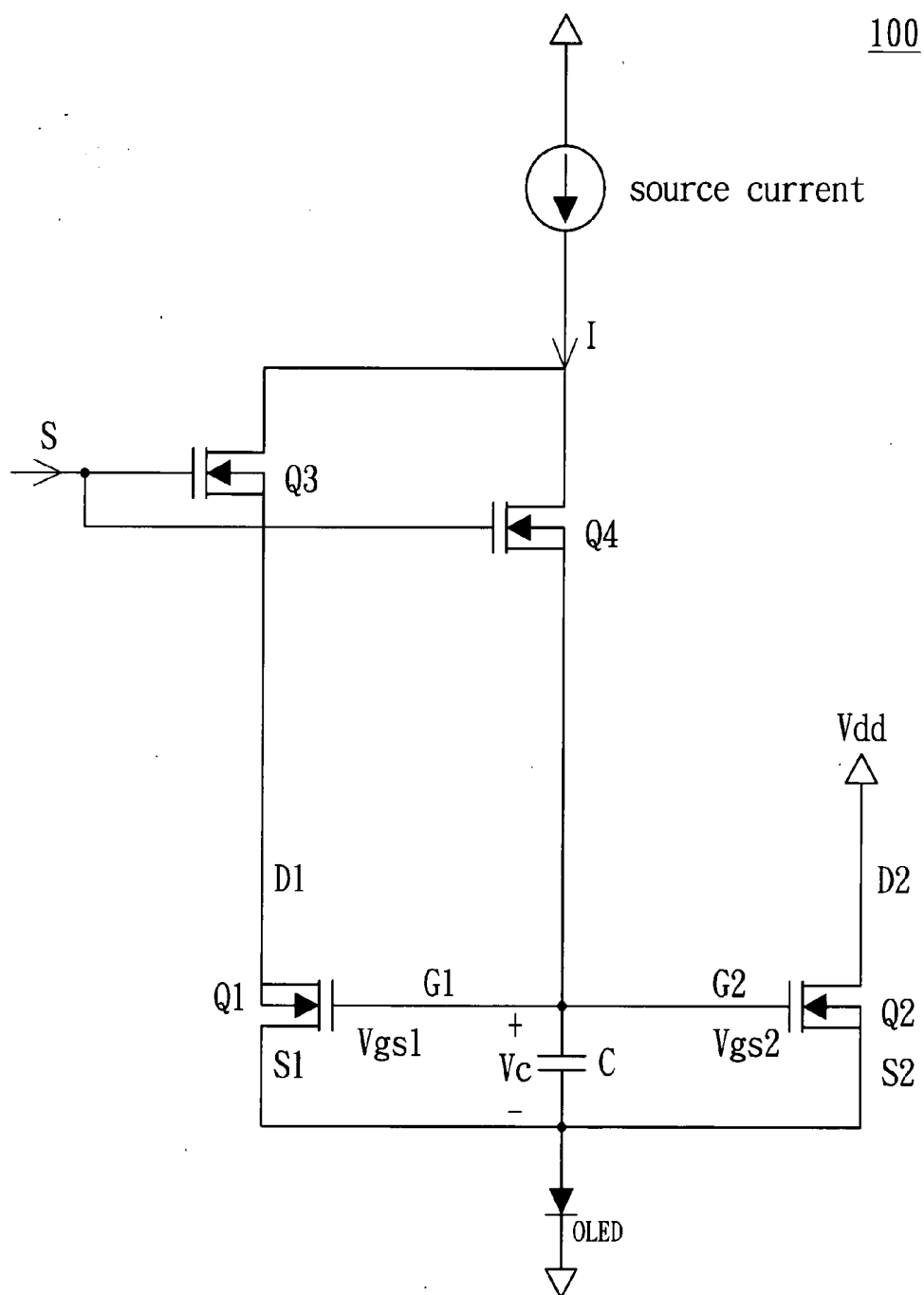


FIG. 1(PRIOR ART)

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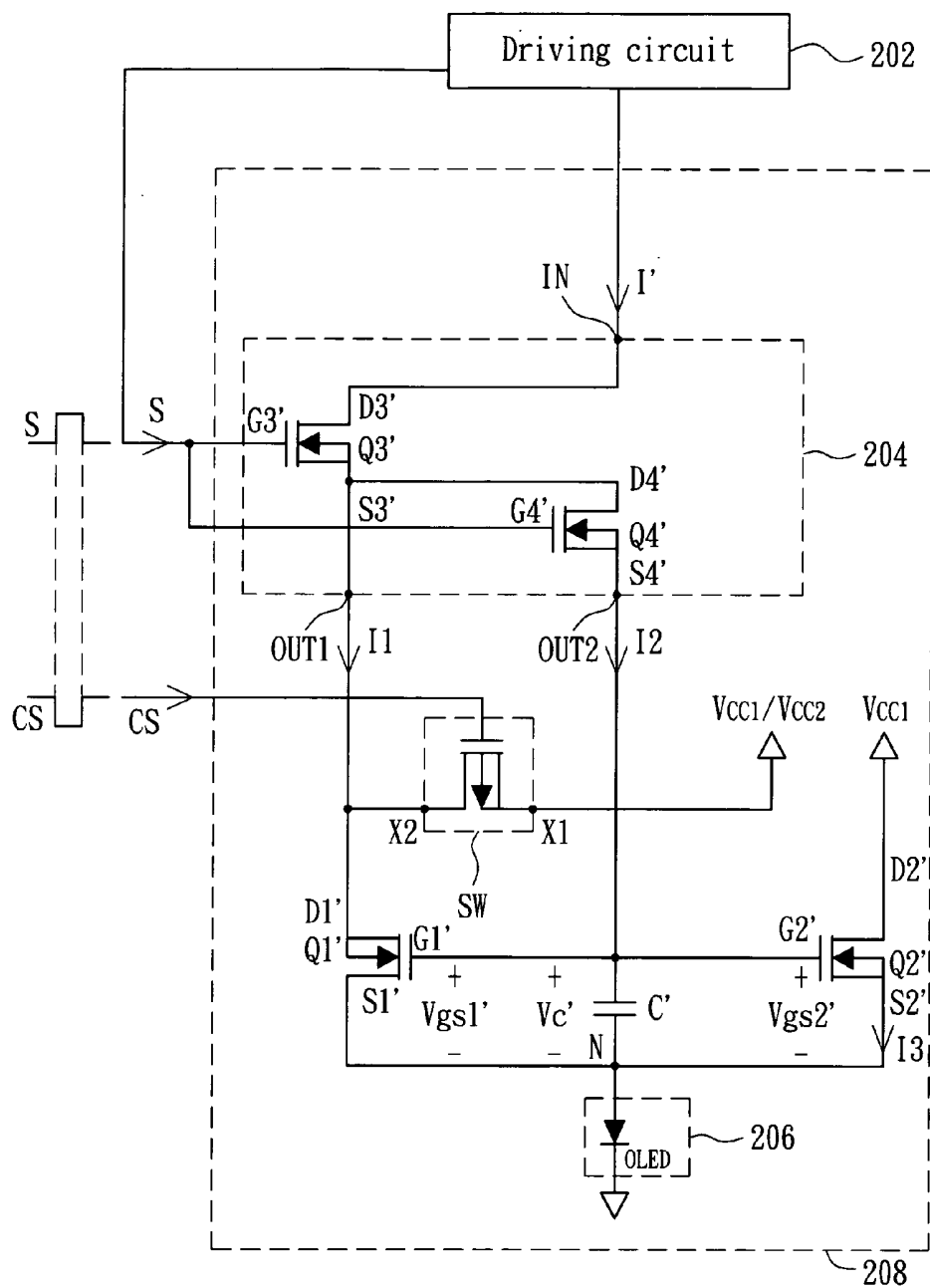


FIG. 2

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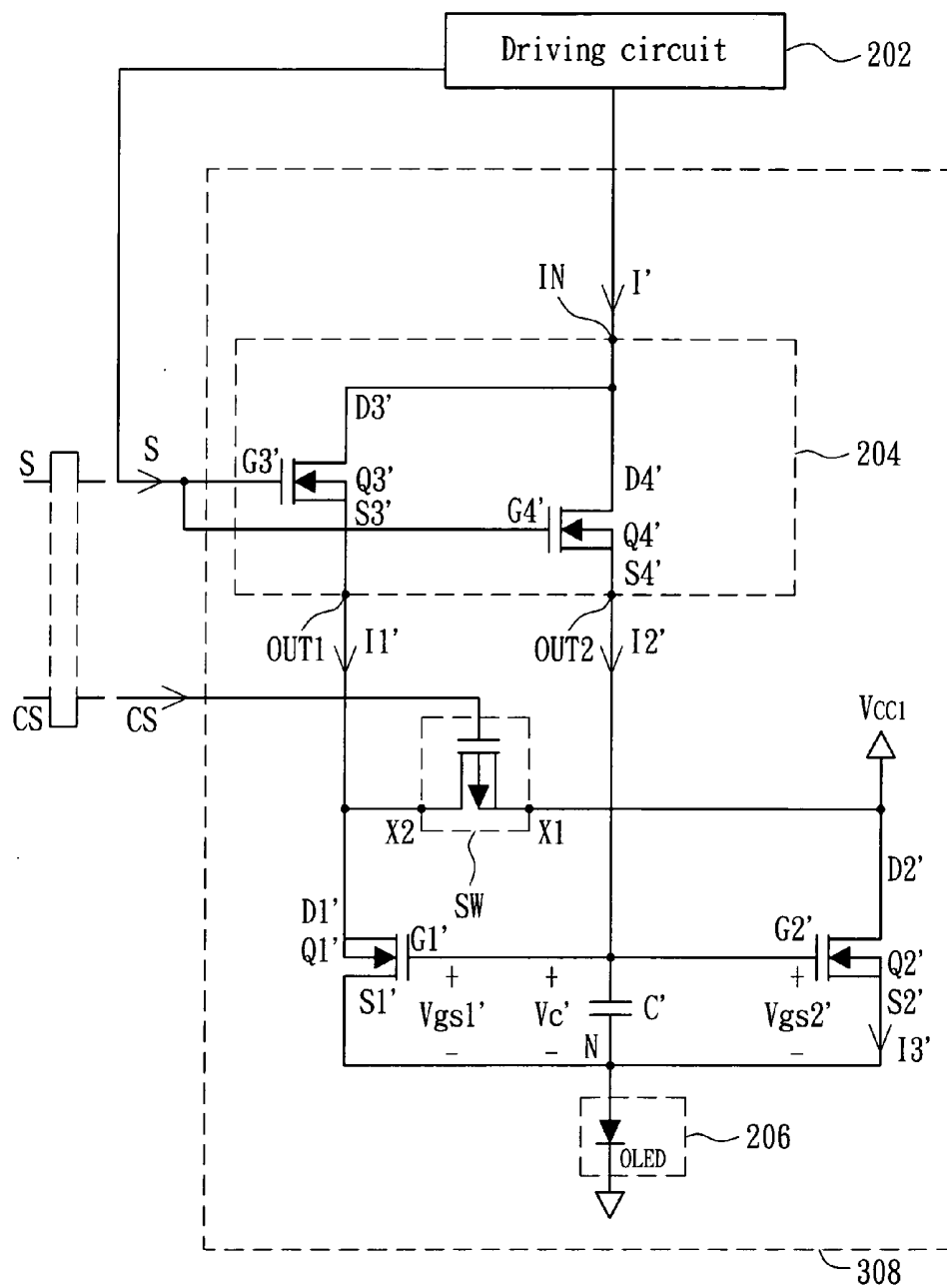


FIG. 3

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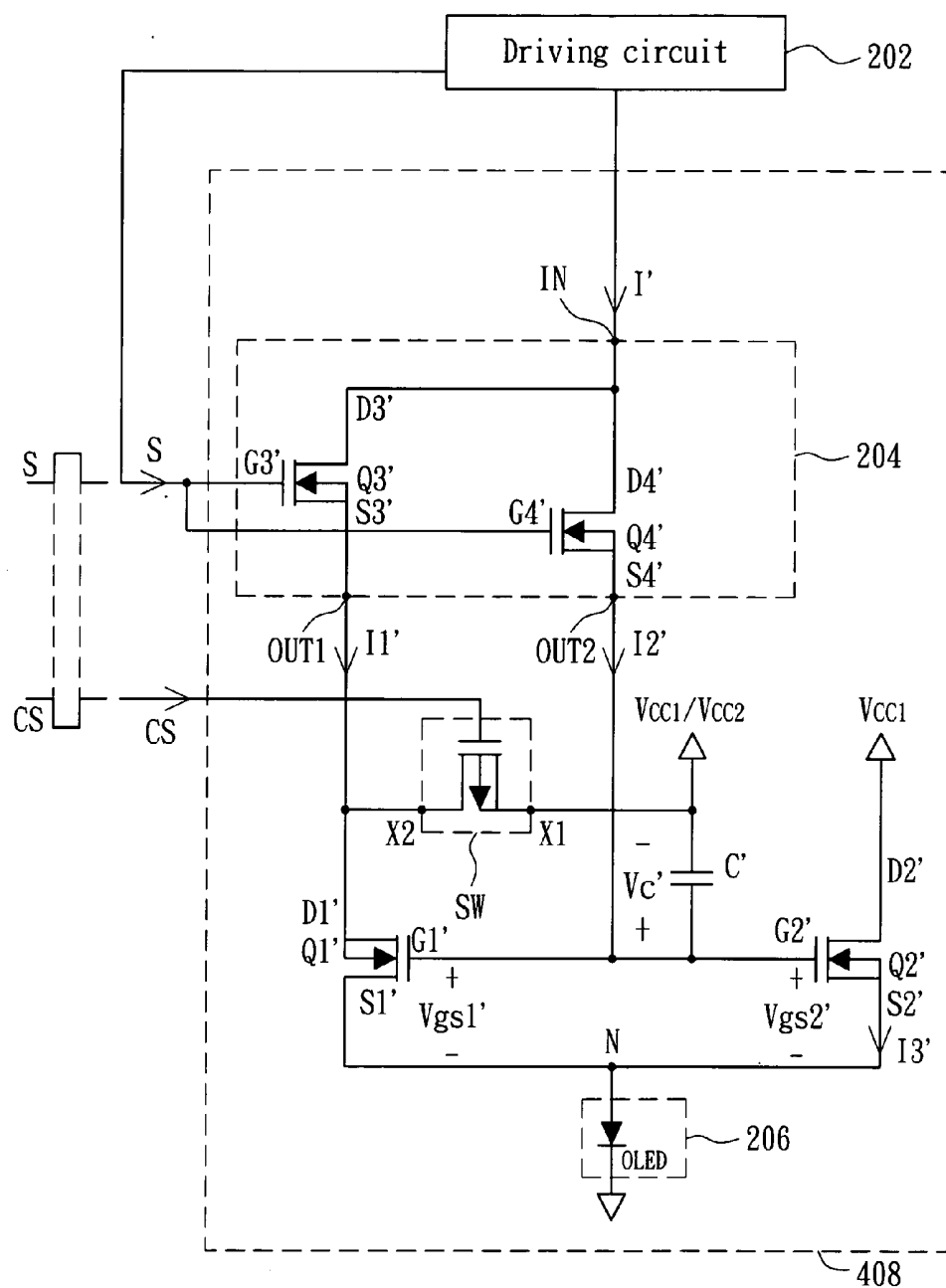


FIG. 4

PIXEL OF DISPLAY

[0001] This application claims the benefit of Taiwan application Serial No. 93132191, filed Oct. 22, 2004, the subject matter of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention

[0003] The invention relates in general to a pixel of display, and more particularly to an organic light emitting diode (OLED) display pixel.

[0004] 2. Description of the Related Art

[0005] Referring to **FIG. 1**, a circuit diagram of a conventional organic light emitting diode (OLED) display pixel is shown. OLED pixel **100** comprises a first transistor **Q1**, a second transistor **Q2**, a third transistor **Q3**, a fourth transistor **Q4**, a capacitor **C**, and an organic light emitting diode. The current driving method of the OLED pixel **100** is disclosed below. The driving circuit (not shown in **FIG. 1**) provides various currents (a constant source current is exemplified here) according to various gray values, so the pixel **100** generates a corresponding voltage V_c across capacitor **C** according to the data current I of the constant source current output. That is to say, when the current that flows through the first transistor **Q1** is almost equal to the data current I , the voltage V_{gs1} between the gate and the source of the first transistor **Q1** corresponding to the current flowing through the first transistor **Q1** is stored at the capacitor **C** and becomes a capacitor cross-voltage V_c . Therefore, when the scanning signal **S** is disabled, the third transistor **Q3**, the fourth transistor **Q4** and the first transistor **Q1** are all turned off. Given that the first transistor **Q1** and the second transistor **Q2** have the same characteristics, and that the capacitor cross-voltage V_c is almost maintained at the level of the voltage V_{gs1} , the voltage V_{gs2} between the gate and the source of the second transistor **Q2** would be substantially equal to the voltage V_{gs1} , meanwhile, the current flowing through the second transistor **Q2** would be theoretically equal to the data current I .

[0006] In practice, shift in the threshold voltage would occur to the transistor after long duration of operation. The shift has much to do with the operation time of the transistor and the volume of the current flowing through. The turn-on duration of the first transistor **Q1** is different from that of the second transistor **Q2**, because the second transistor **Q2** is always turned on. The second transistor **Q2** is turned on no matter the scanning signal **S** is enabled or disabled, while the first transistor **Q1** is turned on only when the scanning signal **S** is enabled. Therefore, the shift in the threshold voltage of conduction for the first transistor **Q1** is different from that for the second transistor **Q2**. The voltage V_{gs2} between the gate and the source of the second transistor **Q2** and the voltage V_{gs1} between the gate and the source of the first transistor may both be equal to the capacitor cross-voltage V_c , but the shift in the threshold voltage for the first transistor **Q1** is different from that for the second transistor **Q2**, resulting in different threshold voltages between the second transistor **Q2** and the first transistor **Q1**. Consequently, the volume of the current generated by the second transistor **Q2** would be different from the data current I , preventing the OLED luminance from achieving the corresponding luminance of the data current I .

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] It is therefore an object of the invention to provide a pixel of display to resolve the problem that under the same gate-source voltage generated when the first transistor and the second transistor have different shifts in threshold voltage, the current generated by the second transistor is different from the current generated by the first transistor.

[0008] The invention achieves the above-identified object by providing a pixel of a display, comprising a switch circuit, a first transistor, a second transistor, a switch, a capacitor, and a lighting emitting element. The switch circuit is for receiving a data signal, and providing a first and a second current according to the data signal when a scanning signal is enabled. The first transistor is for receiving the first current and being coupled to a node. The second transistor is for receiving a first constant voltage and being coupled to the node. The switch is for receiving a second constant voltage and is controlled by a controlling signal corresponding to the scanning signal, and the first transistor receives the current from the switch when the scanning signal is disabled. The capacitor is for receiving the second current. The currents outputted from the first and second transistors are corresponding to the voltage across the capacitor. The first current and the second current vary with the voltage across the capacitor. The lighting emitting element is coupled to the node for receiving the current outputted from the first transistor and the second transistor.

[0009] It is therefore another object of the invention to provide an organic light emitting diode (OLED) display, comprising a driving circuit and a plurality of pixels. The driving circuit outputs a data signal and a scanning signal. Each of the plurality of pixels comprises a switch circuit, a first transistor, a second transistor, a switch, a capacitor, and a lighting emitting element. The switch circuit is for receiving the data signal, and providing a first and a second current according to the data signal when the scanning signal is enabled. The first transistor is for receiving the first current and being coupled to a node. The second transistor is for receiving a first constant voltage and being coupled to the node. The switch is for receiving a second constant voltage and is controlled by a controlling signal corresponding to the scanning signal, and the first transistor receives the current from the switch when the scanning signal is disabled. The capacitor is for receiving the second current. The currents outputted from the first and second transistors are corresponding to the voltage across the capacitor. The first current and the second current vary with the voltage across the capacitor. The lighting emitting element is coupled to the node for receiving the current outputted from the first transistor and the second transistor.

[0010] Other objects, features, and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following detailed description of the preferred but non-limiting embodiments. The following description is made with reference to accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0011] **FIG. 1** a circuit diagram of a conventional organic light emitting diode (OLED) pixel;

[0012] **FIG. 2** is a circuit diagram of an OLED display according to a first embodiment of the invention;

[0013] FIG. 3 is a circuit diagram of an OLED display according to a second embodiment of the invention; and

[0014] FIG. 4 is a circuit diagram of an OLED display according to a third embodiment of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0015] Referring to FIG. 2, a circuit diagram of an OLED display according to a first embodiment of the invention is shown. OLED display 200 comprises a driving circuit 202 and a plurality of pixels such as a pixel 208. The driving circuit 202 outputs a data current I' and a scanning signal S . The pixel 208 comprises a switch circuit 204, a first transistor $Q1'$, a second transistor $Q2'$, a switch SW , a capacitor C' and a lighting emitting element 206. The switch circuit 204 has a third transistor $Q3'$ and a fourth transistor $Q4'$. Moreover, the first transistor $Q1'$, the second transistor $Q2'$, the third transistor $Q3'$ and the fourth transistor $Q4'$ are preferably N-type amorphous silicon thin film transistors, and each has a drain, a gate and a source. Their relationship is disclosed below. The third gate $G3'$ of the third transistor $Q3'$ is for receiving the scanning signal S , the third drain $D3'$ of the third transistor $Q3'$ is used as an input end IN of the switch circuit 204 to receive the data current I' , while the third source $S3$ of the third transistor $Q3'$ is used as a first output end $OUT1$ of the switch circuit 204. The fourth drain $D4'$ of the fourth transistor $Q4'$ is coupled to the third source $S3'$, the fourth gate $G4'$ of the fourth transistor $Q4'$ is for receiving the scanning signal S , and the fourth source $S4'$ of the fourth transistor $Q4'$ is used as a second output end $OUT2$ of the switch circuit 204.

[0016] The first drain $D1'$ of the first transistor $Q1'$ is coupled to the first output end $OUT1$, the first gate $G1'$ of the first transistor $Q1'$ is coupled to the second output end $OUT2$, and the first source $S1'$ of the first transistor $Q1'$ is coupled to a node N . The second drain $D2'$ of the second transistor $Q2'$ is coupled to the first constant voltage $Vcc1$, the second gate $G2'$ of the second transistor $Q2'$ is coupled to the second output end $OUT2$, and the second source $S2'$ of the second transistor $Q2'$ is coupled to the node N . The switch SW has a first end $X1$ and a second end $X2$, wherein the switch SW is preferably a P-type amorphous silicon thin film transistor, the first end $X1$ is coupled to the second constant voltage $Vcc2$, and the second constant voltage $Vcc2$ is preferably of the same voltage with the first constant voltage $Vcc1$. The second end $X2$ is coupled to the first output end $OUT1$.

[0017] One end of the capacitor C' is coupled to the second output end $OUT2$, another end of the capacitor C' together with a positive end of a lighting emitting element 206 are coupled to a node N . The lighting emitting element 206 is an organic light emitting diode (OLED).

[0018] Firstly, when the scanning signal S is just enabled, most of the data currents I' flow to the OLED 206 through the fourth transistor $Q4'$, the capacitor C' to quickly charge the capacitor C' . When the voltage Vc' across the capacitor C' is increased to a level larger than the threshold voltage of the first transistor $Q1'$, the first transistor $Q1'$ is turned on, then the data current I' flows through the third transistor $Q3'$ and the fourth transistor $Q4'$ at the same time. The first current $I1$ is outputted at the first output end $OUT1$ and the second current $I2$ is outputted at the second output end

$OUT2$. Since the threshold voltage of the first transistor $Q1'$ and that of the second transistor $Q2'$ are substantially the same, when the first transistor $Q1'$ is turned on, the second transistor $Q2'$ is turned on as well. When the voltage Vc' is increased, the volume of the first current $I1$ is increased accordingly. Meanwhile, when the second transistor $Q2'$ is turned on, like the first current $I1a$, the third current $I3$ flowing through the second transistor $Q2'$ is also increased along with the increase in the voltage Vc' . When the increase in the voltage Vc' suffices the first current $I1'$ to be almost equal to the data current I' , the voltage between the gate and the source of the first transistor $Q1'$ is $Vgs1'$ and the voltage Vc' is equal to $Vgs1'$, therefore the voltage between the gate $G1'$ and the source $S1'$ of the first transistor $Q1'$ is maintained at the level of $Vgs1'$.

[0019] Next, when the scanning signal S is disabled, both the third transistor $Q3'$ and the fourth transistor $Q4'$ are turned off. Since the controlling signal CS and the scanning signal S are of opposite phases, the scanning signal S is disabled, but the controlling signal CS is enabled so the switch SW is turned on. Meanwhile, since the voltage difference between the gate $G1'$ —the source $S1'$ of the first transistor $Q1'$ and the voltage difference between the gate $G2'$ —the source $S2'$ of the second transistor $Q2'$ are maintained at the level of the voltage Vc' , the first transistor $Q1'$ and the second transistor $Q2'$ continue to be turned on. Meanwhile, the current of the first current $I1$ and that of the third current $I3$ respectively flowing through the first transistor $Q1'$ and the second transistor $Q2'$ are approximately equal to the current of the data current I' , so the current received by the OLED 206 approximately doubles the data current I' . That is to say, compared with the conventional pixel in FIG. 1, for the OLED 206 to generate the same luminance, the current that flows through the first current $I1$ and the third current $I3$ of the first transistor $Q1'$ and the second transistor $Q2'$ in the present embodiment is only half of the current that flows through the first transistor $Q1'$ and the second transistor $Q2'$ in FIG. 1. The shift in the threshold voltage of transistor is proportional related to the duration of conduction and the current flowing through the transistor, so the shifting amount of the threshold voltage of the first transistor $Q1'$ and the second transistor $Q2'$ in the present embodiment is smaller than that in conventional pixels. Therefore, the lifespan of the pixel 208 in the present embodiment is longer than that of the pixel in FIG. 1.

[0020] Besides, when the first transistor $Q1'$ is turned on by the switch SW when the scanning signal S is disabled, the operating time of the two transistors $Q1'$ and $Q2'$ are almost the same and so are their shifts in threshold voltage after long duration of operation. When the capacitor C' stores the voltage $Vgs1'$ between the gate and the source corresponding to the current $I1$ flowing through the first transistor $Q1'$, the voltage Vc' causes the second transistor $Q2'$ to generate a current $I3$ substantially equal to the current $I1$ flowing through the first transistor $Q1'$. Consequently, target luminance can be generated by the pixel 208, preventing low luminance problem as would occur in conventional pixels.

[0021] Referring to FIG. 3, a circuit diagram of an OLED display according to a second embodiment of the invention is shown. The OLED display 300 in the present embodiment differs with the OLED display 200 in the first embodiment in that, the two transistors $Q3'$, $Q4'$ in the pixel 308 are connected in parallel rather than in serial. That is to say, the

fourth drain D4' of the fourth transistor Q4' is coupled to the third drain D3' of the third transistor Q3'. Besides, the second embodiment and the first embodiment have the same effect.

[0022] Referring to FIG. 4, a circuit diagram of an OLED display according to a third embodiment of the invention is shown. The present embodiment differs with the second embodiment in the connection of the capacitor C'. The capacitor C' has one end coupled to the second output end OUT2 of the switch circuit 204 and has another end coupled to either the first constant voltage Vcc1 or the second constant voltage Vcc2, as long as the capacitor C' can store the voltage Vgs1' between the gate and the source corresponding to the current I1' of the first transistor Q1'. Besides, the connection between the third transistor Q3' and the fourth transistor Q4' can also be changed from a parallel connection to a serial connection.

[0023] The pixels disclosed in above embodiments of the invention have a data current lower than that in conventional current driving method. Furthermore, the shift in the threshold voltage of the second transistor and that of the first transistor are almost the same, so that the pixel circuit, according to different driving currents, generates a corresponding voltage between the gate and the source to be used as a voltage the cross capacitor, and that the second transistor generates a third current almost equal to the first current and provides a current substantially doubles the data current for the OLED to achieve the pre-set luminance.

[0024] While the invention has been described by way of example and in terms of a preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited thereto. On the contrary, it is intended to cover various modifications and similar arrangements and procedures, and the scope of appended claims therefore should be accorded the broadest interpretation so as to encompass all such modifications and similar arrangements and procedures.

What is claimed is:

1. A pixel of a display, comprising:

- a switch circuit for receiving a data signal, and providing a first and a second current according to the data signal when a scanning signal is enabled;
- a first transistor for receiving the first current and being coupled to a node;
- a second transistor for receiving a first constant voltage and being coupled to the node;
- a switch for receiving a second constant voltage and controlled by a controlling signal corresponding to the scanning signal, wherein the first transistor receives the current from the switch when the scanning signal is disabled;
- a capacitor for receiving the second current, the currents outputted from the first and second transistors being corresponding to the voltage across the capacitor, wherein the first current and the second current vary with the voltage across the capacitor; and
- a lighting emitting element coupled to the node for receiving the current outputted from the first transistor and the second transistor.

2. The pixel according to claim 1, wherein the switch circuit comprises:

- a third transistor being controlled by the scanning signal, for receiving the data signal and outputting the first current and the current for the fourth transistor; and
- a fourth transistor being controlled by the scanning signal, for receiving the current outputted from the third transistor and outputting the second current, wherein the sum of the first current and the second current is substantially equal to the data signal.

3. The pixel according to claim 1, wherein the switch circuit comprises:

- a third transistor being controlled by the scanning signal, for receiving part of the data signal and outputting the first current;
- a fourth transistor being controlled by the scanning signal, for receiving other part of the data signal and outputting the second current.

4. The pixel according to claim 1, wherein one end of the capacitor is coupled to the gates of the first transistor and the second transistor, and another end of the capacitor is coupled to the node, the first constant voltage or the second constant voltage.

5. The pixel according to claim 1, wherein the lighting emitting element is an organic light emitting diode.

6. The pixel according to claim 1, wherein all of the first transistor, the second transistor, the third transistor, and the fourth transistor are N-type amorphous silicon thin film transistors.

7. The pixel according to claim 1, wherein the controlling signal and the scanning signal are of opposite phases.

8. The pixel according to claim 1, wherein the controlling signal is the next scanning signal.

9. The pixel according to claim 1, wherein the first constant voltage and the second constant voltage have the same voltage.

10. An organic light emitting diode (OLED) display, comprising:

- a driving circuit for outputting a data signal and a scanning signal; and
- a plurality of pixels, each comprising:
 - a switch circuit for receiving the data signal, and providing a first and a second current according to the data signal when the scanning signal is enabled;
 - a first transistor for receiving the first current and being coupled to a node;
 - a second transistor for receiving a first constant voltage and being coupled to the node;
 - a switch for receiving a second constant voltage and controlled by a controlling signal corresponding to the scanning signal, wherein the first transistor receives the current from the switch when the scanning signal is disabled;
 - a capacitor for receiving the second current, the currents outputted from the first and second transistors being corresponding to the voltage across the capacitor, wherein the first current and the second current vary with the voltage across the capacitor; and

a lighting emitting element coupled to the node for receiving the current outputted from the first transistor and the second transistor.

11. The display according to claim 10, wherein the switch circuit comprises:

a third transistor being controlled by the scanning signal, for receiving the data signal and outputting the first current and the current for the fourth transistor; and

a fourth transistor being controlled by the scanning signal, for receiving the current outputted from the third transistor and outputting the second current, wherein the sum of the first current and the second current is substantially equal to the data signal.

12. The display according to claim 10, wherein the switch circuit comprises:

a third transistor being controlled by the scanning signal, for receiving part of the data signal and outputting the first current;

a fourth transistor being controlled by the scanning signal, for receiving other part of the data signal and outputting the second current.

13. The display according to claim 10, wherein one end of the capacitor is coupled to the gates of the first transistor and the second transistor, and another end of the capacitor is coupled to the node, the first constant voltage or the second constant voltage.

14. The display according to claim 10, wherein the lighting emitting element is an organic light emitting diode.

15. The display according to claim 10, wherein all of the first transistor, the second transistor, the third transistor, and the fourth transistor are N-type amorphous silicon thin film transistors.

16. The display according to claim 10, wherein the controlling signal and the scanning signal are of opposite phases.

17. The display according to claim 10, wherein the controlling signal is the next scanning signal.

18. The display according to claim 10, wherein the first constant voltage and the second constant voltage have the same voltage.

19. A pixel of a display, comprising:

a switch circuit having a input end, a first output end and a second output end, wherein the input end, which receives a data current, is controlled by a scanning signal, and when the scanning signal is enabled, the switch circuit respectively outputs a first current and a second current at the first output end and the second output end;

a first transistor having a first drain, a first gate and a first source, wherein the first drain is coupled to the first output end, the first gate is coupled to the second output end, and the first source is coupled to a node;

a second transistor having a second drain, a second gate and a second source, wherein the second drain is coupled to a first constant voltage, the second gate is coupled to the second output end, and the second source is coupled to the node;

a switch having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end is coupled to a second constant voltage, the second end is coupled to the first output end, the switch is controlled by a controlling signal corresponding to the scanning signal, and when the scanning signal is enabled, the switch is turned off according to the controlling signal;

a capacitor whose one end is coupled to the second output end, wherein a voltage across capacitor of the capacitor corresponds to the voltage between the first gate and the first source; and

a lighting emitting element coupled to the node;

wherein when the scanning signal is disabled, the switch is turned on for the first transistor and the second transistor to respectively output the current corresponding to the voltage across the capacitor to the lighting emitting element.

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显示器的像素用于有机发光二极管 (OLED) 显示器中。 OLED显示器的驱动电路输出数据电流和扫描信号。显示器的像素包括开关电路，第一晶体管，第二晶体管，电容器，开关和发光元件。由扫描信号控制的开关电路包括用于接收数据电流的输入端。当扫描信号被使能时，开关电路的第一和第二端分别输出第一和第二电流。第二电流为电容器充电。第一晶体管的栅极和源极之间的电压存储在电容器中。禁用扫描信号时，开关打开。第一和第二晶体管分别输出与电容器的交叉电压对应的电流到发光元件。

