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(54) **SCAN DRIVER AND ORGANIC LIGHT
EMITTING DISPLAY USING THE SAME**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Embodiments may provide a scan driver including a plurality of stages for simultaneously outputting first scan signals in a simultaneous driving period and for progressively outputting second scan signals in a progressive driving period, wherein each of the stages includes a first signal processing unit coupled to an input terminal, a first clock terminal, a third clock terminal, an auxiliary terminal, a first power source terminal, and a second power source terminal to output a first output signal and a second output signal, and a second signal processing unit coupled to a second clock terminal and the first power source terminal to receive the first output signal and the second output signal and to output a first scan signal and a second scan signal to an output terminal.

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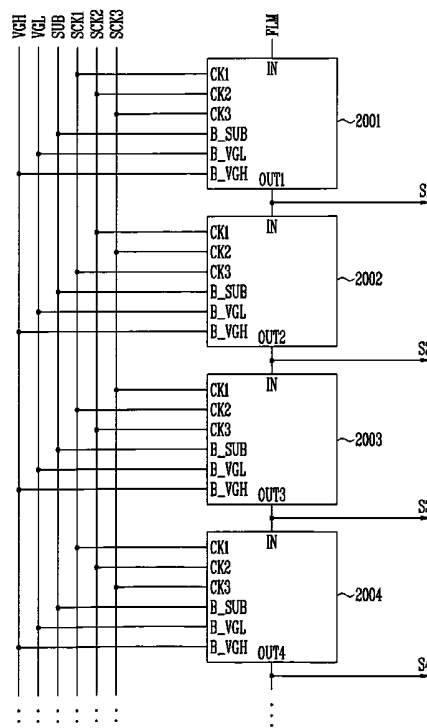


FIG. 2

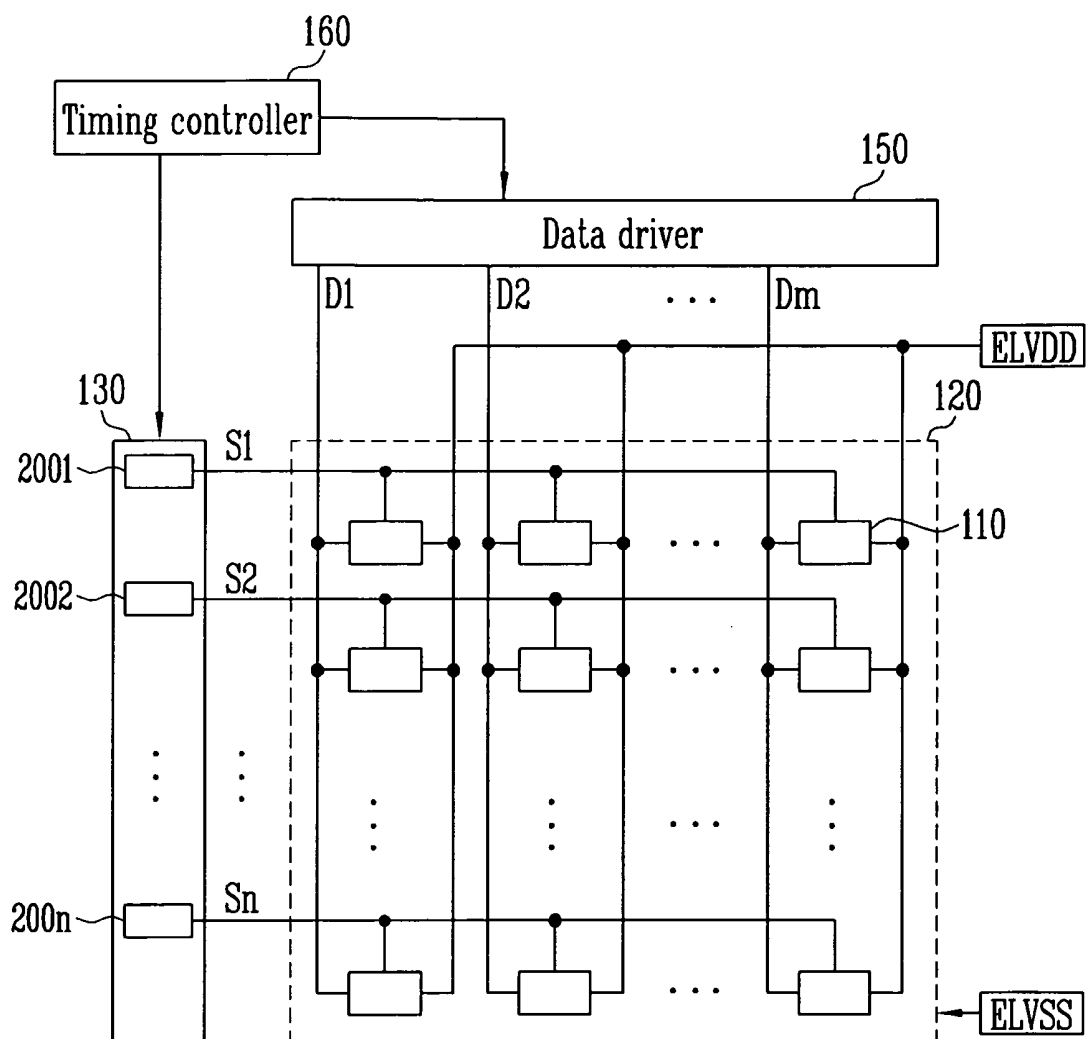


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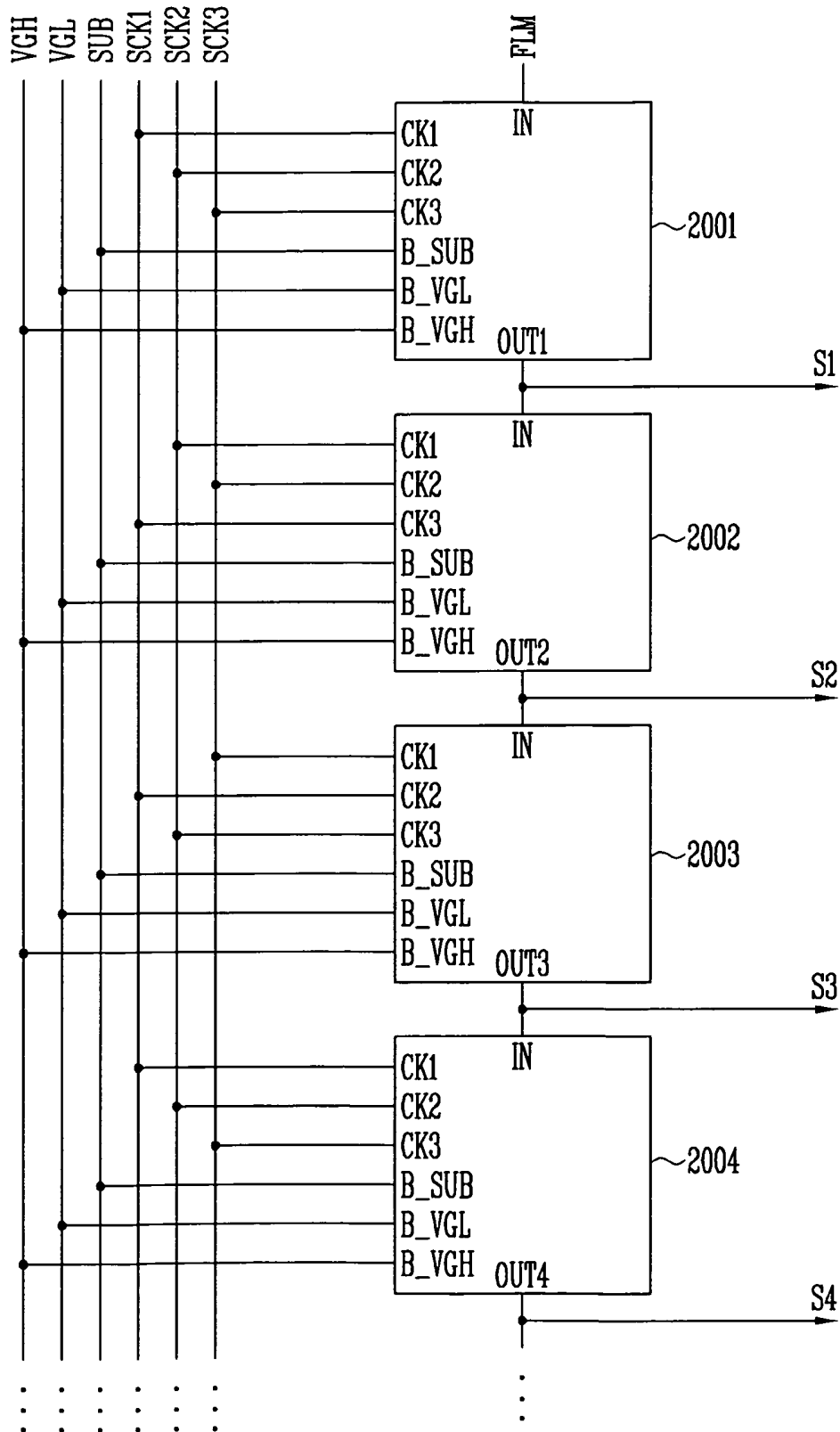


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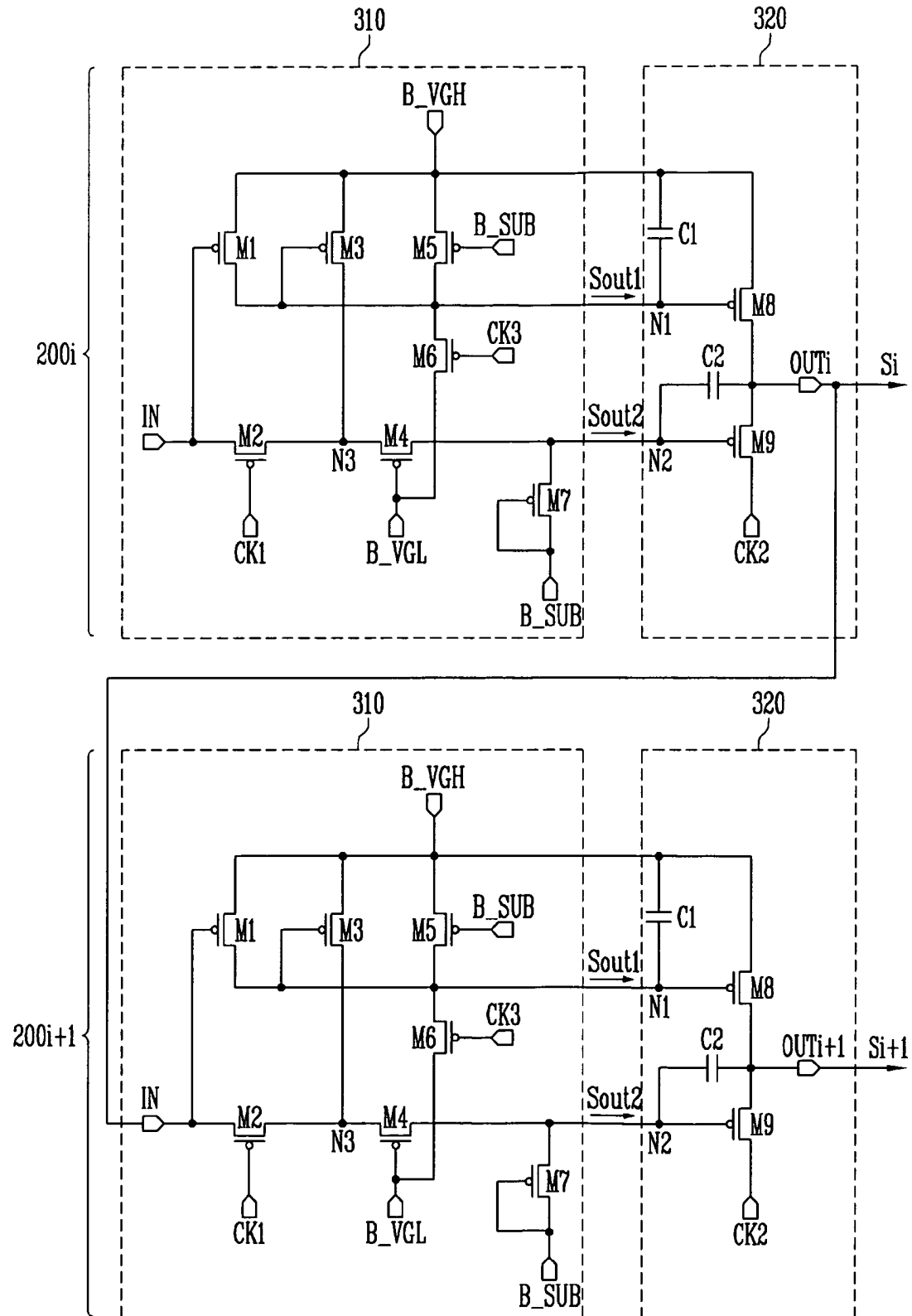


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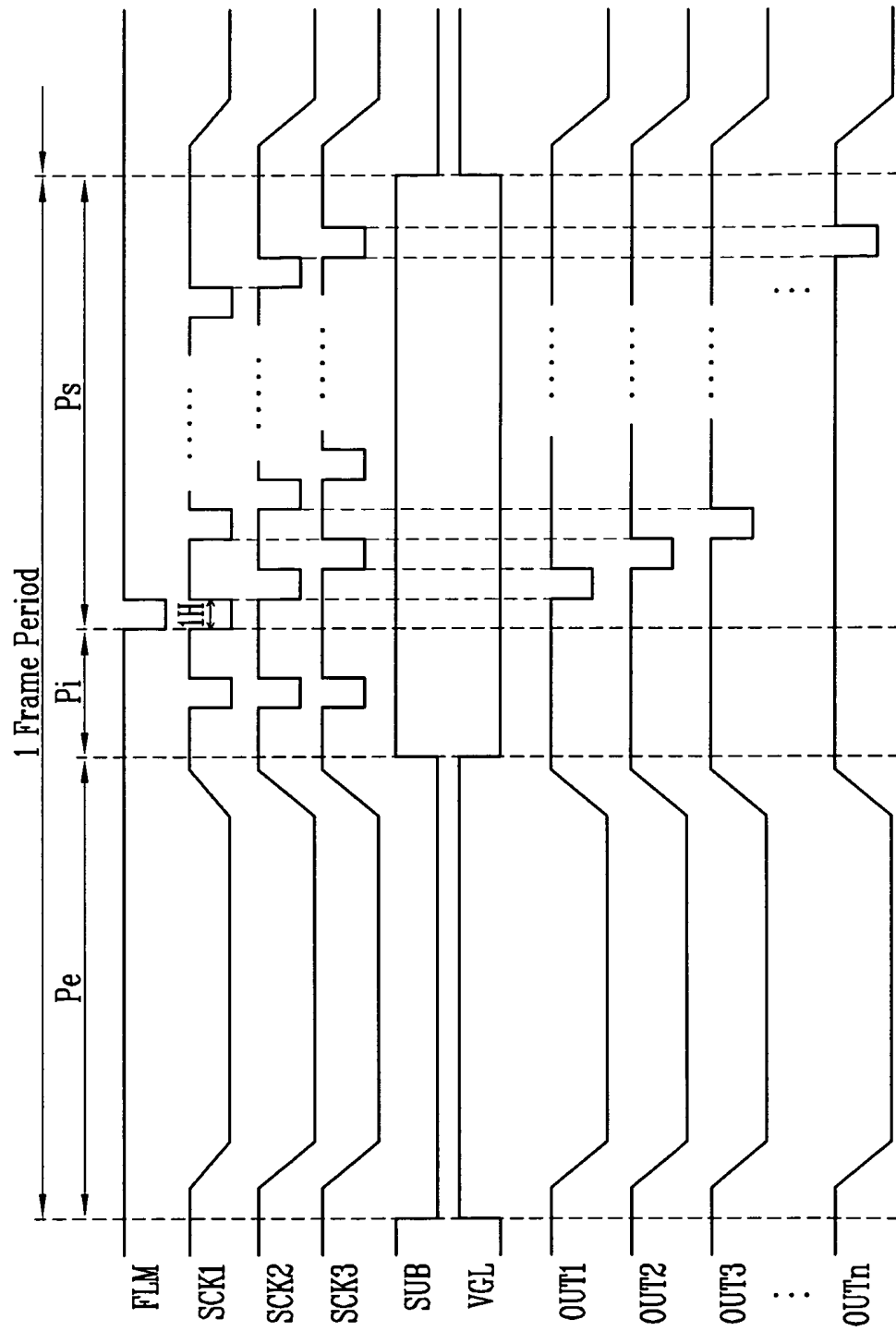


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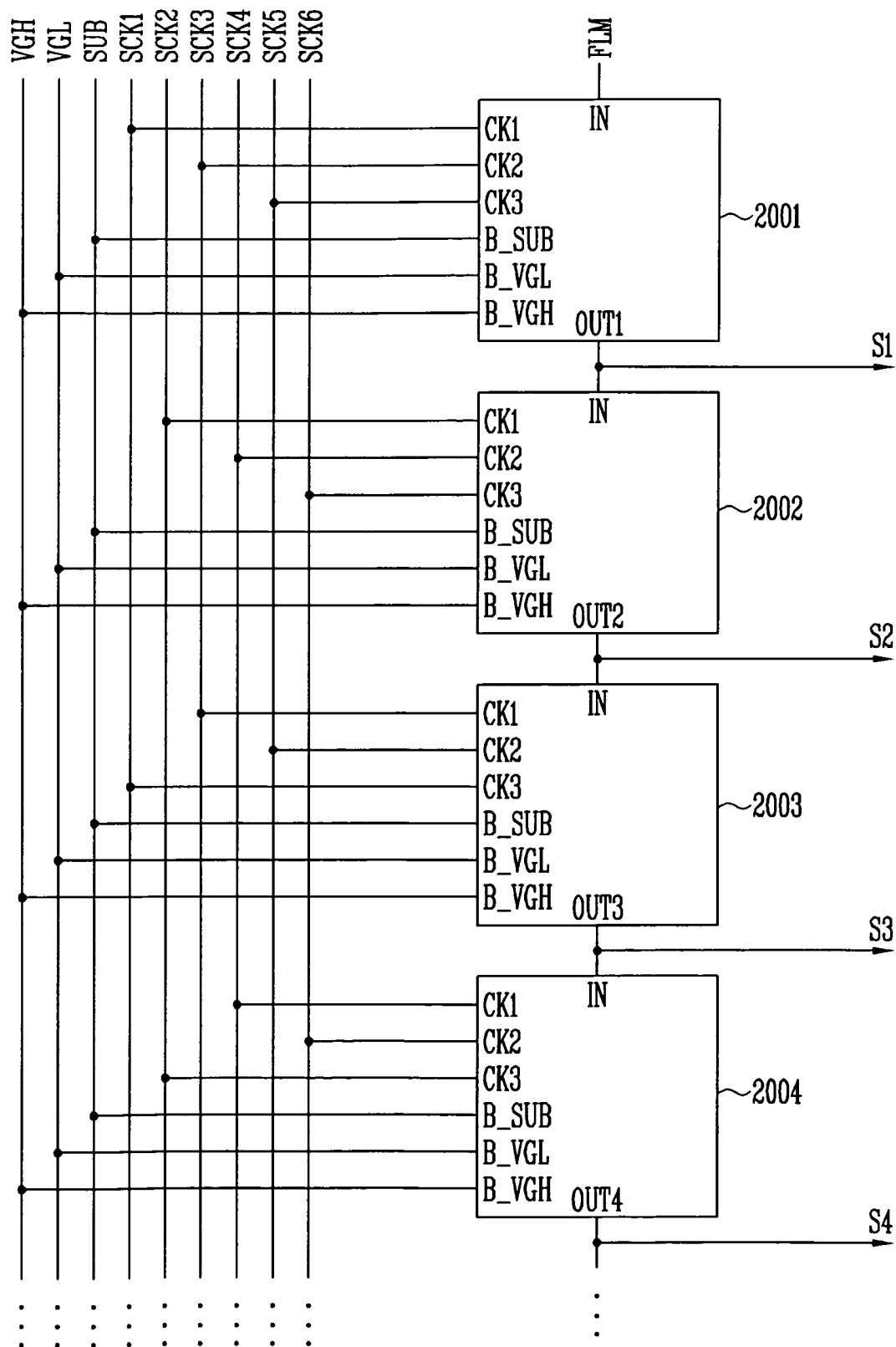
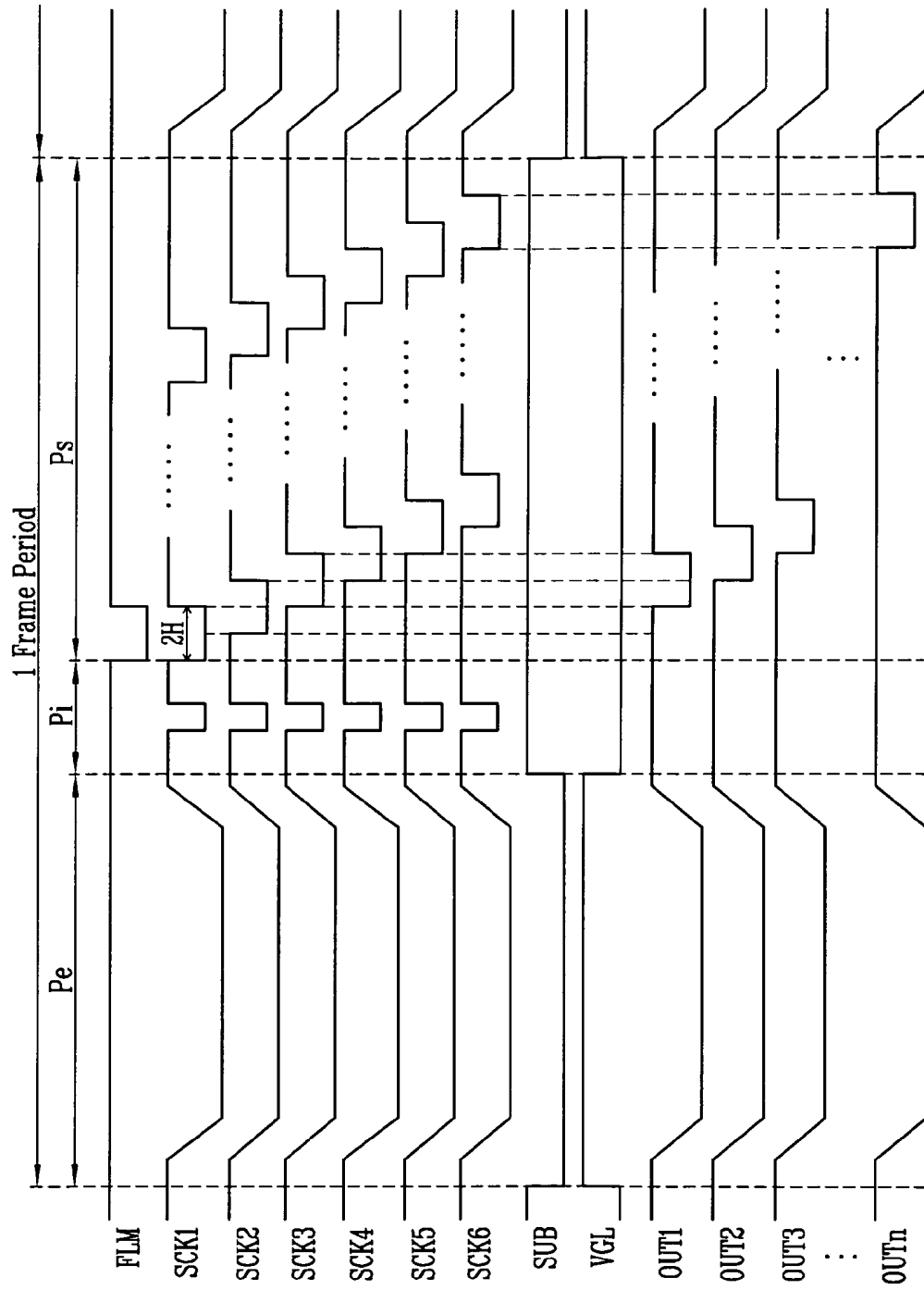


FIG. 7



SCAN DRIVER AND ORGANIC LIGHT EMITTING DISPLAY USING THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to and the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2011-0064435, filed on Jun. 30, 2011, in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND

1. Field

Embodiments relate to a scan driver and an organic light emitting display using the same.

2. Description of the Related Art

Various flat panel displays (FPD) capable of reducing weight and volume have been developed. The FPDs include a liquid crystal display (LCD), a field emission display (FED), a plasma display panel (PDP), and an organic light emitting display.

SUMMARY

Embodiments may be directed to a scan driver and an organic light emitting display.

According to an embodiment, there may be a scan driver, including a plurality of stages for simultaneously outputting first scan signals in a simultaneous driving period and for progressively outputting second scan signals in a progressive driving period. Each of the stages includes a first signal processing unit coupled to an input terminal, a first clock terminal, a third clock terminal, an auxiliary terminal, a first power source terminal, and a second power source terminal to output a first output signal and a second output signal and a second signal processing unit coupled to a second clock terminal and the first power source terminal to receive the first output signal and the second output signal and to output a first scan signal and a second scan signal to an output terminal.

The first signal processing unit may include a first transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the input terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the first power source terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to a first node, a second transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the first clock terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the input terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to a third node, a third transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the first node, whose first electrode is coupled to the first power source terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to the third node, a fourth transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the second power source terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the third node, and whose second electrode is coupled to a second node, a fifth transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the auxiliary terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the first power source terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to the first node, a sixth transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the third clock terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the first node, and whose second electrode is coupled to the second power source terminal, and a seventh transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the auxiliary terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the second node, and whose second electrode is coupled to the auxiliary terminal.

The first output signal may be output from the first node and the second output signal may be output from the second node.

The second signal processing unit may include an eighth transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the first node, whose first electrode is coupled to the first power source terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to the output terminal and a ninth transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the second node, whose first electrode is coupled to the output terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to the second clock terminal.

The second signal processing unit may further include a first capacitor coupled between the first node and the first power source terminal and a second capacitor coupled between the second node and the output terminal.

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth transistors may be PMOS transistors.

The output terminal includes an output terminal of an i th (i is a natural number) stage and the input terminal includes an input terminal of an $(i+1)$ th stage, the output terminal of the i th stage being electrically coupled to the input terminal of the $(i+1)$ th stage.

In the simultaneous driving period, supply of clock signals to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal may be maintained, an auxiliary signal may be supplied to the auxiliary terminal, and a second power source supplied to the second power source terminal may have a high level voltage.

In the progressive driving period, the clock signals may be progressively and repeatedly supplied to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal, supply of the auxiliary signal to the auxiliary terminal may be stopped, and the second power source supplied to the second power source terminal may have a low level voltage.

In an initializing period that exists between the simultaneous driving period and the progressive driving period, the clock signals are simultaneously supplied to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal, supply of the auxiliary signal to the auxiliary terminal is stopped, and the second power source supplied to the second power source terminal has the low level voltage.

According to another embodiment, there may be an organic light emitting display, including a pixel unit including pixels receiving first scan signals, second scan signals, and data signals, a scan driver including a plurality of stages for simultaneously outputting the first scan signals in a simultaneous driving period and for progressively outputting the second scan signals in a progressive driving period, and a data driver for supplying the data signals to the pixels. Each of the stages includes a first signal processing unit coupled to an input terminal, a first clock terminal, a third clock terminal, an auxiliary terminal, a first power source terminal, and a second power source terminal to output a first output signal and a second output signal and a second signal processing unit coupled to a second clock terminal and the first power source terminal to receive the first output signal and the second output signal and to output one of the first scan signals and one of the second scan signals to an output terminal.

The first signal processing unit may include a first transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the input terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the first power source terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to a first node, a second transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the first clock terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the input terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to a third node, a third transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the first node, whose first electrode is coupled to the first power source terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to the third node, a fourth transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the second power source terminal,

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whose first electrode is coupled to the third node, and whose second electrode is coupled to a second node, a fifth transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the auxiliary terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the first power source terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to the first node, a sixth transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the third clock terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the first node, and whose second electrode is coupled to the second power source terminal, and a seventh transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the auxiliary terminal, whose first electrode is coupled to the second node, and whose gate electrode is coupled to the auxiliary terminal.

The first output signal may be output from the first node and the second output signal is output from the second node.

The second signal processing unit may include an eighth transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the first node, whose first electrode is coupled to the first power source terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to the output terminal and a ninth transistor whose gate electrode is coupled to the second node, whose first electrode is coupled to the output terminal, and whose second electrode is coupled to the second clock terminal.

The second signal processing unit may further include a first capacitor coupled between the first node and the first power source terminal and a second capacitor coupled between the second node and the output terminal.

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth transistors may be PMOS transistors.

The output terminal includes an output terminal of an i th (i is a natural number) stage and the input terminal includes an input terminal of an $(i+1)$ th stage, the output terminal of the i th stage being electrically coupled to the input terminal of the $(i+1)$ th stage.

In the simultaneous driving period, supplies of clock signals to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal may be maintained, an auxiliary signal may be supplied to the auxiliary terminal, and a second power source supplied to the second power source terminal may have a high level voltage.

In the progressive driving period, clock signals may be progressively and repeatedly supplied to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal, supply of an auxiliary signal to the auxiliary terminal may be stopped, and a second power source supplied to the second power source terminal may have a low level voltage.

In an initializing period that exists between the simultaneous driving period and the progressive driving period, clock signals may be simultaneously supplied to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal, supply of an auxiliary signal to the auxiliary terminal may be stopped, and a second power source supplied to the second power source terminal may have a low level voltage.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Example embodiments will now be described more fully hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings; however, they may be embodied in different forms and should not be construed as limited to the embodiments set forth herein.

FIG. 1 is a view illustrating an organic light emitting display;

FIG. 2 is a view illustrating an organic light emitting display according to an exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 3 is a view illustrating the structures of the stages included in the scan driver of FIG. 2;

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FIG. 4 is a view illustrating the circuit structures of the stages of FIG. 3;

FIG. 5 is a waveform chart illustrating the operations of the stages of FIG. 3;

FIG. 6 is a view illustrating other structures of the stages included in the scan driver of FIG. 2; and

FIG. 7 is a waveform chart illustrating the operations of the stages of FIG. 6.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Korean Patent Application No. 10-2011-0064435, filed on Jun. 30, 2011, in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, and entitled: "Scan Driver and Organic Light Emitting Display Using the Same" is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Exemplary embodiments have been disclosed herein, and although specific terms are employed, they are used and are to be interpreted in a generic and descriptive sense only and not for purpose of limitation.

Hereinafter, the scan driver and the organic light emitting display using the same will be described with reference to the embodiments and the drawings for describing the embodiments.

FIG. 2 is a view illustrating an organic light emitting display according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 2, the organic light emitting display according to the embodiment includes a pixel unit **120** including pixels **110** coupled to scan lines $S1$ to S_n , data lines $D1$ to D_m , a first power source $ELVDD$, and a second power source $ELVSS$, a scan driver **130** for supplying first scan signals and second scan signals to the pixels **110**, and a data driver **150** for supplying data signals to the pixels **110** through the data lines $D1$ to D_m , and may further include a timing controller **160** for controlling the scan driver **130** and the data driver **150**.

The scan driver **130** generates the first scan signals and the second scan signals by the control of the timing controller **160** to simultaneously supply the generated first scan signals to the pixels **110** in a simultaneous driving period P_e and to progressively supply the generated second scan signals to the pixels **110** in a progressive driving period P_s .

Signals supplied to the pixels **110** in the simultaneous driving period P_e may be defined as the first scan signals and signals supplied to the pixels **110** in the progressive driving period P_s may be defined as the second scan signals. In addition, the first scan signals and the second scan signals may be realized by low level voltages.

The simultaneous driving period P_e and the progressive driving period P_s may progressively proceed in one frame period and an initializing period P_i may proceed between the simultaneous driving period P_e and the progressive driving period P_s .

In addition, in order to generate and supply the first scan signals and the second scan signals, a plurality of stages **2001** to **200n** are included.

The data driver **150** generates the data signals for determining the emission brightness components of the pixels **110** by the control of the timing controller **160** and supplies the generated data signals to the data lines $D1$ to D_m .

Then, the data signals are supplied to the pixels **110** selected by the scan signals progressively supplied in the progressive driving period P_s and the pixels **110** charge the voltages corresponding to the data signals supplied thereto and emit light with the brightness components corresponding to the charged voltages.

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In addition, the scan driver **130** may transmit the first scan signals and the second scan signals to the pixels **110** through the scan lines **S1** to **Sn** illustrated in FIG. **2**.

FIG. **3** is a view illustrating the structures of the stages included in the scan driver of FIG. **2**. In FIG. **3**, only a first stage **2001**, a second stage **2002**, a third stage **2003**, and a fourth stage **2004** are illustrated. The other stages **2005** to **200n** are omitted for convenience sake.

Referring to FIG. **3**, each of the stages **2001** to **200n** includes an input terminal **IN**, a first clock terminal **CK1**, a second clock terminal **CK2**, a third clock terminal **CK3**, an auxiliary terminal **B_SUB**, a first power source terminal **B_VGH**, a second power source terminal **B_VGL**, and each of output terminals **OUT1** to **OUTn**.

A start pulse **FLM** is supplied to the input terminal **IN** of the first stage **2001** and the input terminal **IN** of each of the other stages **2002** to **200n** is coupled to the output terminals of previous stages.

Therefore, the output terminal **OUTi** of an *i*th stage **200i** is electrically coupled to the input terminal **IN** of an (*i*+1)th stage **200i+1** so that the signal output from the output terminal **OUTi** of the *i*th stage **200i** is supplied to a corresponding pixel **110** and is supplied to the input terminal **IN** of the (*i*+1)th stage **200i+1**.

A first power source **VGH** is supplied to the first power source terminal **B_VGH** of each of the stages **2001** to **200n**. A second power source **VGL** is supplied to the second power source terminal **B_VGL** of each of the stages **2001** to **200n**.

The first power source **VGH** uniformly maintains the voltage thereof in one frame period. The voltage of the second power source **VGL** varies in one frame period.

For example, the first power source **VGH** may uniformly maintain a voltage in a high level in one frame period. The second power source **VGL** may be set as a voltage in a high level in the simultaneous driving period **Pe** and may be set as a voltage in a low level in the initializing period **Pi** and the progressive driving period **Ps**.

Since clock signals must be progressively supplied to the first clock terminal **CK1**, the second clock terminal **CK2**, and the third clock terminal **CK3** of each of the stages **2001** to **200n** in the progressive driving period **Ps**, the first clock terminal **CK1** of the first stage **2001** is coupled to the first clock signal **SCK1**, the second clock terminal **CK2** of the first stage **2001** is coupled to the second clock signal **SCK2**, and the third clock terminal **CK3** of the first stage **2001** is coupled to the third clock signal **SCK3**.

In addition, the first clock terminal **CK1** of the second stage **2002** is coupled to the second clock signal **SCK2**, the second clock terminal **CK2** is coupled to the third clock signal **SCK3**, and the third clock terminal **CK3** is coupled to the first clock signal **SCK1**.

The first clock terminal **CK1** of the third stage **2003** is coupled to the third clock signal **SCK3**. The second clock terminal **CK2** of the third stage **2003** is coupled to the first clock signal **SCK1**. The third clock terminal **CK3** of the third stage **2003** is coupled to the second clock signal **SCK2**.

The first clock signal **SCK1**, the second clock signal **SCK2**, and the third clock signal **SCK3** are repeatedly supplied as illustrated in FIG. **5**. The second clock signal **SCK2** may be delayed from the first clock signal **SCK1** by one horizontal period **1H** and the third clock signal **SCK3** may be delayed from the second clock signal **SCK2** by one horizontal period **1H**.

FIG. **4** is a view illustrating the circuit structures of the stages of FIG. **3**. In FIG. **4**, for convenience sake, an *i*th (*i* is a natural number) stage and an (*i*+1)th stage will be illustrated.

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Each of the stages **2001** to **200n** includes a first signal processing unit **310** and a second signal processing unit **320**. For convenience sake, the *i*th stage **200i** illustrated in FIG. **4** will be described.

The first signal processing unit **310** is coupled to the input terminal **IN**, the first clock terminal **CK1**, the third clock terminal **CK3**, the auxiliary terminal **B_SUB**, the first power source terminal **B_VGH**, and the second power source terminal **B_VGL** and outputs a first output signal **Sout1** and a second output signal **Sout2**.

The second signal processing unit **320** is coupled to the second clock terminal **CK2** and the first power source terminal **B_VGH** and receives the first output signal **Sout1** and the second output signal **Sout2** output from the first signal processing unit **310** to output the first scan signals and the second scan signals to the output terminal **OUTi**.

At this time, the first signal processing unit **310** includes a first transistor **M1** to a seventh transistor **M7**.

The gate electrode of the first transistor **M1** is coupled to the input terminal **IN**. The first electrode of the first transistor **M1** is coupled to the first power source terminal **B_VGH**. The second electrode of the first transistor **M1** is coupled to a first node **N1**. In addition, the first transistor **M1** is turned on when a scan signal is input from a previous stage to the input terminal **IN** to transmit the first power source **VGH** to the first node **N1**.

The gate electrode of the second transistor **M2** is coupled to the first clock terminal **CK1**. The first electrode of the second transistor **M2** is coupled to the input terminal **IN**. The second electrode of the second transistor is coupled to a third node **N3**. In addition, the second transistor **M2** is turned on when a clock signal is supplied to the first clock terminal **CK1** to transmit the voltage of the input terminal **IN** to the third node **N3**.

The gate electrode of the third transistor **M3** is coupled to the first node **N1**. The first electrode of the third transistor **M3** is coupled to the first power source terminal **B_VGH**. The second electrode of the third transistor **M3** is coupled to the third node **N3**. In addition, the turn on and off of the third transistor **M3** are controlled by the voltage of the first node **N1**. When the third transistor **M3** is turned on, the first power source **VGH** is transmitted to the third node **N3**.

The gate electrode of the fourth transistor **M4** is coupled to the second power source terminal **B_VGL**. The first electrode of the fourth transistor **M4** is coupled to the third node **N3**. The second electrode of the fourth transistor **M4** is coupled to a second node **N2**. In addition, the turn on and off of the fourth transistor **M4** are controlled by the second power source **VGL**. When the fourth transistor **M4** is turned on, the voltage of the third node **N3** is transmitted to the second node **N2**.

The gate electrode of the fifth transistor **M5** is coupled to the auxiliary terminal **B_SUB**. The first electrode of the fifth transistor **M5** is coupled to the first power source terminal **B_VGH**. The second electrode of the fifth transistor **M5** is coupled to the first node **N1**. In addition, the fifth transistor **M5** is turned on when the auxiliary signal **SUB** is supplied to transmit the first power source **VGH** to the first node **N1**.

The gate electrode of the sixth transistor **M6** is coupled to the third clock terminal **CK3**. The first electrode of the sixth transistor **M6** is coupled to the first node **N1**. The second electrode of the sixth transistor **M6** is coupled to the second power source terminal **B_VGL**. In addition, the sixth transistor **M6** is turned on when a clock signal is supplied to the third clock terminal **CK3** to transmit the second power source **VGL** to the first node **N1**.

The gate electrode of the seventh transistor **M7** is coupled to the auxiliary terminal **B_SUB**. The first electrode of the

seventh transistor M7 is coupled to the second node N2. The second electrode of the seventh transistor M7 is coupled to the auxiliary terminal B_SUB. In addition, the seventh transistor M7 is turned on when the auxiliary signal SUB is supplied to transmit the second power source VGL to the second node N2.

In addition, the second signal processing unit 320 includes an eighth transistor M8 and a ninth transistor M9.

The gate electrode of the eighth transistor M8 is coupled to the first node N1. The first electrode of the eighth transistor M8 is coupled to the first power source terminal B_VGH. The second electrode of the eighth transistor M8 is coupled to the output terminal OUTi. In addition, the turn on and off of the eighth transistor M8 are controlled by the voltage of the first node N1. When the eighth transistor M8 is turned on, the first power source VGH is transmitted to the output terminal OUTi.

The gate electrode of the ninth transistor M9 is coupled to the second node N2. The first electrode of the ninth transistor M9 is coupled to the output terminal OUTi. The second electrode of the ninth transistor M9 is coupled to the second clock terminal CK2. In addition, the turn on and off of the ninth transistor M9 are controlled by the voltage of the second node N2. When the ninth transistor M9 is turned on, the clock signal of the second clock terminal CK2 is transmitted to the output terminal OUTi.

In addition, the second signal processing unit 320 may further include a first capacitor C1 and a second capacitor C2.

The first capacitor C1 is coupled between the first node N1 and the first power source terminal B_VGH. Therefore, the first capacitor C1 is coupled between the gate electrode of the eighth transistor M8 and the first electrode of the eighth transistor M8.

The second capacitor C2 is coupled between the second node N2 and the output terminal OUTi. Therefore, the second capacitor C2 is coupled between the gate electrode of the ninth transistor M9 and the first electrode of the ninth transistor M9.

The first output signal Sout1 output from the first signal processing unit 310 is transmitted to the second signal processing unit 320 through the first node N1. The second output signal Sout2 output from the first signal processing unit 310 is transmitted to the second signal processing unit 320 through the second node N2.

The first node N1 is a contact point at which the second electrode of the first transistor M1, the gate electrode of the third transistor M3, the second electrode of the fifth transistor M5, the first electrode of the sixth transistor M6, and the gate electrode of the eighth transistor M8 meet each other.

The second node N2 is a contact point at which the second electrode of the fourth transistor M4, the first electrode of the seventh transistor M7, and the gate electrode of the ninth transistor M9 meet each other.

The third node N3 is a contact point at which the second electrode of the second transistor M2, the second electrode of the third transistor M3, and the first electrode of the fourth transistor M4 meet each other.

The above-described transistors M1 to M9 of the first signal processing unit 310 and the second signal processing unit 320 may be realized by PMOS transistors. The first electrode and the second electrode of each of the transistors are set as different electrodes. For example, when the first electrode is a drain electrode, the second electrode may be set as a source electrode.

In addition, the output terminal OUTi of the ith stage 200i may be electrically coupled to the input terminal IN of the (i+1)th stage 200i+1.

FIG. 5 is a waveform chart illustrating the operations of the stages of FIG. 3. Referring to FIGS. 4 and 5, the operation of the scan driver 130 according to present embodiments will be described.

In each frame period, the simultaneous driving period Pe, the initializing period Pi, and the progressive driving period Ps progressively proceed.

In the simultaneous driving period Pe, the scan driver 130 simultaneously supplies the first scan signals to the pixels 110. As illustrated in FIG. 5, the first scan signals are simultaneously output from the output terminals OUT1 to OUTn of the stages 2001 to 200n.

In the simultaneous driving period Pe, the supply of clock signals to the first clock terminal CK1, the second clock terminal CK2, and the third clock terminal CK3 is maintained. The auxiliary signal SUB is supplied to the auxiliary terminal B_SUB. The second power source VGL supplied to the second power source terminal B_VGL is set as a high level voltage.

For example, as illustrated in FIG. 5, the clock signals SCK1, SCK2, and SCK3 supplied to the clock terminals CK1, CK2, and CK3 may be realized by low level voltages. The auxiliary signal SUB may be set to have a voltage for turning on the fifth transistor M5 and the seventh transistor M7 and may be realized by a low level voltage.

At this time, the point of time at which the supply of the auxiliary signal SUB starts and the point of time at which the second power source VGL is transited from a low level voltage to a high level voltage may be the same.

In addition, the point of time at which the supply of the auxiliary signal SUB starts and the point of time at which the second power source VGL is transited from a low level voltage to a high level voltage may be before the point of time at which the supply of the clock signals SCK1, SCK2, and SCK3 starts. The point of time at which the supply of the auxiliary signal SUB is completed and the point of time at which the second power source VGL is transited from a high level voltage to a low level voltage may be after the point of time at which the supply of the clock signals SCK1, SCK2, and SCK3 is completed.

The fifth transistor M5 is turned on by the supply of the auxiliary signal SUB so that the first power source VGH is transmitted to the first node N1. Therefore, the third transistor M3 and the eighth transistor M8 maintain a turn off state.

In addition, since the second power source VGL is transited to a high level voltage, the fourth transistor M4 is turned off.

In accordance with the supply of the auxiliary signal SUB, the seventh transistor M7 is turned on and transmits a voltage value obtained by subtracting the absolute value of the threshold voltage Vth7 of the seventh transistor M7 from the voltage of the auxiliary signal SUB to the second node N2.

Therefore, the ninth transistor M9 is turned on and the clock signal of the second clock terminal CK2 is transmitted to the output terminal OUTi. At this time, since the supply of all of the clock signals SCK1, SCK2, and SCK3 is maintained, a low level voltage is output to the output terminal OUTi.

In addition, since the simultaneous driving period Pe simultaneously proceeds in all of the stages 2001 to 200n, the stages 2001 to 200n may simultaneously output low level voltages as the first scan signals.

The initializing period Pi is shorter than the progressive driving period Ps or the simultaneous driving period Pe. The clock signals are simultaneously supplied to the first clock terminal CK1, the second clock terminal CK2, and the third clock terminal CK3. In addition, the supply of the auxiliary signal SUB to the auxiliary terminal B_SUB is stopped and

the second power source VGL supplied to the second power source terminal B_VGL is set as a low level voltage.

At this time, the clock signals SCK1, SCK2, and SCK3 may be supplied in one horizontal period (the supply period of the scan signals, 1H).

Since the clock signals SCK1, SCK2, and SCK3 are simultaneously supplied in the initializing period Pi in a partial period, the sixth transistor M6 is turned on so that the second power source VGL is transmitted to the first node N1.

Since the second power source VGL is a low level voltage in the initializing period Pi, the eighth transistor M8 is turned on so that the first power source VGH is output to the output terminal OUTi.

In addition, since the initializing period Pi is simultaneously performed in all of the stages 2001 to 200n and the first power source VGH is a high level voltage, all of the stages 2001 to 200n output high level voltages to the output terminals OUT1 to OUTn to initialize the outputs of the stages 2001 to 200n.

In the progressive driving period Ps, the scan driver 130 progressively supplies the second scan signals to the pixels 110. As illustrated in FIG. 5, the second scan signals are progressively output from the output terminals OUT1 to OUTn of the stages 2001 to 200n.

Therefore, the clock signals are progressively and repeatedly supplied to the first clock terminal CK1, the second clock terminal CK2, and the third clock terminal CK3 of each of the stages 2001 to 200n. In addition, the supply of the auxiliary signal SUB is stopped to the auxiliary terminal B_SUB and the second power source VGL supplied to the second power source terminal B_VGL is set to have a low level voltage.

For example, as illustrated in FIG. 5, the clock signals SCK1, SCK2, and SCK3 supplied to the clock terminals CK1, CK2, and CK3 may be realized by low level voltages. The auxiliary signal SUB may be set as a voltage for turning on the fifth transistor M5 and the seventh transistor M7 and may be realized by a low level voltage.

Therefore, in the progressive driving period Ps, a high level voltage may be applied to the auxiliary terminal B_SUB.

The operation of the ith stage 200i will be described as follows. With the start of the progressive driving period Ps, the second scan signal output from the output terminal OUTi-1 of a previous stage 200i-1 is input to the input terminal OUTi (in the case of the first stage 2001, the start pulse FLM is input to the input terminal IN) and a clock signal (for example, the first clock signal SCK1) is input to the first clock terminal CK1.

Since the supply of the auxiliary signal SUB is stopped in the progressive driving period Ps, the fifth transistor M5 and the seventh transistor M7 maintain turn off states.

In addition, since the second power source VGL maintains a low level voltage, the fourth transistor M4 maintains a turn on state.

Since the scan signal (for example, a low level voltage) output from the output terminal OUTi-1 of the previous stage 200i-1 is supplied to the input terminal IN, the first transistor M1 is turned on. Therefore, the first power source VGH is transmitted to the first node N1 through the first transistor M1. Since the first power source VGH is a high level voltage, the third transistor M3 and the eighth transistor M8 are turned off.

Since a low level clock signal is supplied to the first clock terminal CK1, the second transistor M2 is turned on so that the low level voltage of the input terminal IN is transmitted to the second node N2 through the third node N3 and the fourth transistor M4.

Therefore, the ninth transistor M9 is turned on so that the voltage of the second clock terminal CK2 is output to the

output terminal OUTi. At this time, since the voltage of the second clock terminal CK2 is set to be in a high level, the high level voltage is output to the output terminal OUTi.

Then, when a clock signal (for example, the second clock signal SCK2) is supplied to the second clock terminal CK2, a low level voltage is output through the ninth transistor M9 that maintains a turn on state by the voltage charged in the second capacitor C2. Therefore, the low level voltage may be output to the output terminal OUTi as the second scan signal.

Then, when a clock signal (for example, the third clock signal SCK3) is supplied to the third clock terminal CK3, the sixth transistor M6 is turned on so that the second power source VGL is transmitted to the first node N1. Therefore, the eighth transistor M8 is turned on so that the first power source VGH is transmitted to the output terminal OUTi. Therefore, as a result, the output terminal OUTi outputs a high level voltage again.

Next, in the (i+1)th stage 200i+1, the second scan signal output from the output terminal OUTi of the ith stage 200i is received to the input terminal IN to perform the above-described operation of the ith stage 200i in the same way so that the second scan signal may be output to the output terminal OUTi+1 thereof.

Such a chain of operations are performed so that the stages 2001 to 200n progressively output the second scan signals in the progressive driving period Ps.

FIG. 6 is a view illustrating other structures of the stages included in the scan driver of FIG. 2. FIG. 7 is a waveform chart illustrating the operations of the stages of FIG. 6.

In the above-described FIG. 5, the scan signals of one horizontal period 1H are output in the progressive driving period Ps. However, through the structure illustrated in FIG. 6, the scan signals (one horizontal period 1H overlaps between adjacent outputs) of two horizontal periods 2H may be output.

Therefore, since the clock signals supplied to the stages 2002 to 200n must be also supplied in the two horizontal periods 2H, six clock signals SCK1, SCK2, SCK3, SCK4, SCK5, and SCK6 are used.

The six clock signals SCK1, SCK2, SCK3, SCK4, SCK5, and SCK6 are repeatedly supplied as illustrated in FIG. 8 and are supplied in the two horizontal periods 2H. The current clock signal is delayed from a previous clock signal by one horizontal period 1H so that the current clock signal overlaps the previous clock signal in one horizontal period 1H.

For example, the second clock signal SCK2 is delayed from the first clock signal SCK by one horizontal period 1H and the second clock signal SCK2 and the first clock signal SCK overlap in one horizontal period 1H.

As a result, in the stages 2002 to 200n, like in the structures of the stages illustrated in FIG. 3, in the progressive driving period Ps, the clock signals are progressively supplied to the first clock terminal CK1, the second clock terminal CK2, and the third clock terminal CK3 of each of the stages 2001 to 200n. Thus, the difference between the periods of the supplied clock signals in FIGS. 5 and 6 are that FIG. 6 has two horizontal periods 2H instead of one horizontal period 1H.

For example, in the first stage 2001, the first clock terminal CK1 may be coupled to the first clock signal SCK1, the second clock terminal CK2 may be coupled to the third clock signal SCK3, and the third clock terminal CK3 may be coupled to the fifth clock signal SCK5.

In addition, in the second stage 2002, the first clock terminal CK1 may be coupled to the second clock signal SCK2, the second clock terminal CK2 may be coupled to the fourth clock signal SCK4, and the third clock terminal CK3 may be coupled to the sixth clock signal SCK6.

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Since the operations of the stages **2001** to **200n** are the same as described above (related to FIG. **5**), description thereof will be omitted.

By way of summation and review, among flat panel displays, an organic light emitting display displays an image using organic light emitting diodes (OLED) that generate light by recombining electrons and holes. The organic light emitting display has high response speed and is driven with low power consumption.

FIG. **1** is a view illustrating an organic light emitting display with respect to which the embodiments described above represent advances in the art. Referring to FIG. **1**, the organic light emitting display includes a pixel unit **20** with pixels **10** coupled to scan lines **S1** to **Sn**, data lines **D1** to **Dm**, a first power source **ELVDD**, and a second power source **ELVSS**, a scan driver **30** for supplying scan signals to the pixels **10** through the scan lines **S1** to **Sn**, and a data driver **50** for supplying data signals to the pixels **10** through the data lines **D1** to **Dm**.

At this time, in one frame period, the scan driver **30** simultaneously supplies first scan signals to the pixels **10** in a simultaneous driving period in order to initialize and compensate for the pixels **10**. The scan driver **30** also progressively supplies second scan signals to the pixels **10** in a progressive driving period that proceeds after the simultaneous driving period in order to write down the data signals.

Therefore, the scan driver **30** includes a simultaneous driving stage **32** for simultaneously supplying the first scan signals to the pixels and a progressive driving stage **34** for progressively supplying the second scan signals to the pixels **10**.

As the simultaneous driving stage **32** and the progressive driving stage **34** are provided, the number of transistors and capacitors that constitute the circuits of the stages **32** and **34** increases. Thus, a circuit structure of the scan driver **30** becomes complicated.

In contrast, embodiments relate to a scan driver in which a structure of a simultaneous driving stage and a structure of a progressive driving stage are integrated so that a structure of the scan driver is simplified and to an organic light emitting display including such advances.

Exemplary embodiments have been disclosed herein, and although specific terms are employed, they are used and are to be interpreted in a generic and descriptive sense only and not for purpose of limitation.

What is claimed is:

1. A scan driver, comprising:

a plurality of stages, each of the stages including a first signal processor and a second signal processor, the stages to simultaneously output first scan signals and to sequentially output second scan signals during a frame period, wherein:

the first signal processor is coupled to an input terminal, a first clock terminal, a third clock terminal, an auxiliary terminal, a first power source terminal, and a second power source terminal, and the first signal processor is to output a first output signal and a second output signal to the second signal processor through a first node and a second node, respectively; and

the second signal processor is coupled to a second clock terminal and the first power source terminal and receives the first output signal and the second output signal through the first node and the second node, respectively, and the second signal processor is to output the first scan signal and the second scan signal to an output terminal,

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wherein the output terminal is coupled to a pixel and the input terminal of the first processor of a succeeding one of the stages, and wherein:

the first scan signals are to be supplied during a first driving mode during the frame period and the second scan signals are to be supplied during a second driving mode during the frame period,

the first driving mode is to be performed before the second driving mode, and

pixels of a display are to store data for light emission during the second driving mode, wherein the frame period includes a simultaneous driving period corresponding to the first driving mode, an initializing period, and a progressive driving period corresponding to the second driving mode, and

wherein, in the simultaneous driving period, clock signals are supplied and maintained to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal, an auxiliary signal is supplied to the auxiliary terminal, and a second power source is supplied to the second power source terminal, the second power source having a high level voltage.

2. The scan driver as claimed in claim **1**, wherein the first signal processor comprises:

a gate electrode of a first transistor coupled to the input terminal, a first electrode of the first transistor is coupled to the first power source terminal, and a second electrode of the first transistor is coupled to the first node;

a gate electrode of a second transistor is coupled to the first clock terminal, a first electrode of the second transistor is coupled to the input terminal, and a second electrode of the second transistor is coupled to a third node;

a gate electrode of a third transistor is coupled to the first node, a first electrode of the third transistor is coupled to the first power source terminal, and a second electrode of the third transistor is coupled to the third node;

a gate electrode of a fourth transistor is coupled to the second power source terminal, a first electrode of the fourth transistor is coupled to the third node, and a second electrode of the fourth transistor is coupled to the second node;

a gate electrode of a fifth transistor is coupled to the auxiliary terminal, a first electrode of the fifth transistor is coupled to the first power source terminal, and a second electrode of the fifth transistor is coupled to the first node;

a gate electrode of a sixth transistor is coupled to the third clock terminal, a first electrode of the sixth transistor is coupled to the first node, and a second electrode of the sixth transistor is coupled to the second power source terminal; and

a gate electrode of a seventh transistor is coupled to the auxiliary terminal, a first electrode of the seventh transistor is coupled to the second node, and a second electrode of the seventh transistor is coupled to the auxiliary terminal.

3. The scan driver as claimed in claim **2**, wherein the first output signal is output from the first node, and wherein the second output signal is output from the second node.

4. The scan driver as claimed in claim **3**, wherein the second signal processor comprises:

a gate electrode of an eighth transistor is coupled to the first node, a first electrode of the eighth transistor is coupled to the first power source terminal, and a second electrode of the eighth transistor is coupled to the output terminal; and

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a gate electrode of a ninth transistor is coupled to the second node, a first electrode of the ninth transistor is coupled to the output terminal, and a second electrode of the ninth transistor is coupled to the second clock terminal.

5 The scan driver as claimed in claim 4, wherein the second signal processor further comprises:

a first capacitor coupled between the first node and the first power source terminal; and

10 a second capacitor coupled between the second node and the output terminal.

6. The scan driver as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first through sixth transistors are PMOS transistors.

7. The scan driver as claimed in claim 1, wherein an output terminal of an i th, the i is a natural number, stage is electrically coupled to an input terminal of an $(i+1)$ th stage.

8. The scan driver as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in the progressive driving period, clock signals are sequentially supplied to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal, supply of the auxiliary signal to the auxiliary terminal is stopped, and a second power source supplied to the second power source terminal has a low level voltage.

9. The scan driver as claimed in claim 8, wherein, in the initializing period provided between the simultaneous driving period and the progressive driving period, clock signals are simultaneously supplied to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal, respectively, supply of the auxiliary signal to the auxiliary terminal is stopped, and a second power source supplied to the second power source terminal has a low level voltage.

10. The scan driver as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first node is connected a gate electrode of a first transistor in the second signal processor and the second node is connected to a gate electrode of a second transistor in the second signal processor.

11. An organic light emitting display, comprising:

a pixel unit including pixels to receive first scan signals, second scan signals, and data signals;

a scan driver comprising a plurality of stages, each of the stages comprising a first signal processor and a second signal processor, the stages to simultaneously output the first scan signals and to sequentially output the second scan signals during a frame period; and

45 a data driver to supply the data signals to the pixels, wherein:

the first signal processor is coupled to an input terminal, a first clock terminal, a third clock terminal, an auxiliary terminal, a first power source terminal, and a second power source terminal, and the first signal processor is to output a first output signal and a second output signal; and

the second signal processor is coupled to a second clock terminal and a first power source terminal to receive the first output signal and the second output signal, and the second signal processor is to output the first scan signal and the second scan signal to an output terminal, wherein the output terminal is coupled to a pixel and the input terminal of the first processor of a succeeding one of the stages, and wherein:

the first scan signals are to be supplied during a first driving mode during the frame period and the second scan signals are to be supplied during a second driving mode during the frame period,

the first driving mode is to be performed before the second driving mode, and

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pixels of a display are to store data for light emission during the second driving mode, and wherein:

the frame period includes a simultaneous driving period corresponding to the first driving mode, an initializing period, and a progressive driving period corresponding to the second driving mode, and

in the simultaneous driving period, clock signals are supplied and maintained to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal, an auxiliary signal is supplied to the auxiliary terminal, and a second power source is supplied to the second power source terminal, the second power source having a high level voltage.

12. The organic light emitting display as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first signal processor comprises:

a gate electrode of a first transistor is coupled to the input terminal, a first electrode of the first transistor is coupled to the first power source terminal, and a second electrode of the first transistor is coupled to a first node;

gate electrode of a second transistor is coupled to the first clock terminal, a first electrode of the second transistor is coupled to the input terminal, and a second electrode of the second transistor is coupled to a third node;

gate electrode of a third transistor is coupled to the first node, a first electrode of the third transistor is coupled to the first power source terminal, and a second electrode of the third transistor is coupled to the third node;

gate electrode of a fourth transistor is coupled to the second power source terminal, a first electrode of the fourth transistor is coupled to the third node, and a second electrode of the fourth transistor is coupled to a second node;

gate electrode of a fifth transistor is coupled to the auxiliary terminal, a first electrode of the fifth transistor is coupled to the first power source terminal, and a second electrode of the fifth transistor is coupled to the first node;

gate electrode of a sixth transistor is coupled to the third clock terminal, a first electrode of the sixth transistor is coupled to the first node, and a second electrode of the sixth transistor is coupled to the second power source terminal; and

gate electrode of a seventh transistor is coupled to the auxiliary terminal, a first electrode of the seventh transistor is coupled to the second node, and a second electrode of the seventh transistor is coupled to the auxiliary terminal.

13. The organic light emitting display as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first output signal is output from the first node, and wherein the second output signal is output from the second node.

14. The organic light emitting display as claimed in claim 13, wherein the second signal processor comprises:

a gate electrode of an eighth transistor is coupled to the first node, a first electrode of the eighth transistor is coupled to the first power source terminal, and a second electrode of the eighth transistor is coupled to the output terminal; and

a gate electrode of a ninth transistor is coupled to the second node, a first electrode of the ninth transistor is coupled to the output terminal, and a second electrode of the ninth transistor is coupled to the second clock terminal.

15. The organic light emitting display as claimed in claim 14, wherein the second signal processor further comprises:

a first capacitor coupled between the first node and the first power source terminal; and a second capacitor coupled between the second node and the output terminal.

16. The organic light emitting display as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first through seventh transistors are PMOS transistors.

17. The organic light emitting display as claimed in claim 11, wherein an output terminal of an i th, the i is a natural number, stage is electrically coupled to an input terminal of an $(i+1)$ th stage.

18. The organic light emitting display as claimed in claim 11, wherein, in the progressive driving period, clock signals are sequentially supplied to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal, supply of an auxiliary signal to the auxiliary terminal is stopped, and a second power source supplied to the second power source terminal has a low level voltage.

19. The scan driver as claimed in claim 18, wherein, in the initializing period provided between the simultaneous driving period and the progressive driving period, clock signals are simultaneously supplied to the first clock terminal, the second clock terminal, and the third clock terminal, respectively, supply of an auxiliary signal to the auxiliary terminal is stopped, and a second power source supplied to the second power source terminal has a low level voltage.

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实施例可以提供包括多个级的扫描驱动器，用于在同时驱动时段中同时输出第一扫描信号并且用于在逐行驱动时段中逐渐输出第二扫描信号，其中每个级包括耦合到输入的第一信号处理单元端子，第一时钟端子，第三时钟端子，辅助端子，第一电源端子，以及输出第一输出信号和第二输出信号的第二电源端子，以及连接到第二输出信号的第二信号处理单元时钟端子和第一电源端子接收第一输出信号和第二输出信号，并将第一扫描信号和第二扫描信号输出到输出端子。

