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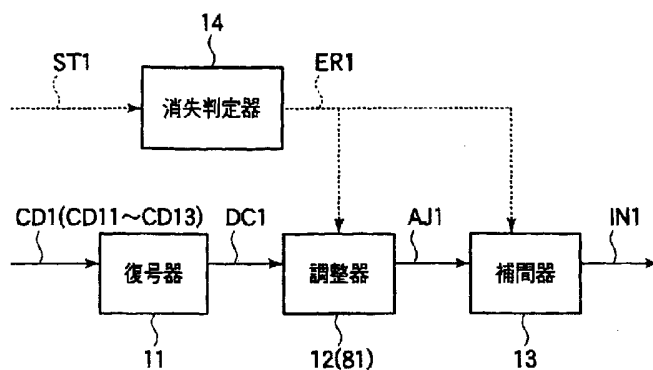
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(57) A receiving apparatus for receiving signals, which are obtained by, at a transmitting end, quantizing values based on relative differences between multiple sample values having temporal before-and-after relationships therebetween, further dividing the data produced in time sequence in accordance with the result of the quantization, and further accommodating the divided data into a predetermined transmission unit signal. The receiving apparatus comprises adjustment determining means for determining whether it is necessary to perform an amplitude adjustment in accordance with the value of the amplitude of a signal waveform indicated by the result of decoding the produced data accommodated in the transmission unit signal; and amplitude adjusting means for transparently passing the signal waveform when the adjustment determining means determines that the amplitude adjustment is not necessary and for subjecting the signal waveform to a predetermined amplitude adjustment and passing the signal waveform as amplitude adjusted when the adjustment determining means determines that the amplitude adjustment is necessary.



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