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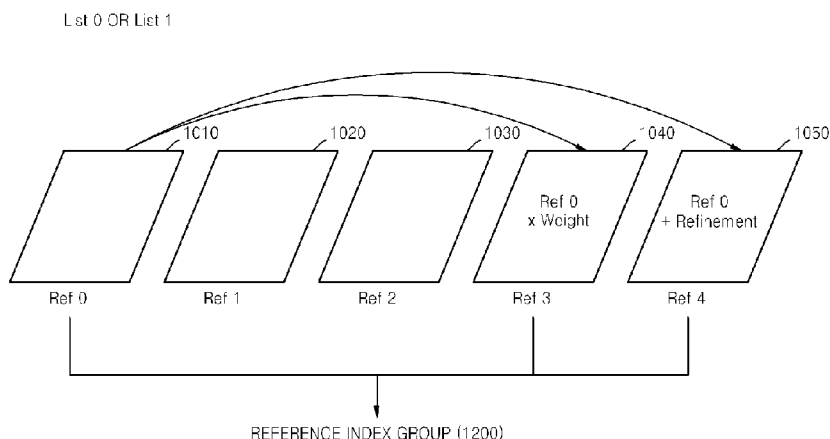
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[Fig. 12]



(57) **Abstract:** Methods and apparatuses for encoding and decoding images are provided. The method of encoding an image includes: generating a reference frame by modifying a previously encoded frame; and encoding a current block of a current frame based on a group including the previously encoded frame and the reference frame, wherein in the encoding the current block, a reference to a first frame included in the group is considered to be the same as a reference to any other frame included in the group.

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