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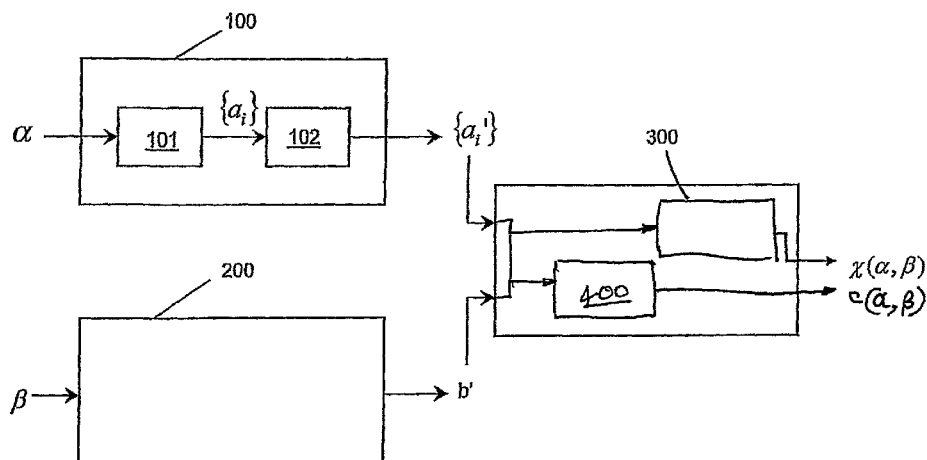
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(57) **Abstract:** A method for comparing user and reference biometric inputs by receiving a digital input α from a user; generating a mutually uncorrelated random analogue sequence from α ; receiving an analogue biometric input β from the user; generating a biometric representation from β ; generating a correlation mixture sequence c from the random sequence and the biometric representation; comparing the correlation sequence c with a previously computed correlation sequence c° derived from a digital input α° from a reference user and a biometric input β° from the reference user, to determine whether the user is the same as the reference user. A corresponding apparatus is also disclosed.

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