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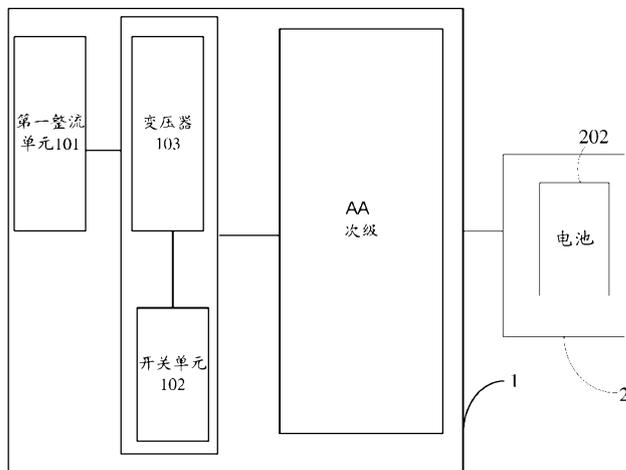


图 2A

- 101 First rectifier unit
- 102 Switch unit
- 103 Transformer
- 202 Battery
- AA Secondary

(57) Abstract: A charging system, charging method, and power adapter (1) for a terminal (2). The charging system comprises the power adapter (1) and the terminal (2). The power adapter (1) comprises: a first rectifier unit (101), a switch unit (102), a transformer (103), a second rectifier unit (104), a first charging interface (105), a sampling unit (106), and a control unit (107). The control unit (107) outputs a control signal to the switch unit (102), and adjusts, according to a voltage sample value and/or a current sample value sampled by the sampling unit (106), the duty cycle of the control signal, such that the voltage of a third pulsating waveform outputted by the second rectifier unit (104) meets a charging requirement. The terminal (2) comprises a second charging interface (201) and a battery (202), and the second charging interface (201) is connected to the battery (202). When the second charging interface (201) is connected to the first charging interface (105), the second charging interface (201) applies the voltage of the third pulsating waveform to the battery (202), such that the voltage of the pulsating waveform outputted by the power adapter (1) is directly applied to the battery (202), thereby enabling miniaturization and a low cost of the power adapter (1), and increasing the service life of the battery (202).

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— 包括国际检索报告(条约第 21 条(3))。

一种用于终端 (2) 的充电系统、充电方法以及电源适配器 (1), 其中, 充电系统包括电源适配器 (1) 和终端 (2), 电源适配器 (1) 包括: 第一整流单元 (101)、开关单元 (102)、变压器 (103)、第二整流单元 (104)、第一充电接口 (105)、采样单元 (106)、控制单元 (107), 控制单元 (107) 输出控制信号至开关单元 (102), 并根据采样单元 (106) 采样的电压采样值和/或电流采样值对控制信号的占空比进行调节, 以使第二整流单元 (104) 输出的第三脉动波形的电压满足充电需求; 终端 (2) 包括第二充电接口 (201) 和电池 (202), 第二充电接口 (201) 与电池 (202) 相连, 当第二充电接口 (201) 与第一充电接口 (105) 连接时, 第二充电接口 (201) 将第三脉动波形的电压加载至电池 (202), 使得电源适配器 (1) 输出的脉动波形的电压直接加载至电池 (202), 从而可以实现电源适配器 (1) 的小型化、低成本, 提高电池 (202) 的使用寿命。

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CHARGING TERMINAL, POWER ADAPTER

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present disclosure relates to the field of terminal equipment, and more particularly to a method and system for charging a terminal, and a power adapter.

BACKGROUND

[0002] Mobile terminals such as smart phones are becoming increasingly popular with consumers; however, mobile terminals generally consume a lot of power and so need to be frequently charged.

[0003] Usually a mobile terminal is charged through a power adapter which generally includes a primary rectifier circuit, a primary filter circuit, a transformer, a secondary rectifier circuit, a secondary filter circuit, a control circuit, etc., through which the power adapter can convert the input 220V alternating current (AC) into a stable low voltage direct current (DC) such as 5V suitable for the mobile terminal which is then issued to a power supply management device and battery of the mobile terminal for charging.

[0004] However, as the power of the power adapter experiences continuing increments, e.g., as it is upgraded from 5W to 10W, 15W, 25W or even higher, more electronic components that are able to withstand high power and can achieve better precision control would be required. This however will not only increase the size of the power adapter, but increase its production cost as well as manufacturing difficulties.

SUMMARY

[0005] Embodiments of the present disclosure provide a method and system for charging a terminal, and a power adapter, according to which the adapter size can be reduced.

[0006] This application is made on the basis of the inventor's knowledge and research on the following issues.

[0007] The inventor has found that, as the power of a power adapter increases, charging a mobile terminal battery using the power adapter may easily cause the battery's polarization resistance to increase and the battery temperature to rise, which would reduce the battery life and affect the battery's reliability and security.

[0008] Further, when powered from an AC power supply, most devices cannot work with AC power directly, because the AC power such as the 50Hz/220V mains supply outputs power in an intermittent manner. In order to overcome such "intermittency", electrolytic capacitors would be required for energy storage. As such, when the waveform of the power supply is in a trough, continuity of the power supply could rely on the energy storage of the electrolytic capacitors to maintain a stable electricity supply. Therefore, when an AC power supply charges a mobile terminal through a power adapter, it can convert an AC power such as one of 220V supplied by the AC power supply to a stable DC power by which the mobile terminal can be powered. However, the power adapter would indirectly power the mobile terminal when charging the battery of the mobile terminal. Since the battery can be a guarantee for the continuity of the power supply, it would be unnecessary for the power adapter to continuously output a stable DC power when charging the battery.

[0009] Accordingly, a first object of the disclosure is to provide a system for charging a terminal, which enables miniaturization and cost reduction of an associated power adapter.

[0010] A second object of the disclosure is to provide a power adapter. A third object of the disclosure is to provide a method for charging a terminal.

[0011] In order to achieve at least one of the above objects, a system for charging a terminal is provided according to a first aspect of the disclosure. The system may include a power adapter and a terminal. The power adapter may include: a first rectification unit configured to rectify, in the charging process, an input AC and output a voltage of a first pulsating waveform; a switch unit and a transformer configured to receive the voltage of the first pulsating waveform output by the first rectification unit and couple it to a secondary side to generate an output voltage of the power adapter. The terminal may be configured to receive the output voltage of the power adapter and charge a battery of the terminal based on the output voltage of the power adapter.

[0012] According to the first aspect of the disclosure, the power adapter removes from its primary side a liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor used for rectification and the rectified voltage of the first pulsating waveform is directly injected to the switch unit and the transformer, which can reduce the size of the power adapter. Besides, the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor at the primary side typically has a short life expectancy and is vulnerable to explosion. Removal of the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor from the primary side can greatly improve the adapter's service life expectancy and safety.

[0013] In order to achieve at least one of the above objects, there is provided a power adapter according to a second aspect of the disclosure. The power adapter may include a first rectification unit and a switch unit and a transformer. The first rectification unit may be configured to rectify, in the charging process, an input AC and output a voltage of a first pulsating waveform. The switch unit and transformer may be configured to receive the voltage of the first pulsating waveform output by the

first rectification unit and couple it to a secondary side to generate an output voltage of the power adapter.

[0014] According to the second aspect of the disclosure, the power adapter removes from its primary side a liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor used for rectification, and the rectified voltage of the first pulsating waveform is directly injected to the switch unit and the transformer, which can reduce the size of the power adapter. Besides, the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor at the primary side typically has a short service life expectancy and is vulnerable to explosion. Removal of the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor from the primary side can greatly improve the adapter's service life expectancy and safety.

[0015] In order to achieve at least one of the above objects, according to embodiments of a third aspect of the disclosure, a method for charging a terminal is provided. The method for charging a terminal may include the follows. In the charging process, an input AC may be rectified by the first rectification unit to output a voltage of a first pulsating waveform. The voltage of the first pulsating waveform output by the first rectification unit may then be received and coupled to a secondary side to generate an output voltage of the power adapter.

[0016] According to embodiments of the disclosure, the power adapter removes from its primary side a liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor used for rectification, and the rectified voltage of the first pulsating waveform is directly injected to the switch and transformer unit, which can reduce the size of the power adapter. Besides, the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor at the primary side typically has a short service life expectancy and is vulnerable to explosion. Removal of the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor from the primary side can greatly improve the adapter's service life expectancy and safety.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0017] FIG.1A is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to an embodiment of the disclosure in which a flyback switching power supply is used.

[0018] FIG.1B is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to an embodiment of the disclosure in which a forward switching power supply is used.

[0019] FIG.1C is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to an embodiment of the disclosure in which a push-pull switching power supply is used.

[0020] FIG.1D is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to an embodiment of the disclosure in which a half-bridge switching power supply is used.

[0021] FIG.1E is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to an embodiment of the disclosure in which a full-bridge switching power supply is used.

[0022] FIG.2A is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0023] FIG.2B is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0024] FIG.3 is a schematic diagram illustrating a waveform of a charging voltage output from a power adapter to a battery according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0025] FIG.4 is a schematic diagram illustrating a waveform of a charging current output from a power adapter to a battery according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0026] FIG.5 is a schematic diagram illustrating a control signal output to a switch unit according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0027] FIG.6 is a schematic diagram illustrating a quick charging process according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0028] FIG.7A is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0029] FIG.7B is a block diagram illustrating a power adapter incorporating an LC filter circuit according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0030] FIG.8 is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to another embodiment of the disclosure.

[0031] FIG.9 is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to yet another embodiment of the disclosure.

[0032] FIG.10 is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to still another embodiment of the disclosure.

[0033] FIG.11 is a block diagram illustrating a sampling unit according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0034] FIG.12 is a block diagram illustrating a system for charging a terminal according to a further embodiment of the disclosure.

[0035] FIG.13 is a block diagram illustrating a terminal according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0036] FIG.14 is a block diagram illustrating a terminal according to another embodiment of the disclosure.

[0037] FIG.15 is a flowchart illustrating a method for charging a terminal according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0038] FIGs.16A and 16B are schematic diagrams illustrating a pulsating waveform according to embodiments of the disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATED EMBODIMENTS

[0039] Below embodiments of the disclosure will be described in detail, examples of which are shown in the accompanying drawings, in which the same or similar reference numerals have been used throughout to denote the same or similar elements or elements serving the same or similar functions. The embodiments described below with reference to the accompanying drawings are exemplary only, meaning they are intended to be illustrative of rather than limiting the disclosure.

[0040] Before describing a system for charging a terminal, a method for charging a terminal, and a power adapter for use with the terminal according to embodiments of the disclosure, a power adapter used in the related art for charging devices such as a terminal will first be described; hereinafter, such a power adapter will be referred to as a “relevant adapter”.

[0041] When the relevant adapter is operated in a constant-voltage mode, its output voltage would basically be constant, such as 5V, 9V, 12V, 20V, and so on.

[0042] The voltage output from the relevant adapter is not suitable to be directly applied to both ends of a battery, but needs to go through a conversion circuit embedded in the device to be charged (such as a terminal), thereby the voltage could be converted to derive an expected charging voltage and/or charging current for the battery of the device. The charging current can be a DC current.

[0043] The conversion circuit is actually configured to convert the voltage output from the relevant adapter in order to meet the requirements of the battery’s expected charging voltage and/or charging current.

[0044] As an example, the conversion circuit may refer to a charge management module such as a charging IC in a terminal configured to manage the charging voltage and/or charging current for the battery in the battery charging process. The conversion circuit serves the functions of a voltage feedback module and/or a current feedback

module and thus can achieve management of the battery's charging voltage and/or charging current.

[0045] For example, the battery charging process may include at least one selected from a group consisting of a trickle charging stage, a constant-current charging stage, and a constant-voltage charging stage. At the trickle charging stage, the conversion circuit may use a current feedback loop to make the current entering the battery meet the battery's expected charging current magnitude (such as a first charging current). At the constant-current charging stage, the conversion circuit may use the current feedback loop to enable the current entering the battery meet the battery's expected charging current magnitude (such as a second charging current which may be greater than the first charging current). At the constant-voltage charging stage, the conversion circuit may use a voltage feedback loop to enable the voltage applied to both ends of the battery to meet the battery's expected charging voltage magnitude.

[0046] As an example, when the output voltage of the relevant adapter is greater than the battery's expected charging voltage, the conversion circuit can be configured to perform a step-down conversion on the voltage output from the relevant adapter so that the resulting charging voltage would be able to meet the requirements of the battery's expected charging voltage. As another example, when the output voltage of the relevant adapter is lower than the battery's expected charging voltage, the conversion circuit can be configured to perform a step-up conversion on the voltage output from the relevant adapter so that the stepped-up charging voltage would be able to meet the requirements of the battery's expected charging voltage.

[0047] As yet another example, the relevant adapter outputs a constant-voltage of 5V. When the battery includes a single cell (e.g., a lithium battery cell of which the charge cut-off voltage of a single cell is 4.2V), the conversion circuit (such as a Buck circuit) can perform a step-down conversion on the voltage output from the relevant adapter

so that the resulting charging voltage would be able to meet the requirements of the battery's expected charging voltage.

[0048] As still another example, the relevant adapter outputs a constant-voltage of 5V. When the relevant adapter is configured to charge a battery with two or more cells connected in series (e.g., a lithium battery cell of which the charge cut-off voltage of a single cell is 4.2V), the conversion circuit (such as a Boost circuit) can perform a step-up conversion on the voltage output from the relevant adapter so that the stepped-up voltage obtained would be able to meet the requirements of the battery's expected charging voltage.

[0049] Due to the low conversion efficiency of the conversion circuit, the power of the non-converted part would be dissipated in the form of heat which would accumulate in the inside of the device to the charged (e.g., terminal); while the space for design and cooling of the device (e.g., terminal) are very limited (e.g., the physical size of the mobile terminal used by users becomes increasingly thin, and a large number of electronic components are arranged in the mobile terminal to enhance its performance), which not only improves the design difficulty of the conversion circuit, but makes it hard for the heat accumulated inside the device (e.g., terminal) to be released in time, which may in turn cause an abnormality of the device.

[0050] For example, the heat accumulated in the conversion circuit may cause thermal interference with the electronic components near the conversion circuit, leading to the electronic components working abnormally; and/or, for example, the heat accumulated in the conversion circuit may shorten the life of the conversion circuit as well as nearby electronic components; and/or, for example, the heat accumulated in the conversion circuit may cause thermal interference with the battery, leading to the battery being charged or discharging abnormally; and/or, for example, the heat accumulated in the conversion circuit may cause the temperature of the device to be

charged (e.g., terminal) to rise, affecting the user charging experience; and/or, for example, the heat accumulated in the conversion circuit may cause a short circuit of itself, such that the output voltage of the relevant adapter would be directly applied to both ends of the battery, causing a charge abnormality or even leading to a battery explosion when the battery has been overcharged for a long period of time, resulting in potential security risks.

[0051] The power adapter provided by the disclosure can acquire status information of the battery. The status information may include at least the current power information and/or voltage information of the battery. The power adapter may adjust its output voltage according to the acquired status information of the battery to meet the requirements of the battery's expected charging voltage and/or charging current. The adjusted output voltage of the power adapter can be applied to both ends of the battery for charging (hereinafter "direct charging" for short). In some implementations, the output of the power adapter can be a voltage of a pulsating waveform.

[0052] The power adapter serves the function of a voltage feedback module and the function of a current feedback module and thus can achieve the management of the battery charging voltage and/or charging current.

[0053] By that the power adapter adjusts its output voltage based on the acquired battery status information, it means the power adapter is able to obtain the battery status information in real time and thus adjust its output voltage based on the real-time battery status information obtained each time, so as to reach the battery's expected charging voltage and/or charging current.

By that the power adapter adjusts its output voltage based on the acquired battery status information, it may also mean that as the battery charging voltage continues to rise during the charging process, the power adapter can obtain the battery status

information at different times and adjust its output voltage in real time based on the obtained battery status information, thus meeting the requirements of the battery's expected charging voltage and/or charging current. The adjusted voltage output from the power adapter can be directly applied to both ends of the battery for charging.

[0054] For example, the battery charging process may include at least one selected from a group consisting of a trickle charging stage, a constant-current charging stage, and a constant-voltage charging stage. At the trickle charging stage, the power adapter can output a first charging current to charge the battery which meets the requirements of the battery's expected charging current (in some embodiments, the first charging current can be a current with a pulsating waveform). At the constant-current charging stage, the power adapter can use a current feedback loop to enable the current output from the power adapter to the battery to meet the requirements of the battery's expected charging current (for example, a second charging current which can be a current also with a pulsating waveform and may be greater than the first charging circuit, meaning the current peak of the pulsating waveform at the constant-current charging stage may be greater than that at the trickle charging stage, where a constant-current in the constant-current charging stage may imply that the current peaks or average current values of the pulsating waveform remains essentially unchanged). At the constant-voltage charging stage, the power adapter may use a voltage feedback loop to make the voltage (i.e., one of a pulsating waveform) output from the power adapter to the device to be charged (e.g., terminal) keep constant.

[0055] For example, the power adapter referred to in the embodiments of the disclosure may be primarily configured to control the constant-current charging stage of the battery in the device to be charged (e.g., terminal). In other embodiments, control functions in terms of the trickle charging stage and the constant-voltage charging stage of the battery in the device to be charged (e.g., terminal) may also be

accomplished by the power adapter referred to in the embodiments of the disclosure combined with an additional charging chip built in the device to be charged (e.g., terminal). Compared with the constant-current charging stage, the charge power received by the battery during the trickle charging stage and the constant-voltage charging stage is smaller, while the conversion efficiency loss and heat accumulation of the internal charging chip of the device to be charged (such as the terminal) could be acceptable. It is to be noted that the constant-current charging stage or constant-current stage mentioned herein may refer to a charging mode in which the output current of the power adapter is controlled and is not required to be kept perfectly constant. For example, “constant-current” may refer to that the current peaks or average current values of the pulsating waveform output from the power adapter remain substantially constant for some time period. For example, in practice, the power adapter can adopt a multi-stage constant-current charging manner during the constant-current charging stage.

[0056] In the multi-stage constant-current charging mode, a number of N constant-current stages may be included, where N is an integer not smaller than 2. During multi-stage current charging, the first charging stage may be started with a predetermined charging current, and the N constant-current stages (that is, from the first stage to the $(N-1)^{\text{th}}$ stage) of the multi-stage constant-current charging are sequentially performed. When switching from a previous constant-current stage to the next, the current peaks or the average current value of the pulsating waveform may become smaller. When the battery voltage reaches a charging cut-off threshold, the previous constant-current stage would switch to the next constant-current stage. The current conversion process between two adjacent constant-current stages may be a gradual transition, or it may be a stepped jump.

[0057] The term “terminal” as used in the embodiments of the disclosure may include, but is not limited to, a device configured to be coupled via a wired line and/or receive/transmit communication signals via a wireless interface. Examples of the wired line may include, but are not limited to, at least one of a public switched telephone network (PSTN), a digital subscriber line (DSL), a digital cable, a cable used for direct connection, and/or another data connection line or network connection line. Examples of the wireless interface may include, but are not limited to, a wireless interface for a cellular network, a wireless local area network (WLAN), a digital television network such as a digital video broadcasting-handheld (DVB-H) network, a satellite network, an AM-FM broadcast transmitter, and/or another communication terminal. A terminal configured to communicate via a wireless interface may be referred to as a “wireless communication terminal”, a “wireless terminal”, and/or a “mobile terminal”. Examples of a mobile terminal may include, but are not limited to, a satellite or cellular telephone, a personal communication system (PCS) terminal capable of combining cellular radio telephone and data processing, fax, and data communication capabilities, a personal digital assistant (PDA) equipped with radio telephone capacity, pager, Internet/Intranet access capacity, Web browser, notebook, calendar, and/or global positioning system (GPS) receiver, and a conventional laptop and/or a handheld receiver or another electronic device equipped with radio telephone capacity.

[0058] In addition, when the voltage of the pulsating waveform output from the power adapter is directly applied to and so charge the battery of the terminal, the charging current may be characterized by a pulsating wave such as a one analogous to a steamed bun (hereinafter, steamed bun wave), and it can be understood that the charging current would charge the battery in an intermittent manner. The period of the charging current varies with the frequency of an input AC such as one transferred

from an AC grid. For example, the frequency corresponding to the period of the charging current can be an integer multiple or a multiplicative inverse of the grid frequency. In addition, when the charging current charges the battery in the intermittent manner, the corresponding current waveform of the charging current may be composed of one or a group of pulses synchronized with the grid.

[0059] For example, in the charging process (e.g., at least one of the trickle charging stage, the constant-current charging stage, and the constant-voltage charging stage), the battery can accept a pulsating DC (of which the direction remains unchanged and the magnitude varies with time), an AC (of which both the direction and magnitude vary with time), or an DC (in other words, a constant DC of which the magnitude and the direction don't change with time) output by the power adapter.

[0060] The primary side of the relevant adapter may include a plurality of liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitors, which may have the following drawbacks. First, a liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor is typically large in volume, which may result in that the adapter is large in volume. Second, the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor is generally of a cylinder shape, which would occupy a large area on the circuit board and so would make it difficult for the overall wiring of the circuit board inside the adapter. Third, the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor typically has a short life expectancy, leading to a limited service life of the adapter. Fourth, the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor is vulnerable to explosion, and the electrolyte flowing out in the explosion, being a conductor, would pose a security risk for the adapter.

[0061] In order to solve at least one of the above problems, an embodiment provides a system for charging a terminal, as illustrated in FIG. 2A. The system may include a power adapter 1 and a terminal 2.

[0062] The power adapter 1 may include a first rectification unit 101, a switch unit 102, and a transformer 103.

[0063] The first rectification unit 101 may be configured to rectify, in the charging process, an input AC and output a voltage of a first pulsating waveform.

[0064] The switch unit 102 and transformer 103 may be configured to receive the voltage of the first pulsating waveform output by the first rectification unit and couple it to a secondary side to generate an output voltage of power adapter 1.

[0065] The terminal 2 may be configured to receive the output voltage of the power adapter, and charge a battery 202 of the terminal using the output voltage of the power adapter.

[0066] According to this embodiment, the power adapter removes from its primary side the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor used for rectification, and the rectified voltage of the first pulsating waveform is directly injected to the switch unit and the transformer, which can reduce the size of the power adapter. Besides, the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor at the primary side typically has a short service life expectancy and is vulnerable to explosion. Removal of the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor from the primary side can greatly improve the adapter's service life and safety.

[0067] The purpose that the switch unit 102 and the transformer 103 couple the voltage of the first pulsating waveform to the secondary side is to generate the output voltage of the power adapter 1, which however is not meant that the voltage obtained after coupling the voltage of the first pulsating waveform to the secondary side by the switch unit 102 and the transformer 103 is immediately the output voltage of the power adapter 1. In fact, after the voltage at the primary side is coupled to the secondary side, it still needs to be further processed at the secondary side in order to generate the output voltage of the power adapter 1. However, the way the voltage coupled to the secondary side is to be processed is not limited. For example, the voltage coupled to the secondary side can be rectified to obtain the output voltage of

the power adapter 1, or it can be rectified and filtered to obtain the output voltage of the power adapter 1.

[0068] The switch unit 102 may be mainly used for chopping, and the transformer 103 may be mainly configured to couple the energy of the primary side to the secondary side. As such, the switch unit 102 and the transformer 103 may be collectively referred to as a chopping and energy coupling unit. Alternatively, the switch unit 102 and the transformer 103 can be collectively referred to as an energy transfer unit. The switch unit 102 can be configured to modulate the voltage of the first pulsating waveform according to a control signal. The transformer 103 can be configured to output a voltage of a second pulsating waveform based on the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform.

[0069] One or more pulsating waveforms of the voltage mentioned in embodiments herein may be non-negative pulsating waveforms (e.g., the first pulsating waveform), or may be positive and negative alternating pulsating waveforms (e.g., the second pulsating waveform). More particularly, the one or more pulsating waveforms mentioned in embodiments herein may refer to waveforms in a pulsed form observed in a macroscopic or overall perspective. From a microscopic point of view, however, the pulsating waveform may be continuous or non-continuous. For example, the voltage of the second pulsating waveform and the voltage of the third pulsating waveform may be voltages obtained after the chopping processing of the switch unit 102, then from a microscopic point of view, the second or the third pulsating waveform may be made up of a number of small discrete pulses if no secondary filtering is performed, but from the overall perspective the voltage waveform may still be pulsating. Thus, such a waveform exhibiting a pulsating feature from an overall or macroscopic point of view may also be referred to as a pulsating waveform. In other words, the voltage of a pulsating waveform described in the embodiments herein may

imply the envelope of the voltage is pulsating waveform. Further, one or more pulsating waveforms described in embodiments herein may be intact pulsating waveforms, or may be those that have undergone a peak clipping processing. For example, the peak of the voltage of the third pulsating waveform can be an intact pulsating waveform as illustrated in FIG.16A, or that obtained after the peak clipping processing as illustrated in FIG.16B. Further, during the charging process the voltage across the battery may exert a clamping effect on the voltage of the pulsating waveform, and so one or more pulsating waveforms mentioned in embodiments herein may refer to the pulsating waveform formed after clamping (a detailed waveform is illustrated in FIG.3). For example, in the charging process the third pulsating waveform may be one obtained after clamping.

[0070] The secondary side of the power adapter 1 may include a second rectification unit (e.g., the second rectification unit 104 illustrated in FIG. 2B). In some embodiments, the current output from the second rectification unit can be directly output as the output current of the power adapter 1. In some other embodiments, a variety of waveform transformations can be performed on the waveform of the current or the envelop of waveform of the current output from the second rectification unit, and the current obtained after the waveform transformations may be used as the output current of the power adapter 1. For example, the waveform of the voltage/current output from the second rectification unit can be converted into a square waveform, triangular waveform, etc., and the current of the square waveform or of the triangular waveform may be output. The current waveforms can be varied in a variety of ways; for example, a switch, a capacitor, or the like can be provided after the second rectification unit to change the shape of the current waveform output from the second rectification unit.

[0071] Similarly, the voltage output by the second rectification unit may be directly used as the output voltage of the power adapter 1. Alternatively, the envelope of voltage waveform or the voltage waveform itself output from the second rectification unit may be subjected to various conversions, and the voltage obtained after the waveform conversions can be used as the output voltage of the power adapter 1. Hereinafter, an example is exemplified in which the voltage of the third pulsating waveform is output by the power adapter 1, but the disclosure is not limited thereto.

[0072] A system for charging a terminal, a power supply adapter for use with a terminal, and a method for charging a terminal according to embodiments of the disclosure will be described below with reference to FIG. 1A to FIG.14.

[0073] As illustrated through FIG.1A to FIG.14, the system for charging a terminal according to embodiments of the disclosure may include a power adapter 1 and a terminal 2.

[0074] As illustrated in FIG.2B, the power adapter 1 may include a first rectification unit 101, a switch unit 102, a transformer 103, a second rectification unit 104, a first charging interface 105, a sampling unit 106, and a control unit 107. The first rectification unit 101 may be configured to rectify an input AC (e.g., an AC mains supply of 220V) and output a voltage of a first pulsating waveform, e.g., a voltage of a waveform analogous to a steamed-bun. As illustrated in FIG.1A, the first rectification unit 101 can be a full-bridge rectification circuit including four diodes. The switch unit 102 may be configured to modulate the voltage of the first pulsating waveform according to a control signal. The switch unit 102 may include a MOS transistor, on which a pulse width modulation (PWM) control can be applied to achieve a chopping modulation on the steamed-bun shaped wave. The transformer 103 may be configured to output a voltage of a second pulsating waveform based on the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform. The second rectification unit

104 may be configured to rectify the voltage of the second pulsating waveform and output a voltage of a third pulsating waveform. The second rectification unit 104 may include a diode or a MOS transistor so as to achieve synchronous rectification at the secondary side such that the third pulsating waveform would be synchronized with the modulated first pulsating waveform. By “the third pulsating waveform would be synchronized with the modulated first pulsating waveform”, it may mean that the phase of the third pulsating waveform may be consistent with that of the modulated first pulsating waveform and that the variation trend of the amplitude of the third pulsating waveform may be consistent with that of the modulated first pulsating waveform. The charging interface 105 may be coupled with second rectification unit 104. The sampling unit 106 may be configured to sample a voltage and/or a current output from the second rectification unit 104 to obtain a voltage sampling value and/or a current sampling value. The control unit 107 may be coupled with the sampling unit 106 and the switch unit 102 respectively. The control unit 107 may output a control signal to the switch unit 102 and adjust the duty ratio of the control signal according to the voltage sampling value and/or the current sampling value, so that the voltage of the third pulsating waveform output from the second rectification unit 104 would be able to meet the charging requirements.

[0075] As illustrated in FIG.2B, the terminal 2 may include a second charging interface 201 and a battery 202 coupled to the second charging interface 201. When it is coupled with the first charging interface 105, the second charging interface 201 can apply the voltage of the third pulsating waveform to battery 202 so as to charge the battery 202.

[0076] In one embodiment, as illustrated in FIG.1A, the power adapter 1 can adopt a flyback switching power supply. The transformer 103 may include a primary winding and a secondary winding. The first rectification unit 101 may have a first output end

and a second output end. The primary winding may have one end coupled with the first output end of the first rectification unit 101, the second output end of the first rectification unit 101 being grounded. The primary winding may have another end coupled with the switch unit 102, e.g., when the switch unit 102 is a MOS transistor, the other end of the primary winding may be coupled with the drain of the MOS transistor. The transformer 103 may be configured to output the voltage of the second pulsating waveform based on the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform.

[0077] The transformer 103 may be a high-frequency transformer with an operating frequency of 50 kHz to 2 MHz. The high-frequency transformer may couple the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform to the secondary side and output it by the secondary winding. In the embodiment, the power adapter 1 can be downsized by adopting the high-frequency transformer with a small size advantage of over a low-frequency transformer (also known as industrial frequency transformer, mainly used for the frequency of mains supply, such as AC of 50Hz or 60Hz).

[0078] According to one embodiment, as illustrated in FIG.1B, the power adapter 1 may also adopt a forward-switching power supply. The transformer 103 may include a first winding, a second winding, and a third winding. A dotted end (also referred to as “dotted terminal”) of the first winding may be coupled to the second output end of the first rectification unit 101 via a backward diode. A synonym end (also referred to as “synonym terminal” or “un-dotted terminal”) of the first winding may be coupled to the first output end of the first rectification unit 101 after coupling with the dotted end of the second winding. The synonym end of the second winding may be coupled with the switch unit 102. The third winding may be coupled with the second rectification unit 104. The backward diode may serve an inverse peak clipping function. The inductive electromotive force generated by the first winding can be used to limit the amplitude of the back electromotive force through the backward diode.

The clamping energy can be returned to the output of the first rectification unit 101 for charging the same. The magnetic field generated by the current flowing through the first winding can demagnetize the core of the transformer so that the magnetic field strength in the transformer core would return to its initial state. The transformer 103 may be configured to output the voltage of the second pulsating waveform based on the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform.

[0079] According to an embodiment as illustrated in FIG.1C, the power adapter 1 can adopt a push-pull switching power supply. The transformer may include a first winding, a second winding, a third winding, and a fourth winding. The dotted end of the first winding may be coupled with the switch unit. The synonym end of the first winding may be coupled to the first output end of the first rectification unit after being coupled with the dotted end of the second winding. The synonym end of the second winding may be coupled to the switch unit. The synonym end of the third winding may be coupled to the dotted end of the fourth winding. The transformer may be configured to output the voltage of the second pulsating waveform based on the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform.

[0080] As illustrated in FIG.1C, the switch unit 102 may include a first MOS transistor Q1 and a second MOS transistor Q2. The transformer 103 may include a first winding, a second winding, a third winding, and a fourth winding. The dotted end of the first winding may be coupled to the drain of the second MOS transistor Q2 of the switch unit 102. The synonym end of the first winding may be coupled to the dotted end of the second winding, and the node between the synonym end of the first winding and the dotted end of the second winding may be coupled to the first output end of the first rectification unit 101. The synonym end of the second winding may be coupled to the drain of the first MOS transistor Q1 of the switch unit 102. The source of the first MOS transistor Q1 may be coupled to the second output end of the first

rectification unit 101 after being coupled with the source of the second MOS transistor Q2. The dotted end of the third winding may be coupled to the first input end of the second rectification unit 104. The synonym end of the third winding may be coupled to the dotted end of the fourth winding. The node between the synonym end of the third winding and the dotted end of the fourth winding may be grounded. The synonym end of the fourth winding may be coupled to the second input end of the second rectification unit 104.

[0081] As illustrated in FIG.1C, the first input end of the second rectification unit 104 may be coupled to the dotted end of the third winding. The second input end of the second rectification unit 104 may be coupled to the synonym end of the fourth winding. The second rectification unit 104 may be configured to rectify the voltage of the second pulsating waveform to output the voltage of the third pulsating waveform. The second rectification unit 104 may include two diodes. The anode of one diode may be coupled to the dotted end of the third winding, the anode of the other diode may be coupled to the synonym end of the fourth winding, and the cathode of the two diodes may be coupled together.

[0082] According to another embodiment, as illustrated in FIG.1D, the power adapter 1 may adopt a half-bridge switching power supply. The switch unit 102 may include a first MOS transistor Q1, a second MOS transistor Q2, a first capacitor C1, and a second capacitor C2. The capacitor C1 and capacitor C2 which are coupled in series may be coupled in parallel to the output end of the first rectification unit 101. The first MOS transistor Q1 and the second MOS transistor Q2 coupled in series may be coupled in parallel to the output end of the first rectification unit 101. The transformer 103 may include a first winding, a second winding, and a third winding. The dotted end of the first ending may be coupled to the node between the first capacitor C1 and the second capacitor C2 coupled in series. The synonym end of the first winding may

be coupled to the node between the first MOS transistor Q1 and the second MOS transistor Q2 coupled in series. The dotted end of the second winding may be coupled to the first input end of the second rectification unit 104. The synonym end of the second winding may be grounded after being coupled to the dotted end of the third winding. The synonym end of the third winding may be coupled to the second input end of the second rectification unit 104. The transformer 103 may be configured to output the voltage of the second pulsating waveform based on the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform.

[0083] According to an embodiment as illustrated in FIG.1E, the power adapter 1 may adopt a full-bridge switching power supply. The switch unit 102 may include a first MOS transistor Q1, a second MOS transistor Q2, a third MOS transistor Q3, and a fourth MOS transistor Q4. The third MOS transistor Q3 and the fourth MOS transistor Q4 that are connected in series may be coupled in parallel to the output end of the first rectification unit 101. The first MOS transistor Q1 and the second MOS transistor Q2 that are connected in series may be coupled in parallel to the output end of the first rectification unit 101. The transformer 103 may include a first winding, a second winding, and a third winding. The dotted end of the first winding may be coupled to a node between the third MOS transistor Q3 and the fourth MOS transistor Q4. The synonym end of the first winding may be coupled to a node between the first MOS transistor Q1 and the second MOS transistor Q2. The dotted end of the second winding may be coupled to the first input end of the second rectification unit 104. The synonym end of the second winding may be grounded after being coupled to the dotted end of the third winding. The synonym end of the third winding may be coupled to a second input end of the second rectification unit 104. The transformer 103 may be configured to output the voltage of the second pulsating waveform based on the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform.

[0084] Therefore, according to embodiments herein power adapter 1 may employ any one of a flyback switching power supply, a forward switching power supply, a push-pull switching power supply, a half-bridge switching power supply, and a full-bridge switching power supply to output the voltage of the pulsating waveform.

[0085] Further, as illustrated in FIG.1A, the second rectification unit 104 may be coupled to the secondary winding of the transformer 103. The second rectification unit 104 may be configured to rectify the voltage of the second pulsating waveform and output the voltage of the third pulsating waveform. The second rectification unit 104 may include a diode in order to achieve synchronous rectification at the secondary side, such that the third pulsating waveform could be synchronized with the modulated first pulsating waveform. By “the third pulsating waveform could be synchronized with the modulated first pulsating waveform”, it may mean the phase of the third pulsating waveform is consistent with that of the modulated first pulsating waveform and the variation trend of the amplitude of the third pulsating waveform is consistent with that of the modulated first pulsating waveform. The first charging interface 105 may be coupled with the second rectification unit 104. The sampling unit 106 may be configured to sample a voltage and/or a current output from the second rectification unit 104 to obtain a voltage sampling value and/or a current sampling value. The control unit 107 may be coupled with the sampling unit 106 and the switch unit 102 respectively. The control unit 107 may output a control signal to the switch unit 102 and thus adjust the duty ratio of the control signal based on the voltage sampling value and/or the current sampling value, such that the voltage of the third pulsating waveform output from the second rectification unit 104 would be able to meet the charging requirements.

[0086] As illustrated in FIG.1A, the terminal 2 may include a second charging interface 201 and a battery 202 coupled to the second charging interface 201. When

the second charging interface 201 is coupled with the first charging interface 105, the second charging interface 201 can apply the voltage of the third pulsating waveform to the battery 202, so as to charge the battery 202.

[0087] By “the voltage of the third pulsating waveform would be able to meet the charging requirements”, it means that the voltage of the third pulsating waveform reaches the desired charging voltage when charging the battery, and/or the current of the third pulsating waveform reaches the desired charging current when charging the battery. In other words, the control unit 107 may adjust the duty ratio of the control signal such as a PWM signal based on the sampled voltage and/or current output from the power adapter. The output of the second rectification unit 104 may be adjusted in real time to achieve closed-loop regulation and control, such that the voltage of the third pulsating waveform could meet the charging requirements of the terminal 2, and the battery 202 can be guaranteed to be safely and reliably charged. FIG.3 is a schematic diagram in which waveform of a charging voltage output to the battery 202 is adjusted through the duty ratio of the PWM signal. FIG.4 is a schematic diagram in which the waveform of a charging current output to the battery 202 is adjusted through the duty ratio of the PWM signal.

[0088] It should be noted that, when adjusting the duty ratio of the PWM signal, an adjusting instruction can be generated based on the voltage sampling value or the current sampling value, or based on both the voltage sampling value and the current sampling value.

[0089] Thus, in an embodiment, by controlling the switch unit 102, a PWM chopping modulation can be performed directly on the rectified voltage of the first pulsating waveform, i.e., the voltage of the steamed-bun shaped waveform. Thereafter, the modulated voltage is transferred to the high-frequency transformer and coupled to the secondary side from the primary side through the high-frequency transformer, and

then reduced to the steamed-bun shaped waveform voltage/current after synchronous rectification and directly delivered to the battery. As such, quick charging of the battery can be achieved. The magnitude of the voltage of the steamed-bun shaped waveform can be adjusted via adjusting the duty ratio of a PWM signal, whereby the output of the power adapter can meet the battery charging requirements. As can be seen, the power adapter provided by the embodiment eliminates the primary electrolytic capacitor and the secondary electrolytic capacitor and uses a voltage of the steamed-bun shaped waveform to directly charge the battery, which can reduce the size of the power adapter to achieve miniaturization of the power adapter, and can greatly reduce the costs.

[0090] As one implementation, the control unit 107 can be a micro controller unit (MCU), i.e., a microprocessor integrated with a switch drive control function, a synchronous rectification function, a voltage current regulation and control function.

[0091] According to one embodiment, the control unit 107 is also configured to adjust the frequency of the control signal based on the voltage sampling value and/or the current sampling value. That is, the PWM signal is controlled to be continuously output to the switch unit 102 for a period of time before the output is stopped, then the output of the PWM signal is enabled again after the predetermined time has elapsed. In this way, the voltages applied to the battery would be intermittent and so the battery would be intermittently charged, avoiding security risks caused by heat produced during continuous charging of the battery and thus improving the battery charging reliability and security.

[0092] For lithium batteries in low temperature conditions, the charging process is likely to intensify the polarization degree because the ionic conductivity and electronic conductivity of the lithium battery decrease, and continuous charging may make this polarization phenomenon become increasingly obvious; at the same time,

the possibility of lithium precipitation also increases, affecting the safety performance of the battery. Continuous charging may cause a constant accumulation of heat generated during the continuous charging, causing the internal battery temperature to rise, and when the temperature exceeds a certain limit, the battery performance will be limited and security risks will increase.

[0093] In the embodiment, the frequency of the control signal is adjusted so that the power adapter makes output intermittently, which is equivalent to introducing a battery standing process during the battery charging process. In this way, the lithium precipitation caused by polarization during continuous charging can be alleviated and the impact of the continuing accumulation of heat can be mitigated, whereby cooling effects can be achieved and the battery charging reliability and safety can be ensured.

[0094] The control signal output to the switch unit 102 is illustrated in FIG.5, in which output of the PWM signal can continue for a period of time before it stops for another period of time, and then again continues for yet another period of time. The control signals output to the switch unit 102 are intermittent and the frequency is adjustable.

[0095] As illustrated in FIG.1A, the control unit 107 is coupled with the first charging interface 105, and is also configured to communicate with the terminal 2 via the first charging interface 105 to acquire the status information of the terminal 2. As such, the control unit 107 is also configured to adjust the duty ratio of the PWM signal based on the terminal status information and the voltage sampling value and/or current sampling value.

[0096] The terminal status information may include the power of the battery, temperature of the battery, voltage of the battery, interface information of the battery, and path impedance information of the terminal.

[0097] The first charging interface 105 includes a power wire and data wire. The power wire is configured to be used by the power adapter to charge the battery and the data wire is configured to be used by the power adapter to communicate with the terminal. When the second charging interface 201 is coupled to the first charging interface 105, the power adapter 1 and the terminal 2 can send an inquiry communication instruction to each other. When a corresponding reply instruction is received, a communication connection can be established between the power adapter 1 and the terminal 2. The control unit 107 can acquire the status information of the terminal 2 to negotiate the charging mode and charging parameters (such as the charging current and the charging voltage) with the terminal 2 and so control the charging process.

[0098] The charging mode supported by the power adapter and/or the terminal may include a normal charging mode and a quick charging mode. The charging speed of the quick charging mode is greater than that of the normal charging mode, e.g., the charging current of the quick charging mode may be greater than that of the normal charging mode. Generally, the normal charging mode can be understood as one with a rated output voltage of 5V and a rated output current less than or equal to 2.5A. In the normal charging mode, D+ line and D- line in the output port data wire of the power adapter can be shorted. Different from the normal charging mode, under the quick charging mode described in embodiments herein, the power adapter can use the D+ line and D- line in the data wire to communicate with the terminal for data exchange, which means the power adapter and the terminal can transmit a quick charging instruction to each other. For example, the power adapter can transmit a quick charging inquiry instruction to the terminal, and after receiving a quick charging reply instruction from the terminal, the power adapter can acquire the status information of the terminal and enable the quick charging mode according to the reply instruction. In

the quick charging mode, the charging current can be greater than 2.5A, for example, up to 4.5A or even greater. The present disclosure is not particularly limited to the normal charging mode. As long as the power adapter supports two charging modes, the charging speed (or current) of one of the charging modes is greater than that of the other, the charging mode having a slower charging speed can be considered as the normal charging mode.

[0099] That is, the control unit 107 communicates with the terminal 2 via the first charging interface 105 to determine the charging mode, the charging mode including the normal charging mode and the quick charging mode.

[00100] As one implementation, the power adapter and the terminal are coupled through a universal serial bus (USB); the USB interface can be a normal USB interface or a micro USB interface. The data wire in the USB interface, that is, the data wire in the first charging interface, is used for two-way communication between the power adapter and the terminal. The data wire can be at least of the D+ line and the D- line in the USB interface. The term “two-way communication” may refer to information interaction between the power adapter and the terminal.

[00101] The power adapter performs two-way communication with the terminal through the data wire of the USB interface, to determine that terminal will be charged with the quick charging mode.

[00102] It should be noted that, during the negotiating process between the power adapter and the terminal of determining whether the terminal will be charged with the quick charging mode, the power adapter can be just connected to the terminal without charging the terminal or the power adapter can charge the terminal with the normal charging mode or with a small current, the present disclosure is not limited thereto.

[00103] The power adapter is configured to adjust the charging current to one corresponding to the quick charging mode to charge the terminal. After determining

that the quick charging mode will be used to charge the terminal, the power adapter can adjust the charging current directly to the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode or can negotiate with the terminal the charging current of the quick charging mode. For example, the power adapter can determine the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode based on the current power of the terminal battery.

[00104] In the embodiment, the power adapter does not blindly step up the output current for quick charging, but performs two-way communication with the terminal to negotiate whether the quick charging mode can be used, which improves the security of the quick charging process compared to the related art.

[00105] Optionally, according to an embodiment, when the control unit 107 performs two-way communication with the terminal through the data wire in the first charging interface to determine that the terminal will be charged with the quick charging mode, the control unit transmits a first instruction to the terminal which is configured to inquire the terminal whether the quick charging mode is to be enabled; then the control unit receives from the terminal a reply instruction responsive to the first instruction, where the reply instruction responsive to the first instruction is configured to indicate that the terminal agrees to enable the quick charging mode.

[00106] As an embodiment, before the control unit sends the first instruction to the terminal, the power adapter may charge the terminal with the normal charging mode and transmit the first instruction to the terminal when the control unit determines that the charging duration of the normal charging mode is greater than a preset threshold.

[00107] It should be noted that, after the power adapter determines that the charging duration of the normal charging mode exceeds the preset charging threshold, the power adapter can consider that the terminal has identified it as a power adapter and quick charging inquiry communication can be initiated.

[00108] As an embodiment, the power adapter can transmit the first charging instruction to the terminal after the power adapter determines that a charging current that is greater than or equal to a preset current threshold will be used for charging a preset time period.

[00109] As an embodiment, the control unit is further configured to control the switch unit to control the power adapter to adjust the charging current to one corresponding to the quick charging mode. Before the power adapter charges the terminal with the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode, the control unit performs two-way communication with the terminal through the data wire of the first charging interface to determine the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode and control the power adapter to adjust the charging voltage to the one corresponding to the quick charging mode.

[00110] As an embodiment, when the control unit conducts two-way communication with the terminal through the data wire in the first charging interface to determine the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode, the control unit transmits a second instruction to the terminal, and the second instruction is configured to inquire whether the current output voltage of the power adapter is suitable as the charging voltage of the quick charging mode. The control unit receives from the terminal a reply instruction responsive to the second instruction, where the reply instruction responsive to the second instruction is configured to indicate that the current output voltage of the power adapter is appropriate, high, or low. The control unit determines the charging voltage of the quick charging mode based on the reply instruction responsive to the second instruction.

[00111] As an embodiment, before the control unit controls the power adapter to adjust the charging current to the one corresponding to the quick charging mode, the control unit conducts two-way communication with the terminal through the data wire

of the first charging interface, to determine the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode.

[00112] As one embodiment, the control unit conducts two-way communication with the terminal through the data wire of the first charging interface to determine the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode. The control unit sends a third instruction to the terminal that is configured to inquire the maximum charging current currently supported by the terminal. The control unit receives from the terminal a reply instruction responsive to the third instruction, the reply instruction responsive to the third instruction is configured to indicate the maximum charging current currently supported by the terminal. The control unit determines the charging current of the quick charging mode based on the reply instruction responsive to the third instruction.

[00113] The power adapter can directly determine the maximum charging current as the charging current with the quick charging mode, or the power adapter can set the charging current to a certain current value smaller than the maximum charging current.

[00114] As an embodiment, when charging the terminal under the quick charging mode by the power adapter, the control unit conducts two-way communication with the terminal through the data wire in the first charging interface, so as to continuously adjust the charging current output from the power adapter to the battery by controlling the switch unit.

[00115] The power adapter can continually inquire about the current status information of the terminal. For example, it can inquire the terminal for battery voltage (that is, voltage across the battery), battery power, and so on, so as to continuously adjust the charging current output from the power adapter to the battery.

[00116] As one embodiment, when the control unit conducts two-way communication with the terminal through the data wire of the first charging interface to continuously

adjust the charging current output from the power adapter to the battery by controlling the switch unit, the control unit transmits a fourth instruction to the terminal that is configured to inquire the current voltage of the battery within the terminal. The control unit receives from the terminal a reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction, which is configured to indicate the current voltage of the battery. The control unit continuously adjusts the charging current output from the power adapter to the battery by controlling the switch unit, based the current battery voltage.

[00117] As an embodiment, based on the current voltage of the battery and a preset correspondence between a battery voltage value and a charging current value, the control unit adjusts a charging current output to the battery from the power adapter to one corresponding to the current battery voltage by the controlling the switch unit.

[00118] The power adapter can pre-store the correspondence between the battery voltage value and the charging current value. The power adapter can conduct two-way communication with the terminal through the data wire in the first charging interface to acquire from the terminal the correspondence between the battery voltage value and the charging current value stored in the terminal.

[00119] As an embodiment, in the process of charging the terminal with the quick charging mode by the power adapter, the control unit further conducts two-way communication with the terminal through the data wire in the first charging interface to determine whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in poor contact. When the control unit determines that the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in poor contact, the control unit controls the power adapter to quit the quick charging mode.

[00120] As an embodiment, before determining whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in poor contact, the control unit is further configured to receive from the terminal the information indicating the path impedance

of the terminal. In particular, the control unit transmits a fourth instruction to the terminal, where the fourth instruction is configured to inquire the voltage of the battery within the terminal. The control unit receives, from the terminal, a reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction that is configured to indicate the voltage of the battery of the terminal. The control unit determines the path impedance from the power adapter to the battery based on the output voltage of the power adapter and the battery voltage. The control unit determines whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in poor contact based on the path impedance from the power adapter to the battery, the path impedance of the terminal, and the path impedance of a charging circuit between the power adapter and the terminal.

[00121] The terminal can record its path impedance in advance. For example, as the same type of terminal has the same structure, the path impedance of the same type of terminals can be set to the same value when making factory settings. Similarly, the power adapter can record the path impedance of the charging circuit in advance. When the power adapter acquires the voltage across the battery of the terminal, it can determine the path impedance of the entire path according to the voltage drop from the power adapter to both ends of the battery and path current. When the path impedance of the entire path > the path impedance of the terminal + the path impedance of the charging circuit, or, when the path impedance of the entire path - (the path impedance of the terminal + the path impedance of the charging circuit) > an impedance threshold, it may be considered that the first charging interface and the second charging interface is in a poor contact.

[00122] As an embodiment, before the power adapter quits the quick charging mode, the control unit transmits a fifth instruction to the terminal that is configured to indicate that the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in poor

contact. After transmitting the fifth instruction, the power adapter can quit the quick charging mode or be reset.

[00123] The quick charging process according to the embodiment of the present disclosure has been described in detail from the viewpoint of the power adapter, and below it will be described from the viewpoint of the terminal.

[00124] It should be noted that, interaction between the power adapter and the terminal and related features and functions thereof described with respect to the terminal correspond to those described with respect to the power adapter, and for the sake of brevity, the overlapping description is properly omitted.

[00125] According to an embodiment of the present disclosure, as illustrated in FIG.13, the terminal 2 further includes a charging control switch 203 and a controller 204. The charging control switch 203 may be a switch circuit constituted by, for example, an electronic switching device, and is coupled between the second charging interface 201 and the battery 202. Under the control of the controller 204, the charging control switch 203 can switch on or off the charging process of the battery 202. In this way, the charging process of the battery 202 can be controlled from the terminal side, so as to ensure the safety and reliability of the battery 202.

[00126] As illustrated in FIG.14, the terminal 2 further includes a communication unit 205 configured to establish a two-way communication between the controller 204 and the control unit 107 via the second charging interface 201 and the first charging interface 105. That is, the terminal 2 and the power adapter 1 can conduct two-way communication via the data wire in the USB interface. The terminal 2 supports the normal charging mode and the quick charging mode. The charging current of the quick charging mode is greater than that of the normal charging mode. The communication unit 205 and the control unit 107 conducts two-way communication whereby the power adapter 1 determines to charge the terminal 2 with the quick

charging mode, such that the control unit 107 controls the power adapter 1 to output according to the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode to charge the battery 202 in the terminal 2.

[00127] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the power adapter 1 does not blindly step up the output current for quick charging. Instead, the power adapter 1 conducts two-way communication with the terminal 2 to negotiate whether quick charging mode can be used. Compared with the related art, the security of the quick charging process is improved.

[00128] As an embodiment, the controller receives a first instruction from the control unit through a communication unit, where the first instruction is configured to inquire the terminal whether the quick charging mode is to be enabled. The controller transmits a reply instruction responsive to the first instruction to the control unit through the communication unit, where the reply instruction responsive to the first instruction is configured to indicate that the terminal agrees to enable the quick charging mode.

[00129] Optionally, as an embodiment, before the controller receives the first instruction from the control unit through the communication unit, the power adapter charges the battery of the terminal with the normal charging mode. When the control unit determines that the charging duration of the normal charging mode exceeds a preset threshold, the control unit transmits the first instruction to the communication unit of the terminal, and the controller receives the first instruction from the control unit through the communication unit.

[00130] Optionally, as an embodiment, the power adapter makes outputs based on the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode, whereby before charging the battery of the terminal the controller conducts two-way communication with the

control unit through the communication unit, such that the power adapter determines the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode.

[00131] As an embodiment, the controller receives a second instruction from the control unit, where the second instruction is configured to inquire whether the current output voltage of the power adapter is suitable as the charging voltage of the quick charging mode. The controller transmits a reply instruction responsive to the second instruction to the control unit, where the reply instruction responsive to the first instruction is configured to indicate that the current output voltage of the power adapter is appropriate, high, or low.

[00132] As an embodiment, the controller conducts two-way communication with the control unit, whereby the power adapter determines the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode.

[00133] The controller receives a third instruction from the control unit, where the third instruction is configured to inquire the maximum charging current currently supported by the terminal. The controller transmits a reply instruction responsive to the third instruction to the control unit, where the reply instruction responsive to the third instruction is configured to indicate the maximum charging current currently supported by the terminal, whereby the power adapter determines the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode according to the maximum charging current.

[00134] Optionally, as an embodiment, in the charging process of the terminal with the quick charging mode by the power adapter, the controller conducts two-way communication with the control unit, whereby the power adapter continuously adjust the charging current output from the power adapter to the battery.

[00135] The controller receives a fourth instruction from the control unit, where the fourth instruction is configured to inquire the current voltage of the battery within the

terminal. The controller transmits a reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction to the control unit, where the reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction is configured to indicate the current voltage of the battery of the terminal, whereby the power adapter continuously adjusts the charging current output from the power adapter to the battery according to the current voltage of the battery.

[00136] As an embodiment, in the process of charging the terminal with the quick charging mode by the power adapter, the controller conducts two-way communication with the control unit through the communication unit, whereby the power adapter determines whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in poor contact.

[00137] The controller receives the fourth instruction from the control unit, where the fourth instruction is configured to inquire the current voltage of the battery within the terminal. The controller transmits the reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction to the control unit, where the reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction is configured to indicate the current voltage of the battery of the terminal, whereby the control unit determines whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in poor contact according to the output voltage of the power adapter and the current voltage of the battery.

[00138] As an embodiment, the controller receives a fifth instruction from the control unit, where the fifth instruction is configured to indicate that the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in poor contact.

[00139] In order to enable the quick charging mode, the power adapter can communicate with the terminal for quick charging. After one or more handshakes, quick charging of the battery can be achieved. The quick charging process according to the embodiment of the disclosure as well as various stages of the quick charging process will be described in detail with reference to FIG.6. It should be noted that,

the communication actions or operations illustrated in FIG.6 are merely examples, and embodiments of the disclosure may also perform other operations or variations of the various operations illustrated in FIG 6. In addition, the various stages illustrated in FIG. 6 may be performed in different orders than that illustrated in FIG. 6, and it may not be necessary to perform all the operations as illustrated FIG. 6. It should be noted that, the curve in FIG. 6 represents changes in the peaks or average values of the charging current, rather than the actual charging current curve.

[00140] As illustrated in FIG.6, the quick charging process can include five stages, namely, stage 1 to stage 5.

[00141] Stage 1

[00142] After being connected with a power supply device, the terminal can detect the type of the power supply device through the data wire D+ and D-. When the terminal detects that the power supply device is a power adapter, the current absorbed by the terminal can be greater than a preset current threshold I_2 (for example, 1A). When the power adapter detects that the output current of the power adapter within a preset time period (for example, a continuous period of time T_1) is greater than or equal to I_2 , the power adapter considers the terminal to have completed the type identification of the power supply device, and starts the handshake communication between the power adapter and the terminal. The power adapter transmits Instruction 1 (corresponding to the first instruction) to inquire the terminal whether the quick charging mode (also known as flash charging) is to be enabled.

[00143] When the power adapter receives from the terminal a reply instruction indicating that the terminal does not agree to enable the quick charging mode, the power adapter will detect again the output current of the power adapter; when the output current of the power adapter is still greater than or equal to I_2 in the preset duration (for example, a continuous length of time T_1), the power adapter will again

initiate a request to ask the terminal whether the quick charging mode is to be enabled. The foregoing actions of stage 1 will be repeated until the terminal agrees to enable the quick charging mode or the output current of the power adapter is no longer greater than or equal to I_2 .

[00144] When the terminal agrees to enable the quick charging mode, the quick charging process is enabled. The quick charging process proceeds to stage 2.

[00145] Stage 2

[00146] For the voltage of the steamed-bun shaped waveform output from the power adapter, there can be multiple levels. The power adapter transmits Instruction 2 (corresponding to the second instruction) to the terminal to inquire whether the output voltage of the power adapter matches the current voltage of the battery, or, whether the output voltage of the power adapter is suitable, that is, whether it is suitable as the charging voltage of the quick charging mode, namely, whether the output voltage of the power adapter meets the charging requirements.

[00147] The terminal replies that the output voltage of the power adapter is high, low, or matching. When the power adapter receives a feedback from the terminal that the output voltage of the adapter is high or low, the control unit adjusts the duty ratio of the PWM signal to adjust the output voltage of the power adapter by one level. The power adapter again transmits Instruction 2 to the terminal and re-inquires the terminal whether the output voltage of the power adapter matches.

[00148] The power adapter repeats the foregoing actions until the terminal replies to the power adapter that the output voltage of the power adapter is at a matching level. The quick charging communication process proceeds to stage 3.

[00149] Stage 3

[00150] When the power adapter receives a feedback from the terminal that the output voltage of the power adapter is matched, the power adapter transmits Instruction 3

(corresponding to the third instruction) to the terminal to inquire the maximum charging current currently supported by the terminal. The terminal responds to the power adapter the maximum charging current value currently supported by the terminal. The quick charging communication process proceeds to stage 4.

[00151] Stage 4

[00152] After the power adapter receives from the terminal the response about the feedback of the currently supported maximum charging current of the terminal, the power adapter can set a reference value for the output current thereof. The control unit 107 adjusts the duty ratio of the PWM signal according to this current reference value, such that the output current of the power adapter meets the requirements of the charging current of the terminal; namely, the quick charging communication process proceeds to a constant-current charging stage. Here in the constant-current charging stage the peak or average value of the output current of the power adapter remains essentially unchanged, namely, the magnitude of change of the peak or average value of the output current is small (such as in the range of 5% of the peak or average value of the output current). That is to say, the current peak of the third pulsating waveform remains constant in each cycle.

[00153] Stage 5

[00154] When the quick charging communication process proceeds to the constant-current changing stage, the power adapter sends Instruction 4 (corresponding to the fourth instruction) at intervals to inquire the current voltage of the battery of the terminal. The terminal feeds back the current voltage of the battery to the power adapter. Based on the feedback of the current voltage of the battery of the terminal, the power adapter can judge whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in good contact and whether it is required to reduce the current charging current value of the terminal. When the power adapter judges that the USB

is in poor contact, the power adapter transmits Instruction 5 (corresponding to the fifth instruction) and then resets to re-proceed to stage 1.

[00155] Optionally, in some embodiments, at stage 1, when responding to instruction 1, the data (or information) that corresponds to path impedance of the terminal can be attached to the data corresponding to Instruction 1. At stage 5, the data of the path impedance of the terminal can be used to determine whether the USB is in good contact.

[00156] Optionally, in some embodiments, at stage 2, the time period from the point when the terminal agrees to enable the quick charging mode to the point when the power adapter adjusts the voltage to an appropriate value can be controlled within a certain range. If the time exceeds the certain range, the terminal can judge that the request is an abnormal one and a quick reset is made.

[00157] Optionally, in some embodiments, at stage 2, when the output voltage of the power adapter is adjusted to a voltage that is ΔV (which is about 200~500mV) higher compared with the current voltage of the battery, the terminal makes a feedback in terms of whether the output voltage of the power adapter is appropriate or matching to the power adapter. When the output voltage of the power adapter is not suitable (that is, high, or low), as fed back to the power adapter by the terminal, the control unit 107 adjust the duty ratio of the PWM signal based on the voltage sampling value, so as to adjust the output voltage of the power adapter.

[00158] Optionally, in some embodiments, at stage 4, the adjusting speed of the output current of the power adapter can be controlled within a certain range; as such, abnormal interrupt caused by excessive adjustment speed can be avoided.

[00159] Optionally, in some embodiments, at stage 5, the magnitude of change of the output current of the power adapter can be controlled within the range of 5%, that is, stage 5 can be considered as the constant-current stage.

[00160] Optionally, in some embodiments, at stage 5, the power adapter monitors the impedance of a charging loop in real time. That is, the power adapter monitors the output voltage of the power adapter, the current charging current, and a read battery voltage of the terminal to monitor the impedance of the entire charging loop. When the impedance of the charging loop $>$ the path impedance of the terminal + the impedance of a quick charging data wire, the power adapter can consider that the USB is in poor contact and a quick charging reset is made.

[00161] Optionally, in some embodiments, after the quick charging mode is enabled, the interval of communication between the power adapter and the terminal can be controlled within a certain range to avoid quick charging reset.

[00162] Optionally, in some embodiments, the termination of the quick charging mode (or the quick charging process) may be a recoverable or unrecoverable termination.

[00163] For example, when the terminal detects that the battery is fully charged or the USB is in poor contact, the quick charging is stopped and reset to proceed to stage 1; otherwise if the terminal does not agree to enable the quick charging mode, the quick charging communication process would not proceed to stage 2. Herein, this kind of termination of the quick charging process can be referred to as “unrecoverable termination”.

[00164] As another example, when the communication between the terminal and the power adapter is abnormal, the quick charging is stopped and reset to proceed to stage 1; when the requirements of stage 1 is met, the terminal agrees to enable the quick charging mode to restore the quick charging process; here, this kind of termination of the quick charging process can be referred to as a “recoverable termination”.

[00165] For example, when the terminal detects that the battery is abnormal, the quick charging is terminated and reset to proceed to stage 1; after entering stage 1, the

terminal does not agree to enable the quick charging mode. Until the battery returns to normal and meets the requirements of stage 1, the terminal agrees to enable the quick charging to restore the quick charging process. Here, this kind of termination of the quick charging process is a “recoverable termination”.

[00166] It is to be noted that the above-described communication actions or operations illustrated in FIG. 6 are merely examples. For example, at stage 1, after being connected with the power adapter, the handshake communication between the terminal and the power adapter can be initiated by the terminal as well. That is, the terminal transmits instruction 1 to inquire the power adapter whether to enable the quick charging mode (in other words, flash charging). When the terminal receives from the power adapter a reply instruction indicating that the power adapter agrees to enable the quick charging mode, the quick charging mode would be turned on accordingly.

[00167] It should be noted that, the above-described communication actions or operations illustrated in FIG. 6 are merely examples. For example, after stage 5, a constant-voltage charging stage can be further included. That is, at stage 5, the terminal can feed back the current voltage of the battery of the terminal to the power adapter. As the voltage of the battery of the terminal continues to rise, when the current voltage of the battery of the terminal reaches the constant-voltage charging voltage threshold, the charging process proceeds to the constant-voltage charging stage, and the control unit 107 adjusts the duty ratio of the PWM signal based on the reference voltage value (that is, the constant-voltage charging voltage threshold), such that the output voltage of the power adapter meets the requirements of the charging voltage of the terminal, that is, the change of the voltage is kept constant substantially. At the constant-voltage charging stage, the charging current gradually steps down, and the charging will be terminated when the current steps down a certain threshold,

and at this point, it indicates that the battery has been fully charged. The term “constant-voltage charging” means that the peak voltage of the third pulsating waveform remains substantially constant.

[00168] It should be noted that, in embodiments of the present disclosure, the output voltage of the power adapter refers to the peak voltage or average voltage value of the third pulsating waveform, and the output current of the power adapter refers to the peak current or average current value of the third pulsating waveform.

[00169] In one embodiment of the present disclosure, as illustrated in FIG.7A, the power adapter 1 further includes a controllable switch 108 and a filter unit 109 that are coupled in series. The serially coupled controllable switch 108 and filter unit 109 are coupled to a first output end of the second rectification unit 104. The control unit 107 is further configured to control the controllable switch 108 to be switched on when determining that the charging mode is the normal charging mode, and to control the controllable switch 108 to be switched off when determining that the charging mode is the quick charging mode. The output end of the second rectification unit 104 can be further coupled with one or more sets of small capacitors, which can not only reduce noise but can reduce the occurrence of surge. In one embodiment, the output end of the second rectification unit 104 can be further coupled with a LC filter circuit or a π -type filter circuit so as to filter wave interference. As illustrated in FIG.7B, a LC filter circuit is coupled to the output end of the second rectification unit 104. It should be noted that, capacitors in the LC filter circuit and the π -type filter circuit are all small capacitors and therefore occupy a small space.

[00170] The filter unit 109 includes a filtering capacitor, which supports a standard charging of 5V corresponding to the normal charging mode. The controllable switch 108 may be formed of a semiconductor switch element such as a MOS transistor. When the power adapter charges the battery in the terminal in the normal charging

mode (or standard charging), the control unit 107 controls the controllable switch 108 to switch on to incorporate the filter unit 109 into the circuit, such that the output of the second rectification unit 104 can be filtered. This allows for better compatibility with direct current charging technology, i.e., the direct current can be applied to the battery in the terminal to achieve the direct current charging of the battery. For example, in general, the filter unit includes an electrolytic capacitor and a common capacitor such as a small capacitor supporting standard charging of 5V (for example, a solid-state capacitor) coupled in parallel. Since the electrolytic capacitor occupies a relatively large volume, to reduce the size of the power adapter, the electrolytic capacitor may be removed from the power adapter and only one capacitor with low capacitance will be left. When the normal charging mode is adopted, a branch where the small capacitor is located can be controlled to switch on to filter the current, so as to achieve a stable low power output to perform a direct current charging of the battery. When the quick charging mode is adopted, a branch where the small capacitor is located can be controlled to switch off, and the output of the second rectification unit 104, that is, the voltage/current of pulsating waveforms, can be directly applied to the battery without filtering, so as to achieve quick charging of the battery.

[00171] According to an embodiment of the present disclosure, the control unit 107 is further configured to obtain the charging current and/or the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode according to the status information of the terminal and to adjust the duty ratio of the control signal such as the PWM signal based on the charging current and/or the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode, when determining the charging mode as the quick charging mode. In other words, when determining that the current charging mode is the quick charging mode, the control unit 107 obtains the charging current and/or the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode according to the obtained status

information of the terminal such as the voltage, the power and the temperature of the battery, running parameters of the terminal, and power consumption information of applications running on the terminal, and adjusts the duty ratio of the control signal according to the obtained charging current and/or the charging voltage, such that the output of the power adapter meets the charging requirement, thus achieving quick charging of the battery.

[00172] The status information of the terminal includes the temperature of the battery. When the temperature of the battery is greater than a first predetermined temperature threshold, or the temperature of the battery is lower than a second predetermined temperature threshold, if the current charging mode is the quick charging mode, it will be switched to the normal charging mode. The first predetermined temperature threshold is greater than the second predetermined temperature threshold. In other words, when the temperature of the battery is too low (for example, corresponding to less than the second predetermined temperature threshold) or too high (for example, corresponding to greater than the first predetermined temperature threshold), it is unsuitable to perform quick charging, and it needs to switch from the quick charging mode to the normal charging mode. In embodiments of the present disclosure, the first predetermined temperature threshold and the second predetermined temperature threshold can be set or can be written into a storage of the control unit (such as the MCU of the power adapter) according to actual needs.

[00173] In an embodiment of the present disclosure, the control unit 107 is further configured to control the switch unit 102 to switch off when the temperature of the battery is greater than a predetermined high-temperature protection threshold. Namely, when the temperature of the battery exceeds the high-temperature protection threshold, the control unit 107 needs to apply a high-temperature protection strategy to control the switch unit 102 to switch off, such that the power adapter stops charging the

battery, thus can achieve high-temperature protection of the battery and improve the charging safety. The high-temperature protection threshold may be different from or the same as the first temperature threshold. In an embodiment, the high-temperature protection threshold is greater than the first temperature threshold.

[00174] In another embodiment of the present disclosure, the controller is further configured to obtain the temperature of the battery, and to control the charging control switch to switch off when the temperature of the battery is greater than the predetermined high-temperature protection threshold, that is, the charging control switch can be switched off at the terminal side, so as to stop the charging process of the battery and to ensure the charging safety.

[00175] Moreover, in an embodiment of the present disclosure, the control unit is further configured to obtain a temperature of the first charging interface, and to control the switch unit to switch off when the temperature of the first charging interface is greater than a predetermined protection temperature. In other words, when the temperature of the charging interface exceeds a certain temperature, the control unit 107 needs to apply the high-temperature protection strategy to control the switch unit 102 to switch off, such that the power adapter stops charging the battery, thus achieving high-temperature protection of the battery and improving the charging safety.

[00176] Certainly, in another embodiment of the present disclosure, the controller performs the two-way communication with the control unit to obtain the temperature of the first charging interface. When the temperature of the first charging interface is greater than the predetermined protection temperature, the controller controls the charging control switch to switch off (referring to FIG. 13 and FIG. 14), i.e., switch off the charging control switch at the terminal side, so as to stop the battery charging process , thus ensuring the charging safety.

[00177] In detail, in an embodiment of the present disclosure, as illustrated in FIG. 8, the power adapter 1 further includes a driving unit 110 such as a MOSFET driver. The driving unit 110 is coupled between the switch unit 102 and the control unit 107. The driving unit 110 is configured to drive the switch unit 102 to switch on or switch off according to the control signal. Certainly, it should be noted, in other embodiments of the present disclosure, the driving unit 110 may also be integrated in the control unit 107.

[00178] Further, as illustrated in FIG. 8, the power adapter 1 further includes an isolation unit 111. The isolation unit 111 is coupled between the driving unit 110 and the control unit 107, to realize signal isolation between the primary side and the secondary side of the power adapter 1 (or signal isolation between the primary winding and the secondary winding of the transformer 103). The isolation unit 111 may be implemented in an optocoupler isolation manner, for example. By providing the isolation unit 111, the control unit 107 may be disposed at the secondary side of the power adapter 1 (or the secondary winding side of the transformer 103), thereby facilitating communication with the terminal 2, and the space design of the power adapter 1 can be easier and simpler.

[00179] Certainly, it should be understood that, in other embodiments of the present disclosure, both the control unit 107 and the driving unit 110 can be disposed at the primary side, in this way, the isolation unit 111 can be disposed between the control unit 107 and the sampling unit 106, so as to realize the signal isolation between the primary side and the secondary side of the power adapter 1.

[00180] Further, it should be noted that, in embodiments of the present disclosure, when the control unit 107 is disposed at the secondary side, an isolation unit 111 is required, and the isolation unit 111 may be integrated in the control unit 107. In other words, when the signal is transmitted from the primary side to the secondary side or

from the secondary side to the primary side, an isolation unit is required to realize the signal isolation.

[00181] In an embodiment of the present disclosure, as illustrated in FIG. 9, the power adapter 1 further includes an auxiliary winding and a power supply unit 112. The auxiliary winding generates a voltage of a fourth pulsating waveform according to the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform. The power supply unit 112 is coupled to the auxiliary winding. The power supply unit 112 (for example, including a filtering voltage regulator module, a voltage converting module, and the like) is configured to convert the voltage of the fourth pulsating waveform to output a direct current, and to supply power to the driving unit 110 and/or the control unit 107 respectively. The power supply unit 112 may be formed of a small filtering capacitor, a voltage regulator chip or other elements, processing and conversion of the voltage of the fourth pulsating waveform can be achieved to output a low voltage direct current of 3.3V, 5V, or the like.

[00182] In other words, the power supply of the driving unit 110 can be obtained through a voltage conversion performed on the voltage of the fourth pulsating waveform by the power supply unit 112. When the control unit 107 is disposed at the primary side, the power supply of the control unit 107 can also be obtained through a voltage conversion performed on the voltage of the fourth pulsating waveform by the power supply unit 112. As illustrated in FIG. 9, when the control unit 107 is disposed at the primary side, the power supply unit 112 provides two direct current outputs, so as to supply power to the driving unit 110 and the control unit 107 respectively. An optocoupler isolation unit 111 is arranged between the control unit 107 and the sampling unit 106 to realize the signal isolation between the primary side and the secondary side of the power adapter 1.

[00183] When the control unit 107 is disposed at the primary side and integrated with the driving unit 110, the power supply unit 112 supplies power to the control unit 107 separately. When the control unit 107 is disposed at the secondary side and the driving unit 110 is disposed at the primary side, the power supply unit 112 supplies power to the driving unit 110 separately. The power supply to the control unit 107 is realized by the secondary side, for example, the voltage of the third pulsating waveform output by the second rectification unit 104 is converted to a direct current through a power supply unit to power the control unit 107.

[00184] Moreover, in embodiments of the present disclosure, multiple small capacitors are coupled in parallel to the output end of first rectification unit 101 for filtering. Or a LC filtering circuit is coupled to the output end of the first rectification unit 110.

[00185] In another embodiment of the present disclosure, as illustrated in FIG. 10, the power adapter 1 further includes a first voltage detecting unit 113. The first voltage detecting unit 113 is coupled to the auxiliary winding and the control unit 107 respectively. The first voltage detecting unit 113 is configured to detect the voltage of the fourth pulsating waveform to generate a voltage detection value. The control unit 107 is further configured to adjust the duty ratio of the control signal according to the voltage detection value.

[00186] In other words, the control unit 107 may reflect the voltage output by the second rectification unit 104, according to the voltage output by the secondary winding and detected by the first voltage detecting unit 113, and then adjusts the duty ratio of the control signal according to the voltage detection value, such that the output of the second rectification unit 104 meets the charging requirements of the battery.

[00187] In detail, in an embodiment of the present disclosure, as illustrated in FIG. 11, the sampling unit 106 includes a first current sampling circuit 1061 and a first voltage sampling circuit 1062. The first current sampling circuit 1061 is configured to sample the current output by the second rectification unit 104 so as to obtain the current sampling value. The first voltage sampling circuit 1062 is configured to sample the voltage output by the second rectification unit 104 so as to obtain the voltage sampling value.

[00188] In an embodiment of the present disclosure, the first current sampling circuit 1061 can sample the voltage across a resistor (current detection resistor) coupled to a first output end of the second rectification unit 104 so as to sample the current output by the second rectification unit 104. The first voltage sampling circuit 1062 can sample the voltage across the first output end and a second output end of the second rectification unit 104 so as to sample the voltage output by the second rectification unit 104.

[00189] Moreover, in an embodiment of the present disclosure, as illustrated in FIG. 11, the first voltage sampling circuit 1062 includes a peak voltage sample and hold unit, a zero-crossing point sampling unit, a bleeder unit, and an AD sampling unit. The peak voltage sample and hold unit is configured to sample and hold a peak voltage of the voltage of the third pulsating waveform. The zero-crossing point sampling unit is configured to sample a zero-crossing point of the voltage of the third pulsating waveform. The bleeder unit is configured to bleed down the voltage of the peak voltage sample and hold unit at the zero-crossing point. The AD sampling unit is configured to sample the peak voltage in the peak voltage sample and hold unit so as to obtain the voltage sampling value.

[00190] By providing the peak voltage sample and hold unit, the zero-crossing point sampling unit, the bleeder unit, and the AD sampling unit in the first voltage sampling

circuit 1062, the voltage output by the second rectification unit 104 may be sampled accurately, and it can be guaranteed that the voltage sampling value is synchronized with the voltage of the first pulsating waveform, i.e., the phase is synchronized and the variation trend of magnitude of the voltage sampling value is consistent with that of the voltage of the first pulsating waveform.

[00191] According to an embodiment of the present disclosure, as illustrated in FIG. 12, the power adapter 1 further includes a second voltage sampling circuit 114 configured to sample the voltage of the first pulsating waveform. The second voltage sampling circuit 114 is coupled to the control unit 107. When the voltage value sampled by the second voltage sampling circuit 114 is greater than a first predetermined voltage value, the control unit 107 controls the switch unit 102 to switch on for a first predetermined period of time, to discharge the surge voltage, spike voltage, and the like from the first pulsating waveform.

[00192] As illustrated in FIG. 12, the second voltage sampling circuit 114 can be coupled to the first output end and the second output end of the first rectification unit 101, so as to sample the voltage of the first pulsating waveform. The control unit 107 judges the voltage value sampled by the second voltage sampling circuit 114. When the voltage value sampled by the second voltage sampling circuit 114 is greater than the first predetermined voltage value, it indicates that the power adapter 1 is suffering from a lightning interference and so a surge voltage occurs, and at this point, it needs to bleed down the surge voltage to ensure the charging safety and reliability. The control unit 107 controls the switch unit 102 to switch on for a certain time period to form a bleeder path (in other words, bleeder circuit), such that the surge voltage caused by the lightning can be bled down, thus avoiding the lightning interference to the power adapter when charging the terminal, and effectively improving the terminal .

charging safety and reliability. The first predetermined voltage value may be determined according to actual needs.

[00193] In an embodiment of the present disclosure, during a process when the power adapter 1 charges the battery 202 in the terminal 2, the control unit 107 is further configured to control the switch unit 102 to switch off when the value of the voltage sampled by the sampling unit 106 is greater than a second predetermined voltage value. Namely, the control unit 107 further judges the magnitude of the value of the voltage sampled by the sampling unit 106. When the value of the voltage sampled by the sampling unit 106 is greater than the second predetermined voltage value, it indicates that the voltage output by the power adapter 1 is too high. At this point, the control unit 107 controls the switch unit 102 to switch off, such that the power adapter 1 stops charging the battery 202 in the terminal 2. In other words, the control unit 107 realizes the over-voltage protection of the power adapter 1 by controlling the switch unit 102 to switch off, thus ensuring the charging safety.

[00194] Certainly, in an embodiment of the present disclosure, the controller 204 performs a two-way communication with the control unit 107 to obtain the value of the voltage sampled by the sampling unit 106 (referring to FIG. 13 and FIG. 14), and controls the charging control switch 203 to switch off when the value of the voltage sampled by the sampling unit 106 is greater than the second predetermined voltage value. Namely, the charging control switch 203 is controlled to switch off at the terminal 2 side, so as to stop the charging process of the battery 202, such that the charging safety can be ensured.

[00195] Further, the control unit 107 is further configured to control the switch unit 102 to switch off when the value of the current sampled by the sampling unit 106 is greater than a predetermined current value. In other words, the control unit 107 is further configured to judge the magnitude of the value of the current sampled by the

sampling unit 106. When the value of the current sampled by the sampling unit 106 is greater than the predetermined current value, it indicates that the current output by the power adapter 1 is too high. At this time, the control unit 107 controls the switch unit 102 to switch off, such that the power adapter 1 stops charging the terminal. In other words, the control unit 107 realizes the over-current protection of the power adapter 1 by controlling the switch unit 102 to switch off, thus ensuring the charging safety.

[00196] Similarly, the controller 204 performs the two-way communication with the control unit 107 to obtain the value of the current sampled by the sampling unit 106 (referring to FIG. 13 and FIG. 14), and controls the charging control switch 203 to switch off when the value of the current sampled by the sampling unit 106 is greater than the predetermined current value. In other words, the charging control switch 203 is controlled to switch off at the terminal 2 side, so as to stop the charging process of the battery 202, thus ensuring the charging safety.

[00197] The second predetermined voltage value and the predetermined current value may be set or written into a memory of the control unit (for example, the control unit 107 of the power adapter 1, such as a MCU) according to actual needs.

[00198] In embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal may be a mobile terminal such as a mobile phone, a mobile power supply such as a power bank, a multimedia player, a notebook PC, a wearable device, or the like.

[00199] With the system for charging a terminal according to embodiments of the present disclosure, the power adapter is controlled to output the voltage of the third pulsating waveform, and the voltage of the third pulsating waveform output by the power adapter is directly applied to the battery of the terminal, thus quick charging of the battery can be realized directly by the pulsating output voltage/current. A magnitude of the pulsating output voltage/current changes periodically, compared with the conventional constant-voltage and constant-current, lithium precipitation of

the lithium battery may be reduced and the service life of the battery may be improved, moreover, the probability and intensity of arcing of a contact of a charging interface may be reduced and the service life of the charging interface may be prolonged. Besides, it is beneficial to reduce polarization effect of the battery, improve charging speed, and reduce heat emitted by the battery, thus ensuring the reliability and safety of the terminal during charging. Moreover, since the voltage output by the power adapter is a voltage of a pulsating waveform, it is unnecessary to provide an electrolytic capacitor in the power adapter, which will not only realize simplification and miniaturization of the power adapter, but greatly reduces the cost.

[00200] Embodiments of the present disclosure further provide a power adapter. The power adapter includes a first rectification unit, a switch unit, a transformer, a second rectification unit, a first charging interface, a sampling unit, and a control unit. The first rectification unit is configured to rectify an input AC and output a voltage of a first pulsating waveform. The switch unit is configured to modulate the voltage of the first pulsating waveform according to a control signal. The transformer is configured to output a voltage of a second pulsating waveform based on the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform. The second rectification unit is configured to rectify the voltage of the second pulsating waveform to output a voltage of a third pulsating waveform. The first charging interface is coupled to the second rectification unit and configured to apply the voltage of the third pulsating waveform to a battery in a terminal via a second charging interface of the terminal when the first charging interface is coupled to the second charging interface, where the second charging interface is coupled to the battery. The sampling unit is configured to sample a voltage and/or current output by the second rectification unit to obtain a voltage sampling value and/or a current sampling value. The control unit is coupled to the sampling unit and the switch unit respectively and configured to output the control

signal to the switch unit and adjust a duty ratio of the control signal based on the current sampling value and/or the voltage sampling value, such that the voltage of the third pulsating waveform meets the charging requirements of the terminal.

[00201] With the power adapter according to embodiments of the present disclosure, the voltage of the third pulsating waveform is output via the first charging interface, and the voltage of the third pulsating waveform is directly applied to the battery of the terminal via the second charging interface of the terminal, thus may achieve quick charging of the battery with the pulsating output voltage/current directly. Compared with the conventional constant-voltage and constant-current, the magnitude of the pulsating output voltage/current changes periodically, and lithium precipitation of the lithium battery may be reduced and the service life of the battery may be improved. Therefore, the probability and intensity of arcing of a contact of a charging interface may be reduced, and the service life of the charging interfaces may be prolonged. In addition, it is beneficial to reduce polarization effect of the battery, improve charging speed, and reduce heat emitted by the battery, thus can ensure the reliability and safety of the terminal during charging. Moreover, since the voltage output by the power adapter is a voltage of a pulsating waveform, it is unnecessary to provide an electrolytic capacitor, which can not only achieve simplification and miniaturization of the power adapter, but can greatly reduce cost.

[00202] The method embodiments of the present invention will be described below, since the method embodiments may be performed by the above-described power adapter, the parts not described in detail can be found in the foregoing apparatus embodiments.

[00203] The method for charging a terminal according to embodiments of the present disclosure can be as follows.

[00204] At block one, during a charging process, an input AC is rectified (for example, through a first rectification unit) to output a voltage of a first pulsating waveform.

[00205] At block two, the voltage of the first pulsating waveform output from the first rectification unit is received and coupled to a secondary side, to generate the output voltage of a power adapter.

[00206] In embodiments of the present disclosure, the power adapter removes from its primary side the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor used for rectification, and the rectified voltage of the first pulsating waveform is directly injected to the switch unit and the transformer, which can reduce the size of the power adapter. Besides, the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor at the primary side has a short service life and is vulnerable to explosion. Removal of the liquid aluminum electrolytic capacitor from the primary side can greatly improve the service life and safety of the adapter.

[00207] In some implementations, the operation at block one can include: when a first charging interface of the power adapter is coupled to a second charging interface of the terminal, the input AC undergoes a first rectification to output the voltage of the first pulsating waveform. The operation at block 2 can include: the voltage of the first pulsating waveform is modulated by controlling a switch unit and converted by a transformer to output a voltage of a second pulsating waveform.

[00208] FIG. 15 is a flow chart of a method for charging a terminal according to embodiments of the disclosure. As illustrated in FIG. 15, the method for charging a terminal includes the following blocks.

[00209] At block S1, when a first charging interface of a power adapter is coupled to a second charging interface of a terminal, a first rectification is performed on an AC inputted into the power adapter to output a voltage of a first pulsating waveform.

[00210] In other words, a first rectification unit in the power adapter rectifies the input AC (i.e., the mains supply, such as an AC of 220V/50Hz or 60Hz) and outputs the voltage (for example, 100Hz or 120Hz) of the first pulsating waveform, such as a voltage of a steamed-bun shaped waveform.

[00211] At block S2, the voltage of the first pulsating waveform is modulated by a switch unit, and then is converted by a transformer to obtain a voltage of a second pulsating waveform.

[00212] The switch unit may be composed of a MOS transistor. A PWM control is performed on the MOS transistor to perform a chopping modulation on the voltage of the steamed-bun shaped waveform. Then, the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform is coupled to a secondary side by the transformer, such that the secondary winding outputs the voltage of the second pulsating waveform.

[00213] In an embodiment of the present disclosure, a high-frequency transformer can be used for conversion, thus the size of the transformer can be small, achieving high-power and miniaturization of the power adapter.

[00214] At block S3, a second rectification is performed on the voltage of the second pulsating waveform to output a voltage of a third pulsating waveform. The voltage of the third pulsating waveform may be applied to a battery of the terminal via the second charging interface, so as to charge the battery of the terminal.

[00215] In an embodiment of the present disclosure, the second rectification is performed on the voltage of the second pulsating waveform by a second rectification unit. The second rectification unit may be formed of diodes or MOS transistors, and can achieve a secondary synchronous rectification, such that the third pulsating waveform can be kept synchronous with the modulated first pulsating waveform.

[00216] At block S4, the voltage and/or current after the second rectification is sampled to obtain a voltage sampling value and/or a current sampling value.

[00217] At block S5, a duty ratio of a control signal for controlling the switch unit is adjusted according to the voltage sampling value and/or the current sampling value, such that the voltage of the third pulsating waveform meets the charging requirements.

[00218] By “the voltage of the third pulsating waveform meets the charging requirement”, it means the voltage and current of the third pulsating waveform need to reach the charging voltage and charging current during the charging process of the battery. In other words, the duty ratio of the control signal (such as a PWM signal) can be adjusted based on the sampled voltage and/or current output by the power adapter, so as to adjust the output of the power adapter in real time and thus achieve a closed-loop adjustment control, such that voltage of the third pulsating waveform meets the charging requirements of the terminal, thus ensuring stable and safe charging of the battery. In detail, a waveform of a charging voltage output to a battery is illustrated in FIG. 3, in which the waveform of the charging voltage is adjusted according to the duty ratio of the PWM signal. A waveform of a charging current output to a battery is illustrated in FIG. 4, in which the waveform of the charging current is adjusted according to the duty ratio of the PWM signal.

[00219] In an embodiment of the present disclosure, by controlling the switch unit a PWM chopping modulation can be directly performed on the voltage of the first pulsating waveform after a full-bridge rectification, i.e., the steamed-bun shaped waveform, and then the modulated voltage is sent to the high-frequency transformer and coupled from the primary side to the secondary side via the high-frequency transformer, and then is restored to the voltage/current of the steamed-bun shaped waveform after a synchronous rectification. The voltage/current with the steamed-bun shaped waveform is directly transmitted to the battery to realize quick charging. The magnitude of the voltage of the steamed-bun shaped waveform may be adjusted according to the duty ratio of the PWM signal, such that the output of the power

adapter meets the charging requirements of the battery. It can be seen, electrolytic capacitors at the primary side and the secondary side in the power adapter can be removed, and the battery can be directly charged with the voltage of the steamed-bun shaped waveform, such that the size of the power adapter may be reduced, thus realizing miniaturization of the power adapter, and greatly reducing the cost.

[00220] According to an embodiment of the present disclosure, a frequency of the control signal is adjusted based on the voltage sampling value and/or the current sampling value. That is, the PWM signal output to the switch unit is controlled to maintain for a continuous period of time, and then stop for a predetermined time period and then restart. In this way, the voltages applied to the battery are intermittent, thus realizing intermittent charging of the battery, which avoids a safety hazard caused by the heating occurring when the battery is charged continuously and improves the reliability and safety of the charging of the battery. The control signal output to the switch unit is illustrated in FIG.5.

[00221] Further, the above method for charging a terminal includes: performing a communication with the terminal via the first charging interface to obtain status information of the terminal, and adjusting the duty ratio of the control signal based on the status information of the terminal, the voltage sampling value and/or current sampling value.

[00222] In other words, when the second charging interface is coupled to the first charging interface, the power adapter and the terminal may send communication query instructions to each other, and a communication connection can be established between the power adapter and the terminal after a corresponding reply instruction is received, such that the power adapter can obtain the status information of the terminal, negotiate with the terminal about the charging mode and charging parameters (such as the charging current, the charging voltage) and control the charging process.

[00223] According to an embodiment of the present disclosure, a voltage of a fourth pulsating waveform can be generated through a conversion by the transformer, and the voltage of the fourth pulsating waveform can be detected to generate a voltage detection value, so as to adjust the duty ratio of the control signal based on the voltage detection value.

[00224] In detail, the transformer can be provided with an auxiliary winding. The auxiliary winding can generate the voltage of the fourth pulsating waveform based on the modulated voltage of the first pulsating waveform. The output voltage of the power adapter can be reflected by detecting the voltage of the fourth pulsating waveform, and the duty ratio of the control signal can be adjusted based on the voltage detection value, such that the output of the power adapter meets the charging requirements of the battery.

[00225] In an embodiment of the present disclosure, sampling the voltage after the second rectification to obtain the voltage sampling value includes: sampling and holding a peak value of the voltage after the second rectification, and sampling a zero-crossing point of the voltage after the second rectification; bleeding down at the zero-crossing point the voltage of a peak voltage sample and hold unit configured for sampling and holding the peak voltage; sampling the peak voltage in the peak voltage sample and hold unit so as to obtain the voltage sampling value. In this way, accurate sampling on the voltage output by the power adapter can be achieved, and it can be guaranteed that the voltage sampling value keeps synchronous with the voltage of the first pulsating waveform, i.e., the phase and the variation trend of magnitude of the voltage sampling value are consistent with those of the voltage of the first pulsating waveform respectively.

[00226] Further, in an embodiment of the present disclosure, the above method for charging a terminal further includes: sampling the voltage of the first pulsating

waveform, and controlling the switch unit to switch on for a predetermined time period to discharge the surge voltage in the first pulsating waveform when a sampled voltage value is greater than a first predetermined voltage value.

[00227] The voltage of the first pulsating waveform is sampled, and then the magnitude of the sampled voltage value is judged. When the sampled voltage value is greater than the first predetermined voltage value, it indicates that the power adapter is suffering from a lightning interference and a surge voltage occurs, and at this point, it needs to bleed down the surge voltage to ensure the safety and reliability of charging. It is required to control the switch unit to switch on for a certain time period to form a bleeder path, such that the surge voltage caused by the lightning can be bled down, thus avoiding lightning interference on the power adapter when charging the terminal, and effectively improving the safety and reliability of the charging of the terminal. The first predetermined voltage value may be determined according to actual needs.

[00228] According an embodiment of the present disclosure, a communication with the terminal is performed via the first charging interface to determine a charging mode. When it is determined that the charging mode is the quick charging mode, the charging current and/or charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode can be obtained according to the status information of the terminal, so as to adjust the duty ratio of the control signal based on the charging current and/or charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode. The charging mode includes the quick charging mode and the normal charging mode.

[00229] In other words, when it is determined that the current charging mode is the quick charging mode, the charging current and/or charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode can be obtained according to the obtained status information of the terminal, such as the voltage, power, temperature of the battery, running

parameters of the terminal and power consumption information of applications running on the terminal or the like. The duty ratio of the control signal is adjusted according to the obtained charging current and/or charging voltage, such that the output of the power adapter meets the charging requirements, thus realizing the quick charging of the terminal.

[00230] The status information of the terminal includes the temperature of the battery. When the temperature of the battery is greater than a first predetermined temperature threshold, or the temperature of the battery is less than a second predetermined temperature threshold, the quick charging mode is switched to the normal charging mode if the current charging mode is the quick charging mode. The first predetermined temperature threshold is greater than the second predetermined temperature threshold. In other words, when the temperature of the battery is too low (for example, lower than a temperature corresponding to the second predetermined temperature threshold) or too high (for example, higher than a temperature corresponding to the first predetermined temperature threshold), it would be unsuitable for quick charging; therefore, it needs to switch from the quick charging mode to the normal charging mode. In embodiments of the present disclosure, the first predetermined temperature threshold and the second predetermined temperature threshold can be set according to actual needs.

[00231] In an embodiment of the present disclosure, the switch unit is controlled to switch off when the temperature of the battery is higher than a predetermined high-temperature protection threshold. Namely, when the temperature of the battery exceeds the high-temperature protection threshold, a high-temperature protection strategy will be required to control the switch unit to switch off, such that the power adapter stops charging the battery, thus realizing high-temperature protection of the battery and improving the charging safety. The high-temperature protection threshold

may be different from or the same as the first temperature threshold. In an embodiment, the high-temperature protection threshold is greater than the first temperature threshold.

[00232] In another embodiment of the present disclosure, the terminal further obtains the temperature of the battery, and controls to stop charging the battery (for example by controlling a charging control switch to switch off at the terminal side) when the temperature of the battery is greater than the predetermined high-temperature protection threshold, so as to stop the charging process of the battery and to ensure the charging safety.

[00233] Moreover, in an embodiment of the present disclosure, the method for charging a terminal further includes: obtaining a temperature of the first charging interface, and controlling the switch unit to switch off when the temperature of the first charging interface is higher than a predetermined protection temperature. In other words, when the temperature of the charging interface exceeds a certain temperature, the control unit needs to apply the high-temperature protection strategy to control the switch unit to switch off, such that the power adapter stops charging the battery, thus realizing the high-temperature protection of the battery and improving the charging safety.

[00234] Certainly, in another embodiment of the present disclosure, the terminal obtains the temperature of the first charging interface by performing the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface. When the temperature of the first charging interface is higher than the predetermined protection temperature, the terminal controls the charging control switch to switch off, i.e., the charging control switch can be switched off at the terminal side, so as to stop the charging process of the battery, ensuring the charging safety.

[00235] During a process that the power adapter charges the terminal, the switch unit is controlled to switch off when the voltage sampling value is greater than a second predetermined voltage value. Namely, a determination is made regarding the voltage sampling value during the process that the power adapter charges the terminal. When the voltage sampling value is greater than the second predetermined voltage value, it indicates that the voltage output by the power adapter is too high. At this time, the power adapter is controlled to stop charging the terminal by controlling the switch unit to switch off. In other words, the over-voltage protection of the power adapter is realized by controlling the switch unit to switch off, thus ensuring the charging safety.

[00236] Certainly, in an embodiment of the present disclosure, the terminal obtains the voltage sampling value by performing a two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface, and controls to stop charging the battery when the voltage sampling value is greater than the second predetermined voltage value. Namely, the charging control switch is controlled to switch off at the terminal side, so as to stop the charging process, such that the safety of charging can be ensured.

[00237] In an embodiment of the present disclosure, during the process that the power adapter charges the terminal, the switch unit is controlled to switch off when the current sampling value is greater than a predetermined current value. In other words, during the process that the power adapter charges the terminal, a determination is made regarding the current sampling value. When the current sampling value is greater than the predetermined current value, it indicates that the current output by the power adapter is too high. At this point, the power adapter is controlled to stop charging the terminal by controlling the switch unit to switch off. In other words, the over-current protection of the power adapter is realized by controlling the switch unit to switch off, thus ensuring the charging safety.

[00238] Similarly, the terminal obtains the current sampling value by performing the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface, and controls to stop charging the battery when the current sampling value is greater than the predetermined current value. In other words, the charging control switch is controlled to be switched off at the terminal side, such that the charging process of the battery is stopped, thus ensuring the safety of charging.

[00239] The second predetermined voltage value and the predetermined current value may be set according to actual needs.

[00240] In embodiments of the present disclosure, the status information of the terminal includes the power of the battery, the temperature of the battery, the voltage/current of the battery of the terminal, interface information of the terminal and path impedance information of the terminal.

[00241] In detail, the power adapter can be coupled to the terminal via a universal serial bus (USB) interface. The USB interface may be a general USB interface, or a micro USB interface. A data wire in the USB interface is configured as the data wire in the first charging interface, and configured for the two-way communication between the power adapter and the terminal. The data wire may be a D+ and/or D-wire in the USB interface. The two-way communication may refer to an information interaction performed between the power adapter and the terminal.

[00242] The power adapter performs the two-way communication with the terminal via the data wire in the USB interface, so as to determine to charge the terminal with the quick charging mode.

[00243] As an embodiment, when the power adapter performs the two-way communication with the terminal via the first charging interface so as to determine to charge the terminal with the quick charging mode, the power adapter sends a first instruction to the terminal that is configured to query the terminal whether to enable

the quick charging mode. The power adapter receives a reply instruction responsive to the first instruction from the terminal. The reply instruction responsive to the first instruction is configured to indicate that the terminal agrees to enable the quick charging mode.

[00244] As an embodiment, before the power adapter sends the first instruction to the terminal, the power adapter charges the terminal in the normal charging mode. When the power adapter determines that a charging duration of the normal charging mode is greater than a predetermined threshold, the power adapter sends the first instruction to the terminal.

[00245] It should be noted that, when the power adapter determines that a charging duration of the normal charging mode is greater than the predetermined threshold, the power adapter may determine that the terminal has identified it as a power adapter, such that the quick charging query communication may start.

[00246] As an embodiment, the power adapter is controlled to adjust a charging current to one corresponding to the quick charging mode by controlling the switch unit. Before the power adapter charges the terminal with the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode, a two-way communication is performed with the terminal via the first charging interface to determine a charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode, and the power adapter is controlled to adjust a charging voltage to the one corresponding to the quick charging mode.

[00247] As an embodiment, performing the two-way communication with the terminal via the first charging interface to determine the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode includes: sending by the power adapter a second instruction to the terminal, receiving by the power adapter a reply instruction responsive to the second instruction sent from the terminal, and determining by the power adapter the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode

according to the reply instruction responsive to the second instruction. The second instruction is configured to query whether a current output voltage of the power adapter is suitable for being used as the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode. The reply instruction responsive to the second instruction is configured to indicate that the current output voltage of the power adapter is suitable, high, or low.

[00248] As an embodiment, before controlling the power adapter to adjust the charging current to the one corresponding to the quick charging mode, the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode is determined by performing the two-way communication with the terminal via the first charging interface.

[00249] As an embodiment, determining the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode by performing the two-way communication with the terminal via the first charging interface includes: sending by the power adapter a third instruction to the terminal, receiving by the power adapter a reply instruction responsive to the third instruction sent from the terminal and determining by the power adapter the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode according to the reply instruction responsive to the third instruction. The third instruction is configured to query a maximum charging current supported by the terminal. The reply instruction responsive to the third instruction is configured to indicate the maximum charging current supported by the terminal.

[00250] The power adapter may determine the above maximum charging current as the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode, or may set the charging current as one smaller than the maximum charging current.

[00251] As an embodiment, during the process that the power adapter charges the terminal with the quick charging mode, the two-way communication is performed with the terminal via the first charging interface, so as to continuously adjust a

charging current output to the battery from the power adapter by controlling the switch unit.

[00252] The power adapter may continuously query the status information of the terminal, e.g., the battery voltage of the terminal, the power of the battery, etc., so as to adjust the charging current continuously.

[00253] As an embodiment, performing the two-way communication with the terminal via the first charging interface to continuously adjust the charging current output to the battery from the power adapter by controlling the switch unit includes: sending by the power adapter a fourth instruction to the terminal, receiving by the power adapter a reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction sent by the terminal, and adjusting the charging current by controlling the switch unit based on the current voltage of the battery. The fourth instruction is configured to query a current voltage of the battery in the terminal. The reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction is configured to indicate the current voltage of the battery in the terminal.

[00254] As an embodiment, adjusting the charging current by controlling the switch unit according to the current voltage of the battery includes: adjusting the charging current output to the battery from the power adapter to one corresponding to the current voltage of the battery by controlling the switch unit based on the current voltage of the battery and predetermined correspondences between battery voltage values and charging current values.

[00255] In detail, the power adapter may store in advance the correspondences between battery voltage values and charging current values.

[00256] As an embodiment, during the process that the power adapter charges the terminal with the quick charging mode, it is determined whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in a poor contact by performing the

two-way communication with the terminal via the first charging interface. When it is determined that the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in a poor contact, the power adapter is controlled to quit the quick charging mode.

[00257] As an embodiment, before determining whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in poor contact, the power adapter receives information indicating path impedance of the terminal from the terminal. The power adapter sends a fourth instruction to the terminal. The fourth instruction is configured to query a current voltage of the battery in the terminal. The power adapter receives a reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction sent by the terminal. The reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction is configured to indicate the current voltage of the battery in the terminal. The power adapter determines path impedance from the power adapter to the battery according to an output voltage of the power adapter and the current voltage of the battery and determines whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in a poor contact according to the path impedance from the power adapter to the battery, the path impedance of the terminal, and path impedance of a charging wire between the power adapter and the terminal.

[00258] As an embodiment, before the power adapter is controlled to quit the quick charging mode, a fifth instruction is sent to the terminal. The fifth instruction is configured to indicate that the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in a poor contact.

[00259] After sending the fifth instruction, the power adapter may quit the quick charging mode or reset.

[00260] The quick charging process according to embodiments of the present disclosure is described from the perspective of the power adapter, and then the quick

charging process according to embodiments of the present disclosure will be described from the perspective of the terminal as follows.

In embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal supports the normal charging mode and the quick charging mode. The charging current of the quick charging mode is greater than that of the normal charging mode. The terminal performs the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface such that the power adapter determines to charge the terminal with the quick charging mode. The power adapter makes outputs based on a charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode for charging the battery in the terminal.

[00261] As an embodiment, performing by the terminal the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface such that the power adapter determines to charge the terminal with the quick charging mode includes: receiving by the terminal the first instruction sent by the power adapter, in which the first instruction is configured to query the terminal whether to enable the quick charging mode; sending by the terminal a reply instruction responsive to the first instruction to the power adapter. The reply instruction responsive to the first instruction is configured to indicate that the terminal agrees to enable the quick charging mode.

[00262] As an embodiment, before the terminal receives the first instruction sent by the power adapter, the battery in the terminal is charged by the power adapter in the normal charging mode. When the power adapter determines that a charging duration of the normal charging mode is greater than a predetermined threshold, the terminal receives the first instruction sent by the power adapter.

[00263] As an embodiment, before the power adapter makes outputs based on the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode for charging the battery in the terminal, the terminal performs the two-way communication with the power

adapter via the second charging interface, such that the power adapter determines the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode.

[00264] As an embodiment, performing by the terminal the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface such that the power adapter determines the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode includes: receiving by the terminal a second instruction sent by the power adapter, and sending by the terminal a reply instruction responsive to the second instruction to the power adapter. The second instruction is configured to query whether a current output voltage of the power adapter is suitable for being used as the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode. The reply instruction responsive to the second instruction is configured to indicate that the current output voltage of the power adapter is suitable, high, or low.

[00265] As an embodiment, before the terminal receives the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode from the power adapter for charging the battery in the terminal, the terminal performs the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface, such that the power adapter determines the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode.

[00266] Performing by the terminal the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface such that the power adapter determines the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode includes: receiving by the terminal a third instruction sent by the power adapter, where the third instruction is configured to query a maximum charging current supported by the terminal; sending by the terminal a reply instruction responsive to the third instruction to the power adapter, where the reply instruction responsive to the third instruction is configured to indicate the maximum charging current supported by the terminal, such that the power

adapter determines the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode according to the maximum charging current.

[00267] As an embodiment, during a process that the power adapter charges the terminal with the quick charging mode, the terminal performs the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface, such that the power adapter continuously adjusts a charging current output to the battery.

[00268] Performing by the terminal the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface such that the power adapter continuously adjusts a charging current output to the battery includes: receiving by the terminal a fourth instruction sent by the power adapter, where the fourth instruction is configured to query a current voltage of the battery in the terminal; sending by the terminal a reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction to the power adapter, where the reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction is configured to indicate the current voltage of the battery in the terminal, such that the power adapter continuously adjusts the charging current output to the battery based on the current voltage of the battery.

[00269] As an embodiment, during the process that the power adapter charges the terminal with the quick charging mode, the terminal performs the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface, such that the power adapter determines whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in a poor contact.

[00270] Performing by the terminal the two-way communication with the power adapter via the second charging interface, such that the power adapter determines whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in a poor contact includes: receiving by the terminal a fourth instruction sent by the power adapter, in which the fourth instruction is configured to query a current voltage of the

battery in the terminal; sending by the terminal a reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction to the power adapter, where the reply instruction responsive to the fourth instruction is configured to indicate the current voltage of the battery in the terminal, such that the power adapter determines whether the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in a poor contact based on an output voltage of the power adapter and the current voltage of the battery.

[00271] As an embodiment, the terminal receives a fifth instruction sent by the power adapter. The fifth instruction is configured to indicate that the first charging interface and the second charging interface are in a poor contact.

[00272] In order to enable the quick charging mode, the power adapter may perform a quick charging communication procedure with the terminal, for example, by one or more handshakes, so as to realize the quick charging of battery. Referring to FIG. 6, the quick charging communication procedure according to embodiments of the present disclosure and respective stages in the quick charging process will be described in detail. It should be understood that, communication actions or operations illustrated in FIG. 6 are merely exemplary. Other operations or various modifications of respective operations in FIG. 6 can be implemented in embodiments of the present disclosure. In addition, respective stages in FIG. 6 may be executed in orders different from that illustrated in FIG. 6, and it is unnecessary to execute all the operations illustrated in FIG. 6.

[00273] In conclusion, with the method for charging a terminal charging according to embodiments of the present disclosure, the power adapter is controlled to output the voltage of the third pulsating waveform which meets the charging requirements, and the voltage of the third pulsating waveform output by the power adapter is directly applied to the battery of the terminal, thus realizing quick charging of the battery directly by the pulsating output voltage/current. In contrast to the conventional

constant-voltage and constant-current, the magnitude of the pulsating output voltage/current changes periodically, such that a lithium precipitation of the lithium battery may be reduced, the service life of the battery may be improved, the probability and intensity of arcing of a contact of a charging interface may be reduced, and the service life of the charging interfaces may be prolonged. Moreover, it is beneficial to reduce polarization effect of the battery, improve the charging speed, and reduce the heat emitted by the battery, thus ensuring the reliability and safety of the terminal during charging. Moreover, since the power adapter outputs the voltage of the pulsating waveform, it is unnecessary to provide an electrolytic capacitor in the power adapter, which can not only realize simplification and miniaturization of the power adapter, but can also greatly reduce the cost.

[00274] In the specification of the present disclosure, it is to be understood that terms such as “central,” “longitudinal,” “lateral,” “length,” “width,” “thickness,” “upper,” “lower,” “front,” “rear,” “left,” “right,” “vertical,” “horizontal,” “top,” “bottom,” “inner,” “outer,” “clockwise,” “counterclockwise,” “axial,” “radial,” and “circumference” refer to the orientations and locational relations illustrated in the drawings, and for describing the present disclosure and for describing in a simple manner, and which are not intended to indicate or imply that the device or the elements are disposed to locate at the specific directions or are structured and performed in the specific directions, which could not to be understood as limiting the present disclosure.

[00275] In addition, terms such as “first” and “second” are used herein for purposes of description and are not intended to indicate or imply relative importance or significance or to imply the number of indicated technical features. Thus, the feature defined with “first” and “second” may comprise one or more of such a feature. In the

description of the present disclosure, “a plurality of” means two or more than two, unless specified otherwise.

[00276] In the present disclosure, unless specified or limited otherwise, terms “mounted,” “connected,” “coupled,” “fixed”, and the like are used in a broad sense, and may include, for example, fixed connections, detachable connections, or integral connections; may also be mechanical or electrical connections; may also be direct connections or indirect connections via intervening structures; may also be inner communications of two elements, as can be understood by those skilled in the art depending on specific contexts.

[00277] In the present disclosure, unless specified or limited otherwise, a structure in which a first feature is “on” or “below” a second feature may encompass an embodiment in which the first feature is in a direct contact with the second feature, and may also encompass an embodiment in which the first feature and the second feature are not in a direct contact, but are contacted via an additional feature provided therebetween. Furthermore, expressions such as “a first feature is “on,” “above,” or “on top of” a second feature” may encompass an embodiment in which the first feature is right or obliquely “on,” “above,” or “on top of” the second feature, or just that the first feature is at a height higher than that of the second feature; while expressions such as “a first feature “below,” “under,” or “on bottom of” a second feature” may encompass an embodiment in which the first feature is right or obliquely “below,” “under,” or “on bottom of” the second feature, or just that the first feature is at a height lower than that of the second feature.

[00278] References throughout this specification to “an embodiment,” “some embodiments,” “one embodiment”, “another example,” “an example,” “a specific example,” or “some examples,” mean that a particular feature, structure, material, or characteristic described in connection with the embodiment or example is included in

at least one embodiment or example of the present disclosure. Thus, the appearances of the phrases such as “in some embodiments,” “in one embodiment”, “in an embodiment,” “in another example,” “in an example,” “in a specific example,” or “in some examples,” in various places throughout the specification are not necessarily referring to the same embodiment or example of the present disclosure. Furthermore, the particular features, structures, materials, or characteristics may be combined in any suitable manner in one or more embodiments or examples.

[00279] Those skilled in the art may be aware that, in combination with the examples described in the embodiments disclosed in the specification, units and algorithmic steps can be implemented by electronic hardware, or a combination of computer software and electronic hardware. In order to clearly illustrate interchangeability of hardware and software, components and steps of each example are already described in the description according to the function commonalities. Whether the functions are executed by hardware or software depends on particular applications and design constraints of the technical solutions. Persons skilled in the art may use different methods to implement the described functions for each particular application, but it should not be considered that the implementation goes beyond the scope of the present disclosure.

[00280] Those skilled in the art may be aware that, with respect to the working process of the system, the device and the unit, reference is made to the part of description of the method embodiment for simplicity and convenience, which are described herein.

[00281] In embodiments of the present disclosure, it should be understood that, the disclosed system, device, and method may be implemented in other way. For example, embodiments of the described device are merely exemplary. The partition of units is merely a logical function partitioning. There may be other partitioning ways in

practice. For example, several units or components may be integrated into another system, or some features may be ignored or not implemented. Further, the coupling between each other or directly coupling or communication connection may be implemented via some interfaces. The indirect coupling or communication connection may be implemented in an electrical, mechanical or other manner.

[00282] In embodiments of the present disclosure, it should be understood that, the units illustrated as separate components can be or not be separated physically, and components described as units can or cannot be physical units, i.e., can be located at one place, or can be distributed onto multiple network units. It is possible to select some or all of the units according to actual needs to achieve objects of the present disclosure.

[00283] In addition, each functional unit in the present disclosure may be integrated in one progressing module, or each functional unit exists as an independent unit, or two or more functional units may be integrated in one module.

[00284] If the integrated module is embodied in software and sold or used as an independent product, it can be stored in the computer readable storage medium. Based on this, the technical solution of the present disclosure or a part making a contribution to the related art or a part of the technical solution may be embodied in the form of software product. The computer software product is stored in a storage medium, including some instructions for causing one computer device (such as a personal PC, a server, or a network device etc.) to execute all or some of steps of the method according to embodiments of the present disclosure. The above-mentioned storage medium may be a medium able to store program codes, such as, USB flash disk, mobile hard disk drive (mobile HDD), read-only memory (ROM), random-access memory (RAM), a magnetic tape, a floppy disc, an optical data storage device, and the like.

[00285] Although explanatory embodiments have been illustrated and described, it would be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the above embodiments cannot be construed to limit the present disclosure, and changes, substitutes, and modifications can be made to the embodiments without departing from the spirit, principles, and scope of the present disclosure.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for charging a terminal, comprising:

a battery;

a first rectification unit, configured to rectify, in a charging process, an input alternating current (AC) and output a voltage of a first pulsating waveform;

a switch unit and a transformer, wherein the switch unit is configured to modulate the voltage of the first pulsating waveform according to a control signal, the transformer is configured to output a voltage of a second pulsating waveform based on the voltage of the modulated first pulsating waveform and couple the voltage of the second pulsating waveform to the secondary side;

a second rectification unit, configured to rectify the voltage of the second pulsating waveform and output a voltage of a third pulsating waveform, wherein, the current output from the second rectification unit is directly output as an output current to charge the battery;

a control unit configured to acquire status information of the battery, wherein, the status information comprises at least one of current power information or voltage information of the battery;

wherein, the control unit is further coupled with the switch unit and configured to output the control signal to the switch unit to adjust a duty ratio of the control signal based on the status information of the battery.

2. A power adapter, comprising:

a first rectification unit, configured to rectify, in a charging process, an input alternating current (AC) and output a voltage of a first pulsating waveform;

a switch unit and a transformer, wherein the switch unit is configured to modulate the voltage of the first pulsating waveform output by the first rectification unit according to a control signal, the transformer is further configured to output a voltage of a second pulsating waveform based on the voltage of the modulated first pulsating waveform;

a second rectification unit, configured to rectify the voltage of the second pulsating waveform and output a voltage of a third pulsating waveform, wherein, the current output from the second rectification unit is directly output as an output current of the power adapter;

a first charging interface coupled with the second rectification unit, the first charging interface being configured to apply the voltage of the third pulsating waveform to a battery of the terminal via a second charging interface of the terminal when the first charging interface is coupled with the second charging interface, wherein the second charging interface is coupled with the battery;

a control unit coupled to the first charging interface and is configured to communicate with the terminal via the first charging interface to acquire status information of the terminal; wherein, the status information comprises at least one of current power information or voltage information of the battery of the terminal;

wherein, the control unit is further coupled with the switch unit and configured to output the control signal to the switch unit to adjust a duty ratio of the control signal based on the status information of the terminal.

3. The power adapter of claim 2, further comprising:

a sampling unit, configured to sample an output voltage and/or an output current of the second rectification unit to obtain a voltage sampling value and/or a current sampling value;

Wherein, the control unit is further coupled with the sampling unit and the switch unit respectively, the control unit is further configured to output the control signal to the switch unit to adjust the duty ratio of the control signal based on the voltage sampling value and/or the current sampling value, enabling the voltage of the third pulsating waveform to meet charging requirements of the terminal.

4. The power adapter of claim 3, wherein the control unit is further configured to adjust a frequency of the control signal based on the voltage sampling value and the current sampling value.

5. The power adapter of any of claims 3-4, wherein the sampling unit comprises:

a first current sampling circuit, configured to sample a current output from the second rectification unit to obtain the current sampling value; and

a first voltage sampling circuit, configured to sample a voltage output from the second rectification unit to obtain the voltage sampling value.

6. The power adapter of claim 5, wherein the first voltage sampling circuit comprises:

a peak voltage sample and hold unit, configured to sample and hold a peak voltage of the voltage of the third pulsating waveform;

a zero-crossing point sampling unit, configured to sample a zero-crossing point of the voltage of the third pulsating waveform;

a bleeder unit, configured to bleed down the voltage of the peak voltage sample and hold unit at the zero-crossing point; and

an AD sampling unit, configured to sample the peak voltage of the peak voltage sample and hold unit to obtain the voltage sampling value.

7. The power adapter of claim 2, wherein the modulated first pulsating waveform and the third pulsating waveform remain synchronized.

8. The power adapter of any of claims 2-7, further comprising:

a second voltage sampling circuit coupled with the control unit, the second voltage sampling circuit being configured to sample the voltage of the first pulsating waveform; the control unit being further configured to control the switch unit to switch on a first preset time period for discharging, when a voltage value sampled by the second voltage sampling circuit is greater than a first preset voltage value.

9. The power adapter of any of claims 2-8, wherein the control unit is configured to communicate with the terminal via the first charging interface to determine a charging mode, the charging mode comprising a quick charging mode and a normal charging mode.

10. The power adapter of claim 9, further comprising:

a controllable switch and a filter unit coupled in series, which are coupled with a first output end of the second rectification unit, the control unit being further configured to control the controllable switch to switch on when determining the charging mode as the normal charging mode and control the controllable switch to switch off when determining the charging mode as the quick charging mode.

11. The power adapter of claim 9, wherein the control unit is further configured to obtain a charging current and/or a charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode based on the status information of the terminal when the control unit determines the charging mode as the quick charging mode, and adjust the duty ratio of the control signal based on the charging current and/or the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode.

12. The power adapter of claim 9, wherein when the control unit performs two-way communication with the terminal via the first charging interface and determines to use the quick charging mode to charge the terminal,

the control unit is further configured to transmit a first instruction to the terminal and receive, from the terminal, a reply instruction responsive to the first instruction, wherein the first instruction is configured to inquire the terminal whether to enable the quick charging mode, and the reply instruction responsive to the first instruction is configured to indicate that the terminal agrees to enable the quick charging mode.

13. The power adapter of claim 12, wherein before the control unit transmits the first instruction to the terminal, the power adapter is configured to charge the terminal with the normal charging mode, and the control unit is configured to transmit the first instruction to the terminal when the control unit determines that a charging duration of the normal charging mode is greater than a preset threshold.

14. The power adapter of claim 12, wherein the control unit is further configured to control the power adapter to adjust a charging current to the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode by controlling the switch unit, and before the power adapter charges the terminal with the charging current corresponding to the quick charging mode,

the control unit is further configured to conduct two-way communication with the terminal via the first charging interface so as to determine the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode and control the power adapter to adjust a charging voltage to the charging voltage corresponding to the quick charging mode.

15. A method for charging a terminal, comprising:

rectifying, in a charging process, an input alternating current (AC) to obtain a voltage of a first pulsating waveform;

modulating the voltage of the first pulsating waveform according to a control signal and transforming the voltage of the first pulsating waveform to output a voltage of a second pulsating waveform based on the voltage of the modulated first pulsating waveform and couple the voltage of the second pulsating waveform to the secondary side of the transformer ;

rectifying the voltage of the second pulsating waveform and outputting a voltage of a third pulsating waveform, wherein, the current output from the second rectification unit is directly output as an output current of the power adapter;

acquiring status information of the terminal, wherein, the status information comprises at least one of current power information or voltage information of a battery of the terminal;

outputting the control signal to the switch unit to adjust a duty ratio of the control signal based on the status information of the battery

16. The method of claim 15,

wherein rectifying the input AC to obtain the voltage of the first pulsating waveform comprises:

performing a first rectification on the input AC and outputting the voltage of the first pulsating waveform, when a first charging interface of the power adapter is coupled with a second charging interface of the terminal.

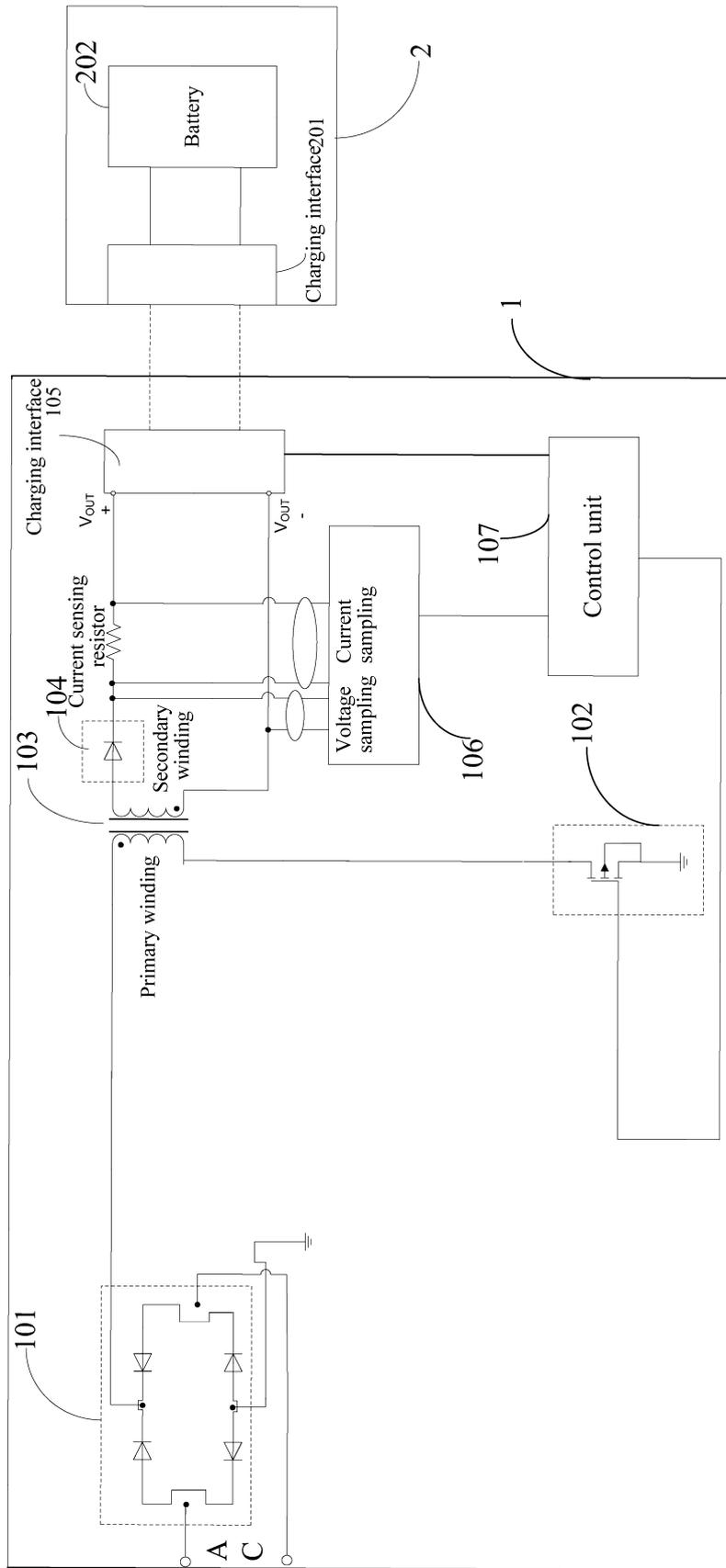


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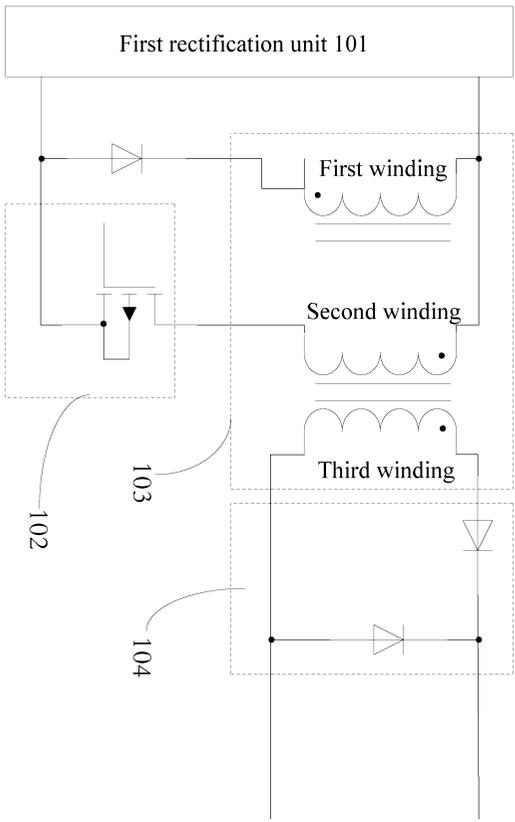


FIG.1B

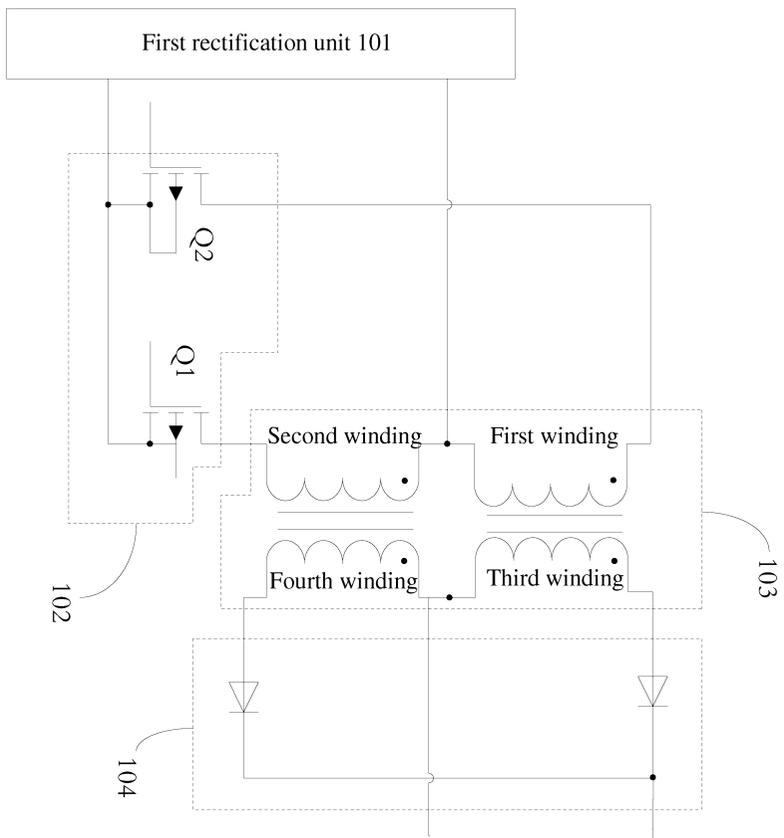


FIG.1C

FIG. 1E

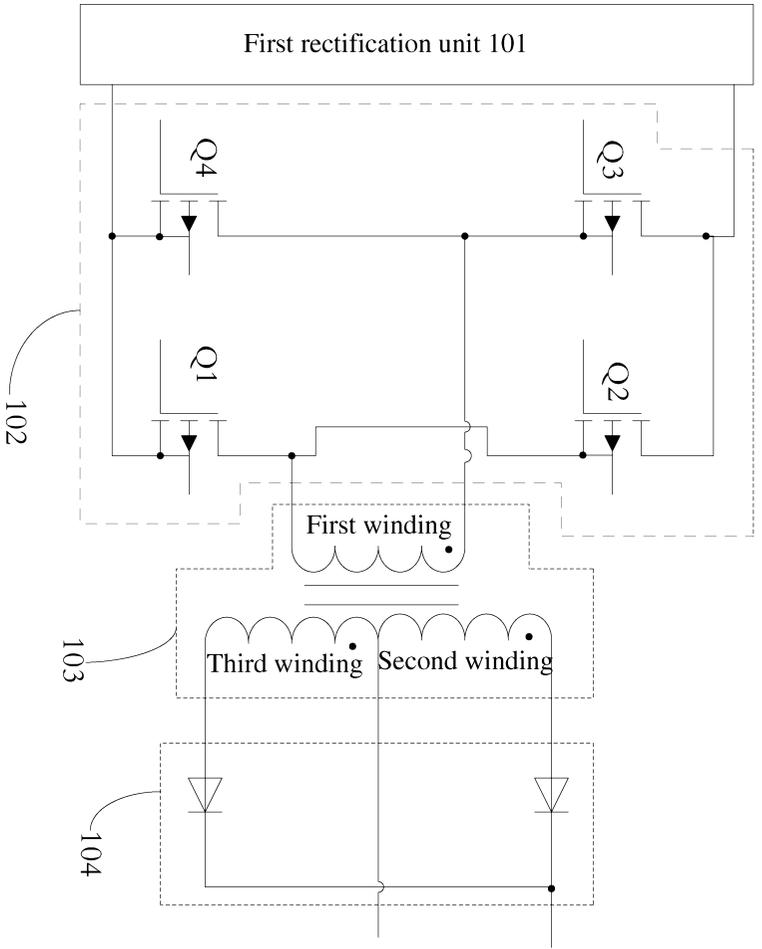
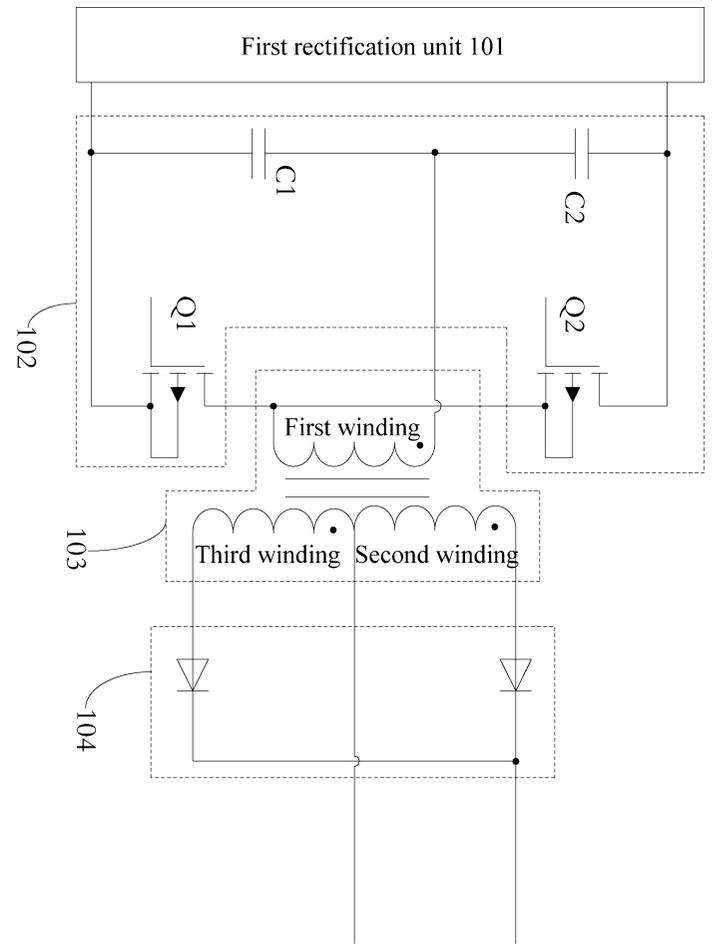


FIG. 1D



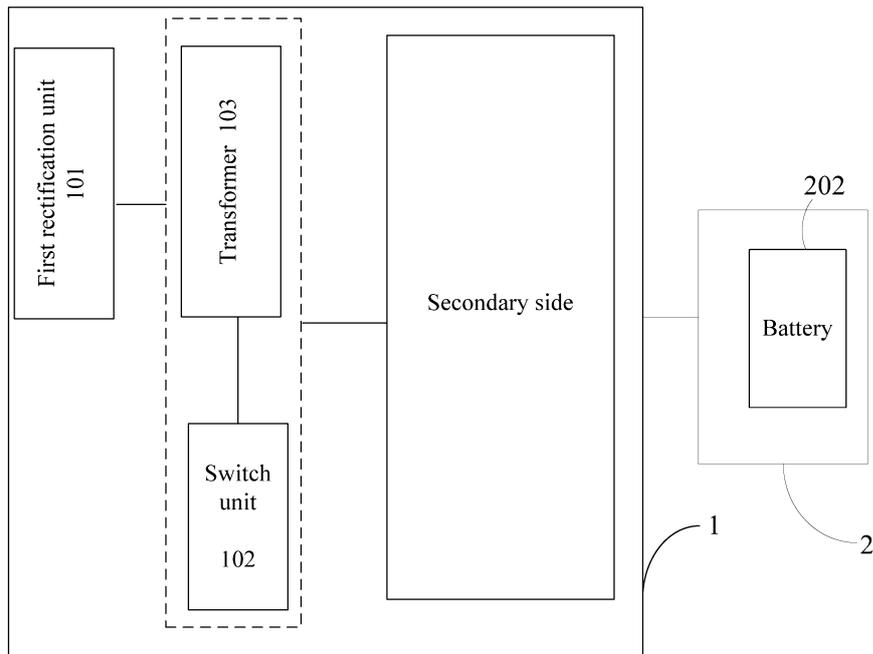


FIG. 2A

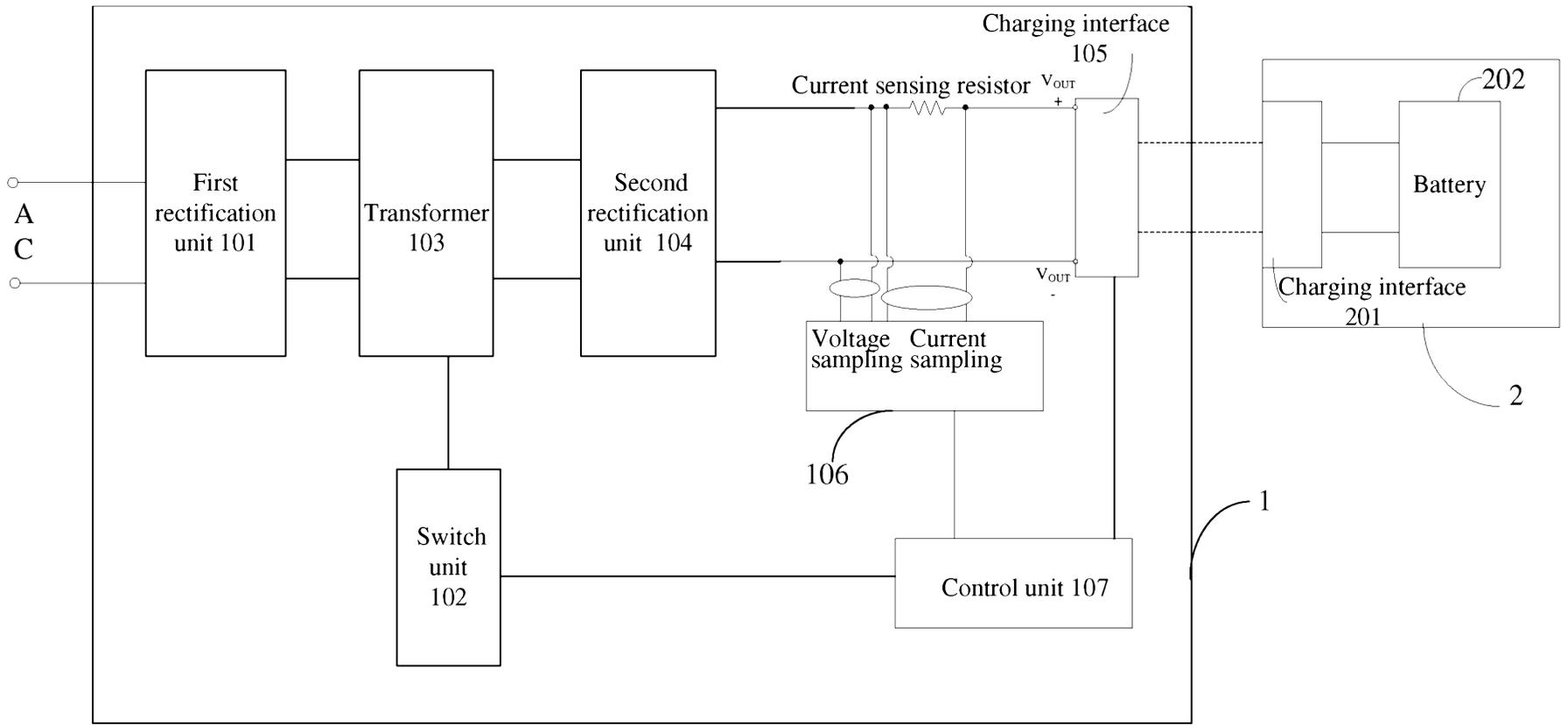


FIG.2B

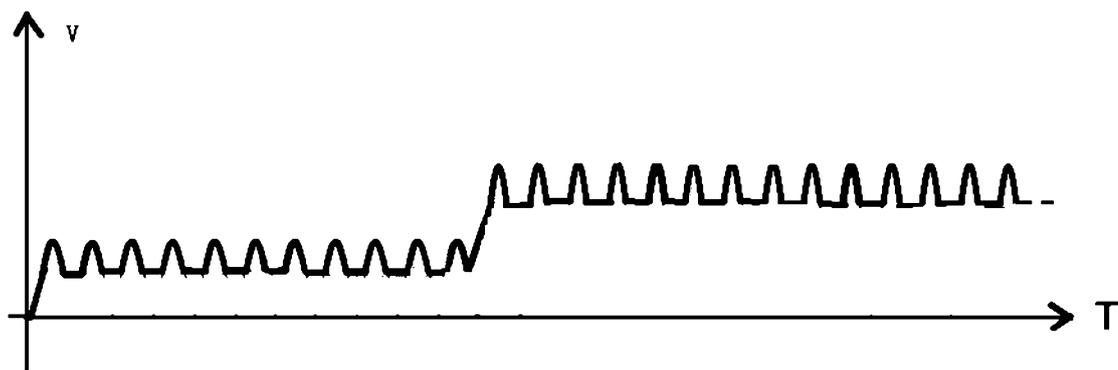


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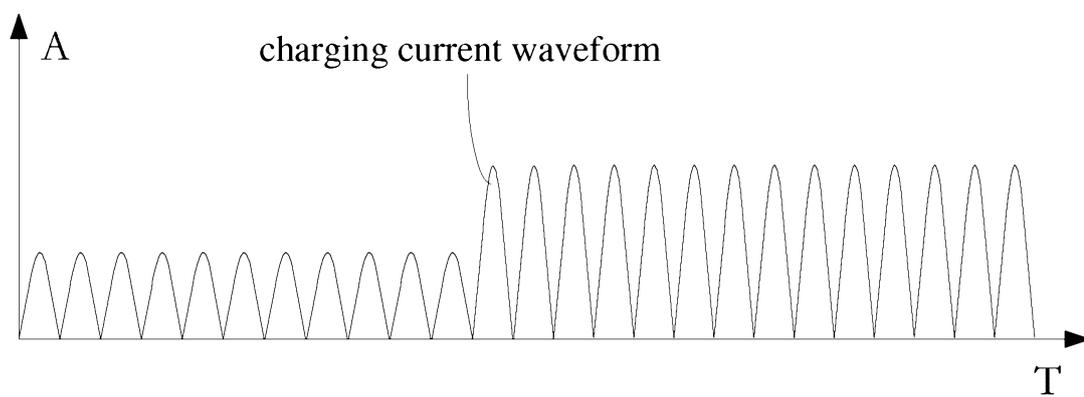


FIG.4

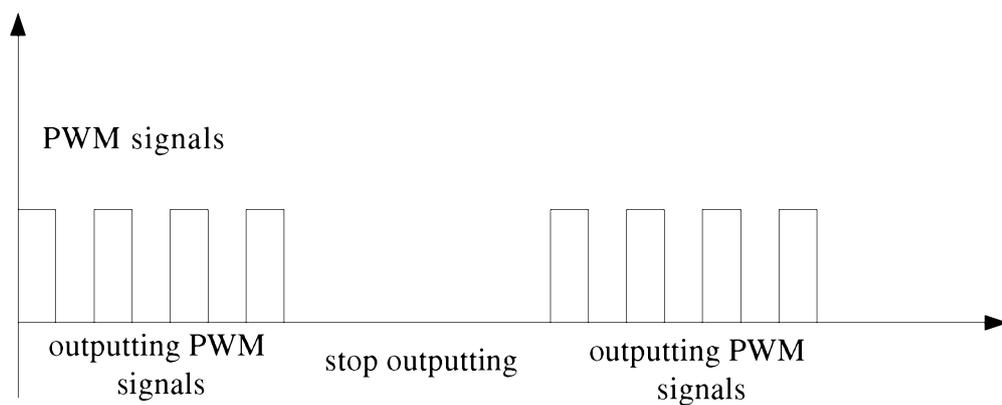


FIG.5

charging current/A

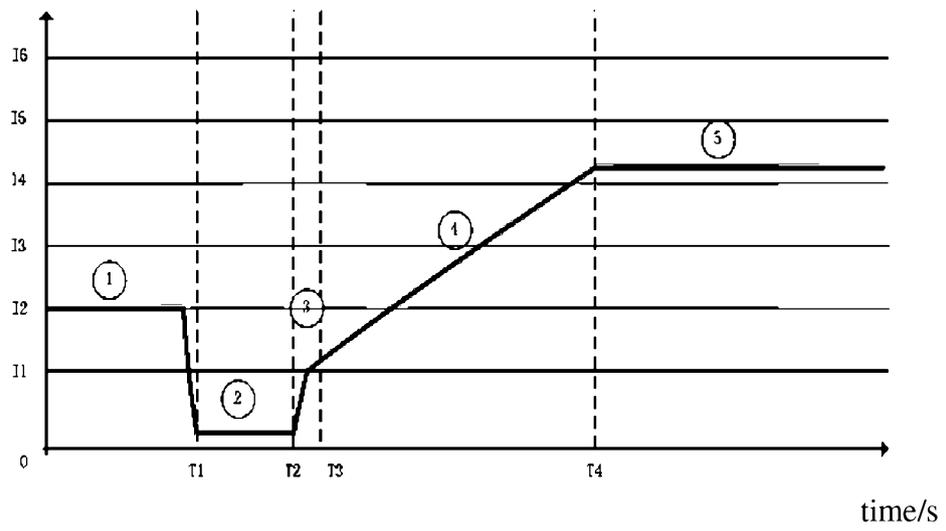


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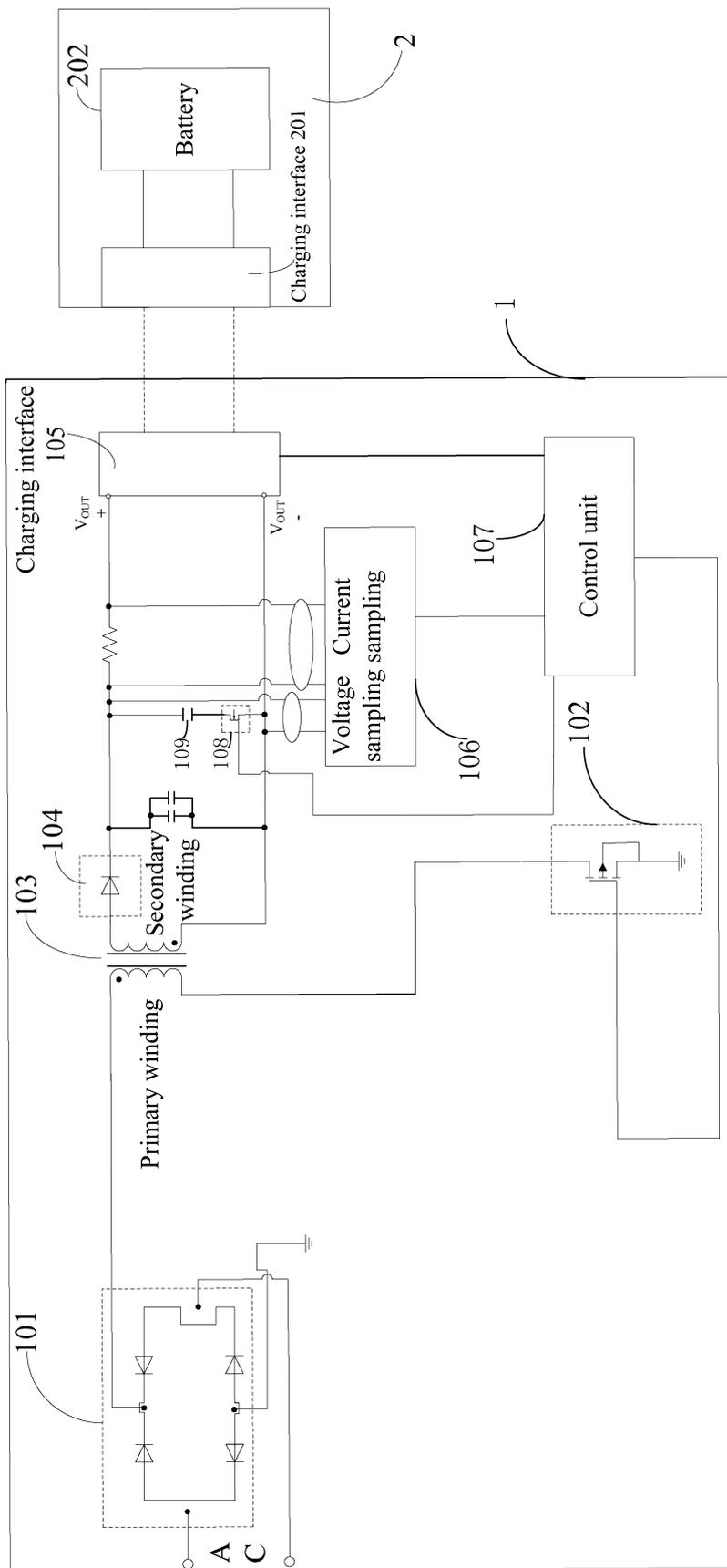


FIG. 7A

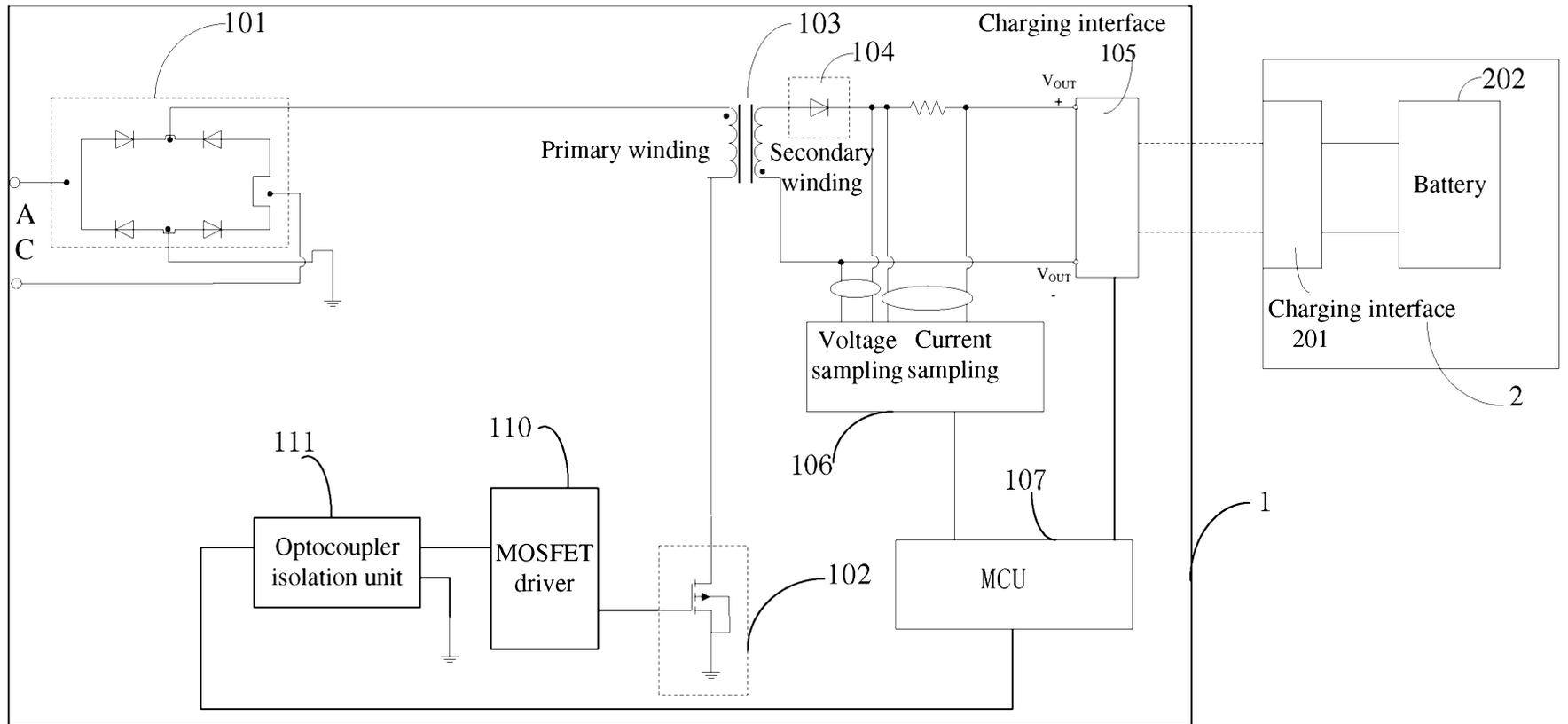


FIG. 8

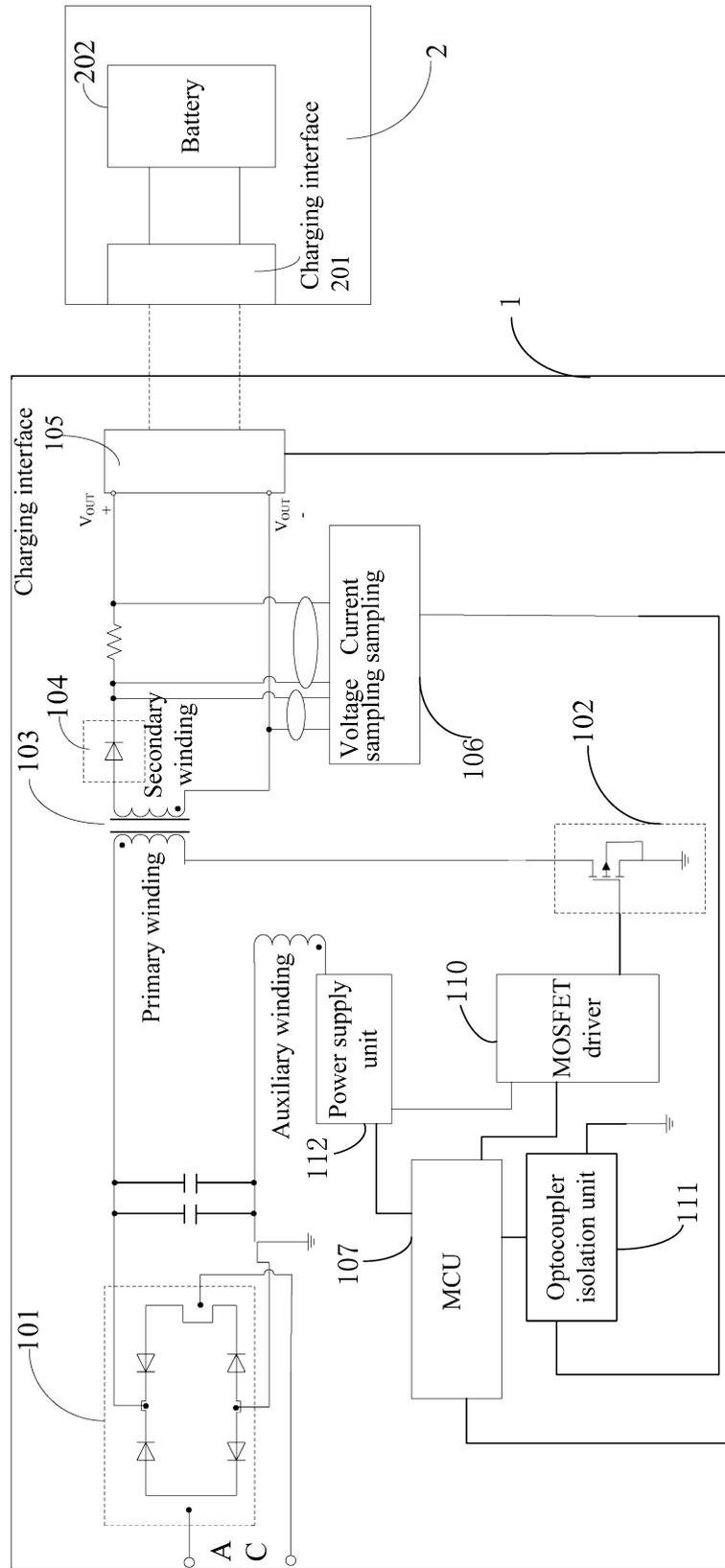


FIG. 9

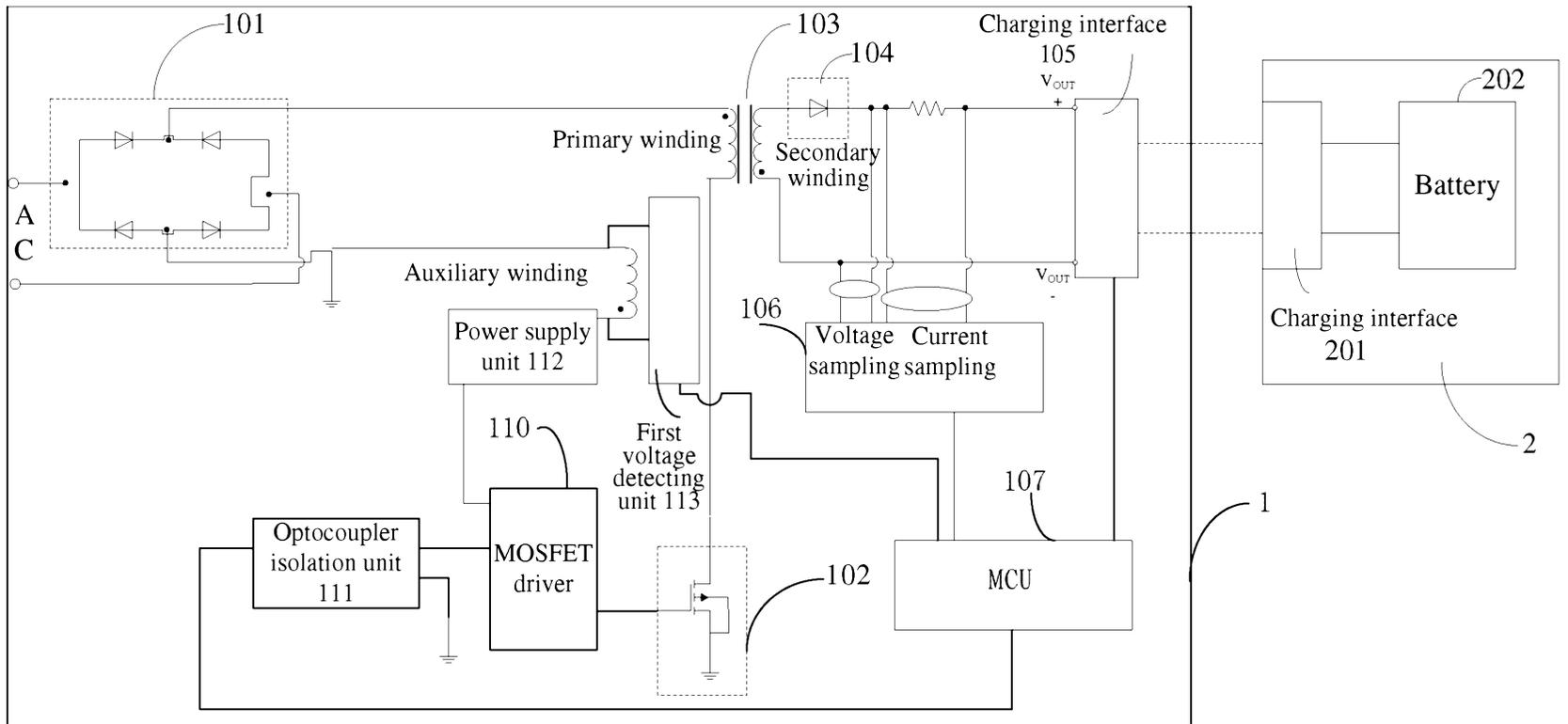


FIG.10

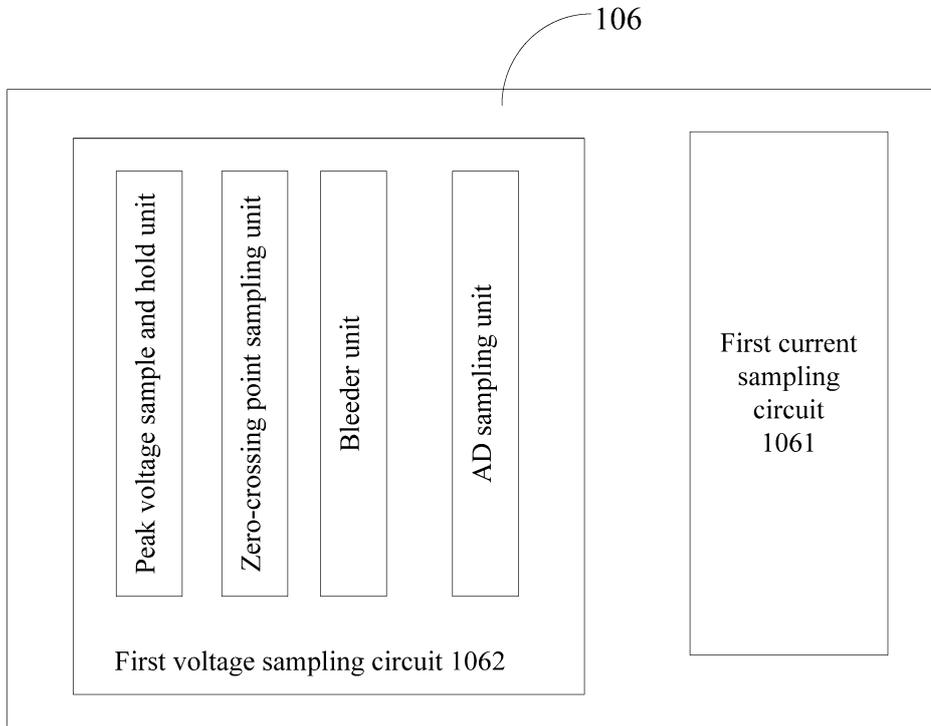


FIG.11

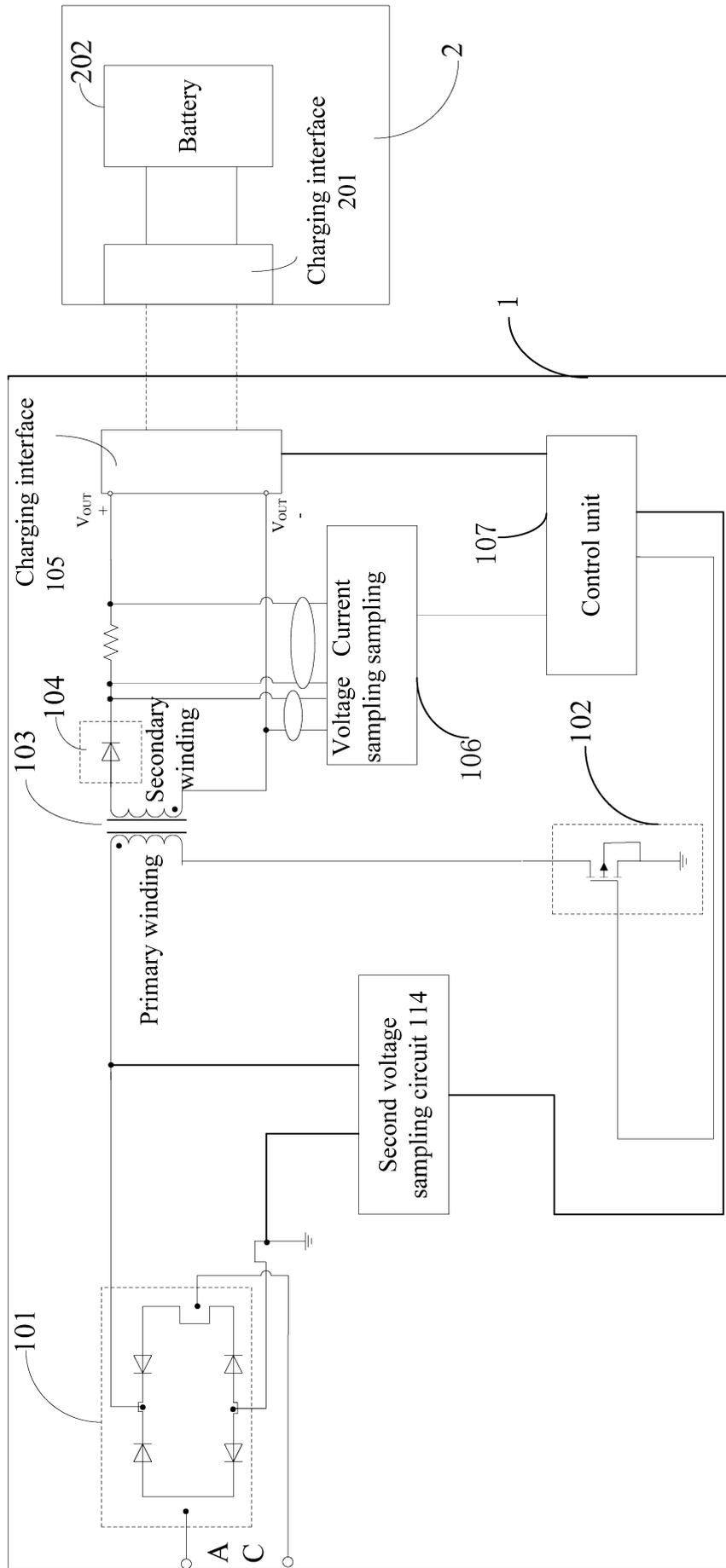


FIG.12

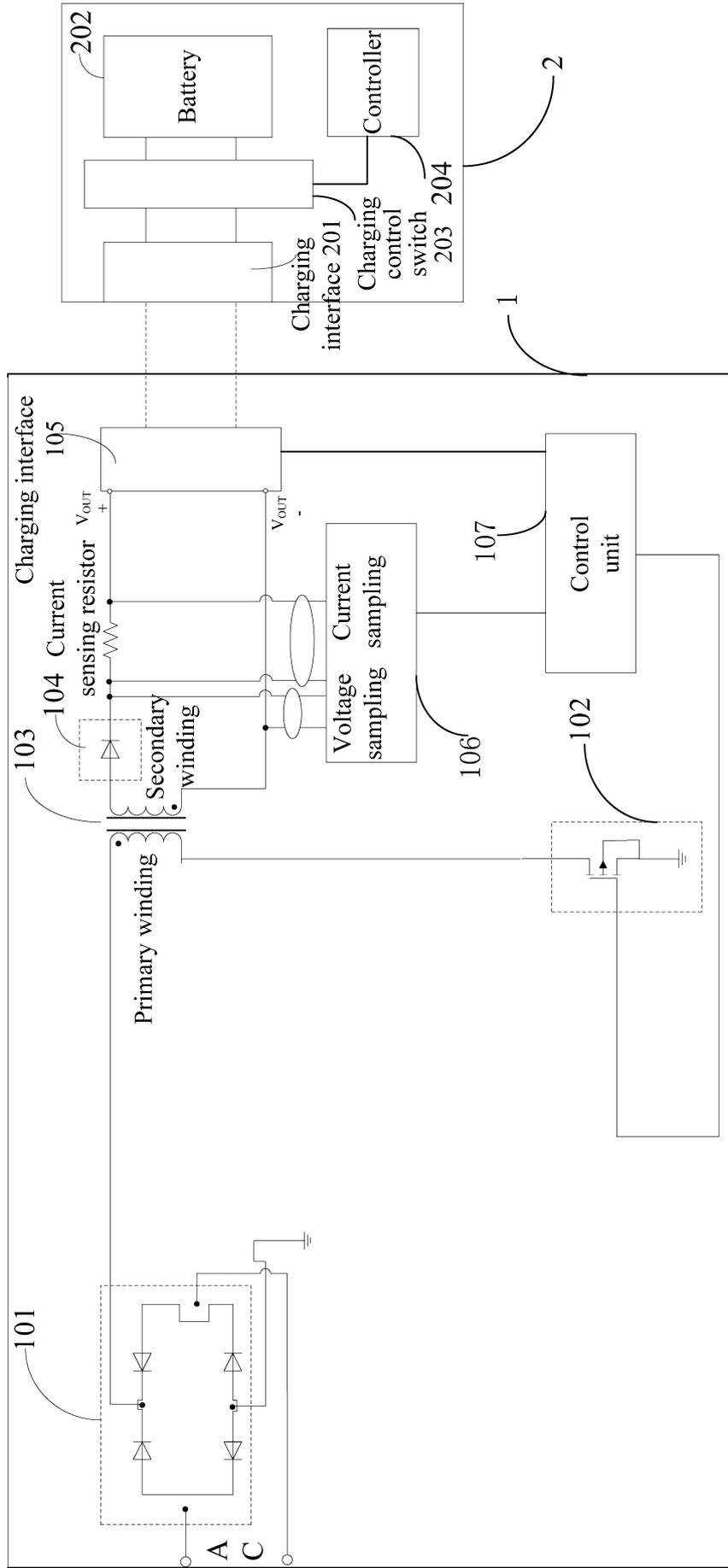


FIG. 13

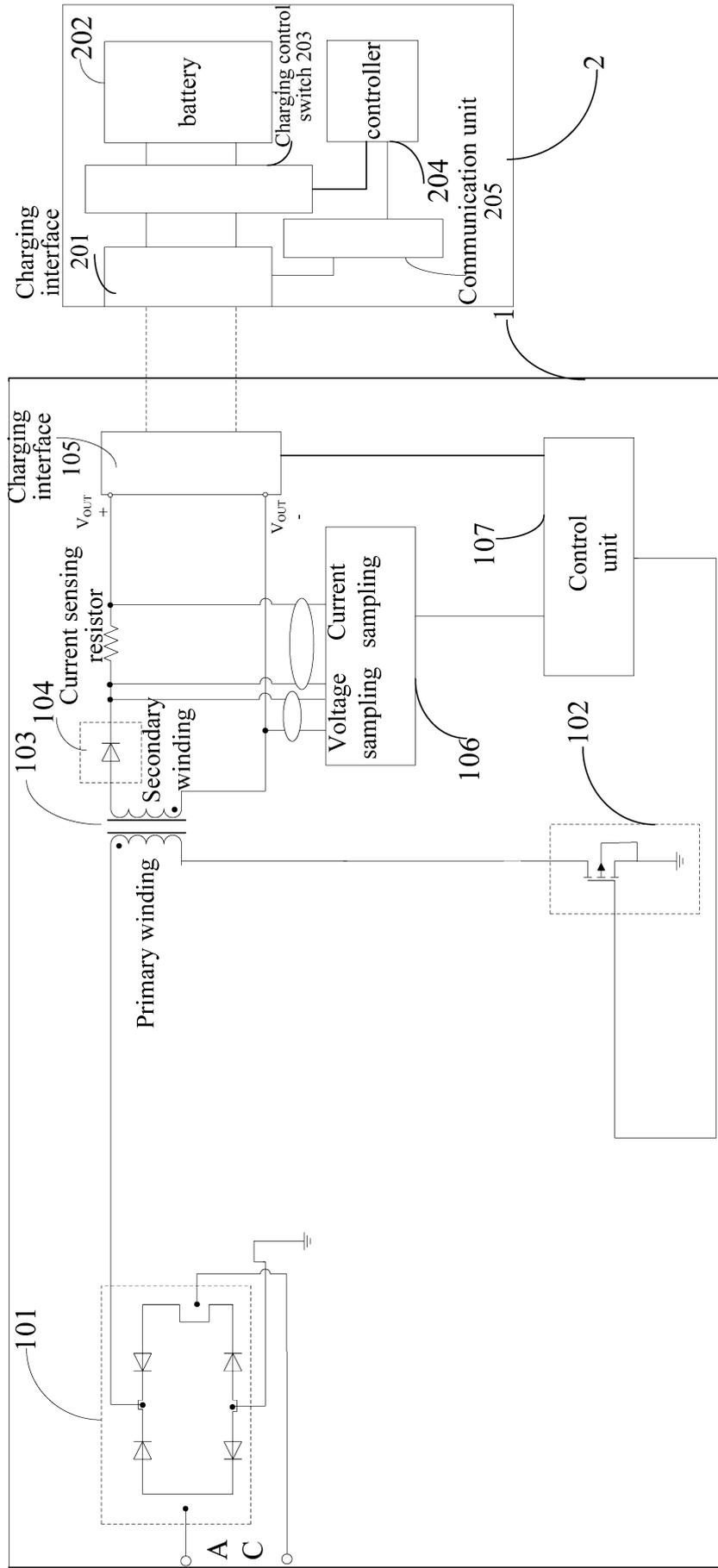


FIG.14

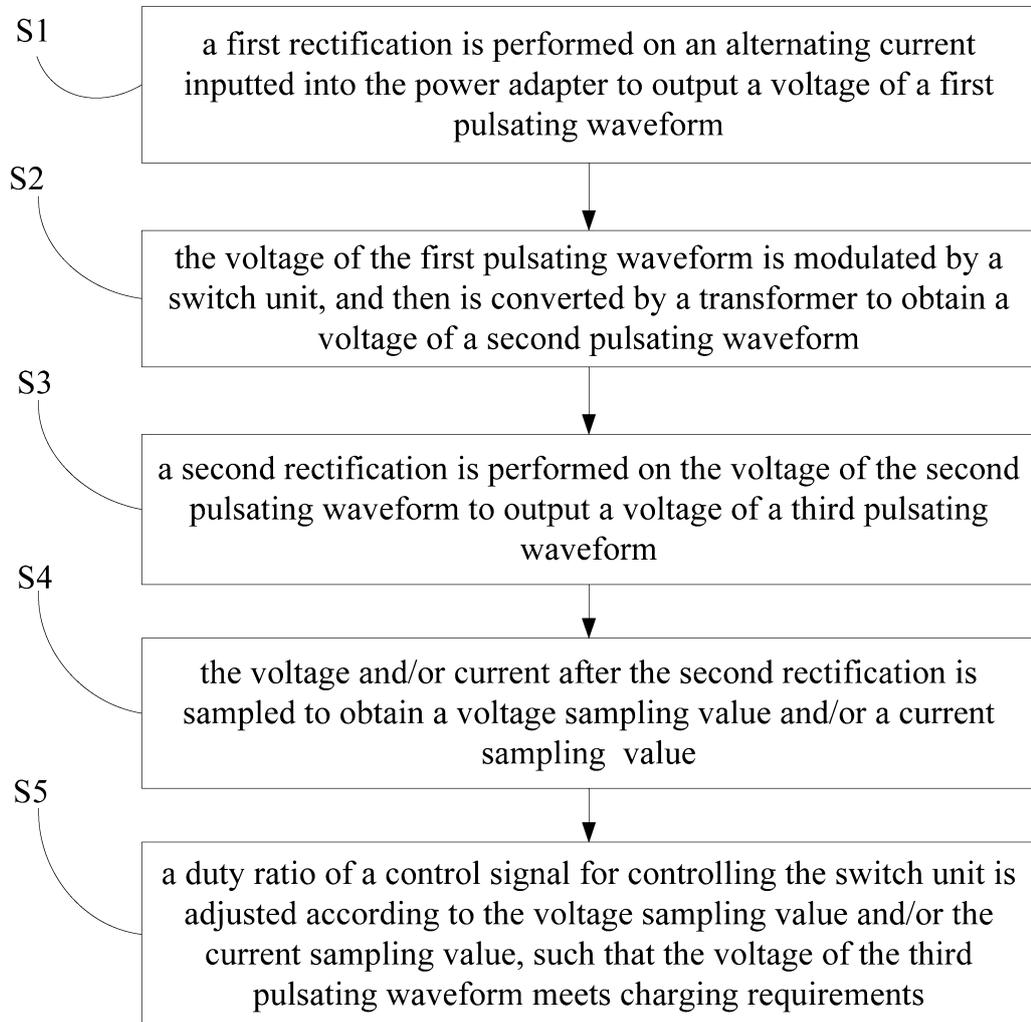


FIG.15

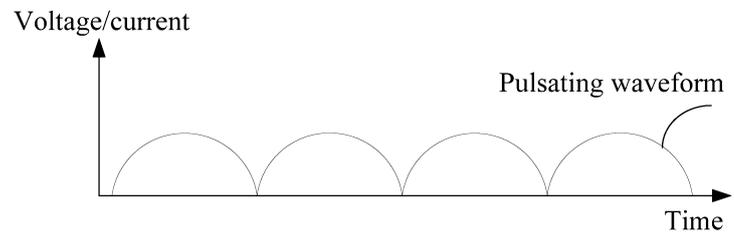


FIG.16A

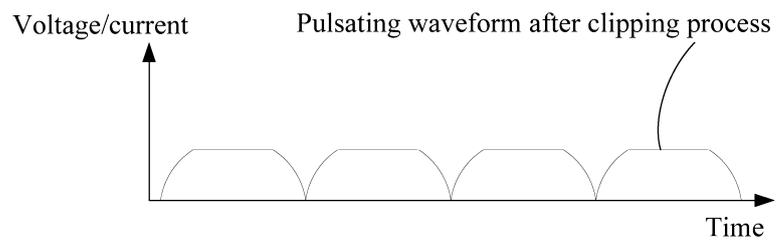


FIG.16B