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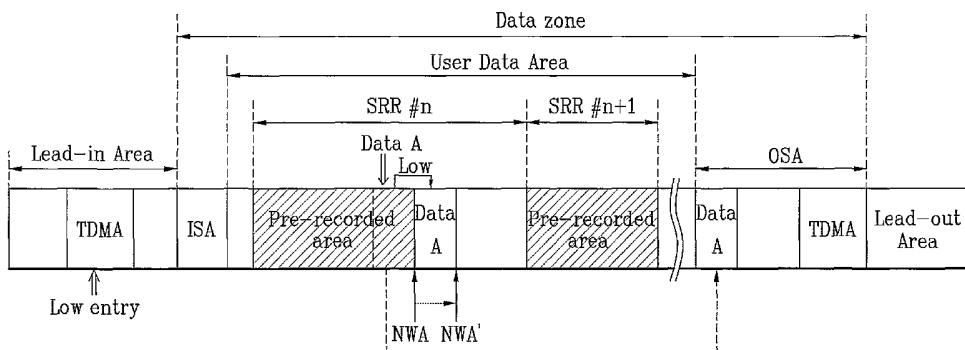
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(57) Abstract: In an embodiment of the method of recording data on a recording medium, a management information entry is recorded in a temporary defect management area of the recording medium. The management information entry indicates a portion of a user data area of the recording medium, and the management information entry includes first and second status indicators indicating a status of the management information entry. For example, the first status indicator may indicate whether replacement is being performed with respect to the indicated portion of the user data area, and the second status indicator may indicate a type of replacement.

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[DESCRIPTION]

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECORDING DATA ON AND REPRODUCING
DATA FROM A RECORDING MEDIUM AND THE RECORDING MEDIUM5 Technical Field

The present invention relates to recording media, and methods and apparatuses associated therewith.

Background Art

A new type of high density optical disc, such as a Blu-ray RE-writable disc (BD-RE), that can record and store high definition audio and video data for a long period of time, is being developed. As shown in FIG. 1, the BD-RE has a lead-in area, a data zone, and a lead-out area. An inner spare area (ISA) and an outer spare area (OSA) are respectively allocated 10 at a fore end and a rear end of the data zone. A recording unit of the BD-RE is a cluster. Referring to FIG. 1, whether or not a defect area exists within the data zone can be detected during the recording of the data. When a defect area is detected, replacement recording operations are performed. 15 For example, the data that is intended to be recorded in the defect area is recorded in a spare area (e.g., the inner spare area (ISA)). Then, position information of the detected defect area and the replacement recorded spare area are recorded and stored as management information in a defect list 20 (DFL) of a disc management area (DMA) located within the lead- 25

in area.

During a read operation of this data, the data recorded in the spare area is read and reproduced, instead of the data of the defect area, by accessing the DFL; thereby preventing a 5 data recording/reproducing error from occurring.

A write-once recordable blu-ray disc (BD-WO) is also under development. Unlike a rewritable disc, data can only be recorded once in the entire area of a write-once optical disc; and data cannot be physically overwritten in the write-once 10 optical disc. Nevertheless, there may occur instances, where it would be desirable to edit or partially modify recorded data. For example, for simplicity of use of the host or the user, virtual overwriting of the data may be desirable.

Disclosure of Invention

15 In an embodiment of the method of recording data on a recording medium, a management information entry is recorded in a temporary defect management area of the recording medium. The management information entry indicates a portion of a user data area of the recording medium, and the management 20 information entry includes first and second status indicators indicating a status of the management information entry. For example, the first status indicator may indicate whether replacement is being performed with respect to the indicated portion of the user data area.

25 In one embodiment, if the first status indicator

indicates that replacement is being performed, information entry further indicates a replacement portion of the recording medium that replaces the indicated portion of the user data area.

5 Also, if the first status indicator indicates that replacement is being performed, the second status indicator may indicate a type of replacement. For example, the types of replacement may include single data unit replacement and continuous data unit replacement.

10 In an embodiment of the method of recording data on a recording medium, at least a first management entry is recorded in a temporary defect management area of the recording medium. The first management entry identifies a cluster in a user data area of the recording medium, includes 15 a first status indicator indicating that the identified cluster is being replaced, includes a second status indicator indicating whether the replacement is at least one of a single cluster replacement and continuous cluster replacement, and identifies a replacement cluster.

20 In an embodiment of a method of reproducing a recording medium, a management information entry is recorded in a temporary defect management area of the recording medium. The management information entry indicates a portion of a user data area of the recording medium, and the management 25 information entry includes first and second status indicators

indicating a status of the management information entry is reproduced from the user data area based on the reproduced management information entry.

In an embodiment of a recording medium having a data structure for managing replacement of portions of a user data area of the recording medium, a temporary defect management area of the recording medium includes at least one management information entry. The management information entry indicates a portion of a user data area of the recording medium, and includes first and second status indicators indicating a status of the management information entry.

Another embodiment of the method of recording data in a recording medium, stream records data in consecutive clusters of a user data area of the recording medium such that a defective portion of the user data area is skipped and recording continues in sequence at a next available recordable portion of the user data area.

This embodiment may further include recording a management information entry in a temporary defect management area of the recording medium. Here, the management information entry identifies the skipped recorded portion.

Another embodiment of the method of reproducing a recording medium, reproduces a management information entry indicating a defective portion of a user data area of the recording medium. Stream recorded data is reproduced from the

user data area based on the management information that the defective portion is skipped and reproduction continues at a next non-defective portion of the user data area.

5 In a further embodiment of the method of recording data in a recording medium, a command to record data in an order of consecutive data units is received. Then, the data is recorded in the order of consecutive data units on the recording medium such that defective and recorded areas of the recording medium 10 are skipped and recording continues at a next non-defective and recordable area.

This embodiment may further include recording management information in a temporary defect management area of the recording medium. Here, the management information indicates a 15 mapping between the skipped area and the non-defective and recordable area.

In a further embodiment of the method of reproducing a recording medium, management information is reproduced from a temporary defect management area of the recording medium. The 20 management information indicates a first range of clusters of a user data area of the recording medium that has been continuous replacement recorded and indicates a second range of clusters of the recording medium serving as the replacement recorded area. Data is reproduced based on the reproduced 25 management information.

In a further embodiment of the recording medium, a data structure for managing replacement of portions of a user data area of the recording medium, a temporary defect management area of the recording medium includes management information. The management information indicates a first range of clusters of a user data area of the recording medium that has been continuous replacement recorded and indicates a second range of clusters of the recording medium serving as the replacement recorded area.

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Brief Description of Drawings

The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this application, illustrate 15 embodiments of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principle of the invention. In the drawings:

FIG. 1 illustrates a structure of a general re-writable optical disc and a method for managing defects;

20 FIG. 2 illustrates a logical overwriting method for a write-once optical disc according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3 illustrates a method for recording a LOW entry according to an embodiment of the present invention;

25 FIG. 4 illustrates an example of logical overwriting

being performed on a closed SRR in the write-once according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 5 illustrates a method for managing defects in the write-once optical disc according to an embodiment of the 5 present invention;

FIG. 6 illustrates a method for allocating TDMA in the write-once optical disc according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIGS. 7A to 7C illustrate methods for logical overwriting 10 and for managing defects in the write-once optical disc according to embodiments of the present invention; and

FIG. 8 illustrates a block diagram of an optical recording and reproducing apparatus according to an embodiment of the present invention.

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Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

Reference will now be made in detail to example 20 embodiments of the present invention, which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. Wherever possible, the same reference numbers will be used throughout the drawings to refer to the same or like parts.

FIG. 2 illustrates a logical overwriting method for a write-once high density optical disc according to an embodiment of the present invention. As shown, the write-once 25 high density optical disc includes a lead-in area, a data zone,

and a lead-out area. The data zone includes
area (ISA), an outer spare area (OSA), and a user data area.
The lead-in area is used as an area for recording diverse
management information for recording/reproducing data on/from
5 the optical disc. The lead-in area may be provided with a
temporary disc management area (TDMA), which is an area,
generally of fixed size, for recording defect management
information and recording management information for the
optical disc. A separate additional TDMA within a spare may
10 also be allocated for defects that may frequently occur during
the use of the optical disc and for updating the recording
management information.

In a write-once optical disc having the above-described
structure, data recording may be categorized into two types: a
15 sequential recording mode (SRM) type and a random recording
mode (RRM) type. In the SRM type, in order to facilitate
recording of data on the optical disc, the user data area in
which actual user data is recorded is divided into a plurality
of consecutive recording areas for recording data. Each of
20 the divided plurality of consecutive recording areas is
referred to as a Sequential Recording Range (SRR). The
recording of data in a SRR is performed on a next recordable
(or writable) non-recorded cluster. An address of the next
recordable non-recorded cluster in an SRR is referred to as a
25 Next Writable Address (NWA). More specifically, in the SRR, a

directly subsequent unrecorded area after a becomes the NWA, and the recording of data begins from the NWA. Therefore, when sequential recording of data is performed starting from the NWA, the NWA may dynamically increase in 5 accordance with the recording of the data.

In the above-described SRM type, a command for writing (or overwriting) data in a recorded area or portion within a SRR (SRR #n) may be given (or made) by a user or a host. In this case, due to the characteristic of the write-once optical 10 disc, physical writing of the data can only be performed once, and so writing (or recording) of data on a recorded area is not possible. In other words, overwriting of data cannot be physically performed. According to embodiments of the present invention, in the SRM type of the recordable high density 15 optical disc, when an overwriting command requesting data to be overwritten on a recorded area is given (or made), the data that is to be written on the recorded portion is instead recorded beginning at a NWA of the same SRR, beginning at a NWA of another SRR, or in a spare area. This is referred to 20 as a Logical Overwrite (LOW).

For example, as shown in FIG. 2, when a writing (or recording) command for data A of a recorded data area within an SRR (SRR #n) is transmitted, the data A that is to be recorded in the pre-recorded data area is either recorded at a 25 next writable area, which is the NWA, of the SRR (SRR #n)

including the recorded data area or, alternati
in a spare area (e.g., the OSA). The area is pre-recorded in
the sense that the area was recorded on prior to recording of
data A. When the data is recorded in the NWA of the SRR (SRR
5 #n), a next writable area from the SRR (SRR #n) becomes NWA'.
After performing the replacement recording of the data, as
described above, information on the position of the area in
which data was to be overwritten and the replacement recorded
area is recorded in the TDMA as a LOW entry. The LOW entry is
10 broadly categorized into two types: a Re-Allocated Defect
(RAD) type and a Continuuous Re-allocated Defect (CRD) type.

FIG. 3 illustrates a method for recording a LOW entry
according to an embodiment of the present invention.
Referring to FIG. 3, the LOW entry may be expressed (or
15 described) as a CRD type entry, which is a replacement type
for consecutive defective clusters or overwriting clusters.
More specifically, when a command for overwriting data A on
the pre-recorded area is transmitted, data A is replacement
recorded on a replacement area. Thereafter, if data A is
20 intended to be recorded in a plurality of clusters, the LOW
entry is registered as the CRD type. In case of the CRD type,
the entry recorded in the TDMA is expressed (or recorded) by
using two DFL entries.

As shown, each DFL entry includes a "Status 1" field, a
25 "Defective Cluster first PSN" field, a "Status 2" field, and a

"Replacement Cluster first PSN" field. When the field is recorded as '0000', this indicates either a RAD type DFL entry or a CRD type DFL entry, wherein replacement recording is completed normally in the defect area or the 5 overwriting area. When the "Status 1" field is recorded as '0001', this indicates a Non-Reallocatable Defect (NRD) type DFL entry, wherein neither the defect area nor the overwriting area has a designated replacement area for the replacement recording. Namely, the position of the defect is noted in the 10 entry, but since no replacement recording took place, any replacement position information in the entry is meaningless.

Position information of the cluster wherein a defect has occurred or the cluster that has been overwritten (e.g., by the LOW process) is recorded in the "Defective Cluster first PSN" field. The position information is recorded as a first 15 physical sector number (PSN) of the corresponding cluster.

When '0000' is recorded in the "Status 2" field, this indicates that defect replacement or overwriting replacement has occurred in one cluster. When '0001' is recorded in the 20 "Status 2" field, this indicates that the DFL entry provides position information for the start (or beginning) of a plurality of consecutive defective or overwriting clusters. When '0010' is recorded in the "Status 2" field, this indicates that the DFL entry provides position information for 25 the end of the plurality of consecutive defective or

overwriting clusters.

The position information of a replacement recorded area of a defective area or an overwriting area is recorded in the "Replacement Cluster first PSN" field, wherein the information 5 is recorded as a first physical sector number (PSN) of the corresponding cluster.

In view of the above, when '0001' is recorded in the "Status 2" field and "0000" in the "Status 1" field, (i) the "Defective Cluster first PSN" indicates the PSN of a first 10 defective cluster in a series of defective clusters or a series of overwritten clusters and (ii) the "Replacement Cluster first PSN" indicates the PSN of a first cluster in the series of clusters replacing the defective or overwritten clusters. And, when '0010' is recorded in the "Status 2" field 15 and "0000" in the "Status 1" field, (i) the "Defective Cluster first PSN" indicates the PSN of a last defective cluster in a series of defective clusters or a series of overwritten clusters and (ii) the "Replacement Cluster first PSN" indicates the PSN of a last cluster in the series of clusters 20 replacing the defective or overwritten clusters.

Each DFL entry is formed of 8 bytes (64 bits), wherein 4 bits are allocated for each of the "Status" fields and 28 bits are allocated for each of the "Defective Cluster first PSN" field and the "Replacement Cluster first PSN" field. In an 25 example of an overwriting method using an entry format having

the above-described structure, shown in FIG. 3, indicating that replacement recording has been performed is recorded in the "Status 1" field of the first entry (DFL entry 1), and a first physical sector number (PSN) 'a' of the first 5 cluster is recorded in the "Defective Cluster first PSN" field. Additionally, a '0001' bit indicating a start (or beginning) of consecutive defective or overwritten clusters is recorded in the "Status 2" field. And, a first physical sector number (PSN) 'c' of a replacement recorded area of the overwriting 10 area is recorded in the "Replacement Cluster first PSN" field.

Moreover, a '0000' bit indicating that replacement recording has been performed is recorded in the "Status 1" field of the second entry (DFL entry 2), and a first physical sector number (PSN) 'b' of the last cluster, among the 15 overwriting clusters, is recorded in the "Defective Cluster first PSN" field. Additionally, a '0010' bit indicating an end of consecutive defective clusters is recorded in the "Status 2" field. And, a first physical sector number (PSN) 'd' of the last cluster, among the replacement recorded areas 20 of the overwriting area, is recorded in the "Replacement Cluster first PSN" field. Therefore, when a host requires the reproduction of the area a-b, in accordance with a user request, the area c-d is reproduced by referring to the LOW entry information, which is recorded in the TDMA. As 25 described above, in the method for expressing (or describing)

the management information on overwriting entries (DFL entry 1, DFL entry 2), for consecutive defective or overwriting clusters, the two entries are collectively referred to as a CRD entry.

5 Meanwhile, the replacement type for a defective or overwriting cluster may be expressed as a single DFL entry, and the DFL entry will be referred to as an RAD entry. Furthermore, the replacement type for the defective or overwriting cluster is referred to as a RAD type. In the SRM 10 type recording method, and when the replacement recording for logical overwriting is performed at an NWA of the user data area, the replacement recording may be performed in two different cases, *i.e.*, when the SRR is open and when the SRR is closed. First of all, in the SRM type, an open SRR is an 15 area still having an unrecorded or recordable area and has an NWA corresponding to the beginning of the unrecorded area. A closed SRR is a completely recorded SRR or an SRR where recording is no longer allowed, for example due to a user request, even though recordable area may still remain in the 20 SRR. An NWA does not exist within the closed SRR. Accordingly, when a data overwriting command for a pre-recorded area within an open SRR (SRR #n) is transmitted, the data that is to be recorded in the pre-recorded area is either recorded at an NWA of the present (or current) open SRR or 25 replacement recorded at any one of the NWAs of the open SRRs.

FIG. 4 illustrates an example of logic being performed on a closed SRR in the write-once optical disc according to an embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 4, when the writing command given (or made) 5 by the host is an overwriting command on a pre-recorded area in a closed SRR, since the closed NWA does not include any NWA as described above, the replacement recording is performed on an open SRR having an NWA. In other words, even when non-recorded area remains in the present closed SRR, the non- 10 recorded area is not used as the replacement area. At this point, when overwriting data on the pre-recorded area of the closed SRR, the replacement recording may also be performed on a spare area. More specifically, in an open SRR and a closed SRR, replacement recording is performed in an NWA of the user 15 data area. However, in the case of the closed SRR, the replacement recording may be specifically performed in a spare area instead of the user data area.

FIG. 5 illustrates a method for managing defects in a write-once optical disc according to an embodiment of the 20 present invention. Referring to FIG. 5, when a defect area exists within the write-once high density optical disc, data that is to be recorded on the defect area is either replacement recorded at an NWA of the user data area or replacement recorded in the spare area. More specifically, by 25 replacement recording the data that is to be recorded in a

defect area, which is a defect area that ma_ during recording (or writing) or reproduction (or reading) of the data, reliability and stability of the data can be ensured.

After performing the above-described replacement 5 recording, the position information of the defect area and the replacement recorded area are recorded in the TDMA as RAD or CRD type defect entries. Thereafter, when the defect area is to be reproduced, reference is made to the defect entry information so as to reproduce the data of the replacement 10 recorded area. The same is true when an overwritten area is to be reproduced.

As described above, logical overwriting or defect management is performed for the write-once high density optical disc according to the present invention. Because such 15 operations may frequently occur during the usage of the disc, sufficient TDMA should be allocated in order to record the position information for logical overwriting and the position information for defect management. Accordingly, a method of allocating additional TDMA within the inner spare area (ISA) 20 as well as the outer spare area (OSA) is used in the present invention, which will be described in detail with reference to FIG. 6.

FIG. 6 illustrates a method for allocating TDMA in the write-once optical disc according to an embodiment of the 25 present invention. Referring to FIG. 6, and also FIGs. 4 and

5, additional TDMA may be allocated in the spa
write-once high density optical disc. And, more particularly,
the additional TDMA may be allocated in the inner spare area
(ISA). The size of the TDMA is allocated to be smaller than
5 the size of the spare area, wherein the size is allocated to
be either 0 or 1/4 of the size of the spare area such that the
TDMA varies based on the size of the spare area.

FIGs. 7A to 7C illustrate a method for logical
overwriting and a method for managing defects in the write-
10 once optical disc according to an embodiment of the present
invention. More specifically, FIG. 7A illustrates a method
for replacement recording when a defect area is detected. FIG.
7B illustrates a method for replacement recording in
accordance with logical overwriting. And, FIG. 7C illustrates
15 a method for replacement recording of data during stream
recording.

Referring to FIG. 7A, a defect area may exist in an area
wherein data X, Y, and Z are to be recorded in accordance with
a command from the host. Each of data X, Y, and Z has the
20 size of one cluster. As described above, when a defect area
exists within the area in which data is to be recorded, the
data is replacement recorded either on a next recordable (or
writable) area or on a spare area. When the data is
replacement recorded on a next recordable area, the data is
25 sequentially recorded starting from the next recordable area

(NWA') after skipping the defect area, as shown. After completing the replacement recording, position information of the replacement recording is recorded within the TDMA as a CRD entry. Therefore, when reproducing the data 5 X, Y, and Z, reference is made to the CRD entry information so as to reproduce the replacement recorded data.

FIG. 7B illustrates a method for replacement recording in accordance with a logical overwriting. Referring to FIG. 7B, when data X, Y, and Z are to be recorded on a next recordable 10 area (NWA) in accordance with a command from the host, the next recordable area (NWA) may already be an area wherein replacement recording of a logical overwriting is completed. More specifically, when the NWA has been moved (or relocated) due to the logical overwriting, without notifying the host, 15 the data X, Y, and Z are recorded on a next recordable area (NWA') of the replacement recorded area (NWA). The NWA is moved (or replaced) without notifying the host because the logical overwriting is performed independently within the optical disc drive. Therefore, the NWA may be moved when the 20 optical disc drive fails to notify (or report) the next recordable area to the host. After replacement recording the data X, Y, and Z as described above, the position information of the replacement recording is recorded in the TDMA as a CRD entry. Thereafter, when reproducing the data X, Y, and Z, 25 reference is made to the CRD entry information so as to

reproduce the replacement recorded data.

recording may also be conducted in a spare area.

FIG. 7C illustrates a method for replacement recording of data during stream recording. Referring to FIG. 7C, in the 5 write-once high density optical disc, when a defect is detected while stream recording real-time data such as broadcast programs or movies, wherein time flow is an important factor, the data is recorded on a non-defective area by skipping the detected defect area. The recording of data 10 that is to be recorded in the defect area is treated identically as replacement recording of the data on a non-defective and recordable area. Information on the positions of replacement recorded data A, B, C, and D is recorded as a CRD entry. After recording the CRD entry, as described above, 15 when reproducing data in a later process, reference is made to the CRD entry information so as to reproduce the data A, B, C, and D. And, this method is advantageous in that information on the defect area that is detected in the user data area is not required to be reported separately to host.

20 FIG. 8 illustrates a block diagram of an optical recording and reproducing apparatus according to the present invention. Referring to FIG. 8, the optical recording and/or reproducing apparatus includes a recording/reproducing device 10 for performing recording/reproduction on the optical disc, 25 and a host, or controller 20 for controlling the

recording/reproducing device 10. (H
recording/reproducing device 10 is often referred to as an "optical disc drive", and both terms will be used in the description of the present invention).

5 Basically, in the above-described optical recording and reproducing apparatus, the host 20 gives a writing or reproduction command to write or reproduce to/from a particular area of the optical disc to the recording/reproducing device 10, and the recording/reproducing
10 device 10 performs the recording/reproduction to/from the particular area on the optical disc in response to the command from the host 20. The recording/reproducing device 10 includes an interface unit 12 for performing communication, such as exchanges of data and commands, with the host 20; a
15 pickup unit 11 for writing/reading data to/from the optical disc directly; a data processor 13 for receiving a signal from the pickup unit 11 and recovering a desired signal value, or modulating a signal to be recorded into a signal that can be written on the optical disc; a servo unit 14 for controlling
20 the pickup unit 11 to read a signal from the optical disc accurately, or write a signal on the optical disc accurately; a memory 15 for temporarily storing diverse information including management information and data; and a microcomputer
25 16 for controlling various parts of the recording/reproducing device 10.

In the optical recording and/or reproducing process steps of an embodiment of the method for recording data on the recordable (e.g., a write-once) optical disc will now be described. Upon inserting the recordable optical disc 5 into the optical recording and/or reproducing apparatus, management information is read from the optical disc and stored in the memory 15 of the recording/reproducing device 10. Herein, if the user desires to write on a particular area of the optical disc, the host 20, which responds to a writing 10 command indicating this desire, provides information on a desired writing position to the recording/reproducing device 10, along with a set of data that is to be written.

The microcomputer 16 in the recording/reproducing device 10 receives the writing command, and determines (i) whether 15 the area of the optical disc in which the host 20 desires to write the data is a defective area or not and/or (ii) whether the area has already been recorded on based on the management information stored in the memory 15. Then, the microcomputer 16 performs data writing according to the writing command from 20 the host 20 on an area which is neither the defective area nor a recorded area. For example, if the area is in a closed SSR or has a starting address less than the LRA of the SSR to be written, then the area is determined as already recorded.

While performing writing of data as described above, when 25 overwriting or defect management is to be performed in

accordance with the user command, the data recorded (or written) on the overlapping (or overwriting) area or the defect area is replacement recorded in another area within the data zone, such as the user data area or the spare area, as described above with respect to one of the embodiments of the present invention. Then, corresponding management information including RAD and CRD entries that are created during this process are recorded in the TDMA, for example, within the lead-in area. For this, the microcomputer 16 provides the position information of the replacement recorded area and the data to the servo unit 14 and the data-processor 13, so that the recording or replacement recording is completed at a desired position on the optical disc through the pickup unit 11.

15 Hereinafter, a method for reproducing data, which is recorded as described above, from the optical disc according to the present invention will be described in detail. When the write-once optical disc, wherein the data is recorded, is inserted into the optical recording and/or reproducing apparatus, management information is read from the optical disc and stored in the memory 15 of the recording/reproducing device 10, for use at the time of recording/reproduction data to/from the optical disc.

20 Herein, if the user desires to read (or reproduce) data from a particular area of the optical disc, the host 20, which

responds to a reading command indicating this de
information on a desired reading position to the
recording/reproducing device 10. The microcomputer 16 in the
recording/reproducing device 10 receives the reading command,
5 and using the management information determines whether the
area of the optical disc from which the host 20 desires to
read the data from is an area that has been replaced. If so,
the microcomputer 16 determines a position of the replacement
area from the management information. However, when
10 replacement recording has not been performed, the
microcomputer 16 reads (or reproduces) the data of the
indicated area and transmits the read information to the host
20. If replacement recording (e.g., RAD/CRD type) has been
performed, the microcomputer 16 reads the data from the
15 determined replacement area and transmits the read information
to the host 20.

Industrial Applicability

As described above, the method and apparatus for
20 recording and reproducing data on/from a recording medium
according to the present invention provides a method for
logical overwriting data and a method for managing defects
such that the write-once recording medium can be more
efficiently managed and reproduced.

25 While the invention has been disclosed with respect to a

limited number of embodiments, those skilled having the benefit of this disclosure, will appreciate numerous modifications and variations there from. For example, while described with respect to a Blu-ray write-once optical disk in several instances, the present invention is not limited to this standard of write-once optical disk, to write-once recording media or to optical discs as the recording medium. It is intended that all such modifications and variations fall within the spirit and scope of the invention.

[CLAIMS]

1. A method of recording data on a recording medium,
comprising:

5 recording a management information entry in a temporary
defect management area of the recording medium, the management
information entry indicating a portion of a user data area of
the recording medium, and the management information entry
including first and second status indicators indicating a
10 status of the management information entry.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first status
indicator indicates whether replacement is being performed
with respect to the indicated portion of the user data area.

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3. The method of claim 2, wherein if the first status
indicator indicates that replacement is being performed, the
management information entry further indicates a replacement
portion of the recording medium that replaces the indicated
20 portion of the user data area.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein if the first status
indicator indicates that replacement is being performed, the
second status indicator indicates a type of replacement.

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5. The method of claim 3, wherein the types
replacement include single data unit replacement and
continuous data unit replacement.

5 6. The method of claim 5, wherein a data unit is a
cluster.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the management
information entry indicates the indicated portion by providing
10 a first physical sector number of the indicated portion and
indicates the indicated replacement portion by providing a
first physical sector number of the indicated replacement
portion.

15 8. The method of claim 5, wherein if the second status
indicator indicates the type of replacement is continuous,
then the indicated portion is one of a first data unit in a
sequence of data units and a last data unit in the sequence of
data units and the indicated replacement portion is a
20 corresponding one of a first replacement data unit in a
sequence of replacement data units and a last replacement data
unit in the sequence of replacement data units.

9. The method of claim 5, wherein the temporary defect
25 management area has a fixed size.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the temporary defect management area is located at a lead-in area of the recording medium.

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11. The method of claim 5, wherein the temporary defect management area is located in a spare area of the recording medium.

10 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the temporary defect management area located in the spare area is in addition to another temporary defect management area located in a lead-in area of the recording medium.

15 13. The method of claim 11, wherein the temporary defect management area has a size that varies based on a size of the spare area.

20 14. A method of recording data on a recording medium, comprising:

recording at least a first management entry in a temporary defect management area of the recording medium, the first management entry identifying a cluster in a user data area of the recording medium, including a first status indicator indicating that the identified cluster is being

replaced, including a second status indicator in whether the replacement is at least one of a single cluster replacement and continuous cluster replacement, and identifying a replacement cluster.

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15. The method of claim 14, wherein if the second status indicator indicates continuous cluster replacement, the identified cluster is one of a first cluster and a last cluster in a sequence of clusters being replaced, and the 10 identified replacement cluster is a corresponding one of a first replacement cluster and a last replacement cluster in a sequence of replacement clusters.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein if the second status 15 indicator indicates continuous cluster replacement and the identified replacement cluster is the first cluster in the sequence of replacement cluster, the method further comprises:

recording a second management entry in a temporary defect management area of the recording medium, the second management 20 entry identifying a last cluster in a user data area of the recording medium, including a first status indicator indicating that the identified last cluster is being replaced, including a second status indicator indicating continuous cluster replacement, and identifying the last replacement 25 cluster.

17. The method of claim14, wherein the first management entry identifies the identified cluster by providing a first physical sector number of the identified cluster and 5 identifies the identified replacement cluster by providing a first physical sector number of the identified replacement cluster.

18. A method of reproducing a recording medium, 10 comprising:

reproducing a management information entry in a temporary defect management area of the recording medium, the management information entry indicating a portion of a user data area of the recording medium, and the management information entry 15 including first and second status indicators indicating a status of the management information entry; and reproducing data from the user data area based on the reproduced management information entry.

20 19. A recording medium having a data structure for managing replacement of portions of a user data area of the recording medium, comprising:

a temporary defect management area of the recording medium including at least one management information entry, 25 the management information entry indicating a portion of a

user data area of the recording medium, and the information entry including first and second status indicators indicating a status of the management information entry.

5 20. A method of recording data in a recording medium, comprising:

stream recording data in consecutive clusters of a user data area of the recording medium such that a defective portion of the user data area is skipped and recording continues in sequence at a next available recordable portion of the user data area.

10 21. The method of claim 20, wherein the stream recording step stream records real-time data.

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22. The method of claim 20, further comprising: recording a management information entry in a temporary defect management area of the recording medium, the management information entry identifying the skipped recorded portion.

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23. The method of claim 20, wherein the stream recording step records the data in clusters such that defective clusters of the user data area are skipped and recording continues in sequence at a next available non-defective cluster.

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24. The method of claim 23, further comprising
recording a management information entry in a temporary
defect management area of the recording medium, the management
information entry indicating at least one skipped defective
5 cluster.

25. A method of reproducing a recording medium,
comprising:

reproducing a management information entry indicating a
10 defective portion of a user data area of the recording medium;
and
reproducing stream recorded data from the user data area
based on the management information entry such that the
defective portion is skipped and reproduction continues at a
15 next non-defective portion of the user data area.

26. A method of recording data in a recording medium,
comprising:

receiving a command to record data in an order of
20 consecutive data units; and
recording the data in the order of consecutive data units
on the recording medium such that defective and recorded areas
of the recording medium are skipped and recording continues at
a next non-defective and recordable area.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the rec
records the data in the user data area.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the recording step
5 records the data beginning at a next unrecorded and non-
defective area of the user data area following a next
recordable area indicated in the received command if the
indicated next recordable area is one of a recorded area and
a defective area.

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29. The method of claim 26, wherein the recording step
records the data in a spare area of the recording medium.

30. The method of claim 26, wherein a data unit is a
15 cluster.

31. The method of claim 26, further comprising:
recording management information in a temporary defect
management area of the recording medium, the management
20 information indicating a mapping between the skipped area and
the non-defective and recordable area.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein the recording
management information step records a continuous re-allocated
25 defect entry associated with the recording the data step.

33. A method of reproducing a recording medium,
comprising:

reproducing a management information from a temporary
5 defect management area of the recording medium, the management
information indicating a first range of clusters of a user
data area of the recording medium that has been continuous
replacement recorded and indicating a second range of clusters
of the recording medium serving as the replacement recorded
10 area; and

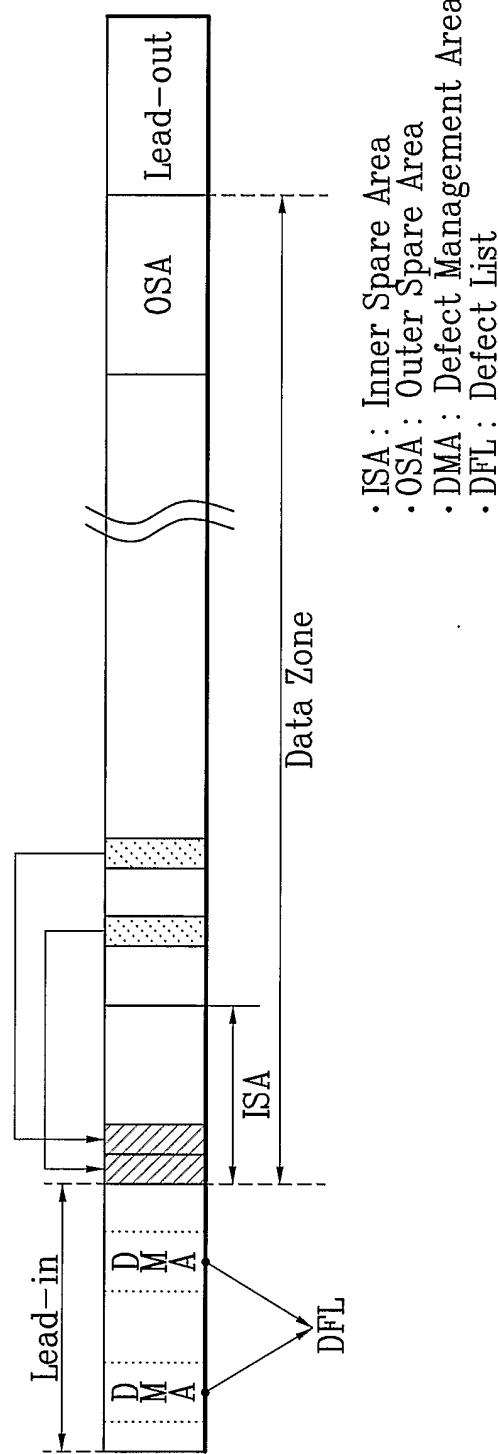
reproducing data based on the reproduced management
information.

34. A recording medium having a data structure for
15 managing replacement of portions of a user data area of the
recording medium, comprising:

a temporary defect management area of the recording
medium including management information, the management
information indicating a first range of clusters of a user
20 data area of the recording medium that has been continuous
replacement recorded and indicating a second range of clusters
of the recording medium serving as the replacement recorded
area.

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FIG. 1



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FIG. 2

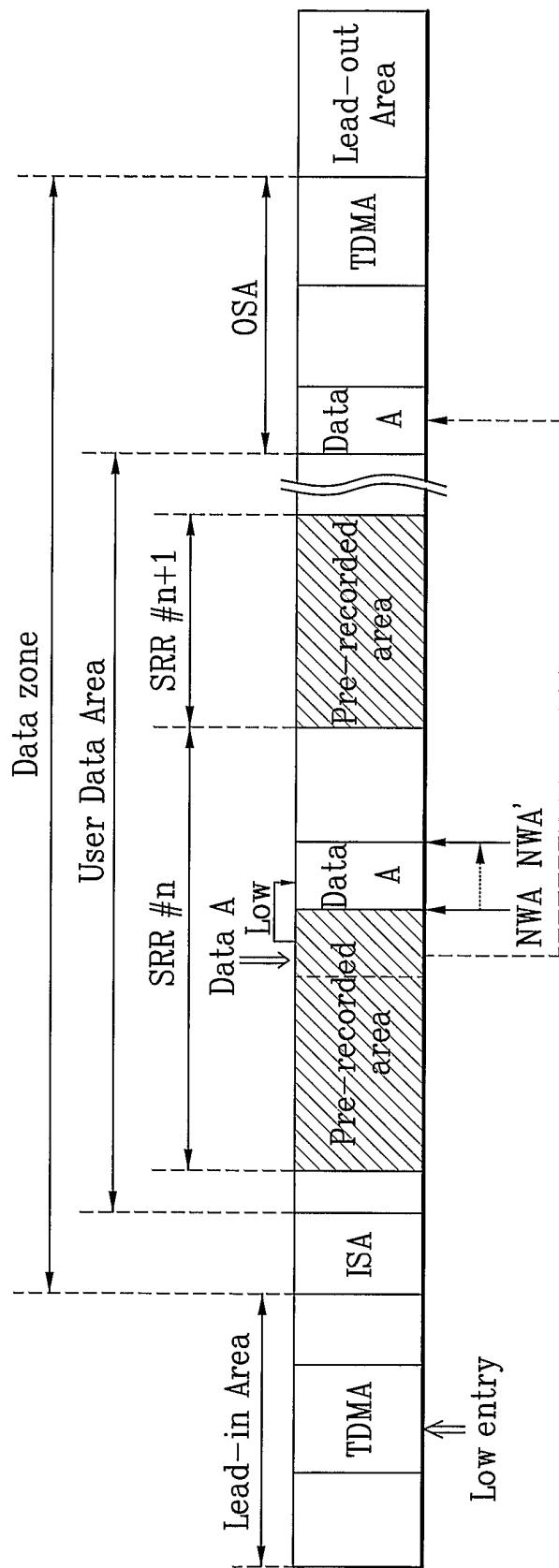
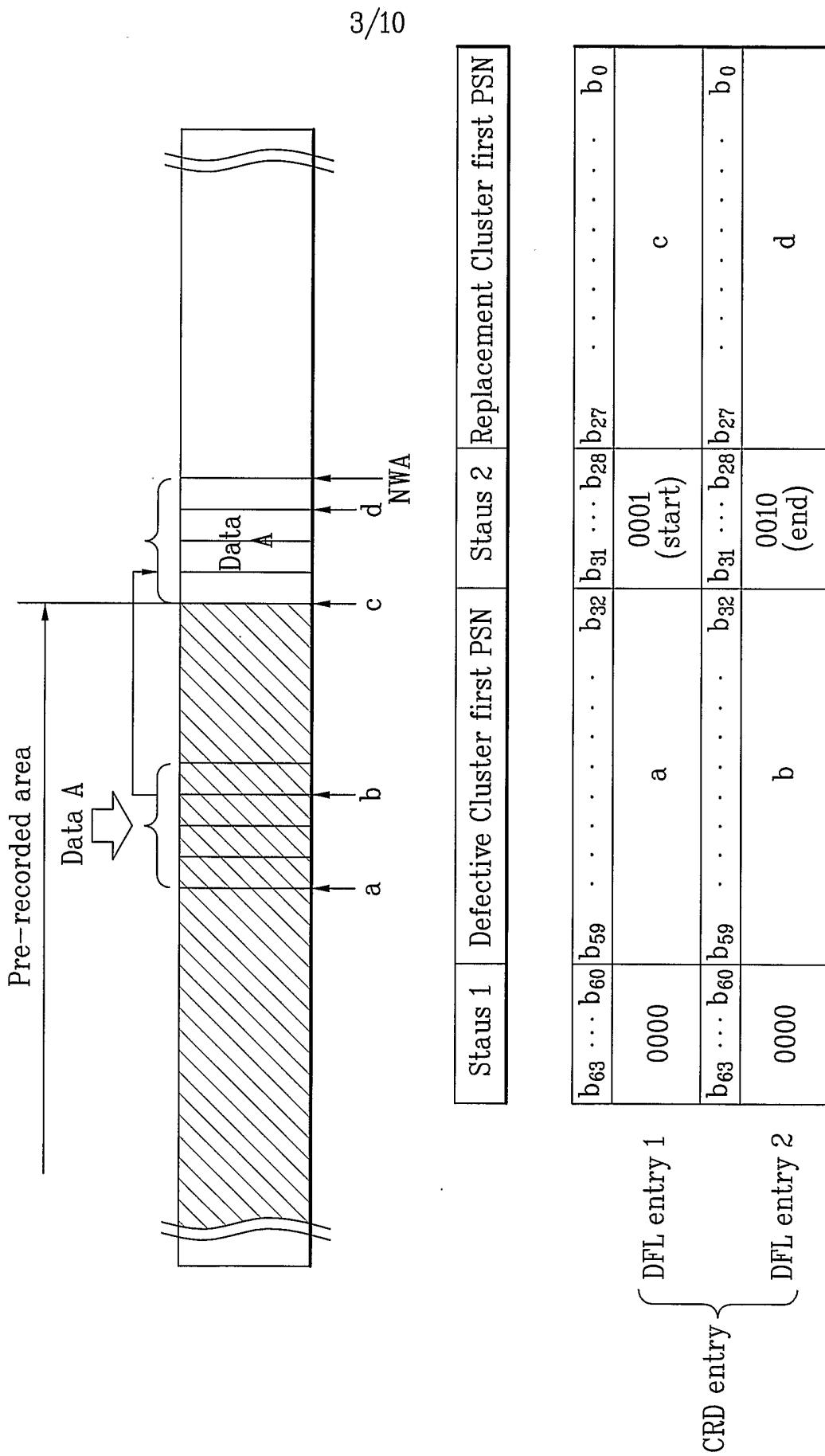
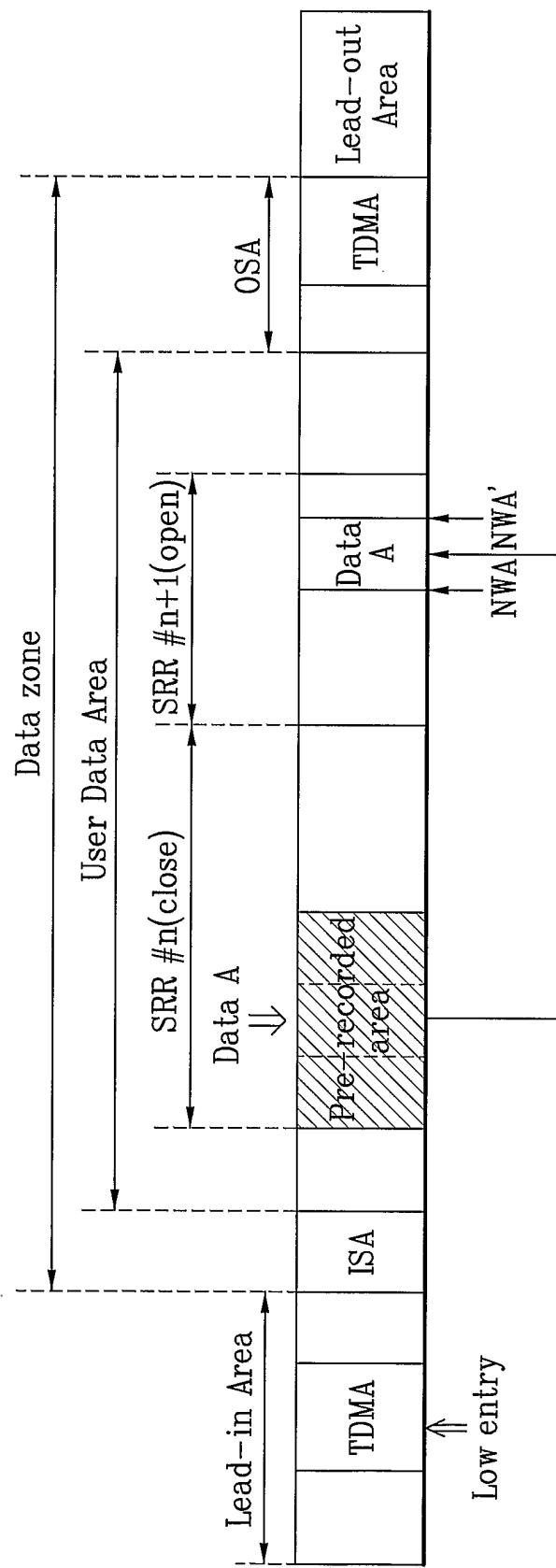


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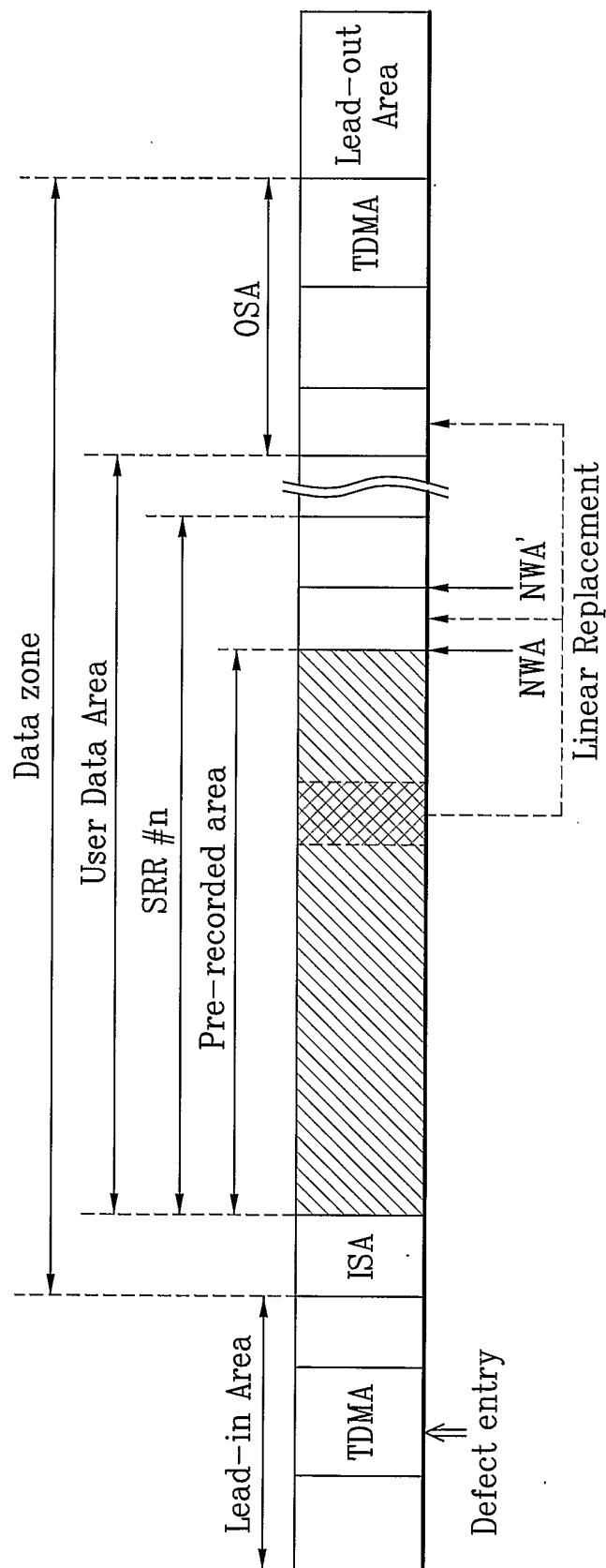
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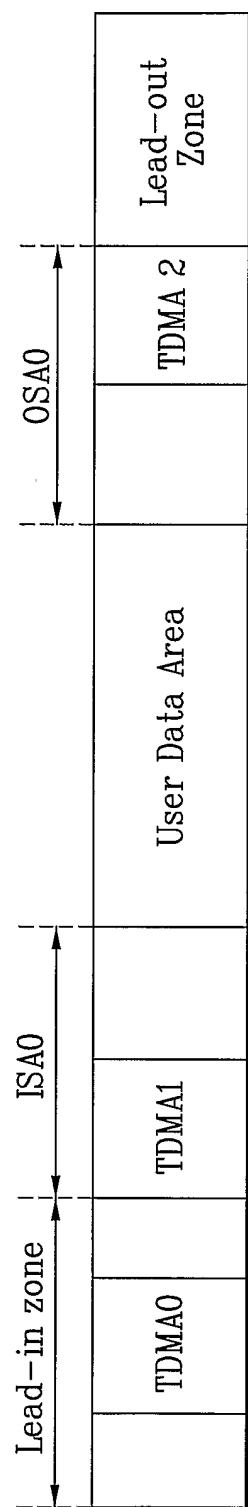
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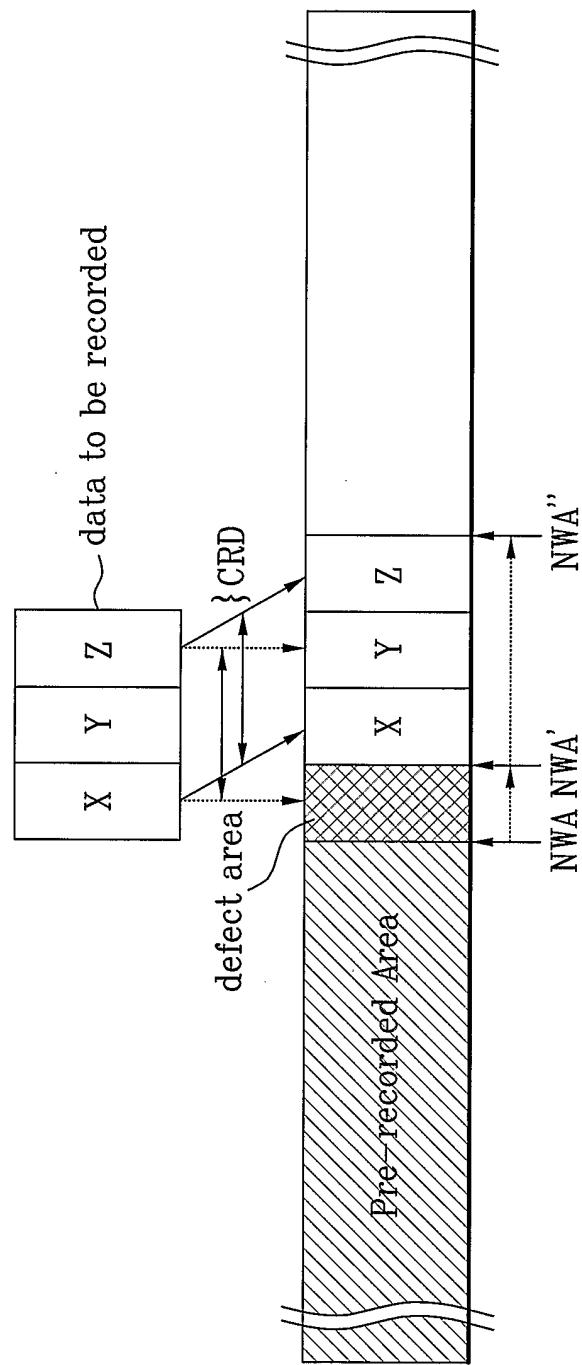
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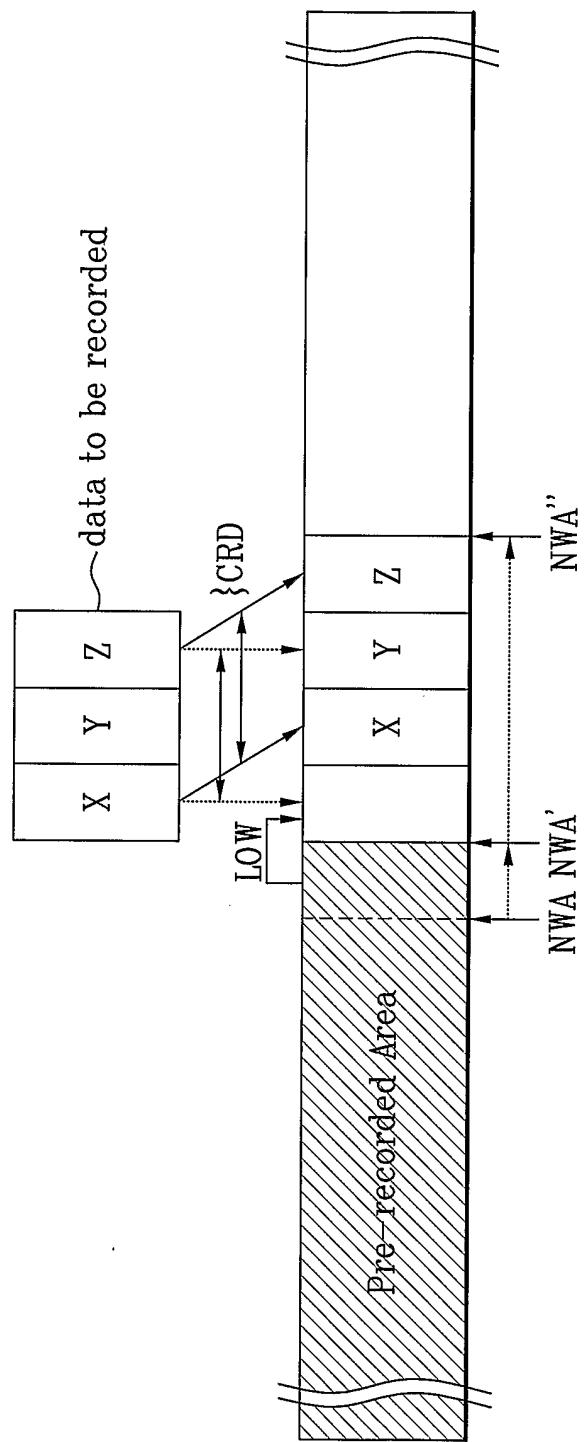
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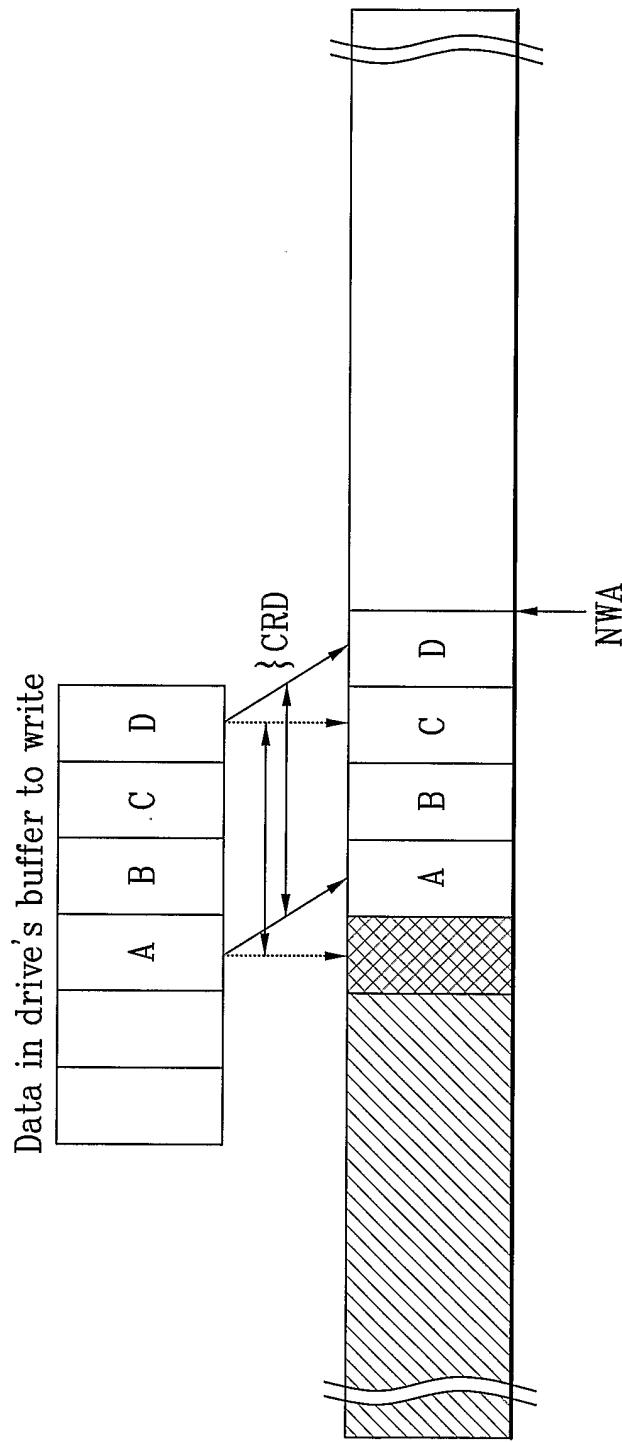
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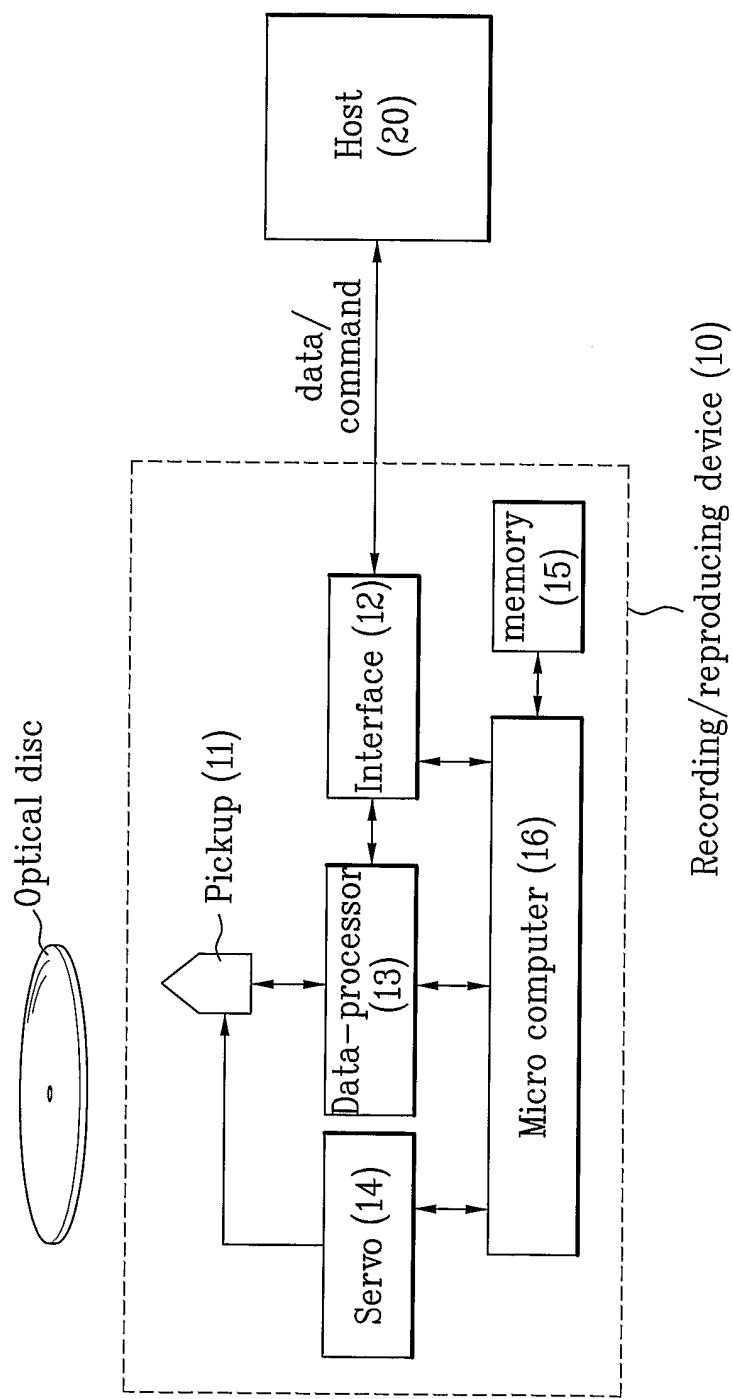
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FIG. 7C



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FIG. 8



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