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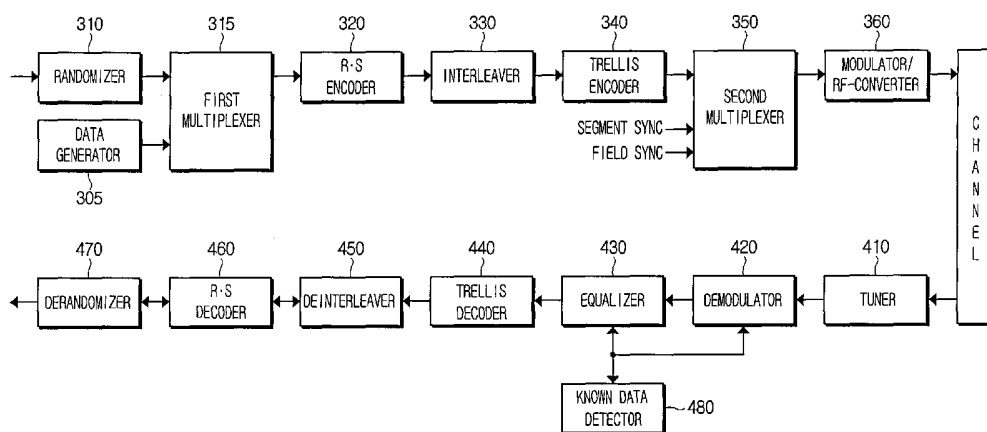
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(54) Title: DIGITAL BROADCAST TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING SYSTEM HAVING AN IMPROVED RECEIVING PERFORMANCE AND SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD THEREOF



(57) Abstract: A digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system and a signal processing method thereof that can improve the receiving performance of the system. A digital broadcast transmitter has a randomizer to randomize an input data stream which has null bytes being inserted at a specified position, a multiplexer to output a data stream formed by inserting specified known data into the position of the null bytes of the randomized data stream, an encoder to encode the data stream outputted from the multiplexer, and a modulator/RF-converter to modulate the encoded data, RF-convert the modulated data and transmit the RF-converted data. The receiving performance of the digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system can be improved even in a multi-path channel by detecting the known data from the received signal and using the known data in synchronization and equalization in a digital broadcast receiver.



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Description

DIGITAL BROADCAST TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING SYSTEM HAVING AN IMPROVED RECEIVING PERFORMANCE AND SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD THEREOF

Technical Field

- [1] The present general inventive concept relates to a digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system and a signal processing method thereof, and more particularly, to a digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system and a signal processing method thereof which can improve the receiving performance of the system by inserting a known sequence into a VSB (Vestigial Side Band) data stream and transmitting the data stream with the inserted known sequence.

Background Art

- [2] An ATSC (Advanced Television Systems Committee) VSB system that is an American-type digital terrestrial broadcasting system is a signal carrier type broadcasting system, and uses a field sync signal in the unit of 312 segments.
- [3] FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating the construction of a transmitter/receiver of an ATSC DTV standard as a general American-type digital terrestrial broadcasting system.
- [4] The digital broadcast transmitter of FIG. 1 includes a randomizer 110 for randomizing an MPEG-2 (Moving Picture Experts Group) transport stream (TS), an RS (Reed-Solomon) encoder 120 for adding RS parity bytes to the transport stream in order to correct bit errors occurring due to the channel characteristic in a transport process, an interleaver 130 for interleaving the RS-encoded data according to a specified pattern, and a trellis encoder 140 for mapping the interleaved data onto 8-level symbols by performing a trellis encoding of the interleaved data at the rate of $2/3$. The digital broadcast transmitter performs an error correction coding of the MPEG-2 transport stream.
- [5] The digital broadcast transmitter further includes a multiplexer 150 for inserting a segment sync signal and a field sync signal into the error-correction-coded data, and a modulator/RF-converter 160 for inserting a pilot tone into the data symbols into which the segment sync signal and the field sync signal are inserted by inserting a specified DC value into the data symbols, performing a VSB modulation of the data symbols by pulse-shaping the data symbols, and up-converting the modulated data symbols into an RF channel band signal to transmit the RF channel band signal.
- [6] Accordingly, the digital broadcast transmitter randomizes the MPEG-2 transport

stream, outer-codes the randomized data through the RS encoder 120 that is an outer coder, and distributes the coded data through the interleaver 130. Also, the digital broadcast transmitter inner-codes the interleaved data in the unit of 12 symbols through the trellis encoder 140, performs the mapping of the inner-coded data onto the 8-level symbols, inserts the field sync signal and the segment sync signal into the coded data, performs the VSB modulation of the data, and then up-converts the modulated data into the RF signal to output the RF signal.

[7] Meanwhile, the digital broadcast receiver of FIG. 1 includes a tuner 210 for down-converting an RF signal received through a channel into a baseband signal, a demodulator 220 for performing a sync detection and demodulation of the converted baseband signal, an equalizer 230 for compensating for a channel distortion of the demodulated signal occurring due to a multi-path, a trellis decoder 240 for correcting errors of the equalized signal and decoding the equalized signal to symbol data, a deinterleaver 250 for rearranging the data distributed by the interleaver 130 of the digital broadcast transmitter, an RS decoder 260 for correcting errors, and derandomizer 270 for derandomizing the data corrected through the RS decoder 260 and outputting an MPEG-2 transport stream.

[8] Accordingly, the digital broadcast receiver of FIG. 1 down-converts the RF signal into the baseband signal, demodulates and equalizes the converted signal, and then channel-decodes the demodulated signal to restore to the original signal.

[9] FIG. 2 illustrates a VSB data frame for use in the American type digital broadcasting (8-VSB) system, into which a segment sync signal and a field sync signal are inserted.

[10] As shown in FIG. 2, one frame is composed of two fields, and one field is composed of one field sync segment that is the first segment and 312 data segments. Also, one segment in the VSB data frame corresponds to one MPEG-2 packet, and is composed of a segment sync signal of four symbols and 828 data symbols.

[11] In FIG. 2, the segment sync signal and the field sync signal are used for the synchronization and equalization in the digital broadcast receiver. That is, the field sync signal and the segment sync signal refer to known data between the digital broadcast transmitter and receiver, which is used as a reference signal when the equalization is performed in the receiver side.

[12] As shown in FIG. 1, the VSB system of the American type digital terrestrial broadcasting system is a single carrier system, and thus has a drawback in that it is weak in a multi-path fading channel environment having the Doppler effect. Accordingly, the performance of the receiver is greatly influenced by the performance of the equalizer for removing the multi-path.

[13] However, according to the existing transport frame as shown in FIG. 2, since the

field sync signal that is the reference signal of the equalizer appears once for every 313 segments, its frequency is quite low with respect to one frame signal, and this causes the performance of equalization to deteriorate.

Disclosure of Invention

Technical Problem

- [14] Specifically, it is not easy for the existing equalizer to estimate the channel using a small amount of data as above and to equalize the received signal by removing the multi-path. Accordingly, the conventional digital broadcast receiver has the disadvantages that its receiving performance deteriorates in an inferior channel environment, and especially in a Doppler facing channel environment.

Technical Solution

- [15] The present general inventive concept has been developed in order to solve the above drawbacks and other problems associated with the conventional arrangement.
- [16] Accordingly, the present general inventive concept provides a digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system and a signal processing method thereof that can improve the receiving performance of the system by generating and transmitting a transport signal with known data added thereto in a transmitter side and by detecting the transport signal in a receiver side.
- [17] Additional aspects and advantages of the present general inventive concept will be set forth in part in the description which follows and, in part, will be obvious from the description, or may be learned by practice of the general inventive concept.
- [18] The foregoing and other aspects and advantages of the present general inventive concept are substantially realized by providing a digital broadcast transmitter which comprises a randomizer to randomize an input data stream which has null bytes being inserted at a specified position, a multiplexer to output a data stream formed by inserting specified known data into the position of the null bytes of the randomized data stream, an encoder to encode the data stream outputted from the multiplexer, and a modulator/RF-converter to modulate the encoded data, RF-convert the modulated data and transmit the RF-converted data.
- [19] In addition, a data generator is provided to generate the known data by generating a sequence having a predefined pattern. The data stream includes information about the specified position into which the null bytes are inserted.
- [20] The information is inserted into a position preceding the inserted null bytes, and contains information about the length of the null bytes.
- [21] The encoder has a Reed-Solomon (RS) encoder to add a parity of specified bytes to the data in order to correct errors occurring due to channels, an interleaver to interleave the parity-added data in a specified pattern, and a trellis encoder to convert the in-

terleaved data into 8-level symbols by performing a trellis encoding of the interleaved data at the rate of 2/3.

- [22] The interleaver outputs a successive data stream of the known data which are inserted into the same position of a plurality of different data streams outputted from the multiplexer.
- [23] The modulator/RF-converter modulates the data by a vestigial side band (VSB) modulation method.
- [24] The foregoing and/or other aspects and advantages of the present general inventive concept may also be achieved by providing a signal processing method for a digital broadcast transmission including the operations of randomizing an input data stream which has null bytes being inserted at a specified position, outputting a data stream which is formed by inserting specified known data into the position of the null bytes of the randomized data stream, encoding the data stream for error correction, and modulating the encoded data, RF-converting the modulated data and transmitting the RF-converted data.
- [25] The foregoing and/or other aspects and advantages of the present general inventive concept may also be achieved by providing a digital broadcast receiver including a tuner to receive a signal which has known data being inserted into a specified position and to convert the received signal into a baseband signal, a demodulator to demodulate the baseband signal, an equalizer to equalize the demodulated signal, and a known data detector to detect the known data from the equalized signal and output the detected known data to the equalizer. The equalizer equalizes the signal using the known data outputted from the known data detector.
- [26] The known data contains a sequence having a predefined pattern.
- [27] The known data detector may include at least one correlator to calculate a correlation value of the received signal and at least one reference signal, and a comparator to detect the known data by comparing the correlation values outputted from the correlator.
- [28] The reference signal is an output value produced by encoding the signal that includes the known data.
- [29] The known data detector outputs the detected known data to the demodulator, and the demodulator performs the demodulation using the known data.
- [30] The foregoing and/or other aspects and advantages of the present general inventive concept may be achieved by providing a signal processing method for a digital broadcast reception including the operations of receiving a signal which has known data being inserted into a specified position, and converting the received signal into a baseband signal, demodulating the baseband signal, equalizing the demodulated signal, detecting the known data from the equalized signal, and equalizing the signal using

the detected known data.

Advantageous Effects

- [31] As described above, according to the various embodiments of the present general inventive concept, the receiving performance of the digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system such as the synchronization and equalization can be improved even in a multi-path channel by generating and inserting null bytes into an MPEG-2 transport stream and transmitting the transport stream into which known data is inserted in replacement of the null bytes in a digital broadcast transmitter and by detecting the known data from the received signal and using the known data in synchronization and equalization in a digital broadcast receiver.
- [32] Also, according to the various embodiments of the present general inventive concept, the operation performance of an equalizer can be improved through proper adjustment of the amount and pattern of sequences of the known data that is inserted into the transport stream, and thereby improving the receiving performance of the digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system.

Description of Drawings

- [33] The above aspects and features of the present invention will be more apparent by describing certain embodiments of the present invention with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:
- [34] FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating the construction of a transmitting/receiving system of a general American-type digital broadcasting (ATSC VSB) system;
- [35] FIG. 2 is a view illustrating the structure of an ATSC VSB data frame;
- [36] FIG. 3 is a block diagram illustrating the construction of a digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system according to an embodiment of the present general inventive concept ;
- [37] FIG. 4 is a view illustrating a format of MPEG-2 packet data according to the present general inventive concept ;
- [38] FIG. 5 is a view illustrating a format of randomized MPEG-2 packet data;
- [39] FIG. 6 is a view illustrating a format of data outputted from an RS encoder of FIG. 3;
- [40] FIG. 7 is a view illustrating a format of data outputted from an interleaver of FIG. 3;
- [41] FIG. 8 is a view illustrating a format of data outputted from a trellis encoder of FIG. 3;
- [42] FIG. 9 is a view illustrating the construction of a known data location detector of FIG. 3;
- [43] FIG. 10 is a flowchart explaining an operation of a digital broadcast transmitter

- according to an embodiment of the present general inventive concept ; and
- [44] FIG. 11 is a flowchart explaining an operation of a digital broadcast receiver according to an embodiment of the present general inventive concept .

Best Mode

- [45] Certain embodiments of the present general inventive concept will be described in greater detail with reference to the accompanying drawings.
- [46] In the following description, same drawing reference numerals are used for the same elements even in different drawings. The matters defined in the description such as a detailed construction and elements are nothing but the ones provided to assist in a comprehensive understanding of the general inventive concept. Thus, it is apparent that the present general inventive concept can be carried out without those defined matters. Also, well-known functions or constructions are not described in detail since they would obscure the general inventive concept in unnecessary detail.
- [47] FIG. 3 is a block diagram illustrating the construction of a digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system according to an embodiment of the present general inventive concept .
- [48] Referring to FIG. 3, the digital broadcast transmitter includes a data generator 305, a randomizer 310, a first multiplexer 315, an RS encoder 320, an interleaver 330, a trellis encoder 340, a second multiplexer 350 and a modulator/RF-converter 360.
- [49] The randomizer 310 randomizes an input MPEG-2 transport stream data in order to heighten the utility of an allocated channel space. The data inputted to the randomizer 310 has a data format formed by inserting null bytes, which has a specified length of bytes but does not include typical data, into a specified position of the input transport stream data, which will be explained in detail later.
- [50] The data generator 305 generates data prearranged between a transmitter side and a receiver side (hereinafter referred to as 'known data'). This known data refers to a special sequence having a specified pattern, and is inserted into the position to which null bytes of the randomized data are added. The known data can easily be detected from general data, and thus is used for the synchronization and equalization in the receiver side.
- [51] The first multiplexer 315 generates a data stream having the known data generated by the data generator 305 and inserted into the position of the data stream, into which the null bytes are inserted, in replacement of the null bytes of the data randomized by the randomizer 310.
- [52] The RS encoder 320 adds a parity of specified bytes to the data outputted from the first multiplexer 320 in order to correct errors occurring due to channels.
- [53] The interleaver 330 performs an interleaving of the data to which the parity outputted from the RS encoder 320 is added according to a specified pattern.

- [54] The trellis encoder 340 converts the data outputted from the interleaver 330 into data symbols, and performs an 8-level symbol mapping of the data through a trellis encoding at the rate of 2/3.
- [55] The second multiplexer 350 inserts a segment sync signal into the data that has been converted into symbols by the trellis encoder 340 in the unit of a segment, and inserts a field sync signal into the data in the unit of a field. Also, the second multiplexer 350 inserts a pilot signal into an edge portion of a low frequency band of a frequency spectrum by adding a specified DC value to the data signal of a specified level.
- [56] The modulator/RF-converter 360 performs a VSB modulation of the signal into which the pilot signal has been inserted by performing a pulse shaping of the signal and modulating the signal with an intermediate frequency (IF) carrier, RF-converts and amplifies the modulated signal, and transmits converted signal through an allocated channel.
- [57] Meanwhile, the digital broadcast receiver of FIG. 3 includes a tuner 410, a demodulator 420, an equalizer 430, a trellis decoder 440, a deinterleaver 450, an RS decoder 460, a derandomizer 470 and a known data detector 480, and operates in the reverse process of the digital broadcast transmitter of FIG. 3.
- [58] The tuner 410 selects the received signal, and converts the selected band signal into a baseband signal.
- [59] The demodulator 420 detects the sync signal from the baseband signal, and performs a demodulation of the baseband signal according to a pilot signal and the sync signals inserted into the baseband signal. The equalizer 430 removes a mutual interference between received symbols by compensating for a channel distortion of the demodulated signal due to the multi-path of the channel.
- [60] The trellis decoder 440 performs an error correction of the symbols, decodes the error-corrected symbols, and outputs symbol data. The deinterleaver 450 rearranges the decoded data, which was distributed by the interleaver 330 of the digital broadcast transmitter.
- [61] The RS decoder 460 error-corrects the deinterleaved data, and the derandomizer 470 derandomizes the data corrected through the RS decoder 460, so that the data of the MPEG-2 transport stream is restored.
- [62] Meanwhile, the known data detector 480 detects the position of the known data from the demodulated data, and outputs the known data, which is used for the demodulator's sync detection and the equalizer's compensation for the channel distortion. Details of the known data detector 480 will be explained later.
- [63] FIG. 4 is a view illustrating an MPEG-2 packet data format according to the present general inventive concept. Referring to FIG. 4, a header of the MPEG-2

packet data is composed of a first byte that is a sync signal and three bytes including a PID (Packet Identity). Then, a modified field part composed of specified bytes is arranged, and the first two bytes of the modified field part constitute control information bits that include length information of the modified field.

[64] Also, a specified number of null bytes is arranged after the control information bit of two bytes, and information about the position of the null bytes is inserted into the control information bits. Since the start position of the null bytes is fixed, the information about the position of the null bytes indicates the information about the length of the null bytes. After the null bytes, payload data to be transmitted is arranged.

[65] FIG. 5 is a view illustrating a randomized MPEG-2 packet data format into which the known data is inserted. Referring to FIG. 5, the first multiplexer 315 inserts the known data generated by the data generator 305 into the position of the null bytes in the data randomized by the randomizer 310, and outputs the data stream having the format as shown in FIG. 4.

[66] Although FIG. 5 illustrates the known data composed of two bytes for the sake of convenience, the length of the known data may be longer than two bytes. Since this known data is inserted after the randomization as the data known between the transmitter side and the receiver side, it can easily be detected in distinction from the payload data, and is used for the synchronization and equalization in the receiver side.

[67] FIG. 6 is a view illustrating a data format outputted from the RS encoder of FIG. 3. The RS encoder 320 adds a parity of specified bytes to the data outputted from the first multiplexer 315 in order to correct the errors occurring due to the channel. Referring to FIG. 6, the RS parity of 20 bytes is added to an end part of 187 bytes of the data stream outputted from the RS encoder 320.

[68] FIG. 7 is a view illustrating a data format outputted from the interleaver of FIG. 3. The interleaver 330 distributes the data on the time axis so that the order of the data stream is distributed and the transport signal becomes strong against the interference.

[69] According to this data distribution performed by the interleaver 330, the data bytes arranged at the same positions of the different segments in a vertical direction are rearranged as the data stream successive in a horizontal direction in the unit of 52 bytes.

[70] The fourth and fifth bytes of the respective segments, which are composed of the control information bits including position information of the known data in FIG. 6, are changed to the data stream (that is, M56~M5(B3) and M57~M6(B4)) successive in the horizontal direction as shown in FIG. 7. Accordingly, the control information bits are successively outputted.

[71] Also, the fifth and sixth bytes of the respective segments, which are the known data, are changed to the data stream (that is, M58~M7(B5) and M59~M8(B6))

successive in the horizontal direction as shown in FIG. 7 after being interleaved. Accordingly, the same bytes of the known data inserted into the respective segments are outputted as the stream successive in the unit of 52 bytes.

[72] FIG. 8 is a view illustrating a data format outputted from the trellis encoder 340 of FIG. 3. The trellis encoder 340 encodes each byte of the data outputted from the interleaver 330 to four 8-level symbols.

[73] In FIG. 8, the known data bytes of the same position appear as symbols successive for a specified length in one segment for every 52 segments. Also, in one field, 6 known data sequences appear. That is, in a field, $10 * 6 = 60$ known data sequences including 10 null bytes appear in one field of the transport stream. Accordingly, the known data sequence can easily be detected from the payload data stream.

[74] FIG. 9 is a view illustrating the construction of the known data location detector 480 of FIG. 3.

[75] The known data location detector 480 of the digital broadcast receiver of FIG. 3 includes a first correlator 480-1, second to n-th correlators 480-2 to 480-n and a comparator 483.

[76] The first correlator 480-1 and the second to n-th correlators 480-2 to 480-1 calculate correlation values between the data stream of the received signal and specified reference signals. The reference signals used in the first correlator 480-1 and the second to n-th correlators 480-2 to 480-1 indicate numbers of all cases that may occur during the encoding of the known data in the transmitter side.

[77] That is, the trellis encoder 340 in the transmitter side makes different symbols through the trellis encoding of the same known data according to initial values stored in its own memory. The number of possible initial values in the memory is a finite number, for example, four, and thus the symbol data obtained by performing the trellis encoding of the known data can finitely be determined and easily calculated.

[78] Accordingly, using the first correlator 480-1 and the second to n-th correlators 480-2 to 480-n, the correlation values between the plural reference signals that indicate the number of all possible cases and the received signal are calculated.

[79] The comparator 483 compares the output values of the first correlator 480-1 and the second to n-th correlators 480-2 to 480-n, and if a peak correlation value is produced during the comparison, the known data is detected at the location where the peak value is produced.

[80] FIG. 10 is a flowchart explaining the operation of the digital broadcast transmitter illustrated in FIG. 3.

[81] The randomizer 310 randomizes the MPEG-2 transport stream including null bytes (operation S510). The data inputted to the randomizer 310 has the data format as shown in FIG. 4, which includes the header portion composed of the first byte that is

the sync signal and 3-byte PID, 2-byte control information bits including the information about the position of the null bytes, and null bytes composed of the specified length of bytes. Other bytes of the data refer to the payload data to be transmitted.

[82] Then, the first multiplexer 315 generates the data stream by inserting the known data generated by the data generator 305 into the position of the null bytes included in the data randomized by the randomizer 310 (operation S520). The known data is the special sequence having the specified pattern known between the transmitter side and the receiver side, and can easily be detected in distinction from the general data.

[83] Then, in order to correct the errors of the data, to which the known data is inserted, occurring due to the channel, the parity of the specified bytes is added to the data outputted from the first multiplexer 320, and then interleaved in the specified pattern. The interleaved data is converted into symbols, mapped onto the 8-level symbols through the trellis encoding at the rate of 2/3, and then error-correction-coded (operation S530).

[84] Then, the segment sync signal is inserted into the symbol data in the unit of a segment, the field sync signal is inserted in the unit of a field, and then the pilot signal is inserted into the frequency spectrum (operation S540).

[85] Then, the VSB modulation of the data signal is performed through the modulator/RF-converter 360 in a manner that the signal into which the pilot signal is inserted is pulse-shaped and an amplitude modulation is performed with an IF carrier. The VSB-modulated signal is RF-converted, amplified, and then transmitted through the allocated channel (operation S550).

[86] FIG. 11 is a flowchart explaining the operation of the digital broadcast receiver according to an embodiment of the present general inventive concept.

[87] The tuner 410 selects the received signal, and converts the selected band signal into the baseband signal (operation S610).

[88] The demodulator 420 detects the sync signal from the baseband signal and performs the demodulation of the baseband signal according to the pilot signal and the sync signals inserted into the baseband signal (operation S620).

[89] The equalizer 430 removes the mutual interference between the received data symbols by compensating for the channel distortion of the demodulated signal (operation S630).

[90] Meanwhile, the known data detector 480 detects the position of the known data from the equalized data, and outputs the known data (operation S640). The first correlator 480-1 and the second to n-th correlators 480-2 to 480-n of the known data detector 480 calculate the correlation values between the plural reference signals and the received signal. The comparator 480 compares the correlation values, detects the known data at a position where the peak correlation value is produced, and provides

the detected known data to the equalizer 430 for the compensation of the channel distortion. Also, the detected known data may be provided for the sync detection of the demodulator 420.

[91] Then, the synchronized and equalized data is error-corrected, and the error-corrected symbols are decoded. The decoded data is rearranged through the deinterleaving, and then error-corrected through the RS decoding (operation S650).

[92] Then, the error-corrected data is derandomized, and then outputted as the MPEG-2 transport stream data (operation S660).

Mode for Invention

[93]

Industrial Applicability

[94] The present general inventive concept relates to a digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system and a signal processing method thereof, and more particularly, to a digital broadcast transmitting/receiving system and a signal processing method thereof which can improve the receiving performance of the system by inserting a known sequence into a VSB (Vestigial Side Band) data stream and transmitting the data stream with the inserted known sequence.

Sequence List Text

[95]

Claims

- [1] 1. A digital broadcast transmitter comprising:
a randomizer to randomize an input data stream which has null bytes being inserted at a specified position;
a multiplexer to output a data stream formed by inserting specified known data into the position of the null bytes of the randomized data stream;
an encoder to encode the data stream outputted from the multiplexer; and
a modulator/RF-converter to modulate the encoded data, RF-convert the modulated data and to transmit the RF-converted data.
- [2] 2. The digital broadcast transmitter as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a data generator to generate the known data by generating a sequence having a predefined pattern.
- [3] 3. The digital broadcast transmitter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data stream includes information about the specified position into which the null bytes are inserted.
- [4] 4. The digital broadcast transmitter as claimed in claim 3, wherein the information is inserted into a position preceding the inserted null bytes, and contains information about the length of the null bytes.
- [5] 5. The digital broadcast transmitter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the encoder comprises:
a Reed-Solomon (RS) encoder to add a parity of specified bytes to the data in order to correct errors occurring due to channels;
an interleaver to interleave the parity-added data in a specified pattern; and
a trellis encoder to convert the interleaved data into 8-level symbols by performing a trellis encoding of the interleaved data at the rate of 2/3.
- [6] 6. The digital broadcast transmitter as claimed in claim 5, wherein the interleaver outputs a successive data stream of the known data which are inserted into the same position of a plurality of different data streams outputted from the multiplexer.
- [7] 7. The digital broadcast transmitter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the modulator/RF-converter modulates the data by a vestigial side band (VSB) modulation method.
- [8] 8. The digital broadcast transmitter as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a second multiplexer to insert a segment sync signal into the data converted into symbols by the trellis encoder in the unit of a segment, to insert a field sync signal into the data in the unit of a field, and to insert a pilot signal into an edge portion of a low frequency band of a frequency spectrum by adding a specified

- DC value to the data signal of a specified level.
- [9] 9. A signal processing method for a digital broadcast transmission, comprising:
randomizing an input data stream which has null bytes being inserted at a specified position;
outputting a data stream which is formed by inserting specified known data into the position of the null bytes of the randomized data stream;
encoding the data stream for error correction; and
modulating the encoded data, RF-converting the modulated data and transmitting the RF-converted data.
- [10] 10. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the operations of generating the known data by generating a sequence having a predefined pattern.
- [11] 11. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the data stream includes information about the specified position into which the null data is inserted.
- [12] 12. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the information is inserted into a position of the data stream preceding the position into which the null data is inserted.
- [13] 13. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the encoding operation comprises the sub-operations of:
adding a parity of specified bytes to the data in order to correct errors occurring due to channels;
interleaving the parity-added data in a specified pattern; and
converting the interleaved data into 8-level symbols by performing a trellis encoding of the interleaved data at the rate of $2/3$.
- [14] 14. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the interleaving operation outputs a successive data stream of the known data which are inserted into the same position of a plurality of different data streams outputted from the multiplexer.
- [15] 15. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the transmitting operation modulates the data by a vestigial side band (VSB) modulation method.
- [16] 16. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising inserting a segment sync signal into the data converted into symbols by the trellis encoder in the unit of a segment, inserting a field sync signal into the data in the unit of a field, and inserting a pilot signal into an edge portion of a low frequency band of a frequency spectrum by adding a specified DC value to the data signal of a specified level.
- [17] 17. A digital broadcast receiver comprising:

a tuner to receive a signal which has a known data being inserted into a specified position, and to convert the received signal into a baseband signal;
a demodulator to demodulate the baseband signal;
an equalizer to equalize the demodulated signal; and
a known data detector to detect the known data from the equalized signal and output the detected known data to the equalizer;
wherein the equalizer equalizes the signal using the known data outputted from the known data detector.

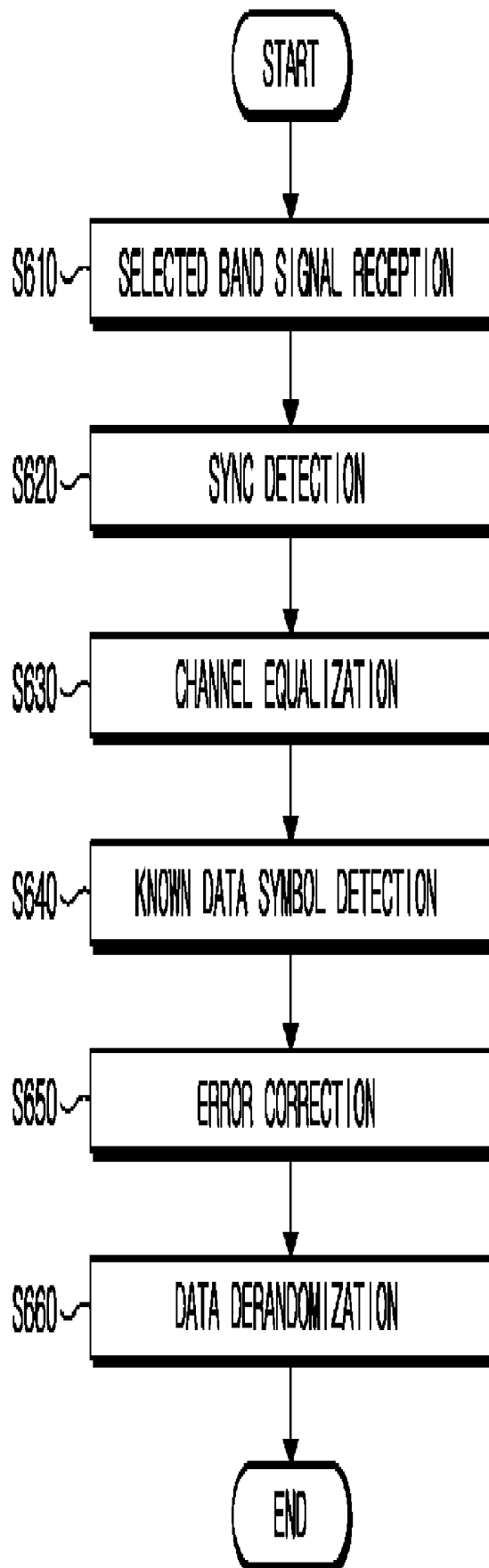
- [18] 18. The digital broadcast receiver as claimed in claim 17, wherein the known data comprises a sequence having a predefined pattern.
- [19] 19. The digital broadcast receiver as claimed in claim 17, wherein the known data detector comprises:
at least one correlator to calculate a correlation value of the received signal and at least one reference signal; and
a comparator to detect the known data by comparing the correlation values outputted from the correlator.
- [20] 20. The digital broadcast receiver as claimed in claim 19, wherein the reference signal is an output value produced by encoding the signal that includes the known data.
- [21] 21. The digital broadcast receiver as claimed in claim 17, wherein the known data detector outputs the detected known data to the demodulator, and the demodulator performs the demodulation using the known data.
- [22] 22. A signal processing method for a digital broadcast reception, comprising:
receiving a signal which has known data being inserted into a specified position, and converting the received signal into a baseband signal;
demodulating the baseband signal;
equalizing the demodulated signal;
detecting the known data from the equalized signal; and
equalizing the signal using the detected known data.
- [23] 23. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the known data comprises a sequence having a predefined pattern.
- [24] 24. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the known data detecting operation comprises the sub-operations of:
calculating a correlation value of the received signal with respect to at least one reference signal; and
detecting the known data by comparing at least one of the correlation values.
- [25] 25. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the reference signal is an output value produced by encoding the signal that includes the

known data.

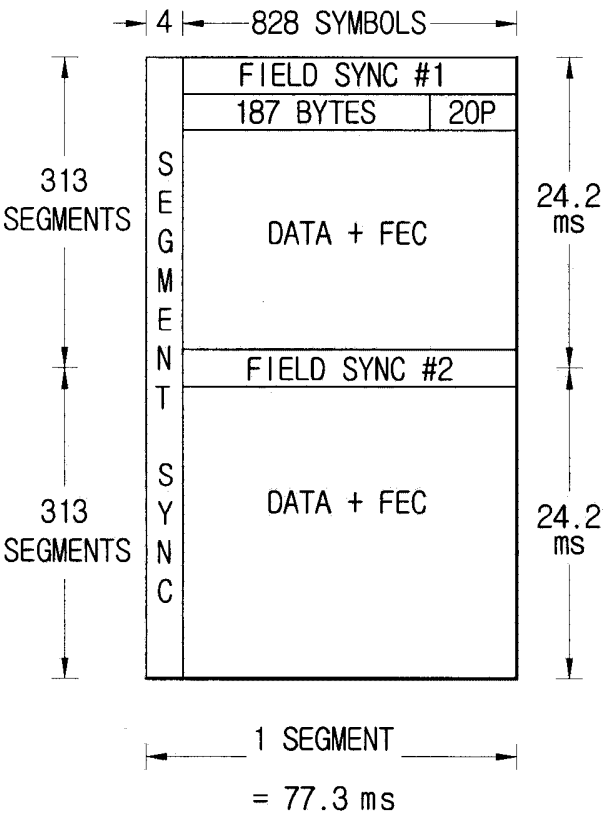
[26] 26. The signal processing method as claimed in claim 22, further comprising the operation of performing a demodulation using the detected known data.

[27] 27. A digital broadcast transmitter comprising:
a multiplexer to receive randomized input data stream which has null bytes inserted at a specified position, and to output a data stream formed by inserting specified known data into the position of the null bytes of the randomized data stream;
an encoder to encode the data stream outputted from the multiplexer; and
a modulator/RF-converter to modulate the encoded data, RF-convert the modulated data and to transmit the RF-converted data.

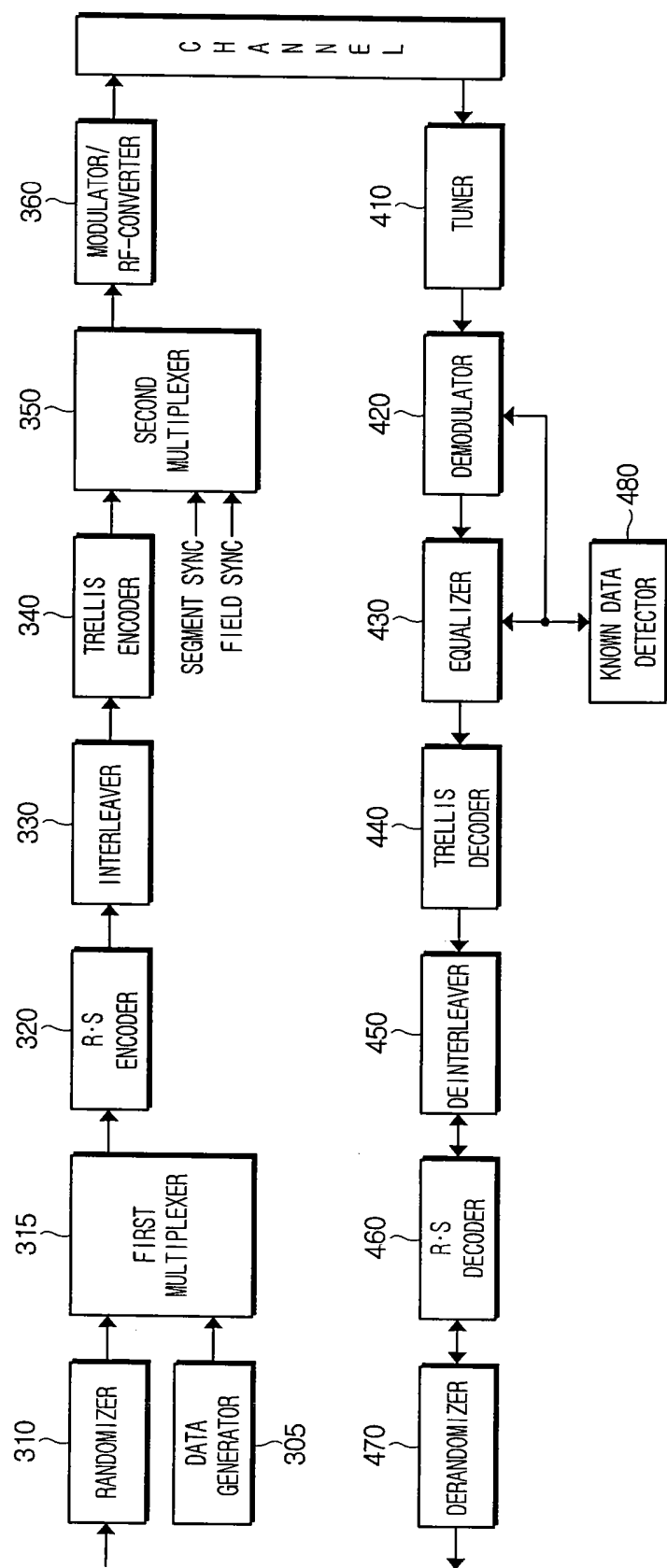
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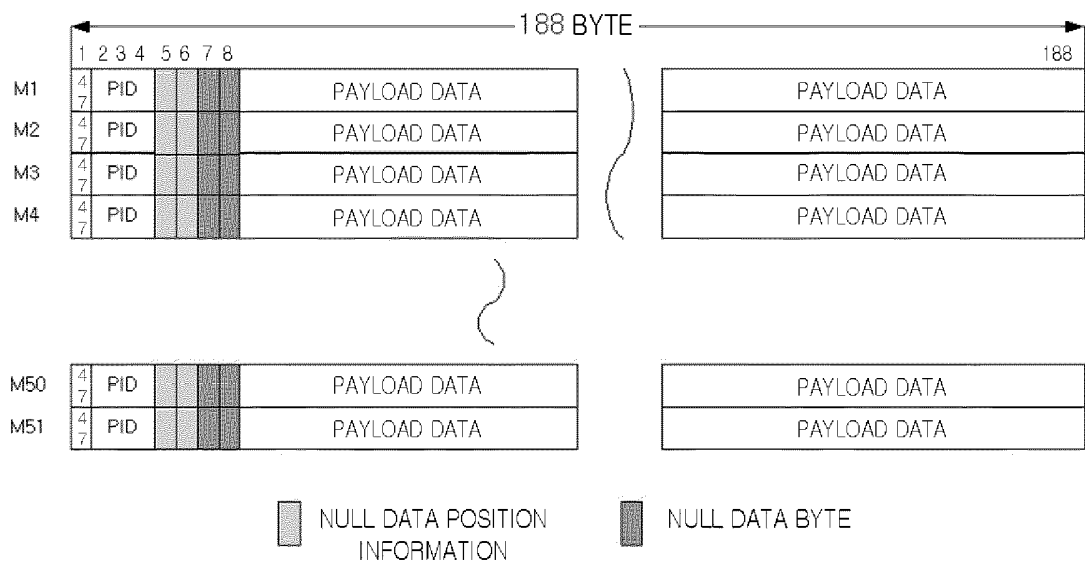
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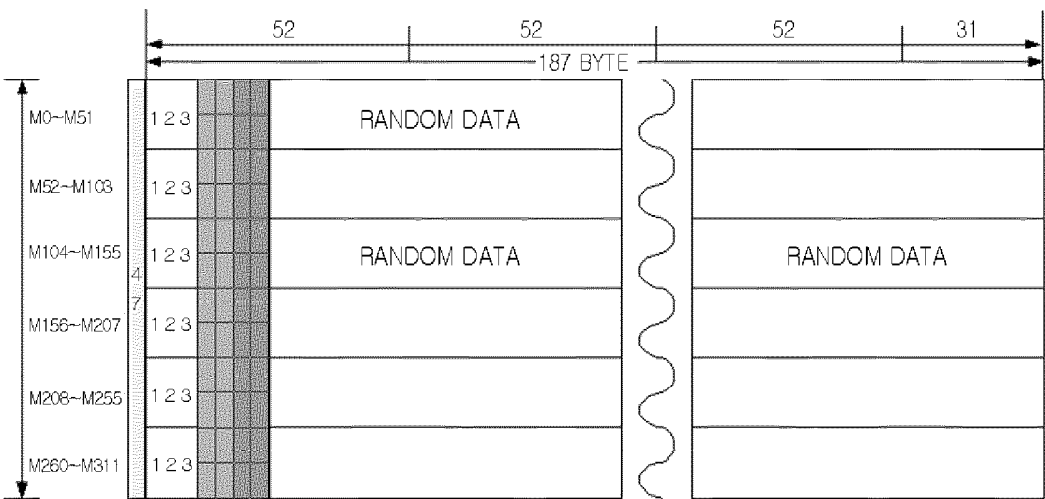
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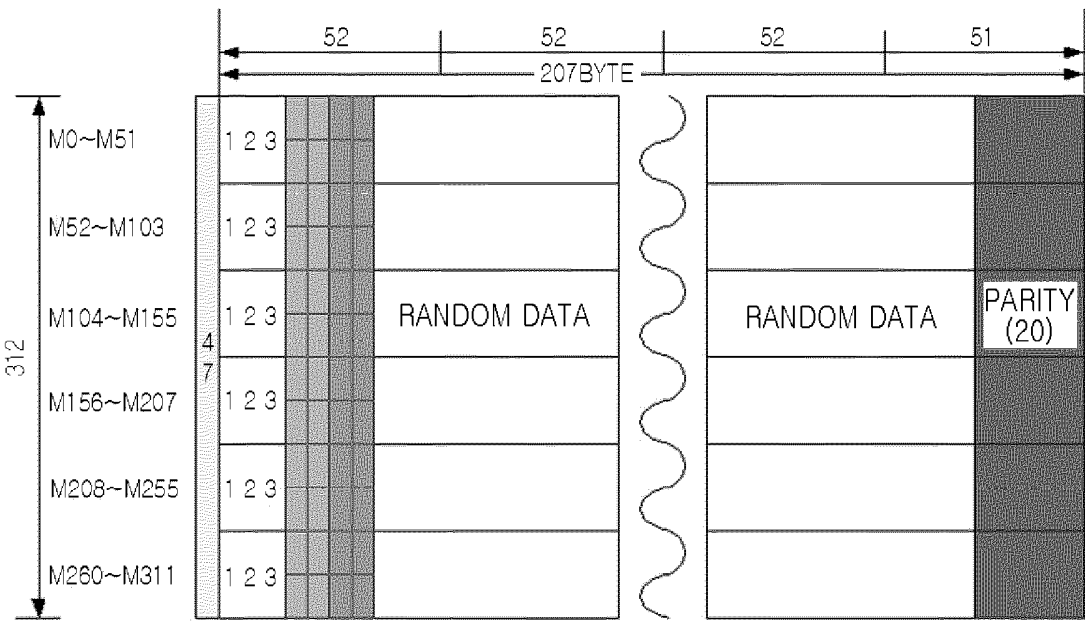
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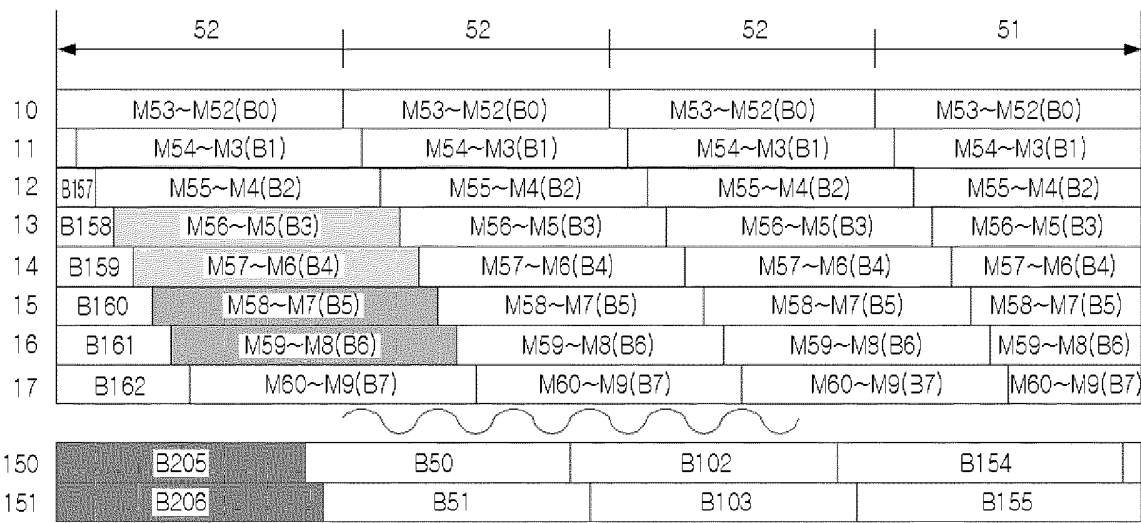
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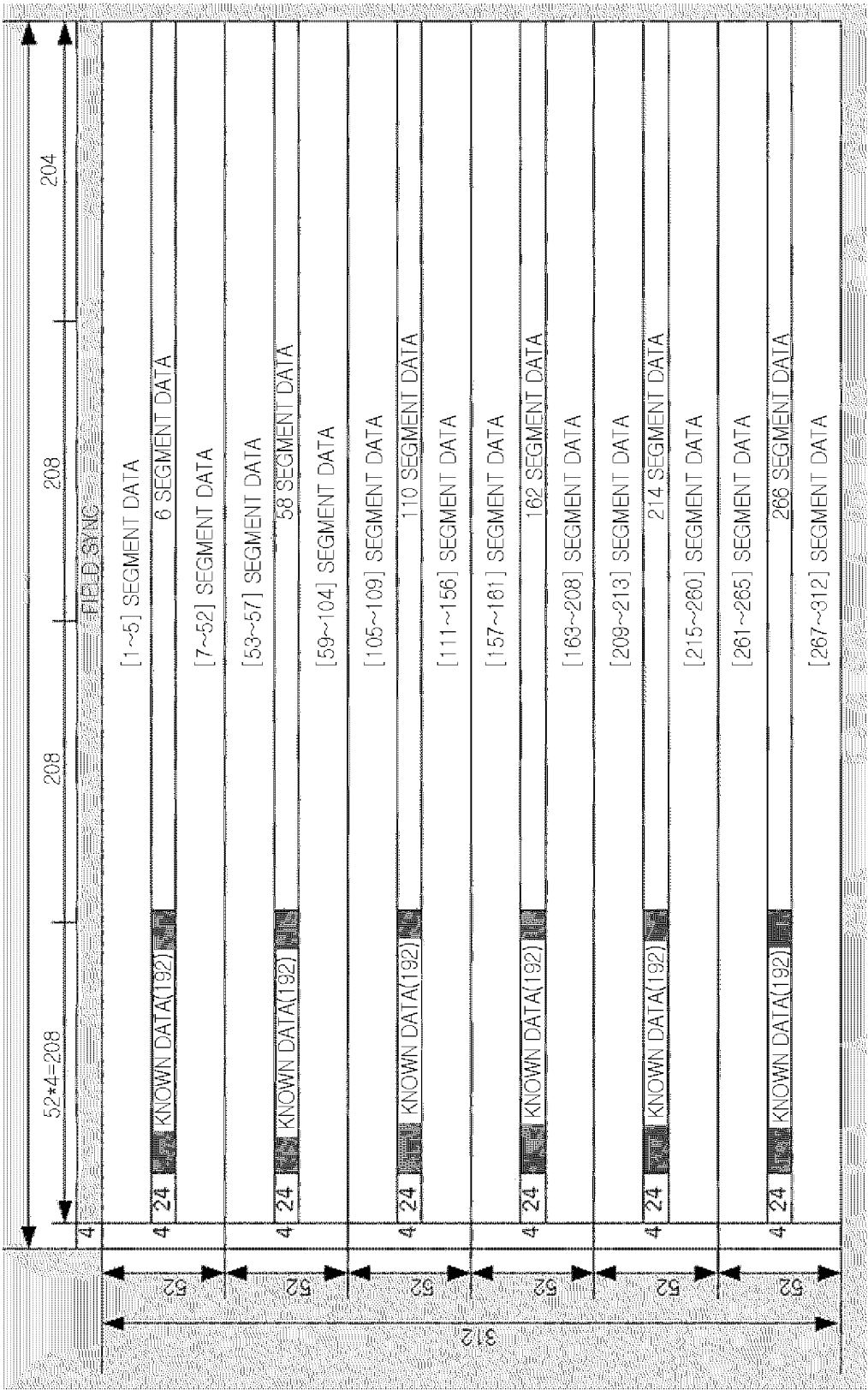
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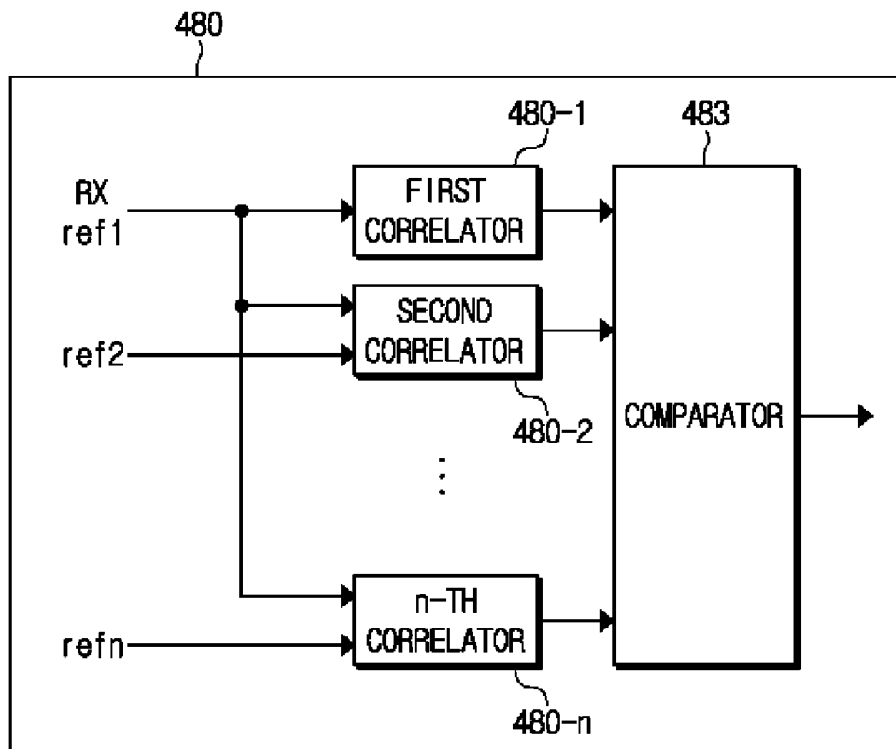
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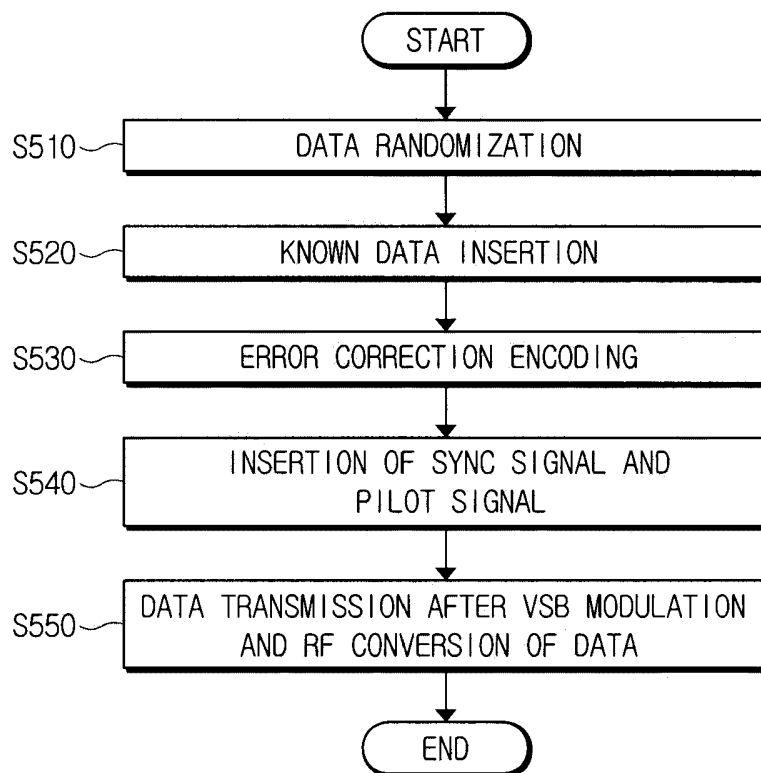
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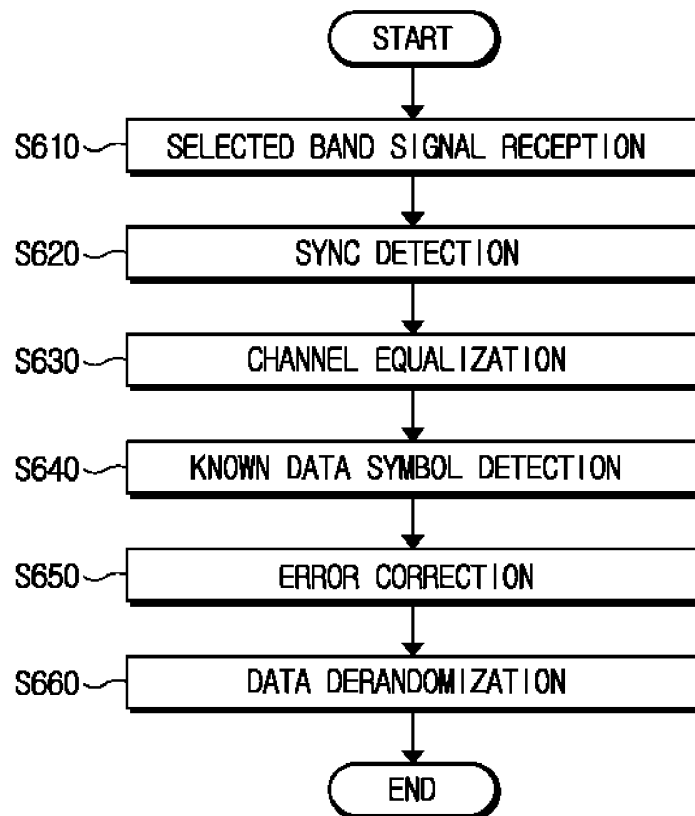
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[Fig. 10]





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