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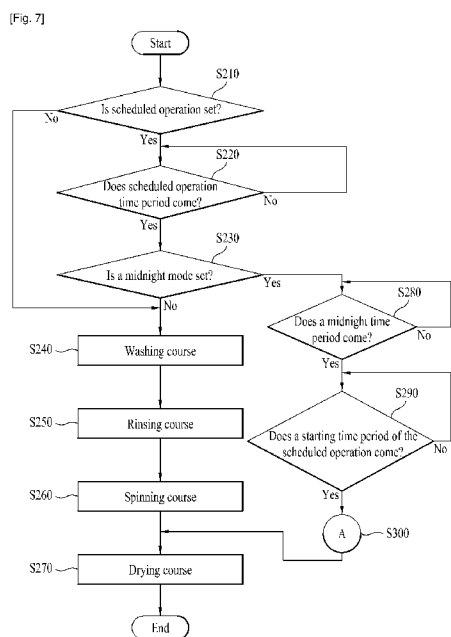
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to laundering machine and method. The laundering machine includes a tub for holding washing water, a drum rotatably mounted in the tub, a driving unit for rotating the drum, and a control unit for carrying out a washing process such that a washing course (S240) is started at a starting time of scheduled operation and a standby time period is provided before a spinning course (S260). The laundering method includes a washing step for performing a washing course (S240), a rinsing step for performing a rinsing course (S250), a spinning standby step for standing by a predetermined time period at user's option after the rinsing step, and a spinning step for progressing spinning after the spinning standby step.

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