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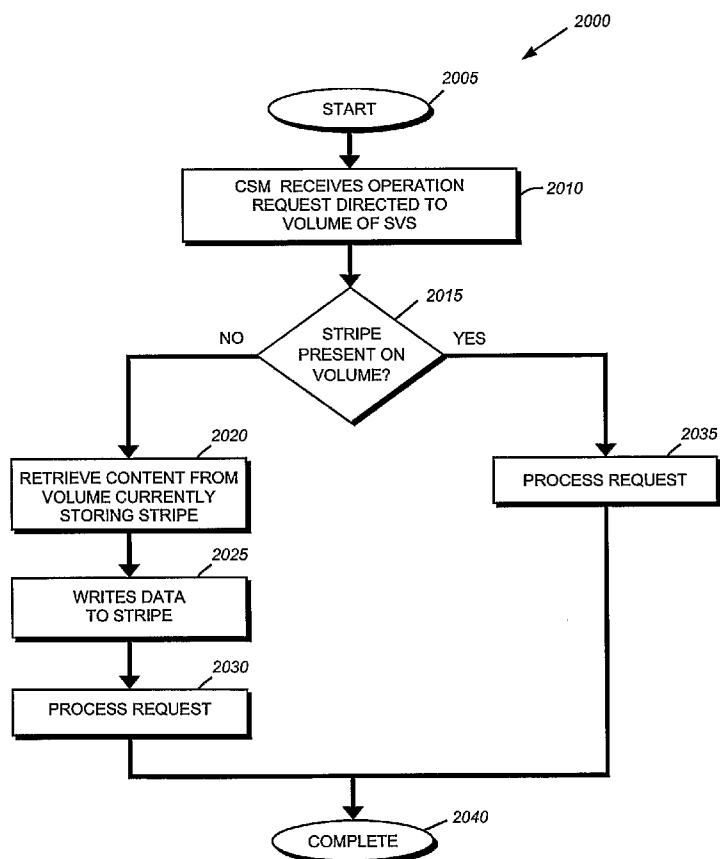
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(57) Abstract: A system and method re-stripes one or more data containers across a striped volume set (SVS) that has been modified by the addition of one or more volumes. The SVS is associated with an existing set of striping rules that define a stripe algorithm, a stripe width and an ordered list of volumes distributed across a plurality of nodes interconnected as a cluster. Each node of the cluster includes (i) a disk element (D-blade) adapted to service a volume of the SVS and (ii) a network element (N-blade) adapted to redirect a data access request to any D-blade of the cluster. Notably, the content of each data container is apportioned among the volumes of the SVS to thereby improve the efficiency of storage service provided by the cluster. To that end, the stripe algorithm specifies the manner in which the data container content is apportioned as stripes across the plurality of volumes, while the stripe width specifies the size/width of each stripe.

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