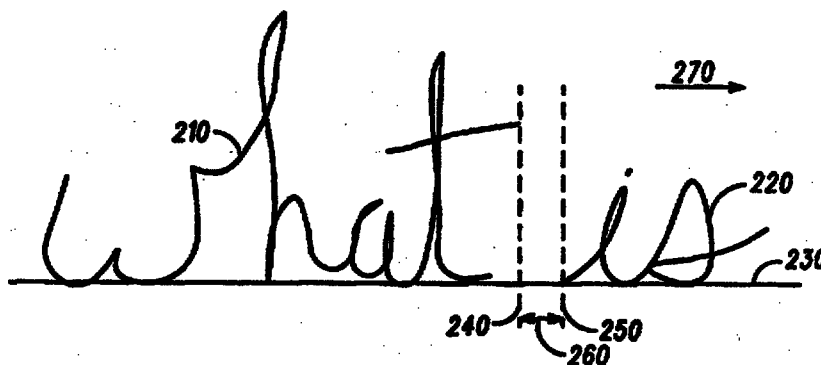




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(57) Abstract

The present invention determines whether two discrete continuous segments of handwritten input S_1 (210) and S_2 (220) form part of the same handwritten input or are part of more than one, separate handwritten inputs. The present method calculates one or more substantially parallel distance (260) disposed substantially parallel to the writing axis (230) and compares these distances to one or more predefined thresholds. The predefined thresholds specify minimum distance measures which must be exceeded by the substantially parallel distances (260) for the discrete continuous segments (210, 220) to be judged as belonging to separate segments of handwritten input.

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