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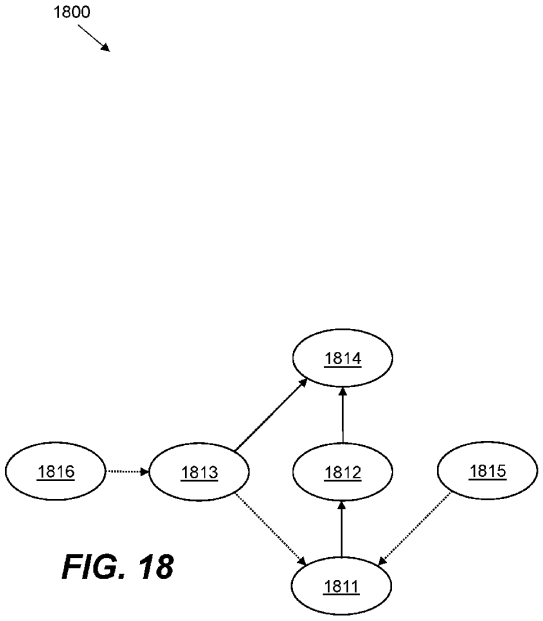

FIG. 18

(57) Abstract: A data item is searched for in first and/or second data sets of a data store. If it is found in the first data set and if it was updated in the first data set after the second data set became an overlay of the first data set, first data stored in association with the data item in the first data set is returned. If it is found in the first and second data sets and if the second data set became an overlay of the first data set after the data item was updated in the first data set, second data stored in association with the data item in the second data set is returned. The second data set is identified based on overlay metadata, indicative of the second data set being an overlay of the first data set.

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