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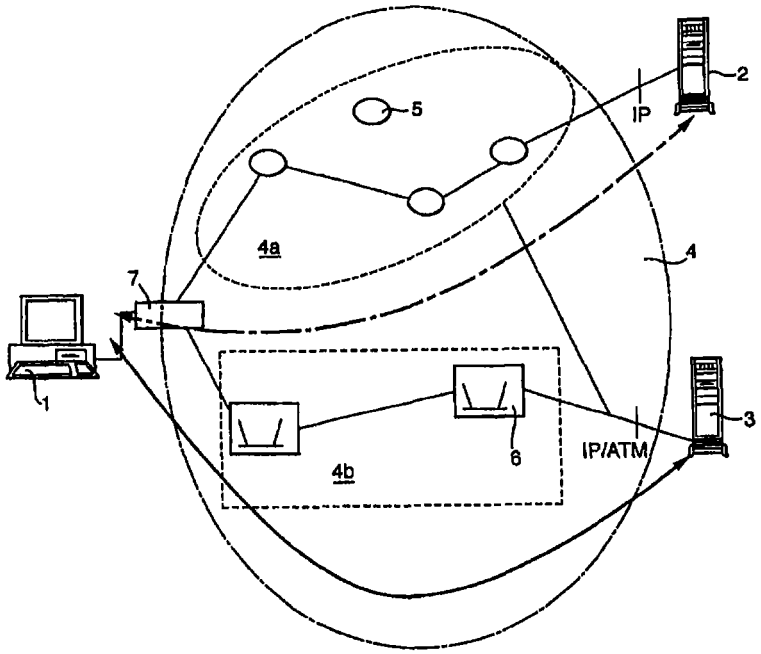
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In a communications network which handles packet data, a switched virtual circuit is initiated by a customer terminal and is used as a cut–through for packet traffic to or from the customer terminal.



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