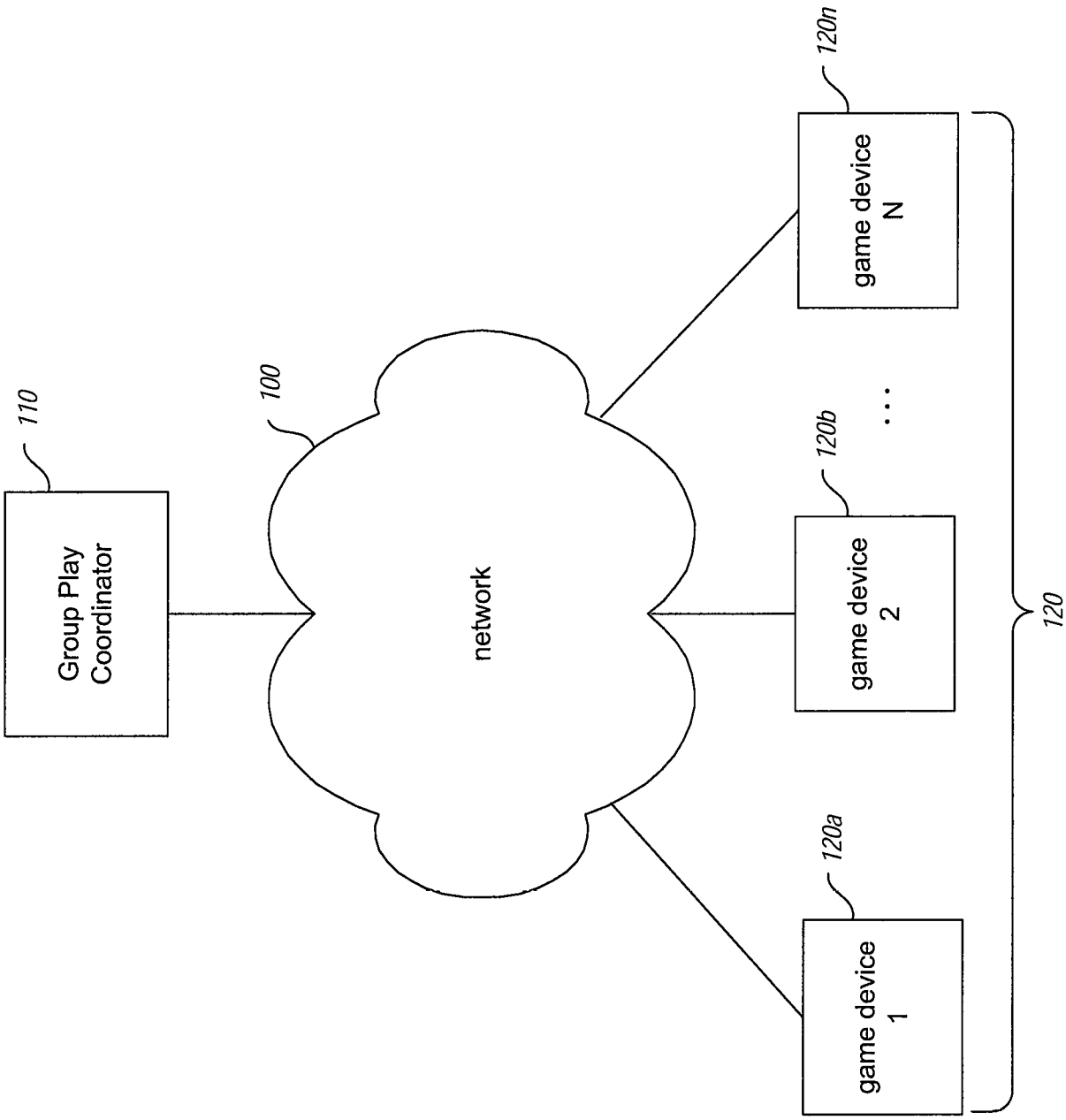

110
Group Play Coordinator
100
network
120n
game device N
120b
game device 2
120a
game device 1
120

Fig. 1

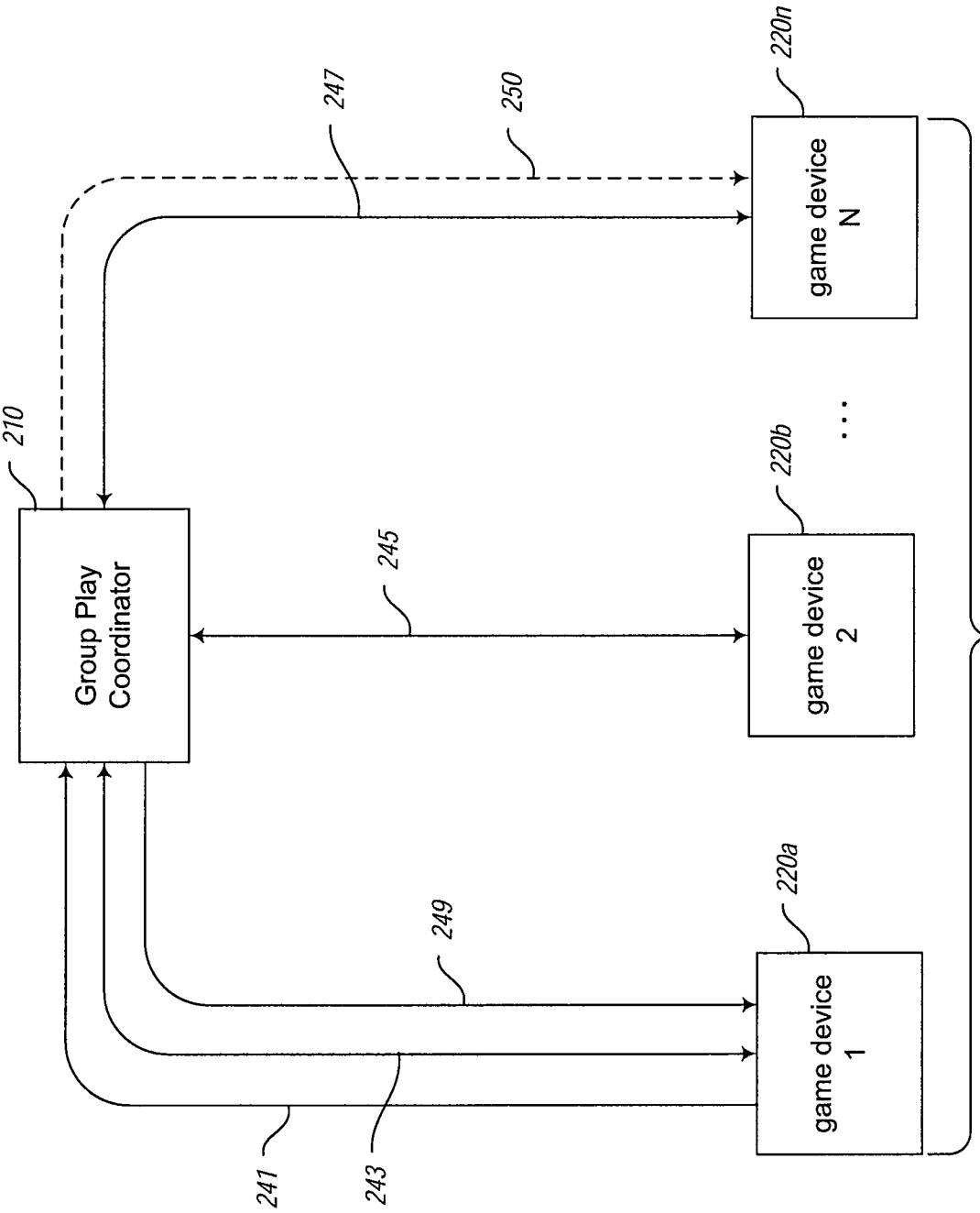

Group Play Coordinator
210
game device 1
220a
game device 2
220b
game device N
220n
220
241
243
245
247
249
250

Fig. 2A

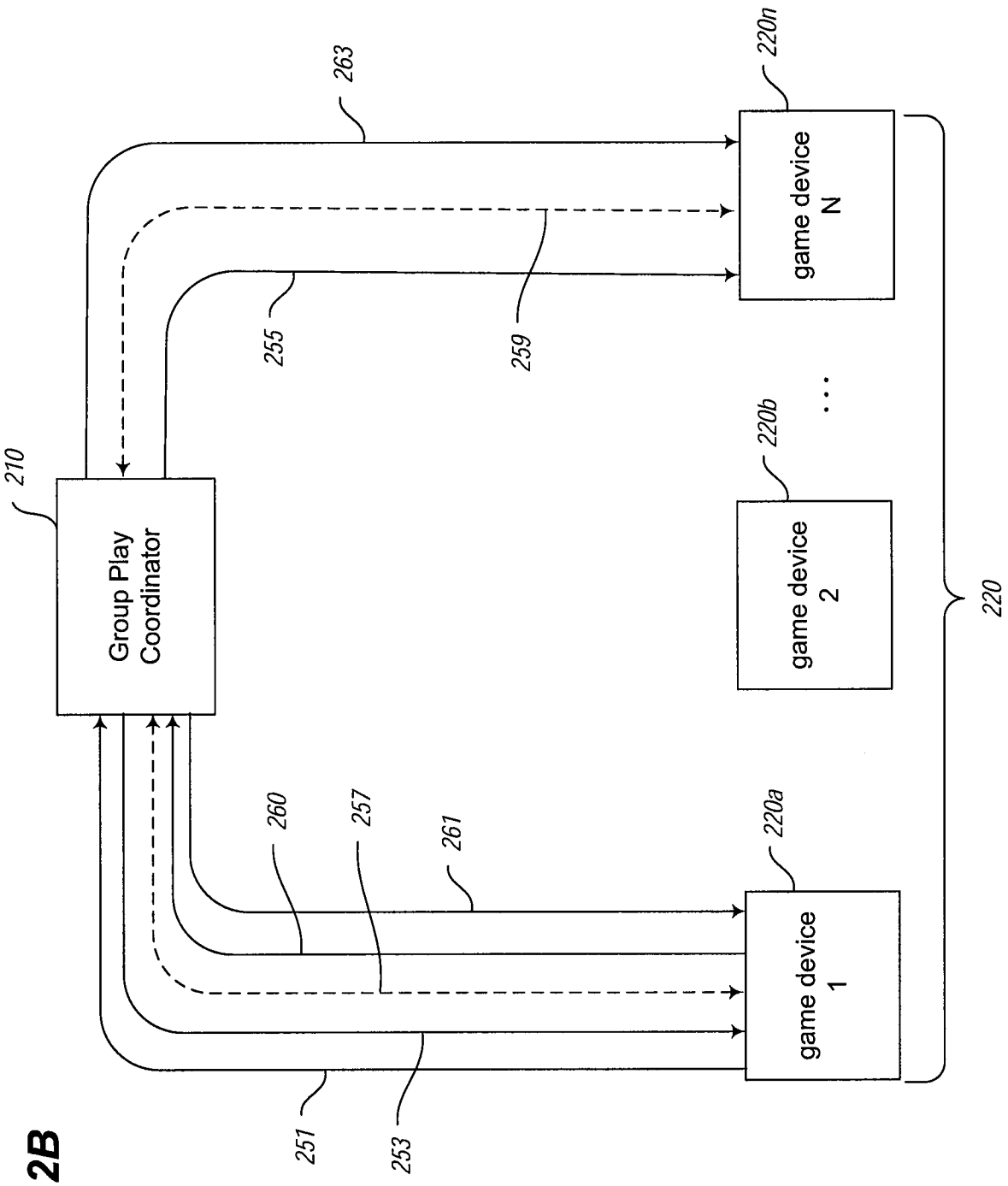

Group Play Coordinator
210
game device 1
220a
game device 2
220b
game device N
220n
220
251
253
255
257
259
260
261
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Fig. 2B

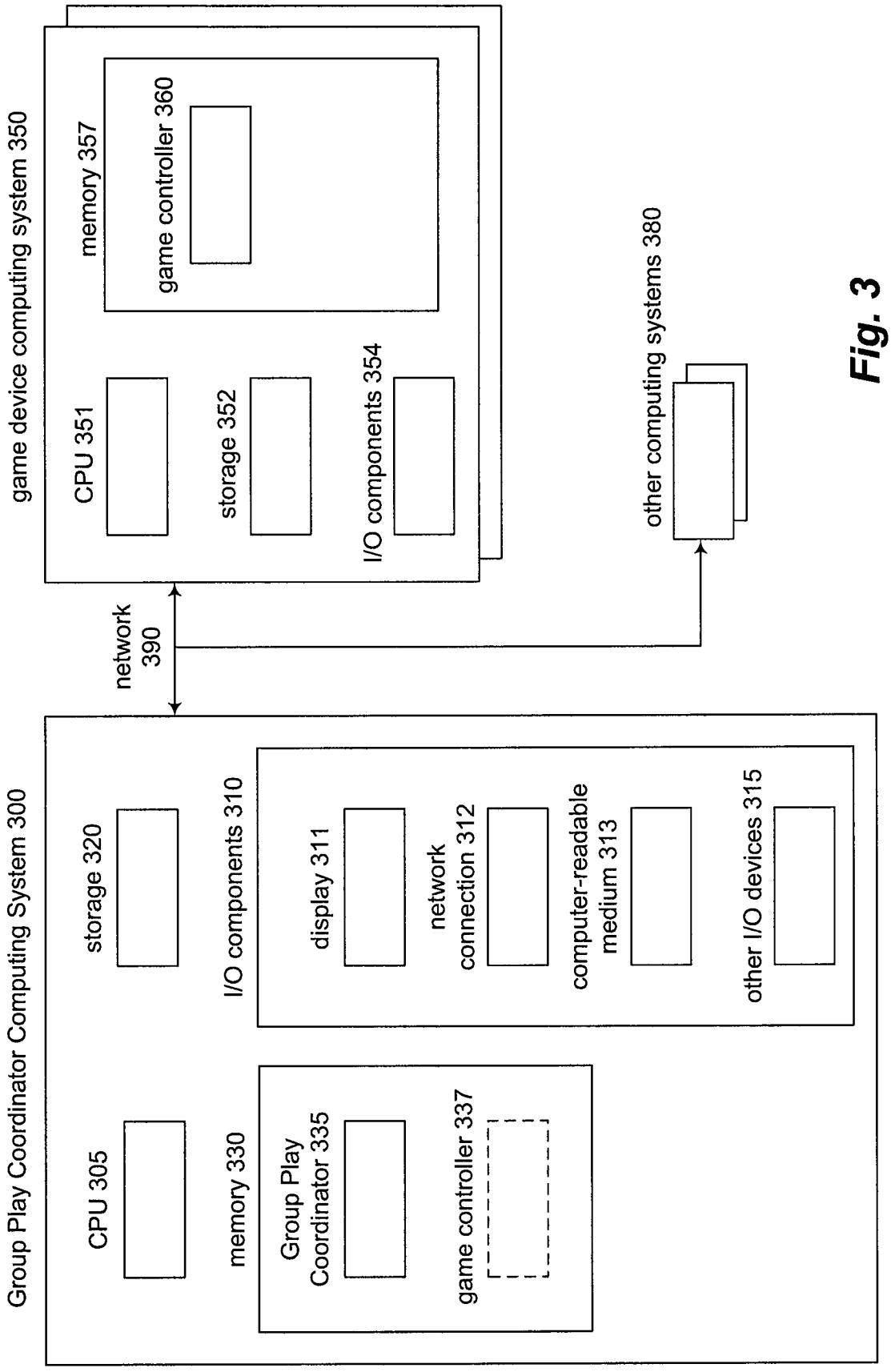

Group Play Coordinator Computing System 300
CPU 305
memory 330
Group Play Coordinator 335
game controller 337
storage 320
I/O components 310
display 311
network connection 312
computer-readable medium 313
other I/O devices 315
network 390
game device computing system 350
CPU 351
storage 352
I/O components 354
memory 357
game controller 360
other computing systems 380

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

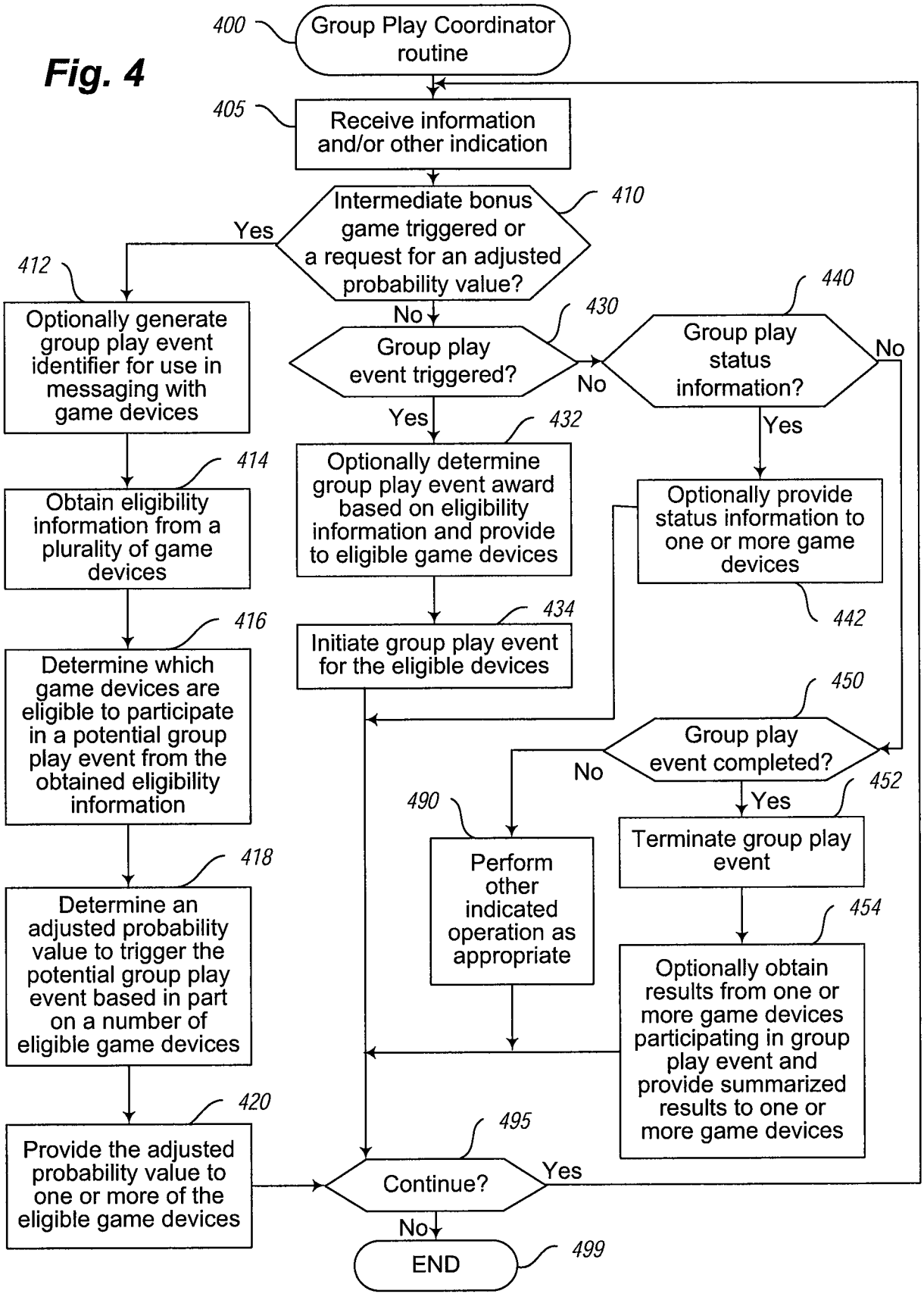

400
Group Play Coordinator routine
405
Receive information and/or other indication
410
Intermediate bonus game triggered or a request for an adjusted probability value?
Yes
No
412
Optionally generate group play event identifier for use in messaging with game devices
414
Obtain eligibility information from a plurality of game devices
416
Determine which game devices are eligible to participate in a potential group play event from the obtained eligibility information
418
Determine an adjusted probability value to trigger the potential group play event based in part on a number of eligible game devices
420
Provide the adjusted probability value to one or more of the eligible game devices
430
Group play event triggered?
No
Yes
432
Optionally determine group play event award based on eligibility information and provide to eligible game devices
434
Initiate group play event for the eligible devices
440
Group play status information?
No
Yes
442
Optionally provide status information to one or more game devices
450
Group play event completed?
No
Yes
452
Terminate group play event
454
Optionally obtain results from one or more game devices participating in group play event and provide summarized results to one or more game devices
490
Perform other indicated operation as appropriate
495
Continue?
Yes
No
499
END

Fig. 5A

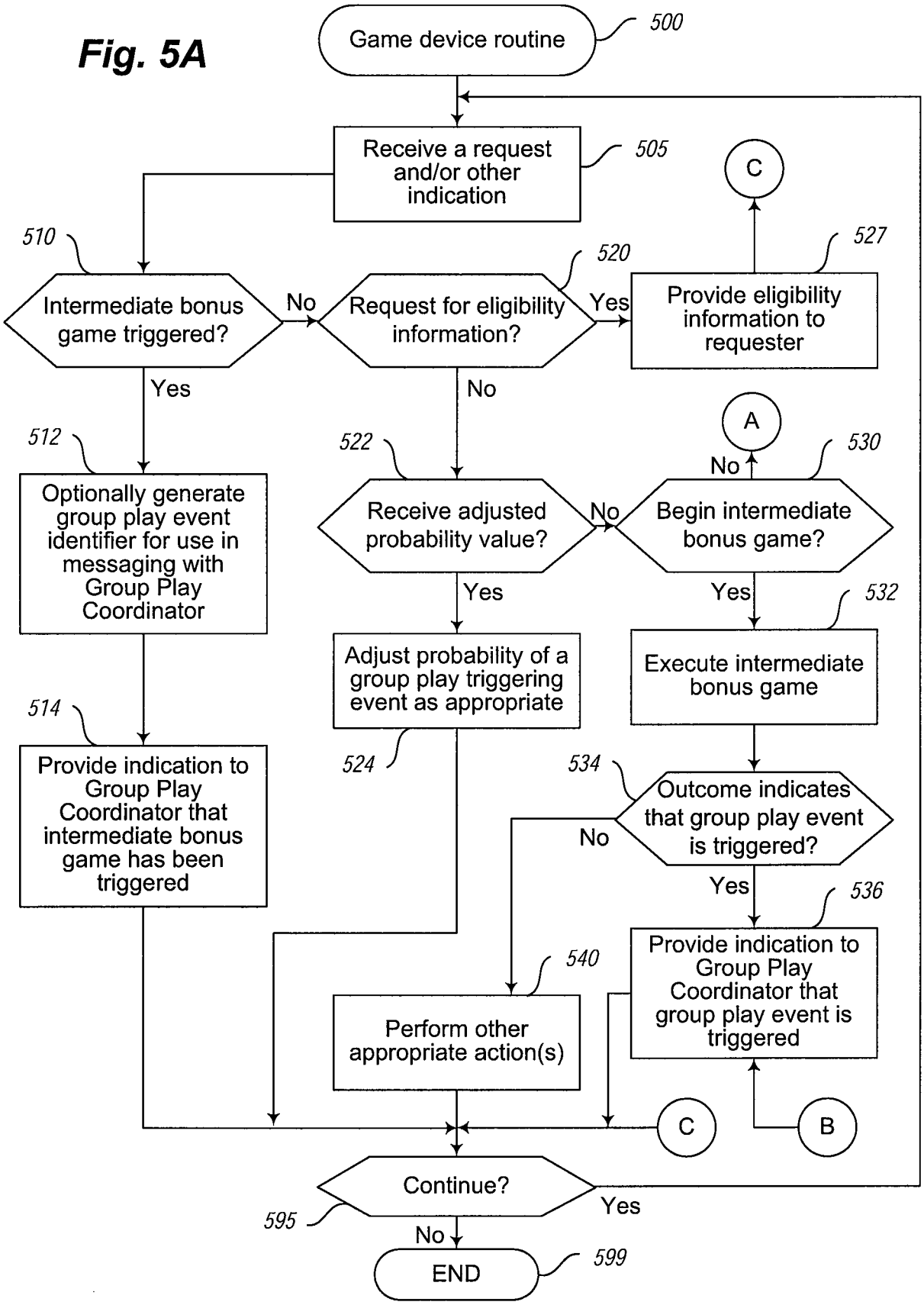
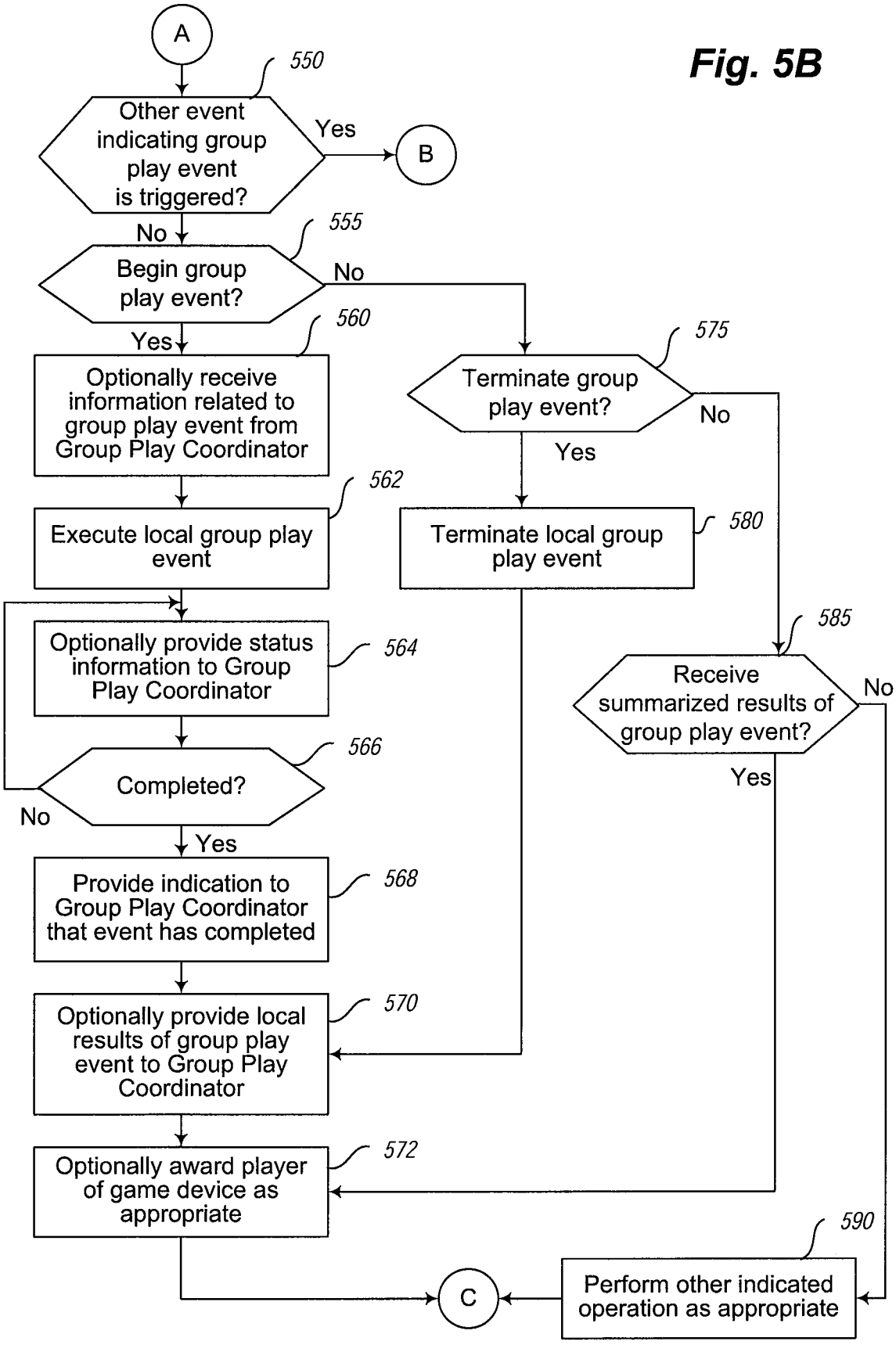

Game device routine
500
Receive a request and/or other indication
505
C
527
510
520
Intermediate bonus game triggered?
No
Request for eligibility information?
Yes
Provide eligibility information to requester
Yes
No
A
512
522
530
No
Optionally generate group play event identifier for use in messaging with Group Play Coordinator
Receive adjusted probability value?
No
Begin intermediate bonus game?
Yes
Yes
532
Adjust probability of a group play triggering event as appropriate
Execute intermediate bonus game
514
524
534
Provide indication to Group Play Coordinator that intermediate bonus game has been triggered
Outcome indicates that group play event is triggered?
No
Yes
536
Provide indication to Group Play Coordinator that group play event is triggered
540
Perform other appropriate action(s)
C
B
Continue?
595
Yes
No
END
599

Fig. 5B


A
550
Other event indicating group play event is triggered?
Yes
B
No
555
Begin group play event?
No
Yes
560
Optionally receive information related to group play event from Group Play Coordinator
562
Execute local group play event
564
Optionally provide status information to Group Play Coordinator
566
Completed?
No
Yes
568
Provide indication to Group Play Coordinator that event has completed
570
Optionally provide local results of group play event to Group Play Coordinator
572
Optionally award player of game device as appropriate
575
Terminate group play event?
No
Yes
580
Terminate local group play event
585
Receive summarized results of group play event?
No
Yes
590
Perform other indicated operation as appropriate
C