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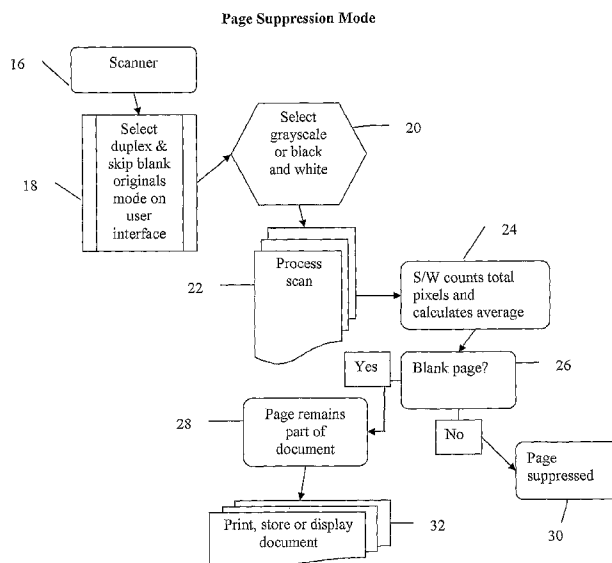
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for suppressing the display and printing of blank pages resulting from a set of scanned documents during a multi-page mode scanning operation. The inventive software determines, via algorithmic calculation, whether there is data sufficient on a page to result in a displayed or printed page of a document. The determination is achieved based upon pixel counts on the page. The invention reduces paper waste, data bit storage on a User's computer, and mitigates pagination issues in a hard copy scanned document.

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