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ABSTRACT

An object of the present invention is to enable the separation of a background image and an object image according to the mixture state. An area specifying unit 103 specifies, in a first period of time, an uncovered background area in which foreground object components and background object components are mixed. The area specifying unit 103 specifies, in a second period of time, a foreground area consisting of only the foreground object components and a background area consisting of only the background object components. The area specifying area 103 specifies, in a third period of time, a covered background area in which the foreground object components and the background object components are mixed. A mixture-ratio calculator 104 detects a mixture ratio indicating a ratio of the foreground object components and the background object components. A foreground/background separator 105 separates the pixel data of the pixels into the foreground object components and the background object components based on the mixture ratio. The present invention is applicable to an image processing apparatus.