



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A recording apparatus is to perform complementary recording in order to eliminate the white streak caused by recording elements becoming incapable of recording while recording an image. Particularly, in an ink jet recording method for recording an image by discharging ink from nozzles, the white streak caused by nozzles becoming incapable of discharging ink can be eliminated by the performance of a complementary recording in
10 accordance with the present invention.

15 Preceding printing, abnormal nozzles are detected, and then, data related to such abnormal nozzles are removed. In accordance with such data, one scan printing is performed. Preceding the returning operation of the printing head subsequent to the one scan, a sub-scanning feed is performed so that normal nozzles are positioned in a location corresponding to the white streak appearing in the one scan printing. In this way, while returning the printing head, the
20 printing is performed in accordance with such data related to the abnormal nozzles detected at the time of one scan, hence executing a complementary recording appropriately.