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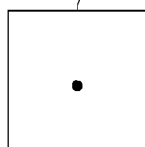
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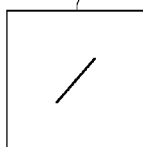
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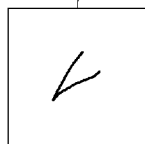
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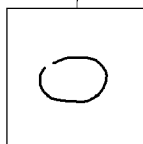
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Third Input Pattern
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Fourth Input Pattern
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(57) Abstract: Disclosed is a method and apparatus for inputting characters through a pointing device such as a stylus or a mouse. The method includes: (a) dividing an input area of the pointing device into a plurality of input sub-areas and assigning a plurality of characters constituting a character set of a current character mode to each of the input sub-areas; (b) inputting an input pattern through the pointing device in a selected one of the input sub-areas; and (c) selectively outputting one of the characters assigned to the selected input sub-area according to whether the input pattern of the pointing device is a point, a line having more than a predetermined length, a line bent a predetermined number of times with more than a predetermined angle and having more than a predetermined length, or a round shape.

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