

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INPUTTING CHARACTER
THROUGH POINTING DEVICE**

ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a method and apparatus for
5 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
10 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
15 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.