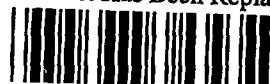


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A B S T R A C TRECORDING MODE DISCRIMINATION CIRCUIT

A recording mode discriminating circuit corresponding to reproduced signals of first and second recording modes in which carrier frequency of frequency-modulated luminance signal becomes high and low is comprised of a first bandpass filter (51h) using an upper side band wave frequency of the first recording mode as a central frequency thereof, a second bandpass filter (51n) using a predetermined carrier frequency of the second recording mode as a central frequency thereof, a discharge control circuit (53h) for flowing or interrupting a current of a first predetermined value in response to the presence or absence of the first bandpass filter when the reproduced signals are supplied, a charge and discharge control circuit (53n) for flowing or interrupting a current of a second predetermined value smaller than the first predetermined value in response to the presence or absence of the output of the second bandpass filter, and a capacitor (54) commonly connected to the discharging circuit and the charging and discharging circuit, wherein the recording modes of the reproduced signals are discriminated on the basis of a voltage across the capacitor (54). Also, a magnetic recording and reproducing apparatus is disclosed, to which the above-mentioned recording mode discriminating circuit can be suitably applied.

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