

TITLE OF THE INVENTION
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to an apparatus for recording and reproducing information on and from a recording medium. This
10 invention also relates to a recording medium. This invention further relates to a head positioning apparatus for an information recording and reproducing system.

Description of the Prior Art

Japanese published unexamined patent applications 56-
15 163536, 57-6449, 57-212642, and 60-70543 disclose a recording medium having both a magnetic recording portion and an optical recording portion.

Japanese published unexamined patent application 2-179951
discloses a recording medium which has an optical recording
20 portion and a magnetic recording portion at opposite sides thereof respectively. Japanese patent application 2-179951 also discloses an apparatus which includes an optical head facing the optical recording portion of the recording medium for reading out
information from the optical recording portion, a magnetic head
25 facing the magnetic recording portion of the recording medium for recording and reproducing information into and from the magnetic

recording portion, and a mechanism for moving at least one of the optical head and the magnetic head in accordance with rotation of the recording medium. In the apparatus of Japanese patent application 2-179951, during the processing of the information
5 read out from the magnetic recording portion, a decision is made as to whether or not the information recorded on the optical recording portion is necessary, and a step of reading out the information from the optical recording portion is executed when the information on the optical recording portion is decided to be
10 necessary.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of this invention to provide an improved recording and reproducing apparatus.

It is another object of this invention to provide an improved
15 recording medium.

It is sill another object of this invention to provide an improved head positioning apparatus for an information recording and reproducing system.

A first aspect of this invention provides a recording and
20 reproducing apparatus for use with a disk-shaped recording medium which includes a transparent substrate, and an optical recording layer and a magnetic recording layer formed at one side of the transparent substrate, the apparatus comprising a light source for emitting light; an optical head for applying the light to the
25 optical recording layer from the light source via the transparent substrate, for focusing the light on the optical recording layer, and



for reproducing information from the optical recording layer; a magnetic head for recording information on the magnetic recording layer or reproducing information from the magnetic recording layer; an optical head moving means for moving the optical head by a
5 movement amount so as to focus the light on an optical track on the optical recording layer which has specified address information; and a magnetic head moving means for moving the magnetic head to a specified magnetic track on the magnetic recording layer by referring to the movement amount of the optical head.

10 A second aspect of this invention provides a recording and reproducing apparatus for use with a disk-shaped recording medium which includes a transparent substrate, and an optical recording layer and a magnetic recording layer formed at one side of the transparent substrate, the apparatus comprising a light source
15 for emitting light; an optical head for applying the light to the optical recording layer from the light source via the transparent substrate, for focusing the light on the optical recording layer, and for reproducing information from the optical recording layer; and a magnetic head, located at a side of the recording medium opposite
20 the side thereof where the optical head is located, for recording information on the magnetic recording layer or reproducing information from the magnetic recording layer; wherein the magnetic head has a head gap equal to or greater than 5 μm .

A third aspect of this invention provides a recording and
25 reproducing apparatus for use with a disk-shaped recording medium which includes a transparent substrate, and an optical



recording layer and a magnetic recording layer formed at one side of the transparent substrate, the apparatus comprising a light source for emitting light; an optical head for applying the light to the optical recording layer from the light source via the transparent substrate, for focusing the light on the optical recording layer, and
5 for reproducing information from the optical recording layer; a magnetic head, located at a side of the recording medium opposite the side thereof where the optical head is located, for recording information on the magnetic recording layer or reproducing
10 information from the magnetic recording layer; an optical head moving means for moving the optical head so as to focus the light on an optical track on the optical recording layer which has specified address information; and a magnetic head moving means for moving the magnetic head to a magnetic track on the magnetic recording
15 layer in accordance with said moving the optical head by the optical head moving means, the magnetic track being located at substantially a back side of the optical track having the specified address information.

A fourth aspect of this invention provides a recording and
20 reproducing apparatus for use with a disk-shaped recording medium which includes a transparent substrate, and an optical recording layer and a magnetic recording layer formed at one side of the transparent substrate, the apparatus comprising a light source for emitting light; an optical head for applying the light to the
25 optical recording layer from the light source via the transparent substrate, for focusing the light on the optical recording layer, and



for reproducing information from the optical recording layer; a magnetic head, located at a side of the recording medium opposite the side thereof where the optical head is located, for recording information on the magnetic recording layer or reproducing
5 information from the magnetic recording layer to generate a magnetic reproduced signal; a detecting means for detecting noise which enters the magnetic reproduced signal from the optical head; and a noise canceling means for generating a noise cancel signal which equals an inversion of the noise detected by the detecting
10 means, and for adding the noise cancel signal and the magnetic reproduced signal.

A fifth aspect of this invention provides a disk-shaped recording medium comprising a disk-shaped recording surface; a plurality of concentric recording tracks extending on the recording
15 surface and storing digital data; dividing the recording tracks into W data sectors along a circumferential direction, the data sectors extending in approximately equal angular ranges, wherein W denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; dividing the recording surface into N zones along a radial direction, wherein
20 each of the N zones has R recording tracks, wherein N denotes a predetermined integer equal to two or more and R denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; an identifier region provided in each of the data sectors for identifying said each of the data sectors; and a data region provided in each of the data sectors
25 for storing user data; wherein a data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in first one of the zones is greater by M byte



or bytes than a data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in second one of the zones which extends immediately inward of said first one of the zones, wherein M denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more.

5 A sixth aspect of this invention provides a recording and reproducing apparatus for a disk-shaped recording medium comprising a disk-shaped recording surface; a plurality of concentric recording tracks extending on the recording surface and storing digital data; dividing the recording tracks into W data
10 sectors along a circumferential direction, the data sectors extending in approximately equal angular ranges, wherein W denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; dividing the recording surface into N zones along a radial direction, wherein each of the N zones has R recording tracks, wherein N denotes a predetermined
15 integer equal to two or more and R denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; an identifier region provided in each of the data sectors for identifying said each of the data sectors; and a data region provided in each of the data sectors for storing user data; wherein a data recording capacity of a data region of a data
20 sector in first one of the zones is greater by M byte or bytes than a data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in second one of the zones which extends immediately inward of said first one of the zones, wherein M denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; the apparatus comprising a head for recording and
25 reproducing data into and from the recording medium; a motor for rotating the recording medium at a constant rotational speed; a



recording circuit for feeding a record signal to the head; and a clock
generating circuit for feeding the recording circuit with a clock
signal which commands a data writing speed; wherein the clock
generating circuit is variable at a resolution of M/Y , and a capacity of
5 a data sector in an innermost zone of the zones is defined as equal
to Y bytes.

A seventh aspect of this invention provides a recording and
reproducing apparatus for a disk-shaped recording medium
comprising a disk-shaped recording surface; a plurality of
10 concentric recording tracks extending on the recording surface and
storing digital data; dividing the recording tracks into W data
sectors along a circumferential direction, the data sectors extending
in approximately equal angular ranges, wherein W denotes a
predetermined integer equal to one or more; dividing the recording
15 surface into N zones along a radial direction, wherein each of the N
zones has R recording tracks, wherein N denotes a predetermined
integer equal to two or more and R denotes a predetermined
integer equal to one or more; an identifier region provided in each
of the data sectors for identifying said each of the data sectors; and a
20 data region provided in each of the data sectors for storing user
data; wherein a data recording capacity of a data region of a data
sector in first one of the zones is greater by M byte or bytes than a
data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in second
one of the zones which extends immediately inward of said first one
25 of the zones, wherein M denotes a predetermined integer equal to
one or more; the apparatus comprising a head for recording and



reproducing data into and from the recording medium; a recording circuit for feeding a record signal to the head; a clock generating circuit for feeding the recording circuit with a constant-frequency clock signal which commands a data writing speed; a motor for
5 rotating the recording medium; and a motor control circuit for controlling a rotational speed of the motor, the motor control circuit comprising means for determining a rotational speed of a zone n of the zones to be equal to $Y/[Y + M \times (n-1)]$, wherein a capacity of a data sector in an innermost zone of the zones is
10 defined as equal to Y bytes, and n denotes order numbers of the zones and $n=1$ for the innermost zone.

An eighth aspect of this invention provides a recording and reproducing apparatus for a disk-shaped recording medium comprising a disk-shaped recording surface; a plurality of
15 concentric recording tracks extending on the recording surface and storing digital data; dividing the recording tracks into W data sectors along a circumferential direction, the data sectors extending in approximately equal angular ranges, wherein W denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; dividing the recording
20 surface into N zones along a radial direction, wherein each of the N zones has R recording tracks, wherein N denotes a predetermined integer equal to two or more and R denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; an identifier region provided in each of the data sectors for identifying said each of the data sectors; and a
25 data region provided in each of the data sectors for storing user data; wherein a data recording capacity of a data region of a data



sector in first one of the zones is greater by M byte or bytes than a data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in second one of the zones which extends immediately inward of said first one of the zones, wherein M denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; the recording medium further comprising one side provided with said recording surface, and another side provided with an optical recording surface; the apparatus comprising a head for recording and reproducing data into and from the recording medium; a recording circuit for feeding a record signal to the head; a clock generating circuit for feeding the recording circuit with a constant-frequency clock signal which commands a data writing speed; an optical head for reproducing a signal from the optical recording surface; a motor for rotating the recording medium; and a motor control circuit for controlling a rotational speed of the motor, the motor control circuit comprising means for controlling a rotation of the recording medium in response to the signal reproduced by the optical head.

A ninth aspect of this invention provides a recording and reproducing apparatus for a recording medium having a first portion for optical reproduction or optical record and reproduction, and a second portion for magnetic record and reproduction, the apparatus comprising an optical head for executing optical reproduction or optical record and reproduction; a magnetic head for executing magnetic record and reproduction; one or more drive sources; and means for moving the optical head and the magnetic head in response to said one or more drive sources; wherein the magnetic



head is separated from a center-of the optical head by 10 mm or more when the magnetic head executes the magnetic record and reproduction.

A tenth aspect of this invention provides a head positioning
5 apparatus for use with a rotatable recording medium having a first surface provided with first data information which can not be erased, and a second surface provided with writable and readable second data information on concentric tracks, the apparatus comprising an optical head opposing the first surface provided with
10 the first data information; a magnetic head opposing the second surface provided with the second data information; optical reproducing means for reproducing the first data information via the optical head; magnetic recording and reproducing means for recording and reproducing the second data information via the
15 magnetic head; positioning means which carries both the optical head and the magnetic head for moving the optical head and the magnetic head; optical head control means for controlling the optical head to enable the optical head to follow the first data information; index means for detecting one revolution of the
20 recording medium; means for, in cases where the magnetic head is controlled to be positioned with respect to the second data information, controlling the positing means in a radial direction of the recording medium in response to information of a time from a data starting point of the first data information to a data ending
25 point; and means for, in cases where the magnetic head is controlled to follow the second data information, feeding a low



range component of a relative positional difference between the first data information and the optical head back to the positioning means and moving the optical head in synchronism with a signal generated by the index means.

- 5 An eleventh aspect of this invention provides a head positioning apparatus for use with a rotatable recording medium having a first surface provided with first data information which can not be erased, and a second surface provided with writable and readable second data information on concentric tracks, the
- 10 apparatus comprising an optical head opposing the first surface provided with the first data information, the optical head comprising an objective lens and a drive mechanism for finely moving the objective lens in a radial direction of the recording medium; a magnetic head opposing the second surface provided
- 15 with the second data information; optical reproducing means for reproducing the first data information via the optical head; magnetic recording and reproducing means for recording and reproducing the second data information via the magnetic head; positioning means which carries both the optical head and the magnetic head
- 20 for moving the optical head and the magnetic head; optical head control means for controlling the optical head to enable the optical head to follow the first data information; first positioning control means for, in cases where the magnetic head is controlled to be positioned with respect to the second data information, controlling
- 25 the positing means in a radial direction of the recording medium in response to information of a time from a data starting point of the

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first data information to a data ending point; and second positioning control means for, in cases where the optical head has reached a target position, controlling the positioning means so that the objective lens will be held approximately centered at a drive range
5 of the objective lens drive mechanism.

A twelfth aspect of this invention provides a rotatable recording medium comprising a first surface; a second surface; a first information track on the first surface, the first information track storing first data information which can not be erased; and a
10 second information track on the second surface, the second information track storing writable and readable second data information; wherein a starting point of the second information track exists at an inner side of the medium.

A thirteenth aspect of this invention provides a rotatable
15 recording medium comprising a first surface; a second surface; a first information track on the first surface, the first information track storing first data information which can not be erased; a second information track on the second surface, the second information track storing writable and readable second data
20 information; and a portion storing peculiar information representing a medium size and an amount of the second data information.

A fourteenth aspect of this invention provides a rotatable recording medium comprising a first surface; a second surface; a first information track on the first surface, the first information
25 track storing first data information which can not be erased; and at least two second information tracks on the second surface, the



second information tracks storing writable and readable second data information.

A fifteenth aspect of this invention provides a recording and reproducing apparatus for a rotatable recording medium having
5 concentric tracks, comprising first means for reproducing data information from the concentric tracks on the recording medium; and second means for, in cases where the first means reproduces the data information from the concentric tracks on the recording medium, controlling a rotation of the recording medium in
10 response to periodic information contained in the data information reproduced by the first means.

A sixteenth aspect of this invention provides a recording and reproducing apparatus for a rotatable recording medium having a first surface provided with concentric tracks and a second surface,
15 the apparatus comprising first means for recording data information into the concentric tracks on the recording medium; and second means for, in cases where the first means records the data information into the concentric tracks on the recording medium, controlling a rotation of the recording medium in response to
20 periodic information contained in inerasable data information provided on the second surface.

A seventeenth aspect of this invention provides a recording and reproducing apparatus for a rotatable recording medium having a first surface provided with concentric tracks and a second surface,
25 the apparatus comprising first means for recording data information into the concentric tracks on the recording medium; and second



means for, in cases where the first means records the data information into the concentric tracks on the recording medium, using periodic information contained in inerasable data information provided on the second surface as a reference for recording the data
5 information into the concentric tracks on the recording medium.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a first embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of an optical recording head portion
10 in the first embodiment.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged view of a head portion in the first embodiment.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged view of a head portion in the first embodiment as viewed in a tracking direction.

15 Fig. 5 is an enlarged view of a magnetic head portion in the first embodiment.

Fig. 6 is a timing chart of magnetic recording in the first embodiment.

Fig. 7 is a sectional view of a recording medium in the first
20 embodiment.

Fig. 8 is a sectional view of a recording medium in the first embodiment.

Fig. 9 is a sectional view of a recording medium in the first embodiment.

25 Fig. 10 is a sectional view of a recording portion in the first embodiment.

Fig. 11 is a sectional view of a recording portion in the first embodiment.

Fig. 12 is a sectional view of a recording portion in the first embodiment.

5 Fig. 13 is a sectional view of a recording portion in the first embodiment.

Fig. 14 is a sectional view of a recording portion in the first embodiment.

10 Fig. 15 is a perspective view of a cassette in the first embodiment.

Fig. 16 is a perspective view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the first embodiment.

Fig. 17 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to the first embodiment.

15 Fig. 18 is a perspective view of a game machine in the first embodiment.

Fig. 19 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a second embodiment of this invention.

20 Fig. 20 is an enlarged view of a magnetic head portion in the second embodiment.

Fig. 21 is an enlarged view of a magnetic head portion in the second embodiment.

Fig. 22 is an enlarged view of a magnetic head portion in the second embodiment.

25 Fig. 23 is an enlarged view of a recording portion in a third embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 24 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a fourth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 25 is an enlarged view of a magnetic recording portion in the fourth embodiment.

5 Fig. 26 is an enlarged view of a magneto-optical recording portion in the fourth embodiment.

Fig. 27 is a sectional view of a recording portion in the fourth embodiment.

Fig. 28 is a flowchart of a program in the fourth embodiment.

10 Fig. 29 is a flowchart of a program in the fourth embodiment.

Fig. 30(a) is a sectional view of conditions where a magneto-optical disk is placed in an operable position in the fourth embodiment.

Fig. 30(b) is a sectional view of conditions where a CD is
15 placed in an operable position in the fourth embodiment.

Fig. 31 is an enlarged view of a magneto-optical recording portion in the fourth embodiment.

Fig. 32 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a fifth embodiment of this invention.

20 Fig. 33 is an enlarged view of a magnetic recording portion in the fifth embodiment.

Fig. 34 is an enlarged view of a magneto-optical recording portion in the fifth embodiment.

Fig. 35 is an enlarged view of a magneto-optical recording
25 portion in the fifth embodiment.

Fig. 36 is an enlarged view of a magnetic recording portion in

the fifth embodiment.

Fig. 37 is an enlarged view of a magneto-optical recording portion in the fifth embodiment.

Fig. 38 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a sixth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 39 is a block diagram of a magnetic recording portion in the sixth embodiment.

Fig. 40 is an enlarged view of a magnetic field modulating portion in the sixth embodiment.

Fig. 41 is a top view of a magnetic recording portion in the sixth embodiment.

Fig. 42 is a top view of a magnetic recording portion in the sixth embodiment.

Fig. 43 is an enlarged view of a magnetic recording portion in the sixth embodiment.

Fig. 44 is an enlarged view of a magnetic field modulating portion in the sixth embodiment.

Fig. 45(a) is a top view of a disk cassette in a seventh embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 45(b) is a top view of a disk cassette in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 46(a) is a top view of a disk cassette in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 46(b) is a top view of a disk cassette in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 47(a) is a top view of a disk cassette in the seventh

embodiment.

Fig. 47(b) is a top view of a disk cassette in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 48(a) is a top view of a disk cassette in the seventh
5 embodiment.

Fig. 48(b) is a top view of a disk cassette in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 49(a) is a top view of a liner and a portion around the liner in the seventh embodiment.

10 Fig. 49(b) is a top view of a liner and a portion around the liner in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 49(c) is a top view of a liner and a portion around the liner in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 50(a) is a top view of a liner and a portion around the liner
15 in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 50(b) is a top view of a liner and a portion around the liner in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 50(c) is a transversely sectional view of a liner portion in the seventh embodiment.

20 Fig. 50(d) is a transversely sectional view of a disk cassette in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 51 is a transversely sectional view of conditions where liner pin insertion is off in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 52 is a transversely sectional view of conditions where
25 liner pin insertion is on in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 53(a) is a transversely sectional view of conditions where

liner pin insertion is off in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 53(b) is a transversely sectional view of conditions where liner pin insertion is on in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 54(a) is a transversely sectional view of conditions where
5 magnetic head mounting is off in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 54(b) is a transversely sectional view of conditions where magnetic head mounting is on in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 55(a) is a transversely sectional view of conditions where magnetic head mounting is off in the seventh embodiment.

10 Fig. 55(b) is a transversely sectional view of conditions where magnetic head mounting is on in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 56 is a top view of a recording medium in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 57(a) is a transversely sectional view of conditions where
15 liner pin insertion is off in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 57(b) is a transversely sectional view of conditions where liner pin insertion is on in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 58 is a sectional view of a liner pin front portion which assumes an off state in the seventh embodiment.

20 Fig. 59 is a sectional view of a liner pin front portion which assumes an on state in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 60 is a transversely sectional view of a liner pin which assumes an off state in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 61 is a transversely sectional view of a liner pin which
25 assumes an on state in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 62 is a sectional view of a front portion in the case where

a liner pin is off in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 63 is a sectional view of a front portion in the case where a liner pin is on in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 64 is a sectional view of a front portion in the case where
5 a liner pin is off in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 65 is a sectional view of a front portion in the case where a liner pin is on in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 66 is a sectional view of a front portion in the case where a liner pin is off in the seventh embodiment.

10 Fig. 67 is a sectional view of a front portion in the case where a liner pin is off and is inactive in the seventh embodiment.

Fig. 68(a) is a top view of a disk cassette in an eighth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 68(b) is a top view of a disk cassette in the eighth
15 embodiment.

Fig. 69(a) is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a liner pin in the case where liner pin insertion is off in the eighth embodiment.

Fig. 69(b) is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a
20 liner pin in the case where liner pin insertion is on in the eighth embodiment.

Fig. 70(a) is a top view of a disk cassette in the eighth embodiment.

Fig. 70(b) is a top view of a disk cassette in the eighth
25 embodiment.

Fig. 70(c) is a top view of a disk cassette in the eighth

embodiment.

Fig. 71 is a transversely sectional view of a liner pin and a disk cassette in the eighth embodiment.

Fig. 72(a) is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a
5 liner pin in the eighth embodiment.

Fig. 72(b) is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a liner pin in the case where a conventional cassette is placed in an operable position in the eighth embodiment.

Fig. 73(a) is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a
10 liner pin in the case where liner pin insertion is off in the eighth embodiment.

Fig. 73(b) is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a liner pin in the case where liner pin insertion is on in the eighth embodiment.

Fig. 74(a) is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a
15 liner pin in the case where liner pin insertion is off in the eighth embodiment.

Fig. 74(b) is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a liner pin in the case where liner pin insertion is on in the eighth
20 embodiment.

Fig. 75 is a top view of a disk cassette in a ninth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 76 is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a liner pin in the case where liner pin insertion is off in the ninth
25 embodiment.

Fig. 77 is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a

liner pin in the case where liner pin insertion is on in the ninth embodiment.

Fig. 78(a) is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a liner pin in the case where liner pin insertion is off in the ninth
5 embodiment.

Fig. 78(b) is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a liner pin in the case where liner pin insertion is on in the ninth embodiment.

Fig. 79(a) is an illustration of a tracking principle which
10 occurs in the absence of correction in a tenth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 79(b) is an illustration of a tracking principle which occurs in the absence of correction in the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 80(a) is a view of tracking conditions of an optical head in
15 the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 80(b) is a view of tracking conditions of an optical head in the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 81(a) is an illustration of an offset amount of an optical track on a disk in the tenth embodiment.

20 Fig. 81(b) is an illustration of an offset amount of an optical track on a disk in the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 81(c) is an illustration of a tracking error signal in the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 82(a) is a view of tracking conditions of an optical head
25 which occur in the absence of correction in the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 82(b) is a view of tracking conditions of an optical head

which occur in the presence of correction in the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 83 is an illustration of a reference track in the tenth embodiment.

5 Fig. 84(a) is a side view of a slider in the case of an ON state in the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 84(b) is a side view of a slider in the case of an OFF state in the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 85(a) is a side view of a slider portion in the case where
10 magnetic recording is OFF in the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 85(b) is a side view of a slider portion in the case where magnetic recording is ON in the tenth embodiment.

Fig. 86 is an illustration of the correspondence relation between an address and a position on a disk in the tenth
15 embodiment.

Fig. 87 is a block diagram of a magnetic recording portion in an eleventh embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 88(a) is a transversely sectional view of a magnetic head in the eleventh embodiment.

20 Fig. 88(b) is a bottom view of a magnetic head in the eleventh embodiment.

Fig. 88(c) is a bottom view of another magnetic head in the eleventh embodiment.

Fig. 89 is an illustration of a spiral-shaped recording format in
25 the eleventh embodiment.

Fig. 90 is an illustration of a recording format of a guard band

in the eleventh embodiment. -

Fig. 91 is an illustration of a data structure in the eleventh embodiment.

Fig. 92(a) is a timing chart of recording in the eleventh
5 embodiment.

Fig. 92(b) is a timing chart of simultaneous recording by two heads in the eleventh embodiment.

Fig. 93 is a block diagram of a reproducing portion in the eleventh embodiment.

10 Fig. 94 is an illustration of a data arrangement in the eleventh embodiment.

Fig. 95 is a flowchart of traverse control in the eleventh embodiment.

15 Fig. 96 is an illustration of a cylindrical recording format in the eleventh embodiment.

Fig. 97 is an illustration of the relation between a traverse gear rotation number and a radius in the eleventh embodiment.

Fig. 98 is an illustration of an optical recording surface format in the eleventh embodiment.

20 Fig. 99 is an illustration of a recording format in the presence of compatibility with a lower level apparatus in the eleventh embodiment.

Fig. 100 is an illustration of the correspondence relation between an optical recording surface and a magnetic recording
25 surface in the eleventh embodiment.

Fig. 101 is a perspective view of a recording medium in a

twelfth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 102 is a perspective view of a recording medium in the twelfth embodiment.

Fig. 103 is a transversely sectional view of a recording medium
5 which occurs at film forming and printing steps in the twelfth embodiment.

Fig. 104 is a transversely sectional view of a recording medium which occurs at film forming and printing steps in the twelfth embodiment.

10 Fig. 105 is a perspective view of a manufacturing system in a state corresponding to an application step in the twelfth embodiment.

Fig. 106 is a transversely sectional view of a recording medium at application and transfer steps in the twelfth embodiment.

15 Fig. 107 is an illustration of steps of manufacturing a recording medium in the twelfth embodiment.

Fig. 108 is a transversely sectional view of a recording medium at application and transfer steps in the twelfth embodiment.

20 Fig. 109 is a perspective view of a manufacturing system in a state corresponding to an application step in the twelfth embodiment.

Fig. 110 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a thirteenth embodiment of this invention.

25 Fig. 111 is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 112 is an illustration of the relation between a head gap

length and an attenuation amount (dB) in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 113 is a top view of a magnetic track in the thirteenth embodiment.

5 Fig. 114 is a transversely sectional view of a portion around a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 115 is a transversely sectional view of conditions where a recording medium is placed in an operable position.

10 Fig. 116 is an illustration of the relation between a relative noise amount and a distance between an optical head and a magnetic head in the twelfth and thirteenth embodiments.

Fig. 117 is a transverse sectional view of a head traverse portion in the thirteenth embodiment.

15 Fig. 118 is a top view of a head traverse portion in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 119 is a transversely sectional view of another head traverse portion in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 120 is a transversely sectional view of another head traverse portion in the thirteenth embodiment.

20 Fig. 121 is an illustration of the intensities of magnetic fields generated by various home-use appliances.

Fig. 122 is an illustration of a recording format on a recording medium in the thirteenth embodiment.

25 Fig. 123 is an illustration of a recording format on a recording medium in a normal mode in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 124 is an illustration of a recording format on a recording

medium in a variable track pitch mode in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 125 is an illustration of compressing magnetic recorded information by using a reference table of optical recorded information in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 126 is a transversely sectional view of a head traverse portion in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 127 is a flowchart of a recording and reproducing program in the thirteenth embodiment.

10 Fig. 128 is a flowchart of a recording and reproducing program in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 129(a) is an illustration of a noise detecting head in the thirteenth embodiment.

15 Fig. 129(b) is an illustration of a noise detecting head in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 129(c) is an illustration of a noise detecting head in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 130 is an illustration of a magnetic sensor in the thirteenth embodiment.

20 Fig. 131 is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a fourteenth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 132 is a time-domain diagram of various signals in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 133 is a perspective view of a cartridge for an optical

recording medium in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 134 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 135 is a time-domain diagram of various signals in the
5 fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 136 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a fifteenth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 137(a) is a perspective view of the fifteenth embodiment in which a cartridge is inserted into the apparatus.

10 Fig. 137(b) is a perspective view of the fifteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is fixed.

Fig. 137(c) is a perspective view of the fifteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is ejected from the apparatus.

15 Fig. 138(a) is a perspective view of the fifteenth embodiment in which a cartridge is inserted into the apparatus.

Fig. 138(b) is a perspective view of the fifteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is fixed.

Fig. 138(c) is a perspective view of the fifteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is ejected from the apparatus.

20 Fig. 139(a) is a sectional view of the fifteenth embodiment in which a cartridge is inserted into the apparatus.

Fig. 139(b) is a sectional view of the fifteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is fixed.

25 Fig. 139(c) is a sectional view of the fifteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is ejected from the apparatus.

Fig. 140 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing

apparatus according to a sixteenth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 141(a) is a perspective view of the sixteenth embodiment in which a cartridge is inserted into the apparatus.

Fig. 141(b) is a perspective view of the sixteenth embodiment
5 in which the cartridge is fixed.

Fig. 141(c) is a perspective view of the sixteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is ejected from the apparatus.

Fig. 142(a) is a perspective view of the sixteenth embodiment in which a cartridge is inserted into the apparatus.

10 Fig. 142(b) is a perspective view of the sixteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is fixed.

Fig. 142(c) is a perspective view of the sixteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is ejected from the apparatus.

Fig. 143(a) is a sectional view of the sixteenth embodiment in
15 which a cartridge is inserted into the apparatus.

Fig. 143(b) is a sectional view of the sixteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is fixed.

Fig. 143(c) is a sectional view of the sixteenth embodiment in which the cartridge is ejected from the apparatus.

20 Fig. 144(a) is a diagram of a part of an apparatus for making a recording medium in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 144(b) is a diagram of a part of an apparatus for making a recording medium in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 145(a) is a top view of a recording medium in the
25 fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 145(b) is a top view of a recording medium in the

fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 145(c) is a top view of a recording medium in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 146(a) is a sectional view of a recording medium in the
5 fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 146(b) is a sectional view of a recording medium in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 147 is a block diagram of an apparatus according to a seventeenth embodiment of this invention.

10 Fig. 148 is a flowchart of a program in the seventeenth embodiment.

Fig. 149 is a block diagram of an apparatus according to an eighteenth embodiment of this invention.

15 Fig. 150 is a flowchart of a program in the eighteenth embodiment.

Fig. 151 is a block diagram of an apparatus according to a nineteenth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 152 is a diagram of an optical address table and a magnetic address table in a recording medium in the nineteenth
20 embodiment.

Fig. 153 is a block diagram of an apparatus in the nineteenth embodiment.

Fig. 154(a) is a diagram of an address table of an optical file and a magnetic file in the nineteenth embodiment.

25 Fig. 154(b) is a diagram of an address link table between two files in the nineteenth embodiment.

Fig. 155 is a sectional view of an optical recording medium in the nineteenth embodiment.

Fig. 156 is a flowchart of operation of starting up an optical disk in the nineteenth embodiment.

5 Fig. 157(a) is a flowchart of a program in a twentieth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 157(b) is a diagram of an address data table of a magnetic file and an optical file in the twentieth embodiment.

10 Fig. 157(c) is a block diagram of a bug correcting portion in the twentieth embodiment.

Fig. 158(a) is a flowchart of a program in a twenty-first embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 158(b) is a diagram of a data correction table in the twenty-first embodiment.

15 Fig. 158(c) is a block diagram of a bug correcting portion in the twenty-first embodiment.

Fig. 159 is a block diagram of an apparatus according to a twenty-second embodiment of this invention.

20 Fig. 160 is a diagram of a file structure in a computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 161 is a flowchart of a program in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 162 is a flowchart of a program in the twenty-second embodiment.

25 Fig. 163 is a flowchart of a program in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 164(a) is an illustration of a display screen of a main computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 164(b) is an illustration of a display screen of a main computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

5 Fig. 164(c) is an illustration of a display screen of a main computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 164(d) is an illustration of a display screen of a main computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

10 Fig. 165 is an illustration of a display screen of a computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 166(a) is an illustration of a display screen of a main computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 166(b) is an illustration of a display screen of a main computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

15 Fig. 166(c) is an illustration of a display screen of a main computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 166(d) is an illustration of a display screen of a main computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

20 Fig. 167(a) is an illustration of a display screen of a sub computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 167(b) is an illustration of a display screen of a sub computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 168 is a diagram of a network in the twenty-second embodiment.

25 Fig. 169 is an illustration of a display screen of a main computer in the twenty-second embodiment.

Fig. 170 is an illustration of a display screen of a computer in the seventeenth embodiment.

Fig. 171 is a diagram of a recording medium in the twenty-second embodiment.

5 Fig. 172(a) is a perspective view of a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 172(b) is a sectional view of a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

10 Fig. 172(c) is a sectional view of a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 173(a) is a perspective view of a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 173(b) is a sectional view of a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

15 Fig. 174(a) is a perspective view of a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 174(b) is a sectional view of a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

20 Fig. 175(a) is a perspective view of a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 175(b) is a sectional view of a magnetic head in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 176(a) is a perspective view of a noise detection coil in the thirteenth embodiment.

25 Fig. 176(b) is a sectional view of a noise detection coil in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 177(a) is a perspective view of a noise detection coil in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 177(b) is a block diagram of a noise detection system in the thirteenth embodiment.

5 Fig. 178(a) is a perspective view of a noise detection coil in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 178(b) is a block diagram of a noise detection system in the thirteenth embodiment.

10 Fig. 179 is a diagram of frequency spectrums of reproduced signals which occur before and after noise cancel in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 180 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-second embodiment.

15 Fig. 181 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a twenty-third embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 182(a) is a top view of the recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 182(b) is a top view of the recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

20 Fig. 183(a) is a sectional view of the recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 183(b) is a sectional view of the recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

25 Fig. 183(c) is a sectional view of the recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 183(d) is a sectional view of the recording and

reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 183(e) is a sectional view of the recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 184(a) is a diagram of a data structure in a recording
5 medium in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 184(b) is a diagram of a data structure in a recording medium in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 184(c) is a diagram of a data structure in a recording medium in the twenty-third embodiment.

10 Fig. 185(a) is a top view of a recording medium in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 185(b) is a sectional view of a recording medium in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 185(c) is a sectional view of a recording medium in the
15 twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 185(d) is a sectional view of a recording medium in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 185(e) is a sectional view of a recording medium in the twenty-third embodiment.

20 Fig. 186(a) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 186(b) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 186(c) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing
25 apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 186(d) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing

apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 186(e) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 187(a) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing
5 apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 187(b) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 187(c) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

10 Fig. 187(d) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 187(e) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 188(a) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing
15 apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 188(b) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 188(c) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

20 Fig. 188(d) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 188(e) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 188(f) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing
25 apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 189(a) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing

apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 189(b) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 189(c) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing
5 apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 189(d) is a diagram of mathematical relations for calculating a track pitch in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 190 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

10 Fig. 191(a) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 191(b) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 191(c) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing
15 apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 191(d) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 191(e) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

20 Fig. 192(a) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 192(b) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 192(c) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing
25 apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 192(d) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing

apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 192(e) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 193(a) is a top view of a recording and reproducing
5 apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 193(b) is a top view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 194(a) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

10 Fig. 194(b) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 194(c) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

15 Fig. 194(d) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 194(e) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 195 is a diagram of the relation between a distance from a magnetic head and the intensity of a dc magnetic field.

20 Fig. 196(a) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 196(b) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

25 Fig. 196(c) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 197 is a top view of a recording and reproducing

apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 198(a) is a sectional view of a magnetic head in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 198(b) is a top view of a magnetic head in the twenty-
5 third embodiment.

Fig. 198(c) is a sectional view of a magnetic head in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 198(d) is a top view of a magnetic head in the twenty-
third embodiment.

10 Fig. 199(a) is a top view of a recording medium in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 199(b) is a top view of a recording medium in the twenty-third embodiment.

15 Fig. 199(c) is a sectional view of a recording medium in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 200 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 201(a) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

20 Fig. 201(b) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 201(c) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

25 Fig. 201(d) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 202 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing

apparatus in the first embodiment.

Fig. 203(a) is a diagram of the distribution of the frequencies of occurrence of periods T , $1.5T$, and $2T$ in the first embodiment.

Fig. 203(b) is a diagram of the distribution of the frequencies
5 of occurrence of periods T , $1.5T$, and $2T$ in the first embodiment.

Fig. 204 is a diagram of the relation between the maximum burst correction length and the correction symbol number according to the CD standards.

Fig. 205 is a diagram of the dispersion length of data on a
10 recording medium in the first embodiment.

Fig. 206 is a diagram of the relation between the data amount of an error correction code and the error rate in the first embodiment.

Fig. 207(a) is a diagram of arrangement conversion related to
15 interleaving in the first embodiment.

Fig. 207(b) is a diagram of the data dispersion length related to interleaving in the first embodiment.

Fig. 208 is a block diagram of a de-interleaving portion in the first embodiment.

20 Fig. 209(a) is a block diagram of an ECC encoder in the first embodiment.

Fig. 209(b) is a block diagram of an ECC decoder in the first embodiment.

Fig. 210 is a flowchart of a program in the first embodiment.

25 Fig. 211 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the first embodiment.

Fig. 212(a) is a diagram of arrangement conversion related to interleaving in the first embodiment.

Fig. 212(b) is a diagram of the data dispersion length related to interleaving in the first embodiment.

5 Fig. 213 is a diagram of the distance and the time interval of a CD subcode.

Fig. 214 is an illustration of a table of the correspondence between a magnetic track and an optical address in the fourteenth embodiment.

10 Fig. 215 is a block diagram of a subcode sync signal detector and a magnetic recording portion in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 216 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the fourteenth embodiment.

15 Fig. 217 is a block diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 218(a) is a time-domain diagram of an optical reproduction sync signal in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 218(b) is a time-domain diagram of the conditions of magnetic recording operation in the fourteenth embodiment.

20 Fig. 218(c) is a time-domain diagram of a magnetic record sync signal in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 218(d) is a time-domain diagram of the conditions of optical reproducing operation in the fourteenth embodiment.

25 Fig. 218(e) is a time-domain diagram of an optical reproduction sync signal in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 218(f) is a time-domain diagram of the conditions of

magnetic reproducing operation in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 218(g) is a time-domain diagram of a magnetic reproduction sync signal in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 218(h) is a time-domain diagram of magnetic reproduced
5 data in the fourteenth embodiment.

Fig. 219 is a diagram of a disk eccentricity according to the CD standards.

Fig. 220 is a diagram of a file structure in the twenty-second embodiment.

10 Fig. 221 is a diagram of a disk-shaped recording medium in this invention.

Fig. 222 is a diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus for the disk-shaped recording medium of Fig. 221.

Fig. 223 is a diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus
15 according to a twenty-fifth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 224 is a diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a twenty-fifth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 225 is a diagram of a disk-shaped recording medium.

Fig. 226 is a diagram of a data sector structure.

20 Fig. 227 is a diagram of an error correction code.

Fig. 228(a) is a diagram of a data sector structure in this invention.

Fig. 228(b) is a diagram of a data sector structure in this invention.

25 Fig. 228(c) is a diagram of a data sector structure in this invention.

Fig. 229(a) is a diagram of a data sector structure in this invention.

Fig. 229(b) is a diagram of a data sector structure in this invention.

5 Fig. 229(c) is a diagram of a data sector structure in this invention.

Fig. 230(a) is a diagram of the arrangement of an error correction code in this invention.

10 Fig. 230(b) is a diagram of the arrangement of an error correction code in this invention.

Fig. 230(c) is a diagram of the arrangement of an error correction code in this invention.

Fig. 231 is a diagram of a disk-shaped recording medium in this invention.

15 Fig. 232(a) is a diagram of the relation between a logic sector and a data sector.

Fig. 232(b) is a diagram of an interleaving arrangement.

Fig. 232(c) is a diagram of a medium format.

20 Fig. 233(a) is a diagram of the arrangement of an error correction code in this invention.

Fig. 233(b) is a diagram of the arrangement of an error correction code in this invention.

Fig. 233(c) is a diagram of the arrangement of an error correction code in this invention.

25 Fig. 234(a) is a diagram of the arrangement of an error correction code in this invention.

Fig. 234(b) is a diagram of the arrangement of an error correction code in this invention.

Fig. 234(c) is a diagram of the arrangement of an error correction code in this invention.

5 Fig. 235 is a diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in this invention.

Fig. 236 is a diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in this invention.

10 Fig. 237 is a diagram of measured data of the amount of magnetic flux which leaks from an optical head.

Fig. 238 is a diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in this invention.

Fig. 239 is a diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in this invention.

15 Fig. 240 is an illustration of a clutch in a recording and reproducing apparatus in this invention.

Fig. 241 is a diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in this invention.

20 Fig. 242 is a diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in this invention.

Fig. 243 is a diagram of a recording and reproducing apparatus in this invention.

Fig. 244 is a perspective view of a recording and reproducing apparatus.

25 Fig. 245 is a block diagram of a head positioning apparatus according to a thirty-second embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 246 is a diagram of a recording medium.

Fig. 247 is a diagram of a recording medium.

Fig. 248 is a block diagram of a head positioning apparatus according to a thirty-third embodiment of this invention.

5 Fig. 249 is a block diagram of a head positioning apparatus according to a thirty-fourth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 250(a) is an illustration of an objective lens in an optical head in the thirty-fourth embodiment.

10 Fig. 250(b) is an illustration of an objective lens in an optical head in the thirty-fourth embodiment.

Fig. 251 is a block diagram of a head positioning apparatus in the thirty-fourth embodiment.

Fig. 252 is an illustration of a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a thirty-sixth embodiment of this invention.

15 Fig. 253 is a flowchart of a program in the thirteenth embodiment.

Fig. 254(a) is a top view of a recording medium in a cartridge in the twenty-third embodiment.

20 Fig. 254(b) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 254(c) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 254(d) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

25 Fig. 254(e) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 254(f) is a sectional view of a recording and reproducing apparatus in the twenty-third embodiment.

Fig. 255(a) is a sectional view of a recording medium in the twelfth embodiment.

5 Fig. 255(b) is a diagram of the physical structure of a medium identifier in the twelfth embodiment.

Fig. 256 is a diagram of a file structure in the twenty-second embodiment.

10 Fig. 257 is a diagram of a file structure in the twenty-second embodiment.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIRST PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

With reference to Fig. 1, a recording and reproducing apparatus 1 contains a recording medium 2 which includes a laminated structure of a magnetic recording layer 3, an optical
15 recording layer 4, and a transparent layer 5.

During the magneto-optical reproduction, light emitted from a light emitting section is focused on the optical recording layer 4 by an optical head 6 and an optical recording block 7, and a magneto-optically recorded signal is reproduced from the recording medium
20 2.

During the magneto-optical recording, laser light is focused on a given region of the optical recording layer 4 by the optical head 6 and the optical recording block 7 so that a temperature at the given region increases to or above a Curie temperature of the optical
25 recording layer 4. Under these conditions, a magnetic field applied to the given region of the optical recording layer 4 is modulated by a

magnetic head 8 and a magnetic recording block 9 in response to information to be recorded, so that recording of the information on the optical recording layer 4 is done.

During the magnetic recording, the magnetic head 8 and the
5 magnetic recording block 9 are used in recording information on the magnetic recording layer 3.

A system controller 10 receives operating information and output information from various circuits, and drives a drive block 11 and executes control of a motor 17 and tracking and focusing
10 control with respect to the optical head 6. The system controller 10 includes a microcomputer or a similar device having a combination of a CPU, a ROM, a RAM, and an I/O port. The system controller 10 operates in accordance with a program stored in the ROM.

15 In the case where an input signal fed from an exterior is required to be recorded, a recording instruction is fed to the system controller 10 from an interface 14 or a keyboard 15 in response to the reception of the input signal or the operation of the keyboard 15 by the user. The system controller 10 outputs an
20 inputting instruction to an input section 12, and also outputs an optical recording instruction to the optical recording block 7. The input signal, for example, an audio signal or a video signal, is received by the input section 12 and is converted by the input section 12 into a digital signal of a given format such as a PCM
25 format. The digital signal is fed from the input section 12 to an input section 32 of the optical recording block 7, being coded by an

ECC encoder 35 for error correction. An output signal of the ECC encoder 35 is transmitted to the magnetic head 8 via an optical recording circuit 37, and a magnetic recording circuit 29 and a magnetic recording circuit 29 in the magnetic recording block 9.

5 The magnetic head 8 generates a recording magnetic field responsive to an optical recording signal, and applies the magnetic field to magneto-optical material (photo-magnetic material) in a given region of the optical recording layer 4. Recording material in a narrower region of the optical recording layer 4 is heated to a

10 Curie temperature or higher by laser light applied from the optical head 6, so that this region of the optical recording layer 4 undergoes a magnetization change or transition responsive to the applied magnetic field. Thus, as shown in Fig. 2, narrower regions of the optical recording layer 4 are sequentially magnetized as

15 denoted by arrows 52 while the recording medium 2 is rotated and scanned in a direction 51.

During the previously-mentioned recording of information on the optical recording layer 4, the system controller 10 receives tracking information, address information, and clock information

20 from an optical head circuit 39 and an optical reproducing circuit 38 which have been recorded on the optical recording layer 4, and the system controller 10 outputs control information to the drive block 11 on the basis of the received information. Specifically, the system controller 10 feeds a control signal to a motor drive circuit

25 26 to control the rotational speed of the motor 17 for driving the recording medium 2 so that a relative speed between the optical

head 6 and the recording medium 2 will be equal to a given linear velocity.

5 An optical head drive circuit 25 and an optical head actuator 18 execute tracking control responsive to a control signal from the system controller 10 so that a light beam will scan a target track on the recording medium 2. In addition, the optical head drive circuit 25 and the optical head actuator 18 execute focusing control responsive to a control signal from the system controller 10 so that the light beam will be accurately focused on the optical recording
10 layer 4.

In the case where the access to another track is required, a head moving circuit 24 and a head moving actuator 23 move a head base 19 in response to a control signal from the system controller 10 so that the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 on the head
15 base 19 will be moved together. Thus, the both heads reach equal radial positions on opposite surfaces of the recording medium 2 which align with a desired track.

A head elevator 20 for the magnetic head 8 is driven by a magnetic head elevating circuit 22 and an elevating motor 21 in
20 response to a control signal from the system controller 10. During a time where a disk cassette 42 is being loaded with the recording medium 2 or where magnetic recording is not executed, the magnetic head 8 and a slider 41 are separated from the magnetic recording layer 3 of the recording medium 2 to prevent wear of the
25 magnetic head 8.

As described previously, the system controller 10 feeds

various control signals to the drive block 11, and thereby executes tracking control and focusing control of the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8, elevation control of the magnetic head 8, and control of the rotational speed of the motor 17.

5 A description will now be given of a method of reproducing a magneto-optically recorded signal. As shown in Fig. 2, laser light emitted from the light emitting section 57 is incident to a polarization beam splitter 55, being reflected and directed toward an optical path 59 by the polarization beam splitter 55. The laser
10 light travels along the optical path 59, being incident to a lens 54 and then being focused on the optical recording layer 4 of the recording medium 2 by the lens 54. In this case, focusing and tracking control is done by driving only the lens 54 through the optical head drive section 18.

15 As shown in Fig. 2, the magneto-optical material of the optical recording layer 4 is in magnetized conditions depending on the optical recorded signal. Thus, the polarization angle of reflected light traveling back along an optical path 59a depends on the direction of the magnetization of the optical recording layer 4 due
20 to the Kerr effect. The reflected light is separated from the forward light by the polarization beam splitter 55, traveling through the polarization beam splitter 55 and entering another polarization beam splitter 56. The reflected light is divided by the polarization beam splitter 56 into two beams incident to light receiving sections
25 58 and 58a respectively. The light receiving sections 58 and 58a convert the incident light beams into corresponding electric signals

respectively. A subtractor (not shown) derives a difference between the output signals of the light receiving sections 58 and 58a. Since the derived difference depends on the direction of the magnetization of the optical recording layer 4, the subtractor
5 generates a signal equal to the reproduction of the optical recorded signal. In this way, the optical recorded signal is reproduced.

The reproduced signal is fed from the optical head 6 to the optical recording block 7, being processed by the optical head circuit 39 and the optical reproducing 38 and being subjected to
10 error correction by an ECC decoder 36. As a result, the original digital signal is recovered from the reproduced signal. The recovered original digital signal is fed to an output section 33. The output section 33 is provided with a memory which stores a quantity of the recorded signal (the recorded information) which
15 corresponds to a given interval of time. In the case where the memory 34 consists of a 1-Mbit IC memory and a compressed audio signal having a bit rate of 250 kbps is handled, a quantity of the recorded signal which corresponds to a time of about 4 seconds can be stored. In the case of an audio player, if the optical head 6 moves
20 out of tracking by an external vibration, the recovery of tracking in a time of 4 seconds prevents the occurrence of a discontinuity in a reproduced audio signal. The reproduced signal is then transmitted from the output section 33 to an output section 13 at a final stage. In the case where the reproduced signal represents audio
25 information, the reproduced signal is subjected to PCM demodulation before being outputted to an external device as an

analog audio signal.

A description will now be given of a magnetic recording mode of operation. In Fig. 1, an input signal applied to an input section 12 from an external device or an output signal of the system controller 10 is transmitted to an input section 21A of the magnetic recording block 9, being subjected by the ECC encoder 35 in the optical recording block 7 to a coding process such as an error correcting process. The resultant coded signal is transmitted to the magnetic head 8 via the magnetic recording circuit 29 and the magnetic head circuit 31.

With reference to Fig. 3, the magnetic recorded signal fed to the magnetic head 8 is converted by a winding 40 into a corresponding magnetic field. The magnetic material of the magnetic recording layer 3 is vertically magnetized by the magnetic field as denoted by arrows 61 in Fig. 3. In this way, magnetic recording in a vertical direction is done so that the information signal is recorded on the recording medium 2. The recording medium 2 has a vertically magnetized film. As the recording medium 2 is moved along a direction 51, time segments of the information signal is sequentially recorded on the magnetic recording medium 2. In this case, although the optical recording layer 4 is also subjected to the magnetic field, the optical recording layer 4 is prevented from being magnetized by the magnetic field since the magneto-optical material of the optical recording layer 4 has a magnetic coercive force of several thousands to ten thousands of Oe at temperatures below the Curie temperature.

In the case where a portion of the magnetic recording layer 3 which actually undergoes the magnetic recording process is excessively close to the optical recording layer 4, the intensity of a magnetic field applied to the optical recording layer 4 from the magnetic recording portion of the magnetic recording layer 3 sometimes reaches a level of several tens to several hundreds of Oe. Under these conditions, in the case where the temperature of the optical recording layer 4 is increased above the Curie temperature for magneto-optical recording, the optical recording layer 4 tends to undergo a magnetization change or transition in response to the magnetic field from the magnetic recording portion of the magnetic recording layer 3 so that an error rate increases during the magneto-optical recording. To resolve such a problem, it is preferable to provide an interference layer 81 of a given thickness between the magnetic recording layer 3 and the optical recording layer 4 as shown in Fig. 7. Opposite surfaces of the optical recording layer 4 are provided with protective layers 82 and 82a to prevent deterioration thereof. The sum of the thickness of the interference layer 81 and the thickness of the protective layer 82 is equal to an interference interval or distance L . In this case, an attenuation rate is given as $56.4 \times L / \lambda$ where λ denotes a magnetic recording wavelength. When $\lambda = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$, an interference interval L of $0.2 \mu\text{m}$ or greater can provide an adequate level of the effect.

As shown in Fig. 8, a protective layer 82 of a thickness equal to or greater than the interference interval may be provided between the magnetic recording layer 3 and the optical recording

layer 4.

The magnetic recording medium 2 of Fig. 7 was fabricated as follows. The protective layer 82 and the interference layer 81 were sequentially formed on the optical recording layer 4. Magnetic material such as barium ferrite was prepared which had vertical anisotropy. Lubricant, binder, and the magnetic material were mixed. The resultant mixture was applied to the substrate by spin coat to form the magnetic recording layer 3 while a magnetic field was applied to the substrate in the vertical direction of the substrate.

The recording and reproducing apparatus 1 can operate on a ROM disk similar to a compact disk (CD). Fig. 9 shows an example of a ROM-type recording medium 2. The recording medium 2 of Fig. 9 was fabricated as follows. A substrate 5 was provided with pits. A reflecting film 84 of suitable material such as aluminum was formed over the pits of the substrate 5. Lubricant, binder, and magnetic material were mixed. The resultant mixture was applied to the reflecting film 84 to form a magnetic recording layer 3 while a magnetic field was applied to the substrate 5 in the vertical direction of the substrate 5. The magnetic recording layer 3 had a vertical magnetic recording film. The recording medium of Fig. 9 has the function of a CD ROM at one side, and has the function of a RAM at the other side. Thus, the recording medium of Fig. 9 provides various advantages as described later. In this case, a cost increase results from only adding the magnetic substance to the material which will form a protective film through spin coat similar

to that executed to fabricate a currently-used CD. Accordingly, a manufacturing cost increase corresponds to only the cost of the magnetic substance. Since the cost of the magnetic substance is equal to a few percent of the manufacturing cost of the recording medium, the cost increase is very small.

During the magnetic recording, tracking is executed as follows. In Fig. 1, the optical head 6 and the optical head circuit 39 reproduce tracking information from the recording medium 2. The system controller 10 outputs a moving instruction to the head moving circuit 24 in response to the reproduced tracking information, driving the actuator 23 and thereby moving the head base 19 in the tracking direction. Thus, as shown in Fig. 4, light beam emitted from the optical head 6 is focused into a spot 66 near a given optical recording track 65 of the optical recording layer 4.

The optical head drive section 18 for driving the optical head 6 is mechanically coupled with the magnetic head 8 via the head base 19 and the head elevator 20. Therefore, the magnetic head 8 moves in the tracking direction as the optical head 6 moves. Thus, when the optical head 6 is aligned with the given optical track 66, the magnetic head 8 is moved into alignment with a given magnetic track 67 which extends at the opposite side of the optical track 66. Guard bands 68 and 68a are provided at opposite sides of the magnetic track 67. As shown in Fig. 5, when the position of the optical head 6 is controlled so as to scan a given T_n -th optical track 65, the magnetic head 8 runs along a given M_m -th magnetic track 67 extending at the opposite side of the optical track 65. In this

case, the drive system for the optical head 6 suffices and it is unnecessary to provide a tracking control device for the magnetic head 8. Furthermore, it is unnecessary to provide a linear sensor required in a conventional magnetic disk drive.

5 A description will now be given of a method of accessing an optical track and a magnetic track. The optical head 6 is subjected to tracking together with the magnetic head 8. Therefore, in the case where there is a difference in radial direction between an optical track currently exposed to an information recording or
10 reproducing process from the lower surface and a magnetic track desired to be accessed from the upper surface, the two tracks can not be accessed at the same time. In the case of a data signal, this access problem causes only a delay in access and does not cause a significant problem. In the case of a continuous signal such as an
15 audio signal or a video signal, an interruption is generally unacceptable. Thus, the magnetic recording can not be executed during an optical recording or reproducing process at a normal speed. This embodiment uses the system in which the memory 34 is provided in connection with the input section 32 and the output
20 section 33 to store a quantity of a signal which corresponds to an interval equal to several times the maximum access time of magnetic recording.

 As shown in Fig. 6, the rotational speed of the recording medium 2 is increased by n times during a recording or
25 reproducing process, and thereby an optical recording or reproducing time T is shortened to $1/n$ as compared with that of a

normal speed and becomes equal to T_1 and T_2 . Thus, a time T_0 between t_2 and t_5 which equals to $n-1$ times the recording or reproducing time is a margin time. In the case where a magnetic track is accessed during an access time T_a between t_2 and t_3 in the margin time T_0 and a magnetic recording or reproducing process is done during a recording or reproducing time T_R between t_3 and t_4 and where head return or motion to an original optical track or a next optical track is done during a return time T_b between t_5 and t_6 , access for the optical recording and access for the magnetic recording can be executed in time division by a single head moving section. In this case, the capacity of the memory 34 is chosen so that the memory 34 can store a continuous signal during the margin time T_0 .

Access to a track by the magnetic head 8 will now be described with reference to Fig. 6 and Figs. 10-16. A cassette 42 shown in Fig. 15 includes the recording medium 2. The cassette 42 is inserted into a recess in a casing of the recording and reproducing apparatus 1 shown in Fig. 16. Then, as shown in Fig. 10, a light beam emitted from the optical head 6 is focused on an optical track 65 in a TOC region on a recording surface of the recording medium 2, and TOC information is reproduced. Index information is recorded in the TOC region. During the reproduction of the TOC information, the magnetic head 8 travels on a magnetic track 67 at the opposite side of the optical track 65 so that magnetically recorded information is reproduced from the magnetic track 67. In this way, during the first process, information is

reproduced from the optical track in the TOC region of the recording medium 2, and simultaneously information is reproduced from the magnetic track. The information reproduced from the magnetic track represents the contents of previous access,

5 conditions at the end of previous operation, or others. As shown in Fig. 16, the contents of the reproduced information are indicated on a display 16.

In the case of audio information, a final music number, an elapsed time of an interruption thereof, a reserved music number,
10 or others are automatically recorded on the magnetic recording region. When the magnetic recording medium 2 is inserted into the recording and reproducing apparatus 1 again, information of a table of contents is reproduced from the optical track 65 and also information at the end of previous operation is reproduced from the
15 magnetic track 67 as previously described. The reproduced information is indicated on the display 16 as shown in Fig. 16. Fig. 16 shows conditions where the previous access end time, the operator name, the final music number, the elapsed time of an interruption, the previously preset music order, and the music
20 number are recorded and indicated. Specifically, "Continue?" is indicated. When "Yes" is inputted as a reply, the music starts to be reproduced from a point at which the previous operation ends. When "No" is inputted as a reply, the music is reproduced in the preset order. In this way, the user is enabled to enjoy the automatic
25 reproduction of the previously-interrupted contents as they are, or to listen the music in the desired order.

In the case of a CD ROM game device 18 shown in Fig. 18, the previously interrupted game contents, for example, the stage number, the acquired points, and the item attainment number, are recorded and reproduced. Upon the start of the game a certain
5 time after the previous end of the game, the game can be started from the place same as the previous place and the conditions same as the previous conditions. This advantage can not be provided by a prior art CD ROM game device.

The above-mentioned simple method of accessing the
10 magnetic track in the TOC region has an advantage in that the structure is simple and the cost is low although the memory capacity is small.

A description will now be given of access to a track outside the TOC region. Fig. 11 shows conditions where the optical head 6
15 accesses a given optical track 65a. At this time, the magnetic head 8 which moves together with the optical head 6 accesses a magnetic track 67a at the opposite side of the optical track 65a. In the case where required information is on a magnetic track 67b separate from the magnetic track 67a, it is necessary to move the magnetic
20 head 8 to the magnetic track 67b. In this case, as previously described with reference to Fig. 6, it is necessary to complete the head movement, the recording, and the head return in a margin time T_0 . List information representing the correspondence between the magnetic track numbers and the optical track numbers
25 is previously recorded on a TOC region or another given region of the optical recording layer 4. The list information is read out, and

the optical track number corresponding to the required magnetic track number is calculated by referring to the list information. Then, as shown in Fig. 12, during an access time T_a , the head base 19 is moved and fixed so that the optical head 6 can access an optical track 65b corresponding to the calculated optical track number. Thus, the magnetic head 8 will follow the required magnetic track 67b. In this way, the magnetic recording or reproduction can be executed. In this case, as shown in Fig. 13, while the optical track 65a is being scanned, the magnetic head 8 remains lifted to an upper position well separated from the magnetic recording layer 3 by the elevating motor 21. In addition, during the access time T_a , as denoted by the character " ω " in Fig. 6, the rotational speed of the motor 17 is lowered. While the rotational speed remains low, the magnetic head 8 is moved downward into contact with the magnetic recording layer 3. Thereby, it is possible to prevent the magnetic head 8 from being damaged. During an interval T_R , the rotational speed is increased and the magnetic recording is done. During an interval T_b , the rotational speed is lowered and the magnetic head 8 is lifted. Then, the rotational speed is increased again, and the optical head 6 is returned to the optical track 65a as shown in Fig. 13. During an interval T_2 , optical recording and reproduction is done. Since the data stored in the memory 34 is reproduced during the margin time T_0 , the reproduced signal or the reproduced music will not be interrupted. As shown in Fig. 14, during access to the TOC region, the magnetic head 8 is not moved downward in the presence of an

instruction representing that magnetic recording on the TOC region is unnecessary. Thereby, even if a recording medium 2 having no magnetic recording layer 3 is inserted into the recording and reproducing apparatus, the magnetic head 8 can be prevented from contacting the recording medium 2 and being thus damaged. In this way, the execution of the upward and downward movement of the magnetic head 8 during a period of the occurrence of a lowered rotational speed provides an advantage such that a damage to the magnetic head 8 can be prevented and wear thereof can be remarkably reduced.

Fig. 15 shows the cassette 42 which contains the recording medium 2. The cassette 42 is provided with a shutter 88, a magnetic recording prevention click 89, and an optical recording prevention click 89a. The magnetic recording prevention and the optical recording prevention can be set separately. In the case of a ROM cassette, only a magnetic recording prevention click 89a is provided thereon.

Fig. 17 shows a recording and reproducing apparatus for reproduction of optically recorded information. An optical recording circuit and an ECC encoder are omitted from an optical recording block 7 in the recording and reproducing apparatus of Fig. 17 as compared with that of Fig. 1. The recording and reproducing apparatus of Fig. 17 additionally includes a magnetic head elevator 20, a magnetic head 8, and a magnetic recording block 9 as compared with a conventional reproduction player such as a CD player. All the parts of the recording and reproducing

apparatus of Fig. 17 can be used in common to the parts of the recording and reproducing apparatus of Fig. 1. Their costs are very low relative to optical recording parts, and the resultant cost increase is small. Although the memory capacity is smaller than
5 that of a floppy disk, information can be recorded and reproduced on and from a ROM-type recording medium at such a low cost. Thus, in the case of a game device or a CD player requiring only a small memory capacity, various advantages are provided as previously described. According to estimation, in the case of a
10 recording medium disk having a diameter of 60 mm, a magnetic recording memory capacity of about 1 KB to 10 KB is obtained by using a magnetic head for modulating a magnetic field. A memory of a 2-KB or 8-KB SRAM is provided on a typical game ROM IC, and thus the above-mentioned memory capacity is sufficient. Thus,
15 there is an advantage such that the recording medium disk can replace a ROM IC.

The error correction encoder 35 and the error correction decoder 36 of Fig. 1 will now be described in detail. With respect to a normal magnetic disk such as a 3.5-inch floppy disk of the 2HD
20 type or the 2DD type, an error correcting process is not executed. In the case of the 3.5-inch 2HD floppy disk, the error rate is close to 10^{-12} when record and reproduction are done at 135 TPI. Accordingly, in the case where this floppy disk is used in a cartridge, the disk is less contaminated or injured so that there
25 hardly occurs a burst error. Therefore, it is unnecessary to execute error correction including interleaving. A CD ROM having a

magnetic recording layer on a medium front surface or back surface is used without any cartridge. In the case of such a CD ROM, dust and a scratch cause a burst error.

The recording medium of this invention is designed so that
5 Hc=1900 Oe. The magnetic recording layer is applied to the CD label side in which the space loss by the print layer and the protective layer is 9 to 10 micrometers. During experiments, this recording medium was subjected 10^6 times to recording and reproducing processes by a magnetic head of the amorphous
10 lamination (multilayer) type through MFM modulation at 500 BPI, that is, a wavelength of 50 μm , and the frequencies of appearance of respective pulse widths were measured. Fig. 203(a) and Fig. 203(b) show the results of the measurement. Fig. 203(a) shows the results of the measurement of the pulse with up to 1 ms. Fig. 203(b) shows
15 the enlarged measurement data of the pulse width up to 100 μs .

As denoted by the arrow 51a of Fig. 203(a), some burst errors having long periods occur with respect to sampling of 10^6 times. Thus, interleaving is done as shown in the error correcting portion
35 of Fig. 1 or Fig. 202. Specifically, as shown in Figs. 207(a) and
20 207(b), ECC encoding is done before or after the interleaving.

As shown in Fig. 203(b), the intervals of 1T, 1.5T, and 2T in MFM modulation are adequately large. Thus, it is thought that an error rate of about 10^{-5} to 10^{-6} occurs under bad conditions.

Burst errors more frequently occur in comparison with a disk
25 in a cartridge such as a floppy disk. In addition, more random error occur by several orders. Accordingly, to use such a recording

medium without any cartridge, interleaving and good correction are necessary. As the amount of error correction code increases, the degree of redundancy increases but the amount of data decreases. A target value of burst error countermeasure is determined with
5 reference to the allowable standard (reference) of scratch of a CD. The probability of the occurrence of a scratch on the optical recording surface is equal to that on the label surface. Fig. 204 shows the ability of error correction with respect to a scratch on the optical recording layer of a CD. In the case of correction of 4
10 symbols, it is possible to compensate for a scratch corresponding to 14 frames or less, that is, a scratch having a length of 2.38 mm or less. The interleaving length is set to correspond to 108 frames, that is, a length of 18.36 mm. Thus, with respect to the magnetic recording layer, it is necessary to provide error correcting ability
15 containing interleaving which can compensate for a scratch having a length of 2.38 mm or less. In this case, an optimal degree of redundancy is attained. Therefore, even if the magnetic recording portion of this recording medium is subjected to such a scratch, the resultant errors are corrected by the encoder 35 and the decoder
20 36 so that data errors do not occur. Thus, the user can handle the recording medium of this invention similarly to a CD or a CD ROM.

According to this invention, it was experimentally confirmed that a scratch of 7 mm at an outermost portion and a scratch of 3 mm at an innermost portion were compensated under conditions
25 where the interleaving corresponded to a length of 18 mm or more and Reed-Solomon error correction was used, and the degree of

redundancy corresponded to a factor of 1.2 in the range of upper and lower 10% as shown in Fig. 206. Thus, a scratch of 2.38 mm could be compensated under these conditions. The interleaving length L_d on the data is defined as shown in Fig. 205, and a physical
5 interleaving length L_M on the medium surface is set to 18 mm or more. In addition, as shown in Fig. 206, the data amount of error correction code such as Reed-Solomon code is set equal to the original data amount multiplied by a value of 0.08 to 0.32. Thereby, it is possible to attain error correction against a scratch which is
10 comparable with that in a CD.

Fig. 202 shows the details of the error correction encoder 35 and the error correction decoder 36. The magnetic record signal is ECC-encoded by a Reed-Solomon encoder 35a for executing an operation of Reed-Solomon encoding. A transverse-direction parity
15 452a is added to the ECC-encoded data sequence. In an interleaving portion 35b, according to an interleaving table of Figs. 207(a) and 207(b), the data sequence is read out in a longitudinal direction 51b so that the original data is separated by a dispersion distance L on the recording medium surface as shown in Fig. 207(b).
20 Even in the presence of a burst error, the data can be recovered in response to the parity 452. When the dispersion length L is set to 19 mm or more, an error compensating ability comparable to that of a CD can be attained. With respect to the reproduced signal, in a de-interleaving portion 36b shown in Fig. 208, the data is mapped
25 onto a RAM 36x and is then subjected to address conversion reverse to that of Figs. 207(a) and 207(b) so that the data is returned to the

original arrangement (sequence).

Then, the reproduced data is processed by a Reed-Solomon decoder 36a of Fig. 209(b) as follows. As shown in Fig. 210, at a step 452b, P and Q parities and the data are inputted. At a step
5 452c, syndromes S1 and S2 are calculated. Only when $S1=S2=0$ at a step 452d, an advance to a step 452g is done so that the data is outputted. In the presence of an error, calculation for error correction is executed at a step 452e. Only when the error is corrected by a step 452f, the data is outputted at the step 452g. In
10 this invention, the demodulation clock speed (rate) in the magnetic recording and reproducing portion is equal to 30 Kbps (see Figs. 203(a) and 203(b)) which is a data rate equal to 1/100 of the CD data rate. In view of this small data processing amount, error correction of the optical reproduced signal is done by an exclusive
15 IC while the signal processing in the error correction encoder 35 and the error correction decoder 36 of Fig. 202 is executed by a microcomputer 10a in the system controller 10 through a time division technique. Specifically, the interleaving of Figs. 207(a) and 207(b) and the error correction in Fig. 210 are done by the
20 microcomputer 10a.

The microcomputer 10a is of the 8-bit or 16-bit type driven by a clock signal having a several tens of MHz. As shown in Fig. 210, two routines, that is, a system control routine 452p and an error correcting routine 452a are executed in time division. Specifically,
25 the system control routine is started as a step 452h, and motor rotation control is executed at a step 452j. At a step 452k, control

for head movement and control for an actuator such as a traverse are executed. At a step 452m, indication of a drive and control of an input/output drive system are executed. Only in the case where one work unit for the system control is completed at a step 452n and
5 error correction is required, entrance into the error correction routine 452q is done. At a step 452r, interleaving or de-interleaving is executed which has been described with reference to Fig. 207(a) and 207(b). Steps 452b-452g execute calculations for the previously-mentioned error correction.

10 In this invention, the magnetic recording has a data rate of about 30 kbps. Accordingly, an 8-bit or 16-bit microcomputer chip driven by a clock signal having a frequency of about 10 MHz can be used in executing the system control and the error correction. In the case where the error correction related to the optical
15 reproduction is executed by an exclusive IC and the error correction related to the magnetic recording and reproduction is executed by the microcomputer, it is possible to omit a magnetic error correction circuit. Since it is unnecessary to add a new error correction circuit with an interleaving function in this way, this
20 design is advantageous in that the structure of the apparatus is simple.

Fig. 211 shows an arrangement using a method in which error correction is performed both before and after an interleaving process. The arrangement of Fig. 211 is similar to the
25 arrangements of Fig. 1 and Fig. 202 except for design changes indicated hereinafter.

In the arrangement of Fig. 211, magnetic record data is ECC-encoded by a Reed-Solomon C2 error correction encoder 35a in an error correcting portion 35, and a C2 parity 45 is added thereto. Then, the resultant data is processed by an interleaving portion 35b as follows. Specifically, as shown in Fig. 212(a), data in a transverse direction 51a is read out along a longitudinal direction 51b so that the data is outputted as shown in Fig. 212(b). For example, data segments A1 and A2 are dispersed and separated by a dispersion length L1. Subsequently, a Reed-Solomon C1 error correction encoder 35c subjects the data to error correction encoding in the longitudinal direction, and a C1 parity is added thereto. The resultant data is magnetically recorded onto a recording medium.

In the arrangement of Fig. 211, during reproduction, data demodulated by an MFM demodulator 30d is subjected by a Reed-Solomon C1 error correcting portion to random error correction responsive to the C1 parity. Then, the data is mapped by the RAM 36x of the de-interleaving portion 36b in Fig. 208, being subjected to address conversion reverse to that of Figs. 212(a) and 212(b). Therefore, the data is re-arranged into the original data along the transverse direction before being outputted. In this way, a burst error is dispersed and made into random errors. The random errors are corrected by a Reed-Solomon C2 error correcting portion 36a of Figs. 212(a) and 212(b), and the error-free resultant data is recovered and outputted.

Since the arrangement of Figs. 212(a) and 212(b) executes the error correction at two stages, that is, before and after the

interleaving, burst errors can be effectively compensated. Although the single-stage error correction in Fig. 202 suffices as shown by the experimental data, it is preferable to use such two-stage error correction in recording and reproducing very important data.

5 DESCRIPTION OF THE SECOND PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 19 shows a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a second embodiment of this invention which is similar to the recording and reproducing apparatus of Fig. 1 except that a magnetic head 8a and a magnetic head circuit 31a are added
10 thereto.

As shown in Fig. 20, a magnetic head 8 executes magnetic recording on an entire region of a magnetic recording layer 3, the magnetic recording having a long recording wavelength. This process is similar to the corresponding process in the first
15 embodiment. Subsequently, the magnetic head 8a executes magnetic recording on a surface portion 3a, the magnetic recording having a short recording wavelength. Consequently, the surface portion 3a and a deep layer portion 3b are subjected to the magnetic recordings of independent sub and main channels having a
20 shorter wavelength and a longer wavelength respectively. In the case where a magnetic recording layer subjected to two-layer recording as shown in Fig. 20 undergoes a reproducing process by use of a magnetic head for a long wavelength such as the magnetic head for modulating the magnetic field in the first embodiment,
25 information can be reproduced from the main channel. Thus, provided that summary information is recorded on the main

channel while detailed information is recorded on the sub channel, the summary information can be reproduced by the system of the first embodiment and thus there will be an advantage such that the compatibility can be ensured between the apparatus of the first
5 embodiment and the apparatus of the second embodiment.

Fig. 21 shows a case where only a short-wavelength magnetic head 8 is provided. In this case, a signal of the sub channel, on which a signal of the main channel is superimposed, is reproduced so that information of both the main and sub channels can be
10 reproduced. When the structure of Fig. 21 is applied to an apparatus exclusively for reproduction, its cost can be low.

An upper part of Fig. 22 shows a case where recording is done by a magnetic head for modulating a magnetic field, that is, a magnetic head 8 for a long wavelength. As shown in the drawing, in
15 the case where an N-pole portion is set "1" and a non-magnetized portion is set "0", recording is done as "0" in magnetization regions 120a and 120b and recording is done as "1" in a magnetization region 120c. Thus, a data sequence of "101" is obtained. As shown in a lower part of Fig. 22, in the case where an N-pole portion is set
20 "1" and a non-magnetized portion is set "0" by using a short-wavelength magnetic head 8b for vertical, a data sequence of "10110110" is obtained. In this case, 8-bit information can be recorded on a region 120d equal in size to a region 120a in the upper part of the drawing. When the information is reproduced
25 from the region 120d by the magnetic head 8, the reproduced information is decided to be "1" since there are only N-pole

portions. This is the same as the region 120a. Thus, "1" in the data sequence 122a can be reproduced. In the case where an S-pole portion is defined as "0" and a non-magnetized portion is defined as "1" in a region 120e, 8-bit information, that is, a data sequence of "01001010", can be recorded. When this information is reproduced by the magnetic head 8, the reproduced information is decided to be "0" since there are only S-pole portions. This is one bit, and a signal equal in polarity to the signal on the region 120b is reproduced with a slightly-smaller amplitude. Thus, as shown in Fig. 22, the short-wavelength magnetic head 8b records and reproduces the signal of the data sequence 122a of the main channel D1 and the signal of the data sequence 122 of the sub channel D2, while the magnetic head 8 for modulating the magnetic field reproduces the data sequence 122a of the main channel D1. Accordingly, there will be an advantage such that the compatibility can be ensured. The gap of the magnetic head 8 for modulating the magnetic field is preferably equal to 0.2 to 2 μm .

DESCRIPTION OF THE THIRD PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 23 shows a recording portion of a third embodiment of this invention. In the third embodiment, a reflecting film 84 provided with pits as shown in Fig. 9 was formed on a transparent substrate 5 for a recording medium 2, and a magnetic recording film 3 was provided. This process is similar to the corresponding process in the first embodiment except that a film of Co-ferrite was formed by plasma CVD or others. This material has a transparency, and it has a high light transmissivity when its thickness is small.

As shown in Fig. 23, light emitted from an optical head 6 is focused into a spot 66 on the recording medium from the back side thereof. The optical head 6 has a lens 54 which is connected to a slider 41 by a connecting portion 150. The connecting portion 150 has a spring effect. The slider 41 is made of transparent material. A magnetic head 8 is embedded into the slider 41. Thus, the optical head 6 reads the pits in the reflecting film 84 from the back side, and thereby tracking and focusing are controlled. Thus, the slider 41 connected thereto is subjected to tracking control so that the optical head 6 can follow a given optical track. A positional error between the lens 54 and the slider 41 is caused by only the spring effect of the connecting portion 150, and the slider 41 is controlled with an accuracy of a micron order. Upward and downward head movement is done together with the focusing control, and the movement is controlled with an accuracy of an order of several microns to several tens of microns.

Segments of information are sequentially recorded on the magnetic recording layer 3 by magnetic recording. In this embodiment, since optical tracking is enabled, there is a remarkable advantage such that a track pitch of several microns can be realized. Since the slider 41 and the magnetic head 8 are moved upward and downward according to the focusing control, a given track can be correctly followed by the magnetic head 8 even when the surface accuracy of the substrate 5 of the recording medium 2 is low. Thus, it is possible to use a substrate having a low surface accuracy. Accordingly, there is an advantage such that an

inexpensive substrate, for example, a plastic substrate or a non-polished glass substrate, can be used which is much cheaper than a polished glass substrate.

Fig. 23 shows the case where the optical head 6 executes the information reproduction on the recording medium 2 from the back side thereof. The information reproduction can also be done on the recording medium 2 by a mechanism such as a conventional optical disk player from the upper side thereof, and thus there is an advantage such that the compatibility can be ensured. In addition, there is a notable advantage such that a memory capacity greater than that in a conventional case by one or more orders can be realized by using the optical tracking.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FOURTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 24 shows a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a fourth embodiment of this invention which is similar to the recording and reproducing apparatus of Fig. 1 except for design changes indicated hereinafter. In the first embodiment, the magnetic head 8 uses the magneto-optical recording head for modulating the magnetic field as it is, and the vertical recording is done as shown in Fig. 3. On the other hand, in the fourth embodiment, as shown in Fig. 25, a magnetic head 8 has the function of horizontal magnetic recording and also the function of magneto-optical recording magnetic-field modulation, and the magnetic head 8 is used to execute horizontal recording on a magnetic recording layer 3 of a recording medium 2.

An equivalent head gap of the magnetic-field modulating head

in the first embodiment, for example, a head for an MD (a mini-disk), is generally 100 μm or greater, so that the recording wavelength λ is several hundreds of μm . In this case, a counter magnetic field is generated and thus a magnetism effectively used for actual recording is reduced, so that the level of a reproduced output is lowered. The first embodiment has a remarkable advantage such that a cost increase is prevented since a change of the structure is unnecessary, but the level of a reproduced output tends to be low.

10 In the case where a high level of a reproduced output is required with respect to long-wavelength recording, horizontal recording is preferable. In order to realize the horizontal recording, the fourth embodiment is modified from the first embodiment in a manner such that the structure of a magnetic head
15 is changed and a recording system is changed from vertical recording to horizontal recording.

As shown in Fig. 25, the magnetic head 8 of the fourth embodiment has a main magnetic pole 8a, a sub magnetic pole 8b, a head gap 8c, and a winding 40. The main magnetic pole 8a has the function of a magnetic head for modulating a magnetic field. The sub magnetic pole 8b serves to form a closed magnetic circuit. The head gap 8c has a gap length L. During horizontal recording, the magnetic head 8 is regarded as a ring head having a gap length L. The magnetic head 8 is designed so as to apply a uniform magnetic
20 field to an optical recording layer 4 during the magneto-optical
25 recording of the magnetic field modulation type.

In the case of a magnetic-recording mode of operation which is shown in Fig. 25, light emitted from the optical head 6 is focused into a spot 66 on the optical recording layer 4, and the optical head 6 reads out track information or address information therefrom.

5 The optical head 6 is subjected to tracking control so that a given optical track can be scanned. Thus, the magnetic head 8 connected to the optical head 6 travels on a given magnetic track. As shown in Fig. 25, while the recording medium 2 is moved in a direction 51, horizontal magnetic signals 61 are sequentially recorded in the
10 magnetic recording layer 3 in accordance with an electric information signal fed from a magnetic recording block 9. When the gap length is denoted by L and the recording wavelength is denoted by λ , there is a relation as $\lambda > 2L$. Thus, as the gap length L is decreased, a recording capacity is greater. In the case where the
15 gap length L is reduced, a region subjected to a uniform magnetic field is narrowed during the generation of a modulation magnetic field for the magneto-optical recording. Thus, in this case, the recordable region with respect to the light spot 66 provided by the optical head 6 is narrowed and it is necessary to increase the
20 accuracy of the sizes of the recording medium and the tracking mechanism, and thus the cost tends to be increased.

In the case of the execution of the magneto-optical recording as shown in Fig. 26, a spot 66 of laser light from the optical head 6 heats the corresponding point of the optical recording layer 4 to a
25 temperature equal to or higher than a Curie temperature thereof. The point of the optical recording layer 4 which is exposed to the

light spot 66 is magnetized in accordance with a modulation magnetic field generated by the magnetic head 8, and segments of an information signal 52 are sequentially recorded on the optical recording layer 4. The positional relation between the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 is affected by the accuracy of the size of the tracking mechanism which includes a head base 19. In the case of an MD, to lower the cost, the standard of the size accuracy is lenient. Thus, when worst conditions are considered, there is a chance that the positional relation between the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 is greatly out of order. Accordingly, it is preferable that the area of a region 8e exposed to a uniform magnetic field is as large as possible.

As shown in Fig. 26, the main magnetic pole portion 8a of the magnetic head 8 is formed with a tapered condensing section 8d, and thereby right-hand magnetic fluxes 85a and 85b are condensed so that a magnetic field is strengthened. Thus, the magnetic fluxes 85a and 85b are made equivalent to magnetic fluxes 85c, 85d, 85e, and 85f, and there is an advantage such that the region 8e exposed to a uniform magnetic field is enlarged. In this way, even when the relative position between the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 moves out of the correct position so that the relative position between the light spot 66 and the magnetic head 8 also moves out of the correct position, an optimal modulation magnetic field is applied to the optical recording layer 4 provided that the light spot 66 exists within the region 8e exposed to the uniform magnetic field. Accordingly, the magneto-optical recording is surely

executed, and an error rate is prevented from being worse.

As shown in Fig. 31, magnetic fluxes of the magnetically recorded signal 61 on the magnetic recording layer 3 are formed as magnetic fluxes 86a, 86b, 86c, and 86d. During the magneto-optical recording, the portion of the magneto-optical recording material which is heated by the light spot 66 to a temperature equal to or higher than the Curie temperature thereof is subjected to the magnetic field of the magnetic flux 86a by the magnetically recorded signal 61 and also the modulation magnetic field from the magnetic head 8. When the magnetic field of the magnetic flux 86a is stronger than the modulation magnetic field from the magnetic head 8, the magneto-optical recording responsive to the modulation magnetic field can not be correctly done. Thus, it is necessary to limit the magnitude of the magnetic flux 86a to a given level or less. Accordingly, an interference layer 81 having a thickness d is provided between the magnetic recording layer 3 and the optical recording layer 4 to reduce the adverse influence of the magnetic flux 86a. When the shortest recording wavelength is denoted by λ , the strength of the magnetic flux 66 at the optical recording layer 4 is attenuated by about $54.6 \times d / \lambda$. In the case of a recording medium, it can be thought that various recording wavelengths λ are used. It is general that the shortest recording wavelength is equal to $0.5 \mu\text{m}$. In this case, when the thickness d is $0.5 \mu\text{m}$, attenuation of about 60 dB is obtained so that the adverse influence of the magnetically recorded signal 61 hardly occurs.

As previously described, by using an interference film of a

thickness of 0.5 μm or greater between the magnetic recording layer 3 and the optical recording layer 4, there is provided an advantage such that the magnetically recorded signal hardly affects the magneto-optical recording. The interference film is preferably
5 made of non-magnetic material or magnetic material having a weak coercive force.

In the case where the magneto-optical recording and the magnetic recording are done by using a magneto-optical recording medium, a modulation magnetic field is prevented from injuring a
10 recorded magnetic signal provided that the modulation magnetic field for the magneto-optical recording is sufficiently weaker than the coercive force of magnetic material for a magnetic recording layer. When a ring-type head is used as in the previously-mentioned case, a strong magnetic field occurs in a head gap portion. Thus,
15 even if the modulation magnetic field is weak, there is a chance that the modulation magnetic field adversely affects a recorded magnetic signal and thus an error rate is increased. This problem is resolved as follows. In the case of recording on a magneto-optical recording medium, as shown in Fig. 27, before the optical head 6 records a
20 main information signal on the optical recording layer, an information signal magnetically recorded on a magnetic track 67g at the opposite side of an optical track 65g to be scanned is transferred to the memory 34 in the recording and reproducing apparatus or written on the optical recording layer to be saved. The
25 saving prevents a problem even when recorded data in the magnetic recording layer are damaged by the modulation magnetic field

during the magneto-optical recording.

A system controller 10 operates in accordance with a program stored in an internal ROM. Fig. 28 is a flowchart of this program. The program of Fig. 28 is divided into six large blocks. A decision
5 block 201 decides the character of a disk. In the case of a ROM disk, an exclusive-reproduction block 204 is used. In the case of reproduction on an optical RAM disk, a reproduction block 202 is executed and sometimes a reproduction/transfer block 203 is executed. In the case of recording on an optical RAM disk, a
10 recording block 205 is used and sometimes a recording/transfer block 206 is used. In the presence of a free time, only transfer is executed by a transfer block 207.

The program of Fig. 28 will now be described in more detail. In the decision block 201, a step 220 places a recording medium 2,
15 that is, a disk, into a correct position or an operable position. A step 221 decides the type of the disk by detecting a click on a disk cassette such as shown in Fig. 16. There are various disk types such as a ROM, a RAM, an magneto-optical recording medium, an optical recording prevention disk, and a magnetic recording prevention
20 disk. A subsequent step 222 moves the optical head 6 to a position aligned with an inner most optical track 65a and an innermost magnetic track 67a. A step 223 reads out magnetic information data and optical information data from a TOC region of the recording medium. In the case of a music disk, data is inputted
25 which represents a music number at the end of previous operation. In the case of a game disk, data is inputted which represents a stage

number at the previous end of the game. As shown in Fig. 16, when the user desires continuation in response to the inputted data, conditions at the end of previous operation are retrieved. A step 224 reads out an un-transfer flag from the magnetic TOC region.

- 5 The un-transfer flag being "1" represents that magnetic data which is not transferred to an optical data section remains. The un-transfer flag being "0" represents it does not remain. A step 225 decides whether the disk is a magneto-optical disk or a ROM disk. When the disk is a ROM disk, an advance toward a step 238 is done.
- 10 When the disk is a magneto-optical disk, an advance toward a step 226 is done. When the step 238 detects the presence of a reproducing instruction, a step 239 reproduces an optically recorded signal and a magnetically recorded signal. When the operation ends at a step 240, a step 241 writes information into the
- 15 TOC region of the magnetic track. The written information represents various changes occurring during the reproduction, for example, changes in the music reproduction order, and the music number at the end of the operation. After writing the information is completed, a step 242 ejects the disk.
- 20 As previously described, when the disk is a magneto-optical disk, an advance toward a step 226 is done. In the presence of a reproducing instruction, an advance to a step 227 is done. Otherwise, an advance to a step 243 is done. The step 227 executes reproducing a main recorded signal on an optical recording surface
- 25 at a speed higher than a normal reproduction speed, and sequentially stores the reproduced information into a memory. In

the case of a music signal, an amount of data which corresponds to several seconds can be stored. Thus, even if the reproduction is interrupted, reproduced music can be continued. When a step 228 detects that the memory is completely filled with the reproduced
5 information, a step 229 is executed. When the step 229 decides that an un-transfer flag is "1", the reproduction of the main recorded signal is interrupted and an advance to a step 230 in the reproduction/transfer block 203 is done. A check is made as to whether or not all of a sub recorded signal on a magnetic recording
10 surface has been reproduced. When the result of the check is Yes, an advance to a step 234 is done. Otherwise, an advance to a step 231 is done, and the sub recorded signal on the magnetic recording surface is reproduced and the reproduced information is stored into the memory. A step 232 checks whether or not outputting the
15 stored main recorded signal such as the music signal is still possible. When the result of the check is No, a return to the step 227 is done and reproducing and storing the main recorded information are executed. In the case where the result of the check is Yes, at the moment at which the sub recorded signal reaches a
20 preset memory amount in a step 233, the step 234 again checks whether or not storing and reproducing the main recorded signal can be done. When the result of the check is Yes, a step 235 transfers and writes the sub recorded signal from the memory into a transfer region on the optical recording surface. Then, a step 236
25 checks whether or not transferring all the data is completed. When the result of the check is No, a return to the step 230 is done and

the transfer is continued. When the result of the check is Yes, a step 237 changes the un-transfer flag from "1" to "0" and then a return to the step 226 is done.

In the case of recording on the optical recording layer, an
5 advance to a step 243 in the recording block 205 is done, and a
check is given with respect to a recording instruction. When the
result of the check is Yes, a step 244 executes storing the main
recorded signal into the memory and the optical recording is not
executed. A step 245 checks whether or not the memory has a free
10 area. When the result of the check is No, a step 245a executes the
optical recording of the main recorded signal and a return to the
step 243 is done. When the result of the check is Yes, an advance to
a step 246 is done. When the un-transfer flag is not "1", a return to
the step 243 is done. Otherwise, an advance to a step 247 in the
15 recording/transfer block 206. The step 247 stores the main
recorded signal into the memory and simultaneously reproduces a
sub recorded signal on a magnetic track 67g at the opposite side of
an optical track 65g of Fig. 27 which is planned to be subjected to
the optical recording at this time. In addition, the step 247 stores
20 the reproduced sub recorded signal into the memory. A step 248
checks whether or not the memory has a free area. When the result
of the check is Yes, a step 248a transfers and writes the sub
recorded signal into the optical recording layer. When the result of
the check is No, a return to the step 245a is done and the optical
25 recording is executed. A step 249 checks whether or not
transferring all the data has been completed. When the result of the

check is Yes, a step 250 changes the un-transfer flag from "1" to "0" and then a return to the step 243 is done. Otherwise, nothing is done and a return to the step 243 is done.

5 The step 243 checks whether or not a recording instruction is present. When the result of the check is No, an advance to a step 251 in the transfer block 207 is done. Here, recording and also reproducing the main recorded signal are unnecessary, and thus only the transfer of a sub recorded signal from a magnetic data surface to an optical data surface is executed. The step 251
10 executes reproducing the sub recorded information and storing the reproduced sub recorded information into the memory. A step 252 executes the transfer of the sub recorded signal from the memory to the optical recording layer. A step 253 checks whether or not transferring all the data has been completed. When the result of the
15 check is No, a return to the step 251 is done so that the transfer is continued. Otherwise, a step 254 changes the un-transfer flag from "1" to "0", and then a step 255 checks whether or not all the operation has been ended. When the result of the check is No, a
20 return to the first step 226 is done. Otherwise, an advance to a step 256 is done, and the information which has been changed by this work and other information such as information representing that the un-transfer flag is "0" are magnetically recorded on the TOC region of a magnetic track. Then, a step 257 ejects the disk, and the work regarding this disk is ended.
25 It should be noted that the step 256 may again write all the sub recorded signal into the magnetic recording layer from the

memory to return the magnetic-recording layer to the conditions which occur before the execution of the optical recording.

As previously described, only the data in the magnetic track among the data on the magnetic recording surface, which might be
5 damaged by a modulation magnetic field during the optical recording, is transferred and saved into the memory or the optical recording surface. Thus, there is an advantage such that a damage to the data on the magnetic recording surface can be substantially prevented.

10 Optical recording may be done by recording saved data on a magnetic track again and retrieving the saved data after the work of optical recording. In this case, there is an advantage such that data on a magnetic recording surface is retrieved upon the ejection of a disk.

15 The design of Fig. 28 uses a method where data on a magnetic recording surface, which might be damaged, is transferred to an optical recording surface before magneto-optical recording is done. On the other hand, a design of Fig. 29 uses a method where data transfer to an optical recording surface is not executed. A decision
20 block 201, a reproduction block 202, and an exclusive reproduction block 204 of Fig. 29 are similar to those of Fig. 28, and a description thereof will be omitted. Since the data transfer is not executed, it is unnecessary to provide a reproduction/transfer block 203, a recording/transfer block 206, and a transfer block 207. A
25 recording block 205 of Fig. 29 differs from that of Fig. 28, and a detailed description thereof will be given hereinafter.

A step 226 in the reproduction block 202 checks whether or not a reproducing instruction is present. When the result of the check is No, an advance to a step 264 is done. Otherwise, an advance to a step 260 is done. The step 260 manages a processed
5 optical track in unit of a magnetic track, and a calculation is given of a magnetic track at the opposite side of an optical track which may be damaged by magneto-optical recording. In addition, a check is made as to whether or not the present track is the same as the track subjected to previous saving. When the result of the check is
10 Yes, a step 263 executes magneto-optical recording on the optical track. Otherwise, a step 261 writes the saved data into the previous magnetic track, and thereby the data on the previous magnetic track can be fully retrieved. Next, a step 262 reads out data from the magnetic track which may be damaged at this time, and saves
15 the readout data into the memory. Then, a step 263 executes recording on the optical track, and a return to a step 243 is done. When the result of a check by the step 243 is No, a step 261a retrieves the previous conditions of the magnetic track. Thereafter, a step 264 in an end block 206A checks whether or not the
20 operation is ended. When the result of the check is No, a return to the step 226 is done. Otherwise, a step 265 executes magnetically recording information which has been changed during the interval from the placement of the disk to the end, for example, information of the ending music number. Then, a step 266 ejects the disk. In
25 this way, the work is ended. When a next disk is placed into an apparatus, the work is started again at the step 220.

In the design of Fig. 28, all the magnetic data is transferred to the optical recording layer to cope with a damage to the magnetic data by the magneto-optical recording. On the other hand, in the design of Fig. 29, magnetic data is managed in unit of a magnetic track, and reading is given on only magnetic data from a magnetic track which may be damaged by the magneto-optical recording. The readout data is stored into the memory. When the magnetic track is damaged by the magneto-optical recording and optical recording on another magnetic track is done, the former magnetic track is completely retrieved. Thereby, a memory capacity which corresponds to one magnetic track to three magnetic tracks suffices, and the capacity of the memory can be relatively small. As made clear from Fig. 29, the design of this drawing has an advantage such that a simple process can protect magnetic data from being damaged by the magneto-optical recording.

As shown in Fig. 30(a) and Fig. 30(b), a reproducing process can be given on a magneto-optical disk and a CD by using a same mechanism. In the case of a CD, since a protective cartridge is absent, the CD tends to be affected by an external magnetic field. By setting a magnetic coercive force in a magnetic recording layer 3 of a CD to 1,000 to 3,000 Oe and thus making it much stronger than that in a magnetic recording layer of a magneto-optical recording medium, there is provided an advantage such that magnetic data can be prevented from being damaged by an external magnetic field. In the case of a magneto-optical disk, if a magnetic coercive force is increased to a level near the magnitude of a modulation magnetic

field, the magnetic coercive force can provide an adverse influence. Thus, the magnetic coercive force is set to 1,000 Oe or less.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIFTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 32 shows a recording and reproducing apparatus
5 according to a fifth embodiment of this invention which is similar in basic operation to the apparatus of Fig. 1 and Fig. 24 related to the first embodiment and the fourth embodiment. The fifth embodiment differs from the first embodiment in the following points.

10 As shown in Fig. 33, the fifth embodiment includes two windings, that is, a magnetic-field modulating winding 40a and a magnetically recording winding 40b. With reference to Fig. 32, during the magnetic recording or reproduction, a magnetic head circuit 31 feeds or receives a current to or from the magnetic
15 recording winding 40b to execute the magnetic recording or reproduction.

During the execution of the magneto-optically recording of the magnetic-field modulation type, a magnetic-field modulating circuit 37a in an optical recording circuit 37 feeds a modulation signal to
20 the magnetic-field modulating winding 40a to realize the magneto-optical recording.

With reference to Fig. 33, a description will now be given of operation of the recording and reproducing apparatus which occurs during the magnetic recording and reproduction. A recording
25 current fed from the magnetic head circuit 31 flows in a direction denoted by the arrow in the drawing. Thus, a magnetic closed

circuit of magnetic fluxes 86c, 86a, and 86b is formed, and time segments of an information signal 61 are sequentially recorded on a magnetic recording layer 3. The magnetic recording is done in a horizontal direction. In this case, no current is basically fed to the magnetic-field modulating winding 40a. In this structure, a closed magnetic circuit including a gap 8c is formed, and optimal designing of a reproduction sensitivity is enabled.

With reference to Fig. 34, a description will now be given of operation of the recording and reproducing apparatus which occurs during the magneto-optical recording. The magnetic-field modulating winding 40a is wound on a main magnetic pole 8a and a sub magnetic pole 8b of a yoke in equal directions. Thus, when a modulating current flows from the magnetic-field modulating circuit 37a in a direction 51a, downward magnetic fluxes 85a, 85b, 85c, and 85d occur. Magneto-optically recording material in a point of an optical recording layer 4, which is exposed to a light spot 66 and which is heated to a Curie temperature thereof or higher, undergoes magnetization inversion in response to the magnetic field so that an information signal 52 is recorded. In this case, the strength of the magnetic field at the light spot 66 is generally set to 50-150 Oe in a region 8e exposed to a uniform magnetic field. As shown in Fig. 25, it is preferable to provide an interference layer 81 to prevent the magneto-optical recording material from being subjected to magnetization inversion in response to an information signal 61. It is good to set the thickness d of the interference layer 81 as $\lambda > d$.

The structure of Fig. 34 has an advantage such that the region

8e exposed to the uniform magnetic field can be wide. In addition, since recording heads can be independently designed with respect to the two windings, there is provided an advantage such that optimal magnetic-field modulating characteristics, optimal magnetic
5 recording characteristics, and optimal magnetic reproducing characteristics can be attained. Since the head gap 8c of Fig. 33 can be small, it is possible to shorten the wavelength which occurs during the magnetic recording. Since optimal designing of the formation of a closed magnetic field is enabled, the reproduction
10 sensitivity can be enhanced. As shown in Fig. 34, during the magnetic-field modulation, the magnetic flux 85a of the main magnetic pole 8a and the magnetic flux 85d of the sub magnetic pole 8b extend in the equal directions, so that a strong magnetic field does not occur in the gap 8c but only a weak magnetic field
15 corresponding to the modulation magnetic field occurs. Since a magnetic coercive force in the magnetic recording layer 3 is 800-1,500 Oe and is adequately stronger than the modulation magnetic field and since there is an easily magnetized axis in a horizontal direction, there is provided an advantage such that a magnetically
20 recorded signal 61 is prevented from being damaged by the modulation magnetic field. Thus, by setting the magnetic coercive force H_c of the magnetic recording layer 3 stronger than the recording magnetic field H_{max} applied to the magneto-optical recording material, a damage to the data is prevented. In the case
25 of the provision of an allowance corresponding to double, it is good to maintain a relation as $H_c < 2H_{max}$. In addition, it is good to

fabricate a recording medium 2 shown in Fig. 8. As shown in Fig. 35, in a magnetic head 8, windings 40a and 40b may be separately wound on a main magnetic pole 8a and a sub magnetic pole 8b respectively. In this case, during the magnetic-field modulation, a modulating current is also driven through the magnetic recording winding 40b in a direction 51b by using a magnetic head circuit 31, and thereby a magnetic flux 85d occurs which extends in a direction equal to the directions of the magnetic fluxes 85c, 85b, and 85a. Thus, it is possible to obtain an advantage similar to the advantage of the design of Fig. 34.

As shown in Fig. 36, a tap 40c may be provided to a single winding to form two divided sub windings having three terminals. During the magnetic recording, the tap 40c and a tap 40e are used. During the magneto-optical recording, as shown in Fig. 37, a tap 40d and a tap 40e are used to generate a modulating magnetic field for the magneto-optical recording. In this way, three taps enable the formation of a magnetic head, and thus there is an advantage such that wiring is simple.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SIXTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 38 shows a recording and reproducing apparatus according to a sixth embodiment of this invention which is similar in basic operation to the apparatus of Fig. 1, Fig. 24, and Fig. 32 related to the first embodiment, the fourth embodiment, and the fifth embodiment. The sixth embodiment differs from the fifth embodiment in the following points.

As shown in Fig. 38, a magnetic head 8 is formed with two

gaps 8c and 8e. In addition, two windings 40b and 40f are connected to a magnetic head circuit 31, and one is used for recording and the other is used for erasing. Thus, erasing and recording can be done by a single head.

5 As shown in Fig. 39, the magnetic head 8 includes a first sub magnetic pole 8b and a second sub magnetic pole 8d. Before the magnetic recording is done by a magnetically recording winding 40b as described with reference to Fig. 33, the magnetic head circuit 31 feeds an erasing current via the second sub magnetic pole
10 8d. Thus, before the recording, erasing magnetization from a magnetic recording layer 3 can be done by the gap 8e. Therefore, ideal magnetic recording can be done by using the gap 8c, and there is provided an advantage such that C/N and S/N are enhanced while an error rate is reduced.

15 As shown in Fig. 41, guard bands 67f and 67g are provided along opposite sides of a recording track 67. First, the gap 8e of the second sub magnetic pole 8d executes an erasing process with a width of an erased region 210. As a result, an entire region of the recording track 67 and portions of the guard bands 67f and 67g are
20 subjected to the erasing process. Thus, even if the magnetic head 8 has an tracking error, the gap 8c will not move out of the erased region 210 and the gap 8c can execute good recording.

 As shown in Fig. 42, an erasing gap may be divided into two gaps 8e and 8h. In this case, a recording medium 2 is driven in a
25 direction 51, and the magnetic recording is done by a gap 8c having a width greater than the width of a recording track 67 so that

recording on portions of guard bands 67f and 67g is executed in an overlapped manner. Magnetization is erased from the overlapped portions by two erased regions 210a and 210b. Therefore, guard bands 67f and 67g are fully maintained. As a result, there is an
5 advantage such that crosstalk between recording tracks is reduced and an error rate is lowered.

With reference to Fig. 40, a description will now be given of the case where magnetic-field modulation for magneto-optical recording is done by using the magnetic head 8. The magnetic-field
10 modulating winding 40a is wound on the main magnetic pole 8a, the first sub magnetic pole 8b, and the second sub magnetic pole 8d so that magnetic fluxes 85a, 85b, 85c, 85d, and 85e uniformly occur in the respective magnetic poles. Thus, there is an advantage such that a wide region 8e exposed to a uniform magnetic field can be
15 provided. In addition, even if an accuracy of track positions is low, a light spot 66 can be prevented from being out of an optical recording track 65.

Fig. 43 shows a magnetic head 8 having a modified winding. As shown in the drawing, a magnetic-field modulating winding 40d
20 is extended and is used in common to a magnetic recording winding, and a central tap 40c is provided. Magnetic recording can be executed by using the tap 40c and a tap 40e. As shown in Fig. 44, currents are driven into the tap 40d and the tap 40e in directions 51a and 51b respectively while a current is driven into a
25 tap 40f in a direction 51c, and thereby magnetic fluxes 85a, 85b, 85c, 85d, and 85e in equal directions occur so that a uniform

modulation magnetic field results. In this case, there is an advantage such that the number of taps is reduced by one and the structure is simplified.

As previously described, according to the sixth embodiment, a
5 single head can be used as an erasing head, a magnetic recording head, and a magnetic-field modulating head for the magneto-optical recording.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVENTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

A seventh embodiment of this invention relates to a disk
10 cassette containing a recording medium. With reference to Fig. 45(a), a disk cassette 42 has a movable shutter 301 which can cover an opening 302 for a head and holes 303a, 303b, and 303c for a liner. As shown in Fig. 45(b), the shutter 301 is opened to unblock the opening 302 and also the holes 303a, 303b, and 303c in
15 accordance with the insertion of the disk cassette 42 into a body of a recording and reproducing apparatus.

As shown in Figs. 46(a) and 46(b), a single rectangular opening 303 for a liner may be provided.

As shown in Figs. 47(a) and 47(b) and Figs. 48(a) and 48(b), an
20 opening for a liner may be provided in a direction opposite to an opening 302 for a head. In this case, as shown in Figs. 49(a), 49(b), and 49(c), a liner 304 except a movable portion 305a is fixed to a disk cassette 42 by a liner support portion 305 and liner support fixing portions 306a, 306b, 306c, and 306d. The liner support
25 portion 305 is made of a leaf spring or a plastic sheet. As shown in Fig. 49(c), a cassette half is formed with a groove 307 for a liner.

The liner movable portion 305a is accommodated in the groove 307, and is held by an auxiliary liner support portion 305b. The liner 304 is held in a flat state by the return spring force of the liner support portion 305 as long as an external force is not applied
5 thereto. The liner 304 being in this state separates from a recording layer at a surface of a recording medium 2. Thus, it is possible to prevent wear of the recording layer 3.

When an external force is applied in a direction toward the interior of the disk cassette 42 by a liner pin 310 through the
10 opening 303, the liner support portion 305 and the liner 304 are pressed against the surface of the recording medium 2.

Another disk cassette will now be described. As shown in Figs. 50(a), 50(b), and 50(c), a leaf spring of a liner support portion 305 is previously deformed toward the upper surface of a disk
15 cassette 42. Thereby, as shown in Fig. 50(d), when the liner support portion 305 is fixed to the disk cassette 42, the liner support portion 305 continuously abuts against an upper cassette half 42a. Thus, as long as the liner support portion 305 is not depressed by a liner pin 310, a liner 304 and a recording medium 2
20 remain out of contact with each other. According to this design, it is possible to omit the auxiliary liner support portion 305b.

A description will now be given of a way of moving the liner and the disk into and out of contact with each other by operating the liner pin 310. Fig. 51 shows conditions where the liner pin 310
25 is raised along a direction 51a in a liner pin guide 311, and thus the liner 304 and the recording layer 3 of the recording medium 2 are

out of contact with each other. - Therefore, the recording medium 2 receives a weak frictional force and can be rotated by a weak drive force.

As shown in Fig. 52, when the liner pin 310 is moved
5 downward by an external force in a direction 51a, the liner 304 is pressed against the magnetic recording layer 3 of the recording medium 2 via the liner support portion 305. As the recording medium 2 is moved or rotated in a direction 51, dust is removed from the surface of the magnetic recording layer 3 by the liner 304.
10 The liner 304 is made of, for example, cloth. Thus, in the case where the magnetic recording, the magnetic reproduction, or the magnetic-field modulation for the magneto-optical recording is executed by a recording head 8 in the head opening 301 of Figs. 46(a) and 46(b), there is provided an advantage such that an error
15 rate is remarkably reduced. The material of the liner 304 may be the same as the material of a liner for a conventional floppy disk. As shown in Fig. 45(a), the liner pin 310 is located above the portion of the magnetic recording layer 3 which precedes the magnetic head 8 with respect to the rotation of the recording medium 2 in the
20 direction 51, and thus there is an advantage such that the cleaning effect is enhanced.

In the case where the liner control method of this invention is applied to a disk cassette 42 for a contact-type magneto-optical recording medium having no magnetic recording layer 3, dust is
25 removed and thus there is provided an advantage such that an error rate is improved during the magneto-optical recording.

As shown in Fig. 53(b), the control of the liner pin 310 is designed so that the liner pin 310 can be moved together with the magnetic head 8. When the magnetic head 8 falls into a contact state, the liner 304 is surely moved into contact with the recording medium 2. Thus, a single actuator can be used in common. In the case where the magnetic head 8 separates from the contact state, the line pin 310 is generally raised to move the liner 304 out of contact with the recording medium 2. As shown in Figs. 53(a) and 53(b), in the case where the liner pin 310 and the magnetic head 8 are moved together, the liner 304 and the recording medium 2 can be out of contact with each other when the identification hole for the magnetic recording layer is absent from the cassette 42. Thus, the liner 304 less wears the surface of the magnetic recording layer 3. In addition, the frictional force on the recording medium 2 is reduced, and thus there is an advantage such that a weaker rotational torque of a drive motor suffices and the rate of consumption of electric power is decreased. When a recording medium 2 which does not have any magnetic recording layer is inserted into the apparatus, the magnetic head 8 and the recording medium 2 remain out of contact with each other so that a damage to the two can be prevented as shown in Fig. 75.

In the case where the disk cassette 42 of this invention is placed into a conventional recording and reproducing apparatus, the liner 304 does not contact the recording medium 2 as shown in Fig. 54(b) since the conventional apparatus does not have the liner pin 310 and the related elevating function as shown in Figs. 54(a) and

54(b). Thus, the recording medium 2 can be stably rotated by the conventional apparatus which generally provides a weak disk drive torque. Accordingly, there is an advantage such that the compatibility between the disk cassette 42 of this invention and
5 conventional disk cassettes can be maintained.

In the case where a conventional disk cassette 42 which does not have the liner 304 and the opening 303 is placed into the recording and reproducing apparatus of this invention, the liner pin 310 is not inserted since the opening 303 is absent as shown in
10 Figs. 55(a) and 55(b). Thus, the liner pin 310 does not contact the recording medium 2 and the liner 304, and there occurs no problem. Accordingly, there is an advantage such that the compatibility between the disk cassette 42 of this invention and conventional disk cassettes can be maintained. In this case,
15 lubricant on the conventional recording medium is liable to adhere to the contact surface of the magnetic head 8 so that the error rate tends to be increased. To remove this problem, a cleaning track 67x is set as shown in Fig. 56. In the case where the conventional recording medium 2 is placed into and ejected from the recording
20 and reproducing apparatus of this invention and then the recording medium 2 of this invention is inserted therein, the magnetic head 8 is forced to travel on the cleaning track 67x at least once. Thereby, the lubricant is transferred from the magnetic head 8 to the cleaning track 67x. Then, the lubricant is removed from the
25 cleaning track 67x by the liner 304 which contacts the recording medium 2. In this way, the lubricant or dust is removed from the

contact surface of the magnetic head 8. Thus, there is an advantage such that the error rate is small and reliable recording and reproduction are enabled.

5 The liner pin 310 can be moved between an OFF position and an ON position as shown in Figs. 57(a) and 57(b). The mechanism for elevating the liner 304 has a structure such as shown in Fig. 58 and Fig. 59.

A modified liner pin 310 will now be described. As shown in Fig. 60 and Fig. 61, a liner pin 310 is of a leaf spring type. As shown
10 in Fig. 62 and Fig. 63, the liner pin 310 can be moved between an OFF position and an ON position. The liner pin 310 is driven in directions 51 and 51a by an elevating motor 21 via a pin drive lever 312, being moved between the ON position and the OFF position.

In the case of use of a single rectangular opening 303, a liner
15 pin 310 can be moved between an OFF position and an ON position as shown in Fig. 64 and Fig. 65. In this case, the area of contact between the liner pin and the liner attachment portion is large, and thus there is an advantage such that dust can be surely removed.

According to a liner pin shown in Fig. 66 and Fig. 67, a liner
20 guide 311 is provided with a protective portion 314. As shown in Fig. 66, a disk cassette 42 of this invention has a recognition hole 313. In the case where the disk cassette 42 of this invention is inserted into a recording and reproducing apparatus, the liner pin 310 is placed in an opening 303. In the case where a conventional
25 disk cassette 42 which does not have a recognition hole 313 is inserted into the recording and reproducing apparatus, the

protective portion 314 contacts an outer shell of the disk cassette 42 so that the liner pin 310 remains out of contact with the outer shell of the disk cassette 42. Thus, there is an advantage such that the liner pin 310 can be prevented from becoming dirty or being
5 damaged.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EIGHTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

An eighth embodiment of this invention relates to a mechanism for elevating a liner pin to move a liner.

As shown in Figs. 68(a) and 68(b), an upper surface of a disk
10 cassette has no opening for a liner. A back side of the disk cassette has recognition holes 313a, 313b, and 313c, and an opening 303 for a liner. The opening 303 extends near the recognition holes 313a, 313b, and 313c. A liner pin is inserted into the disk cassette through the opening 303 from the back side, and thereby a liner is
15 moved vertically.

Fig. 69(a) shows conditions where a liner pin 310 is in an OFF position so that a liner 304 separates from a recording medium 2. As shown in Fig. 69(b), when a liner pin 310 is inserted into the opening 303, a liner drive member 316 is deformed by the liner pin
20 310 toward a right-hand side and is thus rotated counterclockwise about a pin shaft 315. Thereby, a liner support portion 305 is forced downward by the liner drive member 316 so that the liner 304 is brought into contact with the recording medium 2. As the recording medium 2 rotates, the liner 304 removes dust from the
25 recording medium 2. The liner drive member 316 is made of a leaf spring.

The liner has a structure such as shown in Figs. 70(a), 70(b), and 70(c). The liner structure is basically similar to the liner structure previously described with reference to Figs. 49(a), 49(b), and 49(c) except for the following design changes. An edge of the
5 liner drive member 316 is provided with a movable portion 305a. In addition, as shown in Fig. 70(c), a groove 30a is added for accommodating the liner drive member 316.

The drive mechanism for the liner 310 will be further described. The liner pin 310 and a motor 17 are in a positional
10 relation such as shown in Fig. 71. As shown in Fig. 72(a), in the case where a disk cassette 42 of this invention is inserted into a recording and reproducing apparatus in a direction 51, the liner 304 is moved vertically together therewith even if an actuator for the liner pin 310 is not provided. As shown in Fig. 72(b), in the
15 case where a conventional disk cassette 42 having no opening 303 is inserted into the recording and reproducing apparatus, the liner pin 310 is automatically moved downward against the force of a spring 317 since the opening 303 is absent. Thus, there is an advantage such that the conventional disk cassette 42 is prevented
20 from being damaged by the liner pin 310. In the case of use in an apparatus such as a game machine where the frequency of access to a disk is very low, the structure of the apparatus can be simplified since it is unnecessary to provide an actuator for the liner pin 310.

As shown in Figs. 73(a) and 73(b), an elevating motor 21 for a
25 magnetic head 8 may be used also to drive a liner pin 310 via an elevator 20 and a connecting portion 318. In this design, when the

magnetic head 8 contacts a recording medium 2, a liner 304 always contacts the recording medium 2. Thus, there is an advantage such that a single actuator can be used in common for the magnetic head 8 and the liner pin 310.

5 Figs. 74(a) and 74(b) show another disk cassette 42 which is basically similar to the disk cassette of Figs. 69(a) and 69(b) except that a liner drive member 316 is extended and a pin shutter 319 is added. Thus, as shown in Fig. 74(a), the pin shutter 319 is closed when a liner pin 310 assumes an OFF state, and thus there is an
10 advantage such that external dust is prevented from entering the disk cassette 42. According to this design, since the part near a recognition hole in the disk cassette is used, the addition of only one small hole through a conventional disk cassette suffices. Thus, there is an advantage such that the degree of the compatibility
15 between the disk cassette of this invention and the conventional disk cassette can be enhanced. The structure of Figs. 69(a) and 69(b) has an advantage such that an occupied space in a horizontal direction can be small. Therefore, as shown in Figs. 68(a) and 68(b), even in the case where only a small usable space is present,
20 an opening 303a for the liner can be provided. Thus, the degree of freedom in designing of a disk cassette is enhanced.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NINTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 75 shows a disk cassette according to a ninth
embodiment of this invention. A liner 304 and a liner attachment
25 portion 305a are approximately similar in structure to those in Figs. 49(a), 49(b), and 49(c). In this embodiment, as shown in Fig. 76

and Fig. 77, the liner attachment portion 305 has a movable section 305a provided with a liner elevator 305c. As the liner elevator 305c is depressed by a liner drive portion 316, the liner 304 is moved vertically. In the case where a liner pin 310 assumes an OFF state, a
5 pin shutter 319 is pressed against a cassette lower wall by a spring 317 so that external dust is prevented from entering the disk cassette. The liner support portion 305 and the movable section 305a are pressed against a cassette upper wall by a leaf spring effect and an auxiliary liner support portion 305b. Thus, in this case, the
10 liner 304 remains out of contact with a recording medium 2.

As shown in Fig. 77, when the liner pin 310 assumes an ON state, the pin shutter 319 forces the liner drive portion 316 to rotate clockwise about a pin shaft 316 so that the liner drive portion 316 depresses the liner elevator 305c. Therefore, the movable
15 section 305a of the liner attachment portion 305 is lowered so that the liner 304 is brought into contact with the recording medium 2. As the recording medium 2 rotates in a direction 51, the liner 304 removes dust from the surface of the recording medium 2. Thus, there is an advantage such that an error rate can be reduced. In
20 addition, the ninth embodiment has an advantage such that the structure thereof is relatively simple and the upward and downward movement of the liner 304 can be surely executed. Since it is unnecessary to provide a groove in the disk cassette 42, there is an advantage such that the durability of the disk cassette 42 can be
25 high.

In the case where this embodiment is applied to the design of

Fig. 68(a), the liner elevating mechanism has a structure such as shown in Figs. 78(a) and 78(b). The operation of the structure of Figs. 78(a) and 78(b) is similar to the operation of the structure of Figs. 76 and 77. As shown in Fig. 78(a), when a liner pin 310 is in an OFF position, an opening for a liner is closed by a pin shutter 319. As shown in Fig. 78(b), when the liner pin 310 assumes an ON position, a liner drive portion 316 is rotated counterclockwise and depresses a liner elevator 305c. Thus, a liner attachment portion 305a and a liner 304 are lowered so that the liner 304 is brought into contact with a recording medium 2. This design has an advantage over the design of Fig. 76 such that the liner elevating mechanism occupies a smaller space.

In a design where a liner and a recording medium separate from each other when a liner pin 310 is inserted into a disk cassette 42, there is an advantage such that the liner contacts the recording medium and prevents the recording medium from being rotated and damaged during unuse conditions of the disk cassette 42.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TENTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

A recording and reproducing apparatus according to a tenth embodiment of this invention is similar to the recording and reproducing apparatus of Fig. 38 except for design changes indicated later.

First, tracking will be described. As shown in Fig. 79(a), under ideal conditions, a magnetic head 8 vertically aligns with an optical head 6. Thus, when the optical head accesses an optical

track 65 of a given address, the magnetic head 8 accesses a corresponding magnetic track 67 at the opposite side of the optical track 65. In this case, a DC offset voltage is absent from a tracking error signal outputted by an optical head actuator 18. However, in
5 fact, a variation in a spring constant of the optical actuator 18 and an influence of gravity cause the center of the optical head actuator 18 to be subjected to a positional offset of several tens of μm to several hundreds of μm . In addition, during assembly, a positional error is offered to the center of the magnetic head 8. Thus, as shown in Fig.
10 79(b), there occurs a positional offset Δ' between the center of the magnetic head 8 and the center of the optical head actuator 18.

Even when an optical track of a given address is scanned by the optical head 6, there is a chance that an unrelated magnetic track is scanned by the magnetic head 8 since a correspondence
15 relation with a magnetic track scanned by the magnetic head 8 is absent. Specifically, a pitch of magnetic tracks is generally set to 50 to 200 μm . A possible maximum offset between the center of the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 is equal to several hundreds of μm . Thus, under bad conditions, there is a chance that the
20 magnetic head 8 travels on a magnetic track neighboring a desired magnetic track and thereby wrong recording of data is executed.

To prevent such a problem, this invention adopts a method in which an offset voltage ΔV_o is provided to a tracking control signal to compensate for the positional offset of the optical head 6 so that
25 the optical head 6 can accurately face the opposite side of a reference (currently-scanned) magnetic track 67. According to this

design, the magnetic head 8 and the optical head 6 reliably remain in vertical alignment with each other, and the positions of the optical track 65 and the magnetic track 67 are more highly correlated. In general, the offset between the magnetic head 8 and the optical head 6 falls in a range well covered by a normal tracking error of several μm to several tens of μm . Even in the case where the track pitch is set to 50 μm , the magnetic head 8 can be held in good tracking conditions with respect to a desired magnetic track by referring to the address of a currently-scanned optical track.

10 In the case where an offset voltage ΔV_o is applied as shown in Fig. 80(b), the offset of the optical head 6 is corrected so that the magnetic head 8 can access a desired magnetic track 67 by accessing the address of a currently-scanned optical track 68.

A description will now be given of calculation of a desired value of the offset voltage ΔV_o . According to the standards for a CD or an MD (a mini-disk), a maximum possible offset of an optical track 65 is 200 μm . A pitch of magnetic tracks 67 corresponds to 2DD and is thus equal to 200 μm in the case of a 135-TPI class. Thus, if no countermeasure is provided, it is generally difficult to access a desired magnetic track 67 by referring the address of an optical track 65 at the opposite side thereof.

As shown in Fig. 81(a), there occurs an offset Δr_n between a pre-mastered optical track 65PM and a locus 65T of the optical head 6 free from servo control. Here, in the case where a traverse is held fixed and the optical head 6 is subjected to tracking servo control, the offset of the optical track causes a tracking error signal

such as shown in Fig. 81(b).

In the case where an optical track address is read out and is set as a reference point when $\theta=0^\circ$, the tracking radius is made equal to $r_n-\Delta r_n$ by the offset and is thus smaller than a designed tracking radius r_n . On the other hand, in the case where an optical track address is read out and is set as a reference point when $\theta=180^\circ$, the tracking radius is made equal to $r_n+\Delta r_n$ by the offset and is thus greater than the designed tracking radius r_n .

In the case where the track pitch is equal to 100-200 μm and the offset of the optical track is equal to $\pm 200 \mu\text{m}$, the tracking radius tends to deviate from a desired radius if tracking servo control is absent.

As shown in Fig. 81(b), the error is minimized when $\theta=90^\circ$ and $\theta=270^\circ$. Accordingly, the address of an optical track 65PM which occurs when $\theta=90^\circ$ or $\theta=270^\circ$ is used as a reference and the position of the center of an optical track is determined on the basis of the reference, and thereby the radius r_n of an n -th track corresponding to a setting value is determined.

As made clear from Fig. 81(b), $\Delta r_n=0$ when $\theta=90^\circ$ and $\theta=270^\circ$, and a standard (reference) tracking radius r_n is determined. The positions of $\theta=90^\circ$ and $\theta=270^\circ$ are determined by referring to the tracking error signal. The address of an optical track 65 in a position on a line of extension of these angles is used, and the optical head is subjected to tracking control with respect to this optical track address 65s. Thereby, there is provided an advantage such that a standard (reference) tracking radius r_n is

obtained and more accurate tracking by the magnetic head is enabled. It should be noted that the optical track address information is recorded on a first track of a magnetic track 67 or a TOC track.

5 In the case of the CD or MD format, the number of pieces of address information per round of an optical track is relatively small. Thus, 360 addresses can not be obtained for one degrees of 360° . As shown in Fig. 86, it can be known what degrees of an angle θ a block in a given order number in an address 1 corresponds to.

10 Thereby, for example, an angular resolution in unit of degree can be obtained. Thus, by executing management in unit of block, it is possible to obtain optical address information of an arbitrary radius and an arbitrary angle. A table representing the correspondence between optical address information and a magnetic track number

15 will be referred to as an address correspondence table.

 Next, a description will be given of methods of providing the correspondence between a magnetic track radius r_m and an optical track radius r_o . A positional offset between the optical head and the magnetic head has a first component caused during manufacture

20 and assembly and a second component caused during operation. Positions and sizes vary parts by parts or devices to devices, and therefore the offset components can not be uniquely determined. To maintain the compatibility, it is important to clarify the correspondence between the magnetic track radius and the optical

25 track radius.

 According to a first method, a reference track is not provided

on a magnetic surface of a recording medium. As shown in Fig. 79(b), during the formatting of a magnetic surface, a positional offset is always present between the magnetic head 8 and the optical head 6. If the formatting is done under these conditions, a track with a positional offset is recorded. In the case where recording and reproduction are done on a same disk by a same drive, there is no problem since an equal positional offset is always present.

In the case where tracking is moved to a given track, a traverse is required to be moved always in a same direction, for example, a direction from an inside toward an outside, in view of the fact that an actuator for the traverse has a backlash. In the case where tracking is done again on an n-th track, an offset distance is present between the magnetic track 8 and the optical head 6 as shown in Fig. 79(b) if an offset voltage is not applied during the tracking. Thus, when an optical track same as the optical track during the recording is accessed, tracking is done with respect to a magnetic track same as the magnetic track during the recording so that data can be recorded and reproduced into and from the desired magnetic track.

In the case where the recording medium which has been formatted is operated by another drive and the drive has characteristics such that an offset equals zero in the absence of an offset voltage as shown in Fig. 82(a), an optical track and a magnetic track are out of alignment by an offset distance as compared with the previous recording so that data will be recorded and reproduced

into and from a wrong magnetic track.

In this invention, to remove such a problem, the traverse is controlled and moved so that a reference magnetic track will be accessed first as shown in Fig. 82(a). Then, under conditions where
5 the traverse is fixed, an offset voltage ΔV is varied so that the optical track 6 will access an optical track 65 containing a reference address signal. As a result, the offset voltage ΔV_0 is determined. Thereby, the relation of the correspondence between the optical track and the magnetic track is provided similar to the drive which
10 has executed the previous formatting.

The offset voltage ΔV_0 is continuously applied to the actuator for the optical head 6. Thereby, a simple structure can produce an advantage such that all the magnetic tracks and the optical tracks correspond to each other with an accuracy of several μm to several
15 tens of μm . Thus, by applying the offset voltage, it is possible to automatically access a given magnetic track when a given optical track is accessed. Since this advantage is obtained by the structure having no position sensor for the lens of the optical head 6, there is an advantage such that the number of parts can be reduced.

20 Next, a description will be given of a second method in which a reference track is previously recorded on a magnetic recording surface. As shown in Fig. 83, during the fabrication of a disk, one magnetic track 67 is provided which records an embedded servo track. With respect to this servo magnetic track 67s, as shown in
25 the left-hand part of Fig. 83, two magnetic tracks are recorded while they are partially overlapped. Carriers of frequencies f_a and f_b

are recorded on the two magnetic tracks respectively.

When the magnetic head 8 executes tracking on the center of the servo magnetic track during the reproduction, the magnitudes of reproduced signals of the frequencies f_a and f_b are equal to each other. When the tracking deviates inwardly from the center, the output signal of the frequency f_a is greater. On the other hand, when the tracking deviates outwardly from the center, the output signal of the frequency f_b is greater. Thus, the traverse is moved so that the magnetic head 8 can be positionally controlled at the center of the track.

Although the provision of the servo magnetic track causes a slight increase in the cost of a recording medium, there is an advantage such that the offset voltage ΔV_o can be more accurately calculated in connection with Fig. 80(a). In addition, eccentricity information of an optical track can be more accurately determined.

As shown in Figs. 84(a) and 84(b), a slider 41 of the magnetic head 8 is made of soft material such as teflon other than metal, and is formed by molding. Thereby, there is an advantage such that the slider 41 less damages a magnetic recording layer 3.

As shown in Figs. 85(a) and 85(b), when the magnetic recording is not executed, a slider actuator inclines the slider 41 so that the magnetic head 8 is separated from the magnetic recording layer 3 and a part of an edge of the slider 41 is brought into contact therewith.

As shown in Fig. 85(b), only when the magnetic recording is executed, the actuator inclines the slider into parallel with the

magnetic recording layer so that the magnetic head 8 moves into contact with the magnetic recording layer 3. Thus, the magnetic recording is possible. In this case, there is an advantage such that wear of the magnetic head 8 can be reduced during unexecution of magnetic recording.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ELEVENTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

A recording and reproducing apparatus according to an eleventh embodiment of this invention is similar to the recording and reproducing apparatus of Fig. 38 except for design changes indicated later. The eleventh embodiment uses a non-tracking system in which tracking servo control is not executed on a magnetic head. The eleventh embodiment includes a recording circuit such as shown in Fig. 87.

As shown in Figs. 88(a) and 88(b), recording is done by using two magnetic heads 8a and 8b, that is, an A head 8a and a B head 8b, which have different azimuth angles respectively. As shown in Fig. 88(b), the track pitch T_p of a magnetic track 67 and a head width TH have a relation as $T_p < TH < 2T_p$. Normally used conditions are as $TH = 1.5 \sim 2.0T_p$. Thus, in the case of recording on an n -th track, recording is also done on a region of an $(n+1)$ -th track in an overlapped manner. The overlapped portion is subjected to overwriting record during the recording on the $(n+1)$ -th track, and therefore a recording track is formed which has a width corresponding to the width T_p .

As shown in Fig. 89, recording is done while the two heads, that is, the A head 8a and the B head 8b, which have the different

azimuth angles are changed at $\theta=0^\circ$ and data is overwritten thereby alternately in a spiral shape. Thus, as shown in Fig. 88, the formed track width T_p is smaller than the head width T_H . Since A tracks 67a and B tracks 67b having different azimuth angles alternate with each other, crosstalk between tracks is absent during the reproduction. As shown in Fig. 90, guard bands 325 are provided between neighboring track groups 326, and thus independent recording and reproduction can be done on each of the track groups.

10 As shown in Fig. 91, data of respective tracks such as A1, B1, and A2 is composed of a plurality of blocks 327, and one track group is set by combining a plurality of tracks. Guard bands 325 are provided between track groups so that rewriting can be done in unit of track group. A plurality of blocks which compose one track have
15 a sync signal 328, an address 329, a parity 330, data 331, and an error detection signal 332.

Operation which occurs during the recording will now be described. Input data related to a designated address is fed to an input circuit 21. In the eleventh embodiment, data is rewritten
20 while a track group 326 of Fig. 91 is used as a unit. Thus, simultaneous recording is done with respect to a plurality of tracks. Since track groups 326 are separated by guard bands 325 as shown in Fig. 90, an adverse influence on other track groups is prevented even if the recording and reproduction is done in this unit.

25 In the case where the input data contains only information of a part of a plurality of tracks, the data is insufficient and thus

rewriting can not be done on the whole of one track group 326.

Accordingly, in the case of rewriting on an n-th track group,

reproduction is previously done on the n-th track group and all the data is stored into a buffer memory 34 of a magnetic reproducing

5 circuit 30. The data is transmitted to the input circuit 21 as an address and data during the writing, and data of an address equal to the input data address is replaced by the input data. In this case, data of an address equal to the address related to the input data in the buffer memory 34 may replace the input data.

10 All the data of the n-th track group 326n which should be written is transmitted from the input circuit 21 to a magnetic recording circuit 29 and is modulated by a modulating circuit 334, and a separating circuit 333 generates data for the A head 8a and data for the B head 8b.

15 As shown in Fig. 92(a), recording A track data 328a1 is done by the A head 8a at $t=t_1$. At $t=t_2$ where a disk is rotated through 360° , recording B track data 328b1 is done by the B head 8b.

With respect to a timing signal for the change between the A head and the B head, a rotation signal for a disk motor 17 is used or
20 360° -revolution is detected by using optical address information from an optical reproducing circuit 38. The timing signal is transmitted from a disk rotation angle detecting portion 335 to the magnetic recording circuit 29. An end of each track data 328 is provided with a non-signal part 337, and a signal guard band results
25 which prevents A track data 328a and B track data 328b from overlapping.

The guard bands are present on the disk. To prevent data from being recorded on a track group 326 adjacent to a desired track group while being passed over a guard band 325, it is necessary to accurately set a record starting radius and a record
5 ending radius. This invention adopts a method in which a given optical address is used as a reference point and a permanent absolute radius is attained.

In Fig. 87, an optical address is read out by the optical head 6 and the optical reproducing circuit 38. The method of optical head
10 offset correction which has been described with reference to Figs. 80(a), 80(b), 82(a), and 82(b) is used to increase an accuracy. According to the same method, an offset corrective amount is calculated, and is stored into an offset corrective quantity memory 336. The offset corrective amount is read out therefrom when
15 needed. Under conditions where an optical head drive circuit 25 offers an offset to the optical head 6, a traverse actuator 23a is driven by a traverse moving circuit 24a while an optical address is referred to, and a traverse is moved. In this way, an optical address of the optical track is referred to, and tracking can be accurately
20 executed on a magnetic track 67. According to the example where the recording is done by alternately using the two magnetic heads 8a and 8b which have the different azimuth angles, the recording time tends to be long.

As shown in Fig. 88(c), the radial positions of two heads are
25 offset by T_p . In addition, A track data and B track data are simultaneously outputted and transmitted from the separating

circuit 333 of Fig. 87, and the traverse is fed or moved at a pitch twice T_p every round. Thereby, as shown in Fig. 92(b), recording on one track group can be executed in a time half the time of the above-mentioned case, and there is an advantage such that higher-
5 speed recording can be done.

In this way, the input data is recorded on the tracks in a spiral shape.

An example of specific designing will now be described. Even in the case where an offset of an optical track is $\pm 200 \mu\text{m}$, the offset
10 correcting arrangement removes adverse affection of the offset and the offset falls into a range of a chucking offset amount which equals $\pm 25 \mu\text{m}$. An offset of the rotational shaft of a motor can be limited to within a range corresponding to $\pm$ several μm . In this case, by setting the guard band width equal to $50 \mu\text{m}$ or more, a track can be
15 recorded which has a width of an error within $\pm$ several μm . Thus, there is an advantage such that a large amount of data can be recorded by the non-tracking system.

A description will now be given of traverse control which occurs in the case of spiral recording. With reference to Fig. 89, a
20 record starting point optical address 320a and a record ending point optical address 320e are set as reference points. In the design of Fig. 89, it is good that while the disk is rotated four times, the traverse is driven at an equal pitch from the starting point to the ending point. This invention adopts a structure in which a
25 rotational motor rotates a screw and thereby feeds or moves the traverse. Rotation pulses from the rotational motor can be obtained.

As shown in Fig. 97, the traverse is moved from the starting point optical address 320a to the ending point optical address 320e. During this period, the rotation number no of a traverse drive gear is measured. Since the disk is rotated four times, a system
5 controller 10 calculates a rotational speed corresponding to $no/4T$ r.p.s. The system controller 10 outputs an instruction for rotating the traverse drive gear at this speed (rotation number). The magnetic head executes data recording with an accurate track pitch. At the end of the recording, since the magnetic head 8 lies near the
10 ending point optical address 320e, passing over the guard band and reaching the starting point optical address 320x of a neighboring track group can be prevented. It is sufficient that measuring the rotational speed of the traverse drive gear is executed once each time disks are changed. This information may be recorded on a
15 disk. By doing traverse control while counting the line number of an optical track, it is possible to execute smoother and more accurate feed of the traverse.

Fig. 96 shows designing which uses coaxial tracks. In this case, during the recording on respective tracks, the traverse is
20 moved each time so that six points corresponding to optical addresses 320a, 320b, 320c, 320d, 320e, and 320f will be accessed by the optical head. Thereby, cylindrical tracks are formed.

In the presence of a non-address region 346 which does not have an optical address and a signal, access by referring to the
25 optical address can not be executed. In this case, with respect to an optical address region 347, a reference radius and a disk rotational

reference angle are determined, and the line number of an optical track is counted. Thereby, tracking can be done on a given relative position even in the non-address region 346. Provided that a table indicating the line numbers from reference optical address points
5 for respective tracks is made and is written into a magnetic TOC region 348, another drive can access a target magnetic track. The method of executing access by referring to the line number is less accurate in absolute position than the method using the optical address, and is advantageous thereover in that an access speed is
10 higher. It is preferable to use the two methods. From the standpoint of high-speed access, it is good to adopt the method which uses counting the line number during the reproduction. Drives are of a high density type and a normal density type. The high density type has a head width TH which equals $1/2$ to $1/3$ of
15 that of the normal density type. In addition, its track pitch equals $1/2$ to $1/3$ of the track pitch Tpo of the normal density type. In the case of non-tracking, the high density type can reproduce data of a normal density type but the normal density type can not reproduce data of a high density type.

20 To attain the compatibility, a compatible track is provided during the recording by using the high density type. In addition, as shown in Fig. 99, the recording is done at a track pitch equal to Tpo. Thereby, the normal density type can reproduce the recorded data. In the case where data on an optical surface is divided into
25 three programs 65a, 65b, and 65c as shown in Fig. 100, regions for magnetic recorded data to be saved are set in magnetic tracks 67a,

67b, and 67c extending on the surface. Thus, there is an advantage such that the displacement of the traverse is small and an access time is short.

Next, a description will be given of the reproduction principle. Fig. 93 shows a reproducing section of the apparatus. The reproducing section of Fig. 93 is approximately similar to that of Fig. 87 except for a magnetic reproducing portion 30.

First, the system controller 10 transmits a reproducing instruction and a magnetic track number accessing instruction to a traverse controller 338. As in the design of Fig. 87, the magnetic head accurately accesses a target magnetic track number.

As shown in Fig. 89, tracking is done with respect to a magnetic track 67 in a spiral shape, and both the output signals of the A head 8a and the B head 8b are simultaneously inputted into the magnetic reproducing portion 30. The input signals are amplified by head amplifiers 340a and 340b respectively, being subjected to demodulation by demodulators 341a and 341b and being subjected to error check by error check portions 342a and 342b to derive correct data. The correct data signals are fed to AND circuits 344a and 344b. Data separating portions execute the separation between addresses and data. Only data free from errors is transmitted to the buffer memory 34 via the AND circuits 344a and 344b, and respective pieces of the data are stored into respective addresses. The data is outputted from the memory 34 in response to a reading clock signal from the system controller 10. When the buffer memory 34 reaches given conditions close to

overflow conditions, an overflow signal is transmitted to the system controller 10 and the system controller 10 outputs an instruction to the traverse controller to reduce the traverse feed width.

Alternatively, the system controller 10 may lower the speed of the motor 17 to reduce the reproduction transmission rate. As a result, overflow is prevented.

In the case where the number of errors detected by the error check portion 342 is large, an error signal is transmitted to the system controller 10 and the system controller 10 outputs an instruction to a traverse control circuit 24a to reduce the track pitch. As a result, during the reproduction, the track pitch is reduced from the normal value T_p to $2/3T_p$, $1/2T_p$, and $1/3T_p$ so that the data of an equal address is reproduced 1.5 times, double, and three times. Thus, the error rate is lowered.

In the case where all data in an $(n+1)$ -th track gathers before all data in an n -th track gathers in the buffer memory 34, there is a chance that the data of the n -th track can not be reproduced. In this case, the system controller 10 outputs a reverse direction traverse instruction to the traverse controller to return the traverse inwardly. Then, the n -th track is subjected to the reproducing process. As a result, the data of the n -th track can be reproduced.

In this way, there is an advantage such that data can be surely reproduced without increasing the error rate.

A description will now be given of operation of reproducing information from a disk with non-tracking. As shown in Fig. 94, data is recorded on a disk, and the data includes data 345a, 345b,

345c, and 345d in an A track. In addition, data B1, B2, B3, and B4 in a B track are also recorded. When the reproduction is executed by the A head, the data in the B track can not be reproduced due to a discrepancy in azimuth angle.

5 For the simplicity of description, the data in the B track will be omitted. In the case where the recorded data 345 in the A track is reproduced by the A head 8a with a track pitch T_{po} equal to that during the recording, the loci of the track extend as track loci 349a, 349b, 349c, and 349d since there is an offset in chucking
10 with respect to the disk. The head width TH of the A head 8a is greater than the track pitch T_{po} , and therefore halves of tracks on both sides are subjected to a reproduction process. The B track is not subjected to a reproduction process. Accordingly, reproduced data free from errors, among signals reproduced from the
15 respective track loci, have forms such as A head reproduced data 350a, 350b, 350c, 350d, and 350e. The data are sequentially transmitted to the buffer memory 34 of Fig. 93, and are recorded into given disk addresses. Thus, the data of the respective tracks are fully reproduced as memory data 351a and 351b. In this way,
20 the data of the A track with non-tracking is reproduced. The data of the B track is similarly reproduced.

 As previously described, in the eleventh embodiment, the recording and reproduction can be done with a small track pitch even in the absence of tracking servo control of the magnetic head.
25 Thus, there is an advantage such that a memory of a large capacity can be realized by a simple structure. Since the traverse control is

done by using the addresses on the optical surface, a low accuracy of feed of the traverse suffices and a linear sensor regarding a radial direction can be omitted. In the case of a non-tracking system, the accuracy of tracking basically depends on the accuracy of a bearing of a rotational motor. Generally, a high accuracy of the bearing of the rotational motor can be realized with a low cost. In the case of an MD ROM used in a cartridge, the recording wavelength can be equal to 1 μm or less so that a recording capacity of 2 to 5 MB can be obtained. In the case of a CD ROM, a print layer and a protective layer are formed on a magnetic layer as will be described later so that the recording wavelength is generally equal to 10 μm or more. Thus, a capacity of only several tens of KB can be obtained according to the normal system. On the other hand, a capacity of several tens of KB to 1 MB can be obtained by using the non-tracking system. As previously described, the eleventh embodiment has an advantage such that a large memory capacity can be realized with a low cost while a conventional optical access mechanism for a CD, a CD ROM, an MD, or an MD ROM is used as it is.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TWELFTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

A recording and reproducing apparatus according to a twelfth embodiment of this invention is similar to the recording and reproducing apparatus of Fig. 87 except for design changes indicated later. The twelfth embodiment uses a recording medium in which a magnetic recording layer is formed on the back side of a ROM disk without a cartridge such as a CD ROM.

As shown in Fig. 101, the recording layer 2 includes a

transparent layer 5, an optical recording layer 4, a magnetic recording layer 3, and a print layer 43 arranged sequentially with respect to an upward direction. The print layer 43 has a print area 44. A label of a CD title or letters 45 are printed on the print area 44. A protective layer 50 may be provided on the print area 44. The protective layer 50 is made of hard material having a Mohs scale of 5 or more. In the case of a recording medium such as a CD or a CD ROM which is not provided with a cartridge and which has a single optical recording surface, the print area 44 can be provided in approximately the whole of the opposite surface. As shown in Fig. 102, in the case of an LD, LD ROM, or others which have two optical recording surfaces, the print area 44 is provided at a central narrow region to prevent an adverse influence on the optical reproduction.

This embodiment will be further described with respect to the case where a CD ROM is used as the recording medium.

The recording medium is designed and fabricated as follows. As shown in Fig. 103, at a step number P=1, a substrate (a base plate) 47 is prepared which has a transparent portion 5 with pits 46. At a step number P=2, an optical reflecting film 48 made of suitable material such as aluminum is formed by vapor deposition or sputtering.

At a step number P3, suitable magnetic material such as barium ferrite having a magnetic coercive force H_c of 1, 750 or 2,750 is directly applied, and thereby a magnetic recording layer 3 is formed. It may be good that the magnetic material is applied to a base film and the base film with the magnetic material is

transported together with a bonding layer to form a magnetic recording layer 3. The recording medium of this embodiment is not protected by a cartridge. Thus, it is necessary to use magnetic material having a high magnetic coercive force H_c to protect
5 recorded data from an external magnetic field generated by, for example, a magnet. It has been experimentally confirmed through a field test that a damage to recorded data is absent when an exposed recording medium including a magnetic recording material having a magnetic coercive force H_c of 1,750 Oe to 2,750 Oe is used under
10 normal industrial use conditions. As understood from Fig. 121, only a magnetic field of 1,000 to 1,200 Gauss is present in a normal home. Thus, it is good that the magnetic coercive force H_c of magnetic material for the magnetic recording layer 3 is set to 1,200 Oe or more. In this embodiment, by using the material having a
15 magnetic coercive force of 1,200 Oe or more, a damage to data is prevented during normal use. Provided that the magnetic coercive force H_c of the magnetic material is increased to 2,500 Oe or more by using barium ferrite or others, the reliability during the data recording can be enhanced. The material of barium ferrite is
20 inexpensive, and is formed by a cheap application step. In addition, the material of barium ferrite naturally exhibits random orientation so that a randomizing step is unnecessary. Thus, the material of barium ferrite is suited to a partial RAM disk of a CD ROM type which generally requires low-cost mass production. In this case,
25 the magnetic material is processed into a disk. Since recording and reproduction are done along a circumferential direction, recording

characteristics are lowered if the magnetic material has magnetic orientation in a given direction such as a magnetic card or a magnetic tape. To prevent the occurrence of such orientation in a given direction, a magnetic film is formed while a randomizer
5 applies magnetic fields in various directions before applied magnetic material hardens. As previously described, in the case of barium ferrite, there is an advantage such that a randomizing step can be omitted. In the case of a CD or a CD ROM, the CD standards
10 require that the title and the contents of a medium should be printed as a label to enable a consumer to visually identify and recognize the contents of the medium. In addition, it is preferable that a color photograph is printed to make the appearance beautiful to increase the product value. Generally, the magnetic material has a brown color or a black color of a dark tone, and therefore direct
15 printing thereon is difficult.

At a step number P=4, to enable color printing to conceal the dark color of the magnetic recording layer 3, a backing or preliminary layer 43 with a color such as a white color which has a high reflectivity is formed by, for example, application. The
20 thickness of the preliminary layer 43 is equal to several hundreds of nm to several μm . From the standpoint of recording characteristics, a thin preliminary layer 43 is better. On the other hand, if the preliminary layer 43 is excessively thin, the color of the magnetic recording layer can not be concealed. Thus, the thickness d2 of the
25 preliminary layer 43 is required to be a certain thickness. To block the transmission of light, a thickness equal to a half of the light

- wavelength or more is preferable. When the shortest wavelength λ of visible light is defined as $\lambda=0.4\ \mu\text{m}$, a thickness of $0.2\ \mu\text{m}$ ($=\lambda/2$) or more is preferable. Thus, the thickness d_2 is preferably equal to $0.2\ \mu\text{m}$ or more. When $d_2 \geq 0.2\ \mu\text{m}$, it is possible to attain the effect of concealing the color of the magnetic material. From the standpoint of recording characteristics, it is preferable that $d_2 \leq 10\ \mu\text{m}$. Thus, it is desirable that $0.2\ \mu\text{m} \leq d_2 \leq 10\ \mu\text{m}$. In this case, there is an advantage such that both color concealing characteristics and magnetic recording characteristics can be adequately obtained.
- 10 According to the results of experiments, it is discovered that a thickness d_2 of about $1\ \mu\text{m}$ is most preferable. In the case where magnetic material is mixed with and added to the preliminary layer 43, there is an advantage such that an effective space loss can be decreased.
- 15 At a step number $P=5$, print ink 49 made of dyes is applied so that printed letters 45 such as a label of Fig. 101 are indicated. Full color printing is possible since the printing is done on the white-color preliminary layer 43. As shown in Fig. 103, the print ink 49 of the dyes is applied, and the ink soaks into the preliminary layer 43 by a depth d_3 so that roughness is absent from the surface of the preliminary layer 43. Thus, there is an advantage such that, during the magnetic recording and reproduction, a magnetic head touch is good and the travel of the magnetic head is prevented from removing the printed letters. In this way, the recording medium is
- 20 completed.
- 25

The magnetic recording layer 3 at the step number $P=3$ and

the print ink 49 at the step number $P=5$ are formed by using a gravure application step such as shown in Fig. 105. Specifically, application material including magnetic material of barium ferrite is transferred onto an application material transfer roll 353 from an application material bowl 352, and the application material on the roll 353 is selectively etched into a CD-shaped etching portion 355 which remains on an intaglio drum. Unnecessary application material is removed by a scribe 356. A soft transfer roll 367 is covered with a soft resin portion 361. The CD-shaped application material is transferred onto the soft transfer roll 367 as a CD-shaped application portion 358. The application portion 358 is transferred and applied to the surface of a recording medium 2 such as a CD. Before the execution of a drying process, a random magnetic field generator 362 applies a random magnetic field to the recording medium with the application material so that the application material has random magnetic orientation. Since the transfer roll 367 is soft, accurate application to a stiff object such as a CD can be done thereby. In this way, the applications at the step numbers $P=3$, $P=4$, and $P=6$ are executed. The printing step $P=5$ may be an offset printing step in consideration of a small film thickness.

As shown in Fig. 103, at a step number $P=6$, a protective layer 50 may be applied to the recording medium. The protective layer 50 is made of hard and transparent material having a Mohs scale of 5 or more. The protective layer 50 has a given thickness d_4 . The protective layer 50 prevents the removal of the print ink, and protects the magnetic recording layer 3 from wear by an external

injury or the magnetic head. Thus, there is an advantage such that the reliability of data is enhanced.

As shown in Fig. 106, a protective layer 50, a print ink 49, a preliminary layer 43, and a magnetic recording layer 3 may be
5 applied onto a removable film 359 by steps of $P=6$, 5, 4, and 3 in an order reverse to the order of the steps previously described with reference to Fig. 103. Random magnetic orientation is provided by the random magnetic field generator 362. The resultant application film is accurately located on the surface of a substrate 4 which is
10 provided with pits 46, and transfer is executed and then fixing is executed by a thermal pressing process. Subsequently, the removable film 359 is removed. As a result, a recording medium is completed which has a structure equal to the structure at the step $P=6$ regarding Fig. 103. In the case of mass production, the transfer
15 method increases the throughput but decreases the cost. Thus, in the case of mass production of CD's, there is an advantage such that the production efficiency is increased.

While the dyes are used during the printing in connection with Fig. 103, print ink 49 of a pigment may be used at a step
20 number $P=5$ of Fig. 104. In this case, a given thickness $d3$ is provided. At a step number $P=6$, there is provided a protective layer 50 made of transparent material containing lubricant such as $d4 > d3$. Thereby, there is an advantage such that roughness on the surface is decreased and a good head touch is enabled by the
25 lubricant. The use of the pigment causes an advantage such that better color printing is enabled. In this case, after the step $P=5$,

thermal pressing may be executed to remove roughness from the surface, and the resultant is used as a final product. In this case, since a step of making the protective layer 50 can be omitted, there is an advantage such that the number of manufacturing steps can be
5 reduced by one.

Next, a description will now be given of a method of making a magnetic shield layer. The magnetic head is present at the side of the recording medium 2 near the magnetic recording layer 3, while the optical head is present at the side of the recording medium 2
10 near the transparent layer. Thus, there is a chance that electromagnetic noise leaks from the actuator for the optical head into the magnetic head and therefore the error rate increases during the magnetic signal reproduction. As shown in Fig. 116, noise of a level close to 50 dB occurs. A magnetic shield is provided
15 in the recording medium 2 as a countermeasure, and thereby adverse influence of the electromagnetic noise can be reduced. As shown in Fig. 107, at a step number P=2, a magnetic layer 69 made of permalloy which has a high μ (magnetic permeability) and a weak magnetic coercive force H_c is formed by a suitable process such as a
20 sputtering process. The magnetic layer 69 provides a magnetic shielding effect. In the case where a magnetic layer 69 having a weak magnetic coercive force is required to be formed in a short time or a thick magnetic layer 69 is required to be formed during the manufacture, a permalloy foil having a thickness of several μm to
25 several tens of μm may be used. A thick magnetic layer 69 can be formed by plating. A thicker magnetic layer 69 provides an

enhanced magnetic shielding effect. While the optical reflecting layer 48 is made of aluminum at the step number P=2 of Fig. 103, a film of permalloy may be formed by sputtering. In this case, a single film provides both an optical reflecting effect and a magnetic shielding effect. A thick permalloy film can be formed by plating with a low cost. Thereby, there is an advantage such that the number of steps of forming a reflecting film and a shielding film can be halved. In addition to the transfer step of Fig. 106 with respect to the recording medium of Fig. 108, a bonding layer 60a and a magnetic layer 69 may be provided in a sandwiched manner. The magnetic layer 69 has a high- μ film such as a permalloy film having a thickness of several μm to several tens of μm . Thus, a recording medium having a magnetic field shielding effect can be fabricated through the transfer step.

In a way such as previously mentioned, a recording medium is fabricated which includes an optical recording layer and a magnetic recording layer with a print surface such as shown in Fig. 101. Thus, there is an advantage such that a label similar to a label of a conventional CD which meets the CD standards is provided and simultaneously a magnetic recording surface is added. As previously described with reference to Fig. 121, most of normally used magnets are ferrite magnets. In general, such magnets are not exposed. Even if a magnet is exposed, only a magnetic field of about 1,000 Oe occurs therearound. Some of magnetic necklaces are made of rare-earth material, and such magnetic necklaces are small in size so that they hardly magnetizes the magnetic recording

material of barium ferrite. In the case of use of a magnetic recording layer made of suitable material such as barium ferrite which has a magnetic coercive force H_c of 1,200 Oe, 1,500 Oe or more, there is an advantage such that data on the magnetic
5 recording layer is prevented from being damaged by a normally used magnet. Furthermore, it is possible to add a magnetic shield layer made of high- μ magnetic material, electromagnetic noise from the optical head can be remarkably suppressed during the magnetic reproduction. The above-mentioned manufacturing method uses an
10 inexpensive technique such as a gravure application technique and inexpensive materials. Thus, there is an advantage such that a RAM function and a print surface can be obtained without increasing the cost of a partial RAM disk such as a CD or CD ROM.

A description will now be given of a method of providing the
15 recording medium with an identifier, that is, an HB (hybrid) identifier, which indicates the presence or absence of the magnetic recording layer. In the case of a CD, with respect to data in the optical recording layer, one block is composed of 98 frames of the EFM modulated data structure as shown in Fig. 213. According to
20 an example, in Q bits of the subcode in the frame in the TOC area, code data in which POINT is set as "BO" is defined as an HB identifier code data 468a. Since BO is not currently used, a conventional CD, a conventional CD ROM, and an HB medium with a magnetic recording layer according to this invention can be
25 discriminated while the compatibility thereamong can be maintained. Since the HB identifying information is stored in the

TOC area, the HB recording medium can be identified upon the first reading of the TOC area information. Therefore, this design is advantageous in that an HB recording medium can be identified in a short time.

5 As shown in Fig. 255(a), an HB recording medium 2 includes a transparent substrate 5 on which an aluminum vapor deposited film 4b and pits 4c are provided. In addition, a magnetic layer 3 is provided thereon. The pits indicate an EFM modulated signal which has a data sequence 470b containing subcode 470c. In the
10 case of control bits 470e of Q bits 470d in the subcode 470c, recorded HB identifier code data 468a is "0011". According to another way, identifying code data 468a "BO" is recorded in the POINT 470f of the TOC area. The recording medium 2 is
15 recording layer can be detected without changing the structure thereof.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THIRTEENTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

 A recording and reproducing apparatus according to a thirteenth embodiment of this invention is similar to the recording
20 and reproducing apparatus of Fig. 87 except for design changes indicated later. The thirteenth embodiment uses a recording medium in which magnetic material having a magnetic coercive force H_c greater than that of a normal magnetic disk is used and a protective layer having a thickness of 1 μm or more is provided on
25 an uppermost portion of a magnetic recording layer as previously described with reference to the twelfth embodiment. In addition,

the thirteenth embodiment uses a magnetic head suited to the recording medium. Furthermore, the thirteenth embodiment is provided with a countermeasure to the introduction of noise from an optical head through a magnetic field.

5 First, the structure of the magnetic head will be described. Fig. 110 shows the recording and reproducing apparatus which uses a 3-head arrangement. Specifically, the magnetic head of Fig. 87 is divided into two portions and a magnetic head 8a and a reading magnetic head 8b are made into a single unit, and a noise cancelling
10 magnetic head 8s is additionally provided. Reproduction can be done while recording is being executed. Thus, error check is executed simultaneously.

The magnetic heads 8a and 8b will now be described with reference to Fig. 111. An optical head 6 and the magnetic heads 8a
15 and 8b are located at opposite sides of the recording medium 2, and are opposed to each other. The optical head 6 serves to access a desired track on an optical recording layer 4 of the recording medium 2. The magnetic heads 8a and 8b move together with the optical head 6. Thus, the magnetic head 8a and 8b travel on a
20 magnetic track at the opposite side of the optical track scanned by the optical head 6. The magnetic recording is executed by the magnetic head 8a designed for writing. The reproduction is executed by the magnetic head 8b.

Recording and reproducing conditions will now be described
25 with reference to Fig. 113. The magnetic head 8a has a writing track width L_a and a head gap 70a with a length L_{gap} . Thus, a

magnetic track 67a having a width equal to L_a is recorded on the magnetic recording layer 3. Above the magnetic track accessed by the magnetic head 8, there is a disk cleaning portion 376 including a circular plate made of soft material such as felt. The disk cleaning
5 portion 376 removes dust from the disk, and thus there is an advantage such that the error rate can be reduced during the reproduction. The disk cleaning portion 376 is connected to a connection member 380 including a spring. In an OFF state of Fig. 111, both the magnetic head 8 and the disk cleaning portion 376
10 are out of contact with the recording medium 2. As shown in the part ON-A of Fig. 111, when the magnetic head 8 is moved downward, the disk cleaning portion 376 lands on the recording medium 2. The connection member 380 including the spring holds the magnetic head 8 out of contact with the recording medium 2 for
15 a moment. Then, in an ON-B state, the magnetic head 8 softly lands on the recording medium 2. In this way, the magnetic head 8 makes a soft landing on the recording medium 2 through two steps. Thus, there is an advantage such that even if the magnetic head 8 is moved upward and downward during the rotation of the recording
20 medium 2, a damage to the magnetic head 8 or the recording medium 2 is prevented. As shown in Fig. 113, a portion of a magnetic track 67a which precedes the magnetic head 8 is cleaned, and thus there is an advantage such that the error rate is reduced during the magnetic recording and reproduction. A magnetic head
25 cleaning portion 377 is also provided which moves together with a magnetic head elevator 21. During the insertion of a disk into the

apparatus or during the upward or downward movement of the magnetic head 8, a contact part of the magnetic head 8 is cleaned by the magnetic head cleaning portion 377 at least once. At this time, a circular plate of the disk cleaning portion 376 slightly
5 rotates so that a new surface thereof comes operable. During the next insertion of a disk into the apparatus, the disk is cleaned by the new surface of the disk cleaning portion 377. Since the reproducing head gap 70b of the magnetic head 8a has a width L_b , only a part of the magnetic track 67a which corresponds to the
10 width of the reproduced track 67b is subjected to a reproducing process.

In the thirteenth embodiment, the head gap length L_{gap} of the magnetic head 8a is important for the reason as follows. As previously described with reference to Fig. 103, the recording
15 medium of the twelfth embodiment includes the preliminary layer 43, the print layer 49, and the protective layer 50 which extend between the magnetic recording layer 3 and the magnetic heads 8a and 8b, and which have the thicknesses d_2 , d_3 , and d_4 respectively. Thus, a space loss corresponding to $d=d_2+d_3+d_4$ is always present.
20 The space loss S in unit of dB is given as:

$$S = 54.6(d/\lambda) \quad \dots(1)$$

where λ denotes the recording wavelength. The head gap L_{gap} and the recording wavelength λ has the following relation.

$$\lambda = 3 \times L_{gap} \quad \dots(2)$$

25 According to the results of experiments, the thickness of the preliminary layer 43 is preferably equal to $1 \mu\text{m}$ or more in view of

light blocking characteristics. Generally, it is necessary that the sum of the thicknesses of the print layer 49 and the protective layer 50 is equal to at least $1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Thus, the value d generally needs to be at least $2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, and the following relation is present.

$$5 \quad d \geq 2 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad \dots(3)$$

By referring to the equations (1), (2), and (3), a minimum space loss S in unit of dB is given as:

$$S = 54.6 \times 2/3L_{gap} \quad \dots(4)$$

The equation (4) determines the relation between the head gap and
10 the space loss which is shown in Fig. 112.

It can be expressed by the relation diagram of head gap and space loss in Fig.112. Unless suppressed at least to 10 dB or less by the space loss alone, sufficient recording and reproducing voltage characteristic cannot be obtained, and hence specified reliability is not assured. therefore, from the graph in Fig.112, in the CD-ROM application for computer demanding high reliability, it is known necessary to set the L gap at $5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ or more in the application of using the recording medium with printing layer. In the CD-ROM application for games, however, since the required reliability is not so high, an optimum reliability and a slightly high recording density are obtained by using a magnetic head with a head gap of $3\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ or more. At the head gap of $200\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ or more, the recording density is 100 bpi or less, and the capacity is substantially lowered for magnetic disk, and only 200 bytes are available in one track of the outermost circumference of the CD, which does not satisfy the requirements for games.

Therefore, considering the consumer use, when a printing layer is provided,
25 an optimum reliability and an optimum capacity will be obtained in a head gap
range of $3\ \mu\text{m}$ to $200\ \mu\text{m}$.

In the professional use where higher density is more important than beautiful

printing, the space loss will be decreased by using a recording medium without printing layer, so that the capacity may be further raised. In the case of the hybrid medium of the invention, however, it is supposed to be used in bare state like the CD. Hence, space loss due to dust is inevitable. As the space loss due to finger oil
5 and grease or household dust, a worst value of

$$d = 1 \mu m (5)$$

must be taken into consideration. The attenuation in this case is shown in Fig.112. As known from Fig.112, when using a medium without printing layer, by defining the head gap at $1.5 \mu m$ or more, it is possible to record and reproduce in a
10 much higher recording capacity without being influenced by the space loss. If not provided with printing layer, it may be set in a range of 1.5 to $200 \mu m$.

Generally, to attain sufficient recording and reproducing characteristics, it is necessary to limit the space loss to 10 dB or less. Thus, it is found from Fig. 112 that the head gap L_{gap} needs to
15 be set to $5 \mu m$ or more. In a conventional recording and reproducing apparatus for rotating a hard disk or a floppy disk to execute information recording and reproduction, a magnetic head has a slider portion and is provided with a head gap of $0.5 \mu m$ or less. If information is recorded and reproduced into and from the
20 recording medium of this invention by using such a conventional magnetic head, sufficient recording and reproducing characteristics can not be obtained due to the presence of the protective layer or the print layer. On the other hand, in the thirteenth embodiment, the magnetic head 8a has a slider portion 41 as shown in Fig. 111
25 and the head gap of the recording head 8a is equal to $5 \mu m$ or more so that the space loss is equal to 10 dB or less as understood from Fig. 112. Thus, there is an advantage such that sufficient recording

and reproducing characteristics-can be attained during the recording and reproduction.

5 In the thirteenth embodiment, it is possible to execute full color label printing on the surface of the recording medium. It is possible to adopt the recording medium having the same appearance as that of a conventional CD or CD ROM as shown in Fig. 101. Thus, there is an advantage such that when a CD having the magnetic recording layer of this invention is used, a consumer is prevented from being confused and the basic function of the CD standards is maintained. The magnetic recording layer uses barium ferrite which has a high magnetic coercive force H_c and which does not require the random orientation step. Thus, there is an advantage such that recorded data is not damaged under normal conditions and the recording medium can be manufactured at a low cost. The recording medium of this invention can be handled in the way same as the way of handling a conventional CD as previously described, and thus there is an advantage such that a full compatibility between the recording medium of this invention and the conventional CD can be attained.

20 Next, a description will be given of countermeasures to magnetic field noise transmitted from the optical head to the magnetic head. Electromagnetic noise generated by an optical head actuator 18 tends to enter the reproducing magnetic head 8b so that the error rate may be increased. According to a first countermeasure, as shown in Fig. 114, a magnetic shield layer 69 previously described with reference to the twelfth embodiment is

provided in the recording medium 2. Thereby, electromagnetic noise generated by the actuator of the optical head 6 is prevented from entering the magnetic head 8 so that an increase in the error rate can be prevented. In this case, when the optical head reaches
5 an edge of the disk, electromagnetic noise tends to be transmitted from the optical head actuator to the magnetic head 8 since the magnetic shield is absent from an area outside the disk.

Accordingly, as shown in Fig. 110, it is preferable that the recording and reproducing apparatus is provided with a magnetic shield 360
10 extending around the edge of the disk to block the electromagnetic noise. According to a second countermeasure, as shown in Fig. 111, the optical head actuator 18 is surrounded by a magnetic shield 360 made of high- μ material such as permalloy or iron. The magnetic shield 360 has an opening 362 for a lens. Thus, there is an
15 advantage such that the transmission of electromagnetic noise from the optical head actuator to the magnetic head 8b is suppressed and related noise in the output signal from the magnetic head is remarkably decreased.

Experiments were done under the following conditions. The
20 optical head of the recording and reproducing apparatus was held fixed, and the optical recording portion was subjected to focusing control. On the other hand, the magnetic head was moved on the surface of the recording medium. During the experiments, a relative level of electromagnetic noise entering the magnetic head 8
25 from the optical head 6 was measured. Fig. 116 shows the relation between the measured relative level of the electromagnetic noise

and the distance between the magnetic head and the optical head.

According to another countermeasure to noise, the noise is detected, and the detected noise is added to a reproduced signal at an opposite phase to reduce the noise component from the reproduced signal. As shown in Fig. 111, the magnetic recording and reproducing apparatus is provided with a noise cancel magnetic head 8s and a noise detector such as a magnetic sensor. In a noise canceler portion 378, a reproduced signal from the magnetic head 8b and the detected noise are added with opposite phases respectively and at a given addition ratio A so that the noise component of the reproduced signal can be canceled. By optimizing the addition ratio A, the noise component can be adequately canceled. The optimal addition ratio A_0 is determined by scanning a magnetic track free from a recorded signal and varying the addition ratio so as to minimize the level of the reproduced signal. The optimal addition ratio A_0 can be calibrated and updated. It is good to execute the calibration when the noise level exceeds an acceptable range.

By utilizing the fact that the recording head 8a remains unused during the reproducing process in Fig. 110, the recording head 8a may be employed as a noise detector. In this case, a signal outputted from the recording head 8a is inputted into the noise canceler portion 378 to remove the noise component from the reproduced signal, and the noise cancel magnetic head 8s can be omitted.

A description will now be given of the structure which

includes the noise cancel magnetic head 8s. As shown in Figs. 129(a) 129(b), and 129(c), the noise cancel magnetic head 8s is connected to the magnetic heads 8a and 8b via an attachment portion 8t. When the magnetic head unit contacts the recording medium 2 as shown in Fig. 129(b), a space loss having a height do occurs with respect to the noise cancel magnetic head 8s.

In the case where $\lambda=200\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ and the space loss height do is equal to $200\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ or more, the level of a reproduced signal from the magnetic recording layer is estimated as being equal to about -60 dB and the reproduction is almost difficult. When the magnetic head is moved upward by 0.2 mm, the level of noise is reduced by only -1 dB or less as shown in Fig. 116. In the case where $\lambda=200\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, provided that the distance between the noise cancel magnetic head 8s and the reproducing magnetic head 8b is set to at least $\lambda/5$ equal to $40\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, the entrance of an original signal from the reproducing head can be prevented. Thus, there is an advantage such that the transmission of electromagnetic noise from the optical head actuator to the reproducing magnetic head can be essentially completely suppressed.

It should be noted that the noise cancel magnetic head 8s may be replaced by a magnetic sensor such as a Hall element or an MR element. An example of the magnetic sensor is shown in Fig. 130. The drive magnetic noise of the optical head 6 is detected by the magnetic sensor, and a signal representative thereof is added in opposite phase to the magnetic reproduced signal. Thereby, the introduced noise can be greatly reduced. This design enables the

apparatus to be further miniaturized in comparison with the magnetic head detection type.

Figs. 172(a) and 172(b) to Figs. 175(a) and 175(b) show examples of the details of the arrangement of Figs. 129(a), 129(b), and 129(c). Fig. 172(a) shows an example using a head with one gap which serves as both the recording head 8a and the reproducing head 8b. In the case where heads of equal sizes are arranged as shown in Figs. 175(a) and 175(b), a high effect is attained although the size of the composite head is large. Figs. 175(a) and 175(b) show an example where the width of the noise cancel head 8s is set small to realize the miniaturization. Figs. 172(a) and 172(b) show an example using a noise cancel head 8s having a uniform width. In the arrangement of Fig. 172(c), a slider 41 is provided with a groove 41a which also forms the previously-mentioned groove having the gap do. The slider 41 is greater than the head 8a in the area of the surface contacting air, so that the magnetic head 8a receives a weaker air pressure. Therefore, the contact between the head and the recording medium is made better. In this case, $l_2 > l_1$. Figs. 173(a) and 173(b) show an arrangement in which the head gap is removed from the noise cancel head 8s of Fig. 171. Since a magnetic signal is not read out even when the noise cancel head 8s is brought into contact with the magnetic surface of the recording medium, there is an advantage such that only noise can be picked up.

Figs. 176(a) and 176(b) to Figs. 178(a) and 178(b) show arrangements each using a coil 499 as a noise cancel head. Fig.

176(a) shows an arrangement in which two coils 499a and 499b are located in a groove of a magnetic head 8. It is possible to detect a noise magnetic flux 85 as in Fig. 175(b). Fig. 177(a) shows an arrangement in which coils 499a and 499b are located in parallel
5 with the gap of a head. It is possible to detect noise in the direction of the head magnetic field. Fig. 177(b) shows a noise cancel arrangement in which signals from the coils 499a and 499b are enlarged by amplifiers 500a and 500c respectively, and are combined by an amplifier 500b into a composite signal inputted to
10 the noise canceler 378 of Fig. 134. Fig. 178(a) shows an arrangement in which vertical coils 499c and 499d are provided in addition to the coils 499a and 499b parallel to the head gap. The four coils enable higher noise detection ability. By adjusting and mixing the output signals of the parallel coils 499a and 499b and
15 the vertical coils 499c and 499d as shown in Fig. 178(b), it is possible to obtain a noise detection signal optimal for noise cancel.

Fig. 179 shows a spectrum distribution having the results of measurement of actual electromagnetic noise caused by the optical pickup portion in the apparatus equipped with the noise cancel
20 head. As understood from the drawing, noise having frequencies of several KHz overlaps in frequency with the reproduction frequency band in the apparatus of this invention which uses a wavelength of 100 micrometers. Therefore, this noise significantly interferes with the reproduction. As shown in the drawing, the noise cancel head
25 enables the reduction of the noise in the frequency band by about 38 dB. The noise reduction results in an improvement of the error rate

during the reproduction.

According to another countermeasure to noise, the distance between the optical head and the magnetic head is set to 10 mm or more, and the noise is reduced by 15 dB or more as understood from Fig. 116. Thus, by setting the distance between the optical head and the magnetic head to 10 mm or more, there is provided an advantage such that the noise is remarkably reduced. In this case, it is important to maintain the accuracy of the positional relation between the optical head and the magnetic head.

A description will now be given of a method of maintaining the positional accuracy. As shown in Fig. 117, with respect to the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8, traverse shafts 363a and 363b are rotated in equal directions in response to rotation of a common traverse actuator 23 via traverse gears 367a, 367b, and 367c. The traverse shafts are provided with opposite screws respectively so that the optical head 6 is moved in a leftward direction 51a while the magnetic head 8 is moved in a rightward direction 51b. The respective heads meet positional reference points 364a and 364b, and therefore positions thereof are adjusted. Thus, the optical head 6 is moved to a position above a reference optical track 65a while the magnetic head 8 is moved to a position above a reference magnetic track 67a. In this way, initial setting of the positions of the two heads is executed. Therefore, the accuracy of the positional relation between the two heads is maintained during the movements thereof. The positional setting is done at least once when a new recording medium 2 is inserted into the

apparatus or when a power supply switch of the apparatus is turned on. Thereby, during later operation of the apparatus, the two heads are moved by equal distances. Thus, in the case where the optical head 8 accesses a given optical track 65, the magnetic head 6 accurately accesses a given magnetic track 67 on a radius equal to the radius of the currently-accessed optical track 65. In the case where the optical head 6 is moved thereafter, the magnetic head 8 is moved by the same distance. Thus, as shown in Fig. 118, an optical track 67b and a magnetic track 65b on the same radius are accurately accessed. In the case of access to an outermost part of the recording medium, the two heads are positioned above tracks on a circumference having a radius L_2 . In the case of access to an innermost part of the recording medium, the two heads are moved to positions above tracks on a circumference having a radius L_1 . In this case, the distance between the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 is equal to $2L_1$. Provided that this distance is set to 10 mm or more, the level of noise transmitted from the optical head to the magnetic head is adequately small. In the case of a CD, $L_1=23$ mm and thus the distance between the two heads is given as $2L_1=46$ mm, so that the level of noise is equal to 10 dB or less as understood from Fig. 116. Thus, there is an advantage such that an adverse influence of the noise hardly occurs.

As shown in Fig. 117, when a recording medium 2 is required to be inserted into the apparatus, the presence of the magnetic head 8 makes difficult the direct insertion of the recording medium 2. Accordingly, the elevator 21 for the magnetic head lifts the

magnetic head 8 and the traverse by a significant distance, and then the recording medium is inserted into the apparatus. At this time, the previously-mentioned positional relation between the two heads tends to be out of order. On the other hand, at this time, as
5 previously described, the magnetic head cleaning portion 377 cleans the contact surface of the magnetic head 8. Then, the magnetic head 8 and the traverse are returned to given positions. When the magnetic head 8 and the traverse are returned to the given positions, the positional relation between the optical head 6
10 and the magnetic head 8 is still out of order. Thus, if the magnetic head 8 is moved together with the optical head 6 without correcting the positional relation therebetween, the magnetic head 8 can not accurately access a given magnetic track 67 on a radius equal to the radius of a currently-accessed optical track 65. The previously-
15 mentioned positional setting is done at least once when the recording medium is inserted into the apparatus. Thereby, there is provided an advantage such that a simple structure can increase the positional accuracy of access to a given magnetic track 67 by the magnetic head 8. This is an important function in realizing a home-
20 use low-cost apparatus.

Fig. 120 shows another design in which a traverse connecting portion 366 includes a flexible member such as a leaf spring. The traverse connecting portion 366 is guided by a connecting portion guide 375. An optical head 6 and a magnetic head 8 are connected
25 by the traverse connecting portion 366 and the guide 375. Thus, the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 can move together in a

direction 51. Thus, it is possible to obtain the advantage which results from the linkage between the movements of the two heads as previously described with reference to Fig. 117. Since the traverse connecting portion 366 is flexible, the magnetic head 8 can
5 be easily lifted in a direction 51a. Thus, there is an additional advantage such that the magnetic head elevator can easily lift the magnetic head 8 during the insertion of the recording medium 2 into the apparatus.

The design of Fig. 117 may be modified into a design of Fig.
10 126 in which the distance between the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 is always equal to a given value L_0 . In this case, the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 are moved in equal directions 51a and 51b. Since the distance between the magnetic head 8 and the optical head 6 can be set large, there is an advantage
15 such that the transmission of noise from the optical head to the magnetic head can be suppressed. This design is effective in noise suppression especially for a small-diameter recording medium such as an MD.

In the previous description of this embodiment, the magnetic
20 head and the optical head are angularly separated by 180° with respect to the center of the disk as shown in Fig. 117. The angular separation between the two heads may be 45° , 60° , 90° , or 120° . In these cases, provided that the shortest distance between the two heads is 10 mm or more, it is possible to obtain an advantage such
25 that the level of noise can be adequately decreased.

It is preferable to adopt one of the previously-mentioned

countermeasures to noise or a combination of two or more of the previously-mentioned countermeasures to noise.

In the case where the electromagnetic shield with respect to the optical head 6 is adequately effective, the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 can be opposed to each other in a vertical direction as shown in Fig. 119. In this case, by providing positional references 364a and 364b, there is provided an advantage such that the accuracy of positional alignment between the two heads can be increased. The above-mentioned opposed configuration has an advantage such that the apparatus can be miniaturized since all the parts can be located at one side of the disk.

Next, a recording format will be described. With respect to an optical disk for data, a CAV (constant angular velocity) is provided and thus the rotational speed thereof remains the same even when the radius of the optical disk varies. In the application to a CD ROM, the rotation of a disk is controlled at a CLV (constant linear velocity) so that the linear speed remains constant although the rotational speed depends on the radius of a track. In this case, it is difficult to adopt a recording format of a conventional floppy disk or a conventional hard disk. In the application to a CD ROM, to increase a recording capacity, this invention uses the following design. As shown at 370a, 370b, 370c, 370d, and 370e in Fig. 122, the data capacities of respective tracks are larger as they are closer to the outer edge of the disk. A head of data has a sync portion 369 and a track number portion 371 followed by a data portion 372 and a CRC portion 373. The capacity of the data portion 372 depends on the

track. The CRC portion 373 is used for error check. A gap portion 374 having no signal is set after the CRC portion 373 so that a sync portion 369b in a next head or others can be prevented from being erroneously erased even when the linear velocity is different during the recording. This design has an advantage such that, in the case of a CD, the recording capacity is equal to about 1.5 times the recording capacity which occurs in the design where respective tracks are set to equal capacities as in a conventional floppy disk. In addition, since the magnetic head executes the magnetic recording and reproduction by directly using the CLV rotation control of the motor in response to the signal of the optical head for the CD, there is an advantage such that a motor control circuit exclusively for the magnetic recording can be omitted.

Next, physical formats on a disk will be described. The physical formats are of two types, a "normal mode" and a "variable track pitch mode". As shown in Fig. 123, magnetic tracks 67a, 67b, 67c, and 67d are located at opposite (back) sides of optical tracks 65a, 65b, 65c, and 65d, and the tracks are arranged at equal track pitches T_{po} according to the "normal mode".

This invention adopts a "variable angle" system. As shown in Fig. 117 and Fig. 119, in this invention, the angular separation between the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 is equal to one of various values such as 0° , 180° , 45° , and 90° . Generally, in a conventional recording and reproducing apparatus of the rotational magnetic disk type, sync portions 369 of data, that is, indexes 455, are located at positions with a given angle as seen from the center of

the disk. In the case of index of the variable angle system of this invention, as shown in Fig. 123, the angle of the location of the sync portion 369 at the data starting point can be arbitrarily chosen with a pitch of 17.3 mm in the circumferential direction by defining a given MSF optical block of the optical record portion as index. In this case, as shown in Fig. 214, provided that optical frame given MSF information is recorded as index for every track, index information can be obtained simultaneously with tracking. In the case where "sync" following the given MSF, that is, the sync EFM modulated code data S0 and S1 in the first and second frames of the subcode in Fig. 213, is used as index, recording can be started with an accuracy corresponding to 170.8 μm as shown in Fig. 213. In this case, although magnetic recording can be accurately started from the sync portion 369 in response to the index, the magnetic recording can not be always ended accurately. If the magnetic recording is not accurately ended, the last portion of the record signal is written over the sync portion 369. To prevent such a problem, it is necessary to know the number of optical pulses per round. Accordingly, rotation is designed to start from the optical record portion of index. At a mid time point, the optical beam is returned to the original track by one track. Thus, the reproduction is again made on the optical address corresponding to the index. Accurate one revolution can be performed provided that the number of optical pulses which occurs during this interval is recorded. The data obtained through the measurement in this way is recorded on the magnetic record portion of the magnetic track-optical address

correspondence table, that is, the track 0 or the track 1. Thereby, it is unnecessary to measure the pulse number again.

Since the physical frame number and the MSF block number corresponding to one revolution (round) are known, the magnetic
5 recording can be ended with a high accuracy corresponding to 170 μm . Therefore, the sync portion 369 can be prevented from being damaged while the gap 374 can be minimized so that a greater recording capacity is enabled.

In this case, it is necessary to promptly get subcode data to
10 establish synchronization. In Fig. 211, after an optical reproduced signal is subjected to EFM decoding, a subcode sync detector 456 obtains given MSF subcode. In more detail, with reference to Fig. 215, an index detector 457 receives the subcode from the subcode sync detector 456, and compares it with subcode in an optical
15 address of a given magnetic track. When the two are equal, the index detector 457 controls a data buffer 9b to output data therefrom to start data recording from the sync of a block following the index address. Since this design uses the subcode information which can be obtained fastest, there is an advantage such that a
20 delay time is short and the reproduction is accurately started with the head of a desired tune.

In the case where data in the optical address which corresponds to index is damaged, magnetic recording on the track is difficult. To solve such a problem, as shown in Fig. 214, an error-
25 free optical address following the wrong address is defined, and the optical address MSF information thereof is recorded on the

magnetic track table of the magnetic record portion so that the track in question can be used again.

This design makes it possible to omit a detecting circuit or a detector for the absolute angle of the disk. The recording of a head
5 portion can be started from a part of an arbitrary angle. Therefore, in the case of a CD, data recording can be started immediately after the reading of given optical address information in the optical record portion such as subcode which forms index. Thus, during reproduction, immediately after the optical information of the track
10 is read out, the sync portion in the head of magnetic data starts to be reproduced. Accordingly, a loss time being a rotation waiting time is completely removed from the period of magnetic data recording and the period of reproduction, and a substantive data access time is shorter. This advantage is great especially in the case
15 where recording and reproducing apparatus of equal types are used.

A description will now be given of a method accessing a magnetic track. As shown in Fig. 213, optical address information is recorded in the Q bits of the subcode in the MSF format or others. The MSF needs to be accessed when an optical track is accessed.
20 The width of the magnetic track is equal to several hundreds of μm , and is greater than that of the optical track by two orders.

Accordingly, as shown in Fig. 253, at a step 468a, the recording and reproduction of a given magnetic track are started. At a step 468b, an optical address is obtained by referring to the
25 optical address-magnetic track correspondence table. At a step 468c, a reference optical address MOSOF0 is obtained. At a step

468d, a check is made as to whether it is magnetic reproduction. If it is the reproduction, calculation is given of the upper limit value M2S2F2 and the lower limit value M1S1F1 of a search address range. A step 468f executes search for the optical address. At a
5 step 468g, a check is made as to whether the optical address is in the range between the upper limit value and the lower limit value. At a step 468h, a work of reproducing the magnetic data is started. If an error is absent at a step 468i, the reproduction is completed. If an error is present, a check is made as to the number of times at
10 a step 468j. At a step 468k, the search address range is contracted. Then, the magnetic reproduction is executed.

If it is magnetic recording at the step 468d, a check is made at a step 468m as to whether the optical index is present. If it is yes, optical addresses of, for example, ± 5 frames, in a range
15 narrower than that at the step 468e are set at a step 468n. At steps 468p and 468q, the optical head is forced to access the optical track range. At a step 468r, a head is found in response to the optical index mark. At a step 468s, the magnetic recording is started. At a step 468t, the magnetic recording is completed.

20 If the optical index mark is decided to be absent at the step 468m, a step 468u searches for the given optical address MOSOF0. In the case where access is done by a step 468v, when the given code data S0 and S1 (see Fig. 213) in a block immediately following the block MOSOF0 are detected at a step 468w, a head of the
25 magnetic recording is found and set. At a step 468x, the recording is started. At a step 468t, the recording is completed.

According to the design of Fig. 253, in the case of access to the magnetic recording track, it is sufficient to search for optical addresses in several tens of frames. Thus, there is an advantage such that a time of access to the magnetic track is shorter. In the
5 case where the optical address search range for recording is narrower than the optical address search range for reproduction, optical recording can be more reliably executed.

Next, the "variable track pitch mode" will be described. As in a game machine, a general ROM disk is inserted into the apparatus.
10 At the start of a program, information is first read out from a track of a TOC region, and information is read out from a given track recording the program and information is read out from a given track recording data. This sequence is the same at every starting.

In the case where a CAV optical disk is used, it is now
15 assumed that, as shown in Fig. 124, access is made with respect to decided tracks such as a first track 65b, a 1004-th track 65c, a 2004-th track 65d, and a 3604-th track 65e. In the case where the hybrid disk of this invention is used, if magnetic information necessary for starting is present in a magnetic track out of
20 alignment with the back side of an optical track accessed during the starting, wasteful access to the magnetic track is executed in addition to access to the optical track. Thus, the completion of the starting is delayed commensurately. In the case of the equal intervals of the "normal mode", there is a small possibility that the
25 center of the magnetic track comes into alignment with the back side of the optical track. Therefore, it is necessary to access

another magnetic track, and the speed of the starting is slow also in this case. The "variable track pitch mode" of this invention features that the magnetic tracks 67b, 67c, 67d, and 67e are defined at the back sides of the four optical tracks 65b, 65c, 65d, and 65e which
5 are required to be read out at the starting. The track numbers and the address information of the optical recording portion which forms index and which corresponds to the track numbers are recorded on the TOC region of the optical recording portion or the TOC region of the magnetic recording portion. In the case of a CD,
10 subcode information is recorded thereon. Data to be read out at the starting is set so as to be recorded on the magnetic track, and the data represents a game gain item number, a progress degree, points, a personal name, and others. Thereby, at the starting, the magnetic track which records the information necessary for the
15 starting is automatically accessed at the same time as access to optical data, and the information is read out from the magnetic track. Thus, a loss time is nullified, and there is an advantage such that the starting time is very short. In this case, as shown in Fig. 124, the track pitches between the tracks are equal to random
20 values as Tp1, Tp2, Tp3, and Tp4. Therefore, although the recording capacity is slightly lowered, this design is effective to use which needs high-speed starting.

The "variable pitch mode" and the "variable angle mode" are effective to music use, for example, accompaniment use. In the case
25 where this invention is applied to accompaniment use, personal environment setting data can be recorded and stored which

represents musical intervals for respective music numbers desired by persons respectively, desired tempos of respective music numbers, desired amounts of echo, respective desired parameters of DSP, and others. Thereby, there is provided the following

5 advantage. Provided that data setting is done once, only by inserting an accompaniment CD into an accompaniment machine, music is reproduced automatically with the musical intervals, the tempos, and the echoes desired by the respective persons. Thus, it is possible for the respective persons to enjoy the accompaniments

10 under conditions well suited to the abilities and the tastes of the persons. In this case, magnetic tracks at the back sides of the optical tracks 65b, 65c, 65d, and 65e for determining the heads of music numbers are defined, and personal accompaniment data regarding the music numbers are recorded on the magnetic tracks

15 67b, 67c, 67d, and 67e. In the case where the accompaniment on the optical track 65c is selected, the related personal accompaniment data is recorded on the magnetic track 57 at the back side thereof. During the start of reproduction of a given music number, the musical interval, the tempo, and the echo of the music

20 number are set in a period of one revolution of the disk and the reproduced music starts to be outputted. Thus, also in music use, the "variable pitch mode" provides an advantage such that both optical data and magnetic data can be quickly accessed. In general music use, this design is effective when environment setting about,

25 for example, DSP sound fields for respective music numbers, is used.

In the case where this invention is applied to a CD ROM, when the magnetic coercive force H_c is set to 1,750 Oe, a RAM capacity of about 32 kB can be attained. The optical recording surface of a CD ROM has a ROM capacity of 540 MB. Thus, there is a capacity
5 difference by about one hundred thousand times. In most of actual products using a CD ROM, the 540-MB capacity thereof is not fully used. Generally, a CD ROM has an unused or free capacity of at least several tens of MB. This invention uses the free area of the ROM and records data compressing and expanding programs and various
10 data compressing reference tables into the ROM to execute the compression of data recorded into the RAM.

The data compressing design will now be described with reference to Fig. 125. In the case of a game machine, the optical recording portion 4 is previously loaded with information closely
15 related to game contents possibly required during the execution of a game program, for example, data compressing reference tables such as a place name reference table 368a and a person's name reference table 368b. The free area in the ROM is large, and various reference tables can be prepared which are of information having a high
20 possible use frequency among words such as person's names, place names, and numeral sequences. If the word "Washington" is directly recorded on the magnetic recording layer 3 forming the RAM, an area of 80 bits is consumed. On the other hand, in this invention, the data compressing reference table 368a defines "Washington" as
25 a binary code "10", and thus the 80-bit data is compressed into the 2-bit data "10". The compressed data is recorded on the magnetic

recording layer 3, and thereby the information is recorded while the used capacity is reduced by a factor of 1/40. It is known that general data compression techniques provide data compression corresponding to double or three times. Provided that use is

5 limited, data compression by a factor of 10 or more can be done according to this data compressing design. Thus, the 32-kB magnetic recording capacity of a CD ROM is substantially equivalent to the 320-kB magnetic recording capacity of a magnetic disk. As previously described, in the hybrid disk of this invention, the ROM

10 area of the optical recording portion is used in compressing data to be stored into the RAM, and thus there is an advantage such that the logical RAM capacity is virtually increased although the physical ROM capacity decreases. In Fig. 125, since the data compressing and expanding programs are stored in the ROM of the optical

15 record portion, the substantive capacity of the RAM is prevented from decreasing. The data compressing and expanding programs may be stored in the magnetic record portion. The data compressing design may use a Huffman optimal coding method or a Ziv-Lempel method. In the case of the Ziv-Lempel method,

20 previously-prepared reference tables and Hash functions are recorded in the optical record portion, and thereby record data in the magnetic record portion can be compressed.

The overall operation of the recording and reproducing apparatus will be described hereinafter with reference to Fig. 127

25 and Fig. 128. The system controller 10 operates in accordance with a program, the flowchart of which is shown in Fig. 127 and Fig. 128.

Under conditions where the magnetic head is lifted, a step 410 places a disk into a correct position. Then, a step 411 returns the magnetic head to the normal position. A step 412 moves the optical head to a TOC track, and a step 413 reads out optical data
5 from the TOC track. A first way uses control bits, that is, Q1-Q4 bits of the subcode in Fig. 213. The magnetic layer can be recognized provided that a recording medium is defined as being with the magnetic recording layer when Q3=1. In Fig. 213, there are already used conditions of Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4=0, 0, 0, 0, conditions of Q1, Q2,
10 Q3, Q4=1, 0, 0, 0, conditions of Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4=0, 0, 0, 1, conditions of Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4=1, 0, 0, 1, and conditions of Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4=0, 1, 0, 0. Thus, conditions of Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4=0, 1, 1, 0 are defined as a magnetic data track. In this case, the magnetic track format information can be recorded in the TOC. Specifically, as
15 shown in Fig. 214, there are recorded physical positions in a CD optical record portion which form indexes corresponding to starting points of recording and reproduction of respective magnetic tracks. For example, in the case of the first track, when the optical head accesses the MSF or the block of 3-minute 15-
20 second 55-frame, the magnetic head accesses the first track. As shown in Fig. 213, the index indicating the record starting position enables an accuracy corresponding to 17.3 mm with the MSF information only. The use of a given frame in a given MSF enables an index signal to be obtained at a higher accuracy, for example, an
25 accuracy of 176 μ m. Thus, in the case where index is made from the sync signal in a block following the given MSF block and the

recording is started, the reproduction can be started from a head of a desired tune at an accuracy of 176 μ m. In this case, as described with reference to Fig. 123, CLV is adopted so that indexes of the respective tracks are different. The different indexes do not
5 adversely affect actual recording and reproduction. Since the use of the MSF information obtains the index in this way, it is unnecessary to provide special index. The readout data contains a flag representing whether or not the optical disk has a magnetic recording portion, address information such as CD subcode numbers
10 corresponding to the positions of magnetic tracks for defaults of magnetic data, and information representing whether or not the variable pitch mode is present. A step 414 checks the presence of the flag of the magnetic recording layer. When the result of the check is Yes, an advance to a step 418 is done. When the result of
15 the check is No, a step 415 reads out an optical mark representing whether or not the magnetic recording layer on the magnetic recording surface or others is present. When a step 416 detects the absence of the optical mark, a jump to a step 417 is done so that magnetic recording and reproduction regarding the present disk
20 are not executed.

The program enters a magnetic recording and reproducing mode at the step 418, and advances to a block 402 which executes initial setting of the magnetic track. A step 419 in the block 402 moves the magnetic head downward onto the surface of the
25 recording medium, and a step 420 reads out magnetic data from the TOC area. Then, a step 421 lifts the magnetic head to prevent wear

thereof. A step 422 checks whether or not an error flag representing error conditions of the magnetic data is present. When a step 423a detects the presence of the error flag, an advance to a step 427a is done. The step 427a ejects the optical disk, and a
5 step 427b indicates "clean optical disk" on a display of the apparatus. Then, a step 427c stops the program.

On the other hand, a step 424 checks whether or not the default value recorded on the optical recording surface is good with the optical address correspondence table of the respective magnetic
10 tracks. When the result of the check is No, a step 426 updates the contents of a part of the magnetic track-optical address correspondence table in response to the magnetic data information of the TOC track. The updated table is stored into an internal memory of the apparatus. When the result of the check is Yes, an
15 advance to a step 428 is done.

When the step 428 detects the presence of a reading instruction regarding the magnetic track, an advance to a step 440 is done. Otherwise, an advance to a step 429 is done. In cases other than the variable track pitch mode, an advance to the step
20 440 is done. In the case of the variable track pitch mode, a step 430 sets an optical track group number n to 0. A step 431 increments n by 1. When a step 432 detects that n is equal to a final value, a jump to a step 438 is done. Otherwise, a step 433 accesses a heading optical track in the n -th optical track group.
25 When a step 434 detects that the default magnetic track is good, a step 436 moves the magnetic head downward onto the surface of

the recording medium. Then, a step 437 reads out magnetic data and stores the readout data into the internal memory of the apparatus, and a return to the step 431 is done. On the other hand, when the optical address corresponding to the magnetic head is the default value so that bad conditions are detected, a step 435
5 accesses an optical address other than the default value. Then, steps 436 and 437 read out magnetic data, and a return to the step 431 is done. The step 431 increments n by 1. When n reaches the final value at the step 432, reading out the optical data and the
10 magnetic data is completed at the step 438. Therefore, in the case of a game machine, a game program is started, and the game scene which occurs at the previous end is retrieved on the basis of the data recorded on the magnetic recording portion. A step 439 lifts the magnetic head, and an advance to a step 446 is done.

15 When the step 429 detects the absence of the variable track pitch mode, a jump to a step 440 is done. When the step 440 detects the absence of the normal track pitch mode, a jump to a step 446 is done. Otherwise, a step 441 receives an instruction of accessing the n-th magnetic track. A step 442 derives the optical
20 address corresponding to the n-th magnetic track by referring to the information in the internal memory of the system controller 10, and a step 443 accesses the optical address. Then, a step 444 reads out magnetic data, and a step 445 stores the readout data into the internal memory and a jump to the step 446 is done.

25 The step 446 checks whether or not a rewriting instruction is present. When the result of the check is No, a jump to a step 455 is

done. When the result of the check is Yes, a step 447 is executed. The step 447 checks whether or not a final storing instruction is present. When the result of the check is Yes, an advance to the step 427a (or the step 455) is done. When the result of the check is No,
5 an advance to a step 448 is done. The step 448 checks whether or not data desired to be rewritten is present in the internal memory of the apparatus. When the result of the check is Yes, a jump to a step 454 is done so that the magnetic recording is not executed but only rewriting of the internal memory is executed. When the result
10 of the check is No, a step 449 refers to the magnetic track-optical address correspondence table and accesses the given optical track. Then, a step 450 moves the magnetic head downward, and steps 451, 452, and 453 execute reading out the magnetic data, storing the readout data into the internal memory, and lifting the magnetic
15 head. A step 454 rewrites or updates the information transferred into the internal memory, and then an advance to the step 455 is done.

The step 455 checks whether or not a final storing instruction is present. When the result of the check is No, an
20 advance to a step 458 is done. The step 458 detects whether or not the work has been completed. When the work has been completed, an advance to a step 476 is done. Otherwise, a return to the step 428 is done. When the result of the check at the step 455 is Yes, an advance to a step 456 is done. The step 456 extracts only updated
25 data from the magnetic data in the internal memory, and a step 457 detects whether or not updating is present. In the absence of

updating, an advance to a step 458 is done. In the presence of updating, a step 459 accesses the optical address of the corresponding magnetic track. Steps 460, 470, and 471 execute moving the magnetic head downward, recording magnetic data
5 immediately after the detection of the optical address, and checking the recorded data. When a step 472 detects that the error rate is large, a jump to a step 481 is done. The step 481 lifts the magnetic head, and a step 482 cleans the magnetic head with the head cleaning portion. A step 483 executes the recording again and
10 checks the error rate. When the error rate is good, an advance to the step 428 is done. When the error rate is bad, a jump to the step 427a is done.

When the step 472 detects that the error rate is small, an advance to a step 473 is done. The step 473 checks whether or not
15 the recording has been completed. When the result of the check is No, a return to the step 470 is done. When the result of the check is Yes, a step 474 lifts the magnetic head. A step 475 checks whether or not all the work has been completed. When all the work has been completed, an advance to a step 476 is done. Otherwise, a
20 return to the step 428 is done.

The step 476 lifts the magnetic head, and a step 477 cleans the magnetic head with the head cleaning portion. Then, a step 478 detects whether or not an ejecting instruction is present. In the presence of the ejecting instruction, a step 479 ejects the
25 optical disk. In the absence of the ejecting instruction, a step 480 stops the program.

A band pass filter tuned to a frequency band equal to a frequency distribution of a reproduced signal from the magnetic head may be provided in the drive circuit for the actuator 18 to remove noise. Electromagnetic noise may be reduced by the following design. After access to a magnetic head, a drive current to the actuator for the optical head 6 is turned off. Then, reproduction is executed by the magnetic head. When the reproduction is completed, driving the actuator is restarted.

In most of conventional CD's, a thick films of print ink are applied to the back sides thereof by screen printing or others, so that there is a roughness of several tens of μm . When the magnetic head is brought into contact with such a CD, print ink is removed or damaged. As shown in the ON state of Fig. 115, the recording medium 2 having a magnetic shield layer 69 is inserted into the apparatus. In this case, the transmission of electromagnetic noise from the actuator for the optical head 6 is remarkably suppressed as compared with the OFF state of Fig. 115 in which the recording medium 2 having no magnetic shield layer 69 is inserted into the apparatus. The noise is outputted from the magnetic head reproducing circuit 30, and can be easily detected. Accordingly, even when the magnetic head 8 is not brought into contact with the magnetic recording layer 3, the recording medium of this invention can be discriminated from a conventional recording medium such as a CD. Only when the recording medium of this invention which has the magnetic recording layer is inserted into the apparatus, the magnetic head 8 is brought into contact with the surface of the

recording medium. Thus, the magnetic head is prevented from contacting the back side of a recording medium such as a CD or an LD which has no magnetic recording layer. Therefore, there is an advantage such that the magnetic head is prevented from damaging
5 the optical recording surface of the recording medium and printed matters on the back side of the recording medium.

According to another design, in Fig. 111, a discrimination code signal denoting the presence of a magnetic recording layer in a recording medium is previously recorded on a TOC area of the
10 optical recording portion of a CD or on an optical track portion near the TOC area. First, optical TOC information is read out from a recording medium while the magnetic head is held out of contact with the recording medium. Only when the discrimination code signal for the presence of the magnetic layer is detected, the
15 magnetic head 8 is moved into contact with the recording medium. In this design, when a conventional CD is inserted into the apparatus, the magnetic head 8 does not contact the optical recording side and the label side of the recording medium. Thus, there is an advantage such that a damage to the conventional CD can
20 be prevented. It may be good that a given optical mark is provided on the print surface of an optical disk, and a magnetic recording layer is decided to be present only when the optical mark is detected.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FOURTEENTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

25 Fig. 134 shows a recording and reproducing apparatus according to an eighteenth embodiment of this invention which is

similar to the embodiment of Fig. 110 except for design changes which will be described later. Information recording and reproduction into and from a magnetic recording portion 3 of a recording medium 2 are executed through modulation and demodulation responsive to an optical-system clock signal 382 which is extracted from a reproduced signal related to an optical recording surface of the recording medium 2.

In Fig. 134, an optical reproducing circuit 38 includes a clock reproducing circuit 38a which recovers the optical-system clock signal 382 from the optically reproduced signal. A clock circuit 29a contained in a magnetic recording circuit 29 subjects the optical-system clock signal 382 to frequency division, generating a magnetic-system clock signal 383. The magnetic-system clock signal 383 is used as a reference in modulation executed by a modulating circuit 334 in the magnetic recording circuit 29. These conditions are shown in Fig. 216. The optical-system clock signal from the clock reproducing circuit 38a has a frequency of 4.3 MHz. The optical-system clock signal is down-converted to the modulation clock signal for the MFM modulator 334 of this invention which has a frequency of 15-30 KHz, and magnetic recording is done. Starting with a head of a tune is performed through the detection of an optical address by an index detector 457 as previously described. In this case, the control of rotation of a motor is performed in response to the optical signal. As shown in Figs. 218(a)-218(h), the magnetic recording is started by a periodical signal after the optical index.

During the reproduction of information from the magnetic recording portion of the recording medium 2, a clock circuit 30a in a magnetic reproducing circuit 30 recovers a magnetic-system clock signal 383, and the magnetic-system clock signal 383 is used
5 as a reference in demodulation executed by a demodulating section 30b in the magnetic reproducing circuit 30.

With reference to Fig. 217, a detailed description will now be given of operation which occurs during the magnetic reproduction. After the reproduction is made on the optical address for the index,
10 a power supply to an actuator of an optical pickup portion 6 is turned off to prevent the occurrence of electromagnetic noise as shown in Fig. 218(d). Then, the magnetic reproduction is turned on, and the control of the rotation of the motor and the demodulation of data are done in response to the magnetic record
15 signal. The reproduced signal from a magnetic head 8 is shaped by a wave shaper 466, and a clock reproducing section 467 reproduces a clock signal therefrom. The reproduced clock signal is fed to a pseudo magnetic sync signal generator 462. A magnetic sync signal detector 459 reproduces a magnetic sync clock signal, and an MFM
20 demodulator 30b executes demodulation into a digital signal. The demodulated signal is subjected by an error correcting section 36 to error correction before being outputted as magnetic reproduced data.

The magnetic reproduced signal corresponds to frequency
25 division of the optical reproduced signal by a given factor. Immediately before a change from "optical" to "magnetic", the signal

resulting from the frequency division of the optical reproduced clock signal continues to be fed to a PLL 459a of the magnetic sync signal detector 459 as reference information. The central frequency of the PLL locking is set close thereto. Accordingly, upon
5 a change from "optical" to "magnetic", the frequency lockup is executed in a short time according to the magnetic reproduced clock PLL. In this way, the magnetic recording clock signal is generated by the frequency division of the optical reproduced clock signal, and the magnetic recording is done in response to the
10 magnetic recording clock signal. This design is advantageous in that the optical reproduced clock signal can be replaced by the magnetic reproduced clock signal in a short time upon a change of the optical head 6 into an off state during the reproduction of the magnetic signal. In the case where the optical head 6 and the
15 magnetic head 8 fixedly travel on the same circumference or different circumferences, a constant division ratio is good. In the case where the heads travel on different circumferences without being fixed, the radii r_M and r_o of the circumferences are derived and the division ratio is corrected in accordance with the
20 derived radii.

A description will now be given of the way of the rotation control. With respect to the rotation control during the optical reproduction, a pseudo optical sync signal generator 461 and a shortest/longest pulse detector 460 in a motor rotation controller
25 26 of Fig. 217 generate an optical sync signal. A motor controller 261a controls the rotational speed of a motor 17 at a prescribed

rotational speed in response to the optical sync signal. At this time, a change switch 465 is in a position "B". When an optical sync signal detector 465 establishes synchronization, it feeds a changing command to the change switch 465 so that the switch 465 changes
5 from the position "B" to a position "A". Thus, the motor 17 rotates at the synchronized rotational speed.

With reference to Figs. 218(a)-218(h), at $t=t_2$, the optical reproduction is turned off and is replaced by the magnetic reproduction. Immediately thereafter, the MFM period T of the
10 magnetic reproduced signal is measured by the wave shaper 466, and thereby the magnetic sync signal having a frequency of 15 KHz or 30 KHz can be obtained. The obtained magnetic sync signal is processed by the pseudo magnetic sync signal generator 462 and a frequency divider/multiplier 464 into a clock signal matching in
15 frequency to the optical rotation sync signal and being fed to the change switch 465. Immediately after a change from "optical" to "magnetic", the change switch 465 moves from the position "A" to a position "C" so that rough rotation control is executed. During a later period, when the locking is established through the PLL 459a
20 in the magnetic sync signal detector 459, the change switch 465 moves from the position "C" to a position "D" so that accurate rotation control responsive to the magnetic sync signal will be started. With reference to Figs. 218(a)-218(h), at a moment of $t=t_3$, the magnetic reproduced signal is synchronous with the reproduced
25 clock signal so that the magnetic data will be continuously demodulated.

It is now assumed that an error is caused by a scratch on the recording medium surface at $t=t_4$, and the error continues for a certain time t_E . In this case, at $t=t_5$, the magnetic reproduction is turned off while the optical reproduction is turned on. During a
5 period t_R , the rotation control responsive to the optical reproduced signal is done to stabilize the rotation of the motor.

At $t=t_7$, the period t_R terminates, and the optical reproduction is turned off while the magnetic reproduction is turned on. Since the error has ended, the change of the rotation
10 control from "optical" to "magnetic" is completed in a short time. At $t=t_8$, the magnetic record sync signal is reproduced so that data 5 is surely reproduced. In this way, the error is compensated. As previously described, the magnetic reproduction is executed while the rotation control responsive to the optical reproduced signal and
15 the rotation control responsive to the magnetic reproduced signal are changed in a time division manner. This design is advantageous in that the reproduction of the magnetic signal is prevented from being adversely affected by the electromagnetic noise caused by the optical pickup portion during the optical reproduction. Also in the
20 case where the magnetic head 8 and the optical head 6 are separated by 1 cm or more, the magnetic reproduction is enabled by using the system of Fig. 217 and Figs. 218(a)-218(h). In this case, the optical reproduction and the magnetic reproduction can be simultaneously executed.

25 As shown in Fig. 135, the velocity ω of rotation of the recording medium 2 tends to fluctuate due to a variation in rotation

of a drive motor which is generally referred to as "a wow flutter". In a conceivable design where the frequency of a magnetic recording clock signal is fixed, the recording wavelength λ of a magnetically recorded signal on a recording medium 2 tends to vary even in one
5 track according to the wow flutter. On the other hand, in the recording and reproducing apparatus of Fig. 135, since the magnetic-system clock signal 383 is generated on the basis of the optically reproduced signal through frequency division and the magnetic recording is executed in response to the magnetic-system
10 clock signal 383, the affection of the wow flutter is canceled so that the magnetically recorded signal on the recording medium 2 has an accurate constant period. Therefore, there is an advantage such that accurate recording can be realized even at a short recording wavelength. In addition, since a given time part of the recorded
15 signal can be accurately located in one round of a track, a gap portion 374 (see Fig. 123) for preventing overlapped record can be set as small as possible. During the reproduction of a magnetically recorded signal, the optical-system clock signal is subjected to frequency division so that the magnetic-system clock signal for
20 demodulation can be accurately recovered as shown in Fig. 132. Thus, a decision or discrimination window time 385 (T_{win}) for the demodulation in the reproduction can be set short, and the data discrimination performance can be enhanced and also the error rate can be improved.

25 As denoted by "data 1" in Fig. 132, according to conventional two-value (bi-value) recording, only one bit can be recorded per

symbol. On the other hand, in this embodiment, two bits or more can be recorded per symbol as will be described hereinafter. Specifically, as shown in "reproduce 2" in Fig. 132, a signal 384 to be magnetically recorded can be subjected to pulsewidth modulation (PWM) by using an accurate time T_{op} determined by the optical-system clock signal 382. Four digital values "00", "01", "10", and "11" are assigned to four different recorded signals 384a, 384b, 384c, and 384d respectively which can result from pulsewidth modulation of a 1-symbol waveform. Thus, two bits can be recorded per symbol so that an increased amount of recorded data can be realized.

If recording is executed at uniform periods T_o , the value of $\lambda/2$ is equal to $t_3' - t_3 = T_o - dT$ and is thus smaller than the shortest record period T_{min} so that the accuracy of recorded information can not be maintained regarding the signal 384d of Fig. 150. Accordingly, in the case of the signal 384d, a new starting point is set to the moment t_3 and the magnetic-system clock signal is shifted by the time dT . Thus, a discrimination (decision) window 384 for detecting "00" of "data 2" is defined by a moment $t_4 = t_3' + dT$. In addition, pulses which occur moments t_5 , t_6 , and t_7 are decided to be "01", "10", and "11" respectively. In this way, the 2-bit data is demodulated.

When the pulsewidth modulation is designed so that eight different modulated signals can be generated, three bits can be recorded per symbol. When the pulsewidth modulation is designed so that sixteen different modulated signals can be generated, four

bits can be recorded per symbol. In these cases, a more increased amount of recorded data can be realized.

The optical recording wavelength is 1 μm or less while the magnetic recording wavelength equals a larger value of, for example,
5 10 μm to 100 μm , due to a great space loss. Thus, when a pulse interval (pulsewidth) is measured by using the optical-system clock signal as a reference, a higher resolution in the measurement is attained. The combination of PWM and the optical-system clock signal provides a recording capacity remarkably greater than the
10 recording capacity realized by conventional two-value recording.

In this embodiment, a region in the magnetic recording portion of the recording medium 2 is designed according to a use. In the case of a CD ROM for a game machine or a CD ROM for a personal computer, a large recording capacity is required, and thus
15 recording regions for tracks are set over an entire surface of the recording medium 2. Music CD's generally require only several hundreds of bytes for recording information of music names, a music order, copy guard (protection) code, and others. Thus, in the case of music CD's, recording regions of one track to several tracks
20 are set, and a remaining area except a magnetic track portion can be used for other purposes such as a screen print area with unevenness.

One magnetic track may be provided on an outer area or an inner area of the optical recording surface side of a recording
25 medium. In the case of one track, as shown in Figs. 84(a) and 84(b), recording material can be added to an exclusive playback disk by

additionally providing the elevating motor 21, the elevating circuit 22, the magnetic recording and reproducing block 9, and the magnetic head 8. This design is advantageous in that the apparatus structure is simple and the apparatus cost is low. When one track is provided on an inner area of the recording medium, the recording capacity of that one track is relatively small. When one track is provided on an outermost area of the recording medium such as a magnetic track 67f of Fig. 124, the recording capacity of that one track is 2 KB at a wavelength of 40 μm . In this case, since a mechanism for accessing the track is unnecessary, there is an advantage such that the apparatus structure can be simple and small.

In this case, when a CD is inserted into the apparatus, the TOC of the optical track 64a in Fig. 124 is read out by the optical head 6 and simultaneously the rotational motor 17 is subjected to CLV drive in response to the clock signal of the TOC. Since the TOC radius of the CD is constant, rotation at a constant velocity is enabled. Under these conditions, the magnetic recording and reproduction are executed. The sync signal and the index signal for the magnetic recording are read out from the optical track 65. It is now assumed that, as shown in Figs. 84(a) and 84(b), information indicating the presence of the magnetic recording layer 3 is in an optical track 65 at or near the TOC area. The optical recording block 7 detects this information, driving the head elevating motor 21 and bringing the magnetic head 8 into contact with the magnetic recording layer 3 as shown in Fig. 84(b) to execute the reproduction of the magnetic record signal.

The reproduced data is temporarily stored into the memory 34 of the recording and reproducing apparatus 1, and updating is executed in response to the stored data to reduce the number of times of actual magnetic recording and reproduction and to reduce
5 a wear.

The optical track 65a at the TOC and the outermost magnetic track 67f are simultaneously subjected to recording and reproduction, and are thus separated by a physical distance close to 3 cm as shown in Figs. 84(a) and 84(b). Therefore, as shown in Fig.
10 116, the degree of the entrance of electromagnetic noise caused by the optical head 6 into the magnetic head 8 is reduced by 34 dB.

In the one-track system, the magnetic recording layer 3 uses an outer portion of the recording medium, and may be provided on the optical recording side of the recording medium. In the case
15 where this design is applied to a CD player having an upper lid 38a as shown in Fig. 131, since the magnetic head 8a is accommodated under the CD, the CD player can be small in size and simple in structure.

In the case where the magnetic recording layer 3a of Fig. 131
20 is formed on the side of the transparent substrate 5 of the recording medium by a thick film fabrication technology such as a screen printing technology, there occurs an additional thickness or height of several tens of μm to several hundreds of μm . This additional height causes the magnetic head 8a to contact only the magnetic
25 recording layer 3a but not contact the transparent substrate 5. Thus, the magnetic head 8a is prevented from damaging the

transparent substrate 5. The provision of the magnetic recording portion reduces the capacity of the optical recording portion. In the case where the magnetic head 8a is fixed with being separated from the CD 2 by a distance h_0 of 0.22 mm or more, and where an
5 elevating member 21b supported on the upper lid 38a forces a rubber roller 21d in a direction 51, the CD is deformed thereby so that the magnetic recording portion 3b contacts the magnetic head 8a. The pressure applied via the rubber roller 21d enables reliable contact between the magnetic recording portion 3b and the
10 magnetic head 8a, and thus enables good magnetic recording characteristics.

In this case, as shown in Fig. 98, the magnetic track 67f is provided by applying magnetic recording material to an outermost area of the side of the transparent substrate 5 of the CD recording
15 medium through a screen printing technique. In fact, printing is done under conditions where a conventional CD is reversed to cause a back side thereof to face upward at a screen printing step. Such a recording medium can be made by a conventional CD manufacturing line.

20 If the magnetic head contacts the uneven screen print area or the transparent substrate on the optical recording side, the magnetic head and the print area or the transparent substrate tend to be damaged. In this embodiment, such a problem is resolved as follows. As shown in Fig. 131, the magnetic recording surface of the
25 recording medium 2 is formed with an optical mark 387. The optical mark 387 may be provided on the opposite side of the

recording medium 2. The optical mark 387 has printed data, such as a bar code, which represents the size of the magnetic recording region. An optical sensor 386 provided at a side of the magnetic head 8 serves to read out data or information represented by the optical mark 387 on the recording medium 2 in a known way. Specifically, an optical detector 386 having a combination of an LED and an optical sensor reproduces the bar code data. The optical mark 387 is generally located on or inward of a TOC portion of a CD. The optical mark 387 is used in preventing a damage from being caused by the magnetic head 8.

Specifically, as shown in Fig. 131(b) and Fig. 145(a), the bar code information read out from the optical mark 387 represents a region of the magnetic recording layer of the CD in the radial direction, the value of the magnetic coercive force H_c of the magnetic recording material, a secret code for a copy guard, or the identification number of the CD. A mechanism or a circuit for moving the magnetic head 8 is activated in response to the readout information so that the magnetic head 8 can be prevented from contacting an area of the recording medium 2 except the region of the magnetic recording layer. Thus, a damage by the magnetic head 8 can be prevented.

This embodiment may be modified as follows. In the case of a CD, an area inward of a TOC region is not provided with an optical recording portion. As shown in Fig. 131(a), this area is formed with a transparent portion 388 extending below the optical mark 387. The optical head 6 serves to read out information from the back

side of the optical mark 387 through the transparent portion 388.
In this case, the optical sensor 386 can be omitted.

It should be noted that the optical sensor 386 may be
provided at a side of the optical head 6. In this case, the optical
5 sensor 386 is located at a fixed part of the recording and
reproducing apparatus or the upper-lid type CD player of Fig. 131,
and hence wiring to the optical sensor 386 can be simplified.

In addition, the optical sensor 386 may be designed so as to
detect light which has passed through the optical mark 387.

10 Furthermore, the optical sensor 386 may be common to an optical
sensor for detecting the presence and the absence of a CD in the
recording and reproducing apparatus.

According to one example, optical recording layers are formed
at intervals through vapor deposition of aluminum or other
15 substances so that a circumferential bar code or a concentric-circle
bar code is provided as an optical mark. In this case, the optical
mark can be formed during the fabrication of the optical recording
film.

As shown in Fig. 131(b), Fig. 144(a), and Fig. 145(a), three
20 films of a magnetic recording region 398, printed letters 45, and an
optical mark 387 can be formed in a step of applying screen printed
material 399 to a CD twice during the formation of a magnetic
recording layer 3. The resultant print surface of the CD has a state
such as shown in Fig. 145(a). When black material having a high
25 magnetic coercive force H_c is used, a good contrast of the printed
title letters 45 is attained. Provided that print ink is replaced by

ink of magnetic material having a high magnetic coercive force H_c in a conventional CD manufacturing line, the recording medium 2 of this invention can be made through screen printing. Thus, the recording medium 2 of this invention, that is, a CD with a RAM, can
5 be made at a cost similar to the cost of manufacture of a conventional CD.

As shown in Fig. 145(a), data "204312001" is read out from the bar code 387a. A screen printing machine 399 prints data of different ID numbers on CD's respectively. In the case where the
10 screen printing machine 399 is inhibited from changing the printed contents from a CD to a CD having a copy protecting function, a circular bar code printer 400 prints a bar code 387a or numerals 387b representative of a disk ID number as shown in Fig. 144(a) and Fig. 144(b). In this case, normal ink may be used, and the resultant
15 print surface has a state such as shown in Fig. 145(b). This design is advantageous in that the user can visually read the disk ID number. In the case where OCR numerals 387b representing a disk ID number are printed on a bar code area 387a, it is possible to confirm the disk ID number by either visual observation or use of an
20 optical detector.

As shown in Fig. 144(a), a second printer 399a provides a magnetic recording region 401 of material having a high H_c of, for example, 4000 Oe, which is greater than that of a magnetic recording region 398. The magnetic recording region 401 can be
25 subjected to reproduction by a normal recording and reproducing apparatus, but can not be subjected to record thereby. In a factory, a

disk ID number or a secret code is recorded thereinto. This design is advantageous in that illegal copy of the disk is more difficult.

As shown in Fig. 146(a), an optical disk 2 is provided with a space portion 402a filled with magnetic powder 402 such as iron powder, and a magnetic portion 403 is provided at a top thereof. 5 the magnetic portion 403 has a magnetic coercive force H_c comparable with that of iron. When the magnetic portion 403 is not magnetized, the magnetic powder 402 is not attracted by the magnetic portion 403 so that letters will not appear as shown in Fig. 10 145(a). After the magnetic portion 403 is magnetized by a multi-channel magnetic head, the magnetic powder 402 is attracted thereby so that the letters appear as shown in Fig. 146(b). In the case where OCR letters are recorded as shown in Fig. 145(c), the user can visually read the OCR letters along a direction 51a. On the 15 other hand, the magnetic head 8 can read out magnetic recorded information of a disk ID number or others from the magnetic recording portion 403. According to this design, it is sufficient that data of a disk ID number or others is magnetically recorded in an OCR configuration disk by disk in a factory. Thus, this design is 20 advantageous in that conventional disk manufacturing steps can be used.

According to another design, a magnetic recording layer 3 is provided at an outer portion of the side of a transparent substrate 5 of a recording medium as shown in Fig. 98, and a copy guard signal 25 is recorded thereon in a factory. This design enables the use of a conventional caddy. Therefore, this design is advantageous in that

the compatibility between caddies is attained.

In the case of an exclusive playback MD-type disk, only one side has a shutter. By providing a magnetic layer on a side of a transparent substrate of the disk, this invention can be applied
5 thereto.

Copy protection and key unlocking will now be described. It is now assumed that a CD contains 100 programs locked by logical keys. The user informs the program maker (the software maker) of a disk ID number and pays a given fee. The program maker replies
10 key numbers, corresponding to the disk ID number, to the user. For example, the key number corresponding to the tenth program is recorded into the TOC area of the magnetic recording region of the CD. When the tenth program is reproduced, the key information in the magnetic recording layer and the disk ID number
15 in the optical mark are inputted into a use allowing program. If the key information is right, use of the program is permitted according to the use allowing program. In this way, during a later period, the program can be used without any additional operation. Thus, this design is advantageous in that the program can be used without
20 inputting the key information after the key information has been inputted once. Since a disk ID number varies from disk to disk and can not be changed, a key can not be unlocked even if key information of a personal disk is inputted into another personal disk. Thus, this design is advantageous in that use of a program
25 without paying a given fee can be inhibited.

As shown in Fig. 131, a portable CD player has a movable

upper lid or door 389. When a CD is moved into and from the player, the upper lid 389 is open. In this embodiment, the magnetic head 8 and a magnetic head traverse shaft 363b move together with the upper lid 389. When the upper lid 389 assumes
5 an open position, the magnetic head 8 and the upper lid 389 are separate from the recording medium 2 so that the movement of the recording medium 2 into and from the player can be easily performed. When the upper lid 389 assumes a closed position, the magnetic head 8 and the magnetic head traverse shaft 363b are
10 close to the recording medium 2. Only when the execution of magnetic recording or reproduction is required, the magnetic head 8 is brought into contact with the recording medium 2 by a head actuator 22.

The optical head 6 is subjected to tracking operation by a
15 traverse actuator 23, a traverse gear 367b, and a traverse shaft 363a. The traverse gear 367b and traverse gears 367a and 367c are in mesh with each other. The drive force of the traverse actuator 23 is transmitted to the traverse gear 367c via the traverse gears 367a and 367b. In Fig. 151, as the traverse gear 367b is rotated
20 clockwise by the traverse actuator 23, the magnetic head traverse shaft 367b is moved in the direction denoted by the arrow. In this way, the magnetic head 8 and the optical head 6 are moved together by equal distances in equal radial directions of the recording disk 2. Thus, provided that positional adjustment of the optical head 6 and
25 the magnetic head 8 is previously executed, the optical head 6 and the magnetic head 8 are automatically enabled to access an optical

track and a magnetic track at opposite positions on the surfaces of the recording medium 2 respectively when the upper lid 389 is closed. In this way, the mechanism for moving the magnetic head 8 and the magnetic head traverse 363b together with the upper lid 5 389 makes it possible to apply this embodiment to a CD player, and the recording and reproducing apparatus can be compact.

With reference to Fig. 133, a CD ROM cartridge has a lid 390 which can rotate between a closed position and an open position about a shaft 393 in a direction 51c. When the lid 390 is rotated to 10 the open position, a CD ROM or a recording medium 2 can be moved into and from the cartridge. The CD ROM cartridge has a window and a movable shutter 301 for optical recording.

In this embodiment, the CD ROM cartridge has a movable shutter 391 which blocks and unblocks a window for magnetic 15 recording. The magnetic-recording window is formed in the lid 390. The magnetic-recording shutter 391 is movably supported on the lid 390. The magnetic-recording shutter 391 and the optical-recording shutter 301 engage each other via a connecting portion 392. As the optical-recording shutter 301 is opened in the 20 direction 51b, the magnetic-recording shutter 391 is moved in the direction 51a so that the magnetic-recording window is unblocked. In this way, the magnetic-recording window and the optical-recording window are simultaneously opened to enable the movement of a CD into and from the cartridge. The CD ROM 25 cartridge of this embodiment is compatible with a conventional CD ROM cartridge.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIFTEENTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

According to a fifteen embodiment of this invention, a magnetic recording layer 3 is provided on an outer surface of a cartridge 42 for a disk 2. Fig. 136 shows a recording and reproducing apparatus in the fifteenth embodiment. Figs. 137(a), 137(b), 137(c), and Figs. 138(a), 138(b), and 138(c) show conditions of recording and reproduction which occur when the cartridge is inserted into, fixed, or ejected from the apparatus. Figs. 139(a), 139(b), and 139(c) show sections of the conditions of Figs. 137(a), 137(b), 137(c).

An optical recording and reproducing section, and a magnetic recording and reproducing section of the apparatus of Fig. 136 are basically similar to those of the apparatus of Fig. 87 and Fig. 110 except that the noise canceler is omitted from the magnetic recording and reproducing section.

The recording and reproducing apparatus 1 of Fig. 136 has an opening 394 for inserting the disk cartridge thereinto. Fig. 136 shows conditions where the cartridge 42 has been inserted in a direction 51.

In the case where the cartridge 42 is inserted into the recording and reproducing apparatus 1 as shown in Fig. 137(a), an optical sensor 386 reads out an optical mark 387 such as a bar code provided on a part of a label portion 396 of the cartridge. An optical reproducing circuit 38 in Fig. 136 reproduces data, and a clock reproducing circuit 389 reproduces a sync clock signal. The reproduced data is fed to a system controller 10. If a magnetic

recording layer 3 is decided to be present, a head moving command is fed to a head actuator 21 so that a head elevating section 20 moves magnetic heads 8a and 8b toward the magnetic recording layer 3. Data in the magnetic recording layer 3 is read out by the magnetic heads 8a and 8b, being demodulated into original data by demodulators 341a and 341b of magnetic reproducing circuits 30a and 30b. At this time, a clock reproducing circuit 38a reproduces a sync clock signal on the basis of a signal in the optical mark 387. The use of the sync clock signal enables reliable demodulation even if a running velocity fluctuates. Therefore, this design is advantageous in that the data in the magnetic recording layer 3 can be surely read out even if the running velocity fluctuates due to a shock upon the insertion of the cartridge 42 into the apparatus. In the case where identification information of a cartridge ID number, a software title, or others is recorded in the optical mark 387, data management can be done cartridge by cartridge.

Generally, only a single magnetic head 8 suffices. As shown in Fig. 136, two magnetic heads may be provided to execute the recording and reproduction of same data twice. This design improves a reliability in the readout of the data. A combining circuit 397 combines error-free portions of data 1 and data 2 into error-free complete data, thereby reproducing data containing index information such as TOC data information which is stored into an IC memory 34. The TOC data contains information of the results and the processes of the recording and reproduction, and the previous directory of the cartridge 42. Therefore, the progress of use and

the contents of the optical disk-can be detected upon the insertion of the cartridge 42 into the apparatus.

While the cartridge 42 remains in the apparatus as shown in Fig. 137(b), magnetic recording and reproduction are arbitrarily
5 done to add new information or to delete the recorded information. In this case, the contents of the TOC needs to be changed. In this invention, the TOC data in the IC memory 34 is updated without rewriting the data in the magnetic recording layer 3. Thus, the new TOC data in the IC memory 34 is different in contents from the old
10 TOC data in the magnetic recording layer 3. When the cartridge 42 is ejected from the apparatus as shown in Fig. 137(c), the data in the magnetic recording layer 3 is updated. The new data is immediately reproduced by the magnetic head 8b, being checked and confirmed.

15 In the presence of multiple tracks such as three tracks, data updating is executed only on one, for example, a second one, of the tracks which requires a TOC data change, and thereby the number of errors is reduced during the recording. In this case, when the cartridge 42 is ejected from the apparatus as shown in Fig. 137(c),
20 only third one of the tracks is subjected to recording by the magnetic head 8b.

In the presence of two heads as shown in Figs. 137(a), 137(b), and 137(c), a recorded signal 68 is simultaneously read out by the magnetic head 8a, and error check is executed thereon. As shown
25 in Fig. 139(c), a magnetic signal 68a which has been recorded by the magnetic head 8b can be checked by using the magnetic head

8a. If an error is present, an error message is indicated on a display section 16 of the recording and reproducing apparatus 1. An indication may also be given which represents "please insert the cartridge into the body again". In addition, a warning sound may be generated by a buzzer 397. Therefore, the user is forced to insert the cartridge 42 into the insertion portion 394 of the apparatus again. In the case where the cartridge 42 has been inserted into the apparatus again, TOC data is recorded once again when the cartridge 42 is ejected from the apparatus. The second recording has no error at a high probability. If such a process is repeated a given number of times, the magnetic recording layer 3 of the cartridge 42 is decided to be damaged while the ID number of the optical mark 387 is recorded. During a later period, when the cartridge 42 having this recorded ID number, a command of lowering the magnetic head 8 is not issued to unexecute the readout of the data. The data of the ID number is stored in the IC memory 34 with being backed up. In this way, TOC data can be reliably recorded and reproduced into and from each cartridge 42. This design is advantageous in that the addition of a simple arrangement enables the detection of a table of contents of a recording disk upon the insertion of a related cartridge into the apparatus. For a recording medium side, the attachment of a magnetic label to a conventional cartridge 42 suffices.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SIXTEENTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

A sixteenth embodiment of this invention is similar to the fifteenth embodiment except that a disk cartridge is replaced by a

tape cartridge. Specifically, a magnetic layer 3 provided with a protective layer 50 which has been described with reference to Fig. 103 is attached to an upper portion of a tape cartridge 42 for a recording and reproducing apparatus 1.

5 Fig. 140 shows a whole arrangement which is similar to the arrangement of Fig. 136 except for design changes indicated hereinafter. The recording and reproducing apparatus 1 of Fig. 140 has an insertion opening 394 for a VTR cassette or cartridge 42. Fig. 140 shows conditions where the cassette 42 is being inserted
10 into the apparatus along a direction 51. Figs. 141(a), 141(b), 141(c), 142(a), 142(b), and 142(c) show conditions where the cassette is placed in and out of the apparatus. Figs. 143(a), 143(b), and 143(c) show a transverse section of a magnetic head portion with the cassette being placed in the apparatus.

15 In the case where the cartridge 42 is inserted into the recording and reproducing apparatus (VTR) 1 as shown in Fig. 142(a), an optical sensor 386 reads out an optical mark 387 provided on a part of a label portion 396 of the cartridge. Bar code information and a sync signal are recorded on the optical mark 387.
20 An optical reproducing circuit 38 in Fig. 140 reproduces data, and a clock reproducing circuit 389 reproduces a sync clock signal. The reproduced data is fed to a system controller 10. If a magnetic recording layer 3 is decided to be present, a head moving command is fed to a head actuator 21 so that a head elevating section 20
25 brings magnetic heads 8a and 8b into contact with the magnetic recording layer 3. Data in the magnetic recording layer 3 is read

out by the magnetic heads 8a and 8b, being demodulated into original data by demodulators 341a and 341b of magnetic reproducing circuits 30a and 30b. At this time, a clock reproducing circuit 38a reproduces a sync clock signal on the basis of a signal in
5 the optical mark 387. The use of the sync clock signal enables reliable demodulation even if a running velocity fluctuates. Therefore, this design is advantageous in that the data in the magnetic recording layer 3 can be surely read out even if the running velocity fluctuates due to a shock upon the insertion of the
10 cartridge 42 into the apparatus. In the case where index information such as a cartridge ID number or a software title is recorded in the optical mark 387, data management can be done cartridge by cartridge (cassette by cassette).

Generally, only a single magnetic head 8 suffices. Two
15 magnetic heads may be provided to execute the recording and reproduction of same data twice. This design improves a reliability in the readout of the data. A combining circuit 397 combines error-free portions of data 1 and data 2 into error-free complete data, thereby reproducing data containing TOC data and others which is
20 stored into an IC memory 34. The TOC data contains the absolute address which occurs at the moment of the end of the preceding operation of the cartridge 42, and the absolute addresses of the start and the end of respective segments and respective tunes. Accordingly, when the magnetic data is reproduced, the current
25 tape absolute address is known which occurs at the moment of the insertion of the cartridge 42 into the apparatus. The contents of an

absolute address counter 398 in the system controller 10 are updated in response to the information of the absolute address.

It is now assumed that the tape stores tunes. For example, it is known that the current address corresponds to 1-minute 32-second of an eighth tune while the current absolute address corresponds to 62-minute 12-second. In the case where a point at an absolute address of 42-minute and 26-second in a sixth tune is desired to be accessed, the tape is rewound by an amount corresponding to an absolute address of 19-minute 46-second while referring to the data from an absolute address detecting head 399 so that the current tape position can be quickly accorded with the head of the sixth tune. The interval between the current tape position and the desired tape position is previously known, so that the access speed can be high by accelerating, moving, and decelerating the tape at optimal rates. In addition, the list of the TOC information can be immediately indicated upon the insertion of the tape cassette into the apparatus.

While the cartridge 42 remains in the apparatus as shown in Fig. 141(b), magnetic recording and reproduction are arbitrarily done to add a new tune or to delete a recorded tune. In this case, the contents of the TOC needs to be changed. In this invention, the TOC data in the IC memory 34 is updated without rewriting the data in the magnetic recording layer 3. Thus, the new TOC data in the IC memory 34 is different in contents from the old TOC data in the magnetic recording layer 3.

In the presence of multiple tracks such as three tracks, data

updating is executed only on one, for example, a second one, of the tracks which requires a TOC data change, and thereby the number of errors is reduced during the recording. In this case, when the cartridge 42 is ejected from the apparatus as shown in Fig. 137(c),
5 only third one of the tracks is subjected to recording by the magnetic head 8b.

In the presence of two heads as shown in Figs. 137(a), 137(b), and 137(c), a recorded signal 68 is simultaneously read out by the magnetic head 8a, and error check is executed thereon. As shown
10 in Fig. 139(c), a magnetic signal 68a which has been recorded by the magnetic head 8b can be checked by using the magnetic head 8a. If an error is present, an error message is indicated on a display section 16 of the recording and reproducing apparatus 1. An indication may also be given which represents "please insert the
15 cartridge into the body again". In addition, a warning sound may be generated by a buzzer 397. Therefore, the user is forced to insert the cartridge 42 into the insertion portion 394 of the apparatus again. In the case where the cartridge 42 has been inserted into the apparatus again, TOC data is recorded once again when the
20 cartridge 42 is ejected from the apparatus. The second recording has no error at a high probability. If such a process is repeated a given number of times, the magnetic recording layer 3 of the cartridge 42 is decided to be damaged while the ID number of the optical mark 387 is recorded. During a later period, when the
25 cartridge 42 having this recorded ID number, a command of lowering the magnetic head 8 is not issued to unexecute the readout

of the data. The data of the ID number is stored in the IC memory 34 with being backed up. In this way, TOC data can be reliably recorded and reproduced into and from each VTR tape cartridge 42. This design is advantageous in that the addition of a simple arrangement enables the TOC function which does not need any additional access time. For a recording medium side, the attachment of a magnetic label to a conventional cartridge 42 suffices.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

A seventeenth embodiment of this invention relates to a method of unlocking a key of a given program in an optical disk such as a CD ROM. As shown in Fig. 147, an ID number which varies from disk to disk is recorded on an optical mark portion 387 of a CD. The data representing, for example, "204312001" is read out from the optical mark portion 387 by an optical sensor 386 having a combination of a light emitting section 386a and a light receiving section 386b. The readout data is put into a disk ID number area (OPT) of a key management table 404 in a CPU.

To enhance the copy guard function, there is provided a high Hc portion 401 of barium ferrite having a magnetic coercive force Hc of 4000 Oe. In a factory, ID number data (Mag) of, for example, "205162", is magnetically recorded on the high Hc portion 401. The ID number data is read out from the high Hc portion 401 by a normal magnetic head. The readout data is put into a disk ID number area (Mag) of the key management table 404.

A specific operation sequence will be described with reference to Fig. 148. In the case where a command of starting a program having a number N comes at a step 405, a reading process is done to check whether key information of the program is recorded on a magnetic track at a step 405a. At this time, a recording current is driven in the magnetic head to erase data from the magnetic track. In the case of a formal disk, key information is not erased because of a high Hc. In the case of an illegal disk, key information is erased. Next, at a step 405b, a check is made as to whether key data or a password is present. If it is no, the user is informed of a key inputting command as shown in Fig. 170 at a step 405c. Then, at a step 405d, the user inputs, for example, "123456". At a step 405e, a check is made as to the input data is correct. If it is no, the operation stops at a step 405f and an indication of "a copy disk and a wrong key" is given on a display screen. If it is yes, an advance to a step 405g so that the key data for opening the program having the number N is recorded on the magnetic track of the recording medium 2. Then, a jump to a step 405i is done.

Returning to the step 405b, if it is yes, an advance to a step 405h is done. At the step 405h, the key data of the program having the number N is read out. At a step 405i, a disk ID number (OPT) is read out from the optical recording layer. At a step 405j, a disk ID number (Mag) is read out from the magnetic recording layer. At a step 405k, a check is made as to the ID numbers are correct. If it is no, an indication of "a copy disk" is given on the display screen at a step 405m and the operation stops. If it is yes, secret code

unlocking calculation is executed among the key data, the disk ID number (OPT), and the disk ID number (Mag) to check whether the data is correct. A step 405p executes a check. If it is no, an error indication is executed at a step 405q. If it is yes, a step 405s starts
5 the program having the number N to be used.

According to this invention, for example, 120 tunes are recorded into a CD while being compressed by a factor of 1/5. For example, 12 tunes among the 120 tunes have no keys and thus can be reproduced freely while the other tunes are locked by keys.
10 Such a CD is sold at a price corresponding to a copyright fee of the 12 tunes. The user is informed of data of the keys by paying an additional fee. Then, the user can enjoy the other tunes as shown in Fig. 147.

According to this invention, for example, a plurality of game
15 programs are recorded into a CD. For example, only one game program thereamong has no key and thus can be reproduced freely while the other game programs are locked by keys. Such a CD is sold at a price corresponding to a copyright fee of one game program. The user is informed of data of the keys by paying an
20 additional fee. Then, the user can enjoy the other game programs as shown in Fig. 147.

The use of an audio expansion block 407 enables a CD to contain a 370-minute length of music. A desired tune can be selected by unlocking the related key. When a key is unlocked
25 once, key data is recorded. Accordingly, during a later period, it is unnecessary to input the key data. This invention can also be

409 of the first personal computer 408 via an external interface 14.
At this time, the data of the ID number "xxxx11" of the personal
computer 408 is fed to a CD ROM drive 1a. The ID data is stored
into an "n=1" position of the program 1 in the key management
5 table 404, and is then recorded on a magnetic track 67 of the CD
ROM.

In the case where the program such as the OS is intended to
be installed from the CD ROM 2a into a second personal computer
408a identified as "xxxx23", a check is made on the key
10 management table 404. As a result of the check, it is known that
four machines remain into which the program is permitted to be
installed. Thus, the installing process is started and executed. The
data of the ID number "xxxx23" of the personal computer 408a is
stored into an "n=2" column in the program 1 in the key
15 management table 404. In such a way, the program such as the OS
can be installed into at most five personal computers. In the case
where the program such as the OS is intended to be installed into a
sixth personal computer, there is no unoccupied column in the
program 1 so that an ID number of the sixth personal computer can
20 not be recorded. Thus, the program such as the OS is inhibited
from being installed into the sixth personal computer. In this way,
illegal copy of the program such as the OS is prevented. If the
program such as the OS in one of the first personal computer to the
fifth personal computer breaks, the program such as the OS can be
25 freely installed thereinto since the ID number of that personal
computer has been already registered. As previously described, the

disk ID number is recorded into the high Hc portion 401 and the optical mark 387 as two types of data. This design causes more work and cost to be necessary in copying a disk, and thus enhances the copy guard function.

5 A programmed operation sequence for executing the method of this invention will now be described with reference to Fig. 150. At a step 410a, a command of installing a program having a number N is issued. At a step 410b, an ID number of a personal computer is read out. For example, the ID number is "xxxx11". Then, a CD ROM
10 2a is set in a CD ROM drive 1a. At a step 410c, magnetic data is fed to a memory of the personal computer 408 and a key management table 404 is made. At a step 410e, a machine ID number registered in a column of the program having the number N in the table 404 is read out. At a step 410f, a check is made as to whether the readout
15 ID number is equal to the ID number of the personal computer into which the program is intended to be installed. If it is yes, an advance to a step 410q is done. If it is no, a check is made at a step 410g as to whether an unoccupied column (area) for registering the machine ID number is present. Specifically, a check is made as to
20 how many personal computers remain into which the program is permitted to be installed. If it is no, an advance to a step 410n so that the program is prevented from being installed. Then, operation stops at a step 410p. On the other hand, if it is yes, the ID number of the personal computer into which the program is
25 intended to be installed is registered in the table 404. As a result, a reduction occurs in the number of remaining personal computers

into which the program is permitted to be installed. At a step 410i, the machine ID number is recorded into the magnetic track 67 by the magnetic head. At a step 410j, an installing process is started. If the installing process succeeds at a step 410k, the operation
5 stops at the step 410p. If the installing process fails, the ID number of the personal computer into which the program is intended to be installed is deleted from the magnetic track. Then, the operation stops at the step 410p.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NINETEENTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

10 A ninth embodiment of this invention relates to an interface between a personal computer and a CD ROM drive. As shown in Fig. 151, a personal computer 408 has a software portion 411 containing an application program 412 such as a word processing software. A Cornell portion 414 manages a system. The application
15 transmits and receives information to and from the Cornell portion 414 via a shell portion 413. The Cornell portion 414 has an operating system (OS) 415 in a narrow sense, and an input/output control system 416. The input/output control system 416 includes a device driver 417 for the inputting and outputting of signals from
20 and to devices such as a hard disk. As shown in the drawing, A, B, C, and D drivers 418a, 418b, 418c, and 418d are logically defined as external storage units. The personal computer is physically connected to interfaces 14 and 424 of external storage units such as an HDD 409, a CD ROM 2a, and an FDD 426 via an interface 420
25 such as an SCSI and a BIOS 419 composed of a hardware including a software such as information in a ROM IC. The personal computer

transmits and receives data to and from the interfaces 14 and 424.

In the case of a drive 1a for a CD ROM which has a magnetic recording portion of this invention, two drivers, that is, the A driver 418a and the B driver 418b are defined in the input/output control system 416. The A driver functions to reproduce data of a logically defined optical record file 421 via the interface 14 in the CD ROM drive 1a. The A driver does not operate for recording. Specifically, an optical reproducing portion 7 reads out exclusive playback data from an optical recording layer 4 in the optical disk, and the readout data is transmitted to the personal computer 408 via the A driver. The B driver functions to record and reproduce data into and from a logically defined magnetic record file 422. Specifically, a magnetic recording and reproducing portion 9 records and reproduces data into and from the magnetic recording layer 3 of the optical disk 2. The magnetic recording and reproducing portion 9 transmits and receives data to and from the personal computer 408 via the B driver 418b in the device driver 417.

In this embodiment, the two drivers 418a and 418b are defined with respect to the single drive 1a for a CD ROM having a RAM. According to this design, provided that the OS 415 executes multiple tasks, the recording and reproduction of the magnetic file 422 can be executed while the personal computer 408 reproduces the optical record file 421. Thus, a process of inputting and outputting the files can be performed at a higher speed than the speed in the case where only a single drive 418 is present. This advantage is remarkable when a virtual file is used.

Methods of executing the above-mentioned simultaneous processing will be described. A first method is designed as follows. Fig. 152 shows an optical address table 433 and a magnetic data table 434 of a CD ROM 2a having a RAM. In the case of a CD ROM, a write inhibiting flag is active for all the data in the optical address table 440. As long as special designation is absent, all the data in the magnetic address table 441 can be rewritten. A CD ROM drive 1a previously transfers data, which is high in use frequency, to a drive memory 34a upon the insertion of the CD ROM 2a.

Accordingly, the addresses of necessary data in the magnetic address table 441 are arranged according to the order of the use frequencies thereof as magnetic data having a physical address of, for example, "00". When the disk is inserted into the device, the magnetic data at the address "00" is read out and is transferred to the drive memory 34a in an arrangement according to the order of necessity. The drive memory 34a includes an IC memory. This design makes it sufficient that, during the recording and reproduction of magnetic data into and from the CD ROM, the recording and reproduction are executed only by accessing the data in the IC memory 34a. Thus, in the case where the simultaneous processing is executed by time-division processing in a CPU of a system controller 10, data reading and writing from and into the magnetic file 422 in the drive memory 34a can be performed while an optical reproducing section 7 reproduces optical data. Since it is sufficient that the recording and reproduction is executed only once on the magnetic recording layer 3 of the CD ROM 2a, the recording

surface thereof is less injured. Even when a power supply to the CD ROM drive 1a is turned off, the contents of the drive memory 34a is backed up by a memory backup portion 433. Only when the CD ROM 2a is ejected from the device, changed magnetic record data
5 in the drive memory 34a is selected and is recorded into the magnetic recording layer 3 regardless of whether the power supply is on or off. Thus, recording into the magnetic recording layer 3 is done only once during the interval between the insertion of the disk to the ejection of the disk. Therefore, a long life of the disk is
10 enabled. The files are processed simultaneously or in parallel in this way, so that a higher data transfer speed is attained. The data in the drive memory 34a is backed up by the memory backup portion 433 even when the power supply to the CD ROM drive 1a is turned off. Thus, in the case where the power supply is turned on again, it is
15 unnecessary to read out the magnetic data from the CD ROM as long as the CD ROM has not been replaced.

A data compressing/expanding portion 435 of Fig. 125 may be provided in the system controller 10 of the CD ROM drive 1a. This design increases the substantive capacity of the magnetic file 422.

20 Next, a description will be given of the case where the CD ROM drive of this invention is handled as a single drive. The operation in this case is similar to that in the case of two drives except for the following points.

As shown in Fig. 153, a CD ROM having a RAM according to
25 this invention can be handled as one drive such as an A drive 418 in an input/output control system 416 of a personal computer 408. In

this case, even a single-task OS can read and write data from and into a drive 1a for the CD ROM having the RAM. According to a file design, as shown in Figs. 154(a) and 154(b), successive addresses are assigned to an optical file 421 and a magnetic file 422. In
5 addition, an optical data table 440 and a magnetic data table 441 are handled as a single file. For example, as shown in the drawing, addresses up to a logic address "01251" are assigned to data of the CD ROM, and active write inhibiting flags are applied to all of them. Addresses starting from the logic address "01252" are assigned to
10 magnetic data, and active write enabling flags are applied thereto.

The personal computer is enabled to handle the CD ROM having the RAM as a single memory disk. The optical data can be reproduced. The magnetic data can be recorded and reproduced. The address of magnetic data which is high in use frequency is
15 recorded as the logic address "01252". Thus, by transferring the data in the magnetic recording layer 3, which corresponds to this address, to the magnetic file 422 of the drive memory 34a via the magnetic recording and reproducing section 9 and the data compressing/expanding section 435 after the insertion of the CD
20 ROM 2a into the device as shown in the drawing, it is hardly necessary to physically read out the data from the magnetic recording layer 3 in a later period. The recording and reproduction of the magnetic data are virtually performed by rewriting the data in the drive memory 34a composed of the IC memory. The amount of
25 the magnetic data is equal to a small value, for example, 32 KB, so that all the magnetic data can be stored in a small-capacity IC

memory. This design enables a longer life of the disk and higher speeds of access, and data inputting and outputting processes. As previously described, the magnetic data is physically recorded only when the disk is ejected from the device. The one-drive system can
5 be simple in structure.

A method of effectively executing the reproduction of data from the magnetic recording layer 3 and the reproduction of data from the optical recording layer 4. To prevent a reduction in data transmission rate of a CD ROM, it is desirable that the reproduction
10 on the magnetic recording layer is done while the reproduction on the optical recording layer is being executed. In addition, it is important to shorten a start-up time upon the insertion of a CD ROM into a drive. A file arrangement according to this embodiment is designed as follows. As shown in Figs. 154(a) and 154(b), a CD
15 ROM 2a having a magnetic recording layer has an optical file 421 and a small-capacity magnetic file 422 provided with physical optical addresses and magnetic addresses other than an optical address table 440 respectively. As shown in Fig. 155, magnetic
20 drives 67a, 67b, 67c, 67d, 67e, and 67f are located at back sides of the optical addresses A, B, C, D, E, and F which correspond to the magnetic addresses a, b, c, d, e, and f respectively. This correspondence relation is recorded in a magnetic TOC area at a magnetic address of 00 together with frequency management data. The system controller 10 of Fig. 153 has a 1-address link table 443
25 which informs the drive memory 34a of the physical positions of the optical address and the magnetic address. As shown in Fig. 154(b),

the contents thereof have two address link recorded information.

A specific method of simultaneously performing the reproduction of the magnetic data and the reproduction of the optical data will now be explained. In the case where a CD ROM is inserted into the drive to start up only a necessary program, the reproduction of only necessary optical data is executed. It is good that only magnetic data necessary for starting the program is recorded in the magnetic track on the back side of the optical track storing the necessarily reproduced data. The necessary magnetic data is, for example, personal point data and personal progress data related to a game software.

The operation according to this method will now be described with reference to Fig. 156. At a step 444a, an initial value "m=0" is set. At a step 444b, an incrementing process is done by referring to a statement "m=m+1". At a step 444c, a check is made as to whether the number m is equal to a final value. If it is yes, a jump to a step 444m is done. If it is no, an advance to a step 444d is done so that optical data in an m-th optical address A(m) is reproduced. Then, at a step 444e, an entrance into a subroutine is done which serves to find an optical address, among optical addresses in the optical track corresponding to the magnetic track, which is close to the optical address A(m). In the subroutine, at a step 444f, setting "n=0" is done. At a step 444g, an incrementing process is executed by referring to a statement "n=n+1". At a step 444w, a check is made as to whether the number n is equal to a final value. If it is yes, a jump to the step 444m is done. If it is yes, an optical address

M(n) at the back side of the n-th magnetic address is read out from the address link table 443 at a step 444h. At a step 444i, a checking process of, for example, "M(n)+10" is done to check whether the optical address is close thereto. If it is no, a return to the step 444g is done to check a next optical address. If it is yes, the magnetic head is lowered onto the magnetic recording layer 3 at a step 444j so that the data in the magnetic address n is reproduced and the optical traverse is fixed. At a step 444k, a check is made as to whether the reproduction of the magnetic data has been completed. If it is no, the step 444j is executed again. If it is yes, a return to the step 444b is done so that the number m is incremented by one. The above-mentioned processes are repeated. Here, if the number m reaches an end value (a completed value), a jump to a step 444m is done to check whether the reproduction on the magnetic track containing the data necessary for starting the program has been completed in conjunction with a step 444n. If it has been completed, a jump to a step 444v is done. If it has not yet been completed, the entrance into a subroutine 444p for the reproduction on n0 magnetic tracks is performed to reproduce the remaining magnetic data. In this subroutine, setting "n=0" is done at a step 444q, and setting "n=n+1" is done at a step 444r. At a step 444s, a check is made as to whether the number n reaches a completed value. If it is yes, a jump to the step 444v is done. If it is no, the optical address corresponding to the n-th magnetic address is accessed. The magnetic data is reproduced at a step 444u, and a return to the step 444r is done to execute the setting "n=n+1". As

long as the completion has not yet been reached, the similar processes are repeated. If the completion has been attained, a jump to the step 444v is done so that the work of reproducing the data for starting the program is completed.

5 According to this design, the magnetic data necessary for starting the program is recorded on the magnetic track at the back side of the optical track of the optical data. Thereby, there is an advantage such that a time for starting the program can be shorted. In this case, as shown in Figs. 154(a) and 154(b), the selection of
10 the magnetic tracks on the back sides of the optical tracks means that the magnetic tracks are not always arranged at equal intervals. The use of the variable pitch magnetic tracks of this invention realizes the shortening of the time for starting the program.

As shown in Fig. 154(a) and 154(b), the optical addresses of
15 the optical tracks at the back sides of the magnetic tracks 01, 02, ... into the magnetic TOC area, and magnetic tracks at a free pitch can be realized. The magnetic tracks are arranged according to the use frequency, and thereby frequency management data can be omitted and the substantive capacity can be larger.

20 DESCRIPTION OF THE TWENTIETH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

A twentieth embodiment of this invention relates to a method of correcting bugs in a program in a CD ROM software by using a CD ROM 1a. As shown in Fig. 157(b), a bug correcting program 455 is recorded in an optical file 421 in the CD ROM 1a having a capacity
25 of 540 MB. A program such as an OS is also stored in the remaining part thereof as ROM data. A magnetic file 422 has a capacity of

about 32 KB, which contains only bug correcting data. As shown in Fig. 157(b), correction data, correction contents, and optical addresses of optical ROM data to be corrected are contained therein. As shown in Fig. 157(c), only a given file such as an OS
5 which has bugs is transferred to a memory 34, and correction-resultant data 448 is generated in response to the bug correcting program 447 and the bug correcting data 446.

An operation sequence will now be described with reference to Fig. 157(a). When the given file having the bugs is read out at a
10 step 445a, the whole of the given file is transferred to the memory 34. At a step 445b, setting "N=0" is done. At a step 445c, the number N is incremented. At a step 445d, N-th bug correcting data in the given file is read out. At a step 445e, a check is made as to whether the correction is of the type without changing the address.
15 If it is yes, the data is corrected at a step 445f. If it is no, the line is deleted at a step 445h. At a step 445j, the logic address of the optical file is changed. Then, an advance to a step 445k is done. At the step 445k, a check is made as to whether a line is added. If it is no, an advance to a step 445p is done. If it is yes, the addition of
20 the line is executed at steps 445m and 445n so that the logic address of the optical file is changed. Then, an advance to a step 445p is done. At the step 445p, a check is made as to whether other processing is present. If it is no, an advance to a step 445r is done. If it is yes, the other processing is executed at a step 445q.
25 At the step 445r, a check is made as to whether the number N reaches M, that is, whether the correction has been completed. At

a step 445s, the correction is completed. The given file which has been corrected is outputted.

In this embodiment, the correcting program is previously recorded into the optical ROM portion, and the correcting data is recorded into the magnetic file upon the shipment of the recording medium (the optical disk). This design is advantageous in that the correction of bugs in the OS or others can be executed after the manufacture of the optical disk. The correcting program is recorded into the optical ROM portion while only the correcting data is recorded into the magnetic file 422. This design enables the recording of a relatively large amount of the correcting data.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

A twenty-first embodiment of this invention relates to a method of correcting data bugs in a CD ROM in real time during the readout of a file such as a dictionary. As shown in Fig. 158(b), an optical ROM data correcting table 446 is recorded in a magnetic file 422, and correction-resultant data corresponding to an optical address is recorded therein. As shown in Fig. 158(c), data of an optical file 421 is corrected in real time in response to a correcting program in the optical file 421 and the correcting data in the magnetic file 422. The correction-resultant data is outputted as data 448.

An operation sequence will now be described with reference to Fig. 158(a). With respect to the file data correcting program 447, a command of reading out given optical data is received at a step

447a. At a step 447b, a number N is set to a starting number of an optical address of data to be read out. At a step 447c, the number N is incremented by one. At a step 447d, data at the optical address N is read out. At a step 447e, a check is made as to whether the optical address is k1-kM of the correcting table 446. If it is no, an advance to a step 447g is done. If it is yes, the data at the optical address N is corrected in response to the correcting table 447f. Then, at the step 447g, a check is made as to all necessary optical data is read out. If it is no, a return to the step 447c is done. If it is yes, an advance to a step 447h is done to output the correction-resultant optical data. Since the data is corrected and outputted in unit of optical address, this design is advantageous in that the data can be outputted in real time. In the case of a dictionary, the magnetic recording layer 3 can be used for recording data having a high use frequency and marking important data.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND PREFERRED
EMBODIMENT

A twenty-second embodiment of this invention relates to a method of logically increasing the capacity of a magnetic file using a virtual memory in which a physical large-capacity file in a hard disk 425 is logically present in the magnetic file 422. The arrangement of this embodiment is similar to the arrangement of Fig. 153 except for design changes indicated hereinafter.

As shown in Fig. 159, a personal computer 408 corresponding to a machine ID=Ap, a CD ROM drive 1a, an HDD 425 corresponding to a disk ID=AH, a disk drive DD corresponding to a disk ID=BH, a

replaceable optical disk 428 are physically connected via interfaces. A magnetic file 422 can be connected to a personal computer 408a corresponding to a machine ID=Bp via a LAN network such as TOPIP, a communication port 432, a network BIOS 436, a network
5 OS 431, and an application program 412, and also can be connected to a hard disk 405a corresponding to a disk ID=CD which is directly coupled with the personal computer 408a. In this embodiment, virtual large-capacity disks in the magnetic file 422 can be set in the hard disk 425 of the personal computer 408, the replaceable disk
10 428, and a hard disk 425a of another personal computer 403a respectively. The virtual disks are denoted by 450, 450a, and 450b respectively. The use of the virtual disk 450 virtually increases the capacity of the magnetic file 422 to, for example, 100 MB or 10 GB.

A specific data structure will be described with reference to
15 Fig. 160. The CD ROM 1a has the physically-existing optical file 421, the physically-existing magnetic file 422, and the logically-defined virtual file 450. Actual data in the virtual file 450 is stored in the HDD 425, the replaceable disk 428, or the physical file 451 in the HDD 425a. The magnetic file portion 422 of the CD ROM 1a
20 contains a virtual directory entry 452 holding directory information such as characters and names of respective virtual files, and link information of the physical file 451 and the virtual file 450. The virtual directory entry has characteristic data related to 11 items, that is, 1) an address 438 in the magnetic file, 2) a connection
25 program number 453 which contains a number of a communication program including a command of connection with another personal

computer via the LAN, 3) a machine ID number 454 which contains
a machine ID number of a drive or a personal computer provided
with the disk storing a physical file 451 containing the actual data,
4) the disk ID number 455 of the disk containing the physical file
5 451, 5) the name 456 of the virtual file, 6) an expanding item 457,
7) a characteristic 458 indicating the type of the virtual file, 8) a
reservation region 459, 9) the time and the date of change of the
file, 10) a start cluster number 461 indicating the cluster number at
which the file is started, and 11) a file size 462. The fifth item to
10 the eleventh item are equal to those in directory used by an OS such
as MSDOS, and are usually composed of 32 bytes. All the items
occupy 48 to 64 bytes.

As shown in the magnetic file table 422a, the magnetic file
422 contains a number of virtual directory entries 452 which is
15 equal to the number of virtual files. Fig. 160 shows only the items 1,
2, 3, 4, 5, and 10.

With respect to the first virtual directory entry 452a, "AN" is
in the connection program number corresponding to the item 2). It
is known from the sub machine ID number 454 corresponding to
20 the item 3) that the ID number of the machine containing the
physical address 451 is Ap. Since the CD ROM 1a is connected to
the CD ROM drive of the personal computer corresponding to the
machine ID=Ap, it is unnecessary that the connection program AN
for connecting the LAN is started to access the disk of another
25 personal computer. In the case where the main machine ID number
454 corresponds to another personal computer, the connection

program AN is started and the connection to the personal computer of the LAN address corresponding to the main machine ID number 454 is provided so that the disk 425a thereof is accessed. Since substantially all the directory information is in the link data 452, it
5 is unnecessary to access the physical file 451 when the personal computer looks at the directory. It is sufficient to access the physical file only when data is read and written from and into the virtual file 450.

In this way, access to the physical file is executed. As shown
10 in the directory range table 465, the directory 463 of the physical file contains sub virtual directory entry 467 of a normal format. This data stores items 5)-11) among the items 1)-11) in the main virtual directory entry 452. Data of the main disk ID number at the original CD ROM side having the virtual file 450, data of the user ID number
15 470 corresponding to the setting of the virtual file 450, data of a secret number 471 for each file, and data of the main machine ID number 472 corresponding to the final main personal computer making the virtual file are added to a sub reservation region 468 corresponding to the item 8) in comparison with that in the virtual
20 directory entry 452. The added data is used for checking and confirming the relation between the virtual file 450 and the physical file 451 from the physical file side. If the relation is decided to be in a low degree as a result of the check, a permission of writing an OS is not issued. To inhibit normal writing which does not relate to
25 the virtual file 450, reproduction exclusive code as "01H" is stored in the characteristic 458 corresponding to the item 7) in the case

of MSDOS. Thus, in general, the recording can not be executed. In the case where data is recorded into the virtual file 450, information such as the change information 460 and the CD ROM ID number 469 associated with the virtual file 450 is fed to the
5 input/output control system of the personal computer. A check is made as to whether this data agrees with the sub file link data 467. If the result of the check is good, the IOSYS in the Cornell portion permits the writing into the physical file 451 so that the recording is executed. In the case where data is added to "File A", the
10 directory 463 of the physical file 451 is examined and the contents of FAT 466 are additionally written as FAT 466a so that the additional data in the "File A" is physically recorded into the new data region. In this case, the file size is expanded, and the data of the file size 462 of each of the virtual directory entry and the
15 directory entry 467 in the virtual file and the physical file is written into, for example, "5600 KB".

In this way, the data of the physical file 451 corresponding to the virtual file 450 can be recorded and reproduced. Since all the work related to the virtual file 450 is performed by the OS, the
20 input/output OS, and the network OS, the user can handle the apparatus as if the physical file having a capacity of, for example, 5600 KB, is present in the magnetic recording layer 3 of the CD ROM 1a.

Physical recording and reproduction of data is enabled by
25 linking the physical file 451 and the virtual file 450 in response to the data from the virtual directory entry 452. Although the capacity

of the magnetic file 422 is equal to a small value, that is, 32 KB, in connection with the CD ROM 1a, 500 to 1000 virtual directories 452 can be provided and thus virtual recording and reproduction on 500 to 1000 virtual files 450 can be performed.

- 5 A description will now be given of a method of reproducing a virtual file with reference to Fig. 161. It is now assumed that a command for calling a file "X" is received at a step 481a. At a next step 481b, a check is made as to whether only the contents of the directory information suffice. If it is yes, the virtual directory entry
- 10 in the magnetic file 422 is read out. At a step 481d, only the directory contents such as the file name, the directory name, the file size, and the making date and time are indicated on the display of the personal computer as shown by the characters 496a on the screen 495 of Fig. 164(a).
- 15 Here, screen indication is described. In Fig. 164(a), the indicated characters 495b and 495c represent that a virtual file 450 is logically present in the drive A, that is, the CD ROM 1a with the RAM. A 10-MB still picture file and a 1-GB moving picture file can be recorded into the virtual file 450. A 540-MB CD ROM file is also
- 20 denoted by indicated characters 496d. There are also indicated characters 496e denoting "four files". In this embodiment, the personal computer is provided with a 20 GB hard disk. As shown in Fig. 160, the virtual disk setting capacity VMAX of the virtual disk with respect to one CD ROM 1a is recorded in the sub disk ID
- 25 column of the main machine ID number 474. One of the physical file capacity of the sub disk ID number or the virtual disk setting

capacity corresponds to the maximum recording capacity of the virtual disk. The remaining recording capacity is equal to the maximum recording capacity minus the currently-used capacity in the virtual file. In the case shown by Fig. 164(a), a virtual file having
5 a total capacity of 10 GB is set, and a capacity of 1020 MB is used in the virtual file. It is shown on the screen that a capacity of 8980 MB remains in the virtual file 450. The virtual file is denoted as the indicated characters 496g. The addition of the character "V" means a virtual file. Thus, the virtual file can be discriminated from other
10 files by referring to the character "V".

As shown in Fig. 165 and Fig. 151, when the driver of the CD ROM 1a with the RAM is separated into an A drive and a B drive, the ROM portion of the CD ROM is indicated as indicated characters 496h while the RAM portion of the CD ROM is indicated as
15 indicated characters 496i and 496j. Since the ROM and the RAM are separately indicated in this way, this design is advantageous in that easy handle by the operator is enabled. In the case of multiple-task processing, simultaneous reading and writing on the ROM portion and the RAM portion can be executed so that a high
20 processing speed can be attained.

Returning to Fig. 161, if it is no at the step 481b, an advance to a step 481e is done so that a check is made as to whether the ID number of the currently-used machine agrees with the main machine ID number 454 in the virtual directory entry 452. If it is
25 no, that is, if no physical file is present in the personal computer, a jump to a step 482a is done. If it is yes, that is, if a physical file 451

is present in the personal computer, an advance to a step 451f is done so that the drive number of the physical file is read out from the sub disk ID number 455. Then, a check is made as to whether the drive is active. If it is no, an indication of commanding "turn on
5 a drive corresponding to the drive ID number" on the display screen is performed at a step 481g. At a step 481h, a check is made as to whether the drive has been activated. If it is no, stopping is done at a step 481i. If it is yes, an advance to a step 481j is done. At the step 481j, a check is made as to whether a disk corresponding to
10 the sub disk ID number 455 is present. If it is no, an advance to a step 481k is done so that a check is done as to whether the disk is a replaceable recording medium such as an optical disk and a floppy disk by referring to the replaceable disk identifier in the sub disk ID number. If it is no, an indication "error" is given on the display
15 screen at a step 481n. Then, stopping is done. If it is yes, an indication "insert the disk" of the sub disk number ID 455 is given on the display screen at a step 481m. Then, a return to the step 481j is done. If it is yes at the step 481j, an advance to a step 481q is done so that the corresponding file name 456 is searched for by
20 referring the directory region 465 of the disk corresponding the sub disk ID number. If it is decided to be absent at a step 481r, an error indication is made at a step 481p. If it is decided to be present at the step 481r, an advance to a step 481s is done and therefore collation of the information is executed to confirm that
25 the physical file actually corresponds to the virtual file. Specifically, collation is made between the data in the virtual directory entry 452

and the directory entry 467. In addition, collation is made between the disk ID number of the CD ROM and the main disk ID number 469 of the CD ROM side in the directory entry 467. Furthermore, collation is made as to the change time and the file size. No check
5 is given of the characteristic. At a step 481t, a check is made as to whether all the collated items are equal. If it is no, error indication is given at a step 481u. If it is yes, the readout of the physical data of the corresponding file "X" in the directory region 465 starts to be executed at a step 481v. A FAT start cluster number "YYY" is waited.
10 At a step 481w, the cluster number continuous to the FAT "YYY" is read out. A step 481x reads out necessary data among the data of the cluster number of the data region. At a next step 481y, the readout of the file "X" is completed. Therefore, the virtual file 450 is provided with an arbitrary capacity within the capacity of the hard
15 disk of the personal computer 408.

If the physical file corresponding to the virtual file is decided to be absent from the hard disk of the present personal computer at the step 481e, a jump to a step 482a is done so that the connection with the personal computer of the main ID number which contains
20 the physical file is started. In this case, the connecting routine 482 is in the network OS. First, the LAN address of the main machine ID number is read out from the item of the main machine ID number in the virtual directory entry. At a step 482b, the number of the connecting program is read out. The given network connecting
25 program is executed, and the previously-mentioned LAN address is inputted to try the connection. A step 482c checks the connection.

If the connection fails, error indication is made at a step 482d. If the connection succeeds, a command of reading the file is transmitted to the sub personal computer 408a via the network such as the LAN.

5 From a step 482g, OS work by the sub personal computer 408a is started. Data is read out from the physical file in response to a command of reading the file "X" from the main personal computer. This work is same as the previously-mentioned subroutine 483 for reading out the physical file data. Accordingly,
10 the subroutine 483a uses the previously-mentioned subroutine. At a step 482h, a check is made as to whether the readout of the file has been completed. If it is yes, an advance to a step 482j is done so that the data of the file is transmitted to the main personal computer 408. Then, an advance to a step 482k is done. If it is no,
15 an advance to a step 482i is done so that an error message is transmitted to the main personal computer. Then, an advance to the step 482k is done.

 The step 482k is in the connecting routine 482 by the network OS in the personal computer 480 which is executed via the
20 LAN. The step 482k receives the data of the file or the error message from the sub personal computer 408a. At a step 482m, a check is made as to whether the error message is present. If it is yes, error indication is made at a step 482p. If it is no, an advance to a step 482y is done to complete the work of reading the file.

25 With reference to Fig. 162, a description will now be given of a routine 485a for rewriting the virtual file. If the user gives a

command of rewriting the data in the given file "X" at a step 485a as shown by the indicated characters 496 of Fig. 166(a), the virtual directory entry 452 of the given file "X" is read out at a step 485b. At a step 485c, a check is made as to whether a secret number is

5 present in the file. If it is yes, indication "password?" on the display screen is made as the indicated characters 496p of Fig. 166(a) at a step 486d. The user inputs "123456" via the keyboard as denoted by the characters 496q. A check is made as to whether this number agrees with the secret number. If it is no, error indication on the

10 display screen is made at a step 485e. If it is yes, an advance to a step 485g is done so that a check is made as to whether the physical file 451 is present in the personal computer. A check is made as to whether the current machine ID number agrees with the main machine ID number. If it is yes, an advance to a step 485 is

15 done. If it is no, an advance to a step 486a is done which is in a routine 488 for the connection with another personal computer via the network. The step 485h in a subroutine 487 for rewriting the physical file data extracts the drive name of the sub machine ID number from the virtual directory entry 452, and a check is made as

20 to whether the drive having the drive name is present in the personal computer. If it is no, characters 496r representing "turn on the drive power supply" are indicated on the display screen at a step 485i as shown in Fig. 166(b). At the step 485i, a check is made as to whether the drive is present. If it is no, an advance to a

25 step 485j is done so that characters 456s representing "an error" is indicated on the display screen. If it is yes, an advance to the step

485j is done. The step 485k checks whether the disk having the ID number same as the sub disk ID number 455 in the driver is present. If it is no, a jump to a step 485m is done so that the replaceable recording medium characteristic is checked. If it is
5 yes, indication "insert the replaceable medium disk xx" is made on the display screen at a step 485n as shown in Fig. 166(d). Then, a return to the step 485k is done. If it is no, a jump to the step 485j is done to execute the indication of "error".

If it is yes at the step 485k, the directory region 465 in the
10 disk having the sub disk ID number is read out and then the corresponding file name 456 is searched for and checked. If it is no, a jump to the step 485j is done to execute the indication of "error". If it is yes, an advance to a step 485r is done so that a collation or check is made as to whether the physical file is the
15 actual physical file in the virtual file. Specifically, a check is made as to whether the contents of the virtual directory entry 452 is equal to the data in the directory entry 467 except the characteristic data. In addition, a check is made as to whether the disk ID number of the client-side CD ROM is equal to the main disk ID number 469 of
20 the CD ROM in the server side disk entry.

At a step 485s, a check is done. If it is no, a jump to the step 485j is done to execute the indication of "error". If it is yes, an advance to a step 485t is done so that the system such as the OS temporarily erases the write inhibiting flag such as the
25 characteristic data "01H" or "02H" in the directory entry of the file "X". In this case, the recording is enabled. This file can not be seen

from files other than the virtual file of the CD ROM because of the presence of "invisible code", and can not be corrected also.

In this way, the virtual file can be seen from and corrected by only the corresponding CD ROM so that the virtual file is protected.

5 At a step 485u, a check is made as to whether the disk having the physical file has a free capacity. If it is no, the error indication is executed by the step 485j. If it is yes, an advance to a step 485v is done so that the data in the corresponding file of the directory is read out and the start cluster number is obtained. At a step 485w,
10 the cluster number which follows the start cluster number is obtained from the FAT region 466. With respect to the data region 473, at a step 485x, the data in the data region of the cluster number is rewritten. In the case where the amount of the new data is greater than the amount of the old data, the data is also recorded
15 in the new cluster. In this way, the data is actually recorded into the physical file 451. At a step 485y, a check is made as to whether the completion has been reached. If it is no, a return to the step 485x is done. If it is yes, an advance to a step 485z is done so that the FAT and the directory of the physical file 451 are rewritten. At
20 this time, the data "02H" corresponding to "invisible" is recorded again into the characteristic of the directory entry 467. Thus, as shown in Figs. 167(a) and 167(b), the substance of the physical file is made invisible to the user. Accordingly, it is generally difficult to execute rewriting other than rewriting of the virtual file 450 in the
25 CD ROM 1a by the OS. This design is advantageous in that the data can be prevented from being improperly rewritten. In the case

where the previously-mentioned secret number is set for each virtual file, the data is protected further.

An advance to a step 486n is done, so that the data in the directory entry 467 except the characteristic data is transferred to
5 the virtual directory entry 452 of the magnetic file. As a result, the contents of the two are the same in the items including the date and the time. Thus, during a later period, writing into the physical file 451 is permitted by the collating work upon rewriting. The operation work ends at a step 486p.

10 If it is no at the step 485g, a jump to a step 486a is done so that the routine 488 for the connection with the LAN is started. First, the LAN address of the main machine ID number corresponding to the presence of the physical file is read out from the virtual directory entry 452. At a step 486b, a plurality of the
15 numbers of programs are read out which are designed to provide the connection via the network such as the LAN from the LAN address "B" of the main personal computer 408 currently provided with the CD ROM 1a to the sub personal computer 408a of the LAN address "A" of the main machine ID number as shown in Fig. 168.
20 In addition, the LAN addresses are inputted, and the connecting programs are successively executed. At a step 486c, a check is made as to the connection. If the connection has been realized by one of the programs, an advance to a step 486e corresponding to "yes" is done. If it is no, an advance to a step 486d is done so that
25 error indication is performed. At the step 486e, new data and a command of rewriting the physical file 451 are transmitted to the

sub personal computer 408a. -

Then, an advance to a step 486f is done. Here, the OS of the main personal computer is replaced with the work by the input/output control OS and the network OS of the sub personal
5 computer 408a. The file rewriting command and the new data are received. At a next step, the subroutine 487 for rewriting the data in the physical file is executed. At a step 486g, a check is made as to whether the file data rewriting has succeeded. If it is yes, an advance to a step 486h is done so that the information of the
10 completion of the rewriting and the newest data in the directory entry 467 of the physical file are transmitted to the main personal computer 408 via the network. Then, a jump to a step 486j is done which corresponds to the work by the network OS of the main personal computer 408. If it is no at the step 486g, a jump to a step
15 486i is done so that the error message is transmitted to the main personal computer 408 via the network. Then, a jump to the step 486j is done which corresponds to the work by the network OS of the main personal computer 408.

At the step 486j which corresponds to the work by the
20 network OS of the main personal computer 408, the error message or the data of the directory entry 467 of the physical file 451 is received from the sub personal computer 408a. If the error message is decided to be absent by a step 486k, a step 486n rewrites the virtual directory entry 452 of the virtual file 450 of the
25 magnetic file of the CD ROM in response to the data of the directory entry 467 which represents the items such as the date. At a step

486p, the rewriting work ends. - If the error message is decided to be present at the step 486k, an advance to a step 486m is done so that "error" is indicated on the display screen.

As shown in Fig. 168, the virtual file 450 having a capacity of, for example, 10 GB can be logically realized in connection with the CD ROM 2a having the RAM although the magnetic recording layer 3 of the disk has only a capacity of 32 KB. The physical file may be defined in the HDD of the main personal computer or in the HDD of the sub personal computer 408a.

Fig. 220 shows an example where computers A and B are defined as the main machine 408 and the sub machine 408a respectively, and the hybrid recording medium 2 of this invention is inserted into the main machine 408. When the optical ROM portion is defined as an F drive and the magnetic recording layer is defined as a G drive with respect to the CD ROM, all the data in the F drive is actually present in the medium and corresponds to an actual ROM file 468 or an actual ROM having a capacity of 540-600 MB. The magnetic recording layer being the G drive has a capacity of 32 KB, and an actual RAM file 469 has a capacity of 32 KB. As previously described, a virtual RAM file 470 is logically provided by the OS or the device driver. The data in the virtual RAM file 470 is stored in a C drive being an HDD or an actual RAM file 471 in the HDD of the other personal computer 408a which can be accessed via a network 472. Only when data A, data B, data C, data D, data E, and data F in the virtual RAM file 470 are open or accessed, the OS reads out the data from the sub actual RAM file via a connection cable 473 in the

actual RAM file 469 or the magnetic recording layer. Thus, the operation occurs as if the actual data is stored in the virtual RAM file 470. The connection cable 473 stores a directory name secret number, the name of a drive containing the actual RAM file 471, a
5 connection protocol, a network address, and a TCP/IP address on a network of the computer 408a having the HDD storing the actual RAM file 471. The actual RAM file 471 stores the actual data in the virtual RAM file 470. As long as the network 472 remains effective via the connection cable 473, the OS can read out the data from the
10 sub actual RAM file 471 which stores the actual data in the virtual RAM file 470.

As long as the network remains connected and effective, it appears from the user that the magnetic file 422 stores the data A, B, C, D, E, and F of the files A, B, C, D, E, and F when the hybrid
15 recording medium 2 of this invention is inserted into any computer. In fact, the magnetic recording layer stores only the file directory entry information such as the file characteristic data such as the data of the making date and time, the capacities and the names of the files A, B, C, D, E, and F, and the directory names. In the case of
20 MS-DOS, the directory entry data has 32 bytes, and the hybrid recording medium of this invention can store about 1000 files or directories since the magnetic recording layer therein has a capacity of 32 KB. In this invention, the default value of the data capacity of each virtual file is set equal to that of a conventional
25 floppy disk (1.44 MB), and good compatibility with the conventional floppy disk can be attained. As previously described, the default

value may be set to 10 MB or 100 MB.

This design can be applied to an IC card or an optical disk having a ROM and a RAM. Fig. 220, Fig. 256, and Fig. 257 show an IC card having a ROM and a RAM and also being provided with a
5 virtual RAM file. Generally, a ROM in an IC card is cheaper than a RAM therein. According to an example of this invention, the capacity of the ROM in the IC card is set much greater than the capacity of the RAM therein to attain a low cost of the IC card. As previously described, when an apparatus for driving the IC card is
10 connected to a network, the RAM capacity of the IC card can be virtually increased.

A description will now be given of a method of making a new virtual file with reference to Fig. 163. It is assumed that, as shown in Fig. 169(a), at a step 491a, the user inputs the user ID number or
15 a command of saving a new data file having a name "X". The OS checks whether the magnetic file 422 has a free capacity. If it is no, stopping is executed at a step 491c. If it is yes, the sub disk ID number and the main machine ID number 474 of the default of the user ID number are read out at a step 491d. At a step 491e, screen
20 indication is executed as shown in Fig. 169(a) to check whether the default is good. If it is no, the user is forced to input a changed default value at a step 491f and then a check is executed again. If it is yes, an advance to a step 491g is done so that a check is made as to whether the ID number of the main machine of the default which
25 links with the virtual file is equal to the ID number of the machine currently provided with the CD ROM. If it is no, an advance to a

step 492a is done which lies in a network connecting subroutine. If it is yes, an advance to a step 491h is done which lies in a new file registering subroutine 493. At the step 491h, a check is made as to whether a disk having the ID number of the default is present. If it
5 is no, a step 491i checks whether the disk is of the replaceable type by referring to the data. If it is yes, "insert disk xx" is indicated as shown in Fig. 169(a). At a step 491k, a check is made as to whether the disk has a physical capacity for providing a physical file. If it is no, "error" is indicated at a step 491u. If it is yes, an advance to a
10 next step 491m is done so that the data is stored into a free part of the data region 473 of the physical file from the cluster start number xx. At a step 491n, a check is made as to whether the data storing has been completed. If it is no, the error indication is executed by the step 491u. If it is yes, the directory region 465 and
15 the FAT region 466 of the physical file are rewritten in response to the record file. At a step 491q, the OS stores invisible characteristic data such as "02H" into the characteristic 458 of the directory entry 467 of the physical file (see Fig. 160). Write inhibiting data "01H" may be stored. The input control OS handles
20 only the virtual file in a special way, and the recording and reproduction on the file are performed while the file links with the virtual file. According to other operation sequences, neither the recording nor the reproduction can be performed. At a step 491r, a secret number and the main machine ID number are stored into the
25 directory entry 467. At a next step 491s, unique information such as the file name and the registration date and time which is equal in

contents with the directory entry 467 of the physical file 451 is stored into the virtual directory entry 452 of the recording medium 2. Thereby, the collation with the physical file 451 can be reliably executed when the virtual file is rewritten during a later period. In addition, a physical file 451 in another personal computer on the network can be prevented from being erroneously rewritten. The new file making routine ends at a step 491t.

If it is no at the step 491g in the connecting subroutine 488, an advance to a step 492a is done so that the LAN address of the main machine is read out from the virtual directory entry 452, and the connection with the main personal computer is executed via the network. In addition, the physical file 451 for the virtual file 450 in the disk of the sub personal computer 408 is registered by using the new file registering subroutine 493, and the result is transmitted to the main personal computer. The flow portion from the step 492a to a step 492j is equal to that in Fig. 162, and a description thereof will be omitted. At a step 492i, the new registration is checked. Then, an advance to a step 491s is done so that the data in the directory entry 467 of the physical file 451 is stored into the virtual directory entry 452 of the recording medium 2. At a step 491t, the new file registration is completed.

The recording medium 2 will now be described. In the case where the directory information is recorded into the magnetic recording layer, the virtual file is damaged if the information is damaged. Thus, in the case where this design is applied to a CD ROM, equal virtual directory entries are recorded into two or three

physically separated places as shown in Fig. 171. To protect the directory information from a circumferential scratch on the disk, the recording into separate tracks 67x, 67y, and 67z is executed. To protect the directory information from a radial scratch on the
5 disk, the directory entries 452x, 452y, and 452z are located at different positions of angles θ_x , θ_y , and θ_z respectively.

According to this invention, the system provides a physical file and logically defines a large-capacity virtual file in the RAM portion of an optical disk 2 by using a capacity of an HDD as previously
10 described. Thus, the optical disk having a small-capacity RAM can be handled as a ROM disk with a large-capacity RAM. Even in the case where the main personal computer 408 into which the optical disk 2 is inserted lacks the server side physical file 451 corresponding to the virtual file 450, the data is recorded and
15 reproduced by automatically accessing the physical file 451a of the sub personal computer 408a via the network as shown in Fig. 168. This design is advantageous in that the physical file corresponding to the virtual file can be accessed when the optical recording medium 2 of this invention is inserted into any personal computer.
20 This design can be realized by an application program.

As previously described, the recording medium 2 has an optical recording surface. The back side of the recording medium 2 is provided with the magnetic recording layer 3. In the recording and reproducing apparatus which executes the RAM type recording
25 and reproduction such as the magneto-optical recording and reproduction, the magnetic head is used in common for the two

purposes. Thus, without substantially increasing the number of parts and the cost, it is possible to magnetically record information of independent channels provided on the recording medium. In this case, the slider tracking mechanism for the magnetic head is
5 originally provided so that an increase in the cost of the recording and reproducing apparatus hardly occurs. Thus, there is an advantage such that the magnetic recording and reproducing function which is independent of the optical recording can be added at essentially the same cost.

10 The recording medium containing the recorded information is applied to a music CD, an HD, a game CD ROM, and an MD ROM, and the back side thereof is provided with the magnetic recording track. This recording medium is subjected to the reproducing process by the ROM type recording and reproducing apparatus of
15 Fig. 17. Thereby, there is provided an advantage such that the conditions which have been previously used can be retrieved upon the reproduction. As described with respect to the first embodiment, in the case where the recording is limited to only one track of the TOC area, information of several hundreds of bits can be
20 recorded when the gap width is set to 200 μm . This capacity meets the requirements for use of a game IC ROM with a nonvolatile memory. In the case of limitation to the TOC, a device for accessing the magnetic track can be omitted so that the structure of the system can be simple.

25 In the recording and reproducing apparatus which is exclusive for the reproduction regarding the optical recorded information, it

is necessary to provide the magnetic head and others at the opposite side of the optical head with respect to the recording medium. The related parts can be common to the magnetic field modulating head for the magneto-optical recording, so that the cost
5 of the apparatus can be lowered by mass production. The parts are originally very cheaper than optical recording parts and magnetic recording parts for a low density, and thus an increase in the cost is small. Since the optical head is mechanically linked with the magnetic head located at the opposite side thereof, it is unnecessary
10 to add a related tracking mechanism. Thus, in this regard, an increase in the cost is small.

The time information or the address information is recorded on the optical recording layer at the surface of the recording medium of the RAM type or the ROM type. The tracking with
15 respect to the optical head is executed in response to the time information or the address information. Thereby, the tracking control is done so that the magnetic head can move to an arbitrary position on the disk. Thus, there is an advantage such that it is unnecessary to use expensive parts such as a linear sensor and a
20 linear actuator.

The protective layer on the back side of a conventional magneto-optic recording medium of the magnetic field modulation type is formed from binder and lubricant by spin coat. In this
25 invention, it is sufficient that the magnetic material is added to the combination of the binder and the lubricant, and the spin coat is executed at the same step. Thus, the number of manufacture steps

does not increase. A related increase in the cost is in a negligible order relative to the entire cost. Therefore, the new value being the magnetic recording function is added without significantly increasing the cost.

5 As previously described, in this invention, the magnetic channel can be added without significantly increasing the cost. In addition, the RAM function can be added to a conventional disk of the ROM type and a player exclusively for a ROM.

10 The high Hc magnetic sheet of this invention is attached to the label portion of a video tape cassette or an audio tape cassette. Upon the loading of the cassette, data is read out from the magnetic sheet by the magnetic head 8. The readout data is stored into the IC memory in the microcomputer. In the case where the data on the magnetic sheet is required to be updated, only the contents of
15 the IC memory are updated during the insertion of the cassette. When the cassette is ejected from the apparatus, only the updated data in the IC memory is recorded into the magnetic recording layer by the magnetic head fixed near the cassette insertion opening. Thereby, the index information such as the TOC and the
20 address of the cassette tape can be recorded on the cassette separately from the tape. This design is advantageous in that the search for the information in the cassette tape can be quickly executed.

25 This invention can be applied to a video game machine connected to a display 44a and a key pad 450A as shown in Fig. 180. The reproduction can not be performed if an illegal copy identifying

signal is not recorded on the magnetic recording layer 3. This design is advantageous in that a CD made by illegal copy can be excluded. Data such as environment setting data, the name of the user, the point, and the result at a mid part of the game is recorded
5 into the magnetic recording layer 3. Thus, the game can be restarted from the conditions which occur at the end of the preceding play of the game. As shown in Fig. 180, the magnetic recording layer 3 is provided at the print surface side of the CD. As previously described, the magnetic recording layer 3 may be
10 provided at the transparent substrate side. This design enables a small size of the cassette.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 181 shows a recording and reproducing apparatus
15 according to a twenty-third embodiment of this invention. As shown in Figs. 182(a) and 182(b) and Figs. 183(a)-183(e), a magnetic head is moved onto a CD only when an upper lid 389 is closed. In Fig. 182(a), the upper lid 389 is in an open state. When the upper lid assumes the open state, the magnetic head 8 is
20 retracted to a position below a magnetic head protective portion 501 extending outside the CD 2. The retraction of the magnetic head permits the CD to be inserted into the apparatus.

The CD 2 is inserted into the apparatus, and the upper lid is moved to a closed state. During the movement of the upper lid to
25 the closed state, the magnetic head 8 and its suspension move in a direction 51 to a place above the CD 2 according to the movement

of the upper lid.

The operation sequence will now be described with reference to Figs. 183(a), 183(b), 183(c), 183(d), and 183(e). In Fig. 183(a), when the upper lid 389 is closed in a direction 51a, lid rotation
5 shafts 393 and 393a rotate so that a head retracting device 502 moves in a direction 51b and the magnetic head 8 connected thereto moves in a direction 51c. In this way, as shown in Fig. 183(b), the magnetic head 8, a slider 41, and a suspension 41a move to a place above the recording medium 2 such as the CD.

10 Upward and downward movement of the magnetic head 8 will now be described with reference to Figs. 183(c), 183(d), and 183(e). As shown in Fig. 183(c), an optical head 6 executes the reproduction on an innermost track 65a of the TOC and others. As shown in Figs. 184(a), 184(b), and 184(c), a medium identifier 504
15 is read out, and a check is made as to whether the medium has a magnetic track 67 by referring to the medium identifier 504. If the medium actually has a magnetic track 67, the optical head 6 is moved to a place inward of the innermost track as shown in Fig. 183(d). A head elevator 505 is forced by a head elevating link 503,
20 bringing the magnetic head 8 into contact with an outermost magnetic track 67a and enabling the recording or reproduction of a magnetic record signal via the magnetic head 8.

As shown in Fig. 185(a), a servo signal region 505 is provided. During the manufacture of a recording medium, a high Hc portion is
25 applied thereto as shown in Fig. 185(b). As shown in Fig. 185(c), the recording medium is formatted in a factory or others. A servo

signal, selector information, and a medium identification number are recorded on a sync signal region 507 medium by medium. This recording is executed by using a magnetic head capable of recording information into a magnetic region having an Hc of 2750-4000 Oe.

- 5 Next, as shown in Fig. 185(d), a low Hc magnetic portion 402 is applied. The low Hc magnetic portion 402 is made of material having an Hc of 1600-1750 Oe. As shown in Fig. 185(e), a protective layer 50 is applied thereon.

The magnetic portion 402 and the protective layer 50 make it
10 more difficult to rewrite the information in the high Hc magnetic portion. Thus, the medium identification number 506 recorded in the sync signal region 507 can be more reliably prevented from being rewritten. This design is advantageous in that the previously-mentioned illegal copy guard function is hardly removed.

- 15 The servo signal 505 and the address signal can not be erased by a conventional recording and reproducing apparatus. Thus, after the shipment of the medium from the factory, the data in the sync signal region can be maintained and protected so that stable data recording can be realized in response to the data in the sync signal
20 region.

Rotation servo will be further described with reference to Fig. 183(d). In the presence of an optical recording portion at an innermost part of the CD 2, the rotational speed of a motor is made constant by CLV motor rotation control in response to the sync
25 signal in the optical track. In this case, the magnetic recording and reproduction are enabled.

In the absence of an optical recording portion from an innermost part of the CD 2, the magnetic head 8 reproduces the servo signal 505 from the sync signal region 507 of Fig. 185(a). A rotation servo signal is thus reproduced by a rotation servo signal reproducing section 30c of Fig. 181. The rotation servo signal is transmitted to a motor drive circuit 26 so that the motor is controlled at a constant rotational speed. Therefore, data can be recorded and reproduced into and from desired sectors in data recording regions 508 and 508a of the magnetic track 67a of Figs. 185(a), 185(b), 185(c), 185(d), and 185(e).

After the recording or reproduction has been completed, the optical head 6 moves toward a disk outer portion as shown in Fig. 183(e). Thereby, the head elevating link 503 returns to the original position, and the magnetic head 8 moves in a direction 51e and separates from the magnetic track 67a. The separation of the magnetic head 8 from the magnetic track 67a prevents a wear problem. In this way, the magnetic head 8 can be moved upward and downward by a traverse motor 23. This design is advantageous in that it is unnecessary to provide another head elevating actuator.

As shown in Figs. 186(c), 186(d), 186(e), the optical head 6 is forced to an outermost portion of the disk by the traverse motor 23, and the head elevating link 503 is moved in the direction 51a. The magnetic head 8 is lowered along the direction 51b into contact with the magnetic track 67a so that the recording and reproduction of the magnetic signal are enabled. In the case where magnetic noise from the optical head 6 causes a problem, the operation of an

optical head actuator 18 is suspended. When the operation is suspended or when the reproduction of a signal from the optical track can not be executed, a drive current to the optical head is cut off. In addition, the servo signal 505 in the magnetic track of Fig. 185(a) is reproduced via the rotation servo signal reproducing portion 30c of Fig. 181, and rotation servo control is executed in response to the reproduced servo signal. Thereby, it is possible to temporarily separate the optical reproduction and the magnetic reproduction. Since the noise from the optical head is thus prevented from interfering with the magnetic reproduction, an error rate can be small in the magnetic reproduction.

The arrangement of this embodiment can be applied to the plural magnetic track type or the one magnetic track type. In the case of a one track system, access to the head is unnecessary so that the apparatus can be simple in structure. In the case of one track at a disk outermost part, the capacity is large. As shown in Figs. 187(a), 187(b), 187(c), 187(d), and 187(e), the recording medium has sectors provided with the sync signal region 507, into which the magnetic servo signal 505 is stored in a factory or others. Upon the magnetic reproduction, the servo control responsive to the optical signal is replaced by the servo control responsive to the magnetic signal so that the drive current to the optical head 6 can be cut off. Thus, the noise from the optical head can be prevented from occurring.

A method of the rotation servo control responsive to the optical servo signal will now be described with reference to Figs.

188(a)-188(f). Fig. 188(a) show-conditions which occur at $t=0$. The optical head 6 is in a position corresponding to an outer track or a TOC track 65a. In Fig. 188(b), at $t=t_1$, the optical head 6 reads out information from the TOC track 65a. A medium identifier 504 is
5 found out from the subcode of the TOC, the subcode portion of an audio track, or the first track of a CD ROM as shown in Fig. 184(c), Fig. 184(b), and Fig. 184(a). At this time, since the head elevating link 503 moves from a position A to a position B according to the movement of the optical head 6, a switch 511 of a mechanical delay
10 device 509 is moved to an on position. Until a delay time t_D elapses, the head elevating link 503a remains inactive. In Fig. 184(c), at $t=t_2$, the reproduction of the TOC data is completed. In the case where the delay time t_D is set as $t_D > t_2$, the magnetic head 8 is not moved downward. In the absence of a medium identifier,
15 that is, in an off state, $t_D > t_3$. In Fig. 188(d), at $t=t_3$, the optical head 6 moves in the direction 51d, and the head elevating link 503 suspends pressing the switch 511 so that the head is not moved downward.

In the presence of a medium identifier, there is always a
20 magnetic track 67a. In an on state, at $t=t_4$ ($t_4 > t_D$), the switch 511 remains pressed for the delay time t_D or longer as shown in Fig. 188(e). Therefore, the output of the mechanical delay device 509 becomes effective, and the head elevating link 503a moves downward a support portion including the suspension of the
25 magnetic head 8 in the direction 51e. As a result, the magnetic head 8 contacts the magnetic track 67a. At this time, since the

optical track 6 executes the reproduction on the optical track 65a of the TOC or others, the optical servo signal is reproduced. The motor 17 is rotated at a constant rotational speed by the CLV control responsive to the optical servo signal. Accordingly, the
5 magnetic signal is reproduced in synchronism with the sync signal of the optical reproduced signal. Since the rotation servo control can be executed simultaneously in response to the magnetic reproduction and the optical reproduced signal, it is unnecessary to provide another mechanism for rotation servo control. Thus, this
10 design is advantageous in that the medium and the apparatus can be simple in structure. In this case, the rotation servo signal reproducing portion 30c may be omitted from the arrangement of Fig. 181.

When the reproduction or recording of the magnetic signal
15 has been completed, the system controller 10 of Fig. 181 transmits a given signal to the traverse moving circuit 24a so that the optical head 6 is moved in a direction 51f and the switch 511 of the mechanical delay device 509 is released. At $t=t_5$ after a delay time t_{DS} shorter than the delay time t_D elapses, the head elevating link
20 503a moves upward along a direction 51g as shown in Fig. 188(f) so that the magnetic head 8 is elevated out of contact with the magnetic track 67a. In this way, a simpler arrangement enables the upward and downward movement of the magnetic head, and the optical reproduction and the magnetic reproduction can be
25 simultaneously executed.

As shown in Figs. 185(a), 185(b), 185(c), 185(d), and 185(e),

a plurality of magnetic tracks 67 may be used. In this case, as shown in Fig. 189(a), the track width TWH of the magnetic track 8 is set greater than the width TW of the magnetic track 67a by a quantity corresponding to an eccentricity amount (an off-center amount). This design is advantageous in that a single head can be used in common for recording and reproduction. When the widths are set as $TWH \gg TW$, the recording into all the magnetic track 67a can be executed so that the previously-recorded portion will not be left at all. In the case where magnetic layers corresponding to a plurality of tracks are separately provided, a single head can be used as both a recording head and a reproducing head.

In the case of the multiple track system, setting of the track pitch T_p is important. The CD standards allow an error Δr of ± 0.2 mm between the position of an optical track 65 and the center of the CD circle in the radial direction. Under ideal conditions, as shown in Fig. 189(a), a magnetic track 67a is located at the back side of a given optical track 65a, and access to the magnetic track by referring to the optical address can be accurately executed. Under actual bad conditions, as shown in Fig. 189(b), the optical track 65a and the magnetic track 67a are offset by $+\Delta r$. Under opposite actual bad conditions, as shown in Fig. 189(c), the optical track 65a and the magnetic track 67a are offset by $-\Delta r$. To prevent the magnetic track 8 from accessing a magnetic track 67b neighboring the desired magnetic track, it is necessary to satisfy the following conditions.

$$r - \Delta r - TWH/2 > r + \Delta r + TWH/2 - T_p$$

Accordingly, the following relation is obtained.

$$T_p > 2\Delta r + T_{WH}$$

In the case of a CD, $\Delta r = 0.2$ mm so that the track pitch T_p is determined by the following relation.

5 $T_p > 0.4$ mm

Thus, it is necessary to set the track pitch T_p to 0.4 mm or greater.

As shown in Fig. 187(a) and Fig. 189(a), the separate magnetic recording layers are provided, and the magnetic servo signal is recorded thereinto by a single magnetic head. In this case, as
10 shown in Fig. 190, the structure of the arrangement can be simple.

As shown in Figs. 183(c), 183(d), and 183(e), the magnetic head 8 is moved upward and downward by using the traverse motor 23. This method of moving the magnetic head 8 can be applied to an arrangement where an optical head 6 and a magnetic head 8 are
15 located on a common side of a recording medium as shown in Figs. 191(a), 191(b), 191(c), 191(d), and 191(e). In the case where an identifier is detected under conditions of a TOC track 67a in Fig. 191(c), the optical head 6 moves to a state of Fig. 191(d) along a direction 51a. Therefore, a head elevating link 503 moves in the
20 same direction, raising the magnetic head along a direction 51b into contact with the magnetic track 67a provided on an outer area of the optical recording surface side of the medium. Then, the magnetic recording or reproduction via the magnetic head 8 is performed. At this time, the optical head reproduces an optical
25 servo signal from an optical track provided on an inner area of the medium, and rotation servo control for rotation at a constant speed

is executed in response to the reproduced optical servo signal. The rotation servo control may be performed in response to the magnetic servo signal reproduced from the magnetic track 67a.

After the magnetic recording or reproduction has been completed,
5 the optical head 6 moves outward as shown in Fig. 191(e) and the magnetic head 8 moves downward out of contact with the medium.

Figs. 192(c) and 192(d) show another design in which an optical head 6 moves along a direction 51a to a region outside an outer edge of a recording medium, and thereby a magnetic head 8 is
10 raised along a direction 51b into contact with a magnetic track 67a. Operation according to this design is approximately similar to the operation of the design of Figs. 186(a), 186(b), 186(c), 186(d), and 186(e).

As previously described, the magnetic recording track 67a is
15 provided on an outer area of the optical recording surface side of the recording medium. Even in the case where the magnetic head 8 and the optical head 6 are located on the same side of the recording medium, the magnetic head 8 is moved upward and downward by the traverse motor 23 so that the number of parts can
20 be reduced.

According to a CD player of Fig. 193(a), when an upper lid 389 is open but a CD is not inserted into the player, a magnetic head 8 and a suspension 41a are exposed. The magnetic head 8 and the suspension 41a tend to be damaged by a touch thereto.

25 To prevent such a problem, a magnetic head shutter 512 covers the magnetic head 8 when the upper lid 389 is open. As a

CD 2 is inserted into the player and the upper lid 389 is closed, the magnetic head shutter 512 moves in a direction 51a to uncover the magnetic head 8. This process will be further described. With reference to Fig. 191(a), as the upper lid 389 is closed in a
5 direction 51, a lid rotation shaft rotates in a direction 51d and the magnetic head shutter 512 moves in a direction 51e. Therefore, as shown in Fig. 191(b), a magnetic head window 513 is unblocked so that the magnetic head 8 is permitted to move upward and downward. In this regard, the arrangement of Figs. 192(a) and
10 192(b) is similar. This design is advantageous in that the magnetic head 8 and the suspension 41a can be protected by the magnetic head shutter 512.

There is no problem in an arrangement where a magnetic head 8 and a traverse of an optical head 6 are adequately separate as
15 shown in Figs. 193(a) and 193(b). On the other hand, in the case where a magnetic head 8 is located in a range of movement of a traverse, the magnetic head 8 is provided with a spring 514 as shown in Fig. 194(e). In this case, only when an optical head 6 executes the reproduction on an outermost optical track 65a, the
20 magnetic head 8 is forced in a direction 51a by the optical head 6 so that the magnetic head 8 is retracted outward. This design is advantageous in that an adequate access range of the optical head 6 can be maintained. This design is effective in the case of a recording medium such as a CD having a magnetic recording track
25 67a which is not provided on the optical recording surface side thereof.

Figs. 254(a)-254(f) show arrangements in which a magnetic track 67 is provided on a ROM disk being an MD (mini disk) in a cartridge 42. As shown in Fig. 254(a), one side of the cartridge 42 for the MD ROM disk has a small radially-extending shutter window 302. Thus, a magnetic head 8 and an optical head 6 are located on a common straight line 514c. Therefore, A tracking range of the optical head 6 overlaps the position of the magnetic head 8. The presence of the magnetic head 8 makes it difficult for the optical head 6 to access an outermost optical track 65a.

10 According to this invention, as shown in Fig. 254(e), a magnetic head 8 is designed to be movable in a radial direction, and the magnetic head 8 is pressed against a stopper 514c by a spring 514 and is normally held in a given position. When an optical head 6 access an outermost optical track 65a as shown in Fig. 254(f), the
15 magnetic head 8 (8a) is temporarily retracted or moved out of a range of movement of the optical head 6. In this way, the optical head 6 is permitted to access the outermost optical track 65a even if the magnetic head 8 is provided at a shutter window 302. As the optical head 6 moves back to an inner region, the magnetic head 8
20 is returned to the given position by the spring 514 and the stopper 514c. The magnetic track 67 has only one track provided on an outermost area of the optical reading side of the recording medium. The magnetic track 67 has a given thickness or height h. The thickness of the mangetic track 67 prevents contact with the
25 optical recording portion which might adversely affect the optical recording portion. The position of the magnetic track 67 relative to

the recording medium enables a large recording capacity thereof. Positional interference between the magnetic head and the optical head can be removed by the previously-mentioned arrangement for retracting the magnetic head. This design is advantageous in that a
5 ROM disk having a magnetic recording layer and a recording and reproducing apparatus therefor can be realized while the ROM disk can be compatible with a conventional MD disk.

As shown in Fig. 254(a), a ROM medium having a magnetic recording layer has an identification hole 313a for the magnetic
10 recording layer. A cartridge of a recording medium without any magnetic recording layer does not have any identification hole 313a. When such a cartridge is inserted into an apparatus as shown in Fig. 254(c), a magnetic head motion inhibiting device 514b is pressed and activated to that a magnetic head 8 is forced into a state where
15 upward and downward movement of the magnetic head 8 are inhibited. This design is advantageous in that the recording medium 2 can be prevented from being damaged by erroneous movement of the magnetic head 8 thereto. The magnetic head 8 remains movable in the direction of an optical head moving region,
20 and an optical head 6 is permitted to access an outermost optical track 65a.

When the recording medium 2 with the magnetic recording layer is inserted into the apparatus as shown in Fig. 254(d), the identification hole 313a for the magnetic recording layer prevents
25 downward movement of the magnetic head motion inhibiting device 514b so that upward and downward movement of the magnetic head

8 remain permitted. The magnetic head motion inhibiting device 514b can be formed by simple mechanical parts.

When the optical head 6 is in a position other than an innermost region, the magnetic head 8 is in an off state as shown in Fig. 254(c). With reference to Fig. 254(e), as the optical head 6 moves to the innermost region, a head elevation connecting device 514a moves in a direction 51b and the magnetic head 8 is raised in a direction 51c into contact with a magnetic track 67a. In this way, the magnetic recording or reproduction is enabled. With reference to Fig. 254(c), as the optical head 6 returns from the outermost region to a normal position, the magnetic head 8 is lowered out of contact with the magnetic track 67a. In the case of a CD or an MD, when the disk is inserted into the apparatus, TOC information is always read out for several seconds. In this invention, during this period, the magnetic head 8 contacts the magnetic track 67a and reproduces the magnetic data therefrom. Since the optical reproduction on the TOC area is simultaneously executed, the rotation servo control is enabled. In addition, a write clock signal for the magnetic recording can be derived by frequency-dividing the optical sync clock signal. Since the upward and downward movement of the magnetic head are enabled by the traverse motor for the optical head, the structure of the apparatus is simple.

In the case where the data on the magnetic track 67a is required to be rewritten upon the end of the disk reproduction process, the optical head 6 is moved again to the innermost area so that the magnetic head 8 contacts the magnetic track 67a.

Magnetic track data is written into the magnetic track 67a from a cache memory 34 of Fig. 1 via the magnetic head 8. After the writing process is completed, the optical head moves back to the original position so that the magnetic head 8 is moved out contact
5 with the magnetic track 67a.

In some of cases where an optical head 6 and a magnetic head 8 are located on opposite sides of a recording medium respectively, a magnet generates a strong magnetic field depending on the designing of the optical head 6. Fig. 195 shows experimentally
10 measured data of a magnetic filed on an optical recording portion of a CD which is caused by a CD ROM optical pickup made by "SANYO". The magnetic field is equal to 400 gauss in the absence of a magnetic head, and is equal to 800 gauss in the presence of a magnetic head 8 opposing the optical head. Thus, in this case,
15 when the magnetic coercive force H_c of the magnetic recording portion of the recording medium is low, magnetically recorded data tends to be erased. According to this invention, such a problem is solved by setting the magnetic coercive force H_c to 1500 Oe or more. In addition, according to this invention, the magnetic head 8
20 is prevented from opposing the optical head when the optical head is used. Specifically, as shown in Fig. 196(c), a magnetic head retracting link 515 is moved while being linked with a traverse. When the optical head 6 accesses an outer optical track 65a, the magnetic head 8 is forced by the retracting link 515 to a region
25 outward of the recording medium 2. As a result, the concentration of magnetic fluxes by the magnetic head 8 is prevented so that the

recorded magnetic data can be prevented from being damaged.

As shown in Fig. 116, the optical head 6 also causes ac magnetic noise in addition to the previously-mentioned dc magnetic field noise. As shown in Fig. 197, the magnetic head 8 is separated
5 by a given distance LH or more from the optical head 6 containing an optical head actuator. This design is advantageous in that dc and ac noises from the optical head 6 are prevented from entering the magnetic head 8. It is understood from Fig. 116 that the noise level can be reduced by 15 dB when the given distance LH is equal to 10
10 mm. Thus, it is preferable that the two heads are separated by 10 mm or more.

According to an arrangement using a multiple track head 8 for providing a magnetic track 67a divided into three as shown in Fig. 198(a), an increased capacity of magnetic recording is attained. In
15 the case where a magnetic head 8 corresponds to three azimuth heads 8a, 8b, and 8c of different azimuth angles, the track density can be increased by three times. In the case of a non-azimuth head, a required track pitch T_p is equal to 0.4 mm in track width. In the case of an azimuth head of this type, the required track pitch T_p is
20 equal to 0.13 mm in track pitch. In the case of azimuth heads 8a and 8b of different azimuth angles as shown in Figs. 198(c) and 198(d), a double recording capacity is attained.

A description will now be given of a method of recording a medium identifier into a TOC area. Optical tracks 65a, 65b, 65c,
25 and 65d are wove and wobbled as shown in Figs. 199(b), and thereby an additional signal (a wobbling signal) is recorded into the TOC

area of Fig. 199(a). As shown in Fig. 200, an optical reproducing section is provided with a wobbling signal demodulator 38c which functions to reproduce the wobbling signal. According to this design, information of a medium identifier and others can be
5 recorded into the TOC area. This design is advantageous in that the medium can be identified only by executing the reproduction on the TOC area, and that tune names and title names can be recorded into the TOC area.

In the case of a CD player of the tray type such as shown in
10 Figs. 201(a), 201(b), 201(c), and 201(d), upward and downward movement of a head are executed by a loading motor 516. In Fig. 201(a), the loading motor 516 rotates and a tray moving gear 518 moves in a direction 51a, so that loading of a tray 520 starts. In Fig. 201(b), as the tray 520 is placed in the player, a micro-switch 521
15 is actuated and therefore the motor is deactivated. Then, the reproduction of a CD starts. In the presence of a medium identifier, the motor 516 further rotates in a direction 51g so that the tray moving gear 518 further advances in a direction 51b. Therefore, as shown in Fig. 201(c), a head moving link 503 is rotated, and a head
20 elevator 519 is raised in a direction 51c. As a result, a magnetic head 8 is brought into contact with a magnetic track 67a so that the magnetic recording or reproduction is enabled. After the magnetic recording or reproduction has been completed, the motor 516 rotates in the opposite direction so that the tray moving gear 518
25 moves in a direction 51d. Therefore, the head elevator 519 is raised in a direction 51e, and the magnetic head 8 is moved out of

contact with the magnetic track-67a. Then, the normal optical reproduction is started. As previously described, the reproduced magnetic data is stored into a memory 34 composed of an IC memory, and a data updating process is executed in response to the data in the memory 34. Immediately before the tray is ejected from the player, only the updated data (the new data) is subjected to magnetic recording or reproduction to update the magnetically recorded data.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PREFERRED

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EMBODIMENT

A twenty-fourth embodiment of this invention relates to a recording medium of the disk type. With reference to Fig. 221, a data selector 625 has an identifier region 623 and a data region 624. The data selector 625 is divided into segments at approximately equal angular intervals along a circumferential direction. In this embodiment, the data selector 625 is divided into six segments, and one track has six sectors. It should be noted that one track may have one or more sectors. Each of track groups 626, 627, and 628 is referred to as ZONE. Each ZONE has one or more data recording tracks concentrically arranged. Figs. 228(a), 228(b), and 228(c) show the structures of a data selector 625 of ZONE 1 to ZONE 3. The data selector 625 has an identifier region 623 and a data region 624. The identifier region 623 stores data of an error detection code for the identifier reproduced data, a code representing the length of data in the data region, a sector number corresponding to the order number of the currently-read sector

from a sector starting point (for example, an index position), a track number equal to the order number of the track corresponding to the reproduced data which is counted from a track starting point, an address mark representing the head of the identifier, and a sync
 5 pattern for synchronizing the reproduced data and an apparatus clock signal. The data region 624 stores user data 618 and an error check code 619. The error check code 619 may be omitted.

Fig. 228(a) shows the structure of the data selector 625 of ZONE 1. Fig. 228(b) shows the structure of the data selector 625 of
 10 ZONE 2. Fig. 228(c) shows the structure of the data selector 625 of ZONE 3. ZONE 1 stores 512-byte user data. ZONE 2 stores 576-byte user data. ZONE 3 stores 640-byte user data. In this embodiment, ZONE n stores an amount of user data which is given by the following equation (3).

$$15 \quad \text{ZONE}(n) = 512 + 64 \times (n - 1) \quad \dots(3)$$

The error correction code length is equal to 32 bytes for each ZONE. Accordingly, the ZONE number N is given by the following equation (4).

$$N = \text{int}\{(r_m/r_0 - 1)(I + D_0 + E)/M\} + 1 \quad \dots(4)$$

20 where I denotes the capacity of the identifier region; r_0 denotes the radius of the innermost track; r_m denotes the radius of the outermost track; L denotes the linear (line) recording density; D_0 denotes the user data length of the innermost track; E denotes the error correction code length; and M denotes an increment in
 25 recording capacity between radially neighboring ZONE's. In this embodiment, the user data length D_0 is equal to 512 bytes, and the

increment M is equal to 64 bytes. It should be noted that the increment M agrees with the difference in recording capacity between first ZONE and second ZONE immediately outward of the first ZONE. By using D0 and M, the equation (3) is rewritten as
5 follows.

$$\text{ZONE}(n) = D0 + M \times (n - 1) \quad \dots(5)$$

In an example where $I=40$ (byte); $D0=512$ (byte); $r0=25$ (mm); $rm=38$ (mm); $E=32$ (byte); and $M=64$ (byte), the ZONE number N is given as:

10 $N = \text{int}\{4.75\} + 1 = 5 \quad \dots(6)$

Thus, there are five ZONE's. According to the equation (4), the ZONE number N increases as the user data length D0 increases. In an arrangement of Fig. 231 where one data track has one sector, the user data length D0 can be increased by six times relative to the
15 arrangement of Fig. 221 which has six sectors per data track. In the arrangement of Fig. 231, the ZONE number N can be equal to 26. The increment M may be set to 32 bytes. In this case, the ZONE number N can be doubled. It is known from the equation (4) that the ZONE number N is independent of the linear recording density
20 L. Accordingly, even in the case of a recording medium having a low linear recording density, the ZONE number N can be freely set. In this way, the ZONE number N can be freely set while the user data length D0 and the increment M are used as parameters. Appropriate setting of the ZONE number N enables efficient
25 recording of data into the recording medium 600.

With reference to Fig. 222, recording and reproduction will

now be described. In Fig. 222, the disk-type recording medium 600 is rotated at a constant speed by a spindle motor 601 and a motor control circuit 602. First, a controller 608 provides an actuator 606 with a command of locating or positioning a recording and reproducing head 609 at a track starting point (for example, a point above an innermost track). Then, the controller 608 sets an R/W clock signal 612 for recording data into ZONE 1.

Subsequently, the synchronization with an index signal 603 is established, and an R/W timing signal 607 for commanding a writing process is outputted to an R/W circuit 605. The R/W circuit 605 adds an identifier of Figs. 228(a), 228(b), and 228(c) to record data 611 in response to the R/W timing signal 607, and the resultant data is encoded by a data encoder 610 into a record and reproduction code (for example, MFM, 1-7 code, or 2-7 code). The record and reproduction code is outputted to the recording head 609, being recorded on the disk-type recording medium 600.

Then, the controller 608 feeds the actuator 606 with a command of locating or positioning the head at a next track, and waits for the index signal 603. Subsequently, the controller 608 outputs the R/W timing signal 607 to the R/W circuit 605 so that data is recorded into the disk-type recording medium 600. These processes are reiterated. When the recording track reaches ZONE 2, the controller 608 outputs a command to a clock signal generator 613 to generate an R/W clock signal 612 corresponding to ZONE 2. In the arrangement of Figs. 228(a), 228(b), and 228(c), when the data capacity of the identifier region is equal to 40 bytes, it is good that

the R/W clock signal 612 for ZONE 2 is equal to that for ZONE 1 multiplied by the following value:

$$(40 + 576 + 32)/(40 + 512 + 32) = 1.1096$$

In addition, it is good that the R/W clock signal 612 for ZONE 3 is
5 equal to that for ZONE 1 multiplied by 1.2192. The R/W clock
signal 612 is set for every ZONE in this way, and the recording on
each track is done. Consequently, a disk-shaped recording medium
such as shown in Fig. 221 is made.

The reproduction will now be described. First, the controller
10 608 feeds the actuator 606 with a command of locating or
positioning the reproducing head 609 at a tack subjected to the
reproduction, so that the reproducing head 609 is located
accordingly. Then, the controller 608 controls the clock signal
generator 613 to set an R/W clock signal 612 corresponding to
15 ZONE of the track subjected to the reproduction. A read timing
signal 607 is outputted to the R/W circuit 605. The R/W circuit
605 establishes the synchronization between the R/W clock signal
612 and reproduced data from the reproduced head 609 in
response to the sync pattern in the identifier region 623 of Figs.
20 228(a), 228(b), and 228(c). Then, the address mark is detected.
The track number, the sector number, and the record data length
are read out. The three pieces of the readout data are checked in
response to the error detection code. A data decoder 610
demodulates or recovers the digital data in the data region 624
25 which has been reproduced by the R/W circuit 605. The data
decoder 610 outputs the demodulated digital data as reproduced

data 611. The data decoder 610 detects the information of the record data length which is stored in the identifier region 623, and continues the outputting of the data until the end of the data region 624. In the case where the error correction code 619 is added as
5 shown in Figs. 228(a), 228(b), and 228(c), the data decoder 610 executes an error correcting process.

In Figs. 228(a), 228(b), and 228(c), the increment M is equal to 64 bytes and the error correction code has 32 bytes which are used in the equation (5). Under these conditions, the interleaving
10 length P is fixed, and the frame length is increased by $M/P=8$ bytes. Four bytes of the error correction code 619 are added to each frame. The increment M is equal to, for example, a positive integer. In an arrangement of Figs. 234(a), 234(b), and 234(c), it is preferable that the increment M is equal to an integral multiple of P
15 (that is, equal to P times an integer). Generally, in the case where four bytes of an error correction code is added to each frame, the number of bits of successive errors which can be corrected is given as:

$$(2 \times P - 1) \times 8 + 1 \text{ bit}$$

20 where P denotes an interleaving length. In the arrangement of Figs. 234(a), 234(b), and 234(c), since the interleaving lengths P are equal for respective ZONE's, the ability of correcting successive errors remains equal with respect to errors at an inner area and errors at an outer area. Most of successive errors are caused by
25 scratches on outer areas of recording media. An outer area of a recording medium is more liable to a large scratch than an inner

area thereof is.

In the arrangement of Figs. 229(a), 229(b), and 229(c), a greater amount of the error correction code is added to ZONE at a position closer to the outer edge of a recording medium, so that the ability of correcting successive errors is increased for an outer area of the recording medium. In this case, the error correction code is generated and designed as shown in Figs. 230(a), 230(b), and 230(c). In Figs. 230(a), 230(b), and 230(c), the interleaving length P of innermost ZONE 1 is equal to 8 so that successive errors in 121 bits are allowed. The interleaving length P of ZONE 2 is equal to 9 so that successive errors in 137 bits are allowed. The interleaving length P of ZONE 3 is equal to 10 so that successive errors in 153 bits are allowed. In this way, the ability of correcting successive errors increases as a position is closer to the outer edge of the recording medium. In the arrangement of Figs. 230(a), 230(b), and 230(c), the degree of redundancy caused by the error correction code is given as follows.

	ZONE 1	$32/512 \times 100 = 6.25 \%$
	ZONE 2	$36/576 \times 100 = 6.25 \%$
20	ZONE 3	$40/640 \times 100 = 6.25 \%$

As indicated above, the amount of the error correction code 619 for ZONE (n) is greater by 4 bytes than that for ZONE (n-1). The amount of user data 618 is greater by 64 bytes, and the degree of redundancy remains constant. In this way, the ability of correcting successive errors increases without increasing the degree of redundancy as a position is closer to the outer edge of the recording

medium. It is preferable that the increment M is equal to an integral multiple of the frame length F (that is, equal to an integer times the frame length F).

As previously described, the recording efficiency is maximized
5 when one track has one data selector 625. In the case where one track has one data selector 625, since the unit of recording and reproduction is large and the data amount varies from track to track, logically handling of the data tends to be troublesome. In an arrangement of Fig. 232(a) where user data recorded into the data
10 selector 625 is divided into logic sectors, the unit of reproduction corresponds to each logic sector so that handling of the data can be easier. In the case where the error correction code is generated according to the system same as the system of Figs. 230(a), 230(b), and 230(c), the reproduction on one logic sector requires the
15 execution of error correction of all the frames. In Fig. 232(a), to execute the reproduction on the logic sector 1, it is sufficient to reproduce data $D0$ to $D63$. The data $D0$ to $D63$ are dispersed over the frames. Since the error correction is executed frame by frame, the reproduction on one logic sector requires the error correction
20 of all the frames. In an arrangement of Fig. 232(b) where user data is arranged in a frame direction and an error correction code is added thereto, error correction of one frame suffices in reading out data from one logic sector so that an error correction process can be simple. In this case, the user data is recorded into a recording
25 medium in an interleaving direction as shown in Fig. 232(c), and thus the user data is dispersed as denoted by $D0$, $D64$, ..., $D447$,

and D511. The code indicating the user data length which is recorded in the identifier region may be designed to represent the logic data length and the logic sector number. This design simplifies the logically handling of the data.

5 DESCRIPTION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PREFERRED
 EMBODIMENT

For various reasons, it is preferable to make constant the frequency of the recording and reproduction of data to attain a good reliability of the data. A twenty-fifth embodiment of this invention realizes a constant frequency of the recording and reproduction of data. With reference to Fig. 223, a recording and reproducing apparatus for a disk-shaped recording medium 600 includes a spindle motor 601, an actuator 606, and a data encoder/decoder 610. The apparatus of Fig. 223 is similar in structure to the apparatus of Fig. 222 except that a controller 608 outputs a speed command to a motor control circuit 614 and a clock signal generator 615 generates a clock signal of a constant frequency.

The apparatus of Fig. 223 operates as follows. First, a controller 608 feeds the actuator 606 with a command of accessing a track starting point (for example, innermost ZONE). The controller 608 feeds the motor control circuit 614 with a command of a rotational speed at an innermost track (innermost ZONE). Then, the controller 608 establishes the synchronization with an index signal 603, and outputs a write timing signal 607 to an R/W circuit 605. The clock signal generator 615 outputs an R/W clock signal 612 of a constant frequency to the R/W circuit 605. The R/W

circuit 605 receives input data from the data encoder 610, and records the input data into the disk-shaped recording medium 600 via a recording head 609 in response to the write timing signal 607. The controller 608 feeds the actuator 606 with a command of
5 accessing a next track so that the recording head 609 is moved and the recording process is repeated. When the recording head 609 reaches next ZONE, the controller 608 feeds the motor control circuit 614 with a new rotational speed command. In the data recording arrangement of Figs. 228(a), 228(b), and 228(c), the
10 rotational speed command $V(n)$ for ZONE(n) is given as:

$$V(n) = \{(I + D0 + E) \times V0\} / \{(I + D0 + E + M \times (n - 1))\} \quad \dots(7)$$

where $V0$ denotes the rotational speed for innermost ZONE; $D0$ denotes the user data capacity of the innermost track; I denotes the data capacity of the identifier region; n denotes the ZONE number;
15 E denotes the error correction code length; and M denotes the increment of the user data amount between neighboring ZONE's.

As previously described, the controller 608 feeds the motor control circuit 614 with the speed command so that the rotational speed is made variable. This design enables a constant frequency of
20 the recording and reproduction of data, and hence the reliability of the data can be increased.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH PREFERRED

EMBODIMENT

A twenty-sixth embodiment of this invention realizes a
25 constant frequency of the recording and reproduction of data. With reference to Fig. 224, a recording and reproducing apparatus

includes a spindle motor 601, an actuator 606, a data encoder/decoder 610, and a clock signal generator 615. In Fig. 224, a disk-shaped recording medium 600 has a lower side composed of an optical information recording medium and an upper side composed of a magnetic information recording medium. The optical information recording medium stores servo information for rotating the spindle motor 601 at a constant linear velocity (for example, a compact disk). An optical head 616 reads out the servo information from the disk-shaped recording medium 600, and a motor control circuit 614 controls the spindle motor 601 in response to the servo information. As a result, the linear velocity of the disk-shaped recording medium 600 at the position of the optical head 616 is constant independent of a radial position in the disk-shaped recording medium 600. The actuator 606 drive a recording and reproducing head 609 and the optical head 616 while linking them together. Therefore, data is recorded into the disk-shaped recording medium 600 in the recording format of Fig. 221 although an R/W clock signal 612 has a constant frequency. In this case, the rotational speed varies track by track. Thus, it is preferable that one ZONE has one track.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

With reference to Fig. 235, a recording and reproducing apparatus operates on a recording medium 982 having a magnetically recording region 990 and an optically recording region 989. The recording and reproducing apparatus includes a magnetic

head 901 and an optical head portion 902. The magnetic head 901 functions to record and reproduce a signal into and from the magnetically recording region 990 of the recording medium 982. The optical head portion 902 functions to reproduce a signal from
5 the optically recording region 989 of the recording medium 982. The optical head portion 902 is provided with a mechanism for magnetic focusing and tracking control. The recording and reproducing apparatus includes a magnetic region signal processing device 903, an optical region signal processing device 904, and a
10 signal processing device 905. The numerals 920 denote the distance between the central axis of the optical head portion 902 and the record and reproduction gap position of the magnetic head 901.

As shown in Fig. 236, magnetic flux 906 leaks from the optical
15 head portion 902. A focusing coil 907 is used in control for enabling the optical head portion 902 to follow the optical recording surface of the recording medium 982. There is also a tracking coil 908. A recording and reproducing device 909 functions to record and reproduce a signal into and from the
20 magnetic recording surface of the recording medium 982 via the magnetic head 901. The recording and reproducing apparatus also includes a focusing control device 910, a tracking control device 911, and an optical signal reproducing and processing device 911. The tracking control device 910 executes control of enabling the
25 optical head portion 902 to follow the optical recording track on the recording medium 982. The optical signal reproducing and

processing device 912 functions to reproduce a signal from the optical head portion 902 and process the reproduced signal.

In an assumed arrangement where the optical head portion 902 and the magnetic head 901 are close to each other, considerable electromagnetic induction occurs between the coils in the optical head portion 902 and the magnetic head 901. Such electromagnetic induction tends to interfere with magnetic record and reproduction signals as noise. To solve this problem, in the arrangement of Fig. 235, the magnetic head 901 is separated from the optical head portion 902 by a predetermined adequate distance or more. Fig. 237 shows that the level of magnetic flux which leaks from the optical head portion 902 is equal to about 20 gauss or less in a magnetic recording region separated from the central axis of the optical head portion 902 by a radial distance of 10 mm or more. It has been confirmed that the leak magnetic flux from the optical head portion 902 is prevented from adversely affecting the magnetic head 901 when the level of the leak magnetic flux is equal to about 20 gauss or less.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH PREFERRED

EMBODIMENT

With reference to Fig. 238, lead screws 921a and 921b connected to each other have spiral grooves or threads respectively. The lead screws 921a and 921b may be integral with each other, being composed of a common shaft. The lead screw 921a serves for an optical head side. The lead screw 921b serves for a magnetic head side. A gear 923a is fixed to the lead screws 921a and 921b. A

transmission gear 923d is mounted on a rotatable shaft of a feed motor 984. Gears 923b and 923c are connected to each other. Rotation of the transmission gear 923d is transmitted to the gear 923a via the gears 923b and 923c. A magnetic head carriage 924
5 changes the rotational motion of the lead screws 921b into a linear motion, and moves a support member 963 for a magnetic head 904. A hub 925 fixed to a shaft of a spindle motor 960 serves to clamp a recording medium 982 to rotate the latter.

During the reproduction of information from an optical
10 recording region of the recording medium 982, and during the recording and reproduction of information into and from a magnetic recording region of the recording medium 982, an optical head 902 and the magnetic head 904 are moved by the feed motor 984. The directions of the spiral grooves or threads on the lead screws 921a
15 and 921b may be opposite to each other, equalizing the directions of relative movements.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TWENTY-NINTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

With reference to Fig. 239, a transmission gear 928 is
20 mounted on a shaft of a feed motor 984. A lead screw 926a serves to feed an optical head 902. A feed gear 926b is mounted on the lead screw 926a. A lead screw 927a serves to feed a magnetic head. A feed gear 927b is mounted on the lead screw 927a.

As shown in Fig. 240, a clutch mechanism 940 includes a
25 solenoid 940a, a gear elevator 940b, an elevating gear 940c, intermediate gears 940d and 940e, a support member 940f, and a

guide groove 940g for the elevating gear 940c. The guide groove 940g is provided in the support member 940f. The rotation of the feed motor 984 is transmitted to the lead screw 926a via the intermediate gear 940e so that the optical head 902 is moved in
5 accordance with the rotation of the feed motor 984.

When the gear elevator 940b moves frontward, the elevating gear 940c is raised along the guide groove 940g into engagement with the intermediate gears 940e and 940d. In addition, the intermediate gear 940d moves into mesh with the gear 927b so that
10 the lead screw 927 is rotated in accordance with the rotation of the feed motor 984. When the gear elevator 940b is pulled by the solenoid 940a, the elevating gear 940c is lowered along the guide grove 940g out of engagement with the intermediate gears 940e and 940d so that the rotation of the feed motor 984 will not be
15 transmitted to the lead screw 927a.

The clutch mechanism 940 may be provided in the optical head side or each of the magnetic head side and the optical head side.

During movement of the optical head 902, the magnetic head
20 moving mechanism is disconnected from the feed motor 984 by the clutch 940 so that the load on the feed motor 984 is reduced.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THIRTIETH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

With reference to Fig. 241, a spindle motor 960 functions to rotate a recording medium 982. A guide shaft 961 extends in
25 parallel with a lead screw 983. An optical head carriage 962 serves to support and move an optical head portion 902. The optical head

carriage 962 can move along the guide shaft 961. A support member 963 for a magnetic head 901 is connected to a link mechanism 964, and is rotatable about a shaft 965.

With reference to Fig. 242, a magnetic head moving device
5 966 corresponds to a magnetic head carriage. There is an optical head moving device 968. Drive on/off mechanisms 967 and 969 correspond to clutches. A head moving device 970 corresponds to a feed motor. A drive controller 971 controls the head moving device 970 and the drive on/off mechanisms 967 and 969. A magnetic
10 head drive control signal 972 relates to the drive on/off mechanism 967. An optical head drive control signal 973 relates to the drive on/off mechanism 969. A drive control signal 974 relates to the head drive device 970.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THIRTY-FIRST PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

15 With reference to Fig. 243, a coupling magnet 975 corresponds to a drive on/off mechanism. The coupling magnet 975 may be replaced by an electromagnetic clutch or a ratchet mechanism. A guide mechanism 976 serves to guide movements of an optical head carriage 977 and a sliding mechanism 978. The
20 guide mechanism 976 may be composed of a guide shaft 961 such as previously described.

According to the arrangement of Fig. 243, during movement of an optical head portion, the magnetic head moving mechanism is disconnected from the drive device (the feed motor) by the
25 coupling magnet 975 so that the load on the drive device is reduced.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND PREFERRED
EMBODIMENT

Fig. 245 shows a head positioning apparatus according to a thirty-second embodiment of this invention. With reference to Fig. 245, an optical reproduction surface 1001 exclusively for reproduction corresponds to a CD or CD-ROM recording surface. A magnetic record and reproduction surface 1002 is formed by a magnetic film applied or bonded to the CD-ROM recording medium 1001. A spindle motor 1003 serves to rotate the recording medium. An optical head 1004 reads out information from the CD-ROM recording surface 1001. A magnetic head 1006 records and reproduces information into and from the magnetic record and reproduction surface 1002. An optical reproducing device 1006 recovers a tracking error signal, a focusing error signal, and data information from the signal read out by the optical head 1004. The tracking error signal and the focusing error signal are used for controlling the optical head 1004. A magnetic recording and reproducing device 1007 operates for the recording and reproduction of information via the magnetic head 1005. An optical head control device 1008 functions to control an optical pickup and a locating device (a positioning device) 1009 which carries the optical pickup and the magnetic head 1006. In the case where the locating device 1009 has a linear dc motor, the optical head control device 1008 is provided with a scale for making the locating device 1009 stationary at a predetermined position and detecting the distance of movement thereof in a radial direction of the recording

medium. A disk positional information detector 1010 extracts absolute time information from the data information reproduced by the optical reproducing device 1006. The absolute time information indicates the absolute time from the start of recorded data which is recorded for each data reproduction unit. A composite section 1011 includes an optical head operating device and a magnetic head operating device. The optical head operating device feeds a command to the optical head control device 1008. The magnetic head control device outputs commands to the optical head control device 1008 and the locating device 1009 when the magnetic head 1005 is controlled to access and follow a target track on the magnetic record and reproduction surface 1002. An index device 1012 detects one revolution of the magnetic record and reproduction surface 1002.

15 In the case where the optical head 1004 reproduces the information from the CD-ROM recording surface, the optical reproducing device 1006 recovers the tracking error signal and the focusing error signal from the signal read out by the optical head 1004. A tracking control signal generator 1080 converts the tracking error signal into a control signal for enabling the optical head and the locating device to follow the data information on the CD-ROM recording surface. High-frequency components of the control signal are fed to the optical head, while low-frequency components thereof are fed via a low pass filter 1081 to the locating device 1009. The optical head 1004 and the locating device 1009 cooperate with each other to follow the data information on the CD-

ROM recording surface. Thus, the optical head 1004 and the locating device 1009 enable the reproduction of the information from the CD-ROM recording surface. In the case where the optical head is required to move to an arbitrary position, the optical head
5 operating device outputs a drive command directly to the locating device so that the locating device is moved to the arbitrary position.

As shown in Fig. 246, a recording medium includes the optical reproduction surface 1001 and the magnetic record and reproduction surface 1002. The recording medium has a program
10 area 1021 and a read-in area 1022. The program area 1021 stores data on the CD-ROM recording surface. The read-in area 1022 stores a table of contents (TOC information) in the program area 1021. A first track 1020 in the program area 1021 contains a program area track in which a recorded absolute time is equal to 0
15 second. A portion 1023 of the magnetic record and reproduction surface at a position corresponding to the position of the first optical track 1020 indicates the starting point of a track containing a track 0 position in tracks which can be subjected to recording and reproducing processes. Thus, the track starting point 1023 is
20 approximately at the back side of the end portion of the table-corresponding TOC region on the optical reproduction surface (the CD or CD-ROM recording surface). The recording medium of Fig. 246 has a diameter of 12 cm or 8 cm.

In a conventional CD or CD-ROM, an inner side is defined as
25 an optical track starting point. To provide the compatibility with the conventional CD or CD-ROM, it is preferable that the optical

reproduction side is used as a reference in the recording medium of this invention in view of medium intrinsic conditions such as eccentricity conditions. Thus, it is preferable that the starting point of the magnetic record and reproduction track is in the medium
5 inner side as shown in Fig. 246.

The recording and reproducing apparatus is preferably designed to be capable of handling both the 12-cm recording medium and the 8-cm recording medium. For this design of the apparatus, it is preferable that the starting point of the magnetic
10 record and reproduction track is in the medium inner side as shown in Fig. 246. Information representing whether a medium is of the 12-cm type or the 8-cm type is recorded in the magnetic recording surface or the optical recording surface of the medium. When this information is read out, the head locating device can
15 detect the type of the recording medium by referring to the readout information.

In the case where data is required to be recorded and reproduced into and from a target track which can be arbitrarily selected, the magnetic head control device 1011 is notified of the
20 position of the target track. The position of the target track is represented by a track number. As shown in Fig. 246, N (N is equal to a positive integer) tracks which can be subjected to recording and reproducing processes are arranged from the track starting point to an outer part of the medium at a given track pitch. The
25 magnetic head control device 1011 calculates the radial distance between the track starting point and the target track from the

previously-known track pitch and the previously-known position of the track starting point. The magnetic head control device 1011 converts the calculated radial distance into the absolute time from the recorded data starting point on the CD-ROM recording surface.

5 The linear velocity which occurs during the reproduction on the optical reproduction surface is measured from the interval of reading out the data, and the measured linear velocity is used in the calculation of the absolute time (that is, in the conversion into the absolute time). The magnetic head control device 1011 compares

10 the absolute time of the target track with the current absolute time from the data starting point which corresponds to the current position of the optical head. The magnetic head control device 1011 calculates the radial distance corresponding to the difference between the two absolute times, and feeds the locating device 1009

15 with a command representing the calculated radial distance. The locating device 1009 moves the magnetic head to a position corresponding to the target track in response to the command from the magnetic head control device 1011.

With respect to a conventional CD or CD-ROM, the linear

20 velocity which occurs during reproduction varies from 1.2 m/S to 1.4 m/S. Thus, an error tends to occur in the locating process if access to a target track is executed in mere response to the absolute time from the 0-second absolute time on the optical reproduction surface. Such a problem is removed as follows. In the case where

25 the recording medium is inserted into the apparatus, the linear velocity which occurs during the reproduction of data from the

optical reproduction side is measured from the data reading interval, and coefficients of the conversion of the distance into the time are determined in accordance with the calculated linear velocity. When access to a target track on the magnetic surface is
5 required, the head locating section of the apparatus uses the conversion coefficients in the head position control to prevent the occurrence of a positional error. An absolute time table may be previously made in response to the calculated linear velocity. Separate locating devices may be provided for the optical head and
10 the magnetic head respectively. In this case, it is unnecessary to execute the above-mentioned error removing process.

In the case where the locating device 1009 includes a linear dc motor and has a scale for detecting a position in the radial direction of the recording medium, the magnetic head may be
15 moved to approximately a target track by referring to distance information.

In the case where the magnetic head is required to follow the target track, the magnetic head control device 1011 uses a kick command circuit 1082 to enable the magnetic head to
20 approximately follow the target track. When the magnetic head control device 1011 confirms that the magnetic head has reached the target track by referring to the absolute time information obtained via the optical head, the magnetic head control device 1011 sets the optical head into a state in which the optical head is
25 controlled to follow data on the CD-ROM recording surface. In addition, the magnetic head control device 1011 outputs a

command of backward movement by one track pitch at an index position per one revolution of the recording medium. In the case where the optical head performs backward track jump by one track at an index position each time the recording medium rotates by one
5 round in a region near the absolute time corresponding to the target track, the magnetic head remains in the target track at an accuracy of 1.6 μm since both the magnetic head and the optical head are carried on the locating device 1009. The track pitch of the magnetic tracks is chosen so that an off-track of about 1.6 μm will
10 not provide a significant adverse affection. The track pitch of the magnetic tracks is preferably equal to 20-30 μm or more. In this case, the recording capacity of the magnetic recording surface is adequate for adding personal data and correcting the data on the optical recording surface.

15 In the case where the track pitch of the magnetic tracks is set to a value which allows a medium eccentricity of several hundreds of μm or more, servo operation of the optical head 1004 such as tracking operation or focusing operation is suspended, and it is unnecessary for the optical head to perform backward track jump by
20 one track at an index position each time the recording medium rotates by one round in a region near the absolute time corresponding to the target track. During the magnetic recording and reproduction, the suspension of the servo operation of the optical head reduces electromagnetic noise which interferes with
25 the magnetic recording and reproduction.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THIRTY-THIRD PREFERRED

EMBODIMENT

Fig. 248 shows a head positioning apparatus according to a thirty-third embodiment of this invention which is similar to the head positioning apparatus of Fig. 245 except that a magnetic head
5 1005 is in a position at a magnetic record and reproduction surface side which is point-symmetrical with the position of an optical head 1004 with respect to a spindle motor shaft. This design is to prevent the magnetic head 1005 from being adversely affected by a magnetic field generated from the optical head 1004 during the
10 magnetic recording and reproduction.

In Fig. 248, the starting point of a track containing track 0 on the magnetic record and reproduction surface corresponds to a position of a track containing an absolute time of 0 second in a program area as in the arrangement of the thirty-second
15 embodiment.

In the case where data is required to be recorded and reproduced into and from a target track selected arbitrary, the optical head 1004 is located at a position containing an absolute time of 0 second in the program area. Positional information which
20 occurs at that time is memorized by using a scale for detecting a position in a radial direction of the recording medium. This scale is previously prepared in a locating device (a positioning device) 1009.

Since the positional error (shift or offset) in the radial direction between the magnetic head 1005 and the optical head
25 1004 is previously known, it is possible to determine an amount of movement of the locating device 1009 which causes movement of

the magnetic head 1005 to the starting point of the track containing track 0. In the case where the magnetic head 1005 is required to move from the track starting point to an m-th track, a calculation is given of the distance by which the magnetic head
5 should be moved in the radial direction by using a previously-known track pitch. Next, the linear velocity at the reproduction on the optical reproduction surface side is measured from the interval at which the data is read out, and the measured linear velocity is used in the conversion between the distance and the time. A desired
10 distance of movement in the radial direction is converted into a target absolute time for backward movement (inward movement) of the optical head by using the absolute time from the data starting point which is recorded on the CD-ROM recording surface. The locating device locates the magnetic head at the target track by
15 referring to the absolute time on the CD-ROM recording medium. The positional information containing the above-mentioned scale is used in approximate access to the target track.

A further description will now be given with reference to Fig. 248. In the case where data is required to be recorded and
20 reproduced into and from a target track which can be arbitrarily selected, the magnetic head control device 1011 is notified of the position of the target track. The position of the target track is represented by a track number. As shown in Fig. 246, N (N is equal to a positive integer) tracks which can be subjected to recording
25 and reproducing processes are arranged from the track starting point to an outer part of the medium at a given track pitch. The

magnetic head control device 1011 calculates the radial distance between the track starting point and the target track from the previously-known track pitch and the previously-known position of the track starting point. The magnetic head control device 1011
5 converts the calculated radial distance into the absolute time from the recorded data starting point on the CD-ROM recording surface. The magnetic head control device 1011 compares the absolute time of the target track with the current absolute time from the data starting point which corresponds to the current position of the
10 optical head. The magnetic head control device 1011 calculates the radial distance corresponding to the difference between the two absolute times, and feeds the locating device 1009 with a command representing the calculated radial distance. The locating device 1009 of Fig. 248 executes access in a direction opposite to the
15 direction of access by the locating device of Fig. 245.

In the case where the locating device 1009 includes a linear dc motor and has a scale for detecting a position in the radial direction of the recording medium, the magnetic head is moved to approximately a target track by referring to distance information of
20 the track starting point.

In the case where the magnetic head is required to follow the target track, the magnetic head control device 1011 uses a kick command circuit 1082 to enable the magnetic head to approximately follow the target track. When the magnetic head
25 control device 1011 confirms that the magnetic head has reached the target track by referring to the absolute time information

obtained via the optical head, the magnetic head control device 1011 sets the optical head into a state in which the optical head is controlled to follow data on the CD-ROM recording surface. In addition, the magnetic head control device 1011 outputs a
5 command of backward movement by one track pitch at an index position per one revolution of the recording medium. In the case where the optical head performs backward track jump by one track at an index position each time the recording medium rotates by one round in a region near the absolute time corresponding to the target
10 track, the magnetic head remains in the target track at an accuracy of 1.6 μm since both the magnetic head and the optical head are carried on the locating device 1009.

In the case where the track pitch of the magnetic tracks is set to a value which allows a medium eccentricity of several hundreds of
15 μm or more, servo operation of the optical head 1004 such as tracking operation or focusing operation may be suspended.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 249 shows a head positioning apparatus according to a
20 thirty-fourth embodiment of this invention which is similar to the head positioning apparatus of Fig. 245 except for design changes indicated hereinafter. The head positioning apparatus of Fig. 249 includes an optical head 1014 having a drive mechanism for finely moving an objective lens in a radial direction of a recording
25 medium. The drive mechanism includes a drive circuit 1015. The head positioning apparatus of Fig. 249 also includes a magnetic head

control device 1013. The magnetic head control device 1013 detects a drive current by the drive circuit 1015, and finely moves a locating device 1009 in response to the detected drive current to control the position of the objective lens at around the center of a drive range. In Fig. 249, the starting point of a track containing track 0 on the magnetic record and reproduction surface corresponds to a position of a track containing an absolute time of 0 second in a program area as in the arrangement of the thirty-second embodiment.

Fig. 250(a) shows conditions of the optical head 1014 in which the center of the objective lens substantially coincides with the center of the drive range. Fig. 250(b) shows conditions of the optical head 1014 in which the objective lens is significantly offset from the center of the drive range. As shown in Figs. 250(a) and 250(b), the optical head 1014 includes a housing 1040, a semiconductor laser 1041, the objective lens 1042, and objective-lens support mechanisms 1043, 1044, 1045, and 1046.

In the case where data is required to be recorded and reproduced into and from a target track which can be arbitrarily selected, the magnetic head control device 1013 is notified of the position of the target track. The position of the target track is represented by a track number. As shown in Fig. 246, N (N is equal to a positive integer) tracks which can be subjected to recording and reproducing processes are arranged from the track starting point to an outer part of the medium at a given track pitch. The magnetic head control device 1013 calculates the radial distance

between the track starting point and the target track from the previously-known track pitch and the previously-known position of the track starting point. The magnetic head control device 1013 converts the calculated radial distance into the absolute time from
5 the recorded data starting point on the CD-ROM recording surface. The linear velocity which occurs during the reproduction on the optical reproduction surface is measured from the interval of reading out the data, and the measured linear velocity is used in the calculation of the absolute time (that is, in the conversion between
10 the distance and the absolute time). The magnetic head control device 1013 compares the absolute time of the target track with the current absolute time from the data starting point which corresponds to the current position of the optical head. The magnetic head control device 1011 calculates the radial distance
15 corresponding to the difference between the two absolute times, and feeds the locating device 1009 with a command representing the calculated radial distance. As a result, the magnetic head is enabled to access the target track.

In the case where the locating device 1009 includes a linear
20 dc motor and has a scale for detecting a position in the radial direction of the recording medium, the magnetic head may be moved to approximately a target track by referring to distance information.

In the case of an optical head having a mechanism for finely
25 moving an objective lens in a radial direction of a recording medium, an error tends to occur in the position of a locating device.

The magnetic head control device 1013 serves to compensate for such an error. As previously described, the magnetic head control device 1013 detects a drive current by the drive circuit 1015, and finely moves the locating device 1009 in response to the detected
5 drive current to control the position of the objective lens at around the center of a drive range.

The drive circuit 1015 generates a drive current for adjusting the position of the objective lens in the radial direction of the recording medium. After the optical head accesses a target position
10 on the recording medium, the magnetic head control device 1013 detects the drive current by using an A/D converter. It is now assumed that the objective lens is significantly offset from the center of the drive range as shown in Fig. 250(b), the drive current generated by the drive circuit 1015 has a level which matches with
15 the force of an objective-lens support mechanism. The magnetic head control device 1013 feeds the locating device 1009 with a command of fine motion which enables the level of the drive current to decrease to around zero. As the magnetic head control device 1013 moves the locating device 1009, the objective lens falls
20 into the aligned conditions of Fig. 250(a). It should be noted that, as shown in Fig. 249, the locating device 1009 and the optical head 1014 compose an optical head control system. The magnetic head 1005 is directly connected to the locating device 1009. Therefore, the magnetic head 1005 is located at a position corresponding to
25 the position at which the objective lens is located.

In the case where the magnetic head is required to follow the

target track, the magnetic head-control device 1013 uses a kick command circuit 1082 to enable the magnetic head to approximately follow the target track. When the magnetic head control device 1013 confirms that the magnetic head has reached
5 the target track by referring to the absolute time information obtained via the optical head, the magnetic head control device 1013 sets the optical head into a state in which the optical head is controlled to follow data on the CD-ROM recording surface. In addition, the magnetic head control device 1013 outputs a
10 command of backward movement by one track pitch at an index position per one revolution of the recording medium. In the case where the optical head performs backward track jump by one track at an index position each time the recording medium rotates by one round in a region near the absolute time corresponding to the target
15 track, the magnetic head remains in the target track at an accuracy of 1.6 μm since both the magnetic head and the optical head are carried on the locating device 1009.

Accordingly, even in the case of an optical head having a drive mechanism for finely moving an objective lens in a radial direction
20 of a recording medium, the magnetic head can be accurately located at a position on the magnetic recording side of the medium. In addition, the recording capacity of the magnetic recording surface is adequate for adding personal data and correcting the data on the optical recording surface.

25 In the case where the track pitch of the magnetic tracks is set to a value which allows a medium eccentricity of about one hundred

of μm , servo operation of the optical head 1004 such as tracking operation or focusing operation is suspended, and it is unnecessary for the optical head to perform backward track jump by one track at an index position each time the recording medium rotates by one
5 round in a region near the absolute time corresponding to the target track. During the magnetic recording and reproduction, the suspension of the servo operation of the optical head reduces electromagnetic noise which interferes with the magnetic recording and reproduction.

10 DESCRIPTION OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 251 shows a head positioning apparatus according to a thirty-fifth embodiment of this invention which is similar to the head positioning apparatus of Fig. 249 except that a magnetic head 1051 is located at a position offset in a radial direction of a
15 recording medium from a position opposing an optical head 1014. The distance of the offset is equal to about 10 mm or less. The offset distance is varied in accordance with the intensity of a magnetic field which leaks from the optical head 1014. This offset configuration prevents magnetic recording and reproduction from
20 being adversely affected by the magnetic field and electromagnetic noise caused by the optical head 1014. It should be noted that the optical head 1014 has a magnetic circuit containing a magnet.

As shown in Fig. 247, the starting point of a track containing track 0 on the magnetic record and reproduction surface
25 corresponds to a position in a program area 1021 on the optical reproduction surface. The track starting point on the magnetic

record and reproduction surface exists at a position which is outwardly offset from a read-in area (a TOC area) on the optical reproduction surface by about 10 mm or less.

5 In the case where the magnetic head 1051 is required to access the recording medium, the objective lens is centered approximately at the drive range thereof in the positional control of the magnetic head 1051. Since the magnetic head 1051 is inwardly offset from the optical head 1014, the time difference on the optical reproduction surface which corresponds to the distance of
10 movement of the magnetic head 1051 differs from the time difference corresponding to the distance of movement of the optical head. Accordingly, in the calculation of the distance of movement of the magnetic head to enable access to a target track, the distance at the optical head position which corresponds to the required
15 distance of movement of the magnetic head is converted into the time difference for the optical head. For example, in the case where the magnetic head 1051 is required to move by 1 mm, the difference in absolute time between the current optical head position and a position 1-mm remote from the current optical head
20 position is calculated, and the locating device is fed with a command responsive to the calculated absolute time difference. As a result, the magnetic head 1051 is enabled to access the target track.

25 In the case where the magnetic head is required to follow the target track, a track jumping process is used as in the apparatus of Fig. 249 so that the magnetic head remains in the target track at an

accuracy of 1.6 μm . In the case where the track pitch of the magnetic tracks is set to a value which allows a medium eccentricity of about several hundreds of μm , servo operation of the optical head 1014 may be suspended.

5 DESCRIPTION OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Fig. 252 shows a head positioning apparatus according to a thirty-sixth embodiment of this invention. With reference to Fig. 252, an optical reproduction surface 1001 exclusively for reproduction corresponds to a CD or CD-ROM recording surface. A
10 magnetic record and reproduction surface 1002 is formed by a magnetic film applied or bonded to the CD-ROM recording medium 1001. A spindle motor 1003 serves to rotate the recording medium. An optical head 1004 reads out information from the CD-ROM recording surface 1001. A magnetic head 1005 records and
15 reproduces information into and from the magnetic record and reproduction surface 1002. A signal processing device 1033 recovers a tracking error signal and a focusing error signal from a signal read out by the optical head 1004. The tracking error signal and the focusing error signal are used for controlling the optical
20 head 1004. In addition, the signal processing device 1033 recovers data information from the signal read out by the optical head 1004. Both the optical head (optical pickup) and the magnetic head are carried on a locating device (a positioning device) 1009. A head control device 1034 functions to control the locating device 1009
25 and the optical pickup. In the case where the locating device 1009 has a linear dc motor, there is provided a scale for making the

locating device 1009 stationary at a predetermined position and detecting the distance of movement thereof in a radial direction of the recording medium. An index device 1012 detects one revolution of the magnetic record and reproduction surface 1002.

5 An R/W device 1031 serves to feed the magnetic head 1005 with a current for recording and reproducing information. The R/W device 1031 also functions to amplify a reproduced signal from the magnetic head 1005. A PLL circuit 1032 digitizes a magnetic reproduced signal outputted from the R/W device 1031, and

10 establishes synchronization. A motor control device 1035 controls the rotation of the spindle motor 1003.

In the case where data is required to be recorded and reproduced into and from a target track which can be arbitrarily selected, the head control device 1034 is notified of the position of

15 the target track. The position of the target track is represented by a track number. In the recording medium, N (N is equal to a positive integer) tracks which can be subjected to recording and reproducing processes are arranged from the track starting point to an outer part of the medium at a given track pitch. The head

20 control device 1034 calculates the radial distance between the track starting point and the target track from the previously-known track pitch and the previously-known position of the track starting point. The head control device 1034 converts the calculated radial distance into the absolute time from the recorded data starting

25 point on the CD-ROM recording surface. The head control device 1034 compares the absolute time of the target track with the

current absolute time from the data starting point which corresponds to the current position of the optical head. The head control device 1034 calculates the radial distance corresponding to the difference between the two absolute times, and feeds the
5 locating device 1009 with a command representing the calculated radial distance. The locating device 1009 moves the magnetic head 1005 to a position corresponding to the target track in response to the command from the head control device 1034.

Rotation control is executed as follows. The signal processing
10 device 1033 extracts rotation control information from the optical reproduced signal. A frequency divider 1037 generates sync information from the extracted rotation information. The sync information corresponds to rotation. The rotation of the spindle motor 1003 is controlled in response to the sync information so
15 that the relative linear velocity between the optical head and the recording medium can be constant. During the recording process by the magnetic head, a reference signal or a sync signal for magnetically writing data is generated on the basis of a sync signal derived from the optical reproduced signal by the frequency divider
20 1037. During the writing process by the magnetic head, since a strong magnetic field is generated by the magnetic head, it is unnecessary to suspend focusing and tracking operation of the optical head 1004. As a result, it is possible to prevent rotation jitter or eccentric rotation which would be caused by a gap between
25 the recording medium and the motor rotational shaft. According to this design, it is unnecessary to provide the spindle motor with a

frequency generator (FG) for rotation control. Thus, this design is advantageous in cost.

In a recording system where a modulation code for magnetic recording contains clock components, clock information can be
5 extracted from a magnetic reproduced signal. In the case of an FM recording system, clock information can be directly extracted from a bi-level form (a digital form) of a magnetic reproduced signal. In the case of an MFM recording system or a 2-7 recording system, clock information can be extracted by inputting a bi-level form (a
10 digital form) of a magnetic reproduced signal into a PLL circuit. This fact is used in this embodiment.

Immediately after the magnetic track is located at the target track on the magnetic surface, the optical pickup (the optical head) remains active so that the control of the rotation of the recording
15 medium in response to the information reproduced from the optical surface is maintained. When information is reproduced from the magnetic track, focusing and tracking operation of the optical head 1004 is suspended and a switch 1036 is changed. As a result of the change of the switch 1036, clock information or rotation
20 information derived from a magnetic-track reproduced signal is transmitted to the motor control device 1035. The motor control device 1035 compares reference clock information corresponding to the rotational speed and the clock information derived from the magnetic-track reproduced signal, and feeds back the difference
25 between the former clock information and the latter clock information to the spindle motor to control the rotation of the

spindle motor.

In a modified arrangement, a capacitor is charged by a constant current in response to the period of clock information derived from a magnetic-track reproduced signal, and the voltage
5 across the capacitor is compared with a reference voltage corresponding to a given rotational speed to provide a rotational speed error. Rotation control is executed in response to the rotational speed error. The modified arrangement can be applied to the case where the writing of information into a magnetic track is
10 based on the FM recording system.



WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording and reproducing apparatus for use with a disk-shaped recording medium which includes a transparent substrate,
5 and an optical recording layer and a magnetic recording layer formed at one side of the transparent substrate, the apparatus comprising:
 - a light source for emitting light;
 - an optical head for applying the light to the optical recording
10 layer from the light source via the transparent substrate, for focusing the light on the optical recording layer, and for reproducing information from the optical recording layer;
 - a magnetic head for recording information on the magnetic recording layer or reproducing information from the magnetic
15 recording layer;
 - an optical head moving means for moving the optical head by a movement amount so as to focus the light on an optical track on the optical recording layer which has specified address information; and
 - a magnetic head moving means for moving the magnetic head
20 to a specified magnetic track on the magnetic recording layer by referring to the movement amount of the optical head.
2. A recording and reproducing apparatus for use with a disk-shaped recording medium which includes a transparent substrate,
25 and an optical recording layer and a magnetic recording layer formed at one side of the transparent substrate, the apparatus

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comprising:

a light source for emitting light;

an optical head for applying the light to the optical recording layer from the light source via the transparent substrate, for

5 focusing the light on the optical recording layer, and for

reproducing information from the optical recording layer; and

(the magnetic recording layer)

a magnetic head, located at a side of the recording medium

~~opposite the side thereof where the optical head is located,~~ for

recording information on the magnetic recording layer or

10 reproducing information from the magnetic recording layer;

wherein the magnetic head has a head gap equal to or greater than 1.5 μ m and smaller than 200 μ m.

3. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 2, wherein

15 the magnetic head includes a slider portion having a flat region parallel to a magnetic recording surface of the recording medium.

4. A recording and reproducing apparatus for use with a disk-shaped recording medium which includes a transparent substrate,

20 and an optical recording layer and a magnetic recording layer formed at one side of the transparent substrate, the apparatus comprising:

a light source for emitting light;

an optical head for applying the light to the optical recording

25 layer from the light source via the transparent substrate, for

focusing the light on the optical recording layer, and for

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reproducing information from the optical recording layer;

a magnetic head, located at a side of the recording medium opposite the side thereof where the optical head is located, for recording information on the magnetic recording layer or

5 reproducing information from the magnetic recording layer;

an optical head moving means for moving the optical head so as to focus the light on an optical track on the optical recording layer which has specified address information; and

a magnetic head moving means for moving the magnetic head
10 to a magnetic track on the magnetic recording layer in accordance with said moving the optical head by the optical head moving means, the magnetic track being located at substantially a back side of the optical track having the specified address information.

15 5. A recording and reproducing apparatus for use with a disk-shaped recording medium which includes a transparent substrate, and an optical recording layer and a magnetic recording layer formed at one side of the transparent substrate, the apparatus comprising:

20 a light source for emitting light;

an optical head for applying the light to the optical recording layer from the light source via the transparent substrate, for focusing the light on the optical recording layer, and for reproducing information from the optical recording layer;

25 a magnetic head, located at a side of the recording medium opposite the side thereof where the optical head is located, for





recording information on the magnetic recording layer or reproducing information from the magnetic recording layer to generate a magnetic reproduced signal;

5 a detecting means for detecting noise which enters the magnetic reproduced signal from the optical head; and

a noise canceling means for generating a noise cancel signal which equals an inversion of the noise detected by the detecting means, and for adding the noise cancel signal and the magnetic reproduced signal.

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6. A disk-shaped recording medium comprising:

a disk-shaped recording surface;

a plurality of concentric recording tracks extending on the recording surface and storing digital data;

15 dividing the recording tracks into W data sectors along a circumferential direction, the data sectors extending in approximately equal angular ranges, wherein W denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more;

20 dividing the recording surface into N zones along a radial direction, wherein each of the N zones has R recording tracks, wherein N denotes a predetermined integer equal to two or more and R denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more;

an identifier region provided in each of the data sectors for identifying said each of the data sectors; and

25 a data region provided in each of the data sectors for storing user data;

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wherein a data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in first one of the zones is greater by M byte or bytes than a data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in second one of the zones which extends immediately inward of said first one of the zones, wherein M denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more.

7. The disk-shaped recording medium of claim 6, further comprising one side provided with said recording surface, and another side provided with an optical recording surface.

8. The disk-shaped recording medium of claim 6, wherein W is equal to one.

9. A recording and reproducing apparatus for a disk-shaped recording medium comprising a disk-shaped recording surface; a plurality of concentric recording tracks extending on the recording surface and storing digital data; dividing the recording tracks into W data sectors along a circumferential direction, the data sectors extending in approximately equal angular ranges, wherein W denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; dividing the recording surface into N zones along a radial direction, wherein each of the N zones has R recording tracks, wherein N denotes a predetermined integer equal to two or more and R denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; an identifier region provided in each of the data sectors for identifying said each of the

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- data sectors; and a data region provided in each of the data sectors for storing user data; wherein a data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in first one of the zones is greater by M byte or bytes than a data recording capacity of a data region of a data
- 5 sector in second one of the zones which extends immediately inward of said first one of the zones, wherein M denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; the apparatus comprising:
- a head for recording and reproducing data into and from the
 - 10 recording medium;
 - a motor for rotating the recording medium at a constant rotational speed;
 - a recording circuit for feeding a record signal to the head; and
 - a clock generating circuit for feeding the recording circuit
 - 15 with a clock signal which commands a data writing speed;
- wherein the clock generating circuit is variable at a resolution of M/Y , and a capacity of a data sector in an innermost zone of the zones is defined as equal to Y bytes.
- 20 10. A recording and reproducing apparatus for a disk-shaped recording medium comprising a disk-shaped recording surface; a plurality of concentric recording tracks extending on the recording surface and storing digital data; dividing the recording tracks into W data sectors along a circumferential direction, the data sectors
- 25 extending in approximately equal angular ranges, wherein W denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; dividing the





recording surface into N zones along a radial direction, wherein each of the N zones has R recording tracks, wherein N denotes a predetermined integer equal to two or more and R denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; an identifier region
5 provided in each of the data sectors for identifying said each of the data sectors; and a data region provided in each of the data sectors for storing user data; wherein a data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in first one of the zones is greater by M byte or bytes than a data recording capacity of a data region of a data
10 sector in second one of the zones which extends immediately inward of said first one of the zones, wherein M denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; the apparatus comprising:

- 15 a head for recording and reproducing data into and from the recording medium;
- a recording circuit for feeding a record signal to the head;
- a clock generating circuit for feeding the recording circuit with a constant-frequency clock signal which commands a data writing speed;
- 20 a motor for rotating the recording medium; and
- a motor control circuit for controlling a rotational speed of the motor, the motor control circuit comprising means for determining a rotational speed of a zone n of the zones to be equal to $Y/[Y + M \times (n-1)]$, wherein a capacity of a data sector in an innermost zone
25 of the zones is defined as equal to Y bytes, and n denotes order numbers of the zones and $n=1$ for the innermost zone.





11. A recording and reproducing apparatus for a disk-shaped recording medium comprising a disk-shaped recording surface; a plurality of concentric recording tracks extending on the recording surface and storing digital data; dividing the recording tracks into W
5 data sectors along a circumferential direction, the data sectors extending in approximately equal angular ranges, wherein W denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; dividing the recording surface into N zones along a radial direction, wherein
10 each of the N zones has R recording tracks, wherein N denotes a predetermined integer equal to two or more and R denotes a predetermined integer equal to one or more; an identifier region provided in each of the data sectors for identifying said each of the data sectors; and a data region provided in each of the data sectors
15 for storing user data; wherein a data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in first one of the zones is greater by M byte or bytes than a data recording capacity of a data region of a data sector in second one of the zones which extends immediately inward of said first one of the zones, wherein M denotes a
20 predetermined integer equal to one or more; the recording medium further comprising one side provided with said recording surface, and another side provided with an optical recording surface; the apparatus comprising:
a head for recording and reproducing data into and from the
25 recording medium;
a recording circuit for feeding a record signal to the head;





- a clock generating circuit-for feeding the recording circuit with a constant-frequency clock signal which commands a data writing speed;
- an optical head for reproducing a signal from the optical
5 recording surface;
- a motor for rotating the recording medium; and
- a motor control circuit for controlling a rotational speed of the motor, the motor control circuit comprising means for controlling a rotation of the recording medium in response to the signal
10 reproduced by the optical head.
12. The disk-shaped recording medium of claim 6, wherein the identifier region stores a code indicating a recording capacity of the related data region.
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13. The disk-shaped recording medium of claim 6, wherein the data region stores data for error correction.
14. The disk-shaped recording medium of claim 13, wherein the
20 data for error correction is interleaved.
15. The disk-shaped recording medium of claim 14, wherein the integer M is equal to P multiplied by an integer, and P denotes an interleaving length.
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16. The disk-shaped recording medium of claim 14, wherein an





interleaving length P in an inner zone of the zones is different from an interleaving length P in an outer zone of the zones.

17. The disk-shaped recording medium of claim 16, wherein the
5 integer M is equal to F denoting a frame length.

18. A recording and reproducing apparatus for a recording
medium having a first portion for optical reproduction or optical
record and reproduction, and a second portion for magnetic record
10 and reproduction, the apparatus comprising:

an optical head for executing optical reproduction or optical
record and reproduction;

a magnetic head for executing magnetic record and
reproduction;

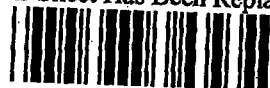
15 one or more drive sources; and

means for moving the optical head and the magnetic head in
response to said one or more drive sources;

wherein the magnetic head is separated from a center of the
optical head by 10 mm or more when the magnetic head executes
20 the magnetic record and reproduction.

19. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 18,
wherein the moving means comprises a first member for moving
the optical head, a second member separate from the first member
25 for moving the magnetic head, and a common shaft having spiral
threads for power transmission.

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20. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 18,
wherein the moving means comprises first drive means for moving
the optical head, second drive means for moving the magnetic head,
5 the first and second drive means being responsive to a common
drive source, and a clutch provided between the common drive
source and at least one of the first and second drive means.

21. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 18, further
10 comprising means for moving the recording medium along a surface
direction, wherein the moving means comprises first drive means
for moving the optical head and second drive means for moving the
magnetic head, the first drive means being movable in a radial
direction with respect to a center of rotation, the magnetic head
15 being movable in a tangential direction with respect to a radial
direction.

22. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 21, further
comprising connecting and disconnecting means for enabling the
20 second drive means either independently of or together with the
first drive means.

23. A head positioning apparatus for use with a rotatable recording
medium having a first surface provided with first data information
25 which can not be erased, and a second surface provided with
writable and readable second data information on concentric tracks,



the apparatus comprising:

an optical head opposing the first surface provided with the first data information;

a magnetic head opposing the second surface provided with
5 the second data information;

optical reproducing means for reproducing the first data information via the optical head;

magnetic recording and reproducing means for recording and reproducing the second data information via the magnetic head;

10 positioning means which carries both the optical head and the magnetic head for moving the optical head and the magnetic head;

optical head control means for controlling the optical head to enable the optical head to follow the first data information;

index means for detecting one revolution of the recording
15 medium;

means for, in cases where the magnetic head is controlled to be positioned with respect to the second data information, controlling the positing means in a radial direction of the recording medium in response to information of a time from a data starting

20 point of the first data information to a data ending point; and

means for, in cases where the magnetic head is controlled to follow the second data information, feeding a low range component of a relative positional difference between the first data information and the optical head back to the positioning means and moving the
25 optical head in synchronism with a signal generated by the index means.

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24. A head positioning apparatus for use with a rotatable recording medium having a first surface provided with first data information which can not be erased, and a second surface provided with
- 5 writable and readable second data information on concentric tracks, the apparatus comprising:
- an optical head opposing the first surface provided with the first data information, the optical head comprising an objective lens and a drive mechanism for finely moving the objective lens in a
 - 10 radial direction of the recording medium;
 - a magnetic head opposing the second surface provided with the second data information;
 - optical reproducing means for reproducing the first data information via the optical head;
 - 15 magnetic recording and reproducing means for recording and reproducing the second data information via the magnetic head;
 - positioning means which carries both the optical head and the magnetic head for moving the optical head and the magnetic head;
 - optical head control means for controlling the optical head to
 - 20 enable the optical head to follow the first data information;
 - first positioning control means for, in cases where the magnetic head is controlled to be positioned with respect to the second data information, controlling the positing means in a radial direction of the recording medium in response to information of a
 - 25 time from a data starting point of the first data information to a data ending point; and

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second positioning control means for, in cases where the optical head has reached a target position, controlling the positioning means so that the objective lens will be held approximately centered at a drive range of the objective lens drive
5 mechanism.

25. The head positing apparatus of claim 24, wherein the second positioning control means comprises means for monitoring a current of driving the objective lens, and means for setting an
10 average value of the current of driving the objective lens at substantially zero in response to the monitored current.

26. The head positing apparatus of claim 24, wherein the second positioning control means comprises means for detecting a position
15 of the objective lens, and controlling the positioning means in response to the detected position of the objective lens so that the objective lens will be held approximately centered at the drive range of the objective lens drive mechanism.

20 27. A rotatable recording medium comprising:
a first surface;
a second surface;
a first information track on the first surface, the first information track storing first data information which can not be
25 erased; and
a second information track on the second surface, the second





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information track storing writable and readable second data information;

wherein a starting point of the second information track exists at an inner side of the medium.

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28. The recording medium of claim 27, wherein the starting point of the second information track corresponds to a data starting point of the first data information.

10 29. The recording medium of claim 27, wherein the starting point of the second information track is offset outwardly from a data starting point of the first data information.

30. A rotatable recording medium comprising:
15 a first surface;
a second surface;
a first information track on the first surface, the first information track storing first data information which can not be erased;
20 a second information track on the second surface, the second information track storing writable and readable second data information; and
a portion storing peculiar information representing a medium size and an amount of the second data information.

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31. The recording medium of claim 30, wherein the point storing

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the peculiar information coincides with a starting point of the second information track.

32. The recording medium of claim 30, wherein the peculiar
5 information is contained in the first data information.

33. A rotatable recording medium comprising:
a first surface;
a second surface;
10 a first information track on the first surface, the first
information track storing first data information which can not be
erased; and
at least two second information tracks on the second surface,
the second information tracks storing writable and readable second
15 data information.

34. The recording medium of claim 33, wherein the second
information tracks are spaced at a constant pitch.

20 35. A recording and reproducing apparatus for a rotatable
recording medium having concentric tracks, comprising:
first means for reproducing data information from the
concentric tracks on the recording medium; and
second means for, in cases where the first means reproduces
25 the data information from the concentric tracks on the recording
medium, controlling a rotation of the recording medium in





response to periodic information contained in the data information reproduced by the first means.

36. A recording and reproducing apparatus for a rotatable
5 recording medium having a first surface provided with concentric tracks and a second surface, the apparatus comprising:

first means for recording data information into the concentric tracks on the recording medium; and

- 10 second means for, in cases where the first means records the data information into the concentric tracks on the recording medium, controlling a rotation of the recording medium in response to periodic information contained in inerasable data information provided on the second surface.

- 15 37. A recording and reproducing apparatus for a rotatable recording medium having a first surface provided with concentric tracks and a second surface, the apparatus comprising:

first means for recording data information into the concentric tracks on the recording medium; and

- 20 second means for, in cases where the first means records the data information into the concentric tracks on the recording medium, using periodic information contained in inerasable data information provided on the second surface as a reference for recording the data information into the concentric tracks on the
25 recording medium.

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38. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 35,
wherein the second means comprises a motor for controlling the
recording medium, a frequency generator provided in connection
with the motor, and means for, in cases where the first means
5 reproduces the data information from the concentric tracks on the
recording medium, controlling a rotation of the recording medium
in response to periodic information generated in the frequency
generator.

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