

DESCRIPTION

Video Information Recording Device and Reproducing Device

Technical Field

This invention relates to a video information recording device and reproducing device, and particularly to a video information recording device and a video information reproducing device which enable proper management of copy control on a recording medium.

Background Art

Various optical discs such as DVR have been proposed as disc-like recording media that can be loaded on and unloaded from a recording/reproducing device. The optical discs as such recording media have been proposed as media with a large capacity of several gigabytes or more and are expected to be media for recording audio/visual (AV) signals such as video signals.

As a coding system for digitally compressing AV signals, there is an MPEG (Moving Picture Experts Group) 2 system. This MPEG2 is a dynamic image compression format of an international standard aimed at realizing higher image quality by using compression techniques such as motion compensation prediction, DCT (discrete cosine transform), quantization and variable-length coding. The MPEG2 system is applied also in the case of recording AV signals to a recording

medium. For example, when recording analog video signals to a recording medium, the video signals are encoded in accordance with the MPEG2 system and the coded bit stream is recorded to the medium. In the digital television broadcast, which has started recently, an AV streams coded in accordance with the MPEG2 system is transmitted in a format called transport stream. When recording the digital broadcast to a recording medium, it is considered that digital signals of a transport stream are directly recorded without being decoded and re-encoded.

In the case where AV signals are recorded on a recording medium in a digital signal format, it is possible to copy the AV signals to another recording medium without deteriorating the signals at all. However, this raises a serious problem to copy right holders of AV signals. Thus, in order to limit copying of AV signals, copy control information (CCI) indicating "Copy Free" (which means that copy is permitted), "Copy Once" (which means that copy of only one generation is permitted), "No More Copy" (which means that copy of this and further generations is not permitted)", or "Copy Prohibited" (which means that copy is prohibited) may be provided for AV signals.

For example, a system that is practically used at present is CGMS (Copy Generation Management System) for video signals. The CGMS is a system for controlling the number of times copying is permitted, on the software side. The CGMS for analog interface is called CGMS-A, and the CGMS for digital interface is called CGMS-D. The analog CGMS-A is also called VBID because it superimposed

ID on a VBI (vertical blanking interval). This is standardized as EIAJ CP-1204. Moreover, in order to transmit copy control information in a transport stream, a method of coding a descriptor having copy control information is used. Descriptors of such a types may be DTCP descriptor prescribed by DTLA (Digital Transmission Licensing Administrator) and digital_copy_control_descriptor prescribed by ARIB (Association of Radio Industries and Businesses) and used in the Japanese BS digital broadcast. Recently, in order to enforce further copy control, a system for embedding copy control information called watermark (WM) into base-band AV signals or MPEG AV streams is considered. Watermarking (WM) is now being standardized, and a millennium system and a galaxy system are proposed.

When recording AV signals to a recording medium, recording control must be accurately carried out in accordance with the copy control information of input signals. In general, in the case where user recorded AV signals to a recording medium by using a recording device, the copy control information of the AV stream on the recording medium is either "Copy Free" (which means that copy is permitted) or "No More Copy" (which means that copy of this and further generations is not permitted). "No More Copy" results from updating of the copy control information when AV signals of "Copy Once" (which means copy of only one generation is permitted) are recorded.

Meanwhile, the increase in capacity of recording media enables recording of more AV streams to the recording media, as described above. In this case, the user needs to copy desired data of the AV streams recorded on the discs, from the

respective discs. The user can copy AV streams having copy control information of "Copy Free".

The increase in recording capacity of recording media enables continuous recording of AV streams for a longer time than before. In such a case, it is considered that a stream part of "No More Copy" and a stream part of "Copy Free" exist in one AV stream more often. For example, when two programs are continuously recorded, it may be considered that the first program is a material of "Copy Free" and the second program is a material of "Copy Once".

Conventionally, in the case where a "No More Copy" stream part and a "Copy Free" stream part exist in one AV stream, the user cannot properly copy these to another recording medium. For example, if a "No More Copy" stream part exists at the beginning of one AV stream, the user cannot copy a "Copy Free" stream part at a halfway part in the AV stream. This is because it is difficult to know that plural pieces of control information exist in one AV stream, that is, to know that a "No More Copy" stream part and a "Copy Free" stream part exist in one AV stream. To know this, the user must read out the AV stream from the beginning to the end and analyze the copy control information. However, this analysis is time-consuming. Particularly with an AV stream of a long time, it is difficult to read out all the AV stream and grasp the presence of control information.

Disclosure of the Invention

Example embodiments of the present invention may provide a new video information recording device and recording method which enable proper management of copy control information of video information, and to provide a video information reproducing device.

In accordance with a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video information recording device comprising:

detection means for detecting copy control information from inputted video information;

change point information acquisition means for acquiring change point information of copy control information corresponding to video information to be recorded on the basis of said copy control information detected by said detection means;

management information generation means for generating management information for managing said copy control information on the basis of said change point information acquired by said change point information acquisition means; and

recording means for recording said management information generated by said management information generation means together with the video information.

In accordance with a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video information reproducing device comprising:

recognition means for recognizing a stream part that can be copied from a stream recorded on a recording medium, on the basis of management information for managing copy control information; and

data stream preparation means for preparing a new stream composed of stream parts of a section to be copied, on the basis of the stream part that can be copied, recognized by said recognition means.

In accordance with a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a recording method comprising:

inspecting whether the content of copy control information or a watermark in an inputted signal has changed or not;

acquiring change point information of said copy control information or said watermark that has changed; and

preparing management information for managing said copy control information or said watermark on the basis of said acquired change point information.

In accordance with a fourth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a recording method comprising:

inspecting whether the content of EMI (encryption mode indicator) in an isochronous packet of an inputted signal has changed or not;

acquiring change point information of said EMI that has changed; and
preparing management information for managing copy control information on the basis of said acquired change point information.

In accordance with a fifth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a storage medium storing a program to be executed by a computer in such a manner that the computer can read the program, said program causing the computer to execute:

- processing for detecting copy control information from inputted video information;
- processing for acquiring, from said detected copy control information, change point information of said copy control information; and
- processing for generating management information for managing said copy control information on the basis of said acquired change point information.

In accordance with a sixth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a program for causing a computer to realize:

- a function to detect copy control information from inputted video information;
- a function to acquire, from said detected copy control information, change point information of said copy control information; and
- a function to generate management information for managing said copy control information on the basis of said acquired change point information.

In accordance with a seventh aspect of the present invention, there is provided a recording medium read by a signal processing device, the recording medium having an information recording area in which, of a clip having a pair made up of one stream and attached information of the stream as one object, a clip stream file as a stream file and a clip information file as the attached information are recorded,

wherein said clip information file contains management information for managing a change point in copy control information of said stream.

In accordance with an eighth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video information recording device comprising:

- an updating unit operable to output copy control information updated on the basis of copy control information detected from inputted video information;

- a controller operable to generate change point information indicating a position where the value of the copy control information outputted from said updating unit changes; and
- a recording unit operable to record said change point information together with said video information to a recording medium.

In accordance with a ninth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video information recording device comprising:

a controller operable to generate change point information indicating a position where a copy control mode in a data stream to be recorded changes, and generating check data using a predetermined algorithm based on said change point information; and

a recording unit operable to record said check data together with said data stream and said change point information to a recording medium.

In accordance with a tenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video information recording method comprising:

outputting copy control information updated on the basis of copy control information detected from inputted video information;

generating change point information indicating a position where the value of said outputted copy control information changes; and

recording said change point information together with said video information to a recording medium.

In accordance with an eleventh aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video information recording method comprising:

generating change point information indicating a position where a copy control mode in a data stream to be recorded changes, and generating check data using a predetermined algorithm based on said change point information; and

recording said check data together with said data stream and said change point information to a recording medium.

In accordance with a twelfth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video information recording device comprising:

a controller operable to generate change point information indicating a position where a copy control mode of video information to be recorded changes; and

a recording unit operable to record said change point information together with said video information to a recording medium.

In accordance with a thirteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video information recording method comprising:

generating change point information indicating a position where a copy control mode of video information to be recorded changes; and

recording said change point information together with said video information to a recording medium.

In accordance with a fourteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video information recording device comprising:

a controller operable to generate information indicating whether copy is permitted or not for each section in which the value of copy control information is unchanged, of a series of source

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packet strings to be recorded; and

a recording unit operable to record the management information generated by said controller together with said source packets.

In accordance with a fifteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a video information recording method comprising:

generating information indicating whether copy is permitted or not for each section in which the value of copy control information is unchanged, of a series of source packet strings to be recorded, and

recording said generated management information together with said source packets.

The storage medium in which a program to be executed by a computer may be stored in such a manner that the computer can read the program, or a program for causing a computer to execute various functions.

The recording medium may be read by a signal processing device such as a recording medium reproducing device or recording device. In the storage area of this recording medium, for example, a clip AV stream file as a stream file and a clip information file as attached information may be recorded in a clip, which includes a pair made up of one stream, for example, an AV stream, and attached information of this stream, as one object. This clip information file may contain management information for managing a change point of copy control information in the stream.

The clip stream file may contain a "Copy Free" stream part that can be copied and a "No More Copy" stream part that cannot be copied on this and further generations. The management information contained in the clip information file may contain information indicating the number of pieces of copy control information and information of address or time of the change point of the copy control information. Thus, the copy control information of the stream stored in the recording medium can be easily grasped. Moreover, the clip information file may contain a code indicating that the content of the management information has not been falsified. Thus, malicious copying can be prevented.

Example embodiments and specific advantages provided by the embodiments will be further clarified by the following description of an embodiment with reference to the drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG.1 is a view showing a structure of an application format on a recording medium to which the present invention is applied.

Fig.2 is a view showing an exemplary directory structure prepared on a DVR disc.

Fig.3 is a view showing a structure of an AV stream file.

Fig.4 is a view showing a syntax as a programming syntax of a source packet.

Fig.5 is a view showing the syntax of TP_extra_header.

Fig.6 is a view showing the relation between values of copy_permission_indicator and modes designated by these values.

Fig.7 is a view showing a syntax of a clip information file.

Fig.8 is a view showing a syntax of ClipInfo().

Fig.9 is a view showing an exemplary CCI-sequence.

Fig.10 is a view showing a syntax of CCI_sequence_info().

Fig.11 is a view showing an exemplary syntax of stream_status().

Fig.12 is a view showing another exemplary syntax of stream_status().

Fig.13 is a view showing the meanings of values of recording_mode.

Fig.14 is a view showing the meanings of values of status_CCI/EMI, status_WM.

Figs.15A and 15B are view for explaining the relation between the clip and the CCI-sequence in the case of copying a "Copy Free" stream part from a copy source (reproducing device on the output side) to a copy destination (recording device on the input side).

Fig.16 is a view showing another exemplary syntax of CCI_sequence_info().

Figs.17A and 17B are views for explaining the relation between the clip and the CCI-sequence in the case of copying a "Copy Free" stream part from a copy source (reproducing device on the output side) to a copy destination (recording device on the input side), where CCI_sequence_info() shown in Fig.16 is used.

Fig.18 is a block diagram showing a recording device to which the present invention is applied.

Fig.19 is a view for explaining copy control processing in the case where an input signal is a video input and/or a TS input of cognizant recording.

Fig.20 is a view for explaining copy control processing by a controller in the case where an input signal is a TS input of non-cognizant recording.

Fig.21 is a flowchart for explaining processing of a CCI-sequence in the case where an input signal is a video input or a TS input of cognizant recording.

Fig.22 is a flowchart for explaining processing of a CCI-sequence in the case where an input signal is a TS input of non-cognizant recording.

Fig.23 is a block diagram showing a structure in the case of copying an AV stream file and a related database file on a DVR from a reproducing device of a copy source (output side) to a recording device of a copy destination (input side) via a digital bus.

Fig.24 is a flowchart for explaining processing by a reproducing device (copy source) in the case of copying a clip AV stream file from the reproducing device of the copy source (output side) to a recording device of a copy destination (input side).

Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

A video information recording device and reproducing device to which the present invention is applied will now be described with reference to the drawings.

Before explaining a system structure to which the present invention is applied, a data format to which the present invention is applied will be described first.

Fig.1 shows a structure of an application format on a recording medium to which the present invention is applied. This format has two layers for management of AV streams, that is, a play list layer 101, which is approximate to a user interface (user I/F), and a clip layer 102, which is approximate to a system. Volume information 100 manages all the clips and play list within the disc.

A pair made up of an AV stream and its attached information is assumed to be one object, which is called clip. An AV stream file is called clip AV stream file, and its attached information is called clip information file. One clip AV stream file stores data in which MPEG2 transport streams are arranged in a structure prescribed by a DVR application format.

In general, a data file used in a computer or the like is handled as a byte string. However, the content of a clip AV stream file is expanded on the time base, and a play list designates an access point in the clip mainly by using a time stamp. When a time stamp for an access point in the clip is given by the play list, the clip information file is useful for finding address information at which decoding of a stream should be started in the clip AV stream file.

The play list is provided for a user to select a desired reproducing section in the clip and easily edit that section. One play list is a collection of reproducing sections in the clip. One reproducing section in a certain clip is called play item, which is represented by a set of IN-point (in-time) and OUT-point (out-time) on the time base. That is, a play list is a collection of play items.

There are two types of play lists. One type is a real play list and the other is a virtual play list. The real play list is considered to share stream parts in the clip which it refers to. That is, the real play list occupies the data volume in the disc equivalent to stream parts of the clip which it refers to. When an AV stream is recorded as a new clip, a real play list referring to the reproducible range in the entire clip is automatically produced. If a part of the reproducible range in the real play list is erased, data of the stream part of the clip which it refers to will be erased. The virtual play list is considered not to share the data of the clip. Even if the virtual play list is changed or erased, the clip will not be changed at all.

In the following description, the real play list and the virtual play list are generally referred to as play list.

As a necessary directory on a DVR disc, first, a root directory including a "DVR" directory is provided. The "DVR" directory includes a "PLAYLIST" directory, a "CLIPINF" directory, a "STREAM" directory and a "DATA" directory. Other directories may be prepared under the root directory but these are neglected in this DVR application format.

Fig.2 shows an exemplary directory structure prepared on a DVR disc.

A root directory 111 includes one directory ("DVR" directory 112).

The "DVR" directory is a directory under which all the files and directories prescribed by the DVR application format must be stored.

The "DVR" directory 112 includes four directories, that is, a "PLAYLIST" directory 113, a "CLIPINF" directory 114, a "STREAM" directory 115, and a "DATA" directory 116.

The "PLAYLIST" directory is a directory under which database files of real play lists and virtual play lists must be arranged. This directory must exist even if there is no play list.

The "CLIPINF" directory is a directory under which databases of clips must be arranged. This directory must exist even if there is no clip.

The "STREAM" directory is a directory under which AV stream files must be arranged. This directory must exist even if there is no AV stream file.

The "PLAYLIST" directory 113 stores two types of play list files, that is, the above-described real play list and virtual play list.

A "xxxxx.rpls" file stores information related to one real play list. A file is prepared for each real play list. Its file name is "xxxxx.rpls", and "xxxxx" consists of five numerals from 0 to 9. The file extension must be "rpls".

A "yyyyy.vpls" file stores information related to one virtual play list. A file is prepared corresponding each virtual play list. Its file name is "yyyyy.vpls", and

“yyyyy” consists of five numerals from 0 to 9. The file extension must be “vpls”.

The “CLIPINF” directory 114 stores a file for each AV stream file.

A “xxxxx.clpi” file is a clip information file corresponding to one AV stream file (clip AV stream file or bridge-clip AV stream file). Its file name is “zzzzz.clpi”, and “zzzzz” consists of five numerals from 0 to 9. The file extension must be “clpi”.

The “STREAM” directory 115 stores files of AV streams.

A “zzzzz.m2ts” file is an AV stream file handled by the DVR system. This is a clip AV stream file or bridge-clip AV stream file. Its file name is “zzzzz.m2ts”, and “zzzzz” consists of five numerals from 0 to 9. The file extension must be “m2ts”. One AV stream file and a clip information file corresponding thereto must use the same five numerals “zzzzz”.

The other directories and file names will not be described here.

Fig.3 shows a structure of an AV stream file. An AV stream file must have a DVR MPEG2 transport stream structure shown in Fig.3. As can be seen from Fig.3, the DVR MPEG2 transport stream has the following features:

- 1) the DVR MPEG2 transport stream is made up of an integral number of aligned units;
- 2) an aligned unit has a size of 6144 bytes (2048×3 bytes);
- 3) an aligned unit starts at the first bytes of a source packet;
- 4) a source packet has a length of 192 bytes. One source packet is made up of TP_extra_header and a transport packet. TP_extra_header has a length of 4 bytes and

a transport packet has a length of 188 bytes; and

5) an aligned unit is made up of 32 source packets.

The DVR MPEG2 transport stream also has the following features:

6) also the last aligned unit in the DVR transport stream is made up of 32 source packets; and

7) if the last aligned unit is not perfectly filled with transport packets of the input transport stream, the area of the remaining bytes must be filled with source packets having null packets (transport packets of PID=0x1FFF).

Fig.4 shows a syntax as a programming syntax of a source packet. TP_extra_header() is a header with a length of 4 bytes. Transport_packet() is an MPEG2 transport packet with a length of 188 bytes prescribed by ISO/IEC13818-1.

Fig.5 shows a syntax of TP_extra_header. Copy_permission_indicator is an integer representing copy control of payload of the transport packet. The copy control may be expressed as "copy free", "no more copy", "copy once" or "copy prohibited". Arrival_time_stamp is a time stamp indicating the time when the corresponding transport packet in the AV stream arrives at a decoder.

Fig.6 shows the relation between values of copy_permission_indicator and modes designated by these values. Copy_permission_indicator is appended to all the transport packets. When recording an input transport stream using an IEEE1394 digital interface, the value of copy_permission_indicator may be associated with the value of EMI (encryption mode indicator) in an IEEE1394 isochronous packet header.

When recording an input transport stream without using an IEEE1394 digital interface, the value of `copy_permission_indicator` may be associated with the value of copy control information (CCI) embedded in the transport packets. When self-encoding a video input, the value of `copy_permission_indicator` may be associated with the value of CGMS of the input signal.

A database format for managing reproduction information of an AV stream file will now be described.

Fig.7 shows a syntax of a clip information file. The clip information file has `ClipInfo()`, `SequenceInfo()`, `ProgramInfo()`, `CPI()`, `ClipMark()`, and `MarkersPrivateData()`.

Fig.8 shows a syntax of this `ClipInfo()`. `CCI_sequence_info()` in `ClipInfo()` has information for managing copy control information of a clip AV stream and defines information of a CCI-sequence.

The CCI-sequence will be described first. A source packet string having a constant CCI content in the AV stream file is called CCI-sequence. In the AV stream file, an address where the CCI content changes is stored in `CCI_sequence_info()`. This address is indicated by `SPN_CCI_sequence_start`. The CCI-sequences except for the last CCI-sequence in the AV stream file start with a source packet indicated by that `SPN_CCI_sequence_start` and end with a source packet immediately before a source packet indicated by the next `SPN_CCI_sequence_start`. The last CCI-sequence starts with a source packet indicated by that `SPN_CCI_sequence_start` and ends with the last

source packet of the AV stream file.

Fig.9 shows an exemplary CCI-sequence. In the example shown in Fig.9, a clip AC stream file has give program-sequences in which “free” and “no more copy” exist in a mixed manner.

Fig.10 shows a syntax of CCI_sequence_info().

“Length” indicates the number of bytes from a byte immediately after this length field to the last byte of CCI_sequence_info().

Recording_mode is a mode indicating whether the recording of the AV stream file is cognizant recording or non-cognizant recording. Fig.13 shows the meaning of the value of recording_mode. Cognizant recording is a recording mode in which when recording a transport stream of digital broadcast or the like, CCI coded in the transport stream (descriptor or watermark having CCI and called embedded CCI) can be analyzed. Non-cognizant recording is a recording mode in which when recording a transport stream of digital broadcast or the like, CCI coded in the transport stream cannot be analyzed. When recording an input transport stream using non-cognizant recording and an IEEE1394 digital interface, limitation to the recording of the transport stream is made on the basis of the value of EMI (encryption mode indicator) in the IEEE1394 isochronous packet header.

Num_of_CCI_sequence indicates the number of CCI-sequences in the target AV stream file.

SPN_CCI_sequence_start indicates an address where the CCI-sequence starts

on the AV stream file. `SPN_CCI_sequence_start` represents a size based on the source packet number as a unit and counting from zero as an initial value is started at the first source packet of the AV stream file. The values of `SPN_CCI_sequence_start` entered in `CCI_sequence_info()` are arrayed in an ascending order. Since a delay time is necessary for a recording device to analyze CGMS of an input video or CCI of an input stream and detect its change, `SPN_CCI_sequence_start` may indicate a source packet that is within a predetermined time from the actual change point of CCI in the AV stream.

`Stream_status()` shows the content of CCI in that CCI-sequence.

Fig.11 shows an exemplary syntax of `stream_status()`.

`Status_CCI/EMI` shows the content of CCI of that CCI-sequence. Fig.14 shows the meaning of its value. When carrying out self-encoding and MPEG2 recording of an input video, the value of `status_CCI/EMI` is decided by analyzing a CGMS signal of the input signal. In the case of cognizant recording, the value of `status_CCI/EMI` is decided by analyzing a descriptor having CCI in the transport stream. In the case of non-cognizant recording, the value of `status_CCI/EMI` is decided by analyzing EMI (encryption mode indicator) in the IEEE1394 isochronous packet header.

As for `is_status_WM_valid`, if its value is 1, the value of `status_WM` subsequent thereto is valid. If its value is 0, the value of `status_WM` subsequent thereto is invalid. If the value of `is_status_WM_valid` is 1, it is indicated that the watermark was analyzed and recorded when recording the AV stream. Since standardization of

watermarking is not completed yet at present (as of June, 2001), the value of `is_status_WM_valid` may be zero for a recording device which is manufactured before recording limitation by watermarking in recording devices becomes mandatory.

`Status_WM` shows the content of CCI represented by the watermark of that CCI-sequence. Fig.14 shows the meaning of its value.

In the syntax shown in Fig.11, `status_CCI/EMI` and `status_WM` are independently managed. In general, these two are supposed to represent the same CCI status. Even if `status_CCI/EMI` and `status_WM` represent different CCI statuses, the recording device can correctly analyze CCI and watermark of the input stream and record the update thereof in `CCI_sequence_info`. If `status_CCI/EMI` and `status_WM` have two different CCI statuses, which value has higher priority as CCI of the recorded AV stream depends on the application provided in the recording device.

Fig.12 shows another exemplary syntax of `stream_status()`. In this example, information of `stream_status()` is most simplified.

As for `is_free`, if its value is 1, CCI of that CCI-sequence represents "Copy Free". If its value is 0, CCI of that CCI-sequence does not represent "Copy Free". If `status_CCI/EMI` is "00" and `status_WM` is "00" (`is_status_WM_valid` = 1), `is_free` is 1.

`CCI_sequence_info()` shown in Fig.8 is useful for searching for a "Copy Free" stream part in a clip when recording a clip AV stream recorded in a recording medium to another recording medium, or for inspecting whether a "No More Copy" stream part

and a "Copy Free" part exist in a mixed manner in the clip AV stream. Referring to `CCI_sequence_info()`, the time for this inspection can be significantly reduced. For this inspection, it is not necessary to read out the clip AV stream from the beginning to the end from the recording medium and analyze copy control information embedded therein.

Figs.15A and 15B are views for explaining the relation between a clip and a CCI-sequence in the case of copying a "Copy Free" stream part from a copy source (reproducing device on the output side) to a copy destination (recording device on the input side). Fig.15A shows a clip AV stream file and its `CCI_sequence_info()` recorded at the copy source (reproducing device on the output side). This `CCI_sequence_info()` shows that "Copy Free" stream parts and "No More Copy" stream parts exist in this AV stream. Therefore, it can be understood that the whole AV stream cannot be copied to another recording medium. It can be seen that the "Copy Free" stream parts are a part having source packet numbers 0 to (A-1) (i.e., part ①), a part having source packet numbers B to (C-1) (i.e., part ②) and a part having source packet numbers D to the end (part ③). The recording device shows the user the stream parts that can be copied. If the user agrees, the recording device transmits only the "Copy Free" stream parts to the recording device at the copy destination. In Fig.15A, as information of `stream_status()`, an example of `status_CCI/EMI`, `status_WM` and an example of `is_free` are shown in `CCI_sequence_info()`.

Fig.15B shows a clip AV stream and its `CCI_sequence_info()` recorded at the

copy destination (recording device on the input side). Only the parts ①, ② and ③ shown in Fig.15A are recorded and CCI_sequence_info() shows that this whole AV stream is "Copy Free".

Now, the description goes back to the syntax of CCI_sequence_info() shown in Fig.10.

Integrity_Check_Value shown in Fig.10 is a code for indicating that the content of CCI of CCI_sequence_info() has not been falsified. This is a code calculated from an input of data from the first byte of CCI_sequence_info() to a byte immediately before Integrity_Check_Value, by using a predetermined cryptographic algorithm. This cryptographic algorithm may be, for example, an algorithm described in ISO/IEC9797 (information technology - security techniques - data integrity mechanism using a cryptographic check function employing a block cipher algorithm).

If a malicious user has rewritten the content of CCI of CCI_sequence_info() from "No More Copy" to "Copy Free", the recording device can detect the falsification of CCI_sequence_info() by inspecting the value of this Integrity_Check_Value. When the falsification of CCI_sequence_info() is detected, CCI_sequence_info() cannot be trusted any more. Therefore, the recording device may disable copy of the AV stream using this CCI_sequence_info(). Moreover, in order to prevent falsification of the content of CCI_sequence_info(), CCI_sequence_info() may be scrambled or the entire clip information file may be scrambled.

Fig.16 shows another exemplary syntax of `CCI_sequence_info()`. In this example, `Time_stamp_CCI_sequence_start` is used instead of `SPN_CCI_sequence_start` in the syntax shown in Fig.10. That is, in this example, a time stamp for a change point of CCI in the AV stream is stored in `CCI_sequence_info()`. The time stamp may be, for example, a video or audio presentation time stamp at a change point of CCI in the AV stream. Alternatively, the time stamp may be an arrival time stamp indicating the time when a transport packet at a change point of CCI in the AV stream arrives at the decoder.

Figs.17A and 17B show the relation between a clip and a CCI-sequence in the case of copying a "Copy Free" stream part from a copy source (reproducing device on the output side) to a copy destination (recording device on the input side), where `CCI_sequence_info()` shown in Fig.16 is used. Similarly to the case shown in Figs.15A and 15B, by using `CCI_sequence_info()`, a "Copy Free" part can be specified in the AV stream on the basis of the time stamp and can be transmitted to the recording device at the copy destination.

In the present embodiment, when recording an AV stream, information of `CCI_sequence_info()` is prepared and recorded together with the AV stream, using the data formats described above in detail. Thus, the status of plural pieces of copy control information existing in the AV stream can be learned by reading information of `CCI_sequence_info()`, without reading out the AV stream from the beginning to the end for analyzing copy control information.

A system structure to which the present invention is applied will now be described.

Fig.18 is a block diagram showing a recording device to which the present invention is applied. This recording device has terminals 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as input terminals. The recording device also has a TV tuner 15 for taking out a video signal from an RF input of input video at the terminal 10, a CGMS detection/update unit 16 for analyzing CGMS of the input video, a WM (watermark) detection/update unit 17 for analyzing a watermark of the input video, an MPEG2 AV encoder 18 for coding the input video/audio signal, and a source packetizer 19 for supplying an AV stream made up of source packets. The recording device also has an E_CCI analysis/update unit 20 for analyzing CCI (E_CCI or embedded CCI) coded in an input transport stream, a WM detection/update unit 21 for analyzing a watermark of input video, and an IEEE1394 interface (I/F) 22 for analyzing EMI in a header of an isochronous packet. Moreover, the recording device has a stream analysis unit 23 for counting the packet number of an input source packet stream, a controller 24 for preparing CCI_sequence_info(), an ECC coding unit 25, a modulation unit 26, a drive 27, and a recording medium 28, which is a DVR.

In the recording device shown in Fig.18, four modes are presented depending on the input form. The first mode is a mode for recording an AV stream obtained by self-encoding a video signal of an RF input from the terminal 10. The second mode is a mode for recording an AV stream obtained by self-encoding video and audio

inputs from the terminals 11 and 12. The third mode is a mode for recording a transport stream input from the terminal 13 by cognizant recording. The fourth mode is a mode for recording a transport stream input from the terminal 14 by non-cognizant recording. In the recording device to which the present embodiment is applied, when recording these AV stream, CCI_sequence_info() is prepared and stored into the recording medium 28.

First, the mode for recording an AV stream obtained by self-encoding video and audio inputs from the terminals 11 and 12 will be described.

The CGMS detection/update unit 16 analyzes CGMS (CGMS-A or CGMS-D) of input video by a predetermined method and supplies CCI (indicated by CCI_o in Fig.18) of an AV stream to be recorded, to the controller 24. The CGMS detection/update unit 16 also supplies the input video to the WM detection/update unit 17. The WM detection/update unit 17 analyzes a watermark of the input video by a predetermined method and supplies WM (indicated by WM_o in Fig.18) of the AV stream to be recorded, to the controller 24. The WM detection/update unit 17 also supplies the input video to the MPEG2 AV encoder 18.

The controller 24 decides the value of E_CCI (embedded CCI) to be inserted in an MPEG stream encoded by the MPEG2 AV encoder 18 by a predetermined method based on the inputted CCI_o and WM_o. The MPEG2 AV encoder 18 codes the input video/audio signal and supplies a transport stream to the source packetizer 19.

The controller 24 also decides the value of `copy_permission_indicator` (indicated by `c_p_I` in Fig.18) to be described in a source packet header by a predetermined method based on the inputted `CCI_o` and `WM_o`. The source packetizer 19 supplies an AV stream made up of source packets to the stream analysis unit 23 and the ECC coding unit 25.

The stream analysis unit 23 counts the packet number of the input source packet stream and supplies the current packet number to the controller 24. The stream analysis unit 23 also supplies the current timing stamp of the input source packet stream to the controller 24. The controller 24 detects a change in the inputted `CCI_o` and `WM_o` and prepares `CCI_sequence_info`. The controller 24 also prepares data of a clip information file having `CCI_sequence_info` and supplies it to the ECC coding unit 25.

The AV stream and the clip information file inputted to the ECC coding unit 25 are processed by the ECC coding unit 25, the modulation unit 26 and the drive 27, and are then recorded to the recording medium as an AV stream file and a clip information file, respectively.

Next, the mode for recording an AV stream obtained by self-encoding a video signal of an RF input from the terminal 10 will be described. The TV tuner 15 takes out the video signal of the RF input and supplies it to the WM detection/update unit 17. The WM detection/update unit 17 analyzes a watermark of the input video by a predetermined method and supplies WM (indicated by `WM_o` in Fig.18) of an AV

stream to be recorded, to the controller 24. The WM detection/update unit 17 also supplies the input video to the MPEG2 AV encoder 18. The subsequent processing is the same as the above-described processing at the MPEG2 AV encoder 18 and on the subsequent stages.

Next, the mode for recording a transport stream input from the terminal 13 by cognizant recording will be described. The E_CCI analysis/update unit 20 analyzes CCI (embedded CCI) coded in the input transport stream by a predetermined method and supplies CCI (indicated by CCI_o in Fig.18) of an AV stream to be recorded, to the controller 24. The E_CCI analysis/update unit 20 also supplies the input transport stream to the WM detection/update unit 21. The WM detection/update unit 21 analyzes a watermark of the input video by a predetermined method and supplies WM (indicated by WM_o in Fig.18) of the AV stream to be recorded, to the controller 24. The WM detection/update unit 21 also supplies the input transport stream to the source packetizer 19. The subsequent processing is the same as the above-described processing at the source packetizer 19 and on the subsequent stages.

Next, the mode for recording a transport stream from the terminal 14 by non-cognizant recording will be described. The IEEE1394 interface 22 analyzes EMI in a header of an inputted isochronous packet by a predetermined method and supplies CCI (indicated by CCI_o in Fig.18) of an AV stream to be recorded, to the controller 24. The IEEE1394 interface 22 also supplies the input transport stream to the source packetizer 19. The subsequent processing is the same as the above-described

processing at the source packetizer 19 and on the subsequent stages.

Fig.19 is a view for explaining copy control processing in the case where an input signal is a video input or a TS input of cognizant recording. In Fig.19, CCI and WM in "status of input signal" represent CCI and WM held by respective input signals.

First, when CCI of an input signal is "00", the CGMS detection/update unit 16 or the E_CCI analysis/update unit 20 provides CCI_o = 00. When CCI of an input signal is "10", the CGMS detection/update unit 16 or the E_CCI analysis/update unit 20 provides CCI_o = 01 to update CCI of the input signal. When CCI of an input signal is "01" or "11", the input AV stream cannot be recorded.

Next, when WM of an input signal is "00", the WM detection/update unit 18 or the WM detection/update unit 21 provides WM_o = 00. When WM of an input signal is "10", the WM detection/update unit 17 or the WM detection/update unit 21 provides WM_o = 101 to update WM of the input signal. When WM of an input signal is "101" or "11", the input AV stream cannot be recorded.

The controller 24 sets a value of the same meaning as CCI_o into E_CCI described in an AV stream to be recorded, except for the case where an input video is an RF input. When an input video is an RF input, the controller 24 sets a value of the same meaning as WM_o into E_CCI described in the AV stream. Moreover, the controller 24 sets a value of the same meaning as CCI_o in status_CCI/EMI of CCI_sequence_info() and copy_permission_indicator(c_p_I) of a source packet

header, except for the case where an input video is an RF input. When an input video is an RF input, the controller 24 sets a value of the same meaning as WM_o into status_CCI/EMI of CCI_sequence_info() and copy_permission_indicator(c_p_I) of a source packet header. Furthermore, the controller 24 sets a value of the same meaning as WM_o into status WM_ of CCI_sequence_info().

Fig.20 is a view for explaining copy control processing by the controller 24 in the case where an input signal is a TS input of non-cognizant recording.

First, when EMI of an input signal is "00", the IEEE1394 interface 22 provides CCI_o = 00. When EMI of an input signal is "10", the IEEE1394 interface 22 provides CCI_o = 01. When EMI of an input signal is "01" or "11", the input AV stream cannot be recorded. The controller 24 sets a value of the same meaning as CCI_o into status_E_CCI/EMI of CCI_sequence_info() and copy_permission_indicator(c_p_I) of a source packet header.

Fig.21 is a flowchart for explaining the processing of a CCI-sequence in the case where an input signal is a video input or a TS input of cognizant recording. In preparation of a CCI-sequence, first, whether the content of CCI or WM of an input AV signal has been changed or not is checked (step 201). A loop of processing is repeated until CCI or WM is changed. When CCI or WM is changed, change point information of CCI or WM and the content of CCI or WM are acquired (step 202). More specifically, the address of the change point of CCI or WM in the AV stream and the content of CCI or WM are acquired. Alternatively, the time stamp of the

change point of CCI or WM in the AV stream and the content of CCI or WM are acquired. After that, information of a CCI-sequence is prepared (step 203), and whether the input signal has ended or not is checked (step 204). If the input signal has not ended, the processing returns to step 201. If the input signal has ended, Integrity_Check_Value of CCI_sequence_info is calculated (step 205) and the processing ends.

Fig.22 is a flowchart for explaining the processing of a CCI-sequence in the case where an input signal is a TS input of non-cognizant recording. In preparation of a CCI_sequence_info, first, whether the content of EMI of an input AV signal has been changed or not is checked (step 211). A loop of processing is repeated until EMI is changed. When EMI is changed, change point information of EMI and the content of EMI are acquired (step 212). More specifically, the address of the change point of EMI in the AV stream and the content of EMI are acquired. Alternatively, the time stamp of the change point of EMI in the AV stream and the content of EMI are acquired. After that, information of a CCI-sequence is prepared (step 213), and whether it is the last transport packet or not is checked (step 214). If it is not the last transport packet, the processing returns to step 211. If it is the last transport packet, Integrity_Check_Value of CCI_sequence_info is calculated (step 215) and the processing ends.

In this manner, information of a CCI-sequence of an AV stream to be recorded is prepared and recorded together with the AV stream.

Fig.23 is a block diagram showing a structure in the case of copying an AV stream file and a related database file on a DVR from a reproducing device 5 of a copy source (output side) to a recording device 6 of a copy destination (input side) via a digital bus.

The reproducing device 5 has a recording medium 50, which is a DVR, a drive 51 for reading data from the recording medium 50, a demodulation unit 52, an ECC decoding unit 53, a digital bus interface 54 for communicating with the recording device 6, a memory 55, a bus controller 56, and a control unit 57 for controlling the whole reproducing device 5. The recording device 6 has a digital bus interface 60 for communicating with the reproducing device 5, a bus controller 61, a memory 62, an ECC coding unit 63, a modulation unit 64, a demodulation unit 65, an ECC decoding unit 66, a control unit 67 for controlling the whole recording device 6, a recording medium 69, which is a DVR, and a drive 68 for reading/writing data from/to the recording medium 69. The reproducing device 5 and the recording device 6 transmit and receive data to and from each other through a digital bus 7.

First, a copy control command carrying information which designates copy of a desired play list recorded on the recording medium 50 in the reproducing device 5 to the recording medium 69 in the recording device 6 is inputted to the reproducing device 5 via a user interface, not shown. This command is inputted to the control unit 57 via the digital bus interface 54 and the bus controller 56.

The control unit 57 decides a stream part of an AV stream that is necessary for

reproducing the play list and instructs the drive 51 to read out the AV stream data from the recording medium 50. The control unit 57 also instructs the drive 51 to read out database files related to the play list (play list file, clip information file and thumbnail file) from the recording medium 50. Moreover, the control unit 57 gives an instruction to supply the AV stream data read out via the demodulation unit 52 and the ECC decoding unit 53 to the digital bus interface 54, as an AV stream file.

Meanwhile, the database files corresponding to the AV stream data read out from the recording medium 50 are inputted to the memory 55 via the demodulation unit 52 and the ECC decoding unit 53. On the basis of the data on the memory 55, the control unit 57 prepares a database (clip information file and play list file) that is necessary for reproducing the AV stream file outputted from the digital bus interface 54. The control unit 57 also prepares a clip corresponding to the AV stream file and a thumbnail file to be used by the play list file. The control unit 57 then gives an instruction to supply the newly prepared database files (clip information file, play list file and thumbnail file) from the memory 55 to the digital bus interface 54.

The bus controller 56 controls file output (transmission) from the digital bus interface 54. The control unit 57 instructs the bus controller 56 to output the AV stream file and the database files from the digital bus interface 54. The AV stream file and the database files are inputted to the recording device 6 of the copy destination via the digital bus 7.

The bus controller 61 in the recording device 6 of the copy destination controls

file input from the digital bus interface 60. This bus controller 61 and the bus controller 56 of the reproducing device 5 exchange file copy control commands and control the timing of data transmission/reception. The control unit 67 of the recording device 6 gives an instruction to record the AV stream file inputted to the digital bus interface 60, to the recording medium 69 through the processing at the ECC coding unit 63, the modulation unit 64 and the drive 68. The control unit 67 also gives an instruction to write the database files inputted to the digital bus interface 60, to the memory 62.

The control unit 67 also gives an instruction to read out the database files (Info.driv file and thumbnail file) recorded on the recording medium 69 to the memory 62 through the processing at the drive 68, the demodulation unit 65 and the ECC decoding unit 66. The control unit 67 then updates the info.driv file and the thumbnail file in the memory 62. Specifically, a play list file name to be newly recorded is added to a table of play list in the Info.driv file of the copy destination, and a thumbnail to be newly recorded is added to the thumbnail file of the copy destination. Moreover, the control unit 67 gives an instruction to read out the database files of the memory 62 and record these database files to the recording medium 69 through the processing at the ECC coding unit 63, the modulation unit 64 and the drive 68.

Fig.24 is a flowchart for explaining the processing by the recording device 5 (copy source) in the case of copying a clip AV stream file from the reproducing device 5 of the copy source (output side) to the recording device 6 of the copy destination

(input side). First, a "Copy Free" stream part on a clip AV stream is decided on the basis of the CCI-sequence (step 221). Next, the control unit 57 prepares an AV stream made up of an AV stream part of a section to be copied and its clip information file (step 222). Finally, the AV stream and the prepared clip information file are transmitted through the digital bus interface 54 (step 223). By thus using information of the CCI-sequence, copy processing of the AV stream file is controlled.

Next, a modification of the syntax of CCI_sequence_info() will be described. As information of the CCI-sequence, a table having only the address or time stamp at which copy control information (CCI) in the AV stream changes may be prepared and recorded together with the AV stream. In this case, prior to copy processing of the AV stream, a source packet existing at the address or time stamp where CCI in the AV stream changes is read out from the recording medium. Then, copy_permission_indicator of that source packet is checked to obtain copy control information of each CCI-sequence.

Also in this case, the inspection time for searching for a "Copy Free" stream part in the AV stream can be reduced by referring to CCI_sequence_info(). For this inspection, it is not necessary to read out the clip AV stream from the beginning to the end from the recording medium and analyze copy control information. That is, for this inspection, it suffices to read out only the source packet existing at the address or time stamp where CCI in the AV stream changes, from the recording medium.

As described above in detail, in the present invention, management information

such as CCI_sequence_info() is prepared and recorded together with an AV stream. Thus, a "No More Copy" stream part and a "Copy Free" stream part existing in one AV stream can be easily found. To find these parts, it is not necessary to read out the AV stream from the beginning to the end from the recording medium and analyze its copy control information. Therefore, the inspection time for this can be significantly reduced. That is, when copying the content of data recorded in a recording medium to another recording medium, the content of the data recorded in the recording medium and reproduction information can be properly managed.

In the present invention, status_CCI/EMI and status_WM are independently managed. In general, these represent the same CCI status. In the present embodiment, however, even when status_CCI/EMI and status_WM represent different CCI statuses, the recording device can correctly analyze CCI and watermark of an input stream and record the update of these into CCI_sequence_info.

Moreover, in the present invention, a code for preventing falsification of information of CCI_sequence_info() can be recorded together. Thus, even if a malicious user has rewritten the content of CCI of CCI_sequence_info() from "No More Copy" to "Copy Free", the recording device can detect the falsification of CCI_sequence_info() by checking the value of Integrity_Check_Value. In the present invention, information of CCI_sequence_info() can be scrambled and then recorded. Thus, falsification of the content of CCI_sequence_info() can be prevented.

The above-described various processing can be provided as a program executed

on a computer device such as a video information recording device or a video information reproducing device. This program may be provided in the form of a storage medium such as a CD-ROM and read by reading means such as a CD-ROM drive in a computer device. Alternatively, this program may be provided from a program transmission device situated at a remote location via a network and installed in a computer device. In the present invention, though a DVR is used as the storage medium in the above description, other storage media such as a storage medium having a similar data format can also be used.

Industrial Applicability

As described above, copy control of video information can be properly managed by using the present invention.

CLAIMS

1. A video information recording device comprising:

detection means for detecting copy control information from inputted video information;

change point information acquisition means for acquiring change point information of copy control information corresponding to video information to be recorded on the basis of said copy control information detected by said detection means;

management information generation means for generating management information for managing said copy control information on the basis of said change point information acquired by said change point information acquisition means; and

recording means for recording said management information generated by said management information generation means together with the video information.

2. The video information recording device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said detection means detects copy control information on the basis of at least one of a CGMS (copy generation management system) signal in video information, a watermark of video information, copy control information coded in a transport stream of video information, and EMI (encryption mode indicator) of an isochronous packet of video information.

3. The video information recording device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the

change point information acquired by said change point information acquisition means is information related to the address of a change point or the time of a change point in copy control information.

4. The video information recording device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said management information generated by said management information generation means is table information having change point information of copy control information in an AV (audio/visual) stream.

5. The video information recording device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising falsification prevention processing means for performing falsification prevention processing on said management information generated by said management information generation means.

6. The video information recording device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said falsification prevention processing means performs falsification prevention processing by using a code indicating that the content of said management information has not been falsified or by scrambling said management information.

7. A video information reproducing device comprising:

recognition means for recognizing a stream part that can be copied from a stream recorded on a recording medium, on the basis of management information for managing copy control information; and

data stream preparation means for preparing a new stream composed of stream parts of a section to be copied, on the basis of the stream part that can be copied,

recognized by said recognition means.

8. The video information reproducing device as claimed in claim 7, further comprising management information generation means for generating management information for reproducing the stream part that can be copied, recognized by said recognition means.

9. The video information reproducing device as claimed in claim 7, further comprising transmission means for transmitting said new stream prepared by said data stream preparation means.

10. The video information reproducing device as claimed in claim 9, further comprising management information generation means for generating management information for reproducing a stream part that can be copied, recognized by said recognition means,

wherein said transmission means transmits said management information generated by said management information generation means.

11. The video information reproducing device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said management information generated by said management information generation means is information related to the address of a change point or the time of a change point in copy control information.

12. A recording method comprising:

inspecting whether the content of copy control information or a watermark in an inputted signal has changed or not;

acquiring change point information of said copy control information or said watermark that has changed; and

preparing management information for managing said copy control information or said watermark on the basis of said acquired change point information.

13. The recording method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said prepared management information is recorded together with a data stream.

14. The recording method as claimed in claim 12, wherein a code indicating that the content of said management information has not been falsified is detected, and if falsification is detected, recording of a data stream is prohibited.

15. A recording method comprising:

inspecting whether the content of EMI (encryption mode indicator) in an isochronous packet of an inputted signal has changed or not;

acquiring change point information of said EMI that has changed; and

preparing management information for managing copy control information on the basis of said acquired change point information.

16. A storage medium storing a program to be executed by a computer in such a manner that the computer can read the program, said program causing the computer to execute:

processing for detecting copy control information from inputted video information;

processing for acquiring, from said detected copy control information, change

point information of said copy control information; and

processing for generating management information for managing said copy control information on the basis of said acquired change point information.

17. A program for causing a computer to realize:

a function to detect copy control information from inputted video information;

a function to acquire, from said detected copy control information, change point information of said copy control information; and

a function to generate management information for managing said copy control information on the basis of said acquired change point information.

18. The program as claimed in claim 17, wherein said program further causes the computer to realize a function to record said generated management information into an area that is different from an area for video information to be copied.

19. A recording medium read by a signal processing device, the recording medium having an information recording area in which, of a clip having a pair made up of one stream and attached information of the stream as one object, a clip stream file as a stream file and a clip information file as the attached information are recorded,

wherein said clip information file contains management information for managing a change point in copy control information of said stream.

20. The recording medium as claimed in claim 19, wherein the management information contained in said clip information file includes information indicating the number of said copy control information and information indicating the address or

time of the change point in the copy control information.

21. The recording medium as claimed in claim 19, wherein said clip information file contains a code for indicating that the content of said management information has not been falsified.

22. The recording medium as claimed in claim 19, wherein said clip stream file contains a "Copy Free" stream part that can be copied and a "No More Copy" stream part that cannot be copied on this and further generations.

23. A video information recording device comprising:

an updating unit operable to output copy control information updated on the basis of copy control information detected from inputted video information;

a controller operable to generate change point information indicating a position where the value of the copy control information outputted from said updating unit changes; and

a recording unit operable to record said change point information together with said video information to a recording medium.

24. A video information recording device comprising:

a controller operable to generate change point information indicating a position where a copy control mode in a data stream to be recorded changes, and generating check data using a predetermined algorithm based on said change point information; and

a recording unit operable to record said check data together with said data

stream and said change point information to a recording medium.

25. A video information recording method comprising:

outputting copy control information updated on the basis of copy control information detected from inputted video information;

generating change point information indicating a position where the value of said outputted copy control information changes; and

recording said change point information together with said video information to a recording medium.

26. A video information recording method comprising:

generating change point information indicating a position where a copy control mode in a data stream to be recorded changes; and generating check data using a predetermined algorithm based on said change point information; and

recording said check data together with said data stream and said change point information to a recording medium.

27. A video information recording device comprising:

a controller operable to generate change point information indicating a position where a copy control mode of video information to be recorded changes; and

a recording unit operable to record said change point information together with said video information to a recording medium.

28. A video information recording method comprising:

generating change point information indicating a position where a copy control

mode of video information to be recorded changes; and

recording said change point information together with said video information to a recording medium.

29. A video information recording device comprising:

a controller operable to generate information indicating whether copy is permitted or not for each section in which the value of copy control information is unchanged, of a series of source packet strings to be recorded, and

a recording unit operable to record the management information generated by said controller together with said source packets.

30. A video information recording method comprising:

generating information indicating whether copy is permitted or not for each section in which the value of copy control information is unchanged, of a series of source packet strings to be recorded, and

recording said generated management information together with said source packets.