FIG.1

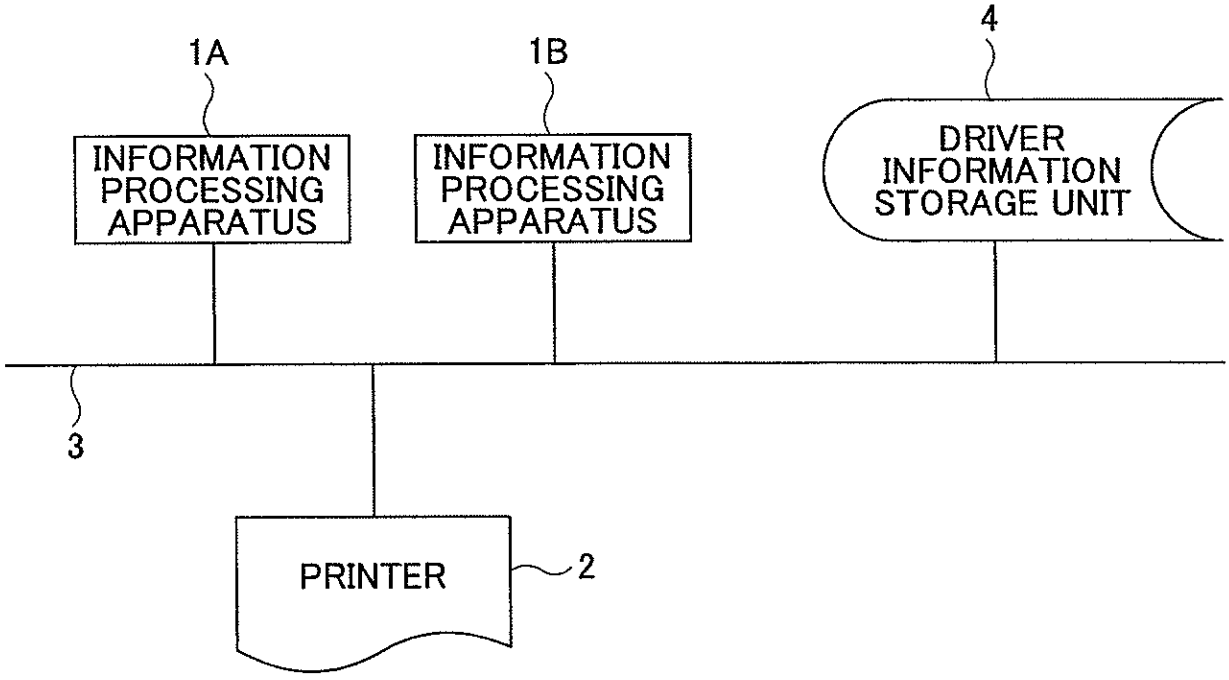

1A
1B
4
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS
DRIVER INFORMATION STORAGE UNIT
3
PRINTER
2

FIG.2

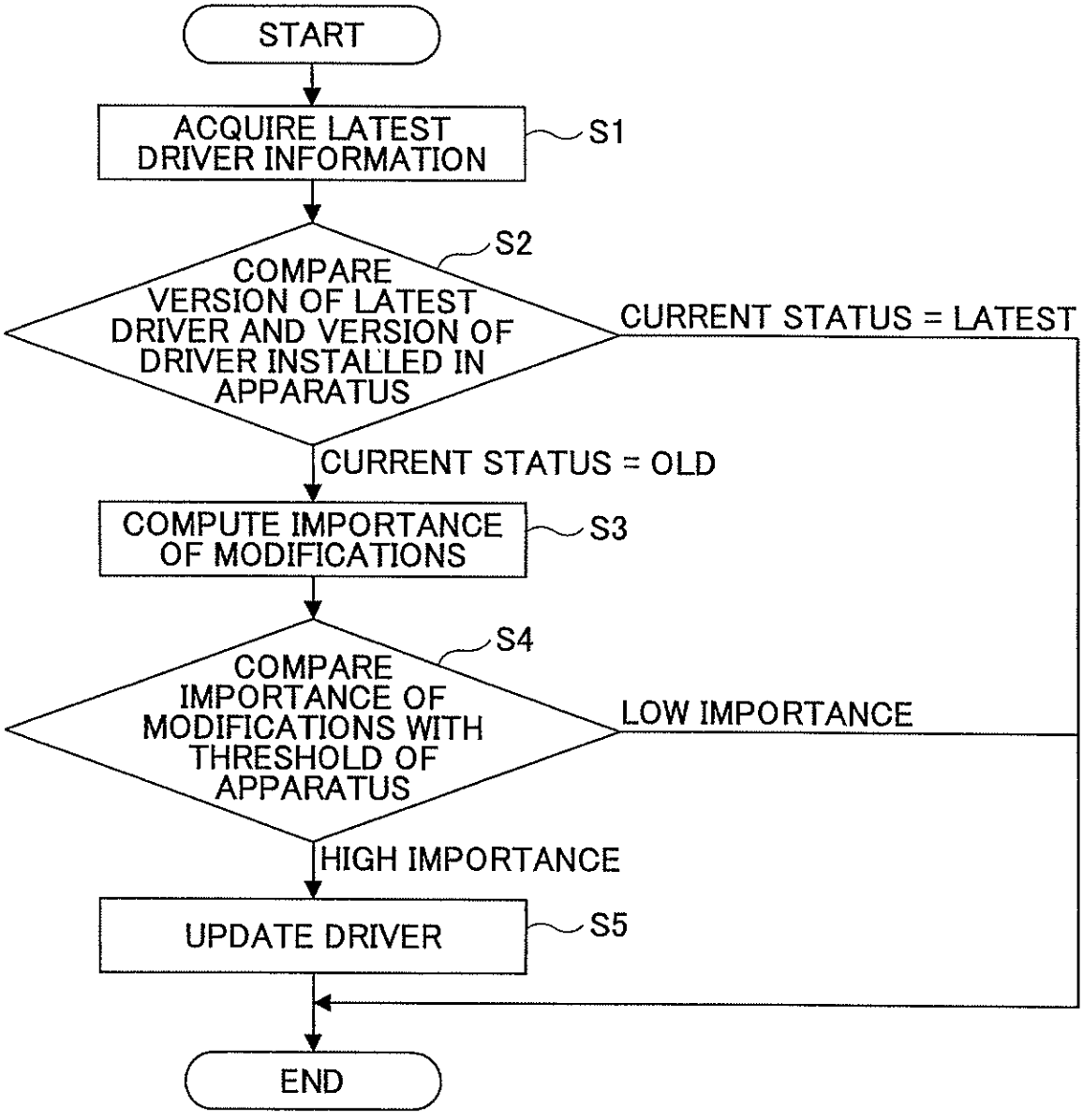

START
ACQUIRE LATEST DRIVER INFORMATION
S1
COMPARE VERSION OF LATEST DRIVER AND VERSION OF DRIVER INSTALLED IN APPARATUS
S2
CURRENT STATUS = LATEST
CURRENT STATUS = OLD
COMPUTE IMPORTANCE OF MODIFICATIONS
S3
COMPARE IMPORTANCE OF MODIFICATIONS WITH THRESHOLD OF APPARATUS
S4
LOW IMPORTANCE
HIGH IMPORTANCE
UPDATE DRIVER
S5
END

FIG.3

	PLUS FACTOR RESULTING FROM MODIFICATION		MINUS FACTOR RESULTING FROM MODIFICATION		AMOUNT OF MODIFICATION
	IMPROVEMENT IN FUNCTIONALITY RESULTING FROM ADDITION OF FUNCTION	IMPROVEMENT IN STABILITY RESULTING FROM FIXING OF TROUBLE	RANGE AFFECTED BY MODIFICATION	AMOUNT OF MODIFICATION	
MODIFICATION 1	2	4	3	2	1
MODIFICATION 2	5	3	4	2	2
...	...	...	...	...	...
MODIFICATION N	4	3	2	3	2
				IMPORTANCE OF MODIFICATIONS OF THIS MODULE	5