

ABSTRACT

An object of the invention is to reduce uneven brightness in a backlight unit. A backlight unit 12 includes a hot cathode tube 17, a chassis 14, a diffuser plate 30, and a reflection sheet 20. The chassis 14 includes a bottom plate 14a disposed on a side opposite to a light output side of the hot cathode tube 17 and houses the hot cathode tube 17. The diffuser plate 30 included in an optical member 15 is disposed more to the light output side than the hot cathode tube 17. The reflection sheet 20 is configured to reflect light and disposed in the chassis 14. The reflection sheet 20 includes rising portions 20b rising from a side close to the bottom plate 14a toward a side close to the diffuser plate 30 configured to reflect light. The rising portions 20b rise stepwise and include at least first rising sections 25 with base ends on the bottom plate 14a and second rising sections 26 with distal ends reaching the diffuser plate 30. Each second rising section 26 and the diffuser plate 30 form an angle θ_2 larger than an angle θ_1 between each first rising section 25 and the bottom plate 14a.