

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR INDICATING RADIO BEARER

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present disclosure generally relates to the technical field of communications, and more particularly, to a method and device for indicating a Radio Bearer (RB).

BACKGROUND

[0002] In a related art, an RB in a Long Term Evolution (LTE) system is a set of logical radio resources. The RB refers to a bearer between User Equipment (UE) and a base station. The RB can be divided into a Signaling Radio Bearer (SRB) and a Data Radio Bearer (DRB) in terms of bearer contents. For achieving reliability of a data packet or a signaling packet, it has been allowed in a 5th-Generation (5G) system to adopt a packet duplication solution for a Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP) layer of a user plane.

[0003] However, the packet duplication solution for the PDCP layer of the user plane cannot be implemented in a conventional art.

SUMMARY

[0004] For solving the problem in the related art, embodiments of the present disclosure provide a method and device for indicating an RB.

[0005] According to a first aspect of the embodiments of the present disclosure, a method for indicating an RB is provided, which may be applied to a base station and include that:

[0006] at least one transmission function is configured for an RB;

[0007] at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function are configured;

[0008] first information is added into a first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and the at least two transmission entities; and

[0009] the first indication message is sent to a terminal to enable the terminal to set a

transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message.

[0010] In an embodiment, the at least two transmission entities may include a primary Radio Link Control (RLC) entity and a secondary RLC entity.

[0011] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include a PDCP packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function.

[0012] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include the PDCP packet duplication function only, and

[0013] the method may further include that:

[0014] an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is configured, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state; and

[0015] second information for representing the initial state is added into the first indication message.

[0016] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may only include the bearer splitting function, and

[0017] the method may further include that:

[0018] a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity for bearer splitting are configured, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity; and

[0019] third information for representing the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity is added into the first indication message.

[0020] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, and

[0021] the method may further include that:

[0022] an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is configured, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state;

[0023] a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity in a bearer splitting rule are configured, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity;

[0024] a transmission function first to be enabled is configured, the transmission

function first to be enabled being the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function; and

[0025] fourth information is added into the first indication message, the fourth information being for representing the initial state, the specified threshold as well as the specified transmission entity, and the transmission function first to be enabled.

[0026] In an embodiment, the method may further include that:

[0027] a second indication message is sent to the terminal, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function.

[0028] In an embodiment, the method may further include that:

[0029] a third indication message is sent to the terminal, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function.

[0030] In an embodiment, the method may further include that:

[0031] a fourth indication message is sent to the terminal, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a bearer splitting function.

[0032] According to a second aspect of the embodiments of the present disclosure, a method for indicating an RB is provided, which may be applied to a terminal and include that:

[0033] a first indication message sent by a base station is received, the first indication message including first information and the first information being for representing at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for an RB;

[0034] a transmission function corresponding to the RB is set according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information; and

[0035] transmission entities corresponding to the RB are set according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information.

[0036] In an embodiment, the at least two transmission entities may include a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity; and

[0037] the operation that the transmission entities corresponding to the RB are set according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information may

include that:

[0038] the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity configured by the base station are set as the transmission entities corresponding to the RB.

[0039] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include a PDCP packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function, and

[0040] the operation that the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information may include that:

[0041] in a case that the at least one transmission function includes the PDCP packet duplication function only, the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function;

[0042] in a case that the at least one transmission function includes the bearer splitting function only, the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the bearer splitting function; and

[0043] in a case that the at least one transmission function includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function.

[0044] In an embodiment, after the operation that the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function, the method may further include that:

[0045] a system default initial state is set as an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the system default initial state including an active state or an inactive state.

[0046] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include second information, the second information may be for representing an initial state, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state may be an active state or an inactive state, and

[0047] after the operation that the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function, the method may further include that:

[0048] the initial state configured by the base station is set as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function.

[0049] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include third information, the third information may be for representing a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting, the specified transmission entity may be the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity, and

[0050] after the operation that the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the bearer splitting function, the method may further include that:

[0051] a first bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function is set according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station, the first bearer splitting rule including that, upon when a transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity and, upon when the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are indicated as present transmission entities; and

[0052] data transmission is performed by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the first bearer splitting rule.

[0053] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include fourth information, the fourth information may be for representing an initial state, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting and a transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled, the initial state may be an active state or an inactive state, the specified transmission entity may be the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity, the transmission function first to be enabled may be the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function, and

[0054] after the operation that the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, the method may further include that:

[0055] the initial state configured by the base station is set as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function;

[0056] a second bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function is set according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station, the second bearer splitting rule including that, upon when the transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity and, upon when the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are indicated as present transmission entities;

[0057] whether the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is the active state or not is determined;

[0058] responsive to determining that the initial state is the active state, the bearer splitting function is stopped, and a PDCP packet and a PDCP packet duplicate are sent through the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity respectively; and

[0059] responsive to determining that the initial state is the inactive state, data transmission is performed by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule, or, data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity and data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity is continued to be transmitted through the secondary RLC entity.

[0060] In an embodiment, the operation that data transmission is performed by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule or data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity is continued to be transmitted through the secondary RLC entity may include that:

[0061] whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function or not is determined;

[0062] responsive to determining that the transmission function first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function, data transmission is performed by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule; and

[0063] responsive to determining that the transmission function first to be enabled is not the bearer splitting function, data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, and the data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity is continued to be

transmitted through the secondary RLC entity.

[0064] In an embodiment, the method may further include that:

[0065] a second indication message sent by the base station is received, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function;

[0066] in a case that the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the PDCP packet duplication function is in an active state, whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes a bearer splitting function or not is determined according to the second indication message;

[0067] responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity and the bearer splitting function is enabled, or, the bearer splitting function is not enabled and data transmission is performed by use of a primary RLC entity; and

[0068] responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not comprise the bearer splitting function, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed, and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity.

[0069] In an embodiment, the operation that data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and the bearer splitting function is enabled or the bearer splitting function is not enabled and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity may include that:

[0070] whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function or not is determined;

[0071] responsive to determining that the transmission function first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity; and

[0072] responsive to determining that the transmission function first to be enabled is not the bearer splitting function, the bearer splitting function is not enabled, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed, and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity.

- [0073] In an embodiment, the method may further include that:
- [0074] a third indication message sent by the base station is received, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function;
- [0075] whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not is determined according to the third indication message;
- [0076] responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises the bearer splitting function, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity, and the bearer splitting function is enabled; and
- [0077] responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not comprise the bearer splitting function, the secondary RLC entity is released, and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity.
- [0078] In an embodiment, the method may further include that:
- [0079] a fourth indication message sent by the base station is received, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a bearer splitting function; and
- [0080] in a case that the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes a PDCP packet duplication function and a bearer splitting function, the bearer splitting function is stopped according to the fourth indication message.
- [0081] In an embodiment, after the operation that the bearer splitting function is stopped according to the fourth indication message, the method may further include that:
- [0082] in a case that the PDCP packet duplication function is in an inactive state, data transmission is performed through a primary RLC entity, or, a secondary RLC entity is reconstructed and data transmission is continued to be performed through the primary RLC entity.
- [0083] According to a third aspect of the embodiments of the present disclosure, a device for indicating an RB is provided, which may be applied to a base station and include:
- [0084] a first configuration module, configured to configure at least one transmission function for an RB;

[0085] a second configuration module, configured to configure at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function;

[0086] a first addition module, configured to add first information into a first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and the at least two transmission entities; and

[0087] a first sending module, configured to send the first indication message to a terminal to enable the terminal to set a transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message.

[0088] In an embodiment, the at least two transmission entities may include a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity.

[0089] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include a PDCP packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function.

[0090] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may only include the PDCP packet duplication function, and the device may further include:

[0091] a third configuration module, configured to configure an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state; and

[0092] a second addition module, configured to add second information for representing the initial state into the first indication message.

[0093] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include the bearer splitting function only, and the device may further include:

[0094] a fourth configuration module, configured to configure a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity for bearer splitting, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity; and

[0095] a third addition module, configured to add third information for representing the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity into the first indication message.

[0096] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, and the device may further include:

[0097] a fifth configuration module, configured to configure an initial state of the

PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state;

[0098] a sixth configuration module, configured to configure a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity in a bearer splitting rule, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity;

[0099] a seventh configuration module, configured to configure a transmission function first to be enabled, the transmission function first to be enabled being the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function; and

[00100] a fourth addition module, configured to add fourth information into the first indication message, the fourth information being for representing the initial state, the specified threshold as well as the specified transmission entity, and the transmission function first to be enabled.

[00101] In an embodiment, the device may further include:

[00102] a second sending module, configured to send a second indication message to the terminal, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function.

[00103] In an embodiment, the device may further include:

[00104] a third sending module, configured to send a third indication message to the terminal, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function.

[00105] In an embodiment, the device may further include:

[00106] a fourth sending module, configured to send a fourth indication message to the terminal, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a bearer splitting function.

[00107] According to a fourth aspect of the embodiments of the present disclosure, a device for indicating an RB is provided, which may be applied to a terminal and include:

[00108] a first receiving module, configured to receive a first indication message sent by a base station, the first indication message including first information and the first information being for representing at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for an RB;

[00109] a first setting module, configured to set a transmission function corresponding

to the RB according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information;
and

[00110] a second setting module, configured to set transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information.

[00111] In an embodiment, the at least two transmission entities may include a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity; and

[00112] the second setting module may include:

[00113] a first setting submodule, configured to set the primary RLC entity and secondary RLC entity configured by the base station as the transmission entities corresponding to the RB.

[00114] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include a PDCP packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function, and

[00115] the first setting module may include:

[00116] a second setting submodule, configured to, in a case that the at least one transmission function includes the PDCP packet duplication function only, set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function;

[00117] a third setting submodule, configured to, in a case that the at least one transmission function includes the bearer splitting function only, set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the bearer splitting function; and

[00118] a fourth setting submodule, configured to, in a case that the at least one transmission function includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function.

[00119] In an embodiment, the device may further include:

[00120] a third setting module, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function, set a system default initial state as an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the system default initial state including an active state or an inactive state.

[00121] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include second information, the second information may be for representing an initial state, configured by

the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state may be an active state or an inactive state, and

[00122] the device may further include:

[00123] a fourth setting module, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function, set the initial state configured by the base station as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00124] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include third information, the third information may be for representing a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting, the specified transmission entity may be the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity, and

[00125] the device may further include:

[00126] a fifth setting module, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the bearer splitting function, set a first bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station, the first bearer splitting rule including that, upon when a transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity and, upon when the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are indicated as present transmission entities; and

[00127] a first transmission module, configured to perform data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the first bearer splitting rule.

[00128] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include fourth information, the fourth information may be for representing the initial state, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting and a transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled, the initial state may be an active state or an inactive state, the specified transmission entity may be the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity, the transmission function first to be enabled may be the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function, and

[00129] the device may further include:

[00130] a sixth setting module, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, set the initial state configured by the base station as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function;

[00131] a seventh setting module, configured to set a second bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station, the second bearer splitting rule including that, upon when the transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity and, upon when the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are indicated as present transmission entities;

[00132] a first determination module, configured to determine whether the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is the active state or not;

[00133] a second transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the initial state is the active state, stop the bearer splitting function and send a PDCP packet and a PDCP packet duplicate through the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity respectively; and

[00134] a third transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the initial state is the inactive state, perform data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule, or, perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and continue transmitting, through the secondary RLC entity, data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity.

[00135] In an embodiment, the third transmission module may include:

[00136] a first determination submodule, configured to determine whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function or not;

[00137] a first transmission submodule, configured to, responsive to that the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function, perform data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule; and

[00138] a second transmission submodule, configured to, responsive to that the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is not the bearer splitting function, perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and continue transmitting through the secondary RLC entity the data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity.

[00139] In an embodiment, the device may further include:

[00140] a second receiving module, configured to receive a second indication message from the base station, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function;

[00141] a second determination module, configured to, in a case that the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the PDCP packet duplication function is in an active state, determine whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes a bearer splitting function or not according to the second indication message;

[00142] a fourth transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function, continuing performing data transmission by use of a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity and enable the bearer splitting function, or, not enable the bearer splitting function and perform data transmission by use of a primary RLC entity; and

[00143] a fifth transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not include the bearer splitting function, reconstruct the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

[00144] In an embodiment, the fourth transmission module may include:

[00145] a second determination submodule, configured to determine whether a transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function or not;

[00146] a third transmission submodule, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function, continue data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and the

secondary RLC entity; and

[00147] a fourth transmission submodule, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is not the bearer splitting function, not enable the bearer splitting function, reconstruct the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

[00148] In an embodiment, the device may further include:

[00149] a third receiving module, configured to receive a third indication message from the base station, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function;

[00150] a third determination module, configured to determine whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes a bearer splitting function or not according to the third indication message;

[00151] a sixth transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function, continue data transmission by use of a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity and enable the bearer splitting function; and

[00152] a seventh transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not include the bearer splitting function, release the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

[00153] In an embodiment, the device may further include:

[00154] a fourth receiving module, configured to receive a fourth indication message from the base station, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a bearer splitting function; and

[00155] a stopping module, configured to, in a case that the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes a PDCP packet duplication function and a bearer splitting function, stop the bearer splitting function according to the fourth indication message.

[00156] In an embodiment, the device may further include:

[00157] an eighth transmission module, configured to, after the bearer splitting function is stopped according to the fourth indication message, in a case that the PDCP

packet duplication function is in an inactive state, perform data transmission through a primary RLC entity, or, reconstruct a secondary RLC entity and continue data transmission through the primary RLC entity.

[00158] According to a fifth aspect of the embodiments of the present disclosure, a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium is provided, which has a computer program stored thereon, the computer program being configured to execute the method for indicating an RB of the first aspect.

[00159] According to a sixth aspect of the embodiments of the present disclosure, a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium is provided, which has a computer program stored thereon, the computer program being configured to execute the method for indicating an RB of the first aspect.

[00160] According to a seventh aspect of the embodiments of the present disclosure, a device for indicating an RB is provided, which may be applied to a base station and include:

[00161] a processor; and

[00162] a memory configured to store an instruction executable for the processor,

[00163] wherein the processor may be configured to:

[00164] configure at least one transmission function for an RB;

[00165] configure at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function;

[00166] add first information into a first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and the at least two transmission entities; and

[00167] send the first indication message to a terminal to enable the terminal to set a transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message.

[00168] According to an eighth aspect of the embodiments of the present disclosure, a device for indicating an RB is provided, which may be applied to a terminal and include:

[00169] a processor; and

[00170] a memory configured to store an instruction executable for the processor,

[00171] wherein the processor may be configured to:

[00172] receive a first indication message from a base station, the first indication message including first information and the first information being for representing at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured for an RB by the base station;

[00173] set a transmission function corresponding to the RB according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information; and

[00174] set transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information.

[00175] The technical solutions provided in the embodiments of the present disclosure may have the following beneficial effects.

[00176] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, a base station may configure at least one transmission function for an RB, configure at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function, add first information into a first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB, and send the first indication message to the terminal to enable the terminal to set a transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message, so that one or more transmission functions can be realized for the same RB by use of at least two shared transmission entities, and the indication efficiency of the RB is improved.

[00177] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the base station may further configure a PDCP packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function for the RB to enable the terminal to set a corresponding PDCP packet duplication function and/or bearer splitting function for the RB according to a configuration of the base station, so that transmission functions for the RB, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, can be enriched, and reliability of a data packet or a signaling packet is improved.

[00178] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the base station may further configure a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity for the RB to enable the terminal to set the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity for the RB according to a configuration of the base station, thereby avoiding the transmission function, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, configured by the base station for the RB from being

failed to be realized if only one RLC entity is set for the terminal. In such a case, when a PDCP packet and a PDCP packet duplicate are transmitted through the same RLC entity, namely the PDCP packet and the PDCP packet duplicate are sent through the same carrier, even if signal quality of the same carrier is very poor and the PDCP packet duplicate is still sent on the carrier, the possibility of success transmission can be not so low and the purpose of improving the reliability of the data packet or the signaling packet can be achieved.

[00179] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the base station may further configure an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state, to enable the terminal to set the same initial state according to a configuration of the base station, and then the base station may flexibly determine whether to activate the PDCP packet duplication function or not, so that the base station can control the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00180] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the base station may further configure a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity to enable the terminal to set a bearer splitting rule according to a configuration of the base station and adopt the bearer splitting function for data transmission, so that data transmission efficiency can be ensured, and a utilization rate of each transmission entity can also be increased.

[00181] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the base station may further configure the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state being the active state or the inactive state, configure the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity for bearer splitting, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity, and configure the transmission function first to be enabled, the transmission function first to be enabled being the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function, to enable the terminal to make settings according to configurations of the base station, and for the two conditions of the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, in a case that the initial states are different, the transmission functions first to be enabled are different, and transmission manners adopted by the terminal are also different, so that the base station can indirectly control the data transmission manner of the terminal through the configurations, and RB transmission

reliability is improved.

[00182] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the base station may further send the second indication message to the terminal, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function, so that the base station can deactivate the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00183] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the base station may further send the third indication message to the terminal, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function, so that the base station can de-configure the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00184] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the base station may further send the fourth indication message to the terminal, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for the bearer splitting function, so that the base station can de-configure the bearer splitting function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00185] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal may receive the first indication message sent by the base station, the first indication message including the first information and the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB, set the transmission function corresponding to the RB according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information and set the transmission entities according to the at least two transmission entities in the first information, so that one or more transmission functions can be realized for the same RB by use of at least two shared transmission entities, and the indicating an RB efficiency is improved.

[00186] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal may further set the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity for the RB according to the configuration of the base station, thereby avoiding the transmission function, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, configured by the base station for the RB from being failed to be realized if only one RLC entity is set for the terminal. In such a case, when the PDCP packet

and the PDCP packet duplicate are transmitted through the same RLC entity, namely the PDCP packet and the PDCP packet duplicate are sent through the same carrier, even if signal quality of the same carrier is very poor and the PDCP packet duplicate is still sent on the carrier, the possibility of successful transmission can be not so low and the purpose of improving the reliability of the data packet or the signaling packet can be achieved.

[00187] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal may further set the corresponding PDCP packet duplication function and/or bearer splitting function for the RB according to the configuration of the base station, so that the transmission functions for the RB, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, can be enriched, and the reliability of the data packet or the signaling packet is improved.

[00188] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal may further set the same initial state according to the configuration of the base station, and then the base station may flexibly determine whether to activate the PDCP packet duplication function or not, so that the base station can control the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00189] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal may further set the corresponding bearer splitting rule according to the configuration of the base station and adopt the corresponding bearer splitting function for data transmission, so that the data transmission efficiency can be ensured, and the utilization rate of each transmission entity can also be increased.

[00190] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal may further make settings according to the configurations of the base station, and for the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, if initial states are different, the transmission functions first to be enabled are different, and the transmission manners adopted by the terminal are also different, so that the base station can indirectly control the data transmission manner of the terminal through the configurations, and the RB transmission reliability is improved.

[00191] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal may further determine whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled, is the bearer splitting function or not; if YES, perform data transmission by use of

the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule and, if NO, perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity, so that the base station can indirectly control the data transmission manner of the terminal through the configuration, and the RB transmission reliability is improved.

[00192] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal, after receiving the deactivation instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function from the base station, may determine whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not, if the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function, continue data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and enable the bearer splitting function or not enable the bearer splitting function and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and, if the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not include the bearer splitting function, reconstruct the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity, so that it can be ensured that the terminal can be switched to the bearer splitting function or another manner for data transmission after the PDCP packet duplication function is deactivated, and the RB transmission reliability is improved.

[00193] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal may further determine whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function or not; if YES, continue data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and, if NO, not enable the bearer splitting function, reconstruct the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity, so that smooth data transmission can also be ensured after the PDCP packet duplication function is deactivated, and the RB transmission reliability is improved.

[00194] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal, after receiving the de-configuration instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function from the base station, may determine whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not; if YES, continue data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and enable the bearer splitting function and, if NO, release the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC

entity, so that it can be ensured that the terminal can be switched to the bearer splitting function or another manner for data transmission after the PDCP packet duplication function is de-configured, and the RB transmission reliability is improved.

[00195] In the embodiments of the present disclosure, the terminal, after receiving the de-configuration instruction for the bearer splitting function from the base station, if the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, may stop the bearer splitting function and, if the PDCP packet duplication function is in the inactive state, perform data transmission through the primary RLC entity or reconstruct the secondary RLC entity and continue data transmission through the primary RLC entity, so that the PDCP packet duplication function can still be realized after the bearer splitting function is de-configured, and the RB transmission reliability is improved.

[00196] It is to be understood that the above general descriptions and detailed descriptions below are only exemplary and explanatory and not intended to limit the present disclosure.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[00197] The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate embodiments consistent with the present disclosure and, together with the description, serve to explain the principles of the present disclosure.

[00198] FIG. 1 is a flowchart illustrating a method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00199] FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram illustrating PDCP packet duplication and carrier combination according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00200] FIG. 3 is a scenario diagram of a method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00201] FIG. 4 is a flowchart illustrating another method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00202] FIG. 5 is a flowchart illustrating another method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00203] FIG. 6 is a flowchart illustrating another method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00204] FIG. 7 is a flowchart illustrating a method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00205] FIG. 8 is a flowchart illustrating another method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00206] FIG. 9 is a flowchart illustrating another method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00207] FIG. 10 is a flowchart illustrating another method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00208] FIG. 11 is a flowchart illustrating another method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00209] FIG. 12 is a flowchart illustrating another method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00210] FIG. 13 is a block diagram of a device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00211] FIG. 14 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00212] FIG. 15 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00213] FIG. 16 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00214] FIG. 17 is a block diagram of a device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00215] FIG. 18 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00216] FIG. 19 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00217] FIG. 20 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00218] FIG. 21 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00219] FIG. 22 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00220] FIG. 23 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00221] FIG. 24 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00222] FIG. 25 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00223] FIG. 26 is a block diagram of another device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00224] FIG. 27 is a structure diagram of a device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

[00225] FIG. 28 is a structure diagram of a device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[00226] Reference will now be made in detail to exemplary embodiments, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. The following description refers to the accompanying drawings in which the same numbers in different drawings represent the same or similar elements unless otherwise represented. The implementations set forth in the following description of exemplary embodiments do not represent all implementations consistent with the present disclosure. Instead, they are merely examples of apparatuses and methods consistent with aspects related to the present disclosure as recited in the appended claims.

[00227] Terms used in the present disclosure are only adopted for the purpose of describing specific embodiments and not intended to limit the present disclosure. "A/an", "said" and "the" in a singular form in the present disclosure and the appended claims are also intended to include a plural form, unless other meanings are clearly denoted throughout the

present disclosure. It is also to be understood that term "and/or" used in the present disclosure refers to and includes one or any or all possible combinations of multiple associated items that are listed.

[00228] It is to be understood that, although terms first, second, third and the like may be adopted to describe various information in the present disclosure, the information should not be limited to these terms. These terms are only adopted to distinguish the information of the same type. For example, without departing from the scope of the present disclosure, indication information may also be called second information and, similarly, second information may also be called indication information. For example, term "if" used here may be explained as "while" or "when" or "responsive to determining", which depends on the context.

[00229] FIG. 1 is a flowchart illustrating a method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment. The method for indicating an RB may be applied to a base station. As shown in FIG. 1, the method for indicating an RB includes the following Steps 110 to 140.

[00230] In Step 110, at least one transmission function is configured for an RB.

[00231] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the RB may be an SRB or a DRB. Moreover, the RB may be a newly created SRB or DRB, or may also be an SRB or DRB that has been created.

[00232] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the transmission function may be a PDCP packet duplication function and may also be a bearer splitting function. The base station may configure the PDCP packet duplication function for the RB, or configure the bearer splitting function for the RB or configure the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function for the RB based on an actual condition.

[00233] The PDCP packet duplication function may refer to duplicating data of a PDCP layer to obtain a PDCP packet and a PDCP packet duplicate and sending them through two different RLC entities. The bearer splitting function may refer to mapping an RB to two or more RLC entities in the PDCP layer. As shown in FIG. 2, PDCP packet duplication is combined with a carrier, that is, a PDCP layer is mapped to different logical channels by bearer splitting and then mapped to different physical carriers.

[00234] In Step 120, at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one

transmission function are configured.

[00235] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the transmission entity may refer to an RLC entity shared for realization of each transmission function. For example, a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity are needed for realization of the PDCP packet duplication function, and the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are also needed for realization of the bearer splitting function. In such case, the two RLC entities, i.e., the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity, may be configured for the RB.

[00236] In Step 130, first information is added into a first indication message, the information being for representing the at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB.

[00237] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, if the base station configures the PDCP packet duplication function, the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity for the RB, then configuration information of the base station may be sent to a terminal through the first indication message.

[00238] In Step 140, the first indication message is sent to a terminal to enable the terminal to set the transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message.

[00239] In an exemplary scenario, as shown in FIG. 3, a base station and a terminal are included. The base station may configure at least one transmission function for an RB, configure at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function, add first information into a first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB, and send the first indication message to the terminal to enable the terminal to set the transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message.

[00240] It may be seen from the embodiment that the at least one transmission function is configured for the RB, the at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function are configured, the first information is added into the first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB, and the first

indication message is sent to the terminal to enable the terminal to set the transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message, so that one or more transmission functions can be realized for the same RB by use of at least two shared transmission entities, and the indication efficiency of the RB is improved.

[00241] In an embodiment, in Step 110, the at least one transmission function configured by the base station for the RB may include a PDCP packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function.

[00242] It may be seen from the embodiment that the PDCP packet duplication function and/or the bearer splitting function are/is configured for the RB to enable the terminal to set the corresponding PDCP packet duplication function and/or bearer splitting function for the RB according to a configuration of the base station, so that transmission functions for the RB, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, can be enriched, and reliability of a data packet or a signaling packet can be improved.

[00243] In an embodiment, in Step 120, the at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB may include a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity.

[00244] It may be seen from the embodiment that the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are configured for the RB to enable the terminal to set the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity for the RB according to a configuration of the base station, thereby avoiding the situation that the transmission function, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, configured by the base station for the RB cannot be realized if only one RLC entity is set for the terminal, and solving the problem that, when the PDCP packet and the PDCP packet duplicate are transmitted through the same RLC entity, namely the PDCP packet and the PDCP packet duplicate are sent through the same carrier, if signal quality of the same carrier is very poor and the PDCP packet duplicate is still sent on the carrier, possibility of successful transmission thereof is quite low and the purpose of improving the reliability of the data packet or the signaling packet cannot be achieved.

[00245] In an embodiment, in Step 110, the base station, if configuring the PDCP packet duplication function for the RB only, is also required to configure an initial state of the

PDCP packet duplication function for the RB. As shown in FIG. 4, the method for indicating an RB may further include the following Steps 410 to 420.

[00246] In Step 410, an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is configured, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state.

[00247] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the base station may configure the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function for enabling the terminal to set the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function according to the initial state configured by the base station.

[00248] In Step 420, second information for representing the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is added into the first indication message.

[00249] It may be seen from the embodiment that the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is configured, the initial state being the active state or the inactive state, to enable the terminal to set the same initial state according to a configuration of the base station, and then the base station may flexibly determine whether to activate the PDCP packet duplication function or not, so that the base station can control the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00250] In an embodiment, in Step 110, the base station, if configuring the bearer splitting function for the RB only, is also required to configure a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity for bearer splitting for the RB. As shown in FIG. 5, the method for indicating an RB may further include the following Steps 510 to 520.

[00251] In Step 510, a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity for bearer splitting are configured, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity.

[00252] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the base station may configure the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity for enabling the terminal to set a bearer splitting rule according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station.

[00253] The bearer splitting rule may include that: if a transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity, and if the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified

threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are indicated as present transmission entities.

[00254] In Step 520, third information for representing the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity is added into the first indication message.

[00255] It may be seen from the embodiment that the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity are configured to enable the terminal to set a bearer splitting rule according to a configuration of the base station and adopt the bearer splitting function for data transmission, so that data transmission efficiency can be ensured, and a utilization rate of each transmission entity can also be increased.

[00256] In an embodiment, in Step 110, the base station, if configuring the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function for the RB, is not only required to configure the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function and specified threshold and specified transmission entity for bearer splitting for the RB but also required to configure a transmission function first to be enabled. As shown in FIG. 6, the method for indicating an RB may further include the following Steps 610 to 640.

[00257] In Step 610, the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is configured, the initial state being the active state or the inactive state.

[00258] In Step 620, the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity for bearer splitting are configured, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity.

[00259] In Step 630, a transmission function first to be enabled is configured, the transmission function first to be enabled being the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function.

[00260] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the base station may further indicate the transmission function first to be enabled only for an RB for which two functions are configured. For example, the bearer splitting function is first to be enabled.

[00261] In Step 640, fourth information is added into the first indication message, the fourth information being for representing the initial state, the specified threshold as well as the specified transmission entity, and the transmission function first to be enabled, which are configured by the base station.

[00262] It may be seen from the embodiment that the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is configured, the initial state being the active state or the inactive state, the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity for bearer splitting are configured, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity, and the transmission function first to be enabled is configured, the transmission function first to be enabled being the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function, to enable the terminal to make settings according to configurations of the base station, and for the two conditions of the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, if the initial states are different, the transmission functions first to be enabled are different, and transmission manners adopted by the terminal are also different, so that the base station can indirectly control the data transmission manner of the terminal through the configurations, and the transmission reliability of the RB is improved.

[00263] In an embodiment, after Step 140, if the PDCP packet duplication function is configured for the RB and the PDCP packet duplication function is in the active state, the base station may further instruct the terminal for deactivation.

[00264] In such a manner, the base station may send a second indication message to the terminal, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00265] It may be seen from the embodiment that the second indication message is sent to the terminal, the second indication message being for representing the deactivation instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function, so that the base station can deactivate the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00266] In an embodiment, after Step 140, if the PDCP packet duplication function is configured for the RB and the PDCP packet duplication function is in the active state, the base station may further instruct the terminal for de-configuration.

[00267] In such a manner, the base station may send a third indication message to the terminal, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00268] It may be seen from the embodiment that the third indication message is sent to the terminal, the third indication message being for representing the de-configuration

instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function, so that the base station can de-configure the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00269] In an embodiment, after Step 140, if the bearer splitting function is configured for the RB, the base station may further instruct the terminal for de-configuration.

[00270] In such a manner, the base station may send a fourth indication message to the terminal, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for the bearer splitting function.

[00271] It may be seen from the embodiment that the fourth indication message is sent to the terminal, the fourth indication message being for representing the de-configuration instruction for the bearer splitting function, so that the base station can de-configure the bearer splitting function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00272] FIG. 7 is a flowchart illustrating a method for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment. The method for indicating an RB may be applied to a terminal. As shown in FIG. 7, the method for indicating an RB includes the following Steps 710 to 730.

[00273] In Step 710, a first indication message sent by a base station is received, the first indication message including first information and the first information being for representing at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for an RB.

[00274] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the base station, after configuring the transmission function and transmission entities for the RB, may indicate them to the terminal through the first indication message, and the terminal, after receiving the first indication message, may learn according to the first information in the first indication message, the specific transmission function and transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB.

[00275] In Step 720, the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information.

[00276] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the terminal may set the transmission function corresponding to the RB according to a configuration of the base station. For example, if the base station configures a PDCP packet duplication function, the

terminal may also set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00277] In Step 730, the transmission entities corresponding to the RB are set according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information.

[00278] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the terminal may set the transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the configuration of the base station. For example, if the base station configures two transmission entities, the terminal may also set the two entities.

[00279] It may be seen from the embodiment that the first indication message sent by the base station is received, the first indication message including the first information and the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB, the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information, and the transmission entities are set according to the at least two transmission entities in the first information, so that one or more transmission functions may be realized for the same RB by use of at least two shared transmission entities, and the indication efficiency of the RB is improved.

[00280] In an embodiment, in Step 710, if the at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB include a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity, the terminal may set the primary RLC entity and secondary RLC entity configured by the base station as the transmission entities corresponding to the RB, namely the terminal may also set the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity for the RB.

[00281] It may be seen from the embodiment that the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are set for the RB according to a configuration of the base station, thereby avoiding the condition that the transmission function, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, configured by the base station for the RB cannot be realized if only one RLC entity is set for the terminal, and solving the problem that, when the PDCP packet and the PDCP packet duplicate are transmitted through the same RLC entity, namely the PDCP packet and the PDCP packet duplicate are sent through the same carrier, if signal quality of the same carrier is very poor and the PDCP packet duplicate is still sent on the carrier, a

success sending probability thereof is quite low and the purpose of improving the reliability of the data packet or the signaling packet cannot be achieved.

[00282] In an embodiment, in Step 710, the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information includes a PDCP packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function, and the terminal may set the transmission function corresponding to the RB according to the configuration of the base station, specifically including that:

[00283] (1-1) if the at least one transmission function configured by the base station for the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function only, the terminal may set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function;

[00284] (1-2) if the at least one transmission function configured by the base station for the RB includes the bearer splitting function only, the terminal may set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the bearer splitting function; and

[00285] (1-3) if the at least one transmission function configured by the base station for the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, the terminal may set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function.

[00286] It may be seen from the embodiment that the corresponding PDCP packet duplication function and/or bearer splitting function are/is set for the RB according to the configuration of the base station, so that the transmission functions for the RB, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, can be enriched, and the reliability of the data packet or the signaling packet can be improved.

[00287] In an embodiment, the terminal, after setting the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function, may be further required to set an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function in, but not limited to, the following manners.

[00288] (2-1), a system default initial state may be set as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the system default initial state including an active state or an inactive state.

[00289] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, if the system default initial state is the active state, the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function may be set to be

the active state; and similarly, if the system default initial state is the inactive state, the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function may be set to be the inactive state.

[00290] (2-2) if the first indication message sent by the base station further includes second information, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the second information being for representing an initial state, the initial state being the active state or the inactive state. In such case, the initial state configured by the base station may be set as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00291] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, if the initial state configured by the base station is the active state, the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function may be set to be the active state; and similarly, if the initial state configured by the base station is the inactive state, the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function may be set to be the inactive state.

[00292] (2-2) may be a preferred manner in the two manners (2-1) and (2-2), namely, the initial state configured by the base station is adopted if the base station configures the initial state, and if the base station does not configure the initial state, then the system default initial state is adopted.

[00293] It may be seen from the embodiment that the same initial state is set according to the configuration of the base station, and then the base station may flexibly determine whether to activate the PDCP packet duplication function or not, so that the base station can control the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00294] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include third information, the third information being for representing a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the second RLC entity. After the terminal sets the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the bearer splitting function, as shown in FIG. 8, the method for indicating an RB may further include the following Steps 810 to 820.

[00295] In Step 810, a first bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function is set according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity

configured by the base station for bearer splitting.

[00296] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the first bearer splitting rule may include that: if a transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity configured by the base station may be indicated as a present transmission entity, and if the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity may be indicated as present transmission entities.

[00297] If the transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, it means that the transmitted data size is relatively small, and only one transmission entity is required for transmission; and if the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, it means that the transmitted data size is relatively large, two transmission entities are required for transmission for increasing a transmission speed.

[00298] In Step 820, data transmission is performed by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the first bearer splitting rule.

[00299] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, if the present transmission entity indicated in the first bearer splitting rule is the primary RLC entity, data transmission may be performed by use of the primary RLC entity; if the present transmission entity indicated in the first bearer splitting rule is the secondary RLC entity, data transmission may be performed by use of the secondary RLC entity; and if the present transmission entity indicated in the first bearer splitting rule is the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity, data transmission may be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity.

[00300] It may be seen from the embodiment that a bearer splitting rule is set according to the configuration of the base station, and the bearer splitting function is adopted for data transmission, so that the data transmission efficiency can be ensured, and the utilization rate of each transmission entity may also be increased.

[00301] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include fourth information, the fourth information is for representing an initial state, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting and a transmission

function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled, the initial state is an active state or an inactive state, the specified transmission entity is the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity, and the transmission function first to be enabled is the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function. After the terminal sets the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, as shown in FIG. 9, the method for indicating an RB may further include the following Steps 910 to 950.

[00302] In Step 910, the initial state configured by the base station is set as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00303] In Step 920, a second bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function is set according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station.

[00304] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, the second bearer splitting rule may include that: if the transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity may be indicated as a present transmission entity, and if the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity may be indicated as present transmission entities.

[00305] In Step 930, whether the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is the active state or not is determined; if YES, Step 940 is executed, and if NO, Step 950 is executed.

[00306] In Step 940, the bearer splitting function is stopped, a PDCP packet and a PDCP packet duplicate are sent through the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity respectively, and the flow is ended.

[00307] In Step 950, data transmission is performed by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule, or, data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity and data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity is continued to be transmitted through the secondary RLC entity, and the flow is ended.

[00308] It may be seen from the embodiment that corresponding settings may be made according to the configurations of the base station, and for the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, if the initial states are different, transmission

functions first to be enabled are different, and transmission manners adopted by the terminal are also different, so that the base station can indirectly control the data transmission manner of the terminal through the configurations, and the transmission reliability of the RB is improved.

[00309] In an embodiment, if a transmission function first to be enabled is configured by the base station, step 950 may be implemented as follows:

[00310] (3-1) whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function or not is determined; if YES, (3-2) is executed; and if NO, (3-3) is executed;

[00311] (3-2) data transmission is performed by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule, and the flow is ended; and

[00312] (3-3) data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity is continued to be transmitted through the secondary RLC entity, and the flow is ended.

[00313] It may be seen from the embodiment that whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled, is the bearer splitting function or not is determined; if YES, data transmission is performed by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule, and if NO, data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, so that the base station can indirectly control the data transmission manner of the terminal through the configuration, and the transmission reliability of the RB is improved.

[00314] In an embodiment, the method for indicating an RB may further include the following Steps 1010 to 1040.

[00315] In Step 1010, a second indication message sent by the base station is received, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00316] In Step 1020, when the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the PDCP packet duplication function is in the active state, whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not is determined according to the second indication message; if

YES, Step 1030 is executed, and if NO, Step 1040 is executed.

[00317] In Step 1030, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and the bearer splitting function is enabled, or, the bearer splitting function is not enabled and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, and the flow is ended.

[00318] In Step 1040, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed, data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, and the flow is ended.

[00319] It may be seen from the embodiment that, after the deactivation instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function is received from the base station, whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not is determined; if YES, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and the bearer splitting function is enabled, or, the bearer splitting function is not enabled and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity; and if NO, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, so that it is ensured that the terminal can be switched to the bearer splitting function or other manners for data transmission after the PDCP packet duplication function is deactivated, and the transmission reliability of the RB is improved.

[00320] In an embodiment, if the transmission function first to be enabled is configured by the base station, step 1030 may be implemented as follows:

[00321] (4-1) whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function or not is determined; if YES, (4-2) is executed, and if NO, (4-3) is executed;

[00322] (4-2) data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity; and

[00323] (4-3) the bearer splitting function is not enabled, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed, and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity.

[00324] It may be seen from the embodiment that whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function or not is determined; if YES, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary

RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity; and if NO, the bearer splitting function is not enabled, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, so that smooth data transmission may also be ensured after the PDCP packet duplication function is deactivated, and the RB transmission reliability is improved.

[00325] In an embodiment, the method for indicating an RB further includes the following Steps 1110 to 1140.

[00326] In Step 1110, a third indication message sent by the base station is received, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00327] In the embodiment of the present disclosure, before the third indication message sent by the base station is received, the PDCP packet duplication function may be in the active state, may also be in the inactive state and may also be deactivated.

[00328] In Step 1120, whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not is determined according to the third indication message; if YES, Step 1130 is executed, and if NO, Step 1140 is executed.

[00329] In Step 1130, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity, the bearer splitting function is enabled, and the flow is ended.

[00330] In Step 1140, the secondary RLC entity is released, data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, and the flow is ended.

[00331] It may be seen from the embodiment that, after the de-configuration instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function is received from the base station, whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not is determined; if YES, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and the bearer splitting function is enabled; and if NO, the secondary RLC entity is released and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, so that it is ensured that the terminal can be switched to the bearer splitting function or other manners for data transmission after the PDCP packet duplication function is de-configured, and the RB transmission reliability is improved.

[00332] In an embodiment, the method for indicating an RB may further include the following Steps 1210 to 1230.

[00333] In Step 1210, a fourth indication message sent by the base station is received, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for the bearer splitting function.

[00334] In Step 1220, when the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, the bearer splitting function is stopped according to the fourth indication message.

[00335] In an embodiment, after Step 1220, the method for indicating an RB may further include the following Step 1230.

[00336] In Step 1230, if the PDCP packet duplication function is in the inactive state, data transmission is performed through the primary RLC entity, or, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed and data transmission is continued to be performed through the primary RLC entity.

[00337] It may be seen from the embodiment that, after the de-configuration instruction for the bearer splitting function is received from the base station, if the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, the bearer splitting function is stopped; and if the PDCP packet duplication function is in the inactive state, data transmission is performed through the primary RLC entity, or, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed and data transmission is continued to be performed through the primary RLC entity. In such a case, the PDCP packet duplication function can still be realized after the bearer splitting function is de-configured, and the RB transmission reliability is improved.

[00338] Corresponding to the embodiments of the method for indicating an RB, the present disclosure also provides embodiments of a device for indicating an RB.

[00339] FIG. 13 is a block diagram of a device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment. The device for indicating an RB may be applied to a base station, and is configured to execute the method for indicating an RB as shown in FIG. 1. As shown in FIG. 13, the device for indicating an RB may include:

[00340] a first configuration module 131, configured to configure at least one

transmission function for an RB;

[00341] a second configuration module 132, configured to configure at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function;

[00342] a first addition module 133, configured to add first information into a first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and the at least two transmission entities; and

[00343] a first sending module 134, configured to send the first indication message to a terminal to enable the terminal to set a transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message.

[00344] It may be seen from the embodiment that the at least one transmission function is configured for the RB, the at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function are configured, the first information is added into the first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB, and the first indication message is sent to the terminal to enable the terminal to set the transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message, so that one or more transmission functions can be realized for the same RB by use of at least two shared transmission entities, and the indication efficiency of the RB is improved.

[00345] In an embodiment, the at least two transmission entities may include a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity.

[00346] It may be seen from the embodiment that the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are configured for the RB to enable the terminal to set the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity for the RB according to a configuration of the base station, thereby avoiding the situation that the transmission function, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, configured by the base station for the RB cannot be realized if only one RLC entity is set for the terminal, and solving the problem that, when the PDCP packet and the PDCP packet duplicate are transmitted through the same RLC entity, namely the PDCP packet and the PDCP packet duplicate are sent through the same carrier, if signal quality of the same carrier is very poor and the PDCP packet duplicate is still sent on the

carrier, a success sending probability thereof is quite low and the purpose of improving the reliability of the data packet or the signaling packet cannot be achieved.

[00347] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include a PDCP packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function.

[00348] It may be seen from the embodiment that the PDCP packet duplication function and/or the bearer splitting function are/is configured for the RB to enable the terminal to set the corresponding PDCP packet duplication function and/or bearer splitting function for the RB according to a configuration of the base station, so that transmission functions for the RB, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, are enriched, and reliability of a data packet or a signaling packet is improved.

[00349] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include the PDCP packet duplication function only. As shown in FIG. 14, based on the device shown in FIG. 13, the device may further include:

[00350] a third configuration module 141, configured to configure an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state; and

[00351] a second addition module 142, configured to add second information for representing the initial state into the first indication message.

[00352] It may be seen from the embodiment that the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is configured, the initial state being the active state or the inactive state, to enable the terminal to set the same initial state according to a configuration of the base station, and then the base station can flexibly determine whether to activate the PDCP packet duplication function or not, so that the base station can control the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00353] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include the bearer splitting function only. As shown in FIG. 15, based on the device shown in FIG. 13, the device may further include:

[00354] a fourth configuration module 151, configured to configure a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity for bearer splitting, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity; and

[00355] a third addition module 152, configured to add third information for representing the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity into the first indication message.

[00356] It may be seen from the embodiment that the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity are configured to enable the terminal to set a bearer splitting rule according to a configuration of the base station and adopt the bearer splitting function for data transmission, so that the efficiency of data transmission can be ensured, and a utilization rate of each transmission entity may also be increased.

[00357] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function. As shown in FIG. 16, based on the device shown in FIG. 13, the device may further include:

[00358] a fifth configuration module 161, configured to configure the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state being the active state or the inactive state;

[00359] a sixth configuration module 162, configured to configure the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity in a bearer splitting rule, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity;

[00360] a seventh configuration module 163, configured to configure a transmission function first to be enabled, the transmission function first to be enabled being the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function; and

[00361] a fourth addition module 164, configured to add fourth information into the first indication message, the fourth information being for representing the initial state, the specified threshold as well as the specified transmission entity, and the transmission function first to be enabled.

[00362] It may be seen from the embodiment that the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is configured, the initial state being the active state or the inactive state, the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity for bearer splitting are configured, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity, and the transmission function first to be enabled is configured, the transmission function first to be enabled being the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting

function, to enable the terminal to make settings according to configurations of the base station, and for the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, if the initial states are different, transmission functions first to be enabled are different, and transmission manners adopted by the terminal are also different, so that the base station can indirectly control the data transmission manner of the terminal through the configurations, and the transmission reliability of the RB is improved.

[00363] In an embodiment, based on the device shown in FIG. 13, the device may further include:

[00364] a second sending module, configured to send a second indication message to the terminal, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00365] It may be seen from the embodiment that the second indication message is sent to the terminal, the second indication message being for representing the deactivation instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function, so that the base station can deactivate the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00366] In an embodiment, based on the device shown in FIG. 13, the device may further include:

[00367] a third sending module, configured to send a third indication message to the terminal, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00368] It may be seen from the embodiment that the third indication message is sent to the terminal, the third indication message being for representing the de-configuration instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function, so that the base station can de-configure the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00369] In an embodiment, based on the device shown in FIG. 13, the device may further include:

[00370] a fourth sending module, configured to send a fourth indication message to the terminal, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for the bearer splitting function.

[00371] It may be seen from the embodiment that the fourth indication message is sent to the terminal, the fourth indication message being for representing the de-configuration instruction for the bearer splitting function, so that the base station can de-configure the bearer splitting function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00372] FIG. 17 is a block diagram of a device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment. The device for indicating an RB may be applied to a terminal, and is configured to execute the method for indicating an RB as shown in FIG. 7. As shown in FIG. 17, the device for indicating an RB may include:

[00373] a first receiving module 171, configured to receive a first indication message from a base station, the first indication message including first information and the first information being for representing at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for an RB;

[00374] a first setting module 172, configured to set the transmission function corresponding to the RB according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information; and

[00375] a second setting module 173, configured to set the transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information.

[00376] It may be seen from the embodiment that the first indication message sent by the base station is received, the first indication message including the first information and the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for the RB, the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information, and the transmission entities are set according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information, so that one or more transmission functions can be realized for the same RB by use of at least two shared transmission entities, and the indication efficiency of the RB is improved.

[00377] In an embodiment, the at least two transmission entities may include a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity. As shown in FIG. 18, based on the device shown in FIG. 17, the second setting module 173 may include:

[00378] a first setting submodule 181, configured to set the primary RLC entity and secondary RLC entity configured by the base station as the transmission entities corresponding to the RB.

[00379] It may be seen from the embodiment that the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are set for the RB according to a configuration of the base station, thereby avoiding the situation that the transmission function, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, configured by the base station for the RB cannot be realized if only one RLC entity is set for the terminal, and solving the problem that, when the PDCP packet and the PDCP packet duplicate are transmitted through the same RLC entity, namely the PDCP packet and the PDCP packet duplicate are sent through the same carrier, if signal quality of the same carrier is very poor and the PDCP packet duplicate is still sent on the carrier, a success sending probability thereof is quite low and the purpose of improving the reliability of the data packet or the signaling packet cannot be achieved.

[00380] In an embodiment, the at least one transmission function may include a PDCP packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function. As shown in FIG. 19, based on the device shown in FIG. 17 or 18, the first setting module 172 may include:

[00381] a second setting submodule 191, configured to, if the at least one transmission function includes the PDCP packet duplication function only, set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function;

[00382] a third setting submodule 192, configured to, if the at least one transmission function includes the bearer splitting function only, set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the bearer splitting function; and

[00383] a fourth setting submodule 193, configured to, if the at least one transmission function includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function.

[00384] It may be seen from the embodiment that the corresponding PDCP packet duplication function and/or bearer splitting function are/is set for the RB according to the configuration of the base station, so that the transmission functions for the RB, particularly the PDCP packet duplication function, are enriched, and the reliability of the data packet or

the signaling packet is improved.

[00385] In an embodiment, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function. As shown in FIG. 20, based on the device shown in FIG. 19, the device may further include:

[00386] a third setting module 201, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function, set a system default initial state as an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the system default initial state including an active state or an inactive state.

[00387] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include second information, the second information is for representing an initial state, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, and the initial state is the active state or the inactive state. After the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function, as shown in FIG. 21, based on the device shown in FIG. 19, the device may further include:

[00388] a fourth setting module 211, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function, set the initial state configured by the base station as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function.

[00389] It may be seen from the embodiment that the same initial state is set according to the configuration of the base station, and then the base station may flexibly determine whether to activate the PDCP packet duplication function or not, so that the base station can control the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, and the indication reliability of the RB is improved.

[00390] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include third information, the third information being for representing a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the second RLC entity. After the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the bearer splitting function, as shown in FIG. 22, based on the device shown in FIG. 19, the device may further include:

[00391] a fifth setting module 221, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the bearer splitting function, set a first bearer splitting

rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station, the first bearer splitting rule including that, if a transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity and, if the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are indicated as present transmission entities; and

[00392] a first transmission module 222, configured to perform data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the first bearer splitting rule.

[00393] It may be seen from the embodiment that a bearer splitting rule is set according to the configuration of the base station, and the bearer splitting function is adopted for data transmission, so that the efficiency of data transmission can be ensured, and the utilization rate of each transmission entity can also be increased.

[00394] In an embodiment, the first indication message may further include fourth information, the fourth information is for representing the initial state, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting, and a transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled; the initial state is the active state or the inactive state; the specified transmission entity is the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity; and the transmission function first to be enabled is the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function. After the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, as shown in FIG. 23, based on the device shown in FIG. 19, the device may further include:

[00395] a sixth setting module 231, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, set the initial state configured by the base station as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function;

[00396] a seventh setting module 232, configured to set a second bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station; the second bearer splitting rule

may include that, upon when the transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity and, upon when the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are indicated as present transmission entities;

[00397] a first determination module 233, configured to determine whether the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is the active state or not;

[00398] a second transmission module 234, configured to, responsive to determining that the initial state is the active state, stop the bearer splitting function and send a PDCP packet and a PDCP packet duplicate through the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity respectively; and

[00399] a third transmission module 235, configured to, responsive to determining that the initial state is the inactive state, perform data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule, or, perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and continue transmitting, through the secondary RLC entity, data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity.

[00400] It may be seen from the embodiment that corresponding settings are made according to the configurations of the base station, and for the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, if the initial states are different, then transmission functions first to be enabled are different, and transmission manners adopted by the terminal are also different, so that the base station can indirectly control the data transmission manner of the terminal through the configurations, and the transmission reliability of the RB is improved.

[00401] In an embodiment, the third transmission module 235 may include:

[00402] a first determination submodule, configured to determine whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function or not;

[00403] a first transmission submodule, configured to, in a case that the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function, perform data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule; and

[00404] a second transmission submodule, configured to, in a case that the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is not the bearer splitting function, perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and continue transmitting through the secondary RLC entity the data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity.

[00405] It may be seen from the embodiment that whether the transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is the bearer splitting function or not is determined; if YES, data transmission is performed by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule, and if NO, data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, so that the base station can indirectly control the data transmission manner of the terminal through the configuration, and the transmission reliability of the RB is improved.

[00406] In an embodiment, as shown in FIG. 24, based on the device shown in FIG. 17, the device may further include:

[00407] a second receiving module 241, configured to receive a second indication message from the base station, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function;

[00408] a second determination module 242, configured to, when the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the PDCP packet duplication function is in the active state, determine whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not according to the second indication message;

[00409] a fourth transmission module 243, configured to, if the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function, continuing performing data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and enable the bearer splitting function, or, not enable the bearer splitting function and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity; and

[00410] a fifth transmission module 244, configured to, if the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not include the bearer splitting function, reconstruct the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

[00411] It may be seen from the embodiment that, after the deactivation instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function is received from the base station, whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not is determined; if YES, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and the bearer splitting function is enabled, or, the bearer splitting function is not enabled and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity; and if NO, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity. In such a case, it is ensured that the terminal can be switched to the bearer splitting function or other manners for data transmission after the PDCP packet duplication function is deactivated, and the transmission reliability of the RB is improved.

[00412] In an embodiment, the fourth transmission module 243 may include:

[00413] a second determination submodule, configured to determine whether the transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is the bearer splitting function or not;

[00414] a third transmission submodule, configured to, if the transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is the bearer splitting function, continue data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity; and

[00415] a fourth transmission submodule, configured to, if the transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is not the bearer splitting function, not enable the bearer splitting function, reconstruct the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

[00416] It may be seen from the embodiment that whether the transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is the bearer splitting function or not is determined; if YES, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity, and if NO, the bearer splitting function is not enabled, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity, so that smooth data transmission can be ensured after the PDCP packet duplication function is deactivated, and the transmission reliability of the RB is improved.

[00417] In an embodiment, as shown in FIG. 25, based on the device shown in FIG. 17, the device may further include:

[00418] a third receiving module 251, configured to receive a third indication message from the base station, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function;

[00419] a third determination module 252, configured to determine whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not according to the third indication message;

[00420] a sixth transmission module 253, configured to, if the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function, continue data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and enable the bearer splitting function; and

[00421] a seventh transmission module 254, configured to, if the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not include the bearer splitting function, release the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

[00422] It may be seen from the embodiment that, after the de-configuration instruction for the PDCP packet duplication function is received from the base station, whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the bearer splitting function or not is determined; if YES, data transmission is continued to be performed by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity, and the bearer splitting function is enabled; and if NO, the secondary RLC entity is released and data transmission is performed by use of the primary RLC entity. In such a case, it is ensured that the terminal can be switched to the bearer splitting function or other manners for data transmission after the PDCP packet duplication function is de-configured, and the transmission reliability of the RB is improved.

[00423] In an embodiment, as shown in FIG. 26, based on the device shown in FIG. 17, the device may further include:

[00424] a fourth receiving module 261, configured to receive a fourth indication message sent by the base station, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for the bearer splitting function; and

[00425] a stopping module 262, configured to, when the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, stop the bearer splitting function according to the fourth indication message.

[00426] In an embodiment, based on the device shown in FIG. 26, the device may further include:

[00427] an eighth transmission module, configured to, after the bearer splitting function is stopped according to the fourth indication message, if the PDCP packet duplication function is in the inactive state, perform data transmission through the primary RLC entity, or, reconstruct the secondary RLC entity and continue data transmission through the primary RLC entity.

[00428] It may be seen from the embodiment that, after the de-configuration instruction for the bearer splitting function is received from the base station, if the transmission function corresponding to the RB includes the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, the bearer splitting function is stopped; and if the PDCP packet duplication function is in the inactive state, data transmission is performed through the primary RLC entity, or, the secondary RLC entity is reconstructed and data transmission is continued to be performed through the primary RLC entity. In such a case, the PDCP packet duplication function can be realized after the bearer splitting function is de-configured, and the RB transmission reliability is improved.

[00429] The device embodiments substantially correspond to the method embodiments, and thus related parts refer to the part of descriptions of the method embodiments. The device embodiments described above are only schematic, units described as separate parts therein may or may be not physically separated, and the parts displayed as units may or may be not physical units, and namely may be located in the same place or may be distributed to multiple network units. Part or all of the modules therein may be selected according to a practical requirement to achieve the solutions of the present disclosure. Those of ordinary skill in the art may understand and implement without creative work.

[00430] Correspondingly, the present disclosure also provides a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium is provided, which has a computer program stored thereon,

the computer program being configured to execute any method for indicating an RB as shown in FIG. 1 to FIG. 6.

[00431] Correspondingly, the present disclosure also provides a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium is provided, which has a computer program stored thereon, the computer program being configured to execute any method for indicating an RB as shown in FIG. 7 to FIG. 12.

[00432] Correspondingly, the present disclosure also provides a device for indicating an RB, which is applied to a base station and includes:

[00433] a processor; and

[00434] a memory configured to store an instruction executable for the processor,

[00435] wherein the processor is configured to:

[00436] configure at least one transmission function for an RB;

[00437] configure at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function;

[00438] add first information into a first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and the at least two transmission entities; and

[00439] send the first indication message to a terminal to enable the terminal to set a transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message.

[00440] As shown in FIG. 27, FIG. 27 is a structure diagram of a device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment. The device 2700 may be provided as a base station. Referring to FIG. 27, the device 2700 includes a processing component 2722, a wireless transmission/receiving component 2724, an antenna component 2726 and a wireless interface-specific signal processing part, and the processing component 2722 may further include one or more processors.

[00441] One processor in the processing component 2722 may be configured to execute any method for indicating an RB.

[00442] Correspondingly, the present disclosure also provides a device for indicating an RB, which is applied to a terminal and includes:

[00443] a processor; and

[00444] a memory configured to store an instruction executable for the processor,

[00445] wherein the processor is configured to:

[00446] receive a first indication message sent by a base station, the first indication message including first information and the first information being for representing at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured for an RB by the base station;

[00447] set a transmission function corresponding to the RB according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information; and

[00448] set transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information.

[00449] FIG. 28 is a structure diagram of a device for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment. FIG. 28 illustrates a device 2800 for indicating an RB according to an exemplary embodiment. The device 2800 may be a terminal such as a computer, a mobile phone, a digital broadcast terminal, a messaging device, a gaming console, a tablet, a medical device, exercise equipment and a personal digital assistant.

[00450] Referring to FIG. 28, the device 2800 may include one or more of the following components: a processing component 2801, a memory 2802, a power component 2803, a multimedia component 2804, an audio component 2805, an Input/Output (I/O) interface 2806, a sensor component 2807, and a communication component 2808.

[00451] The processing component 2801 is typically configured to control overall operations of the device 2800, such as the operations associated with display, telephone calls, data communications, camera operations, and recording operations. The processing component 2801 may include one or more processors 2809 to execute instructions to perform all or part of the steps in the above-mentioned method. Moreover, the processing component 2801 may include one or more modules which facilitate interaction between the processing component 2801 and the other components. For instance, the processing component 2801 may include a multimedia module to facilitate interaction between the multimedia component 2804 and the processing component 2801.

[00452] The memory 2802 is configured to store various types of data to support the

operation of the device 2800. Examples of such data include instructions for any application programs or methods operated on the device 2800, contact data, phonebook data, messages, pictures, video, etc. The memory 2802 may be implemented by any type of volatile or non-volatile memory devices, or a combination thereof, such as a Static Random Access Memory (SRAM), an Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory (EEPROM), an Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory (EPROM), a Programmable Read-Only Memory (PROM), a Read-Only Memory (ROM), a magnetic memory, a flash memory, and a magnetic or optical disk.

[00453] The power component 2803 is configured to provide power for various components of the device 2800. The power component 2803 may include a power management system, one or more power supplies, and other components associated with generation, management and distribution of power for the device 2800.

[00454] The multimedia component 2804 may include a screen providing an output interface between the device 2800 and a user. In some embodiments, the screen may include a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) and a Touch Panel (TP). If the screen includes the TP, the screen may be implemented as a touch screen to receive an input signal from the user. The TP includes one or more touch sensors to sense touches, swipes and gestures on the TP. The touch sensors may not only sense a boundary of a touch or swipe action but also detect a duration and pressure associated with the touch or swipe action. In some embodiments, the multimedia component 2804 includes a front camera and/or a rear camera. The front camera and/or the rear camera may receive external multimedia data when the device 2800 is in an operation mode, such as a photographing mode or a video mode. Each of the front camera and the rear camera may be a fixed optical lens system or have focusing and optical zooming capabilities.

[00455] The audio component 2805 is configured to output and/or input an audio signal. For example, the audio component 2805 includes a Microphone (MIC), and the MIC is configured to receive an external audio signal when the device 2800 is in the operation mode, such as a call mode, a recording mode and a voice recognition mode. The received audio signal may further be stored in the memory 2802 or sent through the communication component 2808. In some embodiments, the audio component 2805 further includes a

speaker configured to output the audio signal.

[00456] The I/O interface 2806 is configured to provide an interface between the processing component 2801 and a peripheral interface module, and the peripheral interface module may be a keyboard, a click wheel, a button and the like. The button may include, but not limited to: a home button, a volume button, a starting button and a locking button.

[00457] The sensor component 2807 may include one or more sensors configured to provide status assessment in various aspects for the device 2800. For instance, the sensor component 2807 may detect an on/off status of the device 2800 and relative positioning of components, such as a display and small keyboard of the device 2800, and the sensor component 2807 may further detect a change in a position of the device 2800 or a component of the device 2800, presence or absence of contact between the user and the device 2800, orientation or acceleration/deceleration of the device 2800 and a change in temperature of the device 2800. The sensor component 2807 may include a proximity sensor configured to detect presence of an object nearby without any physical contact. The sensor component 2807 may also include a light sensor, such as a Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS) or Charge Coupled Device (CCD) image sensor, configured for use in an imaging application. In some embodiments, the sensor component 2807 may also include an acceleration sensor, a gyroscope sensor, a magnetic sensor, a pressure sensor or a temperature sensor.

[00458] The communication component 2808 is configured to facilitate wired or wireless communication between the device 2800 and other devices. The device 2800 may access a communication-standard-based wireless network, such as a Wireless Fidelity (WiFi) network, a 2nd-Generation (2G) or 3rd-Generation (3G) network or a combination thereof. In an exemplary embodiment, the communication component 2808 may receive a broadcast signal or broadcast associated information from an external broadcast management system through a broadcast channel. In an exemplary embodiment, the communication component 2808 may further include a Near Field Communication (NFC) module to facilitate short-range communication. For example, the NFC module may be implemented based on a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, an Infrared Data Association (IrDA) technology, an Ultra-WideBand (UWB) technology, a Bluetooth (BT) technology and another

technology.

[00459] In an exemplary embodiment, the device 2800 may be implemented by one or more Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs), Digital Signal Processors (DSPs), Digital Signal Processing Devices (DSPDs), Programmable Logic Devices (PLDs), Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs), controllers, micro-controllers, microprocessors or other electronic components, and is configured to execute the above-mentioned method.

[00460] In an exemplary embodiment, there is also provided a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium including instructions, such as the memory 2802 including an instruction, and the instruction may be executed by the processor 2809 of the device 2800 to implement the above-mentioned method. For example, the non-transitory computer-readable storage medium may be a ROM, a Random Access Memory (RAM), a Compact Disc Read-Only Memory (CD-ROM), a magnetic tape, a floppy disc, an optical data storage device and the like.

[00461] The instructions in the storage medium may be executed by the processor to enable the device 2800 to execute any method for indicating an RB.

[00462] Other implementation solutions of the present disclosure will be apparent to those skilled in the art from consideration of the specification and practice of the present disclosure. This application is intended to cover any variations, uses, or adaptations of the present disclosure following the general principles thereof and including such departures from the present disclosure as come within known or customary practice in the art. It is intended that the specification and examples be considered as exemplary only, with a true scope and spirit of the present disclosure being indicated by the following claims.

[00463] It will be appreciated that the present disclosure is not limited to the exact construction that has been described above and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and that various modifications and changes may be made without departing from the scope thereof. It is intended that the scope of the present disclosure only be limited by the appended claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for indicating a Radio Bearer (RB), applied to a base station and comprising:
 - configuring at least one transmission function for an RB;
 - configuring at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function;
 - adding first information into a first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and the at least two transmission entities; and
 - sending the first indication message to a terminal to enable the terminal to set a transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least two transmission entities comprise a primary Radio Link Control (RLC) entity and a secondary RLC entity.
3. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the at least one transmission function comprises a Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP) packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one transmission function comprises the PDCP packet duplication function only, and the method further comprises:
 - configuring an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state; and
 - adding second information for representing the initial state into the first indication message.
5. The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one transmission function comprises the bearer splitting function only, and the method further comprises:
 - configuring a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity for bearer splitting,

the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity;
and

adding third information for representing the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity into the first indication message.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one transmission function comprises the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, and the method further comprises:

configuring an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state;

configuring a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity in a bearer splitting rule, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity;

configuring a transmission function first to be enabled, the transmission function first to be enabled being the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function; and

adding fourth information into the first indication message, the fourth information being for representing the initial state, the specified threshold as well as the specified transmission entity, and the transmission function first to be enabled.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending a second indication message to the terminal, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending a third indication message to the terminal, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending a fourth indication message to the terminal, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a bearer splitting function.

10. A method for indicating a Radio Bearer (RB), applied to a terminal and comprising:

receiving a first indication message from a base station, the first indication message comprising first information and the first information being for representing at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for an RB;

setting a transmission function corresponding to the RB according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information; and

setting transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the at least two transmission entities comprise a primary Radio Link Control (RLC) entity and a secondary RLC entity, and

setting the transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information comprises:

setting the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity configured by the base station as the transmission entities corresponding to the RB.

12. The method of claim 10 or 11, wherein the at least one transmission function comprises a Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP) packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function, and

setting the transmission function corresponding to the RB according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information comprises:

in a case that the at least one transmission function comprises the PDCP packet duplication function only, setting the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function;

in a case that the at least one transmission function comprises the bearer splitting function only, setting the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the bearer splitting function; and

in a case that the at least one transmission function comprises the PDCP packet

duplication function and the bearer splitting function, setting the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function.

13. The method of claim 12, after setting the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function, the method further comprising:

setting a system default initial state as an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the system default initial state comprising an active state or an inactive state.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein the first indication message further comprises second information, the second information is for representing an initial state, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state is an active state or an inactive state, and

after setting the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function, the method further comprises:

setting the initial state configured by the base station as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function.

15. The method of claim 12, wherein the first indication message further comprises third information, the third information is for representing a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting, the specified transmission entity is the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity, and

after setting the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the bearer splitting function, the method further comprises:

setting a first bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station, wherein the first bearer splitting rule comprises that, upon when a transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity and, upon when the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity

are indicated as present transmission entities; and

performing data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the first bearer splitting rule.

16. The method of claim 12, wherein the first indication message further comprises fourth information; the fourth information is for representing an initial state, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting, and a transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station; the initial state is an active state or an inactive state; the specified transmission entity is the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity; the transmission function first to be enabled is the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function, and

after setting the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, the method further comprises:

setting the initial state configured by the base station as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function;

setting a second bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station, wherein the second bearer splitting rule comprises that, upon when the transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity and, upon when the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are indicated as present transmission entities;

determining whether the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is the active state or not;

responsive to determining that the initial state is the active state, stopping the bearer splitting function, and sending a PDCP packet and a PDCP packet duplicate through the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity respectively; and

responsive to determining that the initial state is the inactive state, performing data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting

rule, or, performing data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and continuing transmitting, through the secondary RLC entity, data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein performing data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule or performing data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and continuing transmitting through the secondary RLC entity the data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity comprises:

determining whether the transmission function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function or not;

responsive to determining that the transmission function first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function, performing data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule; and

responsive to determining that the transmission function first to be enabled is not the bearer splitting function, performing data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity, and continuing transmitting through the secondary RLC entity the data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity.

18. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving a second indication message from the base station, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function;

in a case that the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises the PDCP packet duplication function and the PDCP packet duplication function is in an active state, determining whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises a bearer splitting function or not according to the second indication message;

responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises the bearer splitting function, continuing performing data transmission by use of a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity and enabling the bearer splitting function, or, not enabling the bearer splitting function and performing data transmission by use of a

primary RLC entity; and

responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not comprise the bearer splitting function, reconstructing the secondary RLC entity, and performing data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein continuing performing data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity and enabling the bearer splitting function or not enabling the bearer splitting function and performing data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity comprises:

determining whether a transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is the bearer splitting function or not;

responsive to determining that the transmission function first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function, continuing performing data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity; and

responsive to determining that the transmission function first to be enabled is not the bearer splitting function, not enabling the bearer splitting function, reconstructing the secondary RLC entity, and performing data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

20. The method of claim 10 or 18, further comprising:

receiving a third indication message from the base station, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function;

determining whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises a bearer splitting function or not according to the third indication message;

responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises the bearer splitting function, continuing performing data transmission by use of a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity, and enabling the bearer splitting function; and

responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not comprise the bearer splitting function, releasing the secondary RLC entity, and performing data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

21. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving a fourth indication message from the base station, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a bearer splitting function; and

in a case that the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises a PDCP packet duplication function and a bearer splitting function, stopping the bearer splitting function according to the fourth indication message.

22. The method of claim 21, after stopping the bearer splitting function according to the fourth indication message, the method further comprising:

in a case that the PDCP packet duplication function is in an inactive state, performing data transmission through a primary RLC entity, or, reconstructing a secondary RLC entity and continuing performing data transmission through the primary RLC entity.

23. A device for indicating a Radio Bearer (RB), applied to a base station and comprising:

a first configuration module, configured to configure at least one transmission function for an RB;

a second configuration module, configured to configure at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function;

a first addition module, configured to add first information into a first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and the at least two transmission entities; and

a first sending module, configured to send the first indication message to a terminal to enable the terminal to set a transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message.

24. The device of claim 23, wherein the at least two transmission entities comprise a primary Radio Link Control (RLC) entity and a secondary RLC entity.

25. The device of claim 23 or 24, wherein the at least one transmission function comprises a Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP) packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function.

26. The device of claim 25, wherein the at least one transmission function comprises the PDCP packet duplication function only, and the device further comprises:

- a third configuration module, configured to configure an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state; and

- a second addition module, configured to add second information for representing the initial state into the first indication message.

27. The device of claim 25, wherein the at least one transmission function comprises the bearer splitting function only, and the device further comprises:

- a fourth configuration module, configured to configure a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity for bearer splitting, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity; and

- a third addition module, configured to add third information for representing the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity into the first indication message.

28. The device of claim 25, wherein the at least one transmission function comprises the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, and the device further comprises:

- a fifth configuration module, configured to configure an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state being an active state or an inactive state;

- a sixth configuration module, configured to configure a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity in a bearer splitting rule, the specified transmission entity being the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity;

- a seventh configuration module, configured to configure a transmission function first to be enabled, the transmission function first to be enabled being the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function; and

a fourth addition module, configured to add fourth information into the first indication message, the fourth information being for representing the initial state, the specified threshold as well as the specified transmission entity, and the transmission function first to be enabled.

29. The device of claim 23, further comprising:

a second sending module, configured to send a second indication message to the terminal, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function.

30. The device of claim 23, further comprising:

a third sending module, configured to send a third indication message to the terminal, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function.

31. The device of claim 23, further comprising:

a fourth sending module, configured to send a fourth indication message to the terminal, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a bearer splitting function.

32. A device for indicating a Radio Bearer (RB), applied to a terminal and comprising:

a first receiving module, configured to receive a first indication message from a base station, the first indication message comprising first information and the first information being for representing at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for an RB;

a first setting module, configured to set a transmission function corresponding to the RB according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information; and

a second setting module, configured to set transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information.

33. The device of claim 32, wherein the at least two transmission entities comprise a primary

Radio Link Control (RLC) entity and a secondary RLC entity, and

the second setting module comprises:

a first setting submodule, configured to set the primary RLC entity and secondary RLC entity configured by the base station as the transmission entities corresponding to the RB.

34. The device of claim 32 or 33, wherein the at least one transmission function comprises a Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP) packet duplication function and/or a bearer splitting function, and

the first setting module comprises:

a second setting submodule, configured to, in a case that the at least one transmission function comprises the PDCP packet duplication function only, set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function;

a third setting submodule, configured to, in a case that the at least one transmission function comprises the bearer splitting function only, set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the bearer splitting function; and

a fourth setting submodule, configured to, in a case that the at least one transmission function comprises the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, set the transmission function corresponding to the RB to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function.

35. The device of claim 34, further comprising:

a third setting module, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function, set a system default initial state as an initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function, the system default initial state comprising an active state or an inactive state.

36. The device of claim 34, wherein the first indication message further comprises second information, the second information is for representing an initial state, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the initial state is an active state or an

inactive state, and

the device further comprises:

a fourth setting module, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function, set the initial state configured by the base station as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function.

37. The device of claim 34, wherein the first indication message further comprises third information, the third information is for representing a specified threshold and a specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting, the specified transmission entity is the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity, and

the device further comprises:

a fifth setting module, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the bearer splitting function, set a first bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station, wherein the first bearer splitting rule comprising that, upon when a transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity and, upon when the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are indicated as present transmission entities; and

a first transmission module, configured to perform data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the first bearer splitting rule.

38. The device of claim 34, wherein the first indication message further comprises fourth information; the fourth information is for representing an initial state, configured by the base station, of the PDCP packet duplication function, the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station for bearer splitting, and a transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station; the initial state is an active state or an inactive state; the specified transmission entity is the primary RLC entity or the secondary RLC entity; the transmission function first to be enabled is the PDCP packet duplication function or the bearer splitting function, and

the device further comprises:

a sixth setting module, configured to, after the transmission function corresponding to the RB is set to be the PDCP packet duplication function and the bearer splitting function, set the initial state configured by the base station as the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function;

a seventh setting module, configured to set a second bearer splitting rule corresponding to the bearer splitting function according to the specified threshold and the specified transmission entity configured by the base station, wherein the second bearer splitting rule comprises that, upon when the transmitted data size is smaller than the specified threshold, the specified transmission entity is indicated as a present transmission entity and, upon when the transmitted data size is larger than or equal to the specified threshold, both the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity are indicated as present transmission entities;

a first determination module, configured to determine whether the initial state of the PDCP packet duplication function is the active state or not;

a second transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the initial state is the active state, stop the bearer splitting function and send a PDCP packet and a PDCP packet duplicate through the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity respectively; and

a third transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the initial state is the inactive state, perform data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule, or, perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and continue transmitting, through the secondary RLC entity, data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity.

39. The device of claim 38, wherein the third transmission module comprises:

a first determination submodule, configured to determine whether the transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is the bearer splitting function or not;

a first transmission submodule, configured to, responsive to that the transmission

function, configured by the base station, first to be enabled is the bearer splitting function, perform data transmission by use of the present transmission entity indicated in the second bearer splitting rule; and

a second transmission submodule, configured to, responsive to that the transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is not the bearer splitting function, perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and continue transmitting through the secondary RLC entity the data that has been sent to the secondary RLC entity.

40. The device of claim 32, further comprising:

a second receiving module, configured to receive a second indication message from the base station, the second indication message being for representing a deactivation instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function;

a second determination module, configured to, in a case that the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises the PDCP packet duplication function and the PDCP packet duplication function is in an active state, determine whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises a bearer splitting function or not according to the second indication message;

a fourth transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises the bearer splitting function, continue performing data transmission by use of a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity and enable the bearer splitting function, or, not enable the bearer splitting function and perform data transmission by use of a primary RLC entity; and

a fifth transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not comprise the bearer splitting function, reconstruct the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

41. The device of claim 40, wherein the fourth transmission module comprises:

a second determination submodule, configured to determine whether a transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is the bearer splitting function or

not;

a third transmission submodule, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is the bearer splitting function, continue data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity and the secondary RLC entity; and

a fourth transmission submodule, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function first to be enabled, configured by the base station, is not the bearer splitting function, not enable the bearer splitting function, reconstruct the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

42. The device of claim 32 or 40, further comprising:

a third receiving module, configured to receive a third indication message from the base station, the third indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a PDCP packet duplication function;

a third determination module, configured to determine whether the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises a bearer splitting function or not according to the third indication message;

a sixth transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises the bearer splitting function, continue data transmission by use of a primary RLC entity and a secondary RLC entity and enable the bearer splitting function; and

a seventh transmission module, configured to, responsive to determining that the transmission function corresponding to the RB does not comprise the bearer splitting function, release the secondary RLC entity and perform data transmission by use of the primary RLC entity.

43. The device of claim 32 or 40, further comprising:

a fourth receiving module, configured to receive a fourth indication message from the base station, the fourth indication message being for representing a de-configuration instruction for a bearer splitting function; and

a stopping module, configured to, in a case that the transmission function corresponding to the RB comprises a PDCP packet duplication function and a bearer splitting function, stop the bearer splitting function according to the fourth indication message.

44. The device of claim 43, further comprising:

an eighth transmission module, configured to, after the bearer splitting function is stopped according to the fourth indication message, in a case that the PDCP packet duplication function is in an inactive state, perform data transmission through a primary RLC entity, or, reconstruct a secondary RLC entity and continue data transmission through the primary RLC entity.

45. A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium, having a computer program stored thereon, the computer program being configured to execute the method for indicating an RB according to any one of claims 1-9.

46. A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium, having a computer program stored thereon, the computer program being configured to execute the method for indicating an RB according to any one of claims 10-22.

47. A device for indicating a Radio Bearer (RB) indication, applied to a base station and comprising:

a processor; and

a memory configured to store an instruction executable for the processor,

wherein the processor is configured to:

configure at least one transmission function for an RB;

configure at least two transmission entities shared by the at least one transmission function;

add first information into a first indication message, the first information being for representing the at least one transmission function and the at least two transmission entities; and

send the first indication message to a terminal to enable the terminal to set a transmission function and transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the first indication message.

48. A device for indicating a Radio Bearer (RB), applied to a terminal and comprising:

a processor; and

a memory configured to store an instruction executable for the processor,

wherein the processor is configured to:

receive a first indication message from a base station, the first indication message comprising first information and the first information being for representing at least one transmission function and at least two transmission entities configured by the base station for an RB;

set a transmission function corresponding to the RB according to the at least one transmission function indicated in the first information; and

set transmission entities corresponding to the RB according to the at least two transmission entities indicated in the first information.