

The Imperial Palace's construction rests on its layout and the function divides into "the Outer Court" and "the Imperial Palace" two major parts. "The Outer Court" and "the Imperial Palace" is defined by the Gate of Celestial Purity, south of the Gate of Celestial Purity is the Outer Court, and north of the Gate of Celestial Purity is the Imperial Palace. The constructions of the Outer Court and the Imperial Palace of the Imperial Palace are very different. [Hall of Supreme Harmony](#), [Hall of Complete Harmony](#) and [Hall of Preserving Harmony](#) are the center of the Outer Court which is located on the central axis of the Imperial Palace; the "Hall of Supreme Harmony" is commonly called as "[Throne Room](#)", which is place where the emperor holds [morning meetings](#), as known as "Main Hall" which is place where the feudal emperors exercise their power. Moreover, [Hall of Literary Glory](#), [Pavilion of Literary Profundity](#), [Infirmary](#) and [South Three](#) are located at the east side of the Imperial Palace, and [Hall of Martial Valor](#), [Imperial Household Department](#) and other building are located at the west side of the Imperial Palace.

FIG. 1

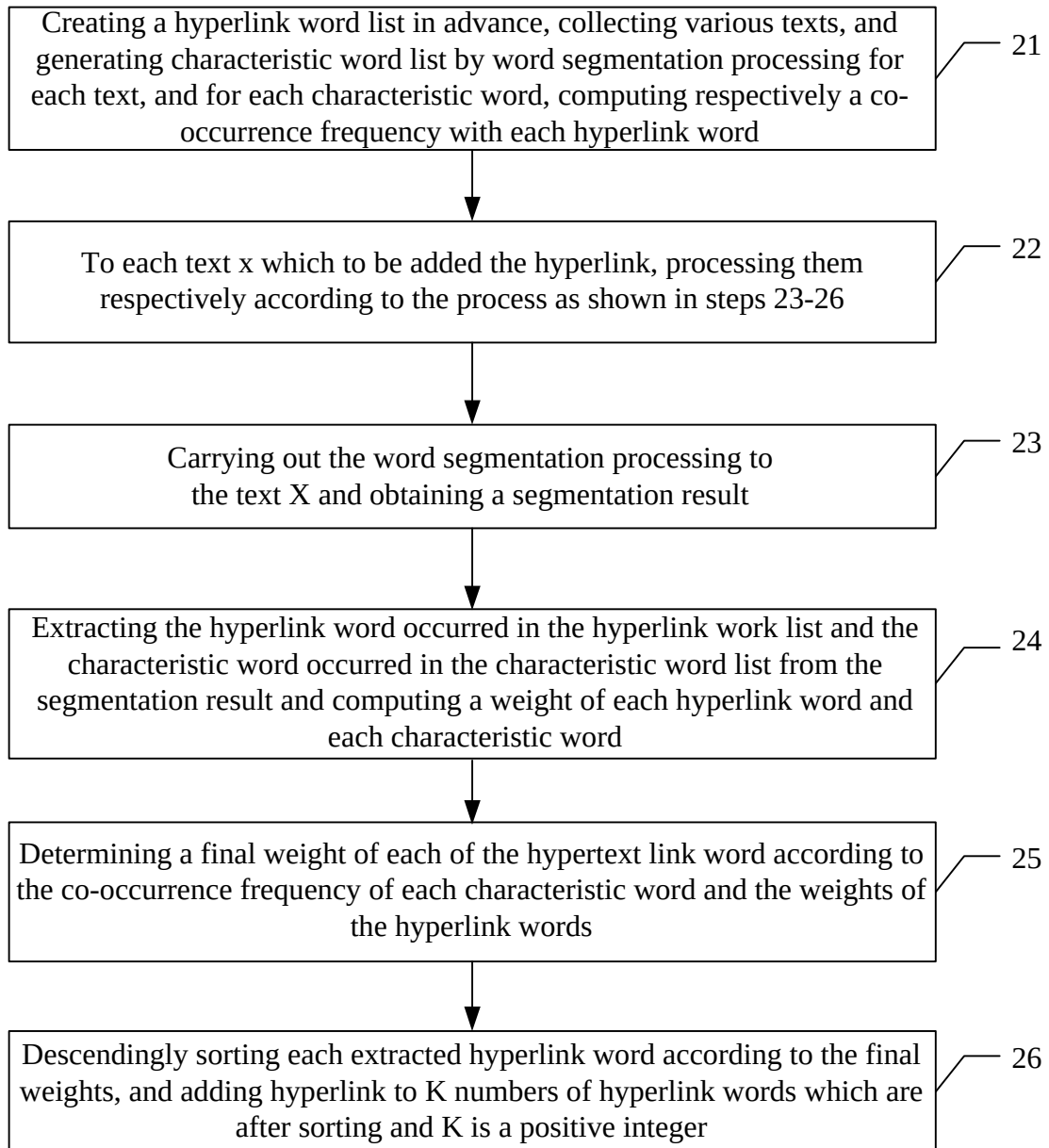


FIG. 2

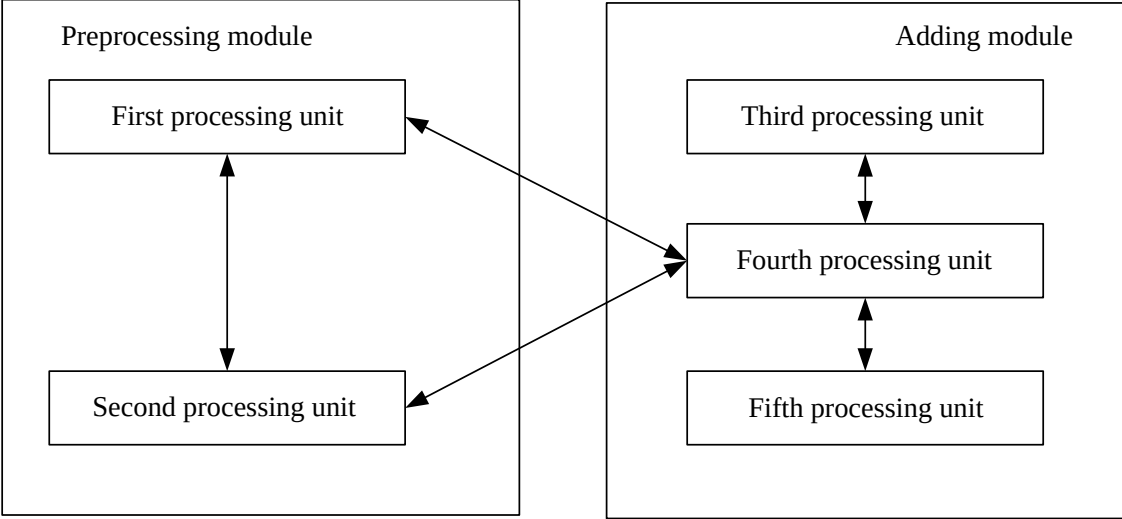


FIG. 3