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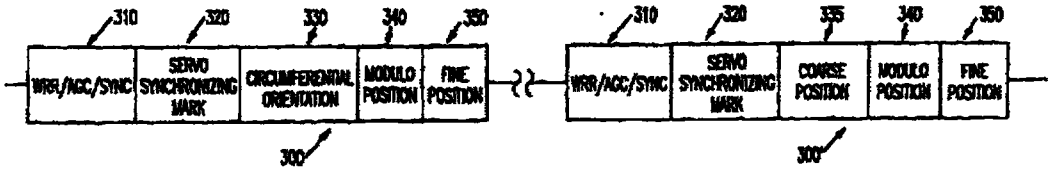
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(57) Abstract

A headerless, faul-tolerant sample-data servo pattern, comprising an alternating sequence of first and second servo sectors (300, 300'), with the first servo sectors each including a partial track address and circumferential orientation information (330), and the second servo sectors each including a full track address (335 and 340), provides an absolute indication of a read/write head's circumferential orientation along a given track on a magnetic disk which is robust in the presence of defects in the magnetic recording medium.