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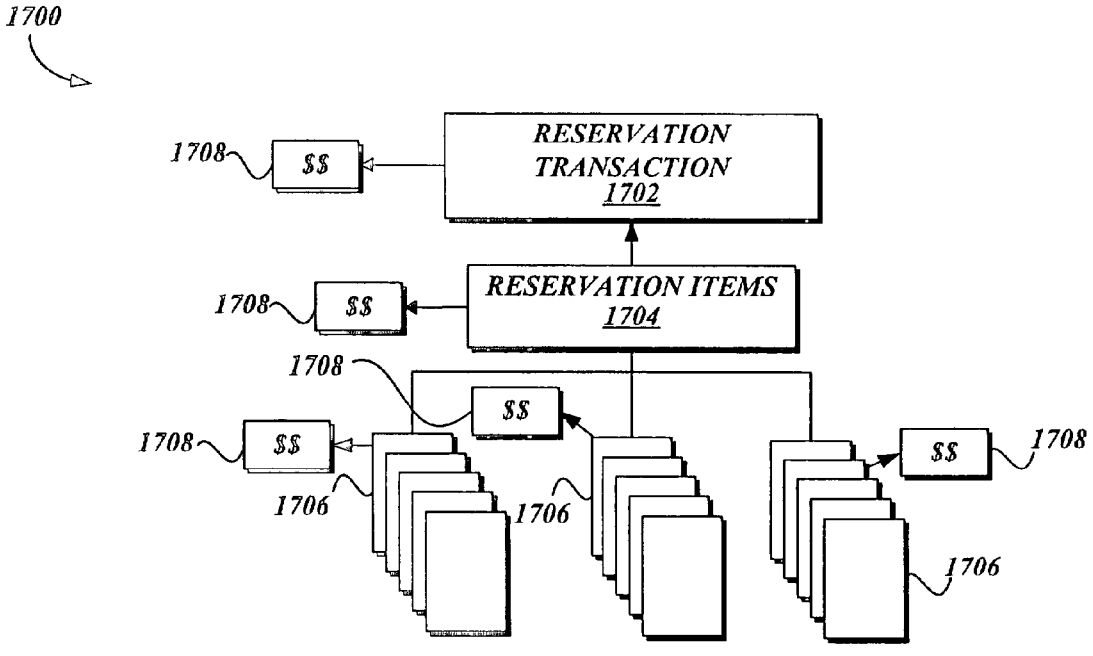
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for managing reservation requests for one or more inventory items are provided, see figure 17. A user reservation request (1702) is obtained and processed to identify inventory data (1706) matching the reservation request. Reservation transaction (1702), reservation items (1703) and reservation inventory records (1706) are generated corresponding to the user reservation request. If the transaction can be completed, a confirmation is sent to the user and a notification is sent to a supplier.

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