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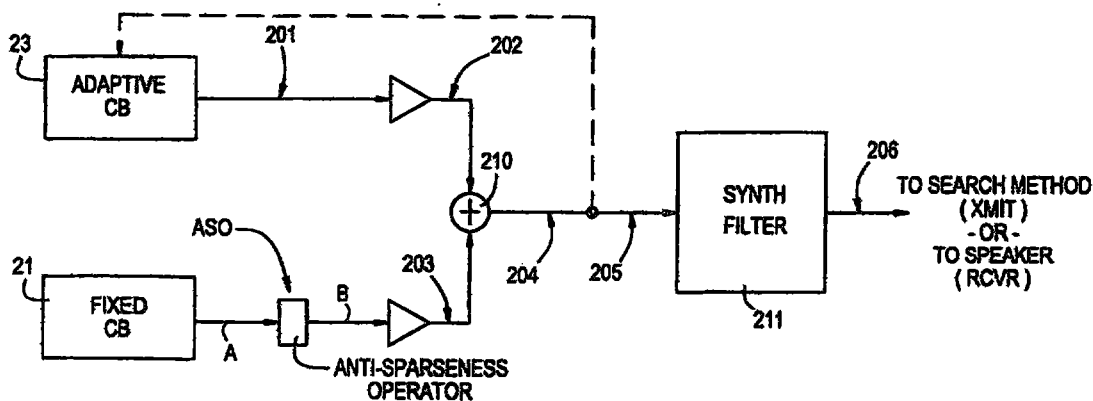
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(57) Abstract

Sparseness is reduced in an input digital signal (A) which includes a first sequence of sample values. An output digital signal (B) is produced in response to the input digital signal. The output digital signal includes a second sequence of sample values, which second sequence of sample values has a greater density of non-zero sample values than the first sequence of sample values.