

ABSTRACT

In an image-processing method and apparatus, dots forming a step-change part of an outline of an image of

5 characters and/or graphics which image is subjected to half-tone processing are detected, and dots surrounding the detected dots forming the step-change part are transformed into respective dot data each having a size that is smaller than a size of the detected dots forming the step-change part.

10 In the image-processing method and apparatus, one of different transformation methods is selected according to an inclination of the outline in order to produce the dot data in the transforming.

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