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ABSTRACT

In a DVD player, when data information in a DVD disk 1 is played back, it is judged whether the data information is protected by a copyright or not on the basis of disk control information. Further, it is judged whether the DVD disk 1 is writable or not, based on whether the DVD disk 1 is provided with a wobble or not. Thus, if the data information is protected by the copyright and the DVD disk 1 is writable, a playback of the DVD disk 1 is prevented so that an illegal use of the DVD disk 1, which infringes the copyright, is effectively prevented.