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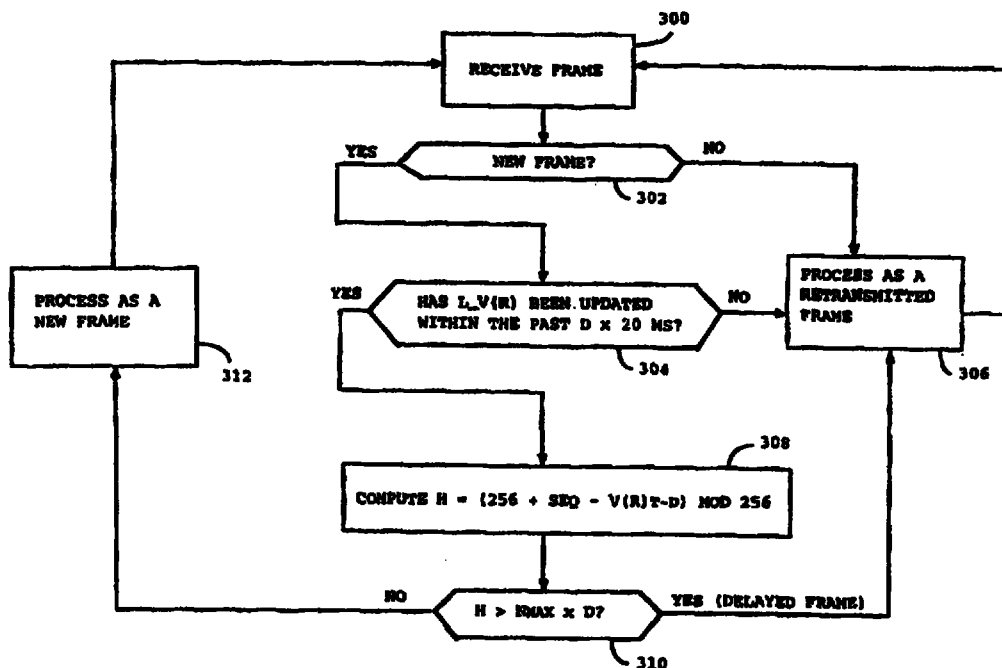
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(57) Abstract

A method for detecting delayed data frames in a transport function includes the steps of comparing a frame sequence counter with a predetermined threshold value (304), detecting a delayed frame if the sequence counter exceeds the threshold value, and processing the detected delayed frame accordingly (306). In an RLP data transport protocol, the delayed frame may be processed as a retransmitted frame. The threshold value may be proportional to the maximum number of frames sent in a given bundle times the maximum delay, in units of frame intervals, between frames sent simultaneously over the air in the same frame interval.