

ABSTRACT

A color code of the present invention comprises an excision code portion based on a code system which allows easy excision, by color-code analysis, of a code area from an image data containing the code area itself, and a data recording code portion which is capable of recording subject electronic data in high recording density, the information code being able to improve recording density of the data recording code portion by increasing number of colors and/or reduction of cell size, by enabling extraction from and decoding of the excision code portion using mathematical calculation not solely depending on color component analysis, by decoding the excision code portion; the present invention aims to provide the information code having two code references including the excision code portion and the data recording code portion, the excision code being a code system which provides easy excision of a code because the excision code serves as an initial clue to excise a code from an image, by which decoding, information needed for extraction and decoding the data recording code portion is obtained.