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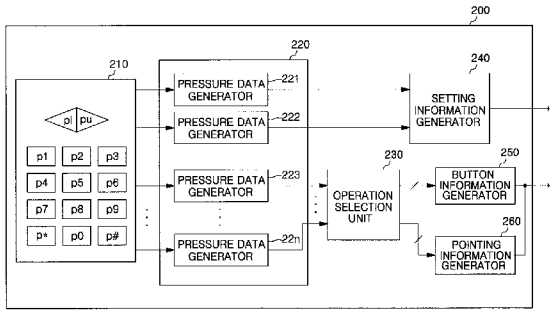
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(54) Title: INPUT DEVICE FOR CONTENT PROVIDING DEVICE AND METHOD OF OPERATING THE SAME



(57) Abstract: An input device for a content providing device and a method of operating the same are provided. The input device includes: a pressure sensor having first pressure pads varying impedance according to contact strength, and periodically generating and outputting first pressure data having values corresponding to impedance of each of the first pressure pads; a button information generator for generating and outputting button information corresponding to the first pressure pad having the largest pressure data, when receiving the first pressure data; a pointing information generator for obtaining a position value of the first pressure pad having the largest pressure data when receiving the first pressure data, comparing the position value with the previously obtained position value to calculate a movement value of a contact position, and generating and outputting pointing information having the calculated movement value; and an operation selection unit for transmitting the first pressure data to the button information generator when the first pressure data transmitted from the pressure sensor is different from the previously obtained data and has a value larger than a button input value, and transmitting the first pressure data to the pointing information generator when the first pressure data transmitted from the pressure sensor is different from the previously obtained data and has value smaller than a pointing input value. Therefore, it is possible to perform various kinds of input operations using a single input device

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