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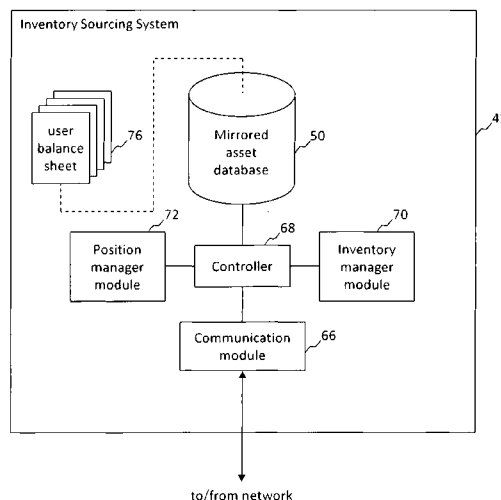


Fig. 3a

(57) Abstract: Aspects of the invention relate to a computer-implemented method of improving the efficiency of an electronic col-
lateralisation search engine that uses assets distributed on one or more remotely-located asset depositories. The method comprises
selecting from a database of asset records of the remotely-located assets of a collateral giver, a subset of asset records having asset
characteristics that satisfy a collateral giver's one or more predefined threshold criteria. Restricting a received search of collateral
giver's asset records, which match a collateral receiver's query, to the subset of collateral giver's asset records.