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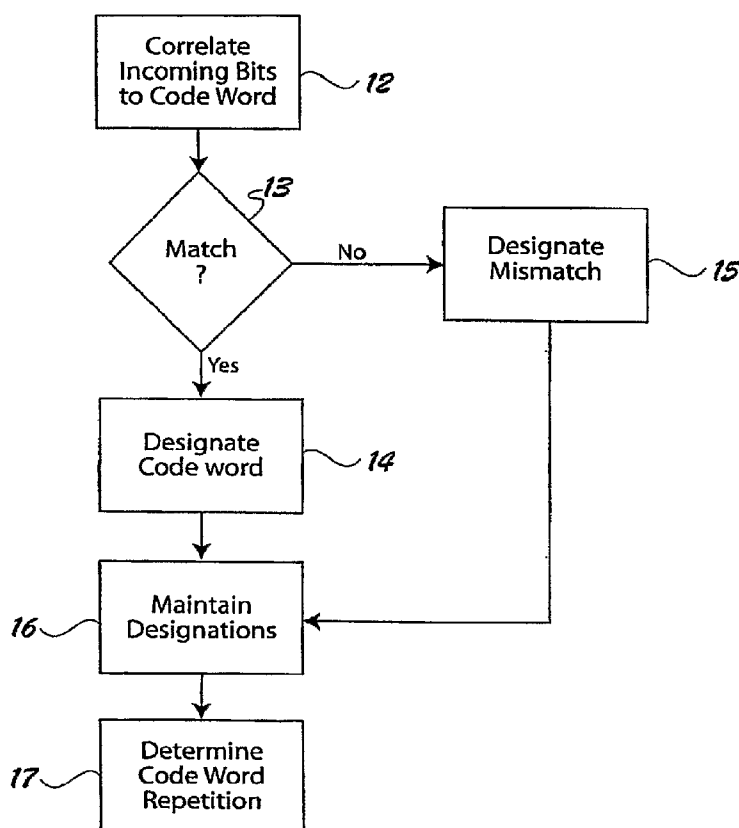
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(57) Abstract: An improved method is provided for identifying a repeated codeword in an incoming bit stream. The method includes: receiving an incoming bit stream having an expected codeword repeated a number of times; determining whether a group of incoming data bits correlates to the expected codeword, where each of the incoming data bits in the group need not match the corresponding data bit of the expected codeword; and determining whether the expected code word is repeated over a sequence of incoming data bits.

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