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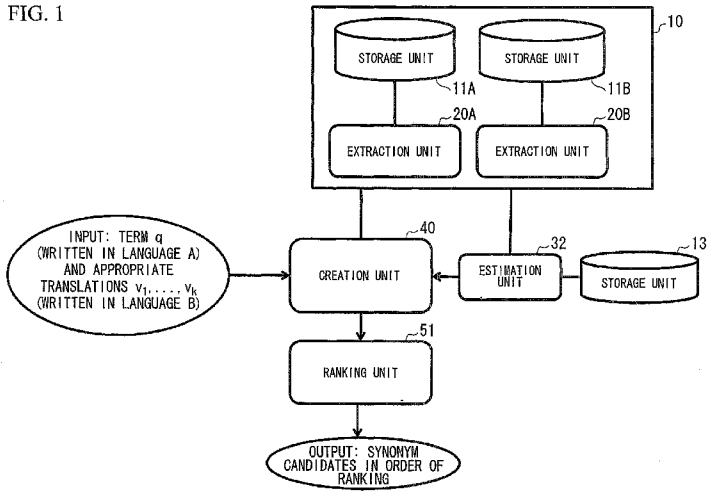
FIG. 1



(57) **Abstract**: A term synonym acquisition apparatus includes: a first generating unit which generates a context vector of an input term in an original language and a context vector of each synonym candidate in the original language; a second generating unit which generates a context vector of an auxiliary term in an auxiliary language that is different from the original language, where the auxiliary term specifies a sense of the input term; a combining unit which generates a combined context vector based on the context vector of the input term and the context vector of the auxiliary term; and a ranking unit which compares the combined context vector with the context vector of each synonym candidate to generate ranked synonym candidates in the original language.

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