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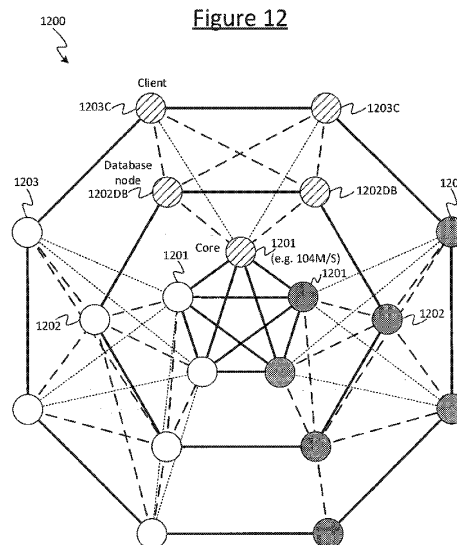
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(57) **Abstract:** A method performed in a layered network. The layered network comprises a core layer comprising one or more core nodes, one or more intermediate layers each comprising one or more intermediate layer nodes, and one or more outer layers each comprising one or more outer layer nodes. Each core node is a node of a blockchain network. At least some intermediate layer nodes are database nodes. At least some outer layer nodes are client nodes. Each database node stores at least part of a distributed database. The method comprises, at a database node: receiving one or more update requests from one or more client nodes requesting to update a database entry; and for each update request, applying the update locally and/or forwarding to another database node. At least one transaction including an indication of the one or more update requests is also recorded on a blockchain of the blockchain network.

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