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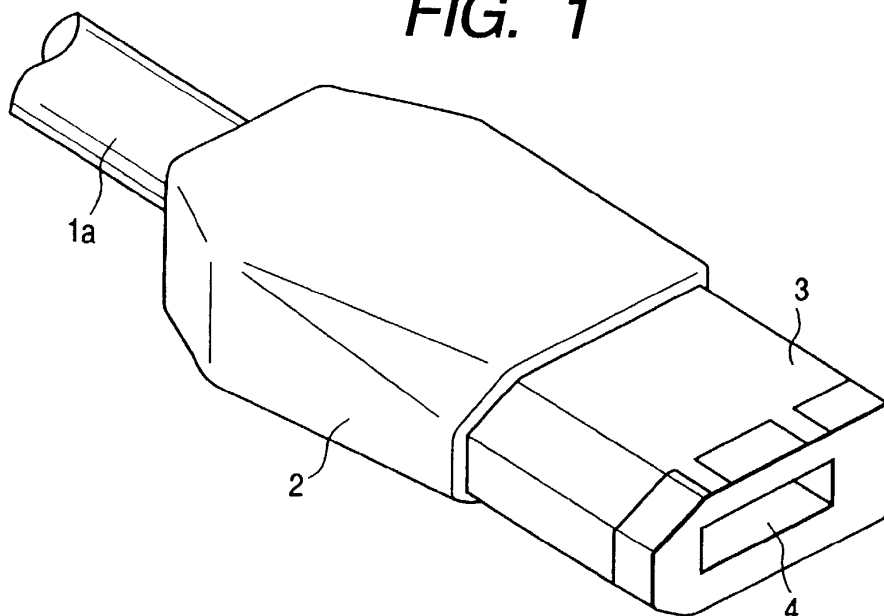
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Connector device and data transfer apparatus

- (57) A connector device by which problems such as confusion between signal cables of different kinds are avoided is disclosed. The device comprises a receptacle (6) provided on a device side, a plug (2) which is connected at an end of a signal cable and inserted into the receptacle, and cable discriminating means (10) which is provided on the device side and discriminates the kind of the signal cable to be connected.

FIG. 1





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