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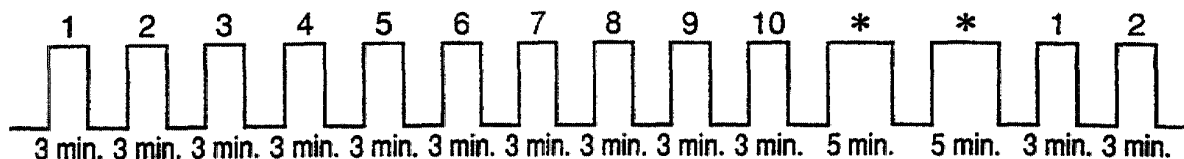
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(57) In order to stabilize room temperature by adjusting heating capability, intermittent operation of a compressor 1 is performed with operation time of compressor 1 temporarily made longer at a prescribed time-

ing, so that determination as to whether outdoor heat exchanger 5 is frosted or not can be made with high accuracy. Therefore, idle defrosting operation is prevented and defrosting operation is performed without fail when necessary. Therefore, heating efficiency is improved.

FIG.5



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