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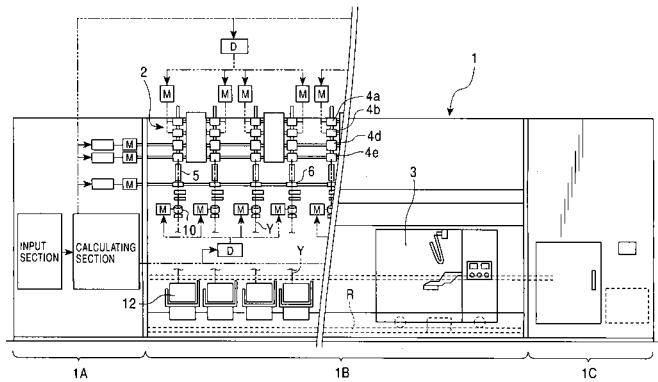
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### (54) Tension control and slack eliminating device for a yarn winder

(57) The present invention stabilizes a yarn tension in a yarn winder in which a plurality of winding units are disposed, each of the winding units being provided with a yarn slack eliminating device. A transmitted force adjusting mechanism is provided to adjust a rotative driving force transmitted by a slack eliminating roller 21 of a yarn slack eliminating device 10 to an unwinding tension applying member 22. The transmitted force adjusting mechanism can be set so that when a load acting on the unwinding tension applying member 22 increases above a predetermined value, the unwinding tension

applying member 22 rotates or rotatively moves independently of the slack eliminating roller 21. When winding tension is weak, the unwinding tension applying member 22 rotates integrally with the slack eliminating roller 21 to tense a yarn. When the winding tension exceeds a predetermined value, the unwinding tension applying member 22 prevents the winding tension from becoming excessive to suppress a variation in tension. When the transmitted force adjusting mechanism is configured so as to vary the force transmitted to the unwinding tension applying member, it is easy to deal with spinning conditions (Fig.4).

FIG. 1





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1. claims: 1-10

Special yarn winder

1.1. claims: 1-4

Special slack eliminating device with adjustable unwinding tension applying member

1.2. claims: 5-10

Special yarn winder with slack eliminating devices provided at each winding unit and having a work carriage

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