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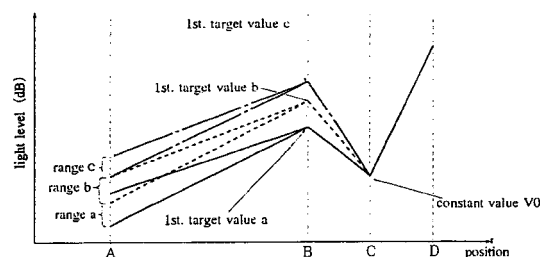
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(54) **Optical amplifying apparatus, wide-band optical amplifying apparatus, and optical
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(57) An optical amplifying apparatus for widening the input dynamic range and lowering noises. The optical amplifying apparatus comprises a first optical amplifier, an optical attenuator, a second optical amplifier and a controller. The first optical amplifier changes the target value of output light when the variance amount of input light reaches a predetermined value. The controller changes the attenuation amount of attenuator in accordance with a difference between the target value and the changed target value of the output light level of the first optical amplifier, when the target value of the output light level of the first optical amplifier is changed.

FIG. 2



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