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(54) **Tone synthesis apparatus and method**

(57) Tone synthesis apparatus synthesizes a tone of a wind instrument generated in response to vibration of a reed contacting a lip during a performance of the wind instrument. First arithmetic operation section solves a motion equation (A1) representative of behavior of the reed in an equilibrium state with external force acting on the lip and a second motion equation (A2) representative of behavior of the lip in the equilibrium state, to thereby calculate displacement $y_b(x)$, $y_0(x)$ of the lip and reed in the equilibrium state. Second arithmetic operation section solves a motion equation of coupled vibration of the lip and reed with calculation results of the first arithmetic operation section used as initial values of the displacement $y_b(x)$, $y_0(x)$ of the lip and reed, to thereby calculate the displacement $y(x, t)$ of the reed. Tone is synthesized on the basis of the displacement $y(x, t)$ calculated by the second arithmetic operation section.

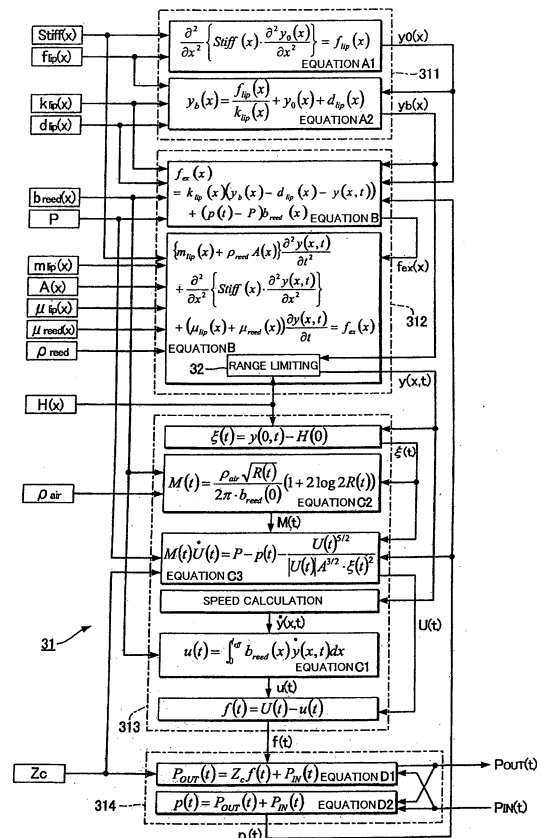


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