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(54) **HYBRID VEHICLE CONTROL APPARATUS**

(57) Providing controls at proper timings to suppress a shift shock when start control of an engine and downshift control of an automatic transmission are provided in an overlapping manner. If the engine start control and the downshift control of an automatic transmission 18 are provided in an overlapping manner when a request for increasing a drive torque is made during EV running, engagement completion of an engine connecting/disconnecting clutch K0 is used as a starting point to start a rotational change of a transmission input rotation speed N_{IN} toward a post-shift synchronous rotation speed N_{INA} and, therefore, the engagement completion of the engine connecting/disconnecting clutch K0 can be considered as rising of a transmission input torque T_{AT} and a downshift (inertia phase) can be caused to proceed from the engagement completion of the engine connecting/disconnecting clutch K0 in response to the rising of the transmission input torque T_{AT} .

FIG.3

