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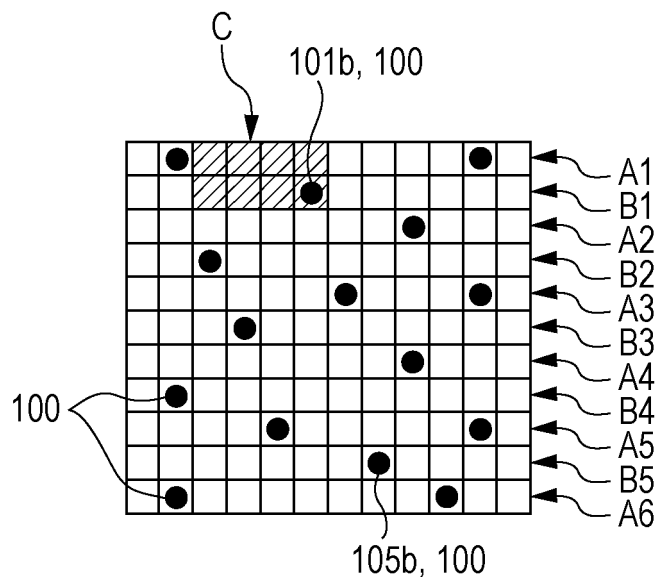
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(54) **PRINTING APPARATUS AND PRINTING METHOD**

(57) A printing apparatus is provided with a printing mechanism section that forms an image by discharging an ink toward a recording medium while reciprocating with respect to the recording medium, a pass analysis section that specifies a discharge position of the ink in an outgoing path and a return path of the printing mechanism section, an execution section that executes dis-

charge position alteration correction, which alters the discharge position so that ink to be discharged in one path of either the outgoing path or the return path, is discharged in the other path, and a determination section that performs determination of whether or not the execution section performs the discharge position alteration correction.

FIG. 4





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