

# EXHIBIT N



[54] APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEARCHING A MELODY

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[57] ABSTRACT

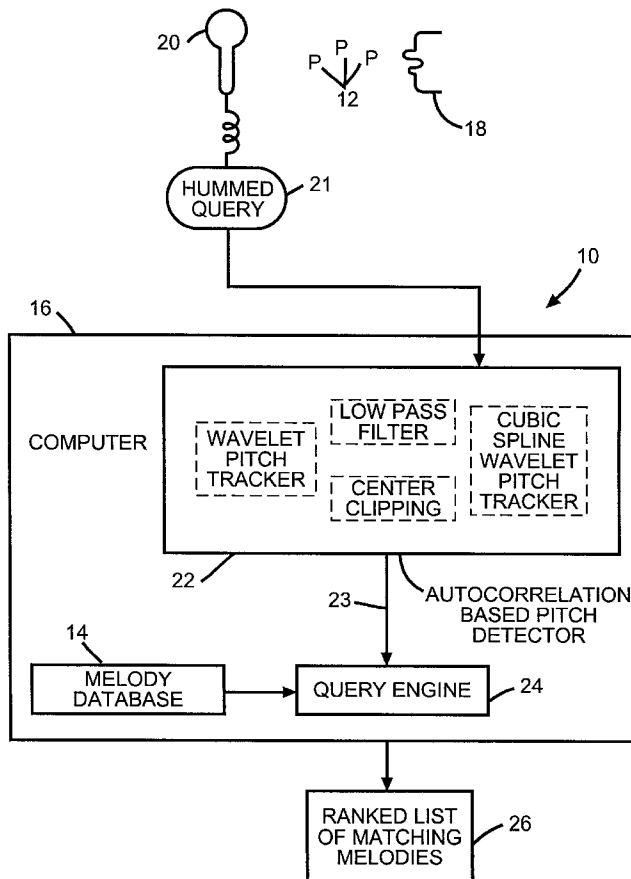
Apparatus and method for easily, efficiently, and accurately searching melodies. A melody is inputted to a computer and converted into a form of a sequence of digitized representations of relative pitch differences between successive notes thereof. A melody database is searched for at least one sequence of digitized representations of relative pitch differences between successive notes which at least approximately matches the sequence of digitized representations of relative pitch differences between successive notes of the melody.

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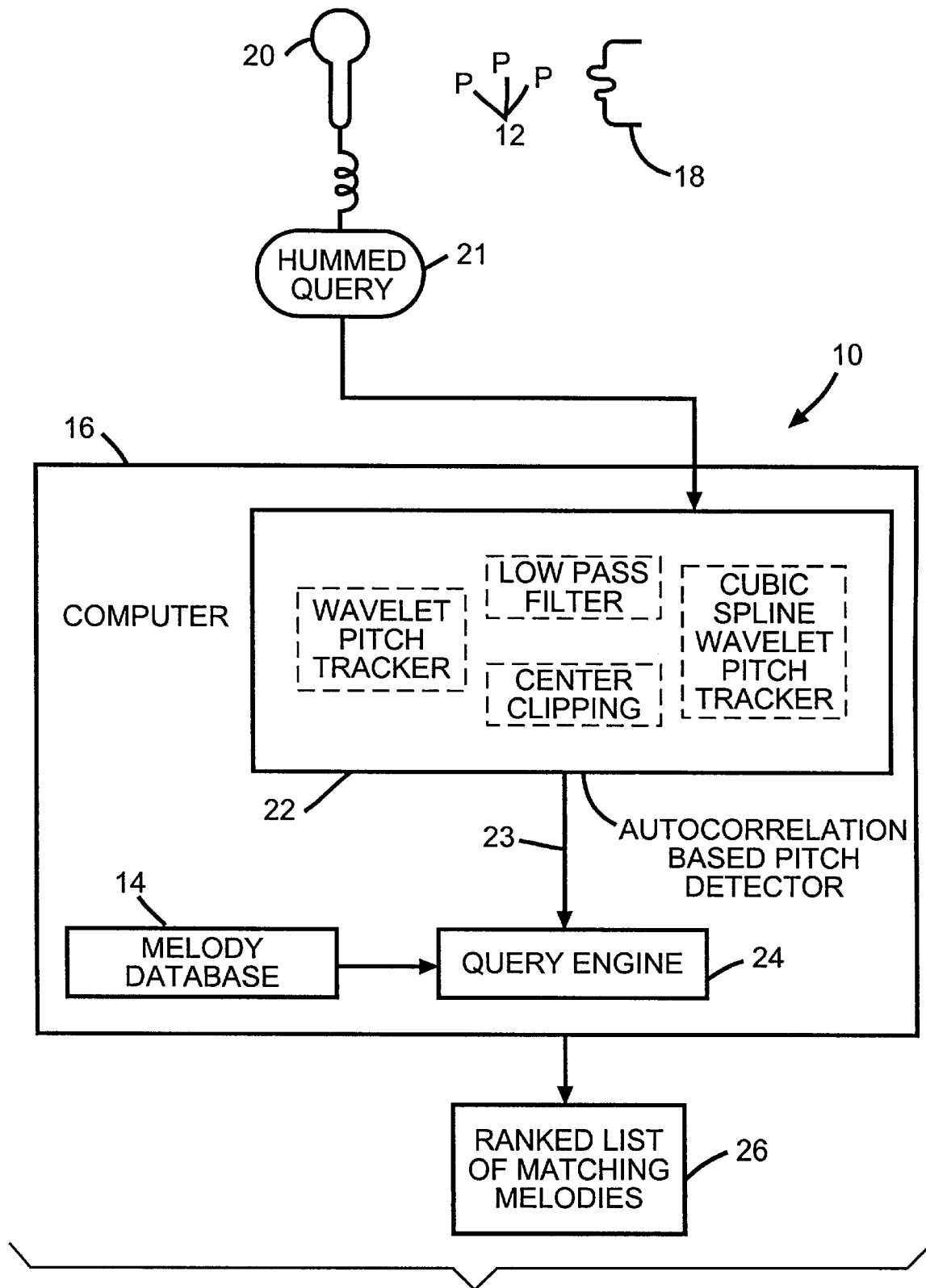


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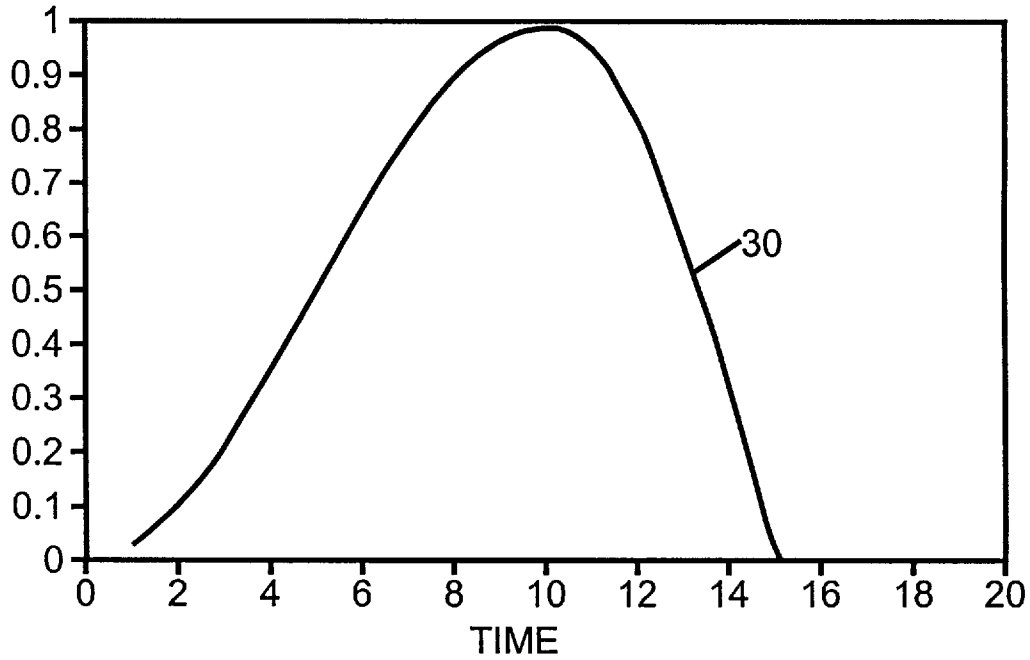


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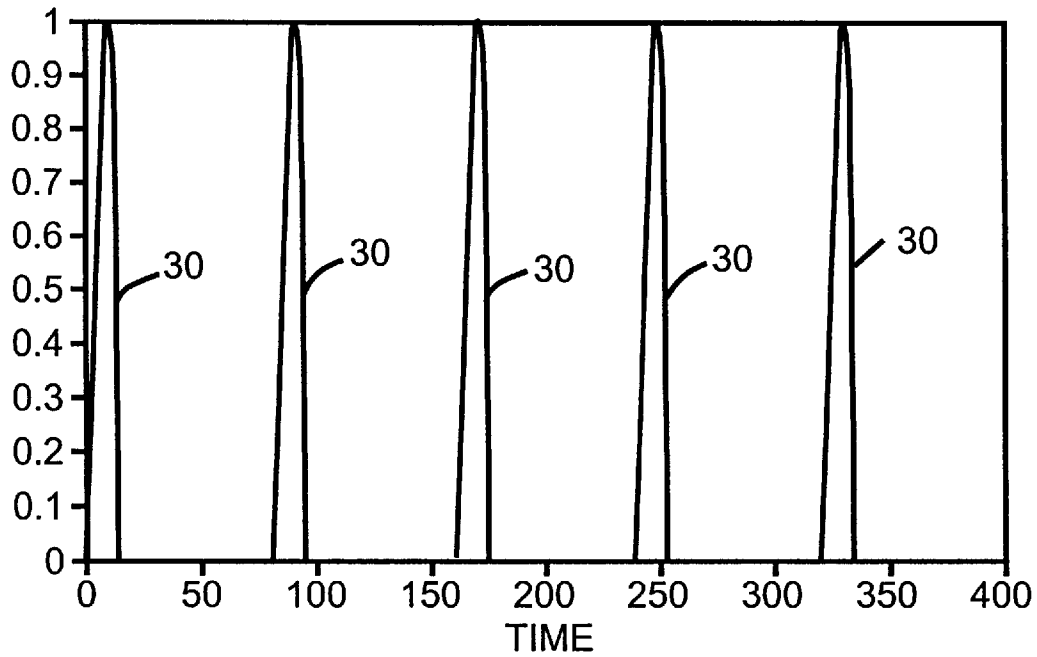


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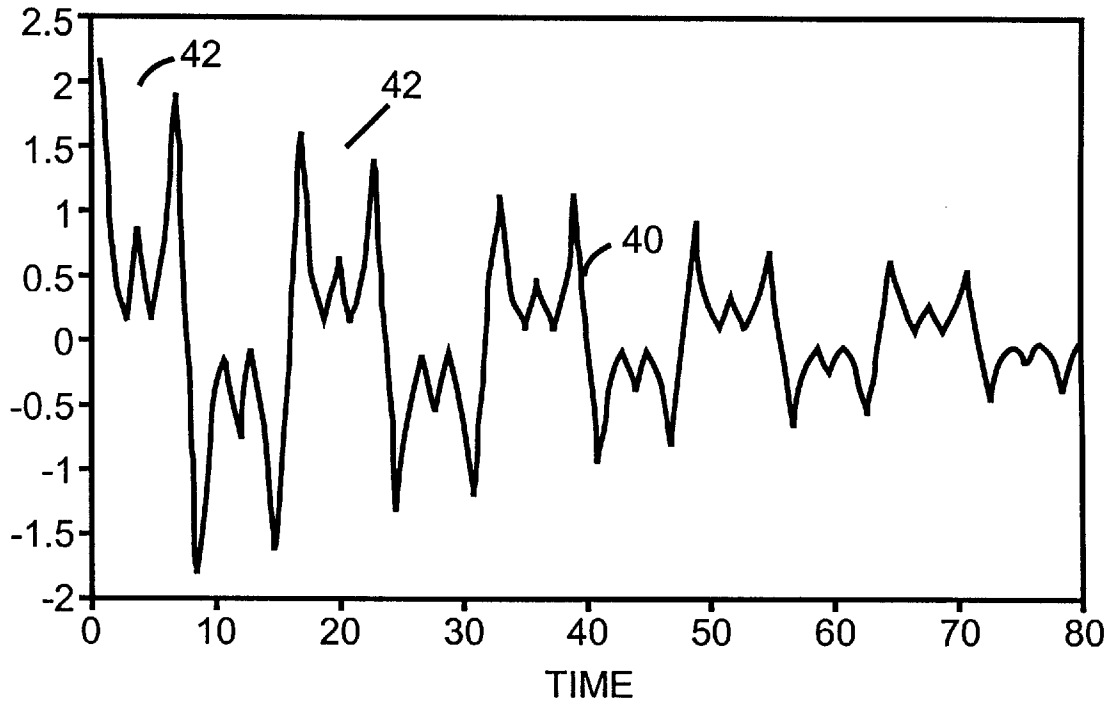


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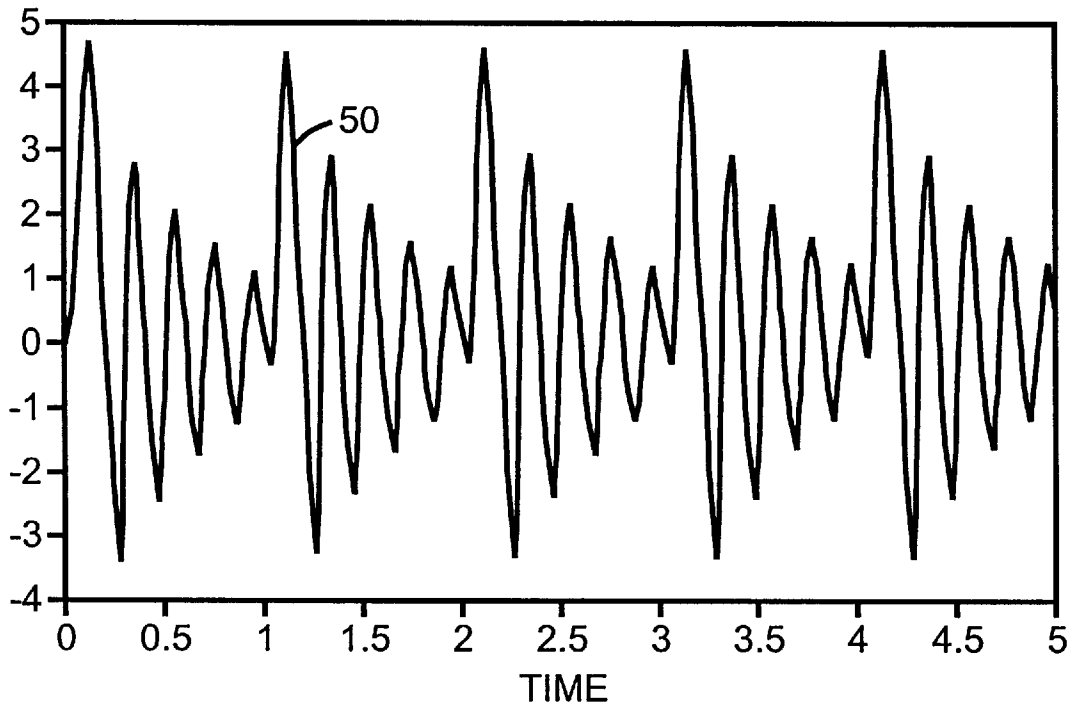


FIG. 5

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