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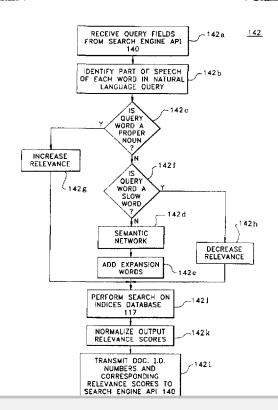
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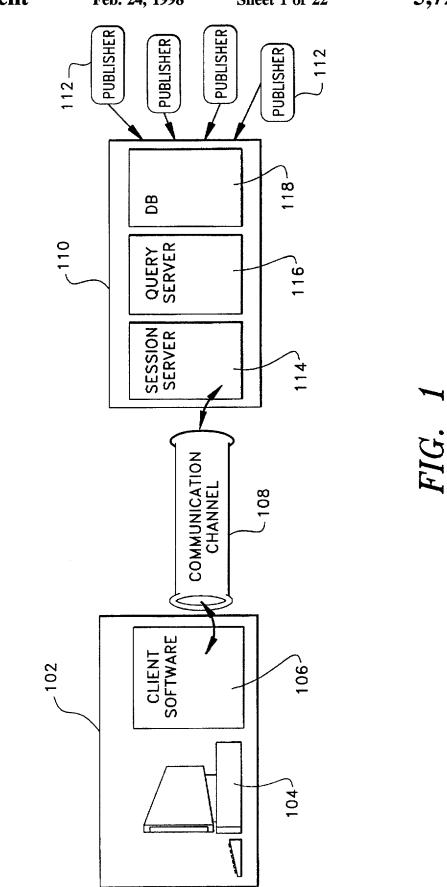
[57] ABSTRACT

A method for searching a database of an information retrieval system in response to a query having at least one query word with a part of speech, for applying the query word to the database and selecting information from the database according to the query word. A semantic network is provided for determining expansion words to expand the search of the database in response to said the query word. The part of speech of the selected query word is determined. The selected query word is applied to the semantic network to provide a query expansion word in response to the selected query word. The part of speech of the query expansion word is determined. The query expansion word is applied to the database in accordance with the part of speech of the selected query word and the part of speech of the query expansion word.

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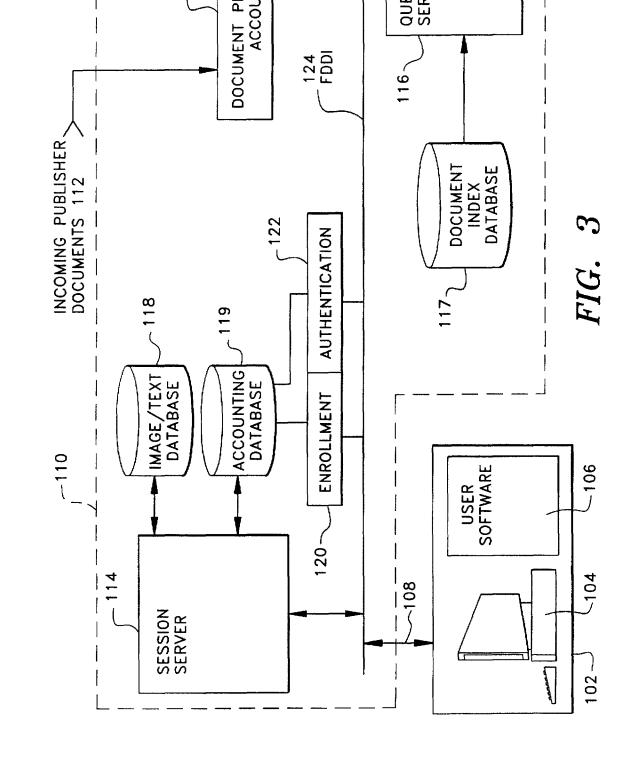


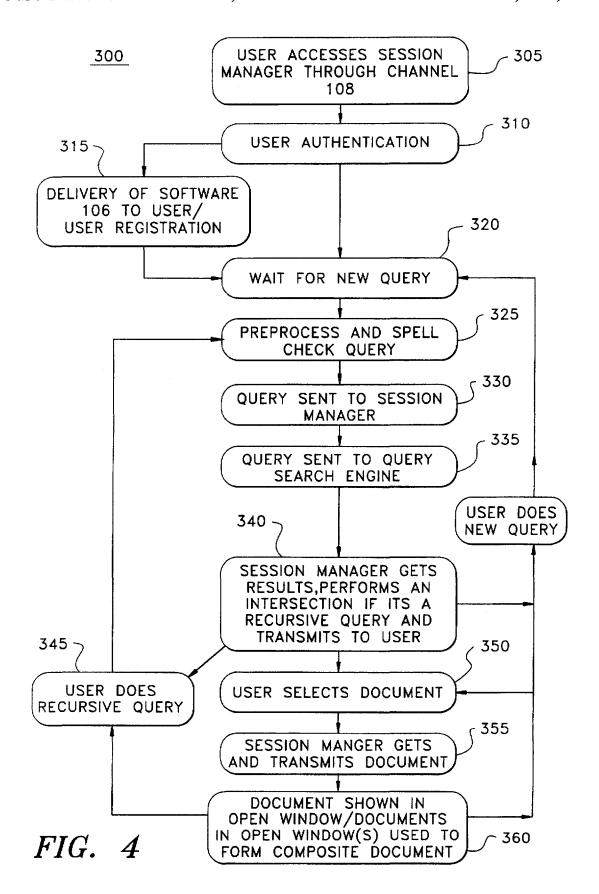
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200 202 USER TELLS WHAT INFORMATION THEY WANT IN NATURAL LANGUAGE 204 SYSTEM SEARCHES DATABASE INDEX AND RETURNS A LIST OF ITEMS THAT MATCH - 206 USER CHOOSES ONE OF THE MATCHING ITEMS FROM THE LIST 208 SYSTEM RETRIEVES THE CHOSEN ITEM FROM THE DOCUMENT DATABASE 210 USER KEEPS OR DISCARDS THE PARTS THEY WANT FROM CHOSEN ITEM

FIG. 2







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