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(54) **AUDIO OUTPUT APPARATUS HAVING A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FUNCTION, AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING SOUND-SOURCE SWITCHING IN THE APPARATUS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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An audio output apparatus comprises a sound output unit configured to output sound that corresponds to the audio data transmitted from a first sound source device connected by radio to the audio output apparatus, a priority-level comparing unit configured to compare priority information transmitted from the first sound source device and representing a priority level assigned thereto, with priority information transmitted from a second sound source device and representing a priority level assigned thereto, when the second sound source devices is connected by radio to the audio output apparatus while the audio output apparatus is outputting sound corresponding to the audio data transmitted from the first sound source device, and a sound-source selecting unit configured to select one of the first and second sound source devices, as a source of sound to be output, in accordance with the result of comparison performed by the priority-level comparing unit.

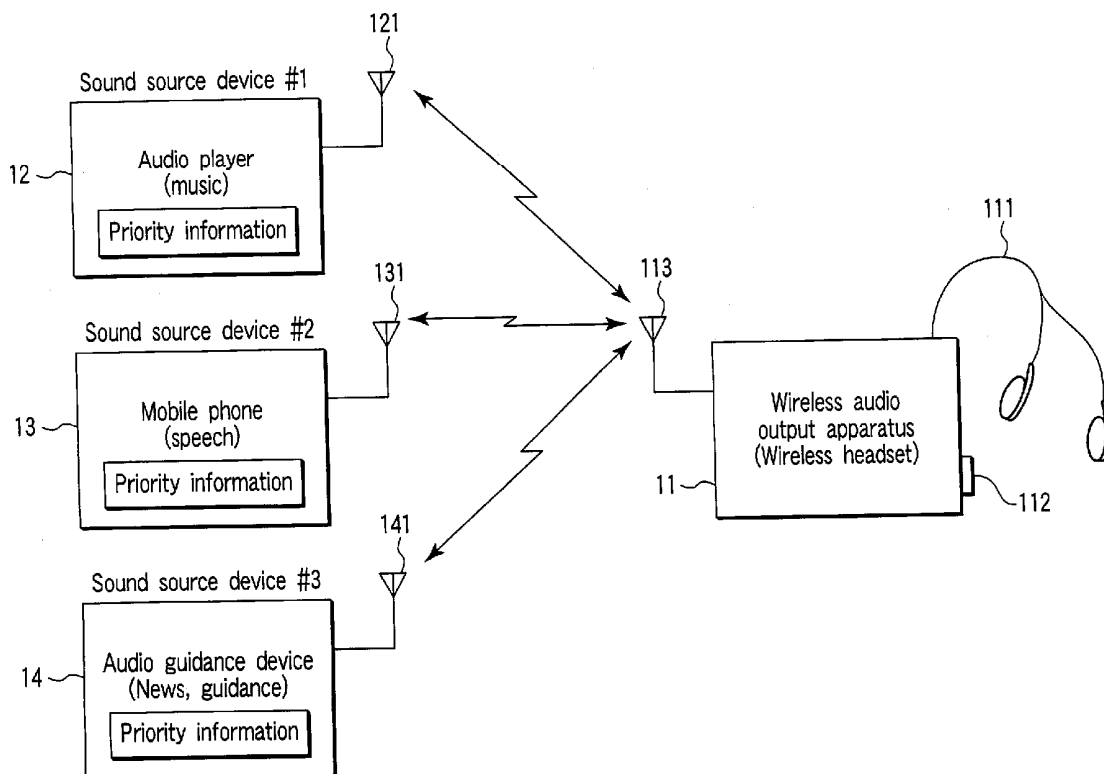
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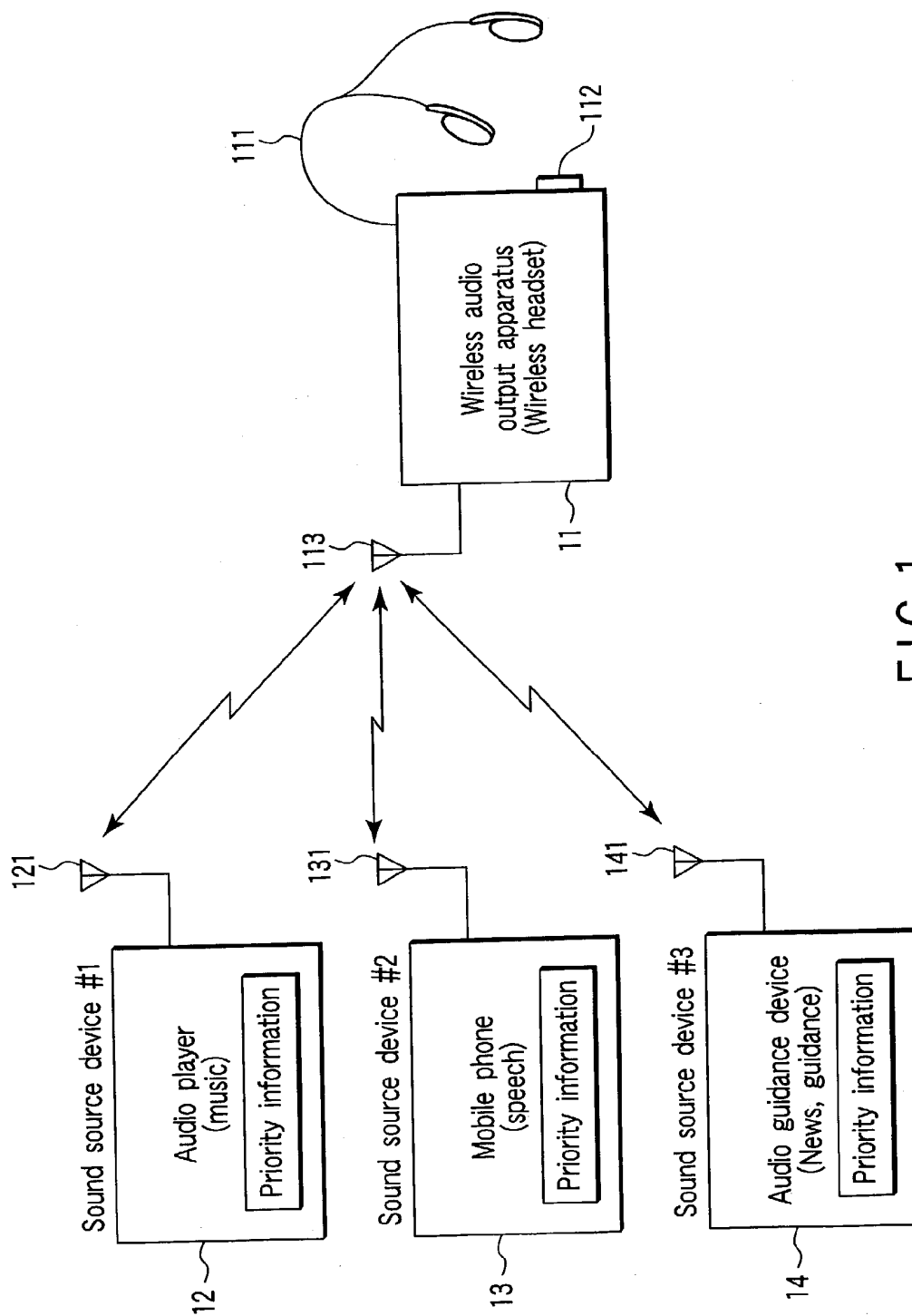


FIG. 1

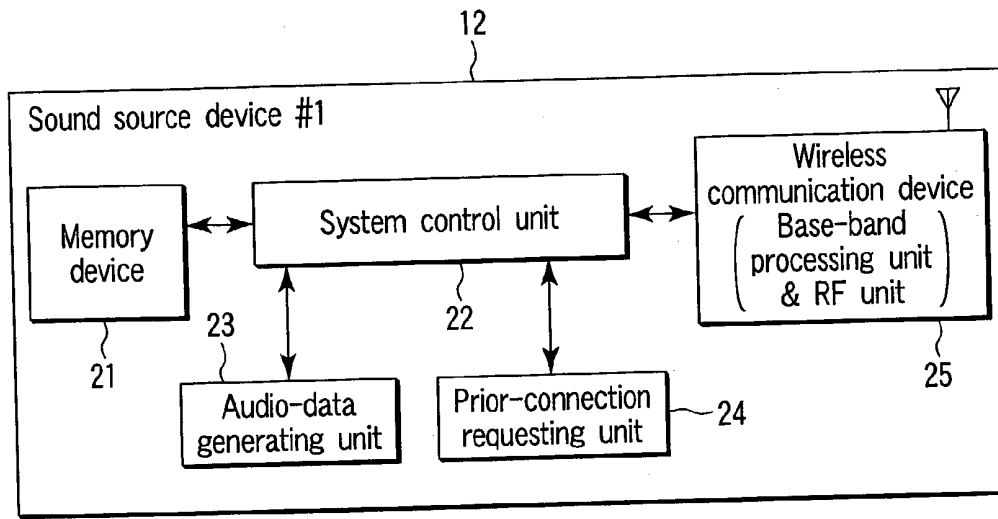


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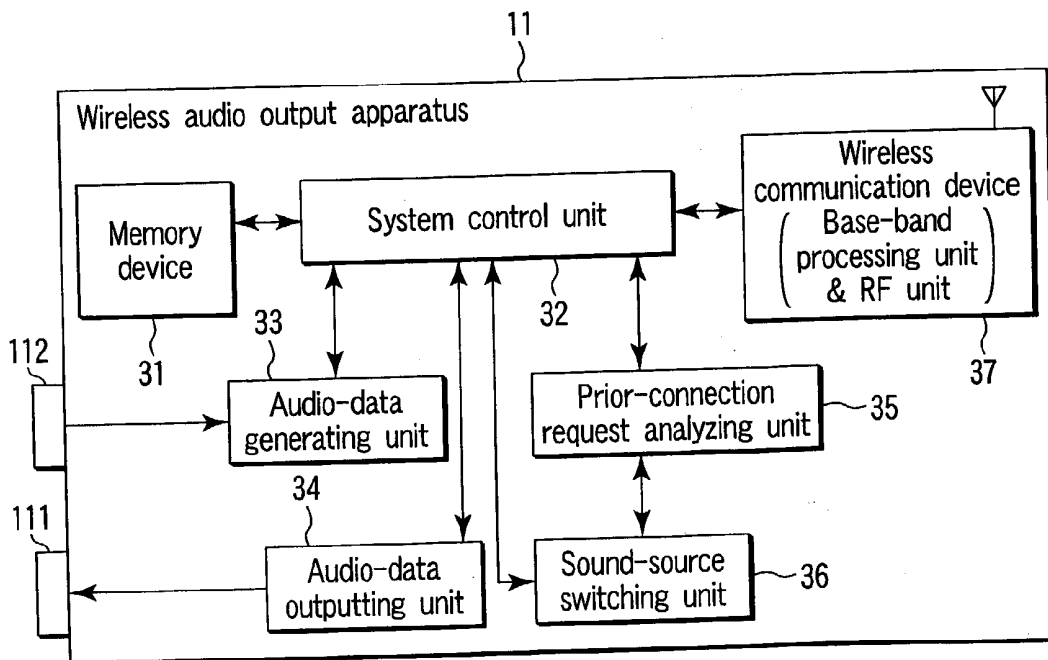


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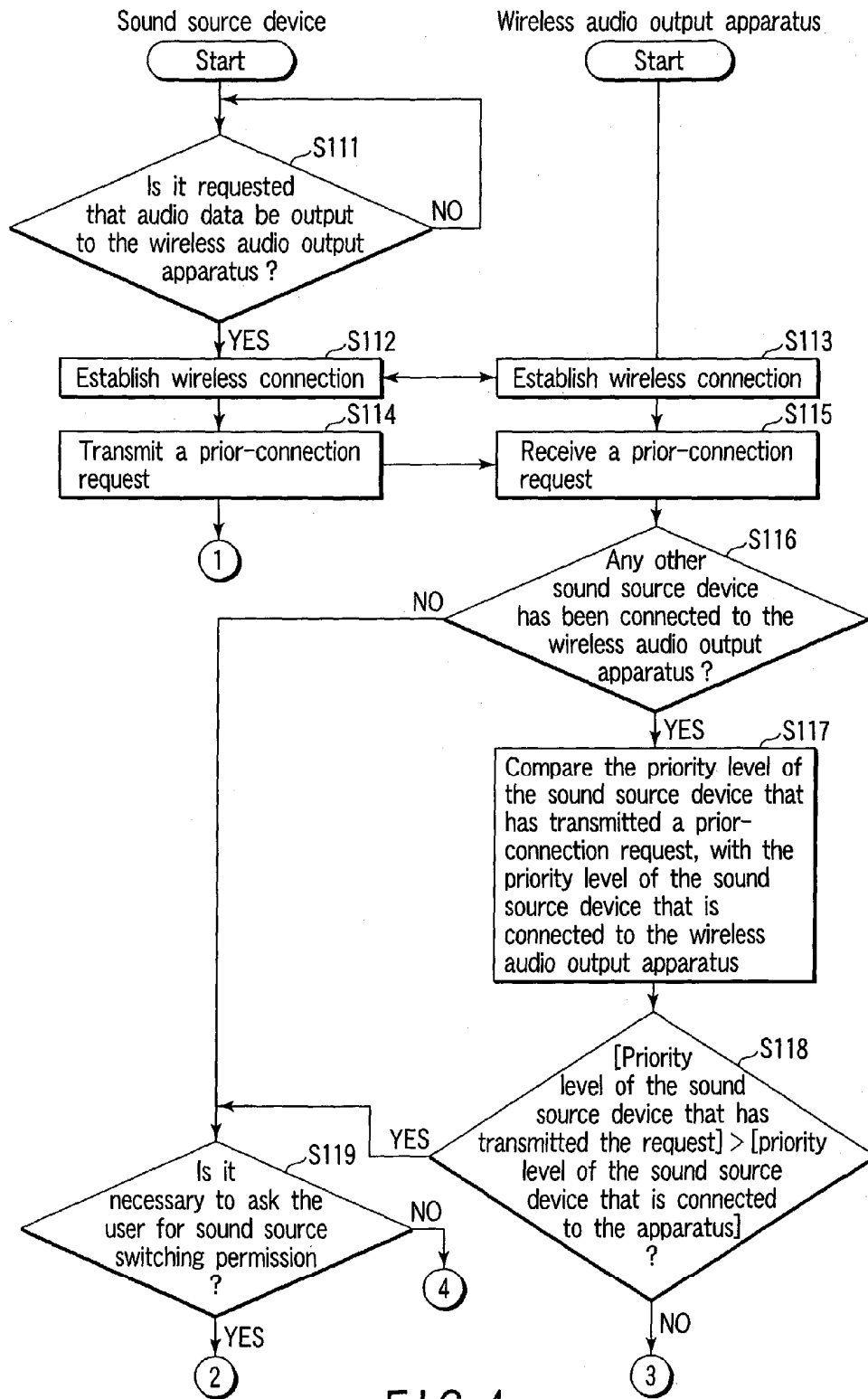


FIG. 4

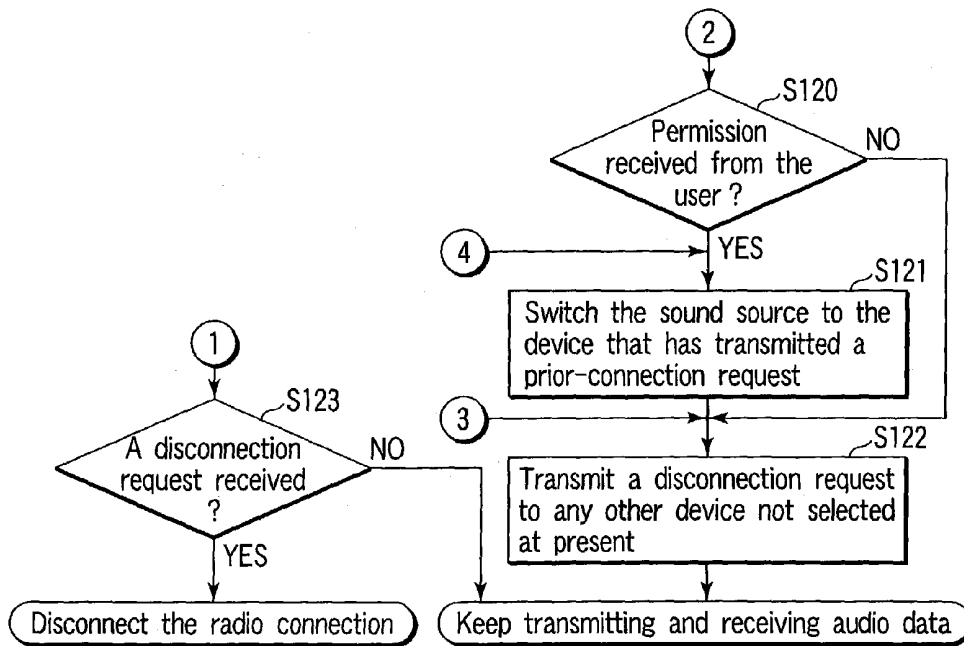


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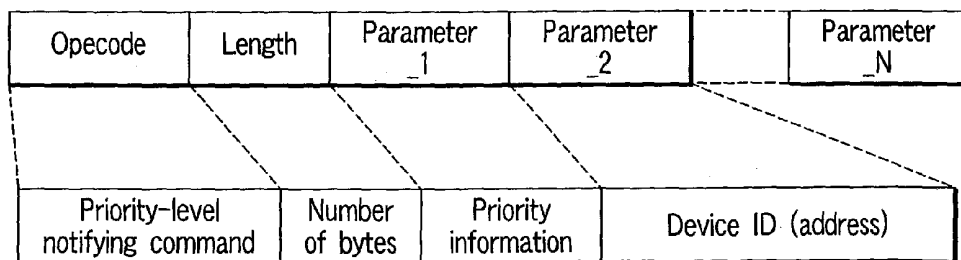


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