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(54) 3D IMAGE ACQUISITION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CALCULATING DEPTH INFORMATION IN THE 3D IMAGE ACOUISITION APPARATUS

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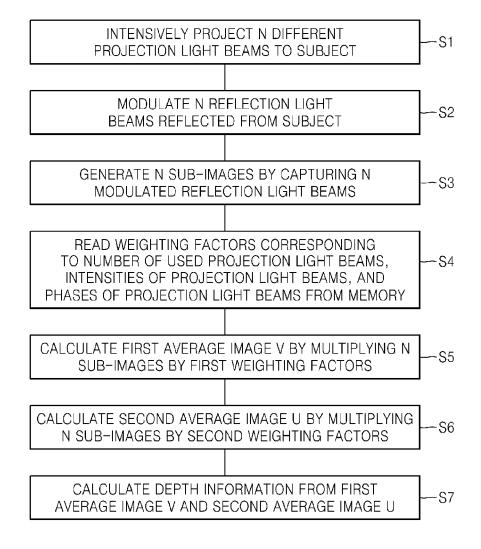
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(57) ABSTRACT

A 3-dimensional (3D) image acquisition apparatus and a method of calculating depth information in the 3D image acquisition apparatus, the 3D image acquisition apparatus including: an optical modulator for modulating light reflected from a subject by sequentially projected N (N is 3 or a larger natural number) light beams; an image sensor for generating N sub-images by capturing the light modulated by the optical modulator; and a signal processor for calculating depth information regarding a distance to the subject by using the N sub-images.

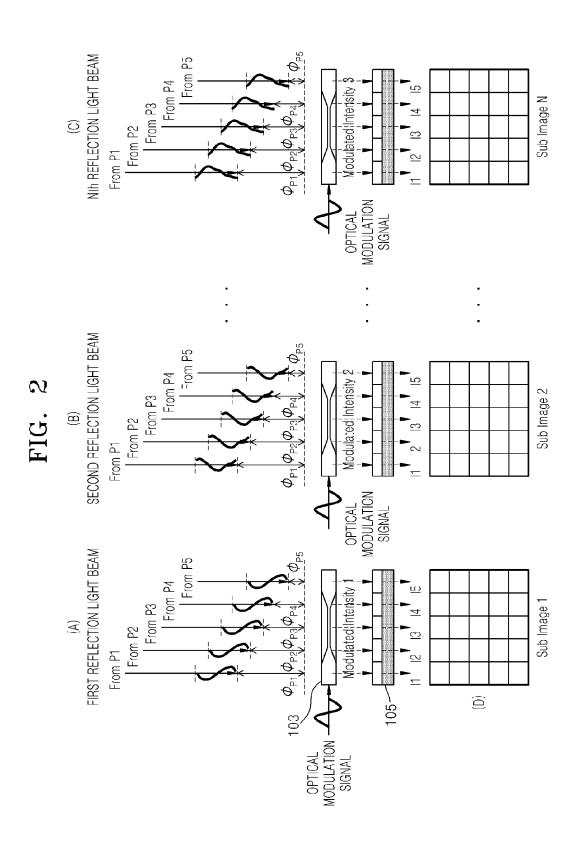




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►Depth4 → Depth3 **→**Depth2 **▼**Depth1 Depth5 CONTROLLER **PROCESSOR** 106 SIGNAL 107 $4 | \omega | \alpha |$ 12 110 105 100 103 OPTICAL MODULATION SIGNAL 108 101 SECOND PROJECTION LIGHT BEAM REFLECTION LIGHT(From P5) I FIRST PROJECTION LIGHT BEAM Nth PROJECTION LIGHT BEAM REFLECTION LIGHT(From P1) FIRST REFLECTION LIGHT BEAM.
SECOND REFLECTION LIGHT BEAM. Nth Reflection Light Beam⁻ FIRST REFLECTION LIGHT BEAM—SECOND REFLECTION LIGHT BEAM— Nth REFLECTION LIGHT BEAM PROJECTION LIGHT P5 P4 P3 **₽** P2 SUBJECT 200 $\overline{\Gamma}$





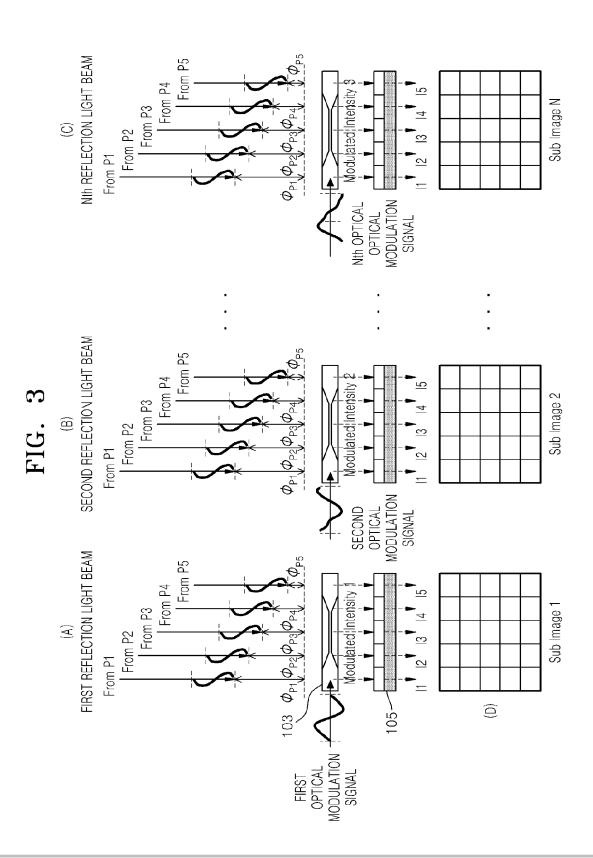
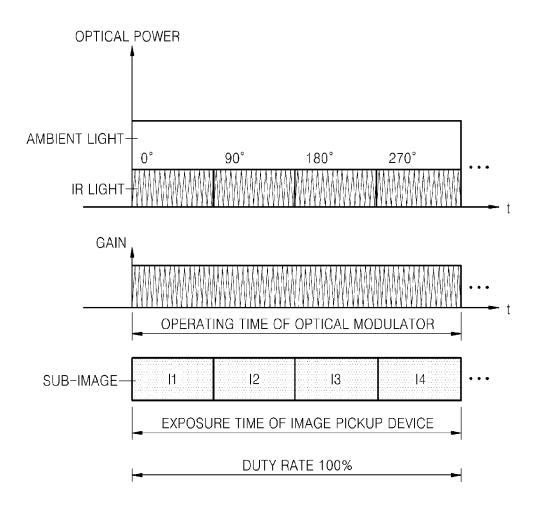


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