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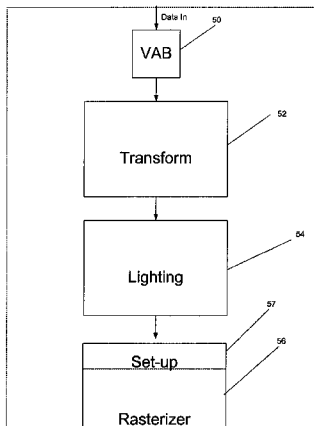Copy of Office Action Summary from U.S. Appl. No. 09/456,102 which was mailed on Jan. 29, 2001.

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method are provided for a hardware implementation of a blending technique during graphics processing in a graphics pipeline. During processing in the pipeline, a plurality of matrices and a plurality of weight values are received. Also received is vertex data to be processed. A sum of a plurality of products may then be calculated by the multiplication of the vertex data, one of the matrices, and at least one of the weights.

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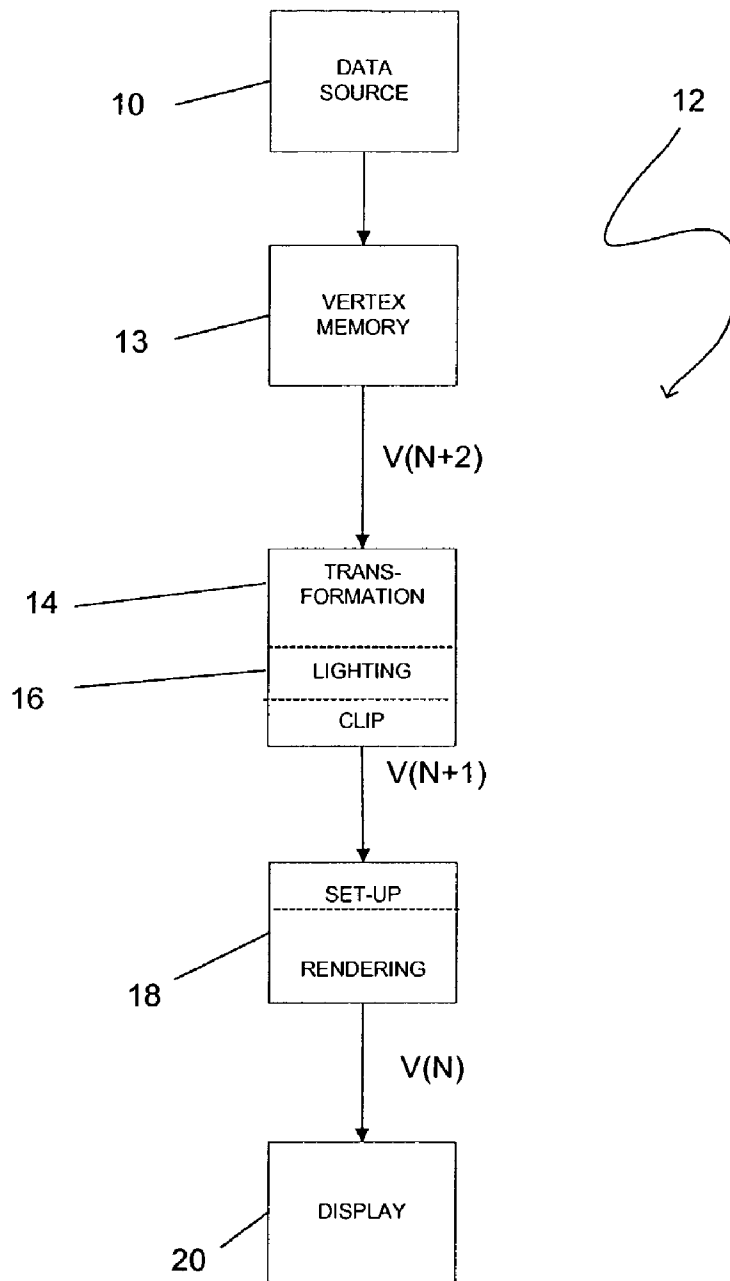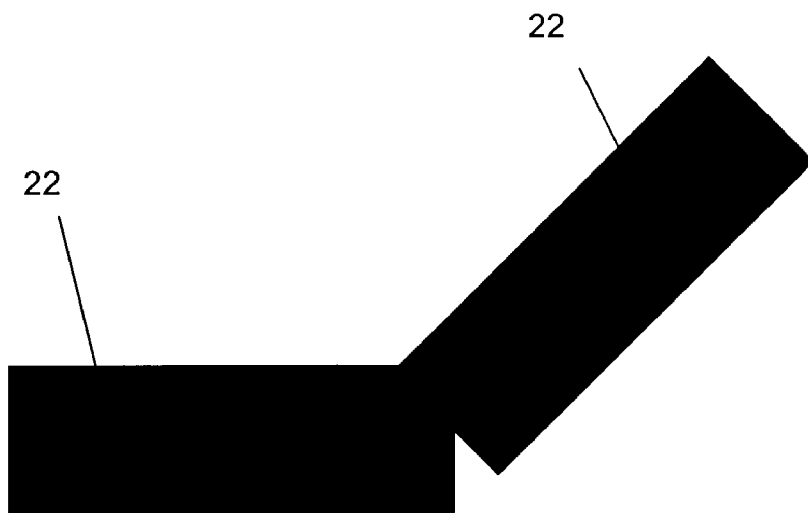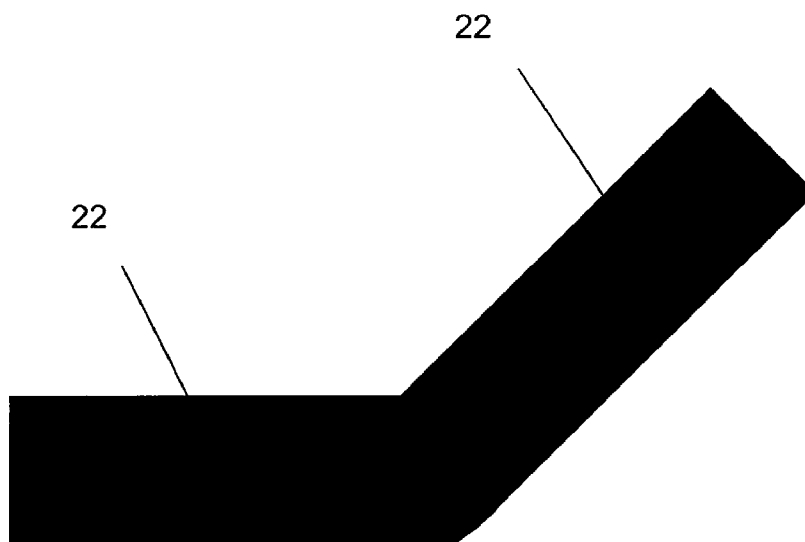
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