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Abstract

A light emitting device comprises a plurality of pixels arranged in a plurality of rows and a plurality of columns, a plurality of column circuits to drive the columns, a voltage generation circuit to output a set of voltage signals, and a control circuit. The plurality of pixels includes a first sub-pixel for a first color, a second sub-pixel for a second color, and a third sub-pixel for a third color. Each of the plurality of column circuits includes a first selection circuit to output one of first color data, second color data, and third color data, a digital-analog converter to convert the color data into an analog signal based on the set of voltage signals, and a second selection circuit to supply the analog signal to one of the sub-pixels.

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Background/Summary

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to a light emitting device, for example, a light emitting device including an organic light emitting element, and an image forming device, a display device, an image capturing device, an electronic apparatus, an illumination device, a moving body, and a wearable device to each of which the light emitting device is applied.

Description of the Related Art

[0002] There is a device in which an input digital display signal is converted into an analog video signal by a digital-analog converter (DA converter) configured to perform conversion into an analog signal based on a reference voltage, and the analog video signal is output to a display element. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2003-98998 describes a flat surface display device that supplies reference voltages to a DA converter in a time-division multiplex manner.

[0003] When each of a plurality of digital-analog (DA) converters arranged to correspond to pixel columns performs a conversion operation, the potential of a wiring supplying a voltage signal serving as a DA conversion reference can fluctuate. This potential fluctuation can cause a crosstalk between the columns, resulting in deterioration of image quality.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] The present invention can provide a light emitting device having a configuration advantageous in suppressing deterioration of image quality caused by a conversion operation of a DA converter in the light emitting device.

[0005] According one aspect of the disclosure, there is provided a light emitting device comprises a plurality of pixels arranged to form a plurality of rows and a plurality of columns, a plurality of column circuits configured to drive the plurality of columns, respectively, a voltage generation circuit configured to output a set of voltage signals, and a control circuit, Each of the plurality of pixels includes at least a first sub-pixel configured to emit light in a first color, a second sub-pixel configured to emit light in a second color different from the first color, and a third sub-pixel configured to emit light in a third color different from the first color and the second color. Each of the plurality of column circuits includes a first selection circuit configured to output one of first color data, second color data, and third color data corresponding to the first color, the second color, and the third color, which are input to each of the plurality of column circuits, a digital-analog converter configured to convert, based on the set of voltage signals output by the voltage generation circuit, the output one of the first color data, the second color data, and the third color data into an analog signal, and a second selection circuit configured to supply the analog signal output from the digital-analog converter to one of the first sub-pixel, the second sub-pixel, and the third sub-pixel that emits light in a corresponding color. The plurality of column circuits include at least a first column circuit, a second column circuit, and a third column circuit, and the control circuit controls such that, in a first period, the first selection circuit of the first column circuit outputs the first color data to the digital-analog converter, the first selection circuit of the second column circuit outputs the second color data to the digital-analog converter, and the first selection circuit of the third column circuit outputs the third color data to the digital-analog converter.

[0006] Further features of the present invention will become apparent from the following description of exemplary embodiments (with reference to the attached drawings).

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007] FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a light emitting device according to the first embodiment;
[0008] FIG. 2 is a schematic view of a reference voltage generation circuit;
[0009] FIG. 3 is a view for explaining a column circuit according to the first embodiment;
[0010] FIG. 4 is a view for explaining a digital-analog converter;
[0011] FIG. 5 is a timing chart according to the first embodiment;
[0012] FIG. 6 is a view for explaining a column circuit according to the second embodiment;
[0013] FIG. 7 is a timing chart according to the second embodiment;
[0014] FIG. 8 is a view for explaining a column circuit according to the third embodiment;
[0015] FIG. 9 is a timing chart according to the third embodiment;
[0016] FIG. 10 is a view for explaining a column circuit according to the fourth embodiment;
[0017] FIG. 11 is a timing chart according to the fourth embodiment;
[0018] FIG. 12 is a view for explaining a column circuit according to the fifth embodiment;
[0019] FIG. 13 is a timing chart according to the fifth embodiment;
[0020] FIG. 14 is a view for explaining the column circuit according to the fifth embodiment;
[0021] FIG. 15 is a timing chart according to the fifth embodiment;
[0022] FIGS. 16A to 16C are schematic views showing an example of an image forming device according to an embodiment of the present invention;
[0023] FIG. 17 is a schematic view showing an example of a display device according to an embodiment of the present invention;
[0024] FIG. 18A is a schematic view showing an example of an image capturing device according to an embodiment of the present invention;
[0025] FIG. 18B is a schematic view showing an example of an electronic apparatus according to an embodiment of the present invention;
[0026] FIG. 19A is a schematic view showing an example of a display device according to an embodiment of the present invention;
[0027] FIG. 19B is a schematic view showing an example of a foldable display device;
[0028] FIG. 20A is a schematic view showing an example of an illumination device according to an embodiment of the present invention;
[0029] FIG. 20B is a schematic view showing an example of an automobile including a vehicle lighting appliance according an embodiment of the present invention; and
[0030] FIGS. 21A and 21B are schematic views each showing an example of a wearable device according to an embodiment of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

[0031] Hereinafter, embodiments will be described in detail with reference to the attached drawings. Note, the following embodiments are not intended to limit the scope of the claimed invention. Multiple features are described in the embodiments, but limitation is not made to an invention that requires all such features, and multiple such features may be combined as appropriate. Furthermore, in the attached drawings, the same reference numerals are given to the same or similar configurations, and redundant description thereof is omitted.

First Embodiment

[0032] A light emitting device according to the first embodiment will be described below. FIG. 1 is a schematic view showing one form of a light emitting device according to the present invention. The light emitting device will be described by taking, as an example, a display device that includes a pixel array 100 where a plurality of pixels 101 are arranged across a plurality of rows and a plurality of columns (two-dimensionally). A control signal is input to each pixel 101 from a vertical scanning circuit 200 via a scanning line 210 to select a pixel in a predetermined row. A luminance

signal voltage V_{sig} as an image signal is input from a signal output circuit **300** via a signal line **310**. The vertical scanning circuit **200** and the signal output circuit **300** are controlled by a control circuit **400**.

[0033] The pixel **101** may include, for example, a light emitting element such as a light emitting diode. An organic light emitting element can also be used as the light emitting element. The luminance signal voltage to be input to the light emitting element is an analog signal. The light emitting element can emit light with the light emission amount corresponding to the voltage of the analog signal. Here, each pixel **101** may include a plurality of sub-pixels arranged for respective colors. In this case, the signal line **310** is arranged for each column based on each sub-pixel. For example, when one pixel includes three sub-pixels, three signal lines **310** can be arranged in one pixel column.

[0034] The signal output circuit **300** can include a horizontal scanning circuit **600**, a column digital-analog converter (DAC) circuit **800** arranged across the plurality of columns, and a column driver circuit **700** arranged across the plurality of columns. The pixel array is scanned by the horizontal scanning circuit **600**, and image data to be input to each column is input to the column DAC circuit **800**. The image data is converted into an analog signal by the column DAC circuit, and output as the luminance signal voltage V_{sig} to the signal line **310** via the column driver circuit **700**. The signal voltage written in the signal line **310** is supplied to the pixel **101** in the row selected by the vertical scanning circuit **200**, and the pixel **101** emits light. Here, the circuit configuration of the pixel **101** is not limited. Here, an example will be described in which, by switching switches of a selection circuit **902**, one DAC **801** supplies analog signals to the signal lines **310** connected to three sub-pixels.

[0035] A reference voltage generation circuit **500** can generate reference voltages corresponding to the number of tones of the image data, and supply the reference voltages to the column DAC circuit **800** via a reference voltage line **510**. The reference voltage generation circuit **500** may also generate a reference voltage V_{cal} used for variation correction of the column driver circuit **700** and the pixels **101**. In this case, the reference voltage V_{cal} may be supplied to the pixel **101** via the column driver circuit **700** and the signal line **310**.

[0036] The reference voltage generation circuit **500** is, for example, a circuit as shown in FIG. 2. A minimum voltage signal V_B for light emission with a minimum luminance and a maximum voltage signal V_W for light emission with a maximum luminance are respectively input to buffer amplifiers **520**. The outputs of the buffer amplifiers **520** are divided by resistors to generate a set of voltage signals. The set of voltage signals is output to the reference voltage line **510**. The example shown in FIG. 2 shows a configuration in which, when image data is 8-bit data, a set of 256 voltage signals is generated. Note that as for the voltage signals, it is sufficient that the number of voltage signals corresponding to the image data are generated and output to the reference voltage line **510**. Hence, the configuration is not limited to the configuration shown in FIG. 2. Further, the position where a circuit for generating the voltage of each of the minimum voltage signal V_B and the maximum voltage signal V_W is not limited to a specific location. The voltage generation circuit may be mounted in a chip, or the voltage may be supplied from outside the chip.

[0037] A circuit for driving the signal line **310** connected to one pixel among the pixels arranged in a column is referred to as a column circuit for one column. The column circuit may include a set of switches used to supply input data to a digital-analog converter, the digital-analog converter, and a set of switches used to supply an output of the digital-analog converter to the signal line **310**. The column circuit may also include a driving circuit corresponding to one pixel.

[0038] With reference to FIG. 3 showing the n th to $(n+5)$ th column circuits including the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5], respectively, an example of driving six pixels will be described. Note that the number of pixel columns and the number of pixels are not limited to the numbers in this example. FIG. 3 shows an example of latch circuits **601** in the horizontal scanning circuit **600**, the column DAC circuit **800**, the column driver circuit **700**, and the pixels **101** corresponding to six pixels.

This embodiment will be described using an example in which each pixel **101** is formed from three sub-pixels corresponding to three colors of red (R), green (G), and blue (B), and three sets of signal lines **310** each corresponding to the sub-pixel are arranged. The signal line **310** is commonly arranged for the pixels (sub-pixels) arranged in a column, and the pixels are driven for each row. [0039] In the column driver circuit **700**, one buffer circuit **701** corresponding to pixels can be arranged for each pixel column. In the column DAC circuit **800**, one digital-analog converter (DAC) **801** can be arranged for each pixel column. A voltage output from the DAC **801** is written in the signal line **310** via the buffer circuit **701**. In this case, a switch is provided between the buffer circuit **701** and the signal line **310**. When the switch switches the connection between the buffer circuit **701** and the signal line **310**, the signal voltage is written in the signal line **310** connected to each sub-pixel. In this example, a set of three switches functions as one selection circuit **902**. In FIG. 3, in accordance with a control signal appearing on each of output control signal lines OUTSEL<0> to OUTSEL<2>, the switch located at the intersection with the output control signal line OUTSEL is controlled.

[0040] The latch circuit **601** arranged in the horizontal scanning circuit **600** can hold color data corresponding to each color, which is a digital signal input from the outside, in accordance with scanning by the horizontal scanning circuit **600**. The latch circuit **601** is scanned by a control unit of the horizontal scanning circuit **600**, and data for each pixel **101** stored in the latch circuit **601** is input to each DAC **801**. The latch circuits **601** corresponding to the number of sub-pixels of each pixel **101** are arranged. Color data are supplied to the latch circuits **601** from data wirings Rdata, Gdata, and Bdata corresponding to each pixel **101**.

[0041] Switches are provided at the input part of the DAC **801**. In this example, outputs of three latch circuits are sequentially switched by the switches. In this example, a set of three switches functions as one selection circuit **901**. The selection circuit **901** may include the latch circuits **601** corresponding to the switches. At this time, the above-described selection circuit **902** including the switches provided at the output of the buffer circuit **701** and the selection circuit **901** including the switches provided at the input part of the DAC **801** are synchronously switched. When the selection circuit **901** and the selection circuit **902** are synchronously switched in this manner, an operation of inputting the data corresponding to each pixel **101** to the DAC **801** and an operation of outputting the signal voltage corresponding to the data from the buffer circuit **701** can be performed synchronously. Note that in FIG. 3, in accordance with a control signal appearing on each of input control signal lines INSEL<0> to INSEL<2>, the switch located at the intersection with the input control signal line INSEL is controlled.

[0042] FIG. 4 shows the circuit of the nth DAC **801** as an example. Here, an example of 8-bit color data is shown. Reference voltages are input from reference voltage lines **510-1** to **510-256** to the DAC **801**. A switch is connected between each reference voltage line and an output wiring **802** of the DAC **801**. 8-bit image data DACIN[n]-1 to DACIN[n]-8, which are input from the latch circuit **601**, are input to a decoder circuit (DECODER) **811** of the DAC **801**. In this configuration, two bits (00, 01, 10, 11) are decoded as one unit, and 8-bit data is converted into 16 decode signal lines.

[0043] A reference voltage selection circuit (REFSEL) **821** is provided for each of the reference voltage lines **510-1** to **510-256**. Of the 16 decode signal lines, four decode signal lines corresponding to the selected tone are combined and input to the REFSEL. In accordance with the combination of four decode signal lines each having 00, 01, 10, or 11, one of the switches connected to the reference voltage lines **510-1** to **510-256** is selected by the REFSEL **821**. The selected reference voltage is input to the buffer circuit **701** via the output wiring **802**. At this time, as the operation of the DAC **801**, it is sufficient that the reference voltage corresponding to the data DACIN[n] is output from the DAC **801**. Hence, the circuit configuration is not limited to the circuit configuration shown in FIG. 4.

[0044] Next, operation timings according to this embodiment will be described with reference to

FIG. 5. When a horizontal driving (HD) signal is set at high level, writing in pixels in a predetermined row is started. The HD signal is set at high level at time t_1 , and a predetermined row in the pixel array **100** is selected. Signal writing in the pixels **101** arranged in the same selected row is started. At time t_2 , INSEL<0> is set at high level, and the switch connecting the input DACIN of the DAC **801** and each latch circuit **601** is turned on.

[0045] In this example, the left LATCH of three latch circuits LATCH arranged in the n th column is selected by the selection circuit **901** and connected to the DAC[n]. In the $(n+1)$ th column, the second LATCH from the left of three latch circuits LATCH is selected and connected to the DAC[n+1]. In the first period from time t_2 to time t_3 , as shown in FIG. 5, data are input in the order of R, G, B, R, G, B data to the DACIN[n+1] to DACIN[n+5] of the DACs **801** provided in the n th to $(n+5)$ th columns. Here, red data is represented by dots, green data is represented by diagonal lines, and blue data is represented by horizontal lines.

[0046] The description of the operation will be continued. The data is input to the DAC **801** from the latch circuit **601**, and the DAC **801** performs digital-analog conversion. In the DAC **801**, one of the reference voltage lines **510-1** to **510-256** is selected. The output of the DAC **801** is input to the corresponding buffer circuit **701**. Then, when the OUTSEL<0> is set at high level while the INSEL<0> is at high level, the switch of the selection circuit **902** connects the buffer circuit **701** to the signal line **310**, and the signal voltage is written in the signal line **310**. At time t_3 , the INSEL<0> is set at low level. The OUTSEL<0> is set at low level before the INSEL<0>, and the switch between the signal line **310** and the buffer circuit **701** and the switch between the DAC **801** and the latch circuit **601** are turned off.

[0047] In the second period from time t_3 to time t_4 , the INSEL<1> and the OUTSEL<1> are sequentially set at high level, and the latch circuit **601** and signal line **310** different from those at time t_2 are sequentially connected to the DAC **801** and the buffer circuit **701**, respectively. Then, at time t_4 , the INSEL<1> is set at low level. The OUTSEL<1> is set at low level before the INSEL<1>, and the switches are turned off to release the connections similarly to time t_3 .

[0048] Then, in the third period from time t_4 to time t_5 , the INSEL<2> and the OUTSEL<2> are sequentially set at high level, and the latch circuit **601** and signal line **310** different from those at time t_2 and time t_3 are sequentially connected to the DAC **801** and the buffer circuit **701**, respectively. At time t_5 , the INSEL<2> is set at low level. The OUTSEL<2> is set at low level before the INSEL<2>, and the switches are sequentially turned off. In this manner, signal write operations for the same row are performed.

[0049] In a sequence of signal write operations, for example, the order of the timing of setting the INSEL<0> at high level and the timing of setting the OUTSEL<0> at high level at time t_2 may be reversed, or they may happen at the same time. The order of timings of setting the INSEL<0> and OUTSEL<0> at low level at time t_3 is also not limited. However, if the OUTSEL<0> is set at low level after the INSEL<0>, the voltage fluctuation at the time of turning off the switch between the DAC **801** and the latch circuit **601** may be written in the signal line **310**. Therefore, the OUTSEL<0> is preferably set at low level before the INSEL<0>. This relationship of transition timing is also applied to the INSEL<1> and OUTSEL<1> and the INSEL<2> and OUTSEL<2>. The HD signal is set at high level at time t_6 , and the above-described signal write operations are repeated for the next row.

[0050] In the operations described above, the INSEL<0> to INSEL<2> are common wirings for columns. When each of the INSEL<0> to INSEL<2> is set at high level, data are input from the respective latch circuits **601** to the DACIN[n] to DACIN[n+5] simultaneously in all columns. In accordance with the input data, the DACs **801** simultaneously select one of the reference voltage lines **510-1** to **510-256**, respectively. The OUTSEL<0> to OUTSEL<2> are also common wirings for columns, and controlled simultaneously in all columns. As described above, data can be input to the signal lines **310** connected to the pixels in all columns.

[0051] The data input timing to the DAC **801** will be described with reference to FIG. 5. At the

timing when the INSEL<0> is set at high level and the switch is turned on at time t2, R data [n] is input to the DACIN[n]. G data [n+1] is input to the DACIN[n+1], and B data [n+2] is input to the DACIN[n+2]. Data are input to the DACIN[n+3] to DACIN[n+5] by repeating this operation, so that data of the same color are not input to all columns (nth to (n+5)th columns) at the same time. Similarly, at the timing when the INSEL<1> turns on the switch at time t3, and the timing when the INSEL<2> turns on the switch at time t4, data of the same color are not input to all columns at the same time. The plurality of columns may be divided into blocks each including a predetermined number of columns, and data of the same color may not be selected at the same time within each block.

[0052] Here, in the configuration in which data of the same color are input to all columns at the same time, the voltage fluctuation of the reference voltage line 510 can become large at the time of the selection operation of the reference voltage line 510. This is because the voltage of the reference voltage line 510 fluctuates due to the feedthrough of the switch when selecting the reference voltage and the parasitic capacitance of the control line. At this time, in adjacent pixels, data of the same color are likely to be the same data so that the same reference voltage line 510 is likely to be selected. Hence, the fluctuations are superimposed by the number of columns selected at the same time, and the voltage fluctuation becomes large. Since the voltage having fluctuated from the desired voltage is written in the signal line 310 via the buffer circuit 701, the pixel 101 may emit light with a luminance shifted from the desired luminance.

[0053] In particular, when displaying white, for which color balance is important, the above-described fluctuation causes white to appear colored, and this significantly deteriorates display quality. The deterioration of display quality can be reduced by extending the high period of the INSEL and OUTSEL until the fluctuated voltage of the reference voltage line 510 returns to the desired voltage. However, this results in the longer signal voltage write time, which may lead to a decrease in display frame rate and deterioration of the performance of the display device.

[0054] When the color data simultaneously input to the DACs 801 vary among columns as in this example, the number of columns in which the same reference voltage line 510 is selected at the same time can be reduced, thereby reducing colored display caused by the voltage fluctuation of the reference voltage line 510. In addition, the write time need not be increased, and this is advantageous for the high-speed circuit operation and improved display frame rate.

[0055] Since the display data for adjacent pixels are likely to have the same value, in this embodiment, the color data to be input to the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5] of the DACs 801 is changed between adjacent DACs, but the present invention is not limited to this. Since the reference voltage line 510 is common to the columns, the voltage fluctuation propagates not only to adjacent columns. Therefore, the color data may be changed on a block basis, each block including multiple DACs 801.

[0056] For example, considering twelve column circuits, color data may be input to the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5] in the same order as the DAC[n] in FIG. 5, and color data may be input to the DAC[n+6] to DAC[n+11] in a different order. In addition, in this embodiment, the number of pieces of data of the same color input to the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5] at the same time is equal in the column direction, but it may not be equal.

[0057] Furthermore, in this embodiment, a configuration example has been shown in which one buffer circuit 701 and one DAC 801 are arranged for one pixel column, but a configuration in which multiple pixel columns are driven by one buffer circuit 701 and one DAC 801 may also be used. In this case, data of the same color may be consecutively input to the same DAC 801.

[0058] This embodiment has been described with respect to a case where data are simultaneously input to the DACs 801 in the same row, but the configuration of this embodiment is not limited to this. By reducing the number of the DACs 801 that simultaneously select the same color, the effect of reducing the influence of voltage fluctuations can be obtained. Even when different rows are driven at the same time, it is preferably configured such that color data of the same color are not

input to the DACs at the same time as in this embodiment. For example, the pixel region may be divided into left and right blocks, and different rows may be respectively driven in these blocks. Even when different rows are respectively driven in all columns, it is preferably configured such that color data of the same color are not input to the DACs at the same time.

Second Embodiment

[0059] The second embodiment shown in FIG. 6 will be described below. This embodiment is an example different from the first embodiment in that, when three color data are input to a DAC **801**, two of them can be input. In this case, as shown in the timing chart of FIG. 7, at the timing when an INSEL<0> is set at high level at time t2, R data are input to a DAC[n], a DAC[n+2], and a DAC[n+4], and G data are input to a DAC[n+1], a DAC[n+3], and a DAC[n+5].

[0060] At the timing when an INSEL<1> is set at high level at time t3, the columns to input R data and the columns to input G data are switched. At the timing when an INSEL<2> is set at high level at time t4, B data are input to all columns at the same time. The relationship between the timings when each of the OUTSEL<0> to OUTSEL<2> transitions to high level and low level and the transition timings of each of the INSEL<0> to INSEL<2> is the same as that in the first embodiment. In this example, for R data and G data, the number of columns for the DACs **801** to which data of the same color are input at the same time is reduced. This can reduce the number of the DACs **801** that select the same reference voltage line **510** for the same color from reference voltage lines **510-1** to **510-256**, so that the fluctuation of the reference voltage line **510** can be reduced.

[0061] In this embodiment, an example has been described in which two color data are R data and G data, but the color combination is not limited thereto. For example, a combination of R data and B data may be used. In general, R coloring is conspicuous, so that deterioration of display quality can be reduced simply by reducing the number of DACs **801** to which R data are input at the same time. In this embodiment, the arrangement and connection of switches and the control lines INSEL and OUTSEL therefor can be simplified as compared to the first embodiment, so that an increase in circuit area can be suppressed.

Third Embodiment

[0062] The third embodiment shown in FIG. 8 will be described below. This embodiment is different from the first embodiment in that the order of R data, G data, and B data as color data to be input to a DAC **801** is different among a DAC[n] to a DAC[n+5]. FIG. 8 shows an example of the connection between latch circuits **601** and the DAC **801** and the connection between a buffer circuit **701** and signal lines **310**. FIG. 9 is a timing chart of this configuration.

[0063] The transition timings of an INSEL<0> to an INSEL<2> and an OUTSEL<0> to an OUTSEL<2> to high level and low level in periods between time t2 and time t5 are similar to those in the first embodiment. In periods between time t2 and time t4, at the timing when each of the INSEL<0> to INSEL<2> is set at high level, R data, G data, and B data as color data are input to the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5] for two pixel columns each. Therefore, as described in the first embodiment, it is possible to reduce the voltage fluctuation in the selection operation of a reference voltage line **510** in the DAC **801**.

[0064] Focusing on the input order of R data, G data, and B data as color data, the color data is input to the DAC[n] in the order of R data [n].fwdarw.G data [n].fwdarw.B data [n], while the color data is input to the DAC[n+1] with R data and G data in the reversed order. At this time, assume that R data [n] and R data [n+1] are the same data at the timing when the selection is switched from the INSEL<0> to the INSEL<1> at time t3. In this case, the DAC[n] is changed from a state in which one of reference voltage lines **510-1** to **510-256** is selected by a switch to a state in which the switch is turned off and the reference voltage line is unselected. On the other hand, in the DAC[n+1], the switch of the reference voltage line **510**, which has been selected in DAC[n], is turned on and set in a selected state.

[0065] That is, one of the reference voltage lines **510-1** to **510-256** is simultaneously selected and

unselected. At this time, considering that the feedthrough of the switch and the voltage transition of the control signal line such as the decode signal line shown in FIG. 4 may propagate from a parasitic capacitance to the reference voltage line 510, the voltage fluctuation of the reference voltage line 510 is canceled by performing a reverse operation of the selection/unselection.

Furthermore, G data and B data are input to the DAC[n+2] in the reversed order of G data [n] and B data [n] input to the DAC[n]. With this, when the G data and B data are the same, a canceling effect can be obtained by a similar voltage fluctuation of the reference voltage line 510. Regarding the effect of canceling the voltage fluctuation due to the order of color data input to the DAC 801 as described above, when considering combinations for all colors, the combinations are based on the order of colors in the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5] in the example of this embodiment.

[0066] As a result, when R data, G data, and B data as color data to be input are respectively the same data in the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5], the voltage fluctuation is canceled, and a state in which there is almost no voltage fluctuation can ideally be achieved. Adjacent pixels usually tend to have the same data. In this embodiment, a configuration example of six adjacent DACs 801 has been described, but the present invention is not limited to this. For example, multiple DACs 801 may be considered as one block. The input order of R data, G data, and B data as color data may be the same in the same block, and the color data may be changed between blocks to achieve the effect of canceling the voltage fluctuation. In addition, similar to the first embodiment, this embodiment has been described as a configuration example in which the same row is driven, but the present invention is not limited to this. Even when driving different rows, the voltage fluctuation of the reference voltage line 510 is reduced, so that the display quality can be improved.

Fourth Embodiment

[0067] The fourth embodiment will be described below. FIG. 10 shows a configuration example according to this embodiment. In the first to third embodiments described so far, each of R data, G data, and B data as color data to be input to the latch circuit 601 is output to the latch circuit 601 from a wiring provided for each color. In this embodiment, R data, G data, and B data are mixed within input data wirings Dataline<0> to Dataline<2>. Data can be output from latch circuits 601 in each column in the same order as in FIG. 9. Switches functioning as a selection circuit 901 connecting a DAC 801 and the latch circuits 601 are arranged in the same pattern for a DAC[n] to a DAC[n+5]. The latch circuit 601 is connected to the data wirings Dataline<0> to Dataline<2>.

[0068] The timings at which R data, G data, and B data as data of respective colors are written in the latch circuit 601 are controlled by pulses of strobe outputs (SR_OUT<n> to SR_OUT<n+5>) output from a shift register circuit 602. More specifically, writing is controlled at the timing when each of the SR_OUT<n> to SR_OUT<n+5> falls from high level to low level. In this case, the SR_OUT and the DAC number correspond to each pixel column number. For example, the SR_OUT<n> controls writing in the latch circuit 601 connected to the DAC[n]. The SR_OUT<n+1> to SR_OUT<n+5> also correspond to the DAC[n+1] to DAC[n+5], respectively.

[0069] FIG. 11 shows a detailed timing chart. The period from time t1 to time t9 is the kth HD period, and the period from time t9 to time t14 is the (k+1)th HD period. In the kth HD period, an HD signal is set at high level at time t1, and the operation of writing the display data for the kth row in the respective latch circuits 601 is started.

[0070] At time t2, the SR_OUT<n> is set at high level, and data writing to the latch circuits 601 in the nth pixel column starts. While the SR_OUT<n> is at high level, R data<n> (R[n]) starts to be input to the Dataline<0>, G data<n> (G[n]) starts to be input to the Dataline<1>, and B data<n> (B[n]) starts to be input to the Dataline<2>. At time t3 when the SR_OUT<n> is set at low level, the R data <n>, the G data <n>, and the B data <n> are respectively written in the latch circuits 601 in the nth pixel column. At the same time, the next column signal SR_OUT<n+1> of the shift register circuit 602 is set at high level.

[0071] While the SR_OUT<n+1> is at high level, data to be written in the latch circuits 601 in the (n+1)th pixel column start to be input to the Dataline<0> to Dataline<2>. G data<n+1> (G[n+1]) is

input to the Dataline <0>, R data <n+1> (R[n+1]) is input to the Dataline <1>, and B data <n+1> (B[n+1]) is input to the Dataline <2>.

[0072] At time **t4**, at the timing when the SR_OUT<n+1> is set at low level, data are written in the respective latch circuits **601** for the (n+1)th pixel column. Also, at time **t5** to time **t8** when the SR_OUT<n+2> to SR_OUT<n+5> are set at low level, R data, G data, and B data as color data are mixed on the same Dataline, as shown in FIG. **11**. At this time, the data to be input to the Dataline<0> to Dataline<2> are switched to the next pixel column data while the SR_OUT<n+2> to SR_OUT<n+5> are at high level, similar to the SR_OUT<n> and the SR_OUT<n+1>.

[0073] The transition timings of the SR_OUT<n+1> to SR_OUT<n+5> to high level and low level at time **t4** to time **t7** are the same as those at time **t3**. Similar to time **t3**, the next SR_OUT signal is set at high level at the timing when the SR_OUT signal for the previous pixel column is set at low level. However, as long as desired data is written in each latch circuit **601** at the timing when the SR_OUT signal is set at low level, the timings need not be the same.

[0074] The data input cycle for the Dataline<0> to Dataline<2> is desirably shifted from that for the SR_OUT<n> to SR_OUT<n+5> by a half cycle as shown in FIG. **11**. However, as long as desired data is written in each latch circuit **601**, the shift is not limited to a half cycle. At time **t9**, the HD signal is set at high level, the next (k+1)th HD period starts, and a signal write operation for the (k+1)th row is performed. Here, the relationship between the transition timings of the INSEL<0> to INSEL<2> and the transition timings of the OUTSEL<0> to OUTSEL<2> at time **t10** to time **t13** is the same as that in the first embodiment.

[0075] In period between time **t10** and time **t13**, data are input to the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5] of the DACs **801**. The timings are the same as in the third embodiment. At the timing when the DAC **801** and the latch circuit **601** are connected by each of the INSEL<0> to INSEL<2>, color data R data, G data, and B data to be input to the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5] are mixed. Since data of the same color are not input to the DACs **801** in all columns at the same time, the fluctuation of the reference voltage line **510** can be reduced.

[0076] As in the third embodiment, the effect of canceling the fluctuation of the reference voltage line **510** can be obtained by the input order of R data, G data, and B data as color data at the timings when the input data of the INSEL<0> to INSEL<2> are switched at time **t11** and time **t12**. Furthermore, in this embodiment, R data, G data, and B data as color data input from the input data wirings Dataline<0> to Dataline<2> of the latch circuits **601** are mixed for each time. This configuration prevents that data of the same color are input to the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5] at the same time. When the wiring of data input to the latch circuit **601** is common for each color data as in the first to fourth embodiments, the connections of switches between the latch circuits **601** and the DAC **801** to the INSEL<0> to INSEL<2> for controlling the switches need to be made asymmetrical pattern. However, this is unnecessary in this embodiment, so that the connections in each column can be patterned. Hence, it is possible to reduce the fluctuation of the reference voltage line **510** while suppressing an increase in circuit size and complication.

[0077] In this case, as long as data of the same color are not input to all columns at the same time as data input to the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5], the color order of data input to the Dataline<0> to Dataline<2> is not limited to that in this embodiment. The same color may be consecutive in the time direction. The order of color data input to the DAC **801** in this embodiment is the same as that in the third embodiment, but the present invention is not limited thereto. The color combinations given as examples in the first to fourth embodiments may also be used.

Fifth Embodiment

[0078] The fifth embodiment will be described below. FIG. **12** shows a configuration example according to this embodiment. In this embodiment, a mode selection circuit (SELMODE circuit) **804** configured to select an operation mode is added between switches and an INSEL<0> to an INSEL<2> that control the connection between a DAC **801** and latch circuits **601**. In addition, a SELMODE circuit **803** is added between switches and OUTSEL<0> to OUTSEL<2> that control

the connection between a buffer circuit **701** and signal lines **310**. The SELMODE circuits **803** and **804** can switch the control modes of the INSEL<0> to INSEL<2> and the OUTSEL<0> to OUTSEL<2> by a mode selection signal (SELMD).

[0079] At this time, the transition timings of the INSEL<0> to INSEL<2> to high level and low level and the transition timings of the OUTSEL<0> to OUTSEL<2> are the same as those in the first embodiment regardless of the control mode. FIG. **13** shows the difference between the control modes according to the SELMD. For example, the first mode is shown which is executed when the SELMD is at low level during the mth HD period starting at time **t1**. The second mode is also shown which is executed when the SELMD is at high level during the (m+1)th HD period starting at time **t6**. Note that, for simplicity, an example is shown in which the transition occurs in successive HD periods, but the present invention is not limited thereto.

[0080] The SELMD may be at low level or high level throughout all HD periods in one display frame. Then, the color data input to a DAC[n] to a DAC[n+5] of the DACs **801** are controlled such that R data, G data, and B data are input in order at time **t2** to time **t5** in the period when the SELMD is at low level. However, the order of R data, G data, and B data as color data to be input to a DAC **801** is different among a DAC[n] to a DAC[n+5]. On the other hand, at time **t7** to time **t10** in the period when the SELMD is at high level, control is performed such that color data of the same color are input to all of the DAC[n] to DAC[n+5] at the same time. For example, R data are input while the INSEL<0> is at high level, G data are input while the INSEL<1> is at high level, and B data are input while the INSEL<2> is at high level.

[0081] This operation is against the operation for reducing the voltage fluctuation of the reference voltage line **510** in the DAC **801** described in the first to fourth embodiments, and data of the same color are input to all the DACs **801** at the same time. This can suppress deterioration of image quality in certain special scenes. How to properly use the operation of switching the SELMD between high level and low level will be described below. When the SELMD is at High level, data of the same color are input to all the DACs **801**. This has an effect of suppressing coloring in a scene such as a night scene.

[0082] With reference to FIG. **14**, two columns of the DAC[n] and the DAC[n+1] of the DACs **801** will be described as an example. At this time, if pixels **101** are miniaturized, the pitch of the DACs **801** and the pitch of the buffer circuits **701** are narrowed, and the parasitic capacitance between adjacent circuits increases. Since the output of the buffer circuit **701** naturally has a parasitic capacitance **702**, the buffer circuit **701** needs to drive the parasitic capacitance as well. With reference to FIG. **15**, respective timings and the transition of the signal voltage of each of outputs OUT[n] and OUT[n+1] of the buffer circuits **701** will be described. When the difference in output voltage between adjacent pixels is small, in a case of all black display, the INSEL<0> is set at high level at time **t12**, and thereafter the OUTSEL<0> is set at high level. At the timing when writing of the signal voltage in the signal line **310** starts, the OUT[n] and the OUT[n+1] rise up to the same signal voltage of the black emission level between adjacent circuits as indicated by solid lines, so the change of charges held in the parasitic capacitance **702** between adjacent circuits is small.

[0083] Subsequently, the signal voltages remain at the same black display level at time **t14** to time **t18**, so that the voltages do not change as indicated by the solid lines. Accordingly, at the timings when the OUTSEL<0> to OUTSEL<2> are set at low level at time **t13**, time **t15**, and time **t17**, the desired signal voltage of the black display level is written in the signal line **310**. On the other hand, in a case where only one R pixel in the nth pixel column emits light, at time **t12**, the OUT[n] is a signal voltage of the emission luminance level which is a lower voltage than the black emission level, as indicated by a dotted line. On the other hand, for the adjacent OUT[n+1], a signal voltage of the black emission level is written. However, since the differential voltage from the OUT[n] needs to be written in the parasitic capacitance **702**, the driving load of the buffer circuit **701** increases and the voltage settlement time becomes longer, as indicated by a dotted line.

[0084] When the OUTSEL<0> is set at low level at time **t13**, the signal voltage has not settled

sufficiently. Accordingly, not the desired voltage for black display but a slightly lower signal voltage is written in the signal line **310**, causing black floating. In this case, since the OUT[n+1] is writing the signal voltage for the G pixel, the G pixel also emits light although only the R pixel should emit light. At time **t14**, the INSEL<1> is set at high level, G data [n] and B data [n+1] as the next color data are input, and the OUT[n] and OUT[n+1] rise up to the signal voltage of the black display level. At time **t15**, the OUTSEL<1> is set at low level, and the desired signal voltage of the black display level is written in the signal line **310**.

[0085] At time **t16**, data are switched to B data [n] and R data [n+1] as the next color data. Since the signal voltage does not change, the voltage remains constant. At the timing when the OUTSEL<2> is set at low level at time **t17**, the desired voltage is written in the signal line **310**. In this manner, in a case where a nearly black display region like a night scene occupies the background, and a given pixel emits light, the signal voltage may not settle at the desired voltage due to the parasitic capacitance between the adjacent circuits, and conspicuous local coloring may occur. For such a special scene, it is desirable to output the same color from the buffer circuits **701** at the same time.

[0086] In this embodiment, assume that G data [n+1] is switched to R data [n+1]. In this case, since the voltage change of the OUT [n+1] is as indicated by the dotted line, coloring of the R pixel occurs, but this is inconspicuous because the coloring is the same color as the light emission color. On the other hand, in a scene in which white such as clouds during the day is displayed, the driving as described in the above embodiment is suitable from the viewpoint of suppressing coloring of the display caused by the voltage fluctuation of the reference voltage line **510**.

[0087] As described above, in a particular display scene, switching the driving mode to input color data of the same color can maintain the display quality in each scene. Regarding mode selection, it is sufficient that, as the display mode, the SELMD can be set at high level when displaying a night scene, and the SELMD can be set at low level otherwise. There is no limitation on switching of the settings. It is also possible to use a configuration in which whether the input data is for nearly black display is determined and the SELMD is automatically switched. For example, the control circuit **400** shown in FIG. **1** may be provided with a data processing function. In this embodiment, the pixel **101** emits light with a high luminance when the voltage is low, but the polarity may be reversed.

Application Examples of Light Emitting Device

[0088] Examples in which the light emitting device according to each of the above-described first to fifth embodiments is applied to an apparatus will be described below. An organic light emitting element is preferably used as the light emitting element. FIGS. **16A** to **16C** show an image forming device according to this embodiment. FIG. **16A** is a schematic view of an image forming device **926** according to this embodiment. The image forming device includes a photosensitive member **927**, an exposure light source **928**, a developing device **931**, a charging unit **930**, a transfer device **932**, a conveyance unit **933**, and a fixing device **935**.

[0089] Light **929** is emitted from the exposure light source **928**, and an electrostatic latent image is formed on the surface of the photosensitive member **927**. The exposure light source includes the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments. The developing device **931** includes a developing agent such as a toner, and applies the developing agent to the exposed photosensitive member **927**. The charging unit **930** charges the photosensitive member **927**. The transfer device **932** transfers the developed image to a print medium **934**. The conveyance unit **933** conveys the print medium **934**. The print medium **934** is, for example, paper. A fixing device **935** fixes the image formed on the print medium.

[0090] Each of FIGS. **16B** and **16C** is a schematic view showing a form in which a plurality of light emitting portions **936** are arranged in the exposure light source **928** on a long substrate. Arrow **937** indicates a direction parallel to the axis of the photosensitive member, which represents a column direction in which light emitting elements are arrayed. An organic light emitting element

can be used as the light emitting element. This column direction matches the direction of the axis upon rotating the photosensitive member **927**. This direction can also be referred to as the long-axis direction of the photosensitive member.

[0091] FIG. **16B** shows a form in which the light emitting portions are arranged along the long-axis direction of the photosensitive member. FIG. **16C** shows a form which is different from that shown in FIG. **16B** and in which the light emitting portions are arranged in the column direction alternately between the first column and the second column. The light emitting portions are arranged at different positions in the row direction between the first column and the second column.

[0092] As for the light emitting portions shown in FIG. **16C**, the plurality of light emitting portions are arranged apart from each other in the first column. In the second column, the light emitting portion is arranged at the position corresponding to the space between the light emitting portions in the first column. That is, in the row direction as well, the plurality of light emitting portions are arranged apart from each other.

[0093] The arrangement shown in FIG. **16C** can be referred to as, for example, an arrangement in a grid pattern, an arrangement in a staggered pattern, or an arrangement in a checkered pattern.

[0094] FIG. **17** is a schematic view showing an example of a display device that can use the light emitting device according to each of the above-described first to fifth embodiments. A display device **1000** can include a touch panel **1003**, a display panel **1005**, a frame **1006**, a circuit board **1007**, and a battery **1008** between an upper cover **1001** and a lower cover **1009**. Flexible printed circuits (FPCs) **1002** and **1004** are respectively connected to the touch panel **1003** and the display panel **1005**. Transistors are arranged on the circuit board **1007**. The battery **1008** is unnecessary if the display device is not a portable apparatus. Even when the display device is a portable apparatus, the battery **1008** may be provided at another position.

[0095] The display device according to this embodiment can include color filters of red, green, and blue. The color filters of red, green, and blue can be arranged in a delta array.

[0096] The display device according to this embodiment can also be used for a display unit of a portable terminal. At this time, the display unit can have both a display function and an operation function. Examples of the portable terminal are a portable phone such as a smartphone, a tablet, and a head mounted display.

[0097] The display device according to this embodiment can be used for a display unit of an image capturing device including an optical unit having a plurality of lenses, and an image capturing element for receiving light having passed through the optical unit. The image capturing device can include a display unit for displaying information acquired by the image capturing element. In addition, the display unit can be either a display unit exposed outside the image capturing device, or a display unit arranged in the finder. The image capturing device can be a digital camera or a digital video camera.

[0098] FIG. **18A** is a schematic view showing an example of an image capturing device according to this embodiment. An image capturing device **1100** can include a viewfinder **1101**, a rear display **1102**, an operation unit **1103**, and a housing **1104**. The viewfinder **1101** may include the display device using the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments. In this case, the display device can display not only an image to be captured but also environment information, image capturing instructions, and the like. Examples of the environment information are the intensity and direction of external light, the moving velocity of an object, and the possibility that an object is covered with an obstacle.

[0099] The timing suitable for image capturing is a very short time, so the information is preferably displayed as soon as possible. Therefore, an organic light emitting element is preferably used for the light emitting element. This is so because the organic light emitting element has a high response speed. The display device using the organic light emitting element can be used for the devices that require a high display speed more suitably than for the liquid crystal display device.

[0100] The image capturing device **1100** includes an optical unit (not shown). This optical unit has a plurality of lenses, and forms an image on an image capturing element that is accommodated in the housing **1104**. The focal points of the plurality of lenses can be adjusted by adjusting the relative positions. This operation can also automatically be performed. The image capturing device may be called a photoelectric conversion device. Instead of sequentially capturing an image, the photoelectric conversion device can include, as an image capturing method, a method of detecting the difference from a previous image, a method of extracting an image from an always recorded image, or the like.

[0101] FIG. **18B** is a schematic view showing an example of an electronic apparatus according to this embodiment. An electronic apparatus **1200** includes a display unit **1201**, an operation unit **1202**, and a housing **1203**. The housing **1203** can accommodate a circuit, a printed board having this circuit, a battery, and a communication unit. The operation unit **1202** can be a button or a touch-panel-type reaction unit. The operation unit can also be a biometric authentication unit that performs unlocking or the like by authenticating the fingerprint. The electronic apparatus including the communication unit can also be regarded as a communication apparatus. The electronic apparatus can further have a camera function by including a lens and an image capturing element. An image captured by the camera function is displayed on the display unit. Examples of the electronic apparatus are a smartphone and a notebook computer.

[0102] FIGS. **19A** and **19B** are schematic views showing examples of a display device using the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments. FIG. **19A** shows a display device such as a television monitor or a PC monitor. A display device **1300** includes a frame **1301** and a display unit **1302**. When the light emitting device according to each of the above-described first to fifth embodiments is used for the display unit **1302**, deterioration of a displayed image can be suppressed.

[0103] The display device **1300** includes a base **1303** that supports the frame **1301** and the display unit **1302**. The base **1303** is not limited to the form shown in FIG. **19A**. The lower side of the frame **1301** may also function as the base.

[0104] In addition, the frame **1301** and the display unit **1302** can be bent. The radius of curvature in this case can be 5,000 (inclusive) mm to 6,000 (inclusive) mm.

[0105] FIG. **19B** is a schematic view showing another example of the display device. A display device **1310** shown in FIG. **19B** can be folded, that is, the display device **1310** is a so-called foldable display device. The display device **1310** includes a first display unit **1311**, a second display unit **1312**, a housing **1313**, and a bending point **1314**. The first display unit **1311** and the second display unit **1312** may include the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments. The first display unit **1311** and the second display unit **1312** can also be one seamless display device. The first display unit **1311** and the second display unit **1312** can be divided by the bending point. The first display unit **1311** and the second display unit **1312** can display different images, and can also display one image together.

[0106] FIG. **20A** is a schematic view showing an example of an illumination device using the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments. An illumination device **1400** may include a housing **1401**, a light source **1402**, a circuit board **1403**, an optical film **1404**, and a light diffusing unit **1405**. The light source may include the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments. An organic light emitting element is preferably used for the light emitting element. The optical film **1404** may be a filter that transmits light and improves the color rendering of the light source. When performing lighting-up or the like, the light diffusing unit can throw the light of the light source over a broad range by effectively diffusing the light. The optical film **1404** and the light diffusing unit **1405** may be provided on the illumination light emission side. The illumination device may also include a cover on the outermost portion, as needed.

[0107] The illumination device is, for example, a device for illuminating the interior of the room. The illumination device may emit white light, natural white light, or light of another color from

blue to red. The illumination device may include a light control circuit for controlling these light components. The illumination device may include the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments and a power supply circuit connected thereto. An organic light emitting element can be used as the light emitting element of the light emitting device. The power supply circuit is a circuit for converting an AC voltage into a DC voltage. White has a color temperature of 4,200 K, and natural white has a color temperature of 5,000 K. The illumination device may also include a color filter.

[0108] In addition, the illumination device according to this embodiment may include a heat radiation unit. The heat radiation unit radiates the internal heat of the device to the outside of the device, and examples are a metal having a high specific heat and liquid silicon.

[0109] FIG. **20B** is a schematic view of an automobile as an example of a moving body according to this embodiment, that uses the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments. The automobile has a taillight as an example of the lighting appliance. An automobile **1500** has a taillight **1501**, and may have a form in which the taillight is turned on when performing a braking operation or the like.

[0110] The taillight **1501** may include the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments. The taillight may include a protection member for protecting the light emitting device. The material of the protection member is not limited as long as the material is a transparent material with a strength that is high to some extent, and is preferably polycarbonate or the like. A furandicarboxylic acid derivative, an acrylonitrile derivative, or the like may be mixed in polycarbonate.

[0111] The automobile **1500** may include a vehicle body **1503**, and a window **1502** attached to the vehicle body **1503**. The window may be a transparent display as long as it is not a window for checking the front or rear of the automobile. This transparent display may include the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments. In this case, the constituent materials of the electrodes and the like of the light emitting device are formed from transparent members.

[0112] The moving body according to this embodiment may be a ship, an airplane, a drone, or the like. The moving body may include a main body and a lighting appliance provided on the main body. The lighting appliance may emit light for making a notification of the position of the main body. The lighting appliance includes the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments.

[0113] An application example of a display device using the light emitting device according to each of the first to fifth embodiments will be described with reference to FIGS. **21A** and **21B**. The display device can be applied to a system that can be worn as a wearable device such as smartglasses, an HMD, or a smart contact lens. The display device used for such applications can include an image capturing device capable of photoelectrically converting visible light and a display device capable of emitting visible light.

[0114] Glasses **1600** (smartglasses) according to one application example will be described with reference to FIG. **21A**. An image capturing device **1602** such as a CMOS sensor or an SPAD is provided on the surface side of a lens **1601** of the glasses **1600**. In addition, the display device of each of the above-described embodiments is provided on the back surface side of the lens **1601**.

[0115] The glasses **1600** can further include a control device **1603**. The control device **1603** functions as a power supply that supplies power to the image capturing device **1602** and the display device according to each embodiment. In addition, the control device **1603** controls the operations of the image capturing device **1602** and the display device. An optical system configured to condense light to the image capturing device **1602** is formed on the lens **1601**.

[0116] Glasses **1610** (smartglasses) according to one application example will be described with reference to FIG. **21B**. The glasses **1610** includes a control device **1612**. An image capturing device corresponding to the image capturing device **1602** and a display device are mounted on the control device **1612**. An optical system configured to project light emitted from the display device in the

control device **1612** is formed in a lens **1611**, and an image is projected to the lens **1611**. The control device **1612** functions as a power supply that supplies power to the image capturing device and the display device, and controls the operations of the image capturing device and the display device.

[0117] The control device may include a line-of-sight detection unit that detects the line of sight of a wearer. The detection of a line of sight may be done using infrared rays. An infrared ray emitting unit emits infrared rays to an eyeball of the user who is gazing at a displayed image. An image capturing unit including a light receiving element detects reflected light of the emitted infrared rays from the eyeball, thereby obtaining a captured image of the eyeball. A reduction unit for reducing light from the infrared ray emitting unit to the display unit in a planar view is provided, thereby reducing deterioration of image quality.

[0118] The line of sight of the user to the displayed image is detected from the captured image of the eyeball obtained by capturing the infrared rays. An arbitrary known method can be applied to the line-of-sight detection using the captured image of the eyeball. As an example, a line-of-sight detection method based on a Purkinje image obtained by reflection of irradiation light by a cornea can be used.

[0119] More specifically, line-of-sight detection processing based on a pupil corneal reflection method is performed. Using the pupil corneal reflection method, a line-of-sight vector representing the direction (rotation angle) of the eyeball is calculated based on the image of the pupil and the Purkinje image included in the captured image of the eyeball, thereby detecting the line-of-sight of the user.

[0120] The display device according to this embodiment can include an image capturing device including a light receiving element, and a displayed image on the display device can be controlled based on the line-of-sight information of the user from the image capturing device.

[0121] More specifically, the display device can decide a first display region at which the user is gazing and a second display region other than the first display region based on the line-of-sight information. The first display region and the second display region may be decided by the control device of the display device, or those decided by an external control device may be received. In the display region of the display device, the display resolution of the first display region may be controlled to be higher than the display resolution of the second display region. That is, the resolution of the second display region may be lower than that of the first display region.

[0122] In addition, the display region includes a first display region and a second display region different from the first display region, and a region of higher priority is decided from the first display region and the second display region based on line-of-sight information. The first display region and the second display region may be decided by the control device of the display device, or those decided by an external control device may be received. The resolution of the region of higher priority may be controlled to be higher than the resolution of the region other than the region of higher priority. That is, the resolution of the region of relatively low priority may be low.

[0123] Note that AI may be used to decide the first display region or the region of higher priority. The AI may be a model configured to estimate the angle of the line of sight and the distance to a target ahead the line of sight from the image of the eyeball using the image of the eyeball and the direction of actual viewing of the eyeball in the image as supervised data. The AI program may be held by the display device, the image capturing device, or an external device. If the external device holds the AI program, it is transmitted to the display device via communication.

[0124] When performing display control based on line-of-sight detection, this can be applied to smartglasses further including an image capturing device configured to capture the outside. The smartglasses can display captured outside information in real time.

[0125] As has been described above, by using the light emitting device according to the embodiment in an apparatus, display with fine image quality and stable even for a long period of time is possible.

[0126] The present disclosure can provide a light emitting device having a configuration advantageous in suppressing deterioration of image quality caused by a conversion operation of a DA converter in the light emitting device.

[0127] While the present invention has been described with reference to exemplary embodiments, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed exemplary embodiments. The scope of the following claims is to be accorded the broadest interpretation so as to encompass all such modifications and equivalent structures and functions.

[0128] This application claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2024-023949, filed Feb. 20, 2024, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Claims

1. A light emitting device comprising: a plurality of pixels arranged to form a plurality of rows and a plurality of columns; a plurality of column circuits configured to drive the plurality of columns, respectively; a voltage generation circuit configured to output a set of voltage signals; and a control circuit, wherein each of the plurality of pixels includes at least a first sub-pixel configured to emit light in a first color, a second sub-pixel configured to emit light in a second color different from the first color, and a third sub-pixel configured to emit light in a third color different from the first color and the second color, each of the plurality of column circuits includes a first selection circuit configured to output one of first color data, second color data, and third color data corresponding to the first color, the second color, and the third color, which are input to each of the plurality of column circuits, a digital-analog converter configured to convert, based on the set of voltage signals output by the voltage generation circuit, the output one of the first color data, the second color data, and the third color data into an analog signal, and a second selection circuit configured to supply the analog signal output from the digital-analog converter to one of the first sub-pixel, the second sub-pixel, and the third sub-pixel that emits light in a corresponding color, and the plurality of column circuits include at least a first column circuit, a second column circuit, and a third column circuit, and the control circuit controls such that, in a first period, the first selection circuit of the first column circuit outputs the first color data to the digital-analog converter, the first selection circuit of the second column circuit outputs the second color data to the digital-analog converter, and the first selection circuit of the third column circuit outputs the third color data to the digital-analog converter.

2. The device according to claim 1, wherein the control device controls such that, in a second period following the first period, the first selection circuit of each of the first column circuit and the second column circuit outputs, to the digital-analog converter, one of the first color data and the second color data which is different from one of the first color data and the second color data output by the first selection circuit in the first period.

3. The device according to claim 1, wherein the control circuit further controls to execute a first mode for causing the first selection circuit of the first column circuit to output the first color data and causing the first selection circuit of the second column circuit to output the second color data, and a second mode for causing the first selection circuit of each of the first column circuit and the second column circuit to output one of the first color data and the second color data.

4. The device according to claim 1, wherein each of the first column circuit and the second column circuit further includes a plurality of latch circuits each configured to hold one of the first color data and the second color data, and the first selection circuit outputs one of the first color data and the second color data held by the plurality of latch circuits.

5. The device according to claim 1, wherein the first column circuit includes at least a first latch circuit and a second latch circuit each configured to hold one of the first color data and the second color data, and the second column circuit includes at least a third latch circuit and a fourth latch circuit each configured to hold one of the first color data and the second color data, and the control

circuit controls input to each latch circuit such that the first color data is input to the first latch circuit and the fourth latch circuit, and the second color data is input to the second latch circuit and the third latch circuit, and controls the first selection circuit of each of the first column circuit and the second column circuit such that the first selection circuit outputs, in the first period, one of the first color data and the second color data held by the first latch circuit and the third latch circuit, and outputs, in the second period following the first period, one of the first color data and the second color data held by the second latch circuit and the fourth latch circuit.

6. The device according to claim 1, wherein the first selection circuits of the first column circuit and the second column circuit are controlled to operate synchronously.

7. The device according to claim 1, wherein the first selection circuit and the second selection circuit of each of the plurality of column circuits are controlled to operate synchronously.

8. The device according to claim 1, wherein the first column circuit and the second column circuit drive a first pixel and a second pixel arranged in a predetermined row of the plurality of rows based on the first color data and the second color data supplied to the respective digital-analog converters in the first period.

9. The device according to claim 1, wherein the first column circuit and the second column circuit are arranged alternately in a row direction.

10. The device according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of column circuits are divided into blocks each including a predetermined number of column circuits, and the control circuit controls such that all of the first selection circuits of the column circuits included in the block do not output the same one of the first color data and the second color data in the first period.

11. The device according to claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of column circuits further includes a driving circuit, and an output of the digital-analog converter is supplied to one of the first sub-pixel and the second sub-pixel via the driving circuit.

12. An image forming device comprising a photosensitive member, an exposure light source configured to expose the photosensitive member, a developing device configured to apply a developing agent to the exposed photosensitive member, and a transfer device configured to transfer an image developed by the developing device to a print medium, wherein the exposure light source includes a light emitting device defined in claim 1.

13. An image capturing device comprising an optical unit including a plurality of lenses, an image capturing element configured to receive light having passed through the optical unit, and a display unit configured to display an image captured by the image capturing element, wherein the display unit includes a light emitting device defined in claim 1.

14. A display device comprising a display unit including a light emitting device defined in claim 1, and a housing provided with the display unit.

15. An electronic apparatus comprising a display unit including a light emitting device defined in claim 1, a housing provided with the display unit, and a communication unit provided in the housing and configured to perform external communication.

16. An illumination device comprising a light source including a light emitting device defined in claim 1, and one of a light diffusing unit and an optical film configured to transmit light emitted by the light source.

17. A mobile body comprising a lighting appliance including a light emitting device defined in claim 1, and a body provided with the lighting appliance.

18. A wearable device including a display device configured to display an image, wherein the display device includes a light emitting device defined in claim 1.
