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(54) **APPARATUS FOR SENSING STRETCH**

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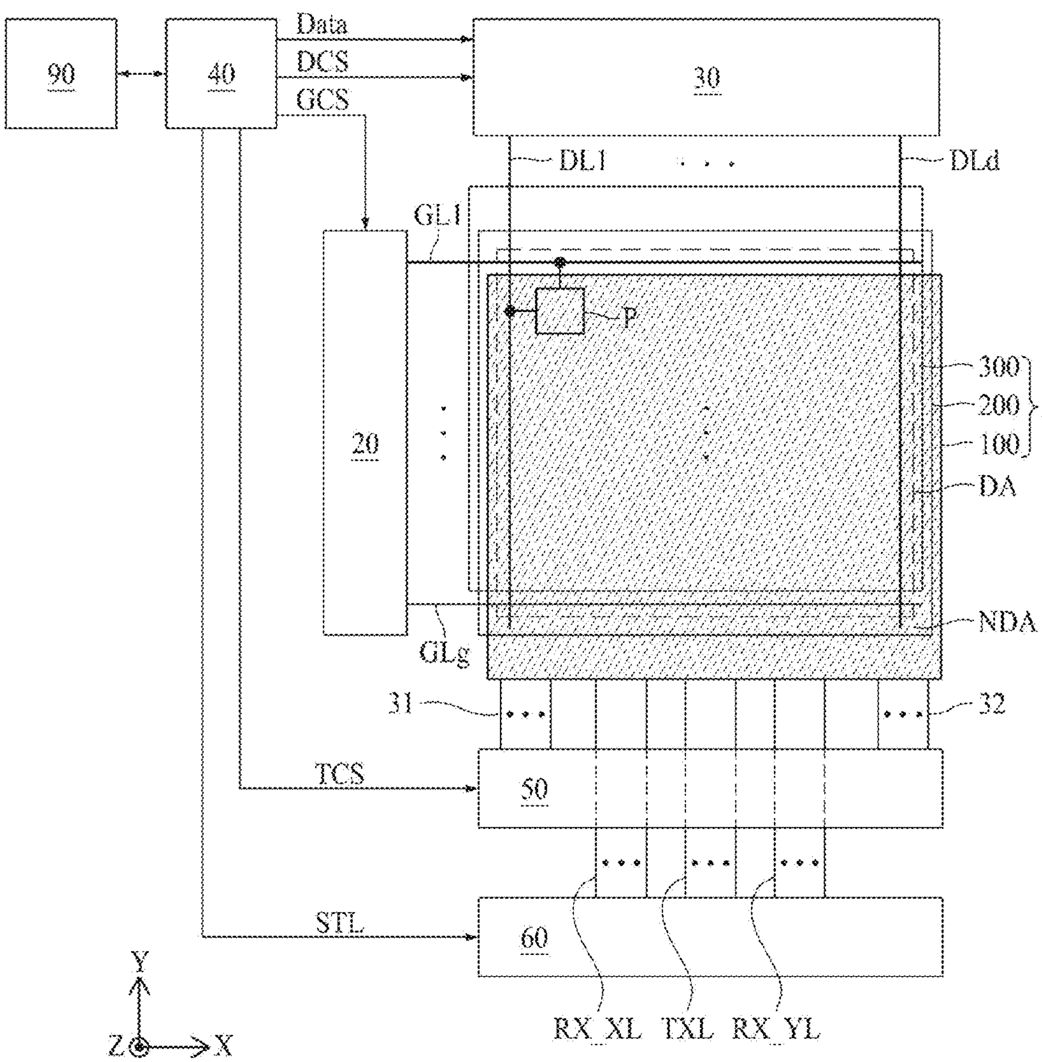
(57) **ABSTRACT**

An apparatus for sensing a stretch can be provided with three different types of stretch electrodes to determine the presence or absence of a stretch. The apparatus for sensing a stretch can include a stretch support substrate configured to be stretched; and a plurality of driving electrodes, a plurality of mono-receiving electrodes, and a plurality of cross-receiving electrodes provided on the stretch support substrate. Each of the plurality of driving electrodes includes a first direction driving electrode extending in a first direction of the stretch support substrate, and a plurality of second direction driving electrodes connected to the first direction driving electrode and extending in a second direction different from the first direction. Each of the plurality of mono-receiving electrodes extends in the second direction, and each of the cross-receiving electrodes extends in the first direction and the second direction.



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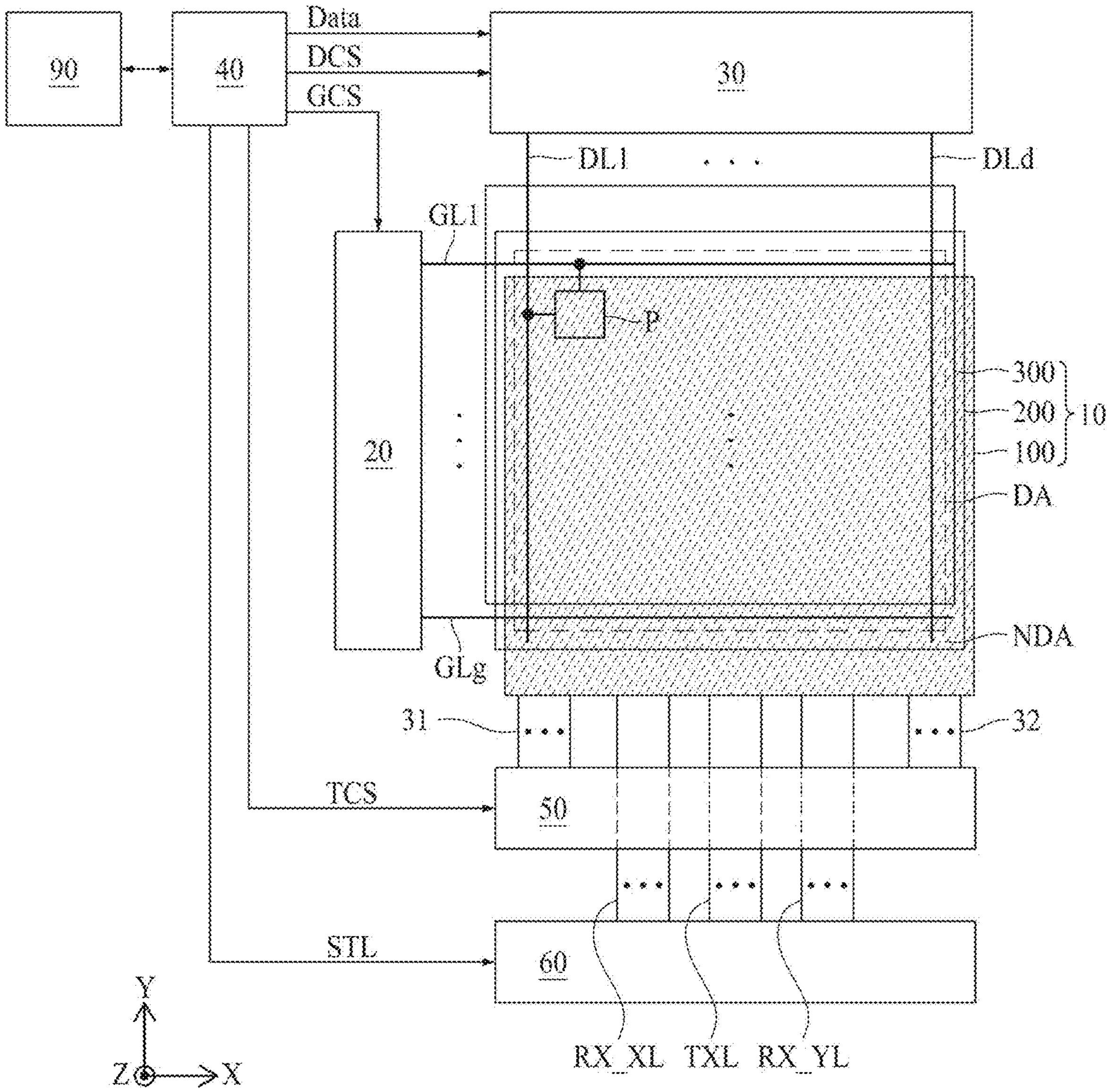
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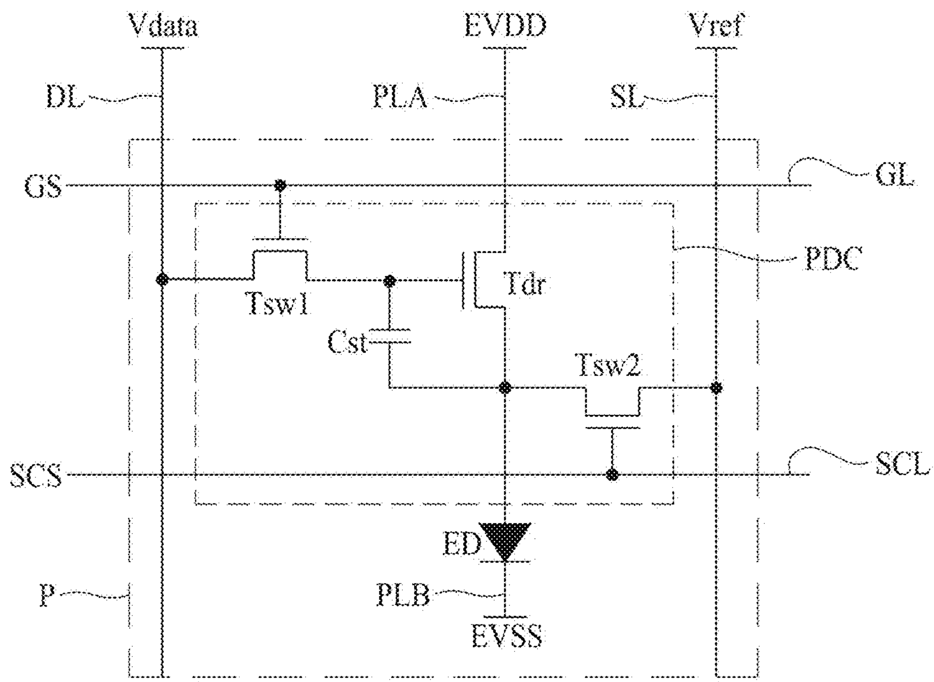
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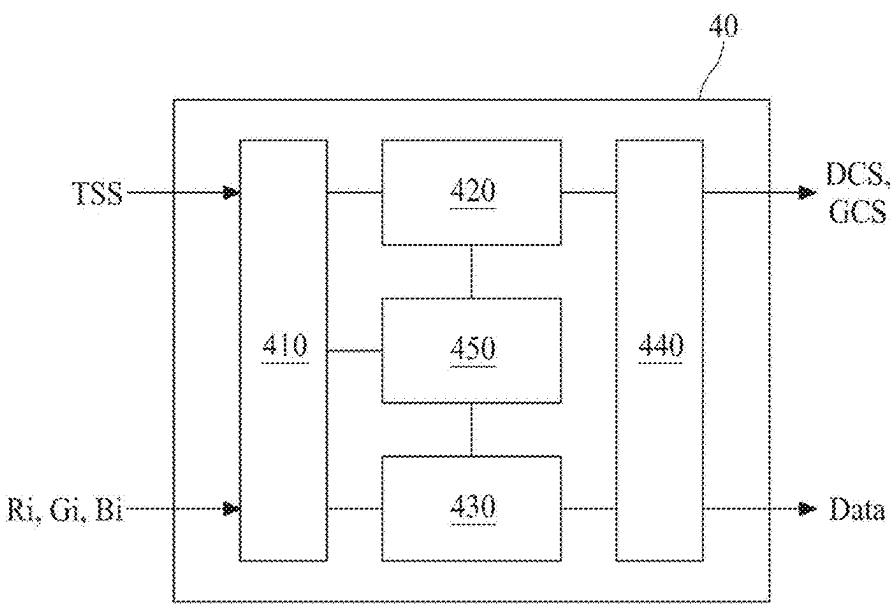
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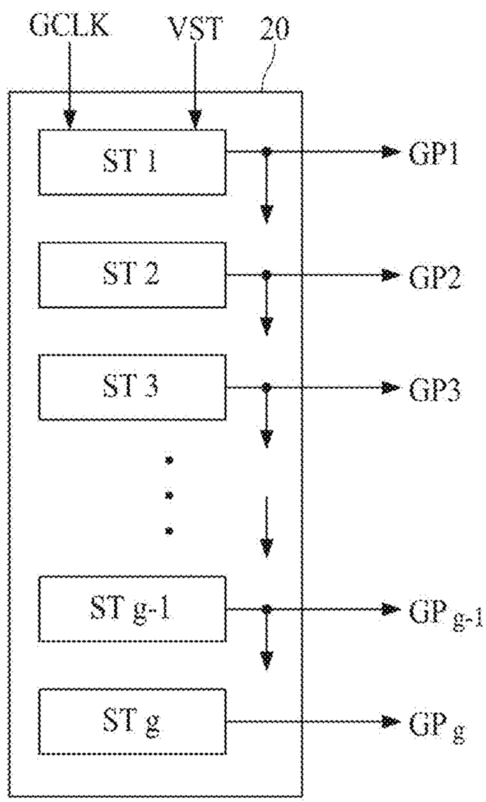

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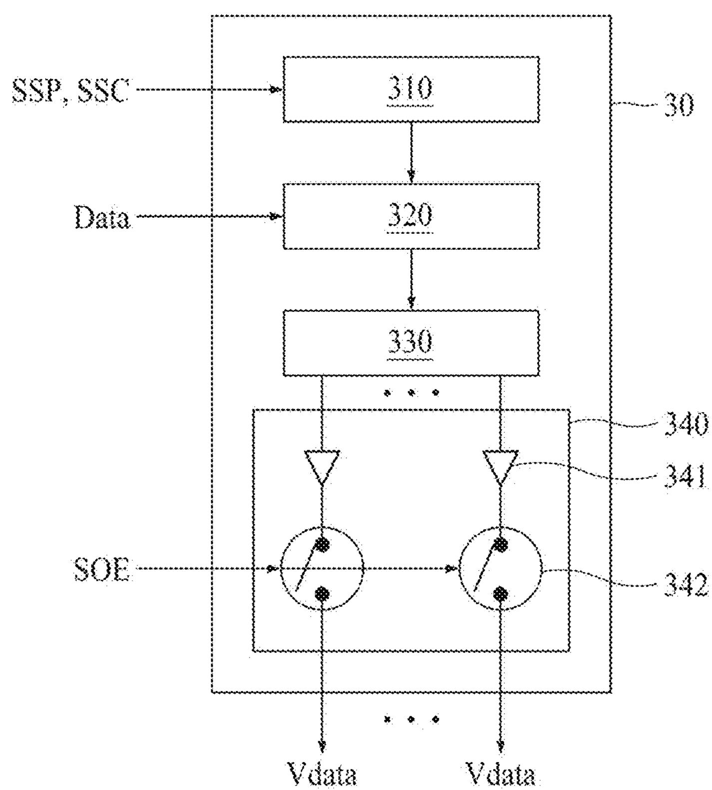

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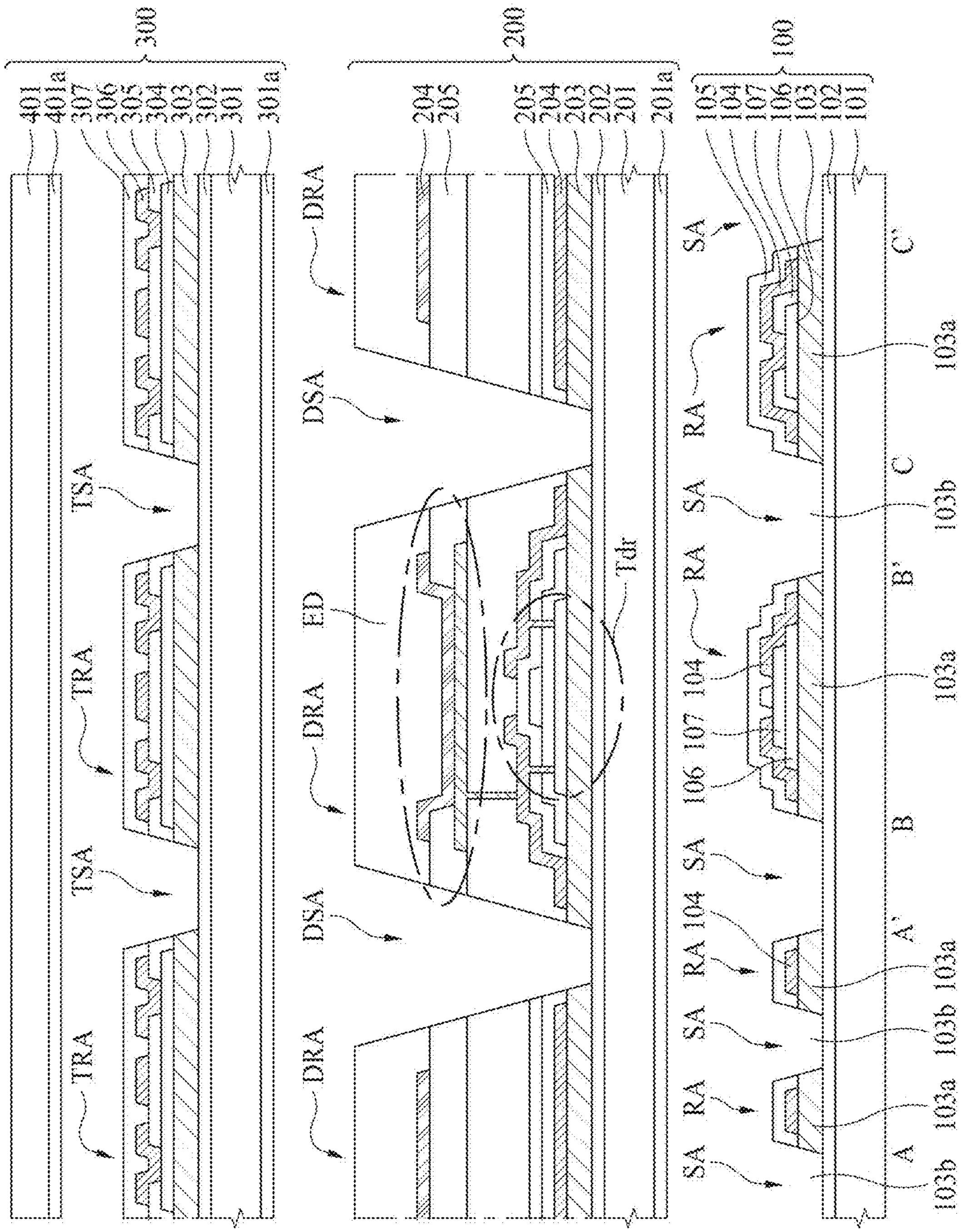
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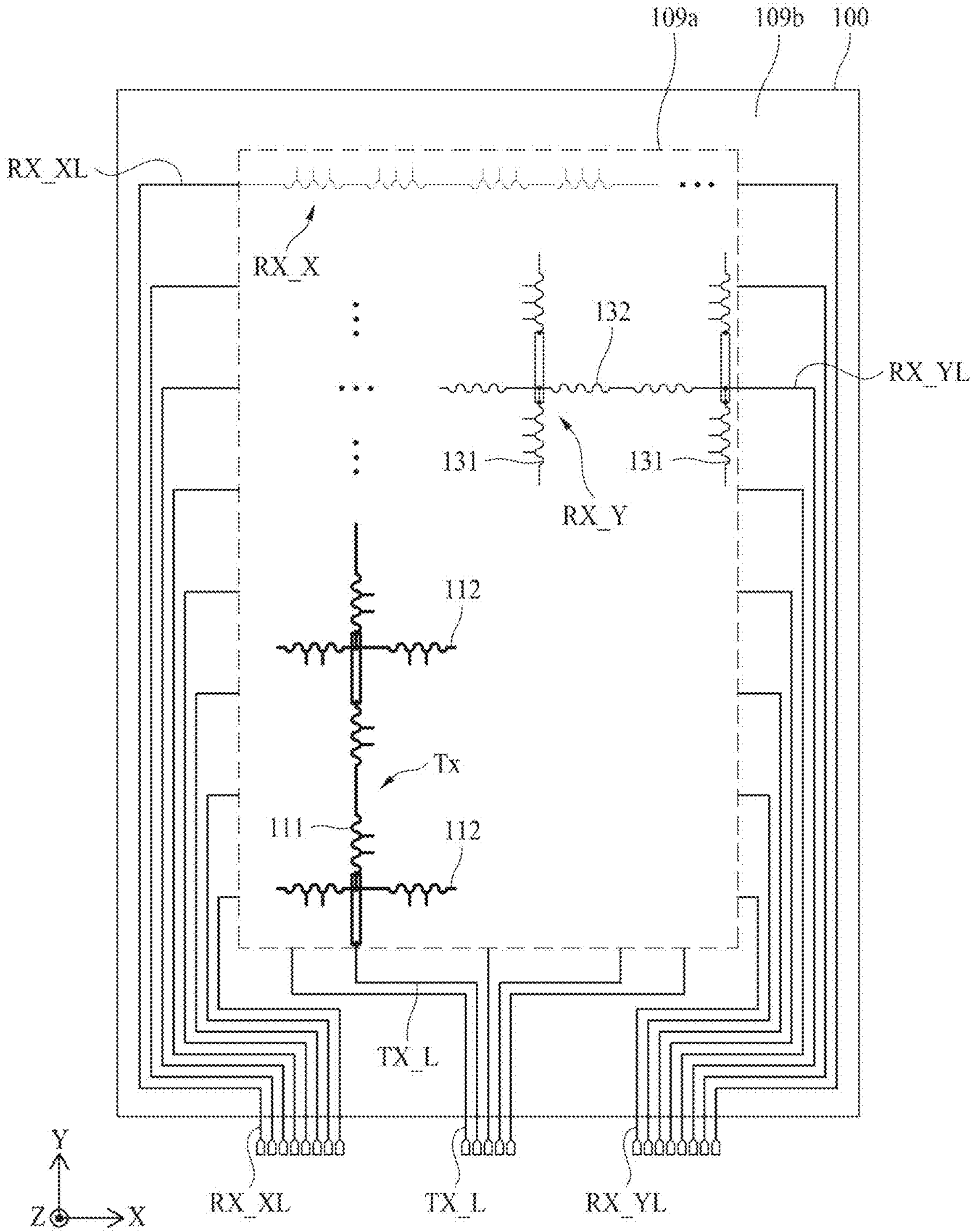
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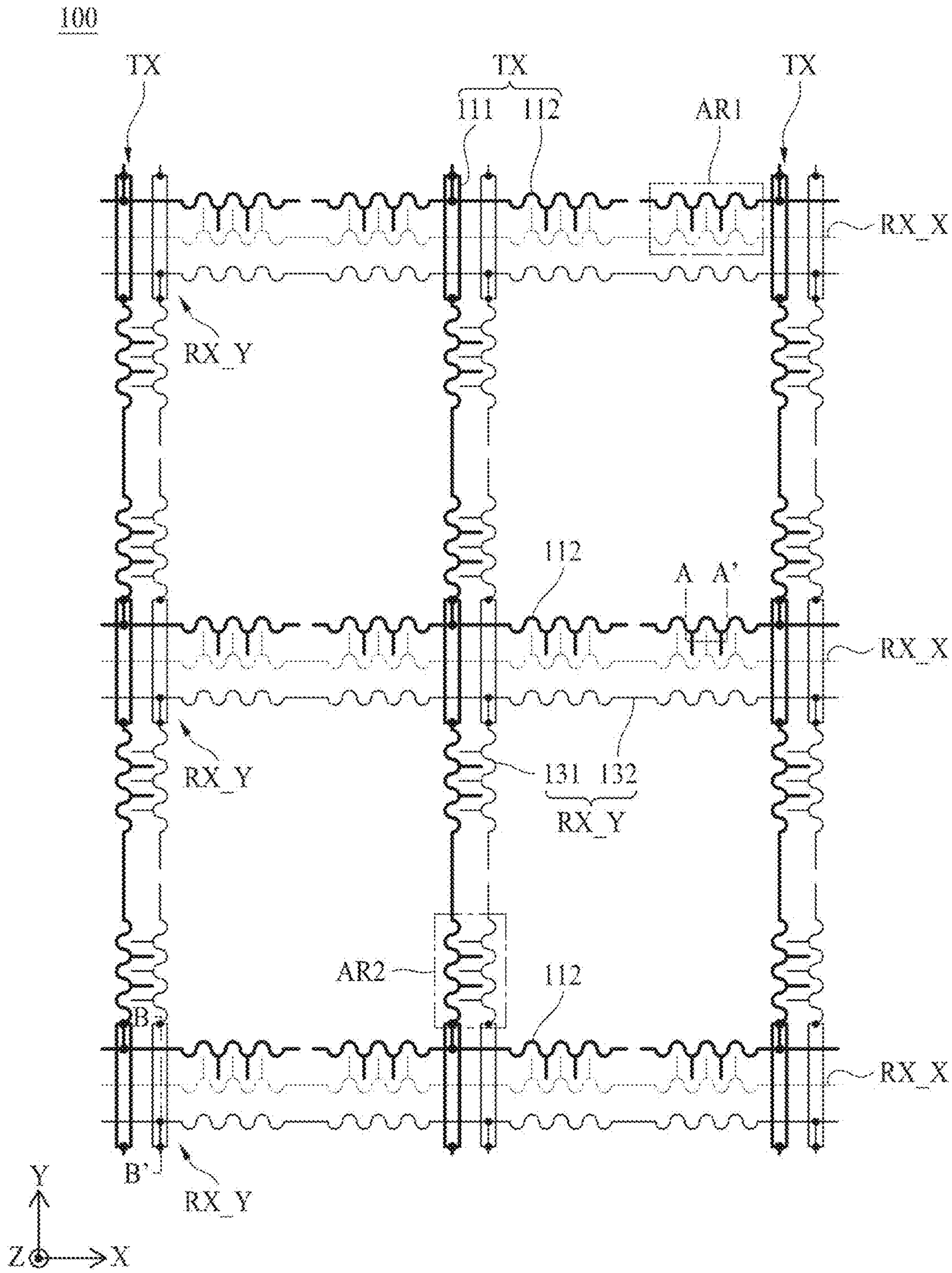
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FIG. 9

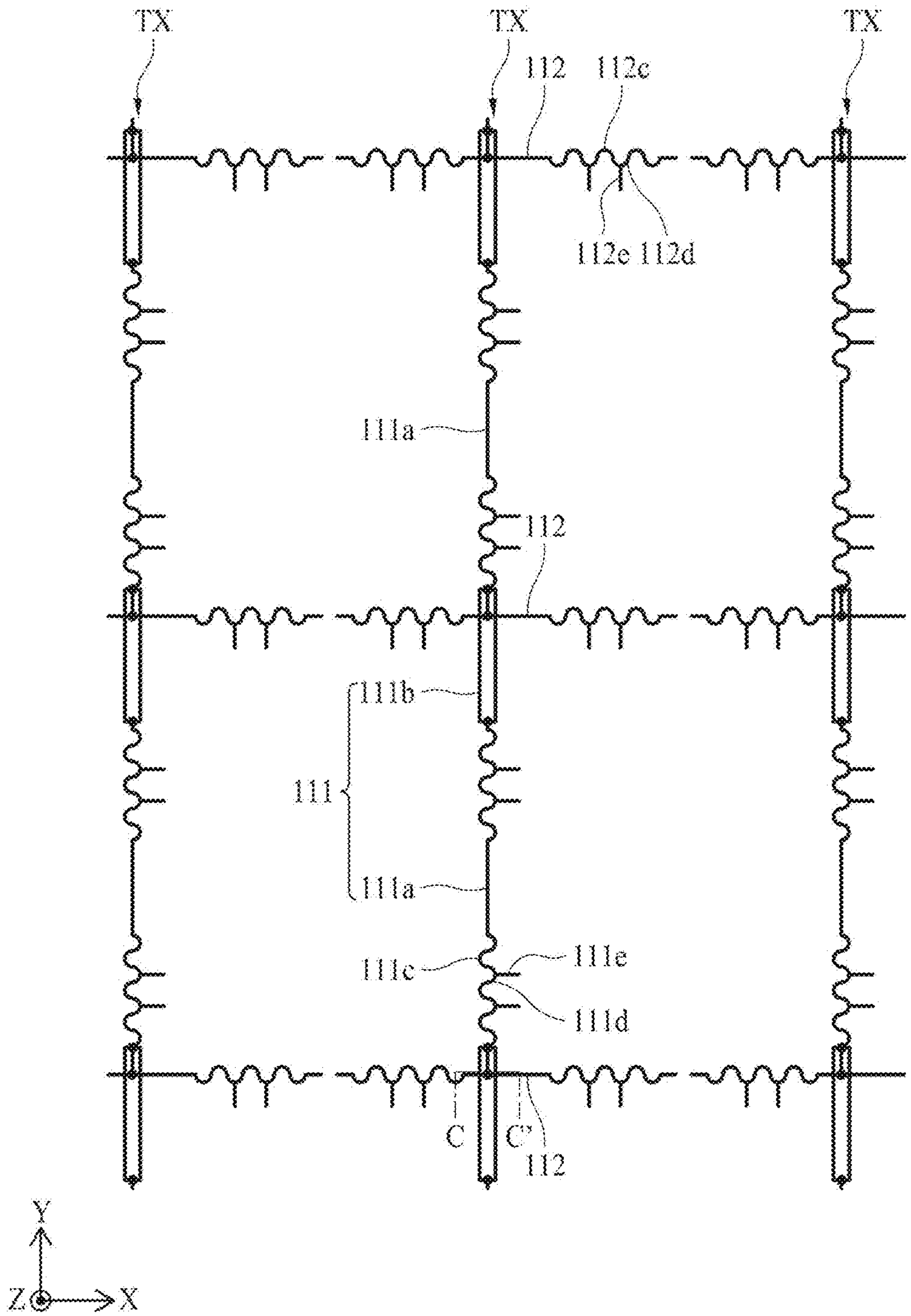
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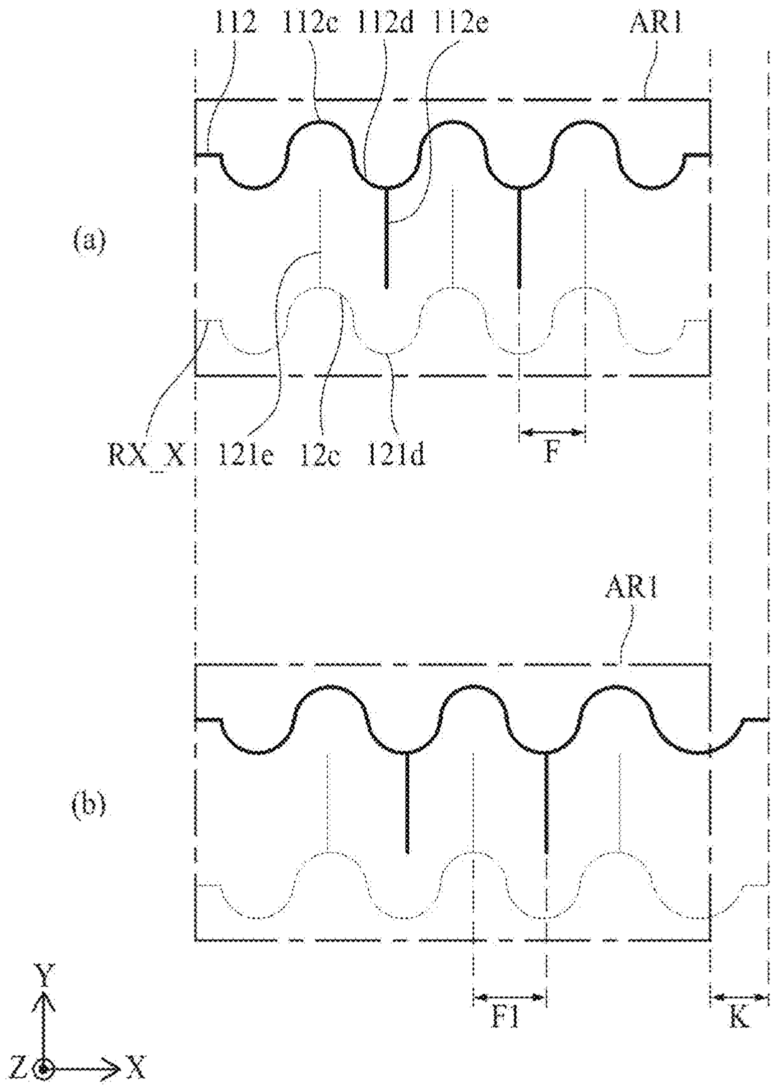
FIG. 10

FIG. 11



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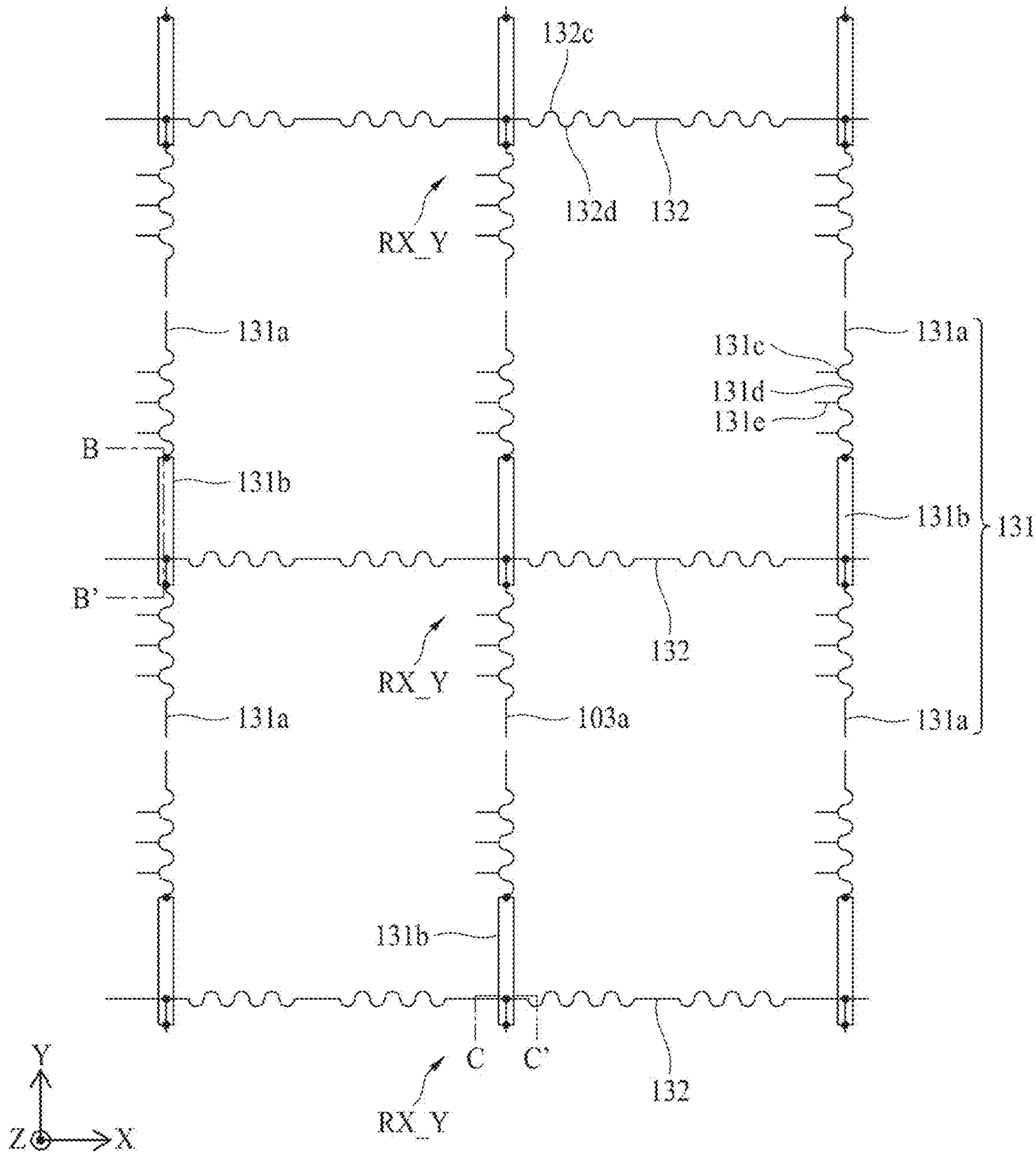
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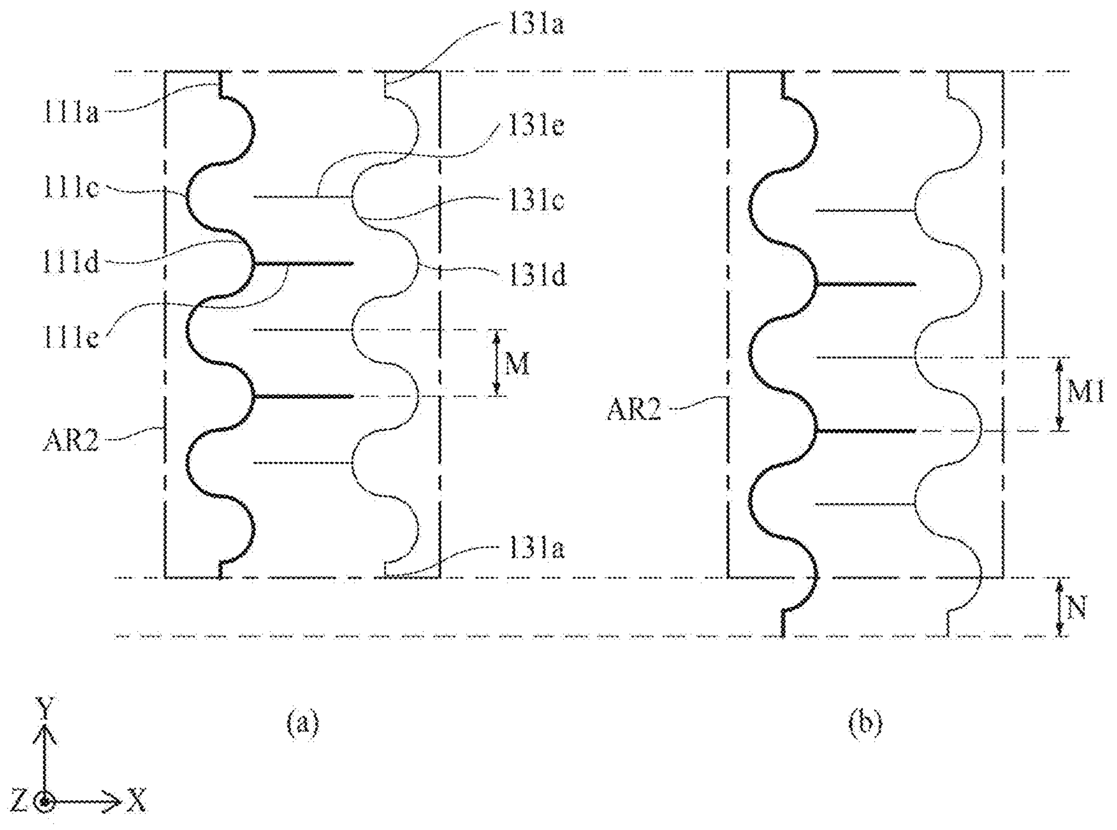
FIG. 13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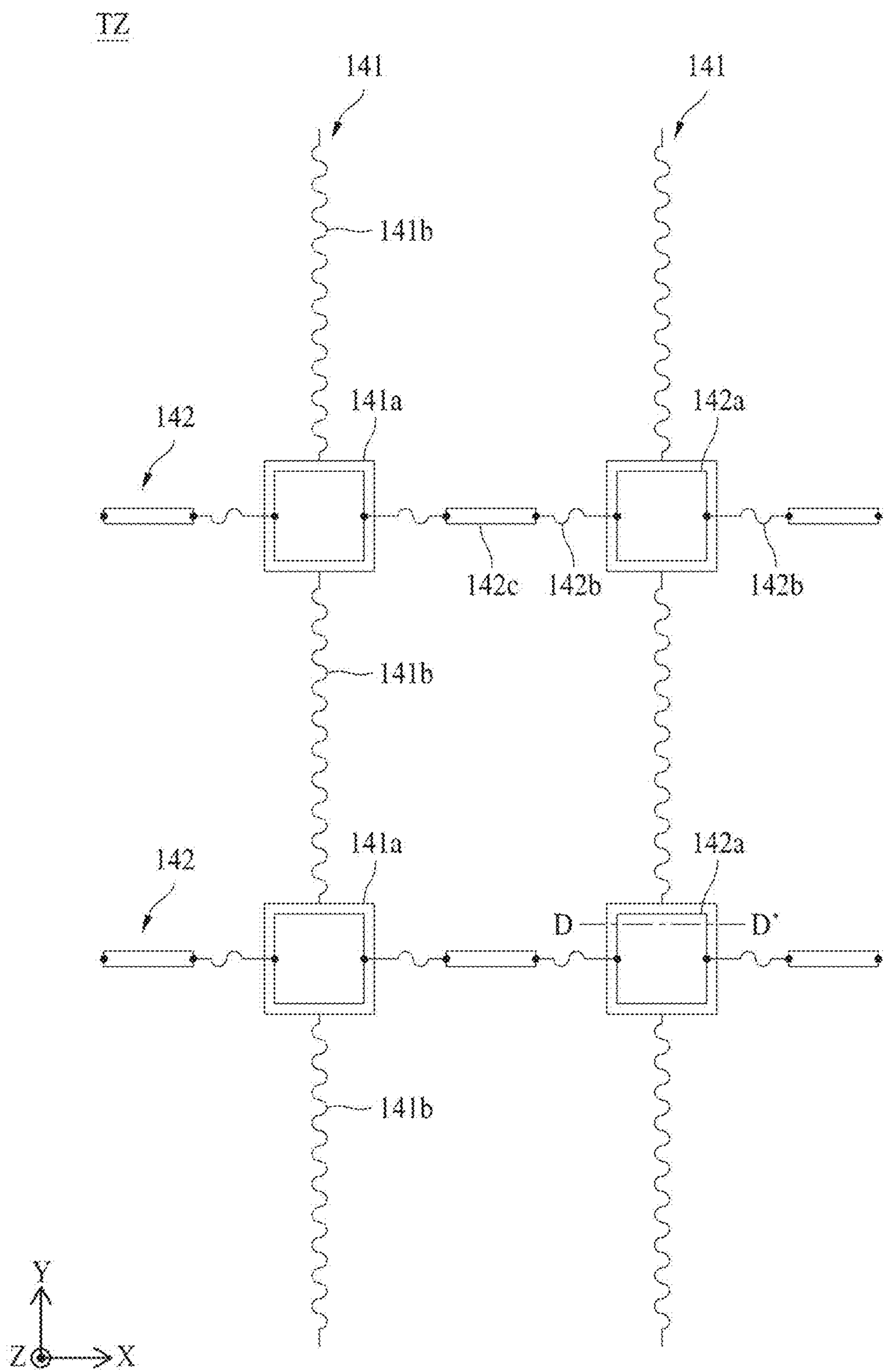
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FIG. 15A

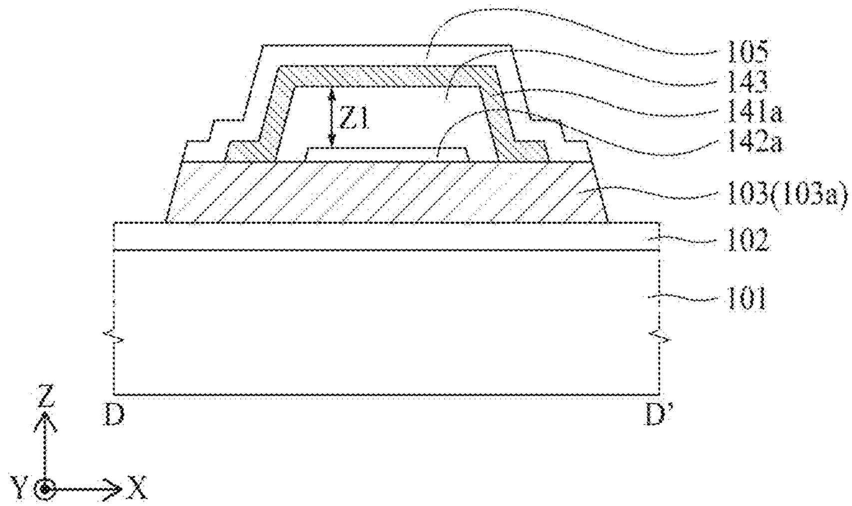


FIG. 15B

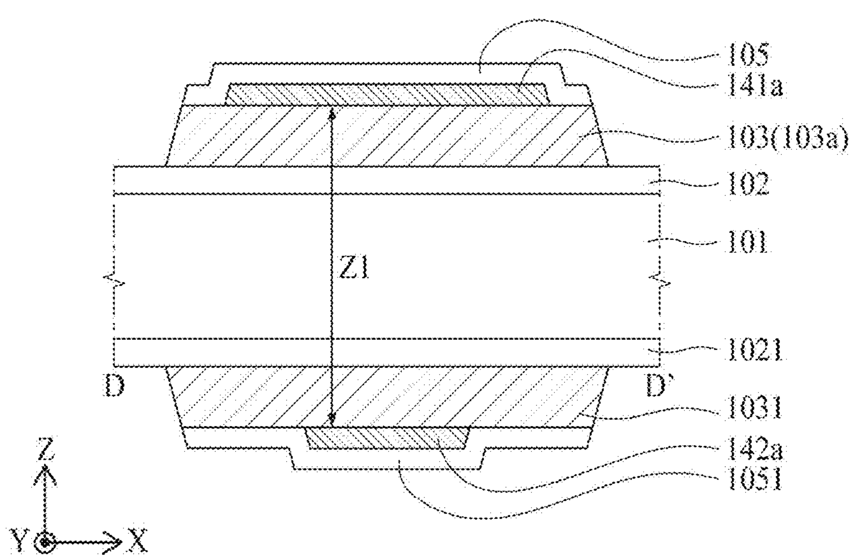
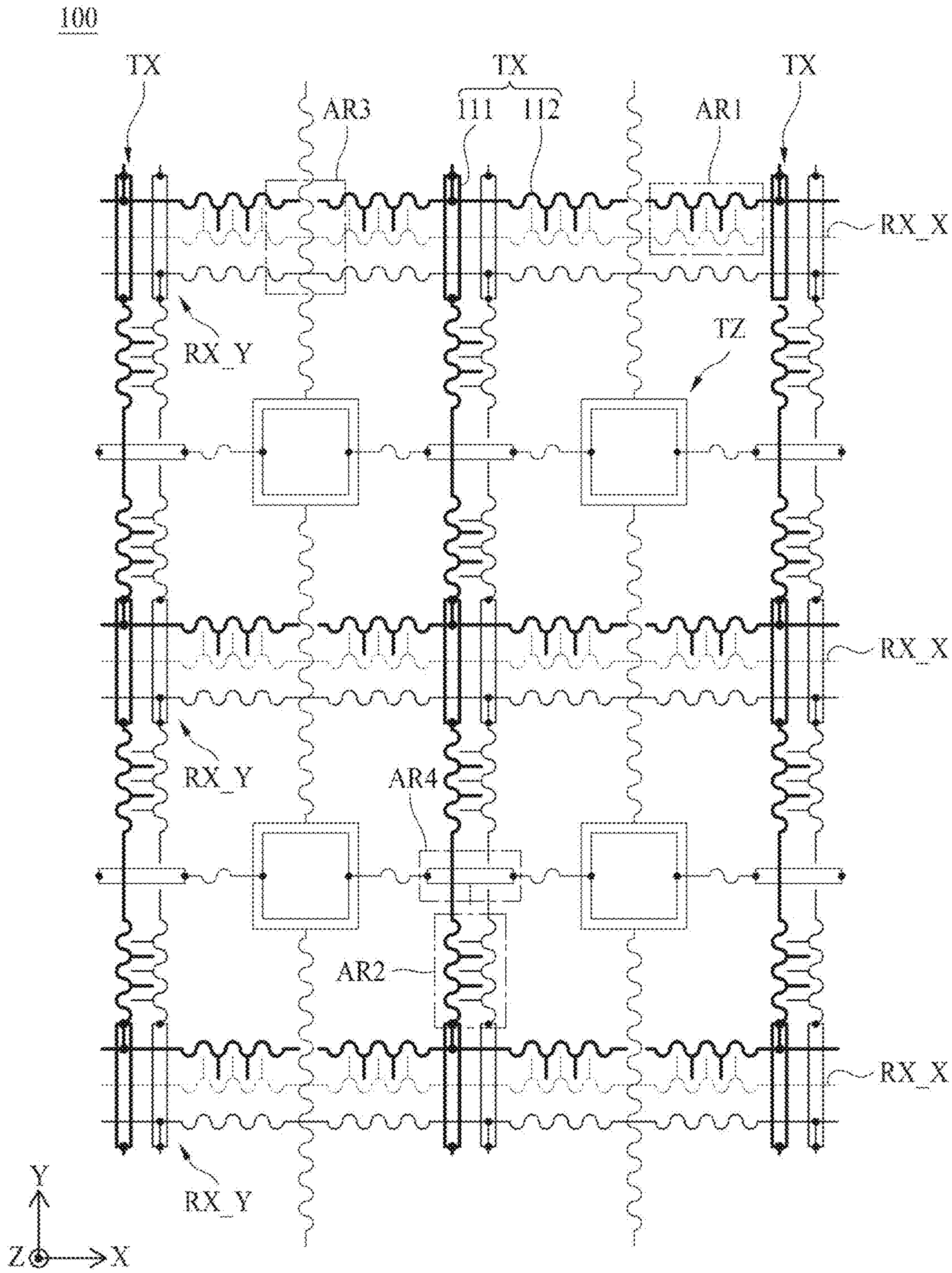


FIG. 16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APPARATUS FOR SENSING STRETCH

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 10-2024-0021879 filed in the Republic of Korea, on Feb. 15, 2024, the entire contents of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference into the present application.

BACKGROUND

Field of Technology

[0002] The present disclosure relates to an apparatus for sensing a stretch.

Discussion of the Related Art

[0003] Light emitting display apparatuses are mounted on or provided in electronic products such as televisions, monitors, notebook computers, smart phones, tablet computers, electronic pads, wearable devices, watch phones, portable information devices, navigation devices, or vehicle control display devices, etc., to display images.

[0004] Light emitting display apparatuses are used for various purposes in various fields, and recently, there is a demand to check the degree of stretch of a light emitting display apparatus and the stretch coordinates of a light emitting display apparatus. For example, an apparatus for sensing a stretch, which is capable of displaying an image and sensing a stretch, is in demand.

[0005] However, an apparatus for sensing a stretch, which is capable of meeting these various requirements, is not available.

[0006] The above-described background is part of the present disclosure to devise the present disclosure or is technical information acquired by a process of devising the present disclosure, but cannot be regarded as the known art disclosed to the general public before the present disclosure is disclosed.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0007] Accordingly, the present disclosure is directed to providing an apparatus for sensing a stretch, which substantially obviates one or more problems due to limitations and disadvantages of the related art.

[0008] An aspect of the present disclosure is directed to providing an apparatus for sensing a stretch, which is provided with three different types of stretch electrodes to determine the presence or absence of stretch.

[0009] Additional advantages and features of the disclosure will be set forth in part in the description which follows and in part will become apparent to those having ordinary skill in the art upon examination of the following or can be learned from practice of the disclosure. The objectives and other advantages of the disclosure can be realized and attained by the structure particularly pointed out in the written description as well as the appended drawings.

[0010] To achieve these and other advantages and in accordance with the purpose of the disclosure, as embodied and broadly described herein, there is provided an apparatus for sensing a stretch comprising: a stretch support substrate configured to stretch; and a plurality of driving electrodes, a plurality of mono-receiving electrodes, and a plurality of cross-receiving electrodes provided on the stretch support substrate, wherein each of the plurality of driving electrodes includes a first direction driving electrode extending in a first direction of the stretch support substrate and a plurality of second direction driving electrodes connected to the first direction driving electrode and extending in a second direction different from the first direction, each of the plurality of mono-receiving electrodes extends in the second direction, and each of the plurality of cross-receiving electrodes extends in the first direction and the second direction.

[0011] It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description of the present disclosure are example and explanatory and are intended to provide further explanation of the disclosure as claimed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0012] The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the disclosure and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this application, illustrate embodiments of the disclosure and together with the description serve to explain the principle of the disclosure. In the drawings:

[0013] FIG. **1** is an example diagram illustrating a configuration of an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0014] FIG. **2** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of a pixel applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0015] FIG. **3** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of a control driver applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0016] FIG. **4** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of a gate driver applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0017] FIG. **5** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of a data driver applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0018] FIG. **6** is an example diagram schematically illustrating a structure of a light emitting display panel applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0019] FIG. **7** is an example diagram schematically illustrating a structure of a stretch panel applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0020] FIG. **8** is an example diagram illustrating three driving electrodes, three mono-receiving electrodes, and three cross-receiving electrodes provided in a stretch panel of an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0021] FIG. **9** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of three driving electrodes illustrated in FIG. **8**;

[0022] FIG. **10** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of three mono-receiving electrodes illustrated in FIG. **8**;

[0023] FIG. **11** is an example diagram illustrating a first area illustrated in FIG. **8**;

[0024] FIG. **12** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of three cross-receiving electrodes illustrated in FIG. **8**;

[0025] FIG. **13** is an example diagram illustrating a second area illustrated in FIG. **8**;

[0026] FIG. **14** is an example diagram illustrating a Z-axis stretch electrode applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0027] FIGS. **15**A and **15**B are example diagrams illustrating a cross-sectional surface taken along a line D-D' illustrated in FIG. **14**; and

[0028] FIG. **16** is an example diagram illustrating three driving electrodes, three mono-receiving electrodes, three cross-receiving electrodes, and a Z-axis stretch electrode provided in a stretch panel of an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

[0029] Reference will now be made in detail to the example embodiments of the present disclosure, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. Wherever possible, the same reference numbers will be used throughout the drawings to refer to the same or like parts.

[0030] Advantages and features of the present disclosure, and implementation methods thereof will be clarified through following embodiments described with reference to the accompanying drawings. The present disclosure can, however, be embodied in different forms and should not be construed as limited to the embodiments set forth herein. Rather, these embodiments are provided so that this disclosure will be thorough and complete, and will fully convey the scope of the present disclosure to those skilled in the art.

[0031] A shape, a size, a ratio, an angle, and a number disclosed in the drawings for describing embodiments of the present disclosure are merely an example, and thus, the present disclosure is not limited to the illustrated details. Like reference numerals refer to like elements throughout. In the following description, when the detailed description of the relevant known function or configuration is determined to unnecessarily obscure the important point of the present disclosure, the detailed description will be omitted. When "comprise," "have," and "include" described in the present disclosure are used, another part can be added unless "only" is used. The terms of a singular form can include plural forms unless referred to the contrary.

[0032] In construing an element, the element is construed as including an error or tolerance range although there is no explicit description of such an error or tolerance range.

[0033] In describing a position relationship, for example, when a position relation between two parts is described as, for example, "on," "over," "under," and "next," one or more other parts can be disposed between the two parts unless a more limiting term, such as "just" or "direct (ly)" is used.

[0034] In describing a time relationship, for example, when the temporal order is described as, for example, "after," "subsequent," "next," and "before," a case that is not continuous can be included unless a more limiting term, such as "just," "immediate (ly)," or "direct (ly)" is used.

[0035] It will be understood that, although the terms "first," "second," etc. can be used herein to describe various elements, these elements should not be limited by these terms. These terms are only used to distinguish one element from another and may not define order or sequence. For example, a first element could be termed a second element, and, similarly, a second element could be termed a first element, without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

[0036] In describing elements of the present disclosure, the terms "first," "second," "A," "B," "(a)," "(b)," etc. can be used. These terms are intended to identify the corresponding elements from the other elements, and basis, order, or number of the corresponding elements should not be limited by these terms. As for the expression that an element is "connected," "coupled," or "adhered" to another element or layer, the element or layer can not only be directly connected or adhered to another element or layer, but also be indirectly connected or adhered to another element or layer with one or more intervening elements or layers "disposed," or "interposed" between the elements or layers, unless otherwise specified.

[0037] The term "at least one" should be understood as including any and all combinations of one or more of the associated listed items. For example, the meaning of "at least one of a first item, a second item, and a third item" denotes the combination of all items proposed from two or more of the first item, the second item, and the third item as well as the first item, the second item, or the third item. Further, the term "can" used herein includes all meanings and definitions of the word "may."

[0038] Features of various embodiments of the present disclosure can be partially or overall coupled to or combined with each other, and can be variously inter-operated with each other and driven technically as those skilled in the art can sufficiently understand. The embodiments of the present disclosure can be carried out independently from each other, or can be carried out together in co-dependent relationship.

[0039] Hereinafter, embodiments of the present disclosure will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings. All the components of each apparatus according to all embodiments of the present disclosure are operatively coupled and configured.

[0040] FIG. **1** is an example diagram illustrating a configuration of an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, FIG. **2** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of a pixel applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, FIG. **3** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of a control driver applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, FIG. **4** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of a gate driver applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, and FIG. **5** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of a data driver applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0041] An apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure can be used as various kinds of electronic devices. Electronic device can be, for example, a wearable device worn on a user's body. In particular, a wearable device can be worn on a user's wrist, knee, and elbow.

[0042] An apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, as illustrated in FIG. **1**, can include a light emitting display panel **10** which includes a display area DA (or active area) displaying an image and a non-display area NDA (or non-active area) provided outside the display area DA, a gate driver **20** which supplies gate signals GS to a plurality of gate lines GL**1** to GLg provided in the display area DA of the light emitting display panel **10**, a data driver **30** which supplies data voltages Vdata to a plurality of data lines DL1 to DLd provided in the display area DA of the light emitting display panel **10**, a touch driver **50** which supplies a touch driving signal to a touch electrode provided in the light emitting display panel **10**, a stretch driver **60** which supplies a stretch driving signal to a stretch electrode provided in the light emitting display panel **10**, a control driver **40** which controls driving of the gate driver **20**, the data driver **30**, the touch driver **50**, and the stretch driver **60**, and a power supply unit which supplies power to the control driver **40**, the gate driver **20**, the data driver **30**, the touch driver **50**, the stretch driver **60**, and the light emitting display panel **10**.

[0043] First, the light emitting display panel **10** can include a display panel **200** which display an image, a touch panel **300** in which a touch electrode for touch sensing is provided, and a stretch panel **100** in which electrodes for stretch sensing are provided. However, the light emitting display panel **10** can include only the display panel **200** and the stretch panel **100**.

[0044] The display panel **200** can include a display area DA and a non-display area NDA. Gate lines GL1 to GLg, data lines DL1 to DLd, and pixels P can be provided in the display area DA. Accordingly, an image can be displayed in the display area DA. Here, g and d are natural numbers. The non-display area NDA can surround the outer periphery of the display area DA. For instance, the non-display area NDA can surround the display area DA entirely or only in part(s).

[0045] The pixel P included in the display panel **200**, as illustrated in FIG. **2**, can include a pixel driving circuit PDC which includes a switching transistor Tsw1, a storage capacitor Cst, a driving transistor Tdr, and a sensing transistor Tsw2, and a light emitting device ED connected to the pixel driving circuit PDC.

[0046] A first terminal of the driving transistor Tdr can be connected to a first voltage supply line through which a first voltage EVDD is supplied, and a second terminal of the driving transistor Tdr can be connected to the light emitting device ED.

[0047] A first terminal of the switching transistor Tsw1 can be connected to a data line DL, a second terminal of the switching transistor Tsw1 can be connected to a gate of the driving transistor Tdr, and a gate of the switching transistor Tsw1 can be connected to a gate line GL.

[0048] A data voltage Vdata can be supplied through the data line DL from the data driver **30**. A gate signal GS can be supplied through the gate line GL from the gate driver **20**. The gate signal GS can include a gate pulse GP for turning on the switching transistor Tsw1 and a gate-off signal for turning off the switching transistor Tsw1.

[0049] The sensing transistor Tsw2 can be provided for measuring a threshold voltage of the driving transistor Tdr or mobility of an electrical charge (for example, an electron), or supplying a reference voltage Vref to the pixel driving circuit PDC. A first terminal of the sensing transistor Tsw2 can be connected to the second terminal of the driving transistor Tdr and the light emitting device ED, a second terminal of the sensing transistor Tsw2 can be connected to a sensing line SL through which the reference voltage Vref is supplied, and a gate of the sensing transistor Tsw2 can be connected to a sensing control line SCL through which a sensing control signal SCS is supplied.

[0050] The sensing line SL can be connected to the data driver **30** and can be connected to the power supply unit through the data driver **30**. For example, the reference voltage Vref supplied from the power supply unit can be supplied to the pixels through the sensing line SL, sensing signals transmitted from the pixels P can be converted into digital sensing signals in the data driver **30**, and the digital sensing signals can be transmitted to the control driver **40**.

[0051] The light emitting device ED can include a first electrode supplied with a first voltage EVDD through the driving transistor Tdr, a second electrode connected to a second voltage supply line PLB through which a second voltage is supplied, and a light emitting layer provided between the first electrode and the second electrode. The first electrode can be an anode and the second electrode can be a cathode.

[0052] The structure of the pixel P applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure is not limited to the structure illustrated in FIG. **2**. Accordingly, the structure of the pixel P can be changed to various shapes.

[0053] The touch panel **300** can perform a function of sensing a touch, and for this purpose, can include a touch electrode.

[0054] For example, when the touch panel **300** uses a mutual method, the touch electrode can include at least one touch driving electrode and at least one touch receiving electrode. In this case, the touch driver **50** can supply a touch driving signal to the touch driving electrode and can determine whether a touch is present using a touch sensing signal received from the touch receiving electrode by the touch driving signal.

[0055] Moreover, when the touch panel **300** senses a touch caused by an electronic pen, the touch driver **50** can supply an uplink signal to the touch driving electrode and determine whether a touch is present by using a downlink signal received from the electronic pen through the touch receiving electrode. In this case, the uplink signal ca be a touch driving signal.

[0056] Further, when the touch panel **300** uses a self-cap method, at least one touch electrode can be provided in the touch panel **300**. In this case, the touch driver **50** can supply a touch driving signal to the touch electrode and can determine whether there is a touch by using a touch sensing signal received from the touch electrode.

[0057] Hereinafter, for convenience of description, an apparatus for sensing a stretch including a touch panel **300** using the mutual method will be described as an example of an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0058] In this case, a touch driving electrode provided in the touch panel **300** can be connected to the touch driver **50** through a touch driving electrode line **31**, and a touch receiving electrode provided in the touch panel can be connected to the touch driver **50** through a touch receiving electrode line **32**.

[0059] The stretch panel **100** can perform a function of sensing whether it is stretched, whether it is bent, and whether it is under tensile stress, and for this purpose, the stretch panel **100** can include three types of stretch electrodes. In the following description, the stretch can be used to refer to bending, or can be used to refer to tensile stress.

[0060] Three types of stretch electrodes can include a driving electrode, a mono-receiving electrode, and a cross-receiving electrode.

[0061] The driving electrode can be connected to the stretch driver **60** through a driving electrode line TXL, the mono-receiving electrode can be connected to the stretch driver **60** through a mono-receiving electrode line RX_XL, and the cross-receiving electrode can be connected to the stretch driver **60** through a cross-receiving electrode line RX_YL.

[0062] The control driver **40** can realign input image data Ri, Gi, and Bi transmitted from an external system **90** by using a timing synchronization signal TSS transmitted from the external system and can generate a data control signal DCS which is to be supplied to the data driver **30** and a gate control signal GCS which is to be supplied to the gate driver **20**.

[0063] To this end, as illustrated in FIG. **3**, the control driver **40** can include a data aligner **430** which realigns input image data Ri, Gi, and Bi to generate image data Data, a control signal generator **420** which generates the gate control signal GCS and the data control signal DCS by using the timing synchronization signal TSS, an input unit **410** which transmits the timing synchronization signal TSS transmitted from the external system **90** to the control signal generator **420** and transmits the input image data Ri, Gi, and Bi transmitted from the external system **90** to the data aligner **430**, and an output unit **440** which supplies the data driver **30** with the image data Data generated by the data aligner **430** and the data control signal DCS generated by the control signal generator **420** and supplies the gate driver **20** with the gate control signal GCS generated by the control signal generator **420**.

[0064] The control signal generator **420** can generate a power control signal supplied to the power supply unit.

[0065] The control signal generator **420** can generate a touch control signal supplied to the touch driver **50**.

[0066] The control signal generator **420** can generate a stretch control signal supplied to the stretch driver **60**.

[0067] The control driver **40** can further include a storage unit **450** for storing various information. The storage unit **450** can be included in the control driver **40** as illustrated in FIG. **3**, but can be separated from the control driver **40** and provided independently.

[0068] The external system **90** can perform a function of driving the control driver **40** and an electronic device.

[0069] For example, the electronic device can be a wearable device worn on a user's body, as described above. In particular, the wearable device can be worn on a user's wrist, knee, or elbow. The electronic device can output various images, perform communication with an external server over a wireless communication network, and output various voices.

[0070] The external system **90** can receive various kinds of sound information and image information over a communication network or can generate image information by itself, and can transmit the image information to the control driver **40**. Further, the external system **90** can transmit at least one of stretch status (e.g., whether it is stretched), stretch degree, and stretch coordinates determined by the stretch panel **60** to the outside over a communication network.

[0071] The external system **90** can convert the image information into input image data Ri, Gi, and Bi and transmit the input image data Ri, Gi, and Bi to the control driver **40**.

[0072] The power supply unit can generate various powers and supply the generated powers to the control driver **40**, the gate driver **20**, the data driver **30**, and the touch driver **50**.

[0073] The gate driver **20** can be directly embedded into the non-display area NDA by using a gate-in panel (GIP) type, or the gate driver **20** can be provided in the display area DA in which light emitting devices ED are provided, or the gate driver **20** can be provided on a chip on film mounted in the non-display area NDA.

[0074] The gate driver **20** can supply gate pulses GP**1** to GPg to the gate lines GL**1** to GLg.

[0075] When a gate pulse GP generated by the gate driver **20** is supplied to a gate of the switching transistor Tsw**1** included in the pixel P, the switching transistor Tsw**1** can be turned on. When the switching transistor Tsw**1** is turned on, data voltage Vdata supplied through a data line DL can be supplied to the pixel P.

[0076] When a gate-off signal generated by the gate driver **20** is supplied to the switching transistor Tsw**1**, the switching transistor Tsw**1** can be turned off. When the switching transistor Tsw**1** is turned off, a data voltage cannot be supplied to the pixel P any longer.

[0077] The gate signal GS supplied to the gate line GL can include the gate pulse GP and the gate-off signal.

[0078] To supply gate pulses GP**1** to GPg to gate lines GL**1** to GLg, the gate driver **20**, as illustrated in FIG. **4**, can include stages ST**1** to STg connected to gate lines GL**1** to GLg.

[0079] Each of the stages ST**1** to STg can be connected to one gate line GL, but can be connected to at least two gate lines GL.

[0080] In order to generate gate pulses GP**1** to GPg, a gate start signal VST and at least one gate clock GCLK which are generated by the control signal generator **420** can be transferred to the gate driver **20**. For example, the gate start signal VST and the at least one gate clock GCLK can be included in the gate control signal GCS.

[0081] One of the stages ST**1** to STg can be driven by a gate start signal VST to output a gate pulse GP to a gate line GL. The gate pulse GP can be generated by a gate clock GCLK.

[0082] At least one of signals output from a stage ST where a gate pulse is output can be supplied to another stage ST to drive another stage ST. Accordingly, a gate pulse can be output in another stage ST.

[0083] For example, the stages ST can be driven sequentially to sequentially supply the gate pulses GP to the gate lines GL.

[0084] The data driver **30** can supply data voltages Vdata to the data lines DL**1** to DLd.

[0085] To this end, the data driver **30**, as illustrated in FIG. **5**, can include a shift register **310** which outputs a sampling signal, a latch **320** which latches image data Data received from the control driver **40**, a digital-to-analog converter **330** which converts the image data Data, transmitted from the latch **320**, into a data voltage Vdata and outputs the data voltage Vdata, and an output buffer **340** which outputs the data voltage, transmitted from the digital-to-analog converter **330**, to the data line DL on the basis of a source output enable signal SOE.

[0086] The shift register **310** can output the sampling signal by using the data control signal DCS received from the control signal generator **420**. For example, the data control signals DCS transmitted to the shift register **310** can include a source start pulse SSP and a source shift clock signal SSC.

[0087] The latch **320** can latch image data Data sequentially received from the control driver **40**, and then output the image data Data to the digital-to-analog converter **330** at the same time on the basis of the sampling signal.

[0088] The digital-to-analog converter **330** can convert the image data Data transmitted from the latch **320** into data voltages Vdata and output the data voltages Vdata.

[0089] The output buffer **340** can simultaneously output the data voltages Vdata transmitted from the digital-to-analog converter **330** to data lines DL**1** to DLd of the display panel **200** on the basis of the source output enable signal SOE transmitted from the control signal generator **420**.

[0090] To this end, the output buffer **340** can include a buffer **341** which stores the data voltage Vdata transmitted from the digital-to-analog converter **330** and a switch **342** which outputs the data voltage Vdata stored in the buffer **341** to the data line DL on the basis of the source output enable signal SOE.

[0091] For example, when the switches **342** are turned on based on the source output enable signal SOE simultaneously supplied to the switches **342**, the data voltages Vdata stored in the buffers **341** can be supplied to the data lines DL**1** to DLd through the switches **342**.

[0092] The data voltages Vdata supplied to the data lines DL**1** to DLd can be supplied to pixels P connected to a gate line GL supplied with a gate pulse GP.

[0093] The touch driver **50** can supply a touch driving signal to the touch panel **300**, and can determine whether there is a touch by using a touch sensing signal received from the touch panel **300**.

[0094] Finally, the stretch driver **60** can supply a stretch driving signal to the stretch panel **100**, and can determine whether there is stretch by using a stretch sensing signal received from the stretch panel **100**.

[0095] FIG. **6** is an example diagram schematically illustrating a structure of a light emitting display panel applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0096] First, the stretch panel **100** can include a stretch support substrate **101**, a stretch substrate **103** provided on the stretch support substrate **101**, an adhesive **102** to bond the stretch support substrate **101** and the stretch substrate **103**, a metal electrode **104** provided on the stretch substrate **103**, and at least one stretch passivation layer **105** covering the metal electrode **104**.

[0097] The stretch support substrate **101** can be formed of, for example, polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS). For example, the stretch support substrate **101** can be formed of a material such as silicon. Therefore, the stretch support substrate **101** is a stretchable substrate.

[0098] The stretch substrate **103** can be formed of a material such as polyimide.

[0099] The metal electrode **104** can be provided on the stretch substrate **103**. The metal electrode **104** can be formed of copper, and further, can be formed of various metals used in manufacturing a light emitting display apparatus. The metal electrode **104** forms a stretch electrode.

[0100] The metal electrode **104** can be covered by the stretch passivation layer **105**.

[0101] The stretch passivation layer **105** can be formed of, for example, silicon oxide (SiOx) or silicon nitride (SiNx), metal oxide or metal nitride, or can be formed of various inorganic materials used in manufacturing a light emitting display apparatus.

[0102] At least one inorganic material layer can be further included in the stretch panel **100** in addition to the stretch passivation layer **105**.

[0103] The at least one inorganic material layer can be, for example, a bridge insulation layer **107** to insulate the bridge **106** from the metal electrode **104**. The bridge **106** can be formed of the same metal as the metal electrode **104**, and further, can be formed of various metals used in manufacturing a light emitting display apparatus.

[0104] In order to allow the stretch panel **100** to be stretched, as illustrated in FIG. **6**, the stretch substrate **103** and the stretch passivation layer **105** are not provided in an area other than an area where the metal electrode **104** and the bridge **106** are located in the stretch panel **100**, and at least one inorganic layer provided in the stretch panel **100** is also not provided in the area.

[0105] In the following description, an area in which the metal electrode **104** or the bridge **106** is provided is referred to as a rigid area RA. Further, an area in which the metal electrode **104**, the bridge **106**, the stretch substrate **103**, and the stretch passivation layer **105** are not provided is referred to as a soft area SA.

[0106] To provide an additional description, the stretch substrate **103** is provided between the stretch support substrate **101** and the metal electrodes **104**, and the stretch substrate **103** includes mesh portions **103*a*** connected like a mesh. Opening portions **103*b*** are formed between the mesh portions **103*a***.

[0107] In this case, the metal electrodes **104** can be provided only in the mesh portions **103*a***.

[0108] For example, in the following description, the stretch substrate **103** can mean the mesh portion **103*a***.

[0109] Further, the rigid area RA can correspond to the mesh portion **103*a***, and the soft area SA can correspond to the opening portion **103*b***.

[0110] A brief description of a manufacturing process of the stretch panel **100** is as follows.

[0111] A material such as polyimide is deposited on a carrier substrate (e.g., a glass substrate) to form a stretch substrate layer.

[0112] Metal electrodes **104** are formed on the stretch substrate layer.

[0113] The metal electrodes **104** are covered by a stretch passivation layer material.

[0114] When the stretch substrate layer and the stretch passivation layer material in an area without the metal electrode **104** are removed by, for example, a laser, the stretch substrate **103** and the stretch passivation layer **105** are formed, as illustrated in FIG. **6**.

[0115] After that, the carrier substrate is removed.

[0116] The stretch support substrate **101** is attached to the stretch substrate **103**, from which the carrier substrate is removed, by using an adhesive **102**.

[0117] Accordingly, the stretch panel **100** can be finally manufactured.

[0118] Next, the display panel **200** can include a display support substrate **201**, a display substrate **203** provided on the display support substrate **201**, a display substrate adhesive **202** bonding the display support substrate **201** and the display substrate **203**, at least two display electrodes **204** provided on different layers, and at least two display insulation layers **205** covering at least two display electrodes **204**.

[0119] The display support substrate **201** can be formed of, for example, polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS). For example, the display support substrate **201** can be formed of a material such as silicon. Therefore, the display support substrate **201** is a stretchable substrate. The display substrate **203** can be formed of a material such as polyimide.

[0120] At least two display electrodes **204**, which form various types of lines and electrodes such as a gate, source and electrode of each of the transistors Tsw**1**, Tsw**2**, and Tdr, a gate line GL, a data line DL, an anode, and a cathode, can be provided on the display substrate **203**.

[0121] Each of the at least two display electrodes **204** can be formed of at least one opaque electrode, at least one transparent electrode, or at least one opaque electrode and at least one transparent electrode.

[0122] At least two display electrodes **204** can be formed of different materials.

[0123] A display insulation layer **205** can be provided between the display electrodes **204** provided on different layers. The display insulation layer **205** can include at least one organic material layer, can include at least one inorganic material layer, or can include at least one organic material layer and at least one inorganic material layer.

[0124] An upper end of the light emitting device ED including the anode, the light emitting layer, and the cathode can be covered by an encapsulation layer. The encapsulation layer can be included in at least two display insulation layers **205**.

[0125] The encapsulation layer can include at least one inorganic material layer, at least one organic material layer, or at least one inorganic material layer and at least one organic material layer.

[0126] In order to allow the display panel **200** to be stretched, the display substrate **203** and at least two display insulation layers **205** can be removed from the display panel **200** in areas except for the area where the display electrodes **204** are located, as illustrated in FIG. **6**.

[0127] In the following description, an area in which the display electrode **204** remains is referred to as a display rigid area DRA. Furthermore, an area in which the display electrode **204** and the display substrate **203** are not provided is referred to as a display soft area DSA.

[0128] A process of manufacturing the display panel **200** will be briefly described as follows.

[0129] A material such as polyimide is deposited on a carrier substrate (e.g., a glass substrate) to form a display substrate layer.

[0130] At least two display electrodes **204** and at least two display insulation layer materials are formed on the display substrate layer.

[0131] Transistors Tsw**1**, Tsw**2**, and Tdr configuring the pixel driving circuit PDC as illustrated in FIG. **2**, a gate line GL, a data line DL, and a light emitting device ED can be formed by at least two display electrodes **204** and at least two display insulation layer materials.

[0132] When a display substrate layer and a display insulation layer material in an area without the display electrode **204** are removed by, for example, a laser, the display substrate **203** and at least two insulation layers **205** as illustrated in FIG. **6** are formed.

[0133] After that, the carrier substrate is removed.

[0134] The display support substrate **201** is attached to the display substrate **203**, from which the carrier substrate is removed, by using the display substrate adhesive **202**.

[0135] Accordingly, the display panel **200** can be finally manufactured.

[0136] The display support substrate **201** can be bonded to the stretch panel **100** by using a display support substrate adhesive **201***a*.

[0137] Accordingly, the display panel **200** and the stretch panel **100** can be finally attached to each other.

[0138] Before the display panel **200** and the stretch panel **100** are bonded, another stretch support substrate can be further attached to an upper end of the stretch panel **100**. In this case, another stretch support substrate provided on the upper end of the stretch panel **100** and the display support substrate **201** of the display panel **200** can be bonded by the display support substrate adhesive **201***a*.

[0139] Another stretch support substrate provided at the upper end of the stretch panel **100** can be formed of the same material as the stretch support substrate **101** provided at the lower end of the stretch panel **100**.

[0140] Finally, as described above, the touch panel **300** can be formed using a mutual method or a self-cap method. Hereinafter, for convenience of description, the touch panel **300** using the mutual method will be described as an example of a touch panel applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0141] The touch panel **300** can include a touch support substrate **301**, a touch substrate **303** provided on the touch support substrate **301**, a touch substrate adhesive **302** for bonding the touch support substrate **301** and the touch substrate **303**, a touch bridge **304** provided on the touch substrate **303**, a touch bridge insulation layer **305** covering the touch bridge **304**, touch electrode layers **306** provided on the touch bridge insulation layer **305**, and a touch passivation layer **307** covering the touch electrode layers **306**.

[0142] The touch support substrate **301** can be formed of, for example, polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS). For example, the touch support substrate **301** can be formed of a material such as silicon. Therefore, the touch support substrate **301** is a stretchable substrate.

[0143] The touch substrate **303** can be formed of a material such as polyimide.

[0144] The touch bridge **304** can be provided on the touch substrate **303**. The touch bridge **304** can be formed of at least one opaque electrode, at least one transparent electrode, or at least one opaque electrode and at least one transparent electrode.

[0145] The touch bridge **304** can be covered by the touch bridge insulation layer **305**. The touch bridge insulation layer **305** can include at least one organic layer, at least one inorganic layer, or at least one organic layer and at least one inorganic layer.

[0146] Touch electrode layers **306** forming touch driving electrodes or touch receiving electrodes are provided on the touch bridge insulation layer **305**.

[0147] Two touch electrode layers **306** forming the touch driving electrode or the two touch electrode layers **306** forming the touch receiving electrode can be connected to the touch bridge **304** through a contact hole provided in the touch bridge insulation layer **305**.

[0148] For example, in an area where the touch driving electrode and the touch receiving electrode intersect, the two touch electrode layers **306** forming the touch driving electrode or the two touch electrode layers **306** forming the touch receiving electrode can be connected through the touch bridge **304**.

[0149] The touch electrode layers **306** can be covered by the touch passivation layer **307**. The touch passivation layer **307** can include at least one organic layer, at least one inorganic layer, or at least one organic layer and at least one inorganic layer.

[0150] In the following description, an area where the touch bridge **304** or the touch electrode layer **304** remains is referred to as a touch rigid area TRA. In addition, an area where the touch bridge **304**, the touch electrode layer **304**, and the touch substrate **303** are not provided is referred to as a touch soft area TSA.

[0151] A process of manufacturing the touch panel **300** will be briefly described as follows.

[0152] A material such as polyimide is deposited on a carrier substrate (e.g., a glass substrate) to form a touch substrate layer.

[0153] At least one touch bridge **304** can be provided on the touch substrate layer, the touch bridge **304** can be covered by a touch bridge insulation material, at least one touch electrode layer **306** can be provided on the touch bridge insulation material, and the touch electrode layer **306** can be covered by a touch passivation material.

[0154] When the touch substrate layer and the touch insulation layer material in an area without the touch bridge **304** and the touch electrode layer **306** are removed by, for example, a laser, the touch substrate **303** as illustrated in FIG. **6** is formed.

[0155] After that, the carrier substrate is removed.

[0156] The touch support substrate **301** is attached to the touch substrate **303**, from which the carrier substrate is removed, by using the touch substrate adhesive **302**.

[0157] Another touch support substrate **401** can be attached to an upper end of the touch passivation layer **307** by using a touch passivation layer adhesive **401***a*. Another touch support substrate **401** can be formed of the same material as the touch support substrate **301** provided at a lower end of the touch panel **300**.

[0158] Accordingly, the touch panel **300** can be finally manufactured.

[0159] The touch support substrate **301** can be bonded to the display panel **200** by using a touch support substrate adhesive **301***a*.

[0160] Accordingly, the touch panel **300** and the display panel **200** can be finally attached to each other.

[0161] Before the touch panel **300** and the display panel **200** are bonded, another display support substrate can be further attached to an upper end of the display panel **200**. In this case, another display support substrate provided on the upper end of the display panel **200** and the touch support substrate **301** of the touch panel **300** can be bonded by the touch support substrate adhesive **301***a*.

[0162] Another display support substrate provided at the upper end of the display panel **200** can be formed of the same material as the display support substrate **201** provided at the lower end of the display panel **200**.

[0163] An apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure can include only the stretch panel **100**, or can include the stretch panel **100** and display panel **200**, or can include the stretch panel **100**, display panel **200**, and touch panel **300**.

[0164] When an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure includes only the stretch panel **100**, another stretch support substrate can be attached to an upper surface of the stretch panel **100**.

[0165] When an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure includes the stretch panel **100** and the display panel **200** provided on the stretch panel **100**, another display support substrate can be attached to the upper surface of the display panel **200**.

[0166] FIG. **7** is an example diagram schematically illustrating a structure of a stretch panel applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0167] As illustrated in FIG. **7**, the stretch panel **100** can include a stretch area **109***a*, in which driving electrodes TX, mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, and cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y are provided, and a stretch line area **109***b*, in which driving electrode lines TX_L connected to the driving electrodes TX, mono-receiving electrode lines RX_XL connected to the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, and cross-receiving electrode lines RX_YL connected to the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y.

[0168] The stretch area **109***a* can correspond to the display area DA, but does not necessarily coincide with the display area DA.

[0169] As described above, the stretch panel **100** can include three types of stretch electrodes to sense whether there is stretch.

[0170] Three types of stretch electrodes include a driving electrode TX, a mono-receiving electrode RX_X, and a cross-receiving electrode RX_Y.

[0171] Each of the driving electrodes TX extends in a first direction, for example, the Y-axis direction Y, of the stretch panel **100** and can intersect with the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X and the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y, as illustrated in FIG. **7**. In the following description, the first direction can be represented by the reference numeral Y.

[0172] Each of the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X extends in a second direction different from the first direction Y, for example, the X-axis direction X, as illustrated in FIG. **7**. In the following description, the second direction can be represented by the reference numeral X.

[0173] Each of the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y extends in the second direction X, as illustrated in FIG. **7**.

[0174] The driving electrode lines TX_L, the mono-receiving electrode lines RX_XL, and the cross-receiving electrode lines RX_YL are connected to the stretch driver **60**.

[0175] The stretch driver **60** can sequentially supply stretch driving signals to the driving electrodes TX. When the stretch driving signal is supplied from the stretch driver **60** to the driving electrode TX, if the stretch panel **100** is stretched, capacitance between the driving electrode TX and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can be changed, or capacitance between the driving electrode TX and the cross-receiving electrode RX_Y can be changed.

[0176] For example, when the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the first direction Y, for example, in the vertical direction of the stretch panel **100** illustrated in FIG. **7**, the capacitance between the driving electrode TX and the cross-receiving electrode RX_Y can be changed, and accordingly, at least one of current, voltage, and capacitance of a stretch sensing signal received through the cross-receiving electrode RX_Y can be changed.

[0177] The stretch driver **60** can analyze a change amount of at least one of current, voltage, and capacitance to determine at least one of stretch in the vertical direction of the stretch panel **100**, a degree of stretch in the vertical direction of the stretch panel **100**, and stretch coordinates in which stretch occurs.

[0178] However, after the stretch driver **60** generates stretch information corresponding to a change amount of at least one of current, voltage, and capacitance, the stretch information can be transmitted to the control driver **40** or a separate determination unit. In this case, the control driver **40** or the separate determination unit can determine at least one of stretch in the vertical direction of the stretch panel **100**, a degree of stretch in the vertical direction of the stretch panel **100**, and stretch coordinates in which stretch occurs, by using the stretch information.

[0179] Further, when the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the second direction X, i.e., the left and right directions of the stretch panel **100** illustrated in FIG. **7**, the capacitance between the driving electrode TX and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can be changed, and accordingly, at least one of the current and voltage of the stretch sensing signal received through the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can be changed.

[0180] The stretch driver **60** can analyze a change amount of at least one of current, voltage, and capacitance to determine at least one of stretch in the left and right directions of the stretch panel **100**, a degree of stretch in the left and right directions, and stretch coordinates in which stretch occurs.

[0181] However, after the stretch driver **60** generates stretch information corresponding to a change amount of at least one of current, voltage, and capacitance, the stretch information can be transmitted to the control driver **40** or a separate determination unit. In this case, the control driver **40** or the separate determination unit can determine at least one of stretch in the left and right directions of the stretch panel **100**, a degree of stretch in the left and right directions of the stretch panel **100**, and stretch coordinates in which stretch occurs, by using the stretch information.

[0182] For example, the change amount in capacitance between the driving electrode TX and the cross-receiving electrode RX_Y can be used to determine whether the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the first direction Y (e.g., vertical direction) of the stretch panel **100**, and the change amount in capacitance between the driving electrode TX and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can be used to determine whether the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the second direction X (e.g., left and right direction) of the stretch panel **100**.

[0183] FIG. **8** is an example diagram illustrating three driving electrodes, three mono-receiving electrodes, and three cross-receiving electrodes provided in a stretch panel of an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0184] The stretch panel **100** can be provided with various numbers of driving electrodes TX, mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, and cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y depending on a size of the stretch panel **100**. Among at least three driving electrodes TX, at least three mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, and at least three cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y which are provided in the stretch panel **100**, three driving electrodes TX, three mono-receiving electrodes RX_X and three cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y are illustrated in FIG. **8**.

[0185] The stretch panel **100** applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, as described with reference to FIGS. **6** and **7**, includes the stretch support substrate **101** to be stretched, and the driving electrodes TX, mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, and cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y which are provided on the stretch support substrate **101**.

[0186] The stretch substrate **103** is provided between the driving electrodes TX, the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, and the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y, and the stretch support substrate **101**.

[0187] The stretch substrate **103** includes patterned mesh portions and opening portions that are empty spaces between the mesh portions. Accordingly, the stretch substrate **103** can be stretched together with the stretched support substrate **101**, and thus the driving electrodes TX, mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, and cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y provided on the stretch substrate **103** can also be stretched.

[0188] As illustrated in FIG. **8**, each of the driving electrodes TX includes a first direction driving electrode **111** extending in the first direction Y of the stretch support substrate **101** and second direction driving electrodes **112** connected to the first direction driving electrode **11** and extending in the second direction X different from the first direction Y.

[0189] For example, each of the driving electrodes TX includes one first direction driving electrode **111** and at least two second direction driving electrodes **112**.

[0190] In this case, each of the driving electrodes TX is connected to the driving electrode line TXL, as illustrated in FIG. **7**, and can be connected to the stretch driver **60** through the driving electrode line TXL.

[0191] In particular, the first direction driving electrode **111** of each of the driving electrodes TX can be connected to the stretch driver **60** through the driving electrode line TXL.

[0192] Each of the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X can extend in the second direction X.

[0193] In particular, each of the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X can be provided continuously in the second direction X of the stretch panel **100**.

[0194] In this case, each of the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X is connected to the mono-receiving electrode line RX_XL, as illustrated in FIG. **7**, and can be connected to the stretch driver **60** through the mono-receiving electrode line RX_XL.

[0195] Each of the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y can extend in the first direction Y and the second direction X.

[0196] Each of the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y includes a second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** extending in the second direction X and first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** connected to the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** and extending in the first direction Y, as illustrated in FIG. **8**.

[0197] For example, each of the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y includes one second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** and at least two first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131**.

[0198] In this case, each of the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y is connected to the cross-receiving electrode line

RX_YL, as illustrated in FIG. **7**, and can be connected to the stretch driver **60** through the cross-receiving electrode line RX_YL.

[0199] In particular, the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** of each of the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y can be connected to the stretch driver **60** through the cross-receiving electrode line RX_YL.

[0200] Hereinafter, the structure of each of the driving electrode TX, the mono-receiving electrode RX_X, and the cross-receiving electrode RX_Y will be described in detail.

[0201] FIG. **9** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of three driving electrodes illustrated in FIG. **8**.

[0202] As described above, each of the driving electrodes TX includes the first direction driving electrode **111** extending in the first direction Y of the stretch support substrate **101** and second direction driving electrodes **112** connected to the first direction driving electrode **111** and extending in the second direction Y different from the first direction Y.

[0203] For example, each of the driving electrodes TX includes one first direction driving electrode **111** and at least two second direction driving electrodes **112**.

[0204] First, each of the second direction driving electrodes **112** and the first direction driving electrode **111** configuring the driving electrode TX have a cross shape.

[0205] For example, as illustrated in FIG. **9**, the first direction driving electrode **111** and the second direction driving electrode **112** intersect each other, and accordingly, the first direction driving electrode **111** and the second direction driving electrode **112** have a cross shape.

[0206] For example, the first direction driving electrode **111** extends from an upper end to a lower end of the stretch area **109***a* illustrated in FIG. **7** and can be connected to the stretch driver **60**.

[0207] The second direction driving electrode **112** can, for example, extend along the second direction X in a part of the stretch area **109***a* illustrated in FIG. **7**.

[0208] In this case, the second direction driving electrodes **112** adjacent along the second direction X are spaced apart from each other.

[0209] For example, at least two second direction driving electrodes **112** can be provided along the second direction X of the stretch panel **100**, at least two second direction driving electrodes **112** can be spaced apart from each other, and at least two second direction driving electrodes **112** can be arranged in a line.

[0210] Next, the first direction driving electrode **111** includes two first direction driving electrode branches **111***a* adjacent to each other and a driving electrode bridge **111***b* connecting the two first direction driving electrode branches **111***a*.

[0211] For example, two first direction driving electrode branches **111***a* are connected to the driving electrode bridge **111***b*, and the two first direction driving electrode branches **111***a* extend in the first direction Y.

[0212] The two first direction driving electrode branches **111***a* can be formed on the same layer as the driving electrode bridge **111***b*, can be provided at both ends of the driving electrode bridge **111***b*, and can be connected to the driving electrode bridge **111***b*.

[0213] For example, the two first direction driving electrode branches **111***a* can be electrically connected to each other by the driving electrode bridge **111***b*.

[0214] In this case, the second direction driving electrode **112** can be connected to the driving electrode bridge **111***b* through a contact hole formed in the bridge insulation layer covering the driving electrode bridge **111***b*.

[0215] For example, a cross-sectional surface taken along a line C-C' illustrated in FIG. **9** can be a cross-sectional surface C-C' illustrated in FIG. **6**.

[0216] For example, as described with reference to FIG. **6**, the stretch support substrate **101** can be connected to the stretch substrate **103** through the adhesive **102**.

[0217] The stretch substrate **103** can include mesh portions **103***a* connected like a mesh, and opening portions **103***b* are formed between the mesh portions **103***a*.

[0218] In this case, in the cross-sectional surface C-C' of FIG. **6**, the bridge **106** can be the driving electrode bridge **111***b*, and the metal electrode **104** can be the second direction driving electrode **112**.

[0219] For example, as illustrated in FIG. **6**, the driving electrode bridge **111***b* can be provided on the mesh portion **103***a*, the driving electrode bridge **111***b* can be covered by the bridge insulation layer **107**, and the second direction driving electrode **112** can be connected to the driving electrode bridge **111***b* through a contact hole formed in the bridge insulation layer **107** covering the driving electrode bridge **111***b*.

[0220] To provide an additional description, the first direction driving electrode branches **111***a* and the second direction driving electrodes **112** are electrically connected through the driving electrode bridges **111***b*.

[0221] Accordingly, the driving electrode TX including the first direction driving electrode branches **111***a*, the driving electrode bridges **111***b*, and the second direction driving electrodes **112** can be used as one electrode.

[0222] Next, as described above, the first direction driving electrode **111** includes two first direction driving electrode branches **111***a* adjacent to each other and a driving electrode bridge **111***b* connecting the two first direction driving electrode branches **111***a*.

[0223] In this case, each of the two first direction driving electrode branches **111***a* can have a rounded shape with a mountain **111***c* and a valley **111***d*, as illustrated in FIG. **9**.

[0224] For example, in the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* illustrated in FIG. **9**, the mountain **111***c* can mean a portion protruding in the left direction, and the valley **111***d* can mean a portion protruding in the right direction.

[0225] For example, the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* can include at least one mountain **111***c* protruding in the left direction and at least one valley **111***d* protruding in the right direction, and thus can have the rounded shape.

[0226] Because the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* has the rounded shape having the mountain **111***c* and the valley **111***d* provided along the first direction Y, the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* can be stretched along the first direction Y.

[0227] In this case, as illustrated in FIG. **9**, a second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* protruding in the second direction X is provided in the valley **111***d* provided in the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a*.

[0228] The second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* extends in a direction opposite to the direction in which the mountain **111***c* is located. For example, the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* can protrude from the valley **111***d* in the right direction of the valley **111***d*, as illustrated in FIG. **9**.

[0229] Finally, each of the second direction driving electrodes **112** can, for example, extend from the left to the right of the stretch area **109***a* illustrated in FIG. **7**.

[0230] Each of the second direction driving electrodes **112** can have a rounded shape having a mountain **112***c* and a valley **112***d*, as illustrated in FIG. **9**.

[0231] For example, in the second direction driving electrode **112** illustrated in FIG. **9**, the mountain **112***c* can mean a portion protruding in an upper direction, and the valley **112***d* can mean a portion protruding in a lower direction.

[0232] For example, the second direction driving electrode **112** can include at least one mountain **112***c* protruding in the upper direction and at least one valley **112***d* protruding in the lower direction, and thus can have the rounded shape.

[0233] Because the second direction driving electrode **112** has a rounded shape having the mountain **112***c* and the valley **112***d* provided along the second direction X as described above, the second direction driving electrode **112** can be stretched along the second direction X.

[0234] In this case, as illustrated in FIG. **9**, a first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* protruding in the first direction Y is provided in the valley **112***d* provided in the second direction driving electrode **112**.

[0235] The first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* extends in a direction opposite to a direction in which the mountain **112***c* is located. For example, the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* can protrude from the valley **112***d* in the lower direction of the valley **112***d*, as illustrated in FIG. **9**.

[0236] FIG. **10** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of three mono-receiving electrodes illustrated in FIG. **8**, and FIG. **11** is an example diagram illustrating a first area illustrated in FIG. **8**. In particular, (a) of FIG. **11** illustrates a state in which the second direction driving electrode **112** and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X are not stretched, and (b) of FIG. **11** illustrates a state in which the second direction driving electrode **112** and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X are stretched.

[0237] Each of the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X can extend in the second direction X of the stretch support substrate **101**, as described above.

[0238] Each of the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X extends from the left end to the right end of the stretch area **109***a* illustrated in FIG. **7** and is connected to the stretch driver **60**.

[0239] First, each of the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X can have a rounded shape having a mountain **121***c* and a valley **121***d*, as illustrated in FIG. **10**.

[0240] For example, in the mono-receiving electrode RX_X illustrated in FIG. **10**, the mountain **121***c* can mean a portion protruding in the upper direction, and the valley **121***d* can mean a portion protruding in the lower direction.

[0241] For example, the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can include at least one mountain **121***c* protruding in the upper direction and at least one valley **121***d* protruding in the lower direction, and thus can have the rounded shape.

[0242] Because the mono-receiving electrode RX_X has the rounded shape having the mountain **121***c* and the valley **121***d* provided along the second direction X, the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can be stretched along the second direction X.

[0243] In this case, as illustrated in FIG. **10**, a first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* protruding in the first direction Y is provided in the mountain **121***c* provided in the mono-receiving electrode RX_X.

[0244] The first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* extends in a direction opposite to a direction in which the valley **121***d* is located. For example, the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* can protrude from a mountain **121***c* in the upper direction of the mountain **121***c*, as illustrated in FIG. **10**.

[0245] Next, among the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided in the driving electrodes TX provided along the second direction X, the second direction driving electrodes **112** adjacent along the second direction X can be spaced apart from each other by a certain interval and can be provided in a row.

[0246] For example, as illustrated in FIGS. **8** and **9**, the driving electrodes TX can be provided along the second direction X. In this case, the driving electrodes TX spaced apart along the second direction X are independently driven.

[0247] Therefore, among the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided in the driving electrodes TX provided along the second direction X, the second direction driving electrodes **112** adjacent along the second direction X are spaced apart at regular interval.

[0248] Further, among the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided in the driving electrodes TX provided along the second direction X, the second direction driving electrodes **112** adjacent along the second direction X can be provided in a row.

[0249] Each of the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X extends from the left end to the right end of the stretch area **109***a*.

[0250] In this case, the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can be provided parallel to the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided in a row.

[0251] For example, the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided in a row can be provided on the same layer as the mono-receiving electrode RX_X and can be provided parallel to the mono-receiving electrode RX_X.

[0252] To provide an additional description, one mono-receiving electrode RX_X can be provided parallel to at least two second direction driving electrodes **112**.

[0253] Next, as described above, the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can have the rounded shape having the mountain **121***c* and the valley **121***d*, and the mountain **121***c* can be provided with the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* protruding in the first direction Y.

[0254] Further, each of the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided parallel to the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can have the rounded shape having the mountain **112***c* and the valley **112***d*, and the valley **112***d* can be provided with the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* protruding in the first direction Y.

[0255] In this case, the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* and the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* can be provided adjacent to each other along the second direction X, as illustrated in a first area AR**1** of FIGS. **8** and **11**.

[0256] For example, the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* and the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* are adjacent to and spaced apart from each other.

[0257] For example, a cross-sectional surface taken along line A-A' illustrated in FIG. **8** can be a cross-sectional surface A-A' illustrated in FIG. **6**.

[0258] For example, as described with reference to FIG. **6**, the stretch support substrate **101** can be connected to the stretch substrate **103** through the adhesive **102**.

[0259] The stretch substrate **103** can include mesh portions **103***a* connected like a mesh, and opening portions **103***b* are formed between the mesh portions **103***a*.

[0260] In this case, in the cross-sectional surface A-A' of FIG. **6**, the two metal electrodes **104** can be the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* and the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e*.

[0261] For example, each of the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* and the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* can be provided on the mesh portion **103***a* and can be covered by the stretch passivation layer **105**, as illustrated in FIG. **6**.

[0262] Finally, the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* of the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can be provided in the mountain **121***c* of the mono-receiving electrode RX_X, and can protrude toward the mountain **112***c* of the second direction driving electrode **112** adjacent to the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e*, as illustrated in FIG. **11**.

[0263] In this case, the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* provided in the valley **112***d* of the second direction driving electrode **112** adjacent to the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* can protrude toward the valley **121***d* of the mono-receiving electrode RX_X.

[0264] For example, the mountain **121***c* of the mono-receiving electrode RX_X and the mountain **112***c* of the second direction driving electrode **112** can be arranged in a vertical row along the first direction Y, and the valley **121***d* of the mono-receiving electrode RX_X and the valley **112***d* of the second direction driving electrode **112** can be arranged in a vertical row along the first direction Y.

[0265] Therefore, the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* and the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* can be provided adjacent to each other along the second direction X.

[0266] A method of determining whether the stretch panel **100** is stretched along the second direction X will be described with reference to FIG. **11**.

[0267] For example, as described above, the stretch driver **60** sequentially supplies stretch driving signals to the driving electrodes TX.

[0268] In this case, if there is no stretch, as illustrated in (a) of FIG. **11**, the distance F between the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* and the mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* is kept constant.

[0269] However, as illustrated in (a) of FIG. **11**, when the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the second direction X, the second direction driving electrode **112** and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can be stretched by K.

[0270] In this case, the distance F between the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* also increases.

[0271] For example, a distance F**1** between the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* after the second direction driving electrode **112** and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X are stretched by K in the second direction X is greater than the distance F between the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* before the second direction driving electrode **112** and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X are stretched in the second direction X.

[0272] The capacitance formed between the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* varies based on the distance between the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e*.

[0273] Therefore, by analyzing the capacitance between the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* illustrated in (a) of FIG. **11** and the capacitance between the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* illustrated in (b) of FIG. **11**, whether or not it is stretched in the second direction X can be determined.

[0274] For example, when the capacitance increases or decreases, it can be determined that the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the second direction X.

[0275] Further, the degree of stretch in the second direction X can be determined by analyzing the amount of change in capacitance between the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e*.

[0276] For example, as the amount of change in capacitance increases, it can be determined that the stretch panel **100** is further stretched in the second direction X.

[0277] Moreover, coordinates of an area stretched in the second direction X can be determined using coordinates of a second direction driving electrode **112** to which the stretch driving signal is supplied and coordinates of a mono-receiving electrode RX_X where the change in capacitance is sensed.

[0278] FIG. **12** is an example diagram illustrating a structure of three cross-receiving electrodes illustrated in FIG. **8**, and FIG. **13** is an example diagram illustrating a second area illustrated in FIG. **8**. In particular, (a) of FIG. **13** illustrates a state in which the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* and the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* are not stretched, and (b) of FIG. **13** illustrates a state in which the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* and the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* are stretched.

[0279] First, each of the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y can extend in the first direction Y and the second direction X of the stretch support substrate **101**, as described above.

[0280] For example, each of the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y can include a second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** extending in the second direction X and a first direction cross-receiving electrode **131** connected to the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** and extending in the first direction Y, as illustrated in FIGS. **7**, **8**, and **12**.

[0281] The second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** can extend from the left end to the right end of the stretch panel **100** and can be connected to the stretch driver **60**.

[0282] At least two first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** can be connected to the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132**.

[0283] Each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** is connected to the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132**.

[0284] Next, each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** and the second direction cross-receiving electrodes **132** have a cross shape.

[0285] For example, as illustrated in FIG. **12**, the first direction cross-receiving electrode **131** and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** intersect each other, and accordingly, the first direction cross-receiving electrode **131** and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** have the cross shape.

[0286] For example, the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** extends from the left end to the right end of the stretch area **109***a* illustrated in FIG. **7** and is connected to the stretch driver **60**.

[0287] For example, the first direction cross-receiving electrode **131** extends along the first direction Y in a part of the stretch area **109***a* illustrated in FIG. **7**.

[0288] In this case, the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** adjacent to each other along the first direction Y are spaced apart from each other.

[0289] For example, at least two first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** can be provided along the first direction Y of the stretch panel **100**, at least two first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** can be spaced apart from each other, and at least two first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** can be arranged in a vertical row.

[0290] Next, each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** includes two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a* adjacent to each other and a cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b* connecting the two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a*.

[0291] For example, two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a* are connected to the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*, and the two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a* extend in the first direction Y.

[0292] The two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a* can be formed on the same layer as the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*, can be provided at both ends of the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*, and can be connected to the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*.

[0293] For example, a cross-sectional surface taken along line B-B' illustrated in FIG. **12** can be a cross-sectional surface B-B' illustrated in FIG. **6**.

[0294] In this case, in the cross-sectional surface B-B' of FIG. **6**, the bridge **106** can be the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*, and the metal electrode **104** can be the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a*.

[0295] For example, as illustrated in FIGS. **6** and **12**, the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b* can be provided on the upper surface of the mesh portion **103***a*, the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b* can be covered by the bridge insulation layer **107**, and the first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a* can be connected to the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b* at both ends of the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*.

[0296] To provide an additional description, the first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a* are electrically connected through the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*.

[0297] In this case, in the cross-sectional surface B-B' of FIG. **6**, another metal electrode **104** provided between two metal electrode **104**, for example, the two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a* can be the mono-receiving electrode RX_X, referring to FIGS. **8** and **12**. For example, the mono-receiving electrode RX_X can overlap the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b* with the bridge insulation layer **107** interposed therebetween, and thus is not connected to the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*.

[0298] In this case, the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** can be connected to the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b* through a contact hole formed in the bridge insulation layer covering the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*, or, as illustrated in FIGS. **6** and **12**, can be connected to the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b* through the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a*.

[0299] Further, a cross-sectional surface taken along a line C-C' illustrated in FIG. **12** can be the cross-sectional surface C-C' illustrated in FIG. **6**.

[0300] For example, as described with reference to FIG. **6**, the stretch support substrate **101** can be connected to the stretch substrate **103** through the adhesive **102**.

[0301] The stretch substrate **103** can include mesh portions **103***a* connected like a mesh, and opening portions **103***b* are formed between the mesh portions **103***a*.

[0302] To provide an additional description, the stretch substrate **103** can be provided between the stretch support substrate **101** and the driving electrodes TX, mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, and cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y.

[0303] The stretch substrate **103** includes mesh portions **103***a* connected like a mesh, and opening portions **103***b* can be formed between the mesh portions **103***a*.

[0304] In this case, the driving electrodes TX, the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, and the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y can be provided only in the mesh portions **103***a*.

[0305] In this case, in the cross-sectional surface C-C' of FIG. **6**, the bridge **106** can be the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*, and the metal electrode **104** can be the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132**.

[0306] For example, as illustrated in FIG. **6**, the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b* can be provided on the upper surface of the mesh portion **103***a*, the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b* can be covered by the bridge insulation layer **107**, and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** can be connected to the cross-receiving electrode bridge **111***b* through a contact hole formed in the bridge insulation layer **107** covering the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*.

[0307] To provide an additional description, the second direction cross-receiving electrodes **132** and the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** are electrically connected through cross-receiving electrode bridges **131***b*.

[0308] Accordingly, the cross-receiving electrode RX_X including the first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a*, the cross-receiving electrode bridges **131***b*, and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** can be used as one electrode.

[0309] Next, as described above, each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** includes two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a* adjacent to each other and the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b* connecting the two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131**.

[0310] In this case, each of the two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches **131***a* can have a rounded shape having a mountain **131***c* and a valley **131***d*, as illustrated in FIG. **12**.

[0311] For example, in the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* illustrated in FIG. **12**, the mountain

131*c* can mean a portion protruding in the left direction, and the valley **131***d* can mean a portion protruding in the right direction.

[0312] For example, the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* can include at least one mountain **131***c* protruding in the left direction and at least one valley **131***d* protruding in the right direction, and thus can have the rounded shape.

[0313] Because the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* has, as described above, the rounded shape having the mountain **131***c* and the valley **131***d* provided along the first direction Y, the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* can be stretched along the first direction Y.

[0314] In this case, as illustrated in FIG. **12**, a second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* protruding in the second direction X is provided in the mountain **131***c* provided in the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a*.

[0315] The second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* extends in a direction opposite to the direction in which the valley **131***d* is located. For example, the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* can protrude from the mountain **131***c* in the left direction of the mountain **131***c*, as illustrated in FIG. **12**.

[0316] Next, the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** has a rounded shape having a mountain **132***c* and a valley **132***d*.

[0317] For example, in the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** illustrated in FIG. **12**, the mountain **132***c* can mean a portion protruding in an upper direction, and the valley **132***d* can mean a portion protruding in a lower direction.

[0318] For example, the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** can include at least one mountain **132***c* protruding in the upper direction and at least one valley **132***d* protruding in the lower direction, and thus can have the rounded shape.

[0319] Because the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** has, as described above, the rounded shape having the mountain **132***c* and the valley **132***d* provided along the second direction X, the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** can be stretched along the second direction X.

[0320] Next, among the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided in the driving electrodes TX provided along the second direction X, the second direction driving electrodes **112** adjacent along the second direction X can be spaced apart from each other by a certain interval and can be provided in a row.

[0321] For example, as illustrated in FIGS. **8** and **9**, the driving electrodes TX can be provided along the second direction X. In this case, the driving electrodes TX spaced apart along the second direction X are independently driven.

[0322] Therefore, among the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided in the driving electrodes TX provided along the second direction X, the second direction driving electrodes **112** adjacent along the second direction X are spaced apart from each other by a certain interval.

[0323] Further, among the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided in the driving electrodes TX provided along the second direction X, the second direction driving electrodes **112** adjacent along the second direction X can be provided in a row.

[0324] Each of the second direction cross-receiving electrodes **132** extends from the left end to the right end of the stretch area **109***a*.

[0325] In this case, the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** is provided in parallel with the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided in a row.

[0326] For example, the second direction driving electrodes **112** provided in a row can be provided on the same layer as the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** and can be provided in parallel with the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132**.

[0327] To provide an additional description, one second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** can be provided parallel to at least two second direction driving electrodes **112**.

[0328] Next, among the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** provided in the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y provided along the first direction Y, the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** adjacent along the first direction can be spaced apart from each other by a certain interval and can be provided in a vertical row.

[0329] For example, as illustrated in FIG. **12**, the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y can be provided along the first direction Y. In this case, the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y spaced apart along the first direction Y are independently driven.

[0330] Therefore, among the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** provided in the cross-receiving electrode RX_Y provided along the first direction Y, the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** adjacent along the first direction Y are spaced apart from each other by a certain interval.

[0331] Further, among the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** provided in the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y provided along the first direction Y, the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** adjacent along the first direction Y can be provided in a vertical row.

[0332] Each of the first direction driving electrodes **111** extends from the upper end to the lower end of the stretch area **109***a*.

[0333] In this case, the first direction driving electrodes **111** are provided parallel to the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** provided in a vertical row.

[0334] For example, the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** provided in a vertical row can be provided on the same layer as the first direction driving electrode **111** and can be provided in parallel with the first direction driving electrode **111**.

[0335] To provide an additional description, one first direction driving electrode **111** can be provided parallel to at least two first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131**.

[0336] Next, as described above, the first direction driving electrode **111** can have the rounded shape having the mountain **111***c* and the valley **111***d*, and the valley **111***d* can be provided with the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* protruding in the second direction X.

[0337] Further, each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** provided parallel to the first direction driving electrode **111** can have the rounded shape having the mountain **131***c* and the valley **131***d*, and the mountain **131***d* can be provided with the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* protruding in the second direction X.

[0338] In this case, the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* can be provided adjacent to each other along the first direction Y, as illustrated in a second area AR**2** of FIGS. **8** and **13**.

[0339] Finally, the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* can be provided in the valley **111***d* of the first direction driving electrode **111**, and can protrude toward the valley **131***d* of the first direction cross-receiving electrode **131** adjacent to the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e*, as illustrated in (a) and (b) of FIG. **13**.

[0340] In particular, the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* provided in the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* can protrude toward the valley **131***d* of the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a*.

[0341] In this case, the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* provided on the mountain **131***c* of the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* adjacent to the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* can protrude toward the mountain **111***c* of the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a*.

[0342] For example, the mountain **111***c* of the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* and the mountain **131***c* of the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* can be arranged in a row along the second direction X, and the valley **111***d* of the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* and the valley **131***d* of the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* can be arranged in a row along the second direction X.

[0343] Therefore, the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* can be provided adjacent to each other along the first direction Y.

[0344] A method of determining whether the stretch panel **100** is stretched along the first direction Y will be described with reference to FIG. **12**.

[0345] For example, as described above, the stretch driver **60** sequentially supplies stretch driving signals to the driving electrodes TX.

[0346] In this case, if there is no stretch, as illustrated in (a) of FIG. **13**, the distance M between the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* remains constant.

[0347] However, as illustrated in (b) of FIG. **13**, when the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the first direction Y, the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* of the first direction driving electrode **111** and the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* of the first direction cross-receiving electrode **131** can be stretched by N.

[0348] In this case, a distance M between the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* also increases.

[0349] For example, a distance M1 between the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* after the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* and the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* are stretched by N in the first direction Y is greater than the distance M1 between the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* before the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* and the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* is stretched in the first direction Y.

[0350] A capacitance formed between the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* varies based on a distance between the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e*.

[0351] Therefore, by analyzing the capacitance between the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* illustrated in (a) of FIG. **13** and the capacitance between the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e* illustrated in (b) of FIG. **13**, it can be determined whether or not it is stretched in the first direction Y.

[0352] For example, when the capacitance increases or decreases, it can be determined that the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the first direction Y.

[0353] Further, by analyzing the amount of change in capacitance between the second direction driving electrode bar **111***e* and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar **131***e*, the degree of stretch in the first direction Y can be determined.

[0354] For example, as the amount of change in capacitance increases, it can be determined that the stretch panel **100** is further stretched in the first direction Y.

[0355] Further, by using the coordinates of the first direction driving electrode branch **111***a* to which the stretch driving signal is supplied and the coordinates of the first direction cross-receiving electrode branch **131***a* in which the change in capacitance is sensed, the coordinates of an area stretched in the first direction Y can be determined.

[0356] FIG. **14** is an example diagram illustrating a Z-axis stretch electrode applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, FIGS. **15**A and **15**B are example diagrams illustrating a cross-sectional surface taken along a line D-D' illustrated in FIG. **14**, and FIG. **16** is an example diagram illustrating three driving electrodes, three mono-receiving electrodes, three cross-receiving electrodes, and a Z-axis stretch electrode provided in a stretch panel of an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure. In the following descriptions, details that are the same as or similar to details described with reference to FIGS. **1** to **13** are omitted or briefly described.

[0357] As described above, an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure can sense whether a stretch panel is stretched using driving electrodes TX, mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, and cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y, and for example, can sense stretch in the first direction Y and stretch in the second direction X.

[0358] Further, an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure can further include a Z-axis stretch electrode TZ illustrated in FIG. **14** in order to further sense stretch in a third direction (e.g., a Z-axis direction) perpendicular to the first direction Y and the second direction X. In the following description, the third direction can be represented by the reference numeral Z.

[0359] For example, when the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the second direction X, the lengths of the second direction driving electrode **112** and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X increases as described with reference to FIG. **11**, and thus the distance F between the first direction driving electrode bar **112***e* and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121***e* is changed. Accordingly, the capacitance between the first direction driving electrode bar **112**_e_ and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121**_e_ is changed.

[0360] The stretch driver **60** can analyze the magnitude of the capacitance changed between the first direction driving electrode bar **112**_e_ and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar **121**_e_ to determine whether it is stretched in the second direction X and the degree of stretch in the second direction X.

[0361] In this case, when the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the second direction X, an area of the stretch panel **100** can increase and a height of the stretch panel **100** in an area where stretch has occurred can decrease.

[0362] Further, as described with reference to (a) and (b) of FIG. **13**, when the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the first direction Y, an area of the stretch panel **100** can increase and a height of the stretch panel **100** in an area where stretch has occurred can decrease.

[0363] For example, when the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the second direction X or the first direction Y, a pressure can be applied to the stretch panel **100** in the third direction Z, and accordingly, a height of the stretch panel **100** in the third direction Z can be reduced.

[0364] In particular, a height in the third direction Z in an area where stretch is directly generated in the stretch panel **100** can be smaller than a height in the third direction Z around the area where stretch is directly generated in the stretch panel **100**.

[0365] Therefore, if the amount of change in a height of the stretch panel **100** in the third direction Z is sensed, the stretch degree can be more accurately determined.

[0366] To this end, an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure can further include the Z-axis stretch electrode TZ as illustrated in FIGS. **14**, **15**A, and **15**B.

[0367] First, the stretch panel **100** applied to an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure can further include a main pressure electrodes **141**_a_ provided on the stretch support substrate **101**, an auxiliary pressure electrodes **142**_a_ provided to overlap the main pressure electrodes **141**_a_ in a third direction Z perpendicular to the first direction Y and the second direction X with a Z-axis insulation layer **143** interposed therebetween, main pressure electrode lines **141**_b_ connecting the main pressure electrodes **141**_a_ provided along the first direction Y among the main pressure electrodes **141**_a_, and auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142**_b_ connecting the auxiliary pressure electrodes **142**_a_ provided along the second direction X among the auxiliary pressure electrodes **142**_a_.

[0368] For example, the Z-axis stretch electrode TZ can further include the main pressure electrodes **141**_a_, the auxiliary pressure electrodes **142**_a_, the main pressure electrode lines **141**_b_, and the auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142**_b_.

[0369] The main pressure electrodes **141**_a_ provided along the first direction Y among the main pressure electrodes **141**_a_, and the main pressure electrode lines **141**_b_ connecting the main pressure electrodes **141**_a_ can be included in a main electrode **141**.

[0370] The auxiliary pressure electrodes **142**_a_ provided along the second direction X among the auxiliary pressure electrodes **142**_a_ and the auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142**_b_ connecting the auxiliary pressure electrodes **142**_a_ can be included in an auxiliary electrode **142**.

[0371] For example, the Z-axis stretch electrode TZ can include the main electrode **141** and the auxiliary electrodes **142**.

[0372] In particular, the Z-axis stretch electrode TZ can include at least two main electrodes **141** and at least two auxiliary electrodes **142**.

[0373] Next, as illustrated in FIG. **14**, each of the main electrodes **141** can extend along the first direction Y, and the main electrodes **141** can be spaced apart along the second direction X.

[0374] Further, each of the auxiliary electrodes **142** can extend along the second direction X, as illustrated in FIG. **14**, and the auxiliary electrodes **142** can be spaced apart along the first direction Y.

[0375] In this case, as illustrated in FIGS. **15**A and **15**B, the main pressure electrode **141**_a_ and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142**_a_ can overlap each other in the third direction Z with the Z-axis insulation layer **143** therebetween.

[0376] For example, as illustrated in FIG. **15**A, the stretch support substrate **101** can be bonded to the stretch substrate **103** through an adhesive **102**, the auxiliary pressure electrode **142**_a_ can be provided on an upper surface of the stretch substrate **103**, the auxiliary pressure electrode **142**_a_ can be covered by the Z-axis insulation layer **143**, the main pressure electrode **141**_a_ can be provided on an upper surface of the Z-axis insulation layer **143**, and the main pressure electrode **141**_a_ can be covered by a stretch passivation layer **105**.

[0377] In this case, the stretch support substrate **101**, the adhesive **102**, the stretch substrate **103**, and the stretch passivation layer **105** illustrated in FIG. **15**A can correspond to the stretch support substrate **101**, the adhesive **102**, the stretch substrate **103**, and the stretch passivation layer **105** described with reference to FIG. **6**.

[0378] Moreover, the auxiliary pressure electrode **142**_a_ illustrated in FIG. **15**A can be provided on the same layer as the bridge **106** described with reference to FIG. **6**, for example, on the same layer as the driving electrode bridge **111**_b_ and the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131**_b_.

[0379] Further, the main pressure electrode **141**_a_ illustrated in FIG. **15**A can be provided on the same layer as the metal electrode **104** described with reference to FIG. **6**, for example, on the same layer as the second direction driving electrode **112**, the mono-receiving electrode RX_X, and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132**.

[0380] Furthermore, a stretch panel **100**, in which the main pressure electrode **141**_a_ is provided on the auxiliary pressure electrode **142**_a_, is illustrated in FIG. **15**A but the auxiliary pressure electrode **142**_a_ can be provided on the main pressure electrode **141**_a_.

[0381] Further, as described with reference to FIG. **6**, the stretch substrate **103** can include mesh portions **103**_a_ connected like a mesh, and opening portions **103**_b_ can be formed between the mesh portions **103**_a_.

[0382] In this case, the main pressure electrode **141**_a_ and the auxiliary pressure electrode **141**_b_ can be provided only in the mesh portion **103**_a_.

[0383] The main pressure electrode lines **141**_b_ can also be provided on the upper surface of the stretch substrate **103**, and particularly, as illustrated in FIG. **14**, in the first direction Y. The main pressure electrode lines **141**_b_ can be connected to the main pressure electrode **141**_a_, and accordingly, the main electrode **141** can be formed.

[0384] The auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142**_b_ can also be provided on the upper surface of the stretch substrate

103, and particularly, as illustrated in FIG. **14**, in the second direction X. The auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142***b* can be connected to the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a*, and accordingly, the auxiliary electrode **142** can be formed.

[0385] The sizes of the main pressure electrode **141***a* and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* can be the same or different. In this case, the size of the main pressure electrode **141***a* can be larger than the size of the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a*, or the size of the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* can be larger than the size of the main pressure electrode **141***a*.

[0386] Further, as illustrated in FIG. **15**B, a first surface (for example, an upper surface) of the stretch support substrate **101** can be bonded to a stretch substrate **103** through an adhesive **102**, the main pressure electrode **141***a* can be provided on an upper surface of the stretch substrate **103**, and the main pressure electrode **141***a* can be covered by a stretch passivation layer **105**. A second surface (for example, a lower surface) of the stretch support substrate **101** opposite to the first surface can be bonded to a lower stretch substrate **1031** through a lower adhesive **1021**, the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* can be provided on a lower surface of the lower stretch substrate **1031**, and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***b* can be covered by a lower stretch passivation layer **1051**.

[0387] In this case, the stretch support substrate **101**, the adhesive **102**, the stretch substrate **103**, and the stretch passivation layer **105** illustrated in FIG. **15**B can correspond to the stretch support substrate **101**, the adhesive **102**, the stretch substrate **103**, and the stretch passivation layer **105** described with reference to FIG. **6**.

[0388] Also, the main pressure electrode **141***a* illustrated in FIG. **15**B can be provided on the same layer as the bridge **106** described with reference to FIG. **6**, for example, on the same layer as the driving electrode bridge **111***b* and the cross-receiving electrode bridge **131***b*.

[0389] Moreover, the lower adhesive **1021**, the lower stretch substrate **1031**, and the lower stretch passivation layer **1051** illustrated in FIG. **15**B can correspond to the adhesive **102**, the stretch substrate **103**, and the stretch passivation layer **105**.

[0390] Further, FIG. **15**B illustrates a stretch panel **100** in which the main pressure electrode **141***a* is provided on the stretch support substrate **101** and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* is provided at a lower end of the stretch support substrate **101**. However, the main pressure electrode **141***a* can be provided at a lower end of the stretch support substrate **101** and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* can be provided at an upper end of the stretch support substrate **101**.

[0391] Also, as described with reference to FIG. **15**A, the main pressure electrode **141***a* can be provided only in the mesh portion **103***a* of the stretch substrate **103**, and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* can be provided only in the mesh portion of the lower stretch substrate **1031**.

[0392] The main pressure electrode lines **141***b* can be provided on the upper surface of the stretch substrate **103**, and particularly, as illustrated in FIG. **14**, in the first direction Y. The main pressure electrode lines **141***b* can be connected to the main pressure electrode **141***a*, and thus the main electrode **141** can be formed.

[0393] The auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142***b* can be provided on a lower surface of the lower stretch substrate **1031**, and particularly, as illustrated in FIG. **14**, in the second direction X. The auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142***b* can be connected to the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a*, and accordingly, the auxiliary electrode **142** can be formed.

[0394] Next, each of the main pressure electrode lines **141***b* and auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142***b* can have the rounded shape having the mountains and valleys.

[0395] For example, in the main pressure electrode line **141***b* illustrated in FIG. **14**, the mountain means a portion protruding in the left direction, and the valley means a portion protruding in the right direction.

[0396] For example, the main pressure electrode line **141***b* can include at least one mountain protruding in the left direction and at least one valley protruding in the right direction, and thus can have the rounded shape.

[0397] Because the main pressure electrode line **141***b* has, as described above, the rounded shape with the mountain and valley provided along the first direction Y, the main pressure electrode line **141***b* can be stretched along the first direction Y.

[0398] Also, in the auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* illustrated in FIG. **14**, the mountain means a portion protruding in the upper direction, and the valley means a portion protruding in the lower direction.

[0399] For example, the auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* can include at least one mountain protruding in the upper direction and at least one valley protruding in the lower direction, and thus can have the rounded shape.

[0400] Because the auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* has, as described above, the rounded shape with the mountain and valley provided along the second direction X, the auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* can be stretched along the second direction X.

[0401] Next, as illustrated in FIG. **16**, the main pressure electrode **141***a* and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* can be provided in an area where the driving electrodes TX, the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X and the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y are not provided.

[0402] The main pressure electrode line **141***b* is provided along the first direction Y, and the second direction driving electrode **112**, the mono-receiving electrode RX_X, and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** are provided along the second direction X.

[0403] Therefore, the main pressure electrode line **141***b* can be adjacent to the second direction driving electrode **112**, the mono-receiving electrode RX_X, and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132**, and particularly, can intersect the mono-receiving electrode RX_X and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132**.

[0404] Accordingly, as illustrated in FIG. **16**, in a third area AR**3** where the main pressure electrode line **141***b* intersects the mono-receiving electrode RX_X and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132**, the main pressure electrode line **141***b* can overlap the mono-receiving electrode RX_X and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** with an insulation layer interposed therebetween.

[0405] For example, an insulation layer corresponding to the Z-axis insulation layer **143** described with reference to FIGS. **15**A and **15**B can be provided in the third area AR**3** in which the main pressure electrode line **141***b* overlaps the mono-receiving electrode RX_X and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132**.

[0406] In this case, the main pressure electrode line **141***b* can be provided at a lower end of an insulation layer provided in the third area AR**3**, and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** can be provided at an upper end of an insulation layer provided in the third area AR**3**.

[0407] However, the main pressure electrode line **141***b* can be provided at an upper end of the insulation layer provided in the third area AR**3**, and the mono-receiving electrode RX_X and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** can be provided at a lower end of the insulation layer provided in the third area AR**3**.

[0408] Further, a Z-axis bridge can be provided in the third area AR**3** to connect the main pressure electrode lines **141***b* connected to different main pressure electrodes **141***a*.

[0409] For example, the Z-axis bridge can be provided on a different layer from the main pressure electrode lines **141***b*, the mono-receiving electrode RX_X, and the second direction cross-receiving electrode **132** with an insulation layer therebetween. In this case, the main pressure electrode lines **141***b* can be connected to the Z-axis bridge through a contact hole provided in the insulation layer, and thus two main pressure electrode lines **141***b* connected to different main pressure electrodes **141***a* can be connected to each other through the Z-axis bridge. However, the main pressure electrode lines **141***b* can be directly connected to the Z-axis bridge at an end of the Z-axis bridge.

[0410] The second direction driving electrodes **112** can be provided to be spaced apart from each other in the third area AR**3**.

[0411] The auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* is provided along the second direction X, and the first direction driving electrode **111** and the first direction cross-receiving electrode **131** are provided along the first direction Y.

[0412] Therefore, the auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* can be adjacent to the first direction driving electrode **111** and the first direction cross-receiving electrode **131**, and in particular, can intersect the first direction driving electrode **111**.

[0413] Therefore, as illustrated in FIG. **16**, in a fourth area AR**4** where the auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* intersects the first direction driving electrode **111**, the auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* can overlap the first direction driving electrode **111** with an insulation layer interposed therebetween.

[0414] For example, an insulation layer corresponding to the Z-axis insulation layer **143** described with reference to FIGS. **15**A and **15**B can be provided in the fourth area AR**4** where the auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* intersects the first direction driving electrode **111**.

[0415] In this case, the auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* can be provided at a lower end of the insulation layer provided in the fourth area AR**4**, and the first direction driving electrode **111** can be provided at an upper end of the insulation layer provided in the fourth area AR**4**.

[0416] However, the auxiliary pressure electrode line **142***b* can be provided at an upper end of the insulation layer provided in the fourth area AR**4**, and the first direction driving electrode **111** can be provided at a lower end of the insulation layer provided in the fourth area AR**4**.

[0417] Also, a Z-axis bridge **142***c* for connecting auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142***b* connected to different auxiliary pressure electrodes **142***a* can be provided in the fourth area AR**4**, as illustrated in FIGS. **14** and **16**.

[0418] For example, the Z-axis bridge **142***c* can be provided in a layer different from the auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142***b* and the first direction driving electrode **112** with an insulation layer therebetween. In this case, the auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142***b* can be connected to the Z-axis bridge **142***c* through a contact hole provided in the insulation layer, and thus two auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142***b* connected to different auxiliary pressure electrodes **142***a* can be connected to each other through the Z-axis bridge **142***c*. However, the auxiliary pressure electrode lines **142***b* can be directly connected to the Z-axis bridge at an end of the Z-axis bridge.

[0419] The first direction cross-receiving electrodes **131** can be provided to be spaced apart from each other in the fourth area AR**4**.

[0420] Finally, a method of determining whether it is stretched in the third direction Z or whether it is pressured in the third direction Z by using the Z-axis stretch electrode TZ will be described.

[0421] For example, as described above, when the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the second direction X or the first direction Y, a pressure can be applied to the stretch panel **100** in the third direction Z, and accordingly, a height of the stretch panel **100** in the third direction Z can be reduced.

[0422] When the height of the stretch panel **100** in the third direction Z is reduced, a gap Z**1** between the main pressure electrode **141***a* and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* illustrated in FIGS. **15**A and **15**B can be reduced.

[0423] A stretch driving signal can be supplied from the stretch driver **60** to at least one of the main pressure electrode **141***a* and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a*, for example, the stretch driving signal can be supplied to the main pressure electrode **141***a*.

[0424] Accordingly, capacitance can be formed between the main pressure electrode **141***a* and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a*.

[0425] In this case, if the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the first direction Y or the second direction X and the height in the third direction Y is reduced, the gap Z**1** between the main pressure electrode **141***a* and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* can be reduced, and thus the capacitance between the main pressure electrode **141***a* and the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* can be changed.

[0426] Accordingly, at least one of current, voltage, and capacitance of a stretch sensing signal received through the auxiliary electrode **142** including the auxiliary pressure electrode **142***a* can be changed.

[0427] The stretch driver **60** can analyze the amount of change of at least one of the current, voltage, and capacitance to determine at least one of whether the stretch panel **100** is stretched in the third direction Z, the degree of stretch in the third direction Z, and the stretch coordinates in which stretch occurs in the third direction Z.

[0428] In particular, the stretch driver **60** can analyze the stretch sensing signals received through the mono-receiving electrodes RX_X, the cross-receiving electrodes RX_Y, and the auxiliary electrodes **142** to determine at least one of whether it is stretched, the degree of stretch, and the stretch coordinates in which stretch occurs.

[0429] Accordingly, more accurate stretch status (e.g., whether it is stretched), stretch degree, and stretch coordinates can be determined.

[0430] The features of the apparatus for sensing a stretch according to aspects of the present disclosure are briefly summarized as follows.

[0431] An apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure comprises: a stretch support substrate configured to be stretched; and a plurality of driving electrodes, a plurality of mono-receiving electrodes, and a plurality of cross-receiving electrodes provided on the stretch support substrate, wherein each of the plurality of driving electrodes includes a first direction driving electrode extending in a first direction of the stretch support substrate and a plurality of second direction driving electrodes connected to the first direction driving electrode and extending in a second direction different from the first direction, each of the plurality of mono-receiving electrodes extends in the second direction, and each of the plurality of cross-receiving electrodes extends in the first direction and the second direction.

[0432] The first direction driving electrode and each of the plurality of second direction driving electrodes have a cross shape.

[0433] The first direction driving electrode includes two first direction driving electrode branches adjacent to each other and a driving electrode bridge connecting the two first direction driving electrode branches, and the second direction driving electrode is connected to the driving electrode bridge through a contact hole formed in a bridge insulation layer covering the driving electrode bridge.

[0434] The first direction driving electrode includes two first direction driving electrode branches adjacent to each other and a driving electrode bridge connecting the two first direction driving electrode branches, each of the two first direction driving electrode branches has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a second direction driving electrode bar protruding in the second direction is provided in the valley.

[0435] Each of the plurality of second direction driving electrodes has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a first direction driving electrode bar protruding in the first direction is provided in the valley.

[0436] Each of the plurality of mono-receiving electrodes has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a first direction mono-receiving electrode bar protruding in the first direction is provided in the mountain.

[0437] Second direction driving electrodes adjacent along the plurality of second direction among second direction driving electrodes provided in the second direction are spaced apart from each other by a certain interval and are provided in a row, and a mono-receiving electrode is provided parallel to the plurality of second direction driving electrodes provided in a row.

[0438] The mono-receiving electrode has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a first direction mono-receiving electrode bar protruding in the first direction is provided in the mountain, each of the second direction driving electrodes provided in parallel with the mono receiving electrode has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a first direction driving electrode bar protruding in the first direction is provided in the valley of each of the plurality of second direction driving electrodes, and the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar and the first direction driving electrode bar are provided adjacent to each other along the second direction.

[0439] The first direction mono-receiving electrode bar of the mono-receiving electrode protrudes toward a mountain of a second direction driving electrode adjacent to the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar, and the first direction driving electrode bar provided in a valley of the second direction driving electrode adjacent to the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar protrudes toward a valley of the mono-receiving electrode.

[0440] Each of the cross-receiving electrodes includes a second direction cross-receiving electrode extending in the second direction; and first direction cross-receiving electrodes connected to the second direction cross-receiving electrodes and extending in the first direction.

[0441] The second direction cross-receiving electrode and each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes have a cross shape.

[0442] Each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes includes two adjacent first direction cross-receiving electrode branches and a cross-receiving electrode bridge connecting the two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches, and the second direction cross-receiving electrode is connected to the cross-receiving electrode bridge through a contact hole formed in a bridge insulation layer covering the cross-receiving electrode bridge.

[0443] Each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes includes two first direction cross-receiving electrodes adjacent to each other and a cross-receiving electrode bridge connecting the two first direction cross-receiving electrodes, each of the two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a second direction cross-receiving electrode bar protruding in the second direction is provided in the mountain.

[0444] The second direction cross-receiving electrode has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley.

[0445] Among second direction driving electrodes provided in driving electrodes provided in the second direction, second direction driving electrodes adjacent in the second direction are spaced apart from each other by a certain interval and are provided in a row, and the second direction cross-receiving electrode is provided in parallel with the plurality of second direction driving electrodes provided in a row.

[0446] Among the plurality of first direction cross-receiving electrodes of the plurality of cross-receiving electrodes provided in the first direction, first cross-receiving electrodes adjacent in the first direction are spaced apart from each other by a certain interval and are provided in a vertical row, and the first direction driving electrode is provided in parallel with the plurality of first direction cross-receiving electrodes provided in a vertical row.

[0447] The first direction driving electrode has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a second direction driving electrode bar protruding in the second direction is provided in the valley, each of the plurality of first direction cross-receiving electrodes provided in parallel with the first direction driving electrode has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a second direction cross-receiving electrode bar protruding in the second direction is provided in the mountain of each of the plurality of first direction cross-receiving electrodes, and the second direction driving electrode bar and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar are provided adjacent to each other along the first direction.

[0448] The second direction driving electrode bar protrudes toward a valley of a first direction cross-receiving electrode adjacent to the second direction driving electrode bar, and a second direction cross-receiving electrode bar provided in the mountain of the first direction cross-receiving electrode adjacent to the second direction driving electrode bar protrudes toward a mountain of the first direction driving electrode.

[0449] The apparatus for sensing a stretch further comprises main pressure electrodes provided on the stretch support substrate; auxiliary pressure electrodes provided to overlap the main pressure electrodes in a third direction perpendicular to the first and second directions with an insulation layer therebetween; a plurality of main pressure electrode lines connecting main pressure electrodes provided along the first direction among the plurality of main pressure electrodes; and a plurality of auxiliary pressure electrode lines connecting the plurality of auxiliary pressure electrodes provided along the plurality of second direction among the auxiliary pressure electrodes.

[0450] A stretch substrate is provided between the stretch support substrate and the plurality of driving electrodes, the plurality of mono-receiving electrodes, and the plurality of cross-receiving electrodes, the stretch substrate includes a plurality of mesh portions connected like a mesh, a plurality of opening portions are formed between the plurality of mesh portions, and the plurality of driving electrodes, the plurality of mono-receiving electrodes, and the plurality of cross-receiving electrodes are provided in the plurality of mesh portions.

[0451] In an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, the stretch coordinates can be accurately determined, and the stretch degree can be accurately determined.

[0452] An apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure can be used as a wearable device, and a wearable device equipped with the apparatus for sensing a stretch can perform various application programs by using the stretch coordinates or the stretch degrees.

[0453] For example, when an apparatus for sensing a stretch according to an embodiment of the present disclosure is applied to a wearable device worn on the knee, wrist, and elbow of a user (e.g., firefighter, police, soldier, etc.) who is put into emergency rescue or dangerous work, the user's death or injury can be determined by analyzing the stretch degree sensed by the apparatus for sensing a stretch.

[0454] The apparatus for sensing a stretch according to aspects of the present disclosure can be applied to all electronic devices including a light emitting display panel.

[0455] For example, the apparatus for sensing a stretch according to aspects of the present disclosure can be applied to a virtual reality (VR) device, an augmented reality (AR) device, a mobile device, a video phone, a smart watch, a watch phone, or a wearable device, foldable device, rollable device, bendable device, flexible device, curved device, electronic notebook, e-book, PMP (portable multimedia player), PDA (personal digital assistant), MP3 player, mobile medical device, desktop PC, laptop PC, netbook computer, workstation, navigation, car navigation, vehicle display devices, televisions, wall paper display devices, signage devices, game devices, laptops, monitors, cameras, camcorders, and home appliances.

[0456] The above-described feature, structure, and effect of the present disclosure are included in at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, but are not limited to only one embodiment. Furthermore, the feature, structure, and effect described in at least one embodiment of the present disclosure can be implemented through combination or modification of other embodiments by those skilled in the art. Therefore, content associated with the combination and modification should be construed as being within the scope of the present disclosure.

[0457] It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the present disclosure without departing from the spirit or scope of the disclosures. Thus, it is intended that the present disclosure covers the modifications and variations of this disclosure provided they come within the scope of the present disclosure.

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for sensing a stretch, the apparatus comprising:

a stretch support substrate configured to be stretched; and

a plurality of driving electrodes, a plurality of mono-receiving electrodes, and a plurality of cross-receiving electrodes provided on the stretch support substrate,

wherein each of the plurality of driving electrodes includes a first direction driving electrode extending in a first direction of the stretch support substrate, and a plurality of second direction driving electrodes connected to the first direction driving electrode and extending in a second direction different from the first direction,

wherein each of the plurality of mono-receiving electrodes extends in the second direction, and

wherein each of the plurality of cross-receiving electrodes extends in the first direction and the second direction.

2. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **1**, wherein the first direction driving electrode and each of the plurality of second direction driving electrodes have a cross shape.

3. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **1**, wherein

the first direction driving electrode includes two first direction driving electrode branches adjacent to each other and a driving electrode bridge connecting the two first direction driving electrode branches, and

the second direction driving electrode is connected to the driving electrode bridge through a contact hole formed in a bridge insulation layer covering the driving electrode bridge.

4. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **1**, wherein

the first direction driving electrode includes two first direction driving electrode branches adjacent to each other and a driving electrode bridge connecting the two first direction driving electrode branches,

each of the two first direction driving electrode branches has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and

a second direction driving electrode bar protruding in the second direction is provided in the valley.

5. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **1**, wherein

each of the plurality of second direction driving electrodes has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and

a first direction driving electrode bar protruding in the first direction is provided in the valley.

6. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **1**, wherein each of the plurality of mono-receiving electrodes has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and

a first direction mono-receiving electrode bar protruding in the first direction is provided in the mountain.

7. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **1**, wherein

second direction driving electrodes adjacent along the second direction among the plurality of second direction driving electrodes provided in the second direction are spaced apart from each other by a certain interval and are provided in a row, and

a mono-receiving electrode is provided parallel to the plurality of second direction driving electrodes provided in a row.

8. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **7**, wherein

the mono-receiving electrode has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a first direction mono-receiving electrode bar protruding in the first direction is provided in the mountain,

each of the plurality of second direction driving electrodes provided in parallel with the mono receiving electrode has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a first direction driving electrode bar protruding in the first direction is provided in the valley of each of the plurality of second direction driving electrodes, and

the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar and the first direction driving electrode bar are provided adjacent to each other along the second direction.

9. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **8**, wherein

the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar of the mono-receiving electrode protrudes toward a mountain of a second direction driving electrode adjacent to the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar, and

the first direction driving electrode bar provided in a valley of the second direction driving electrode adjacent to the first direction mono-receiving electrode bar protrudes toward a valley of the mono-receiving electrode.

10. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **1**, wherein each of the plurality of cross-receiving electrodes includes:

a second direction cross-receiving electrode extending in the second direction; and

first direction cross-receiving electrodes connected to the second direction cross-receiving electrodes and extending in the first direction.

11. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **10**, wherein the second direction cross-receiving electrode and each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes have a cross shape.

12. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **10**, wherein

each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes includes two adjacent first direction cross-receiving electrode branches and a cross-receiving electrode bridge connecting the two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches, and

the second direction cross-receiving electrode is connected to the cross-receiving electrode bridge through a contact hole formed in a bridge insulation layer covering the cross-receiving electrode bridge.

13. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **10**, wherein

each of the first direction cross-receiving electrodes includes two first direction cross-receiving electrodes adjacent to each other and a cross-receiving electrode bridge connecting the two first direction cross-receiving electrodes,

each of the two first direction cross-receiving electrode branches has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and

a second direction cross-receiving electrode bar protruding in the second direction is provided in the mountain.

14. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **10**, wherein the second direction cross-receiving electrode has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley.

15. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **10**, wherein

among the plurality of second direction driving electrodes of the plurality of driving electrodes provided in the second direction, second direction driving electrodes adjacent in the second direction are spaced apart from each other by a certain interval and are provided in a row, and

the second direction cross-receiving electrode is provided in parallel with the plurality of second direction driving electrodes provided in a row.

16. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **10**, wherein

among the plurality of first direction cross-receiving electrodes provided in cross-receiving electrodes provided in the first direction, first cross-receiving electrodes adjacent in the first direction are spaced apart from each other by a certain interval and are provided in a vertical row, and

the first direction driving electrode is provided in parallel with the plurality of first direction cross-receiving electrodes provided in a vertical row.

17. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **16**, wherein

the first direction driving electrode has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a second direction driving electrode bar protruding in the second direction is provided in the valley,

each of the plurality of first direction cross-receiving electrodes provided in parallel with the first direction driving electrode has a rounded shape including a mountain and a valley, and a second direction cross-receiving electrode bar protruding in the second direction is provided in the mountain of each of the plurality of first direction cross-receiving electrodes, and

the second direction driving electrode bar and the second direction cross-receiving electrode bar are provided adjacent to each other along the first direction.

18. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **17**, wherein

the second direction driving electrode bar protrudes toward a valley of a first direction cross-receiving electrode adjacent to the second direction driving electrode bar, and

a second direction cross-receiving electrode bar provided in the mountain of the first direction cross-receiving electrode adjacent to the second direction driving electrode bar protrudes toward a mountain of the first direction driving electrode.

19. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **1**, further comprising:

a plurality of main pressure electrodes provided on the stretch support substrate;

a plurality of auxiliary pressure electrodes provided to overlap the plurality of main pressure electrodes in a third direction perpendicular to the first and second directions with an insulation layer therebetween;

a plurality of main pressure electrode lines connecting the plurality of main pressure electrodes provided along the first direction among the plurality of main pressure electrodes; and

a plurality of auxiliary pressure electrode lines connecting the plurality of auxiliary pressure electrodes provided along the second direction among the plurality of auxiliary pressure electrodes.

20. The apparatus for sensing the stretch of claim **1**, wherein

a stretch substrate is provided between the stretch support substrate and the plurality of driving electrodes, the plurality of mono-receiving electrodes, and the plurality of cross-receiving electrodes,

the stretch substrate includes a plurality of mesh portions connected like a mesh,

a plurality of opening portions are formed between the plurality of mesh portions, and

the plurality of driving electrodes, the plurality of mono-receiving electrodes, and the plurality of cross-receiving electrodes are provided in the plurality of mesh portions.

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