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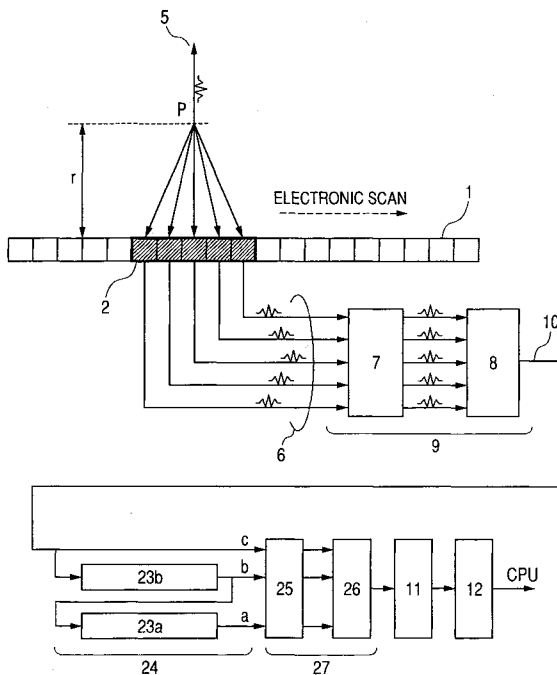
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(54) Title: MEASURING APPARATUS

FIG. 2



(57) Abstract: Provided is a measuring apparatus, including: a moving mechanism for moving a probe (1) in an elevation direction; a first delay and sum circuit (9) for performing delay and sum of reception signals at individual positions along the elevation direction to output a first add signal (10); a signal extraction circuit (24) for letting an output of the first delay and sum circuit (9) to pass through delay circuits (23a, 23b) to output in parallel first add signals obtained at different positions; a second delay and sum circuit (27) for performing delay and sum of the first add signals output from the signal extraction circuit (24) to output a second add signal; and an image processing circuit (11,12,CPU) for generating image data by using the second add signal. Accordingly, image resolution in the elevation direction may be improved with a simple structure without deteriorating an image acquisition speed in the measuring apparatus for obtaining an ultrasonic image.

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