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(57) Abstract: A method for enabling autonomous mode routing between mobile devices in a plurality of nested mobile networks, the method including the steps of: discovering (305) at least one neighboring mobile device; exchanging (310) routing information with the at least one neighboring mobile device using a plurality of unicast messages; populating (315) an autonomous mode routing table (AMRT) using the routing information, wherein the AMRT includes an entry corresponding to each mobile network in the plurality of nested mobile networks; and forming (320) a connection with the at least one neighboring mobile device for enabling autonomous mode routing with the at least one neighboring mobile device.

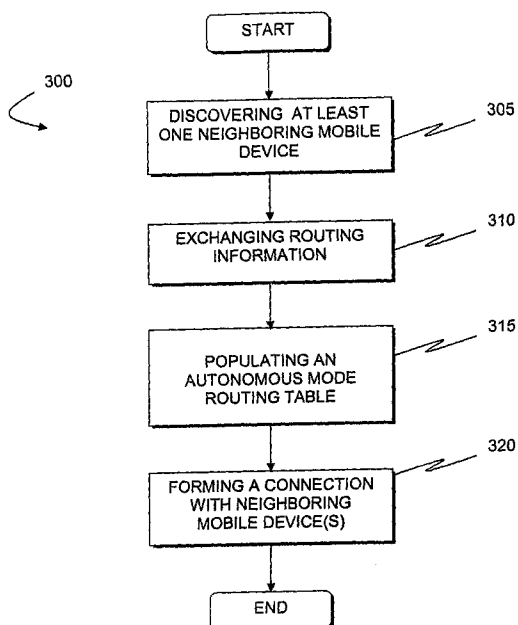


FIG. 3



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