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(54) **PART OF TREAD PORTION OF AN AUTOMOBILE TIRE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a part of tread portion of an automobile tire, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of part of tread portion of an automobile tire showing my new design, it being understood that the tread pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tire;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary front elevational view thereof; and,

FIG. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view thereof taken along line 4—4 in FIG. 3.

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**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**

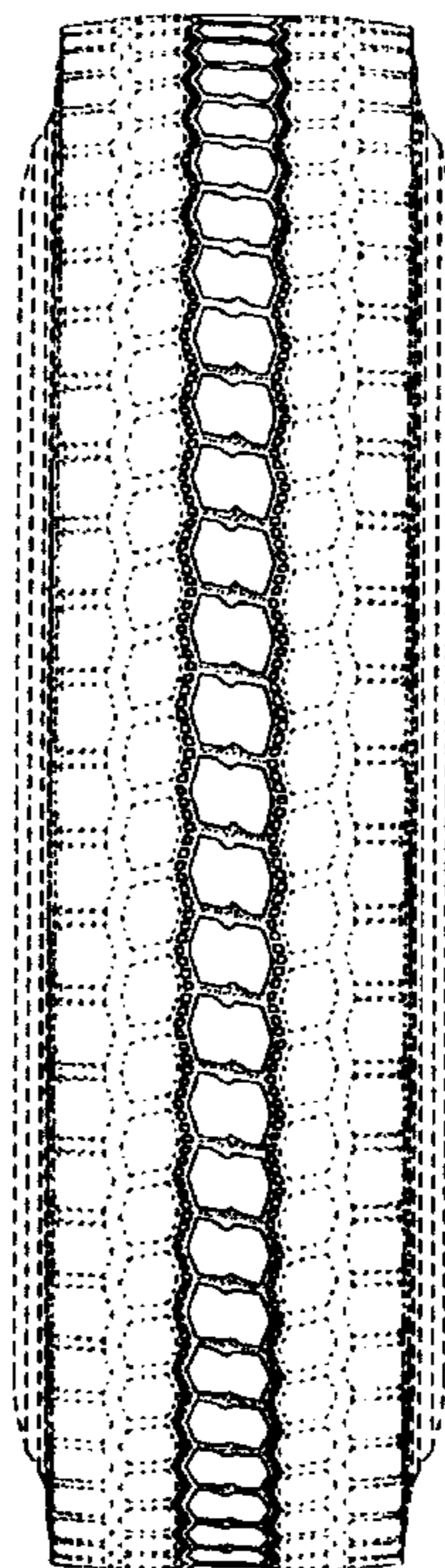


FIG. 1

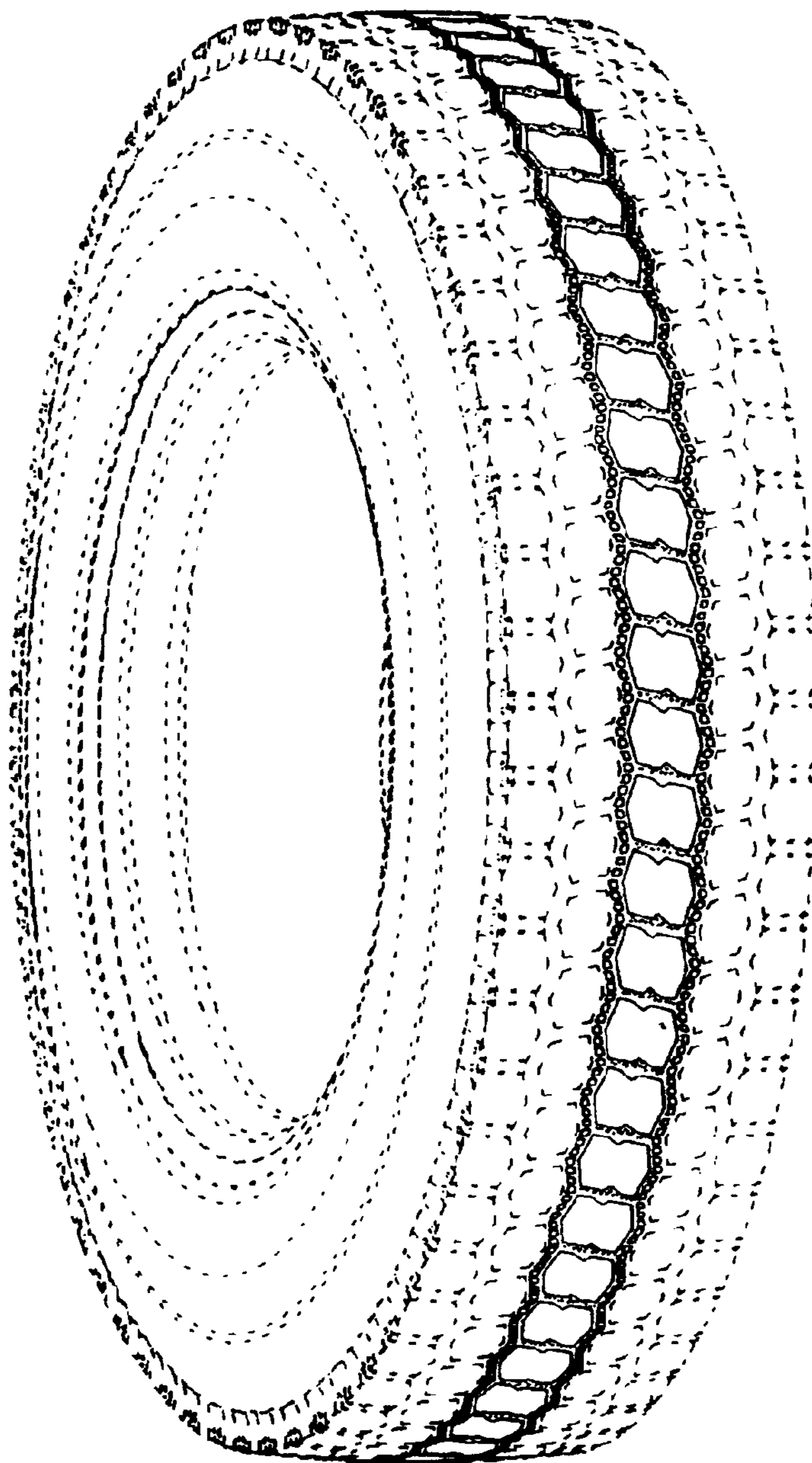


FIG. 2

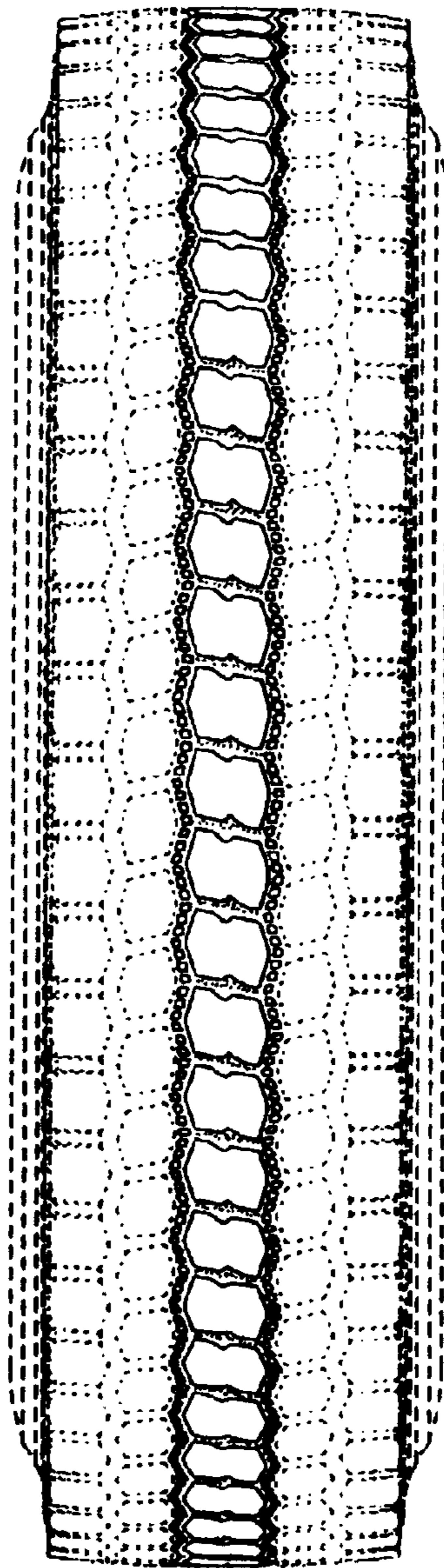


FIG. 3

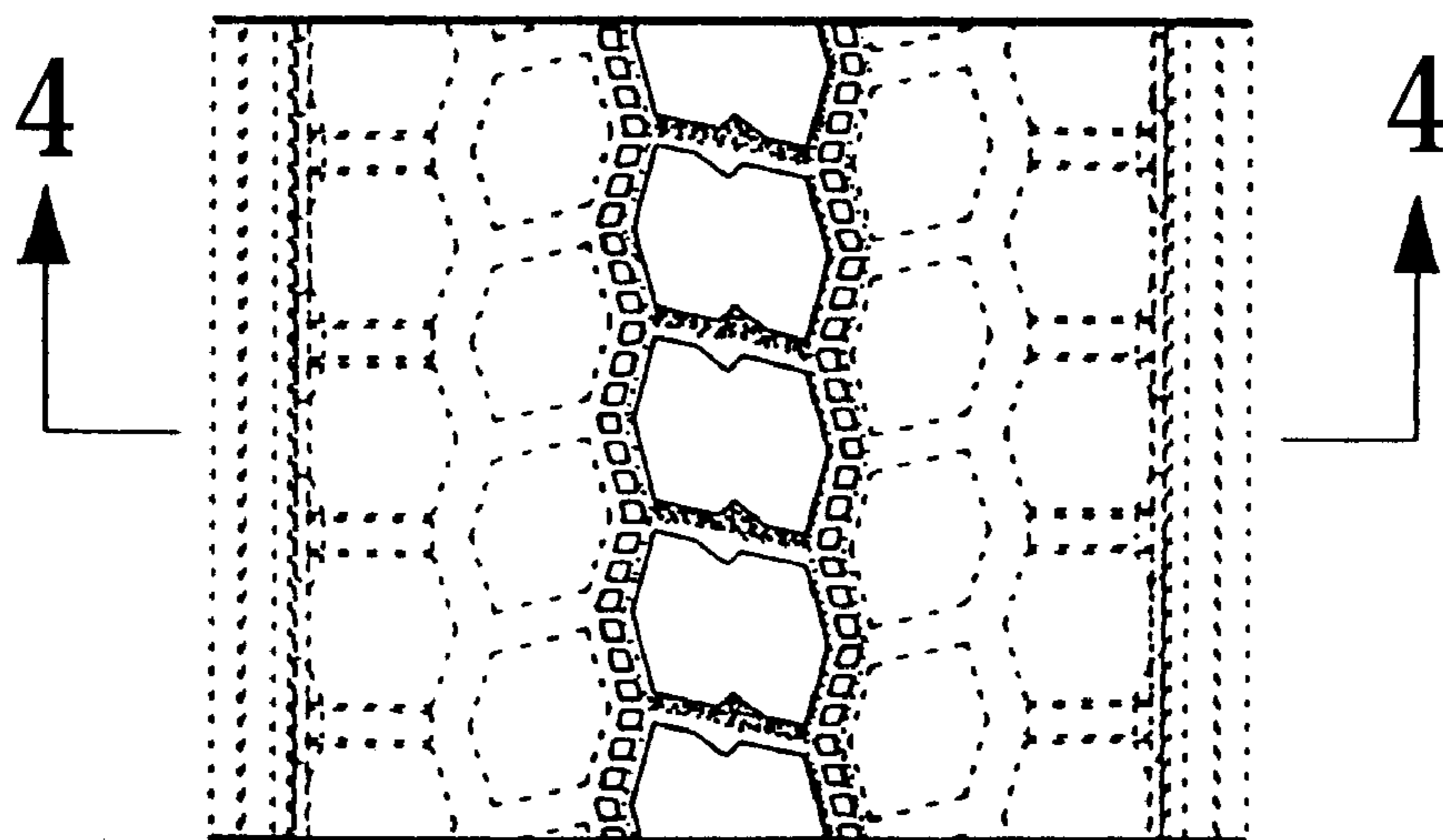


FIG. 4

