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

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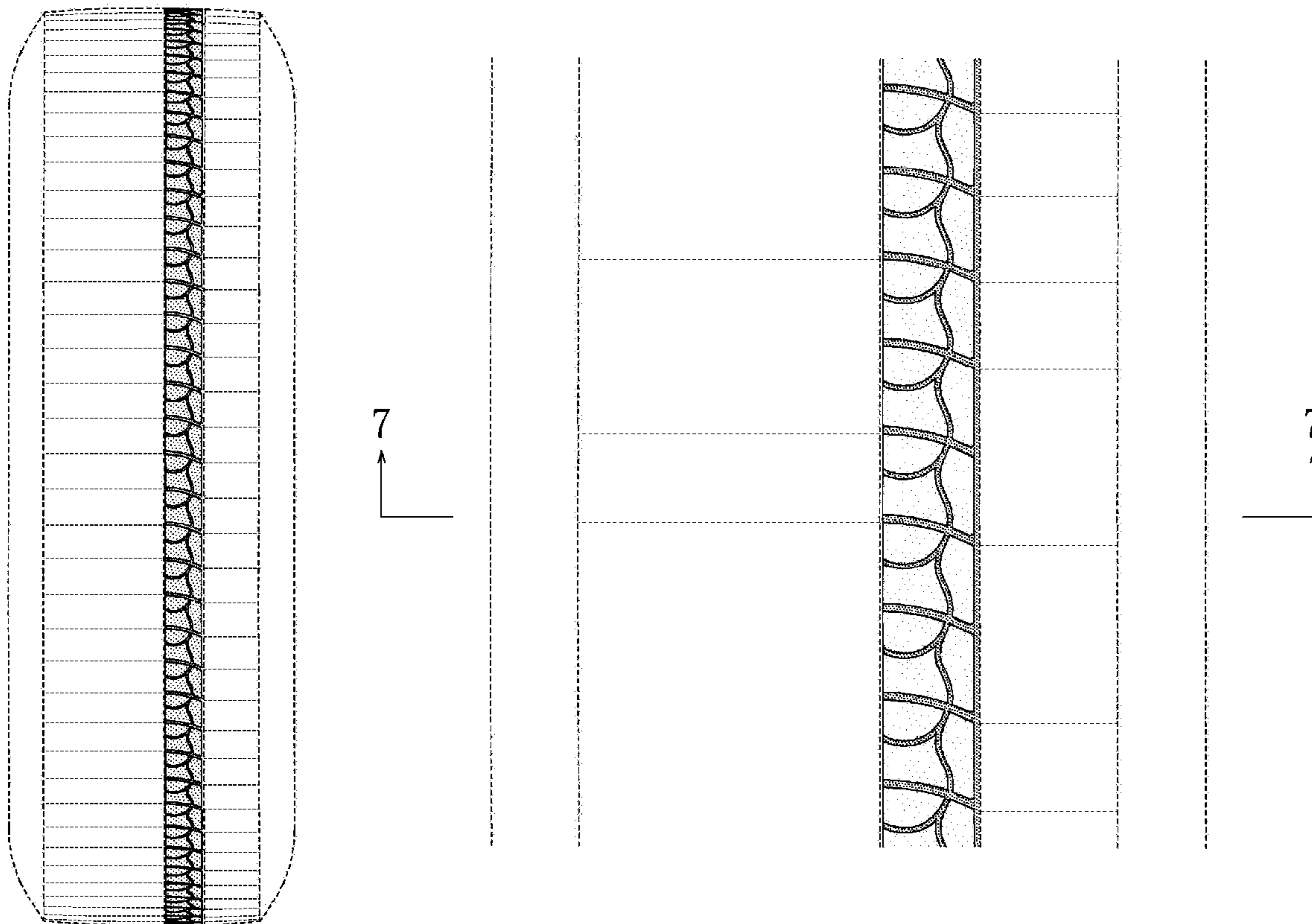
(57) **CLAIM**

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

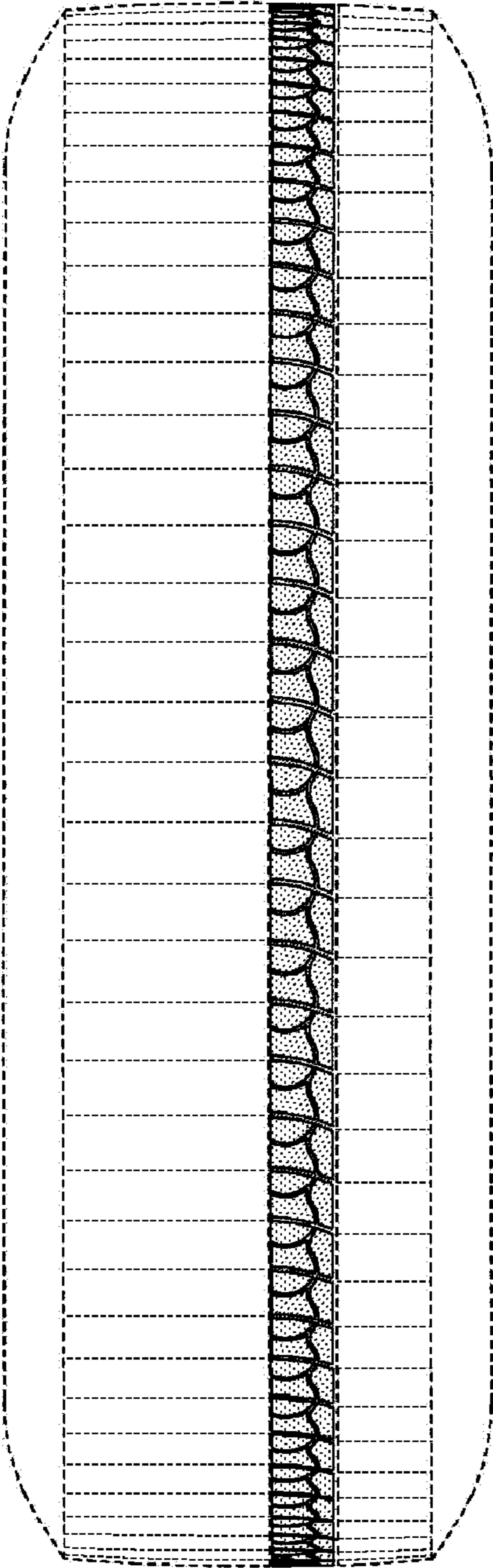
**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front view of a tread portion of an automobile tire; FIG. 2 is a perspective view thereof; FIG. 3 is a rear view thereof; FIG. 4 is a left side view thereof; FIG. 5 is a right side view thereof; FIG. 6 is a fragmentary enlarged view showing the details of the tread portion thereof; and, FIG. 7 is an end view taken along line 7-7 in FIG. 6. In the drawings, the broken lines defining the unclaimed tread region, sidewall, and the inner bead of the tire depict environmental subject matter that forms no part of the claimed design.

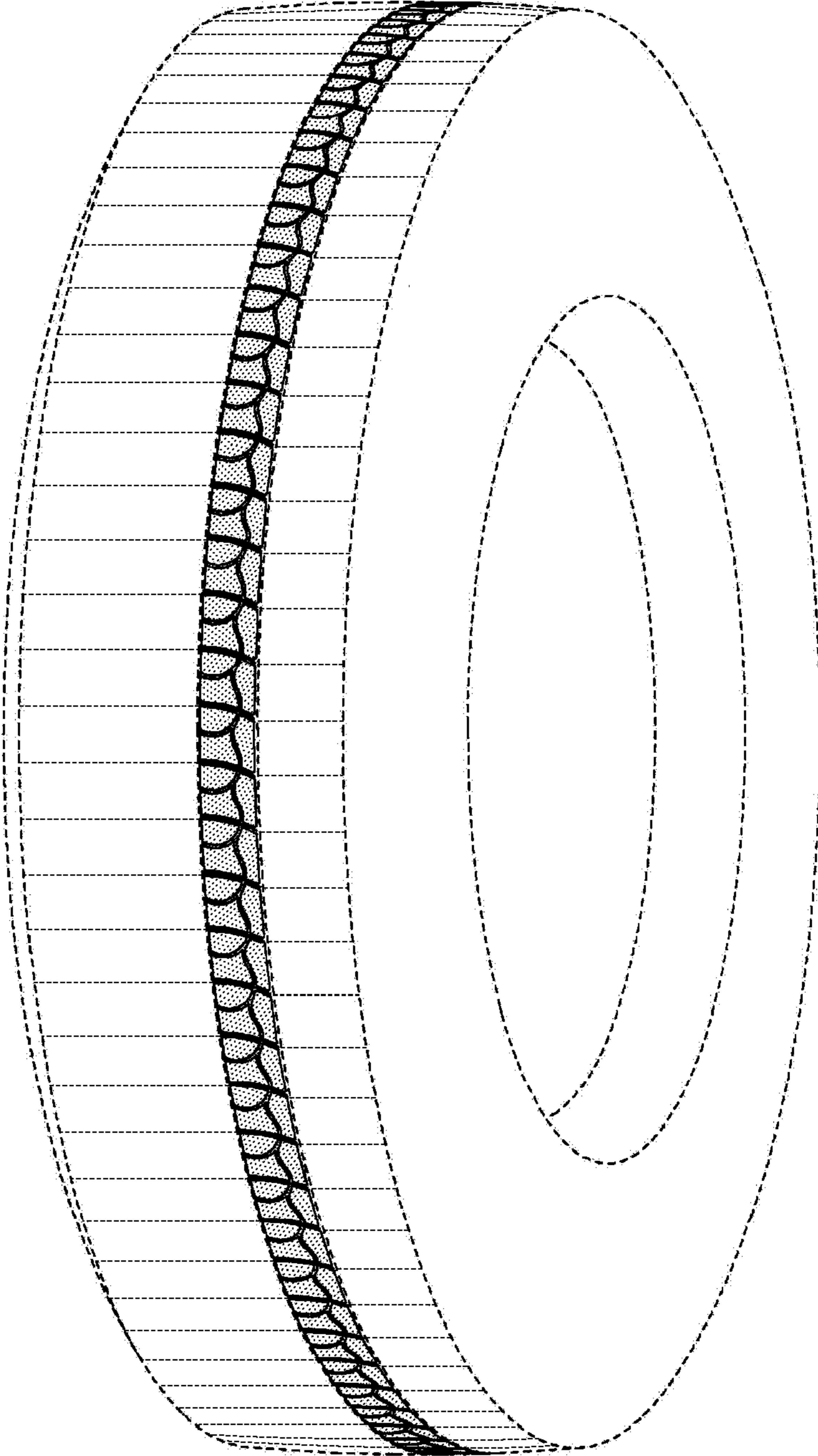
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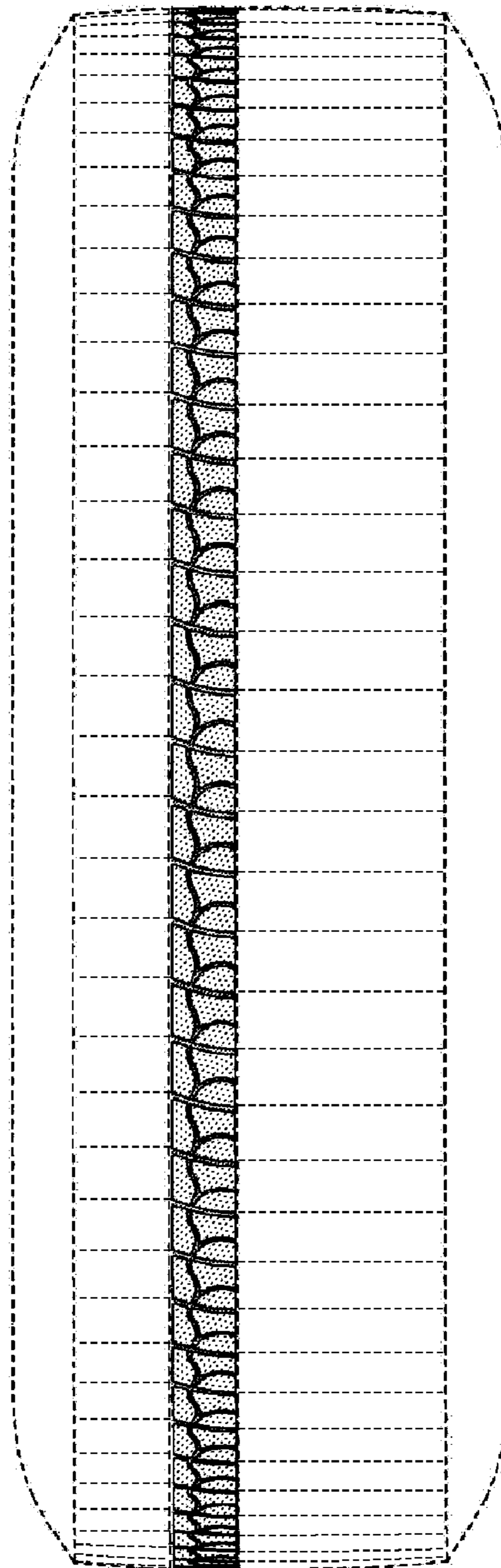
*FIG. 1*



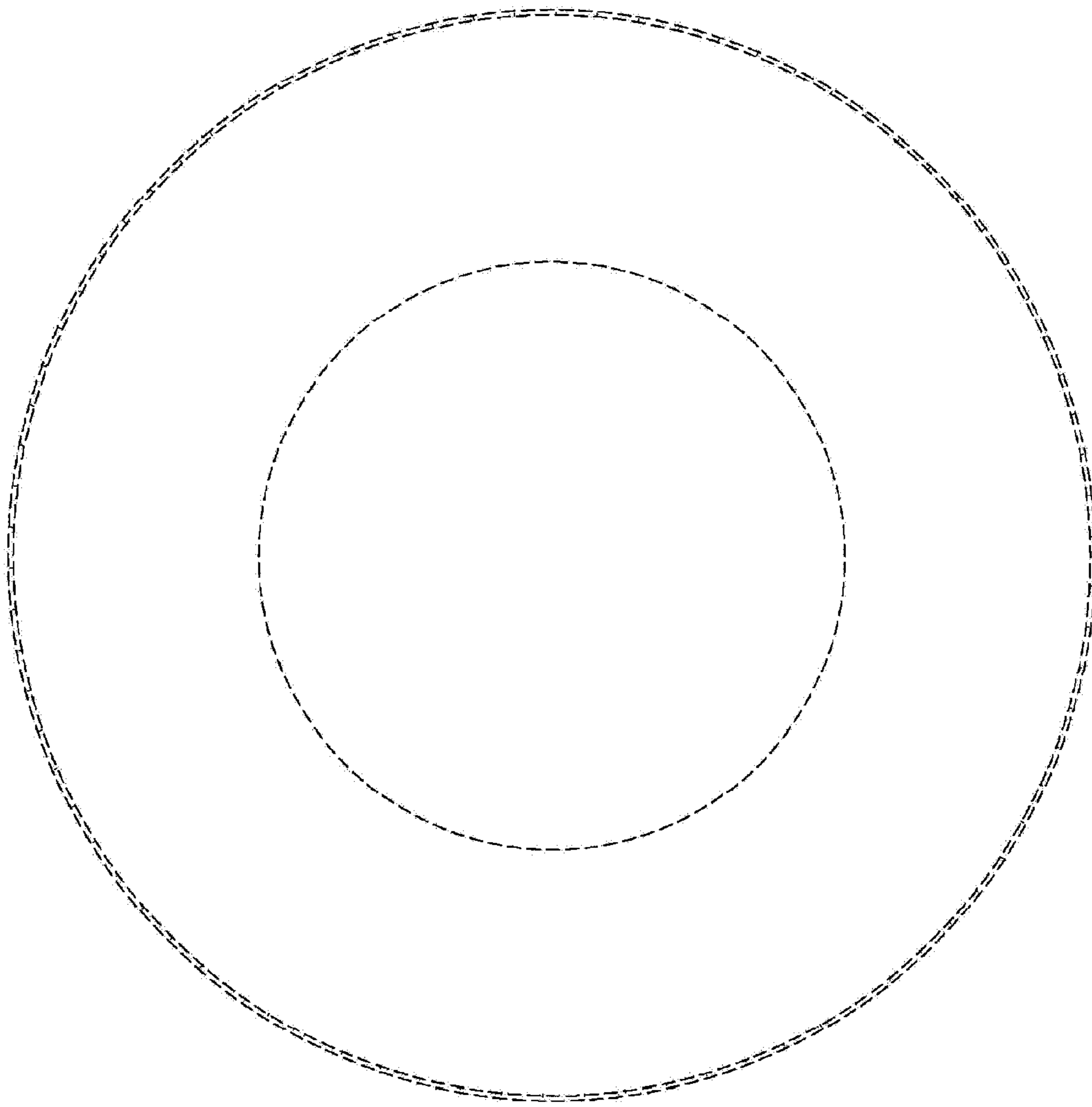
*FIG. 2*



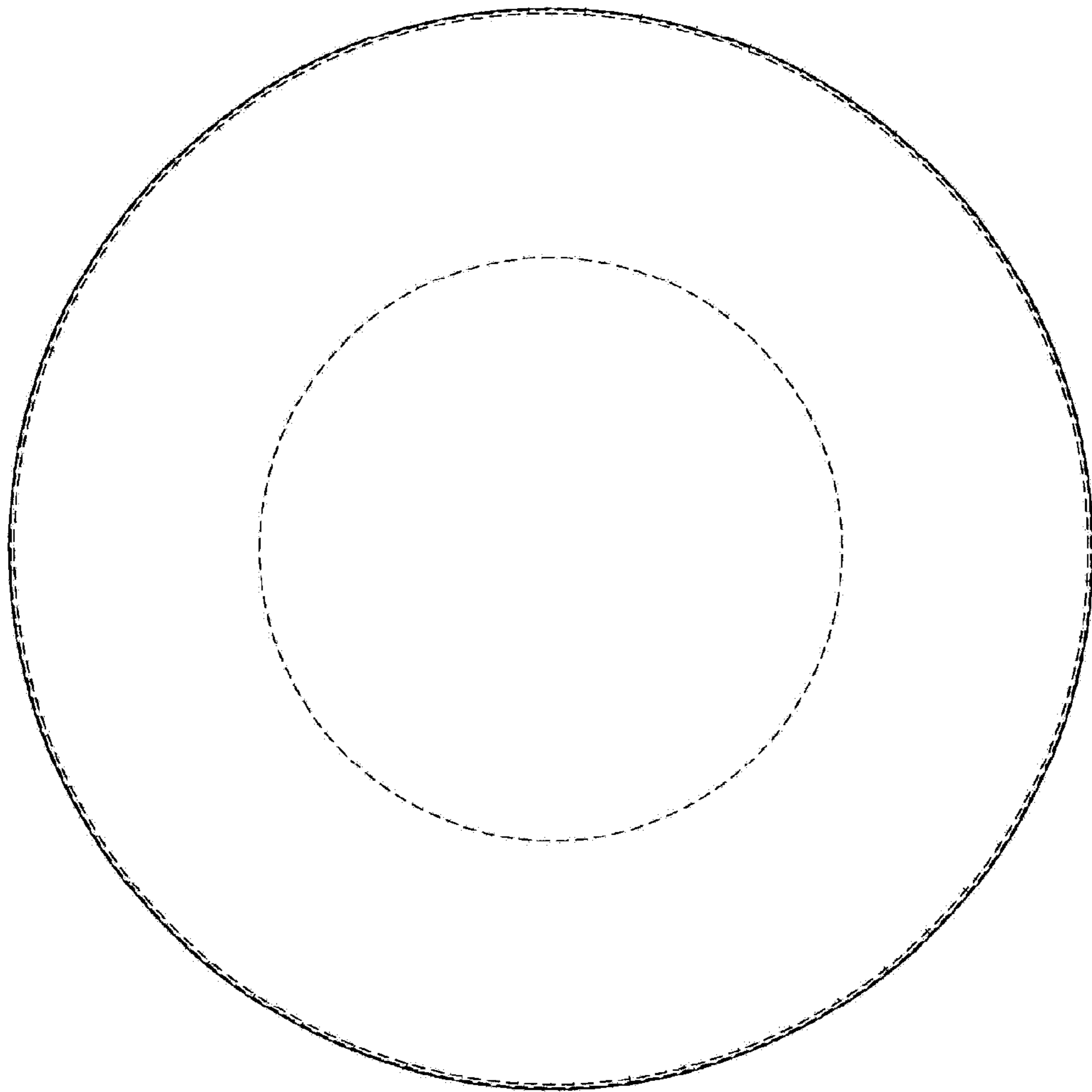
*FIG. 3*



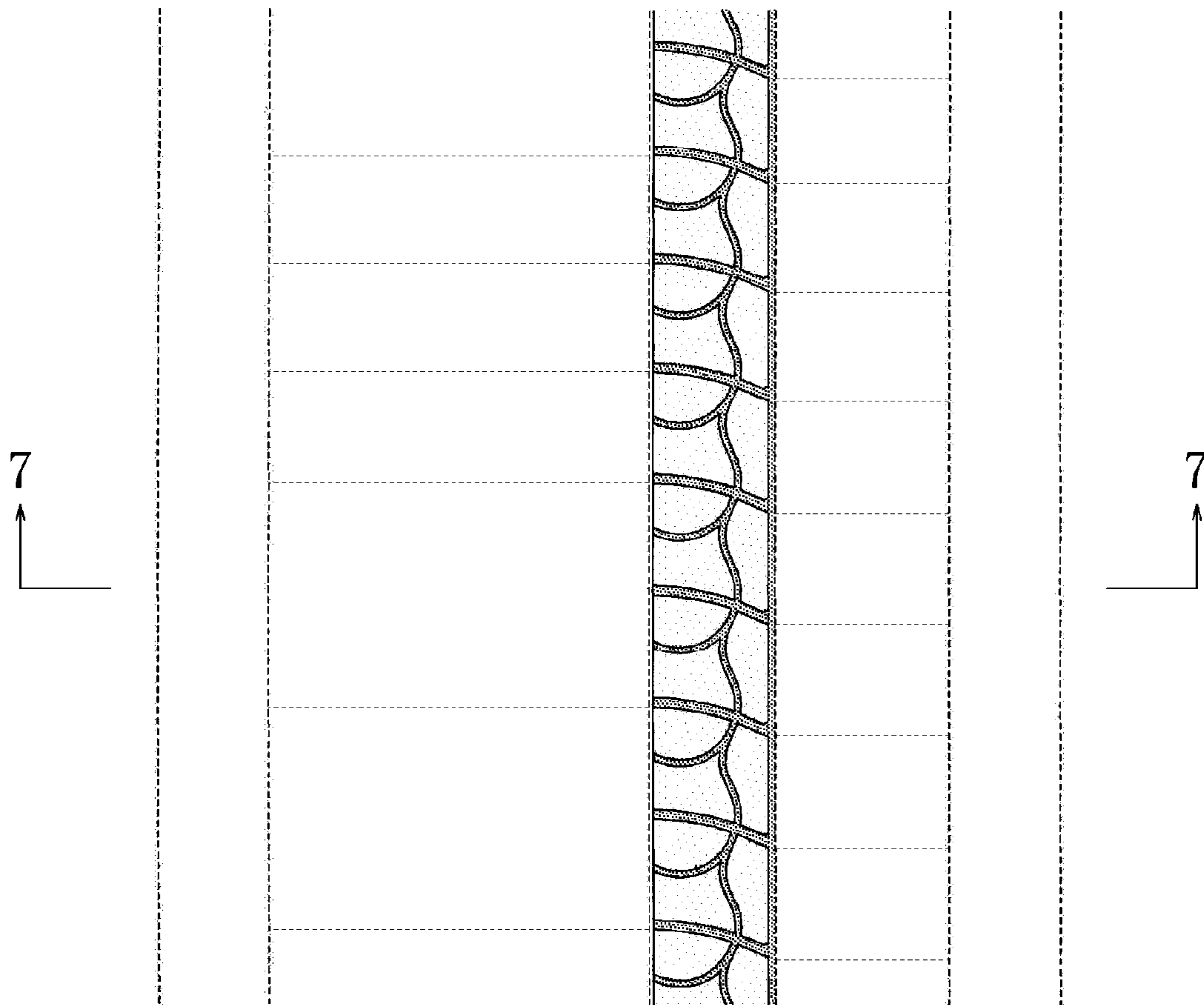
*FIG. 4*



*FIG. 5*



*FIG. 6*



*FIG. 7*

