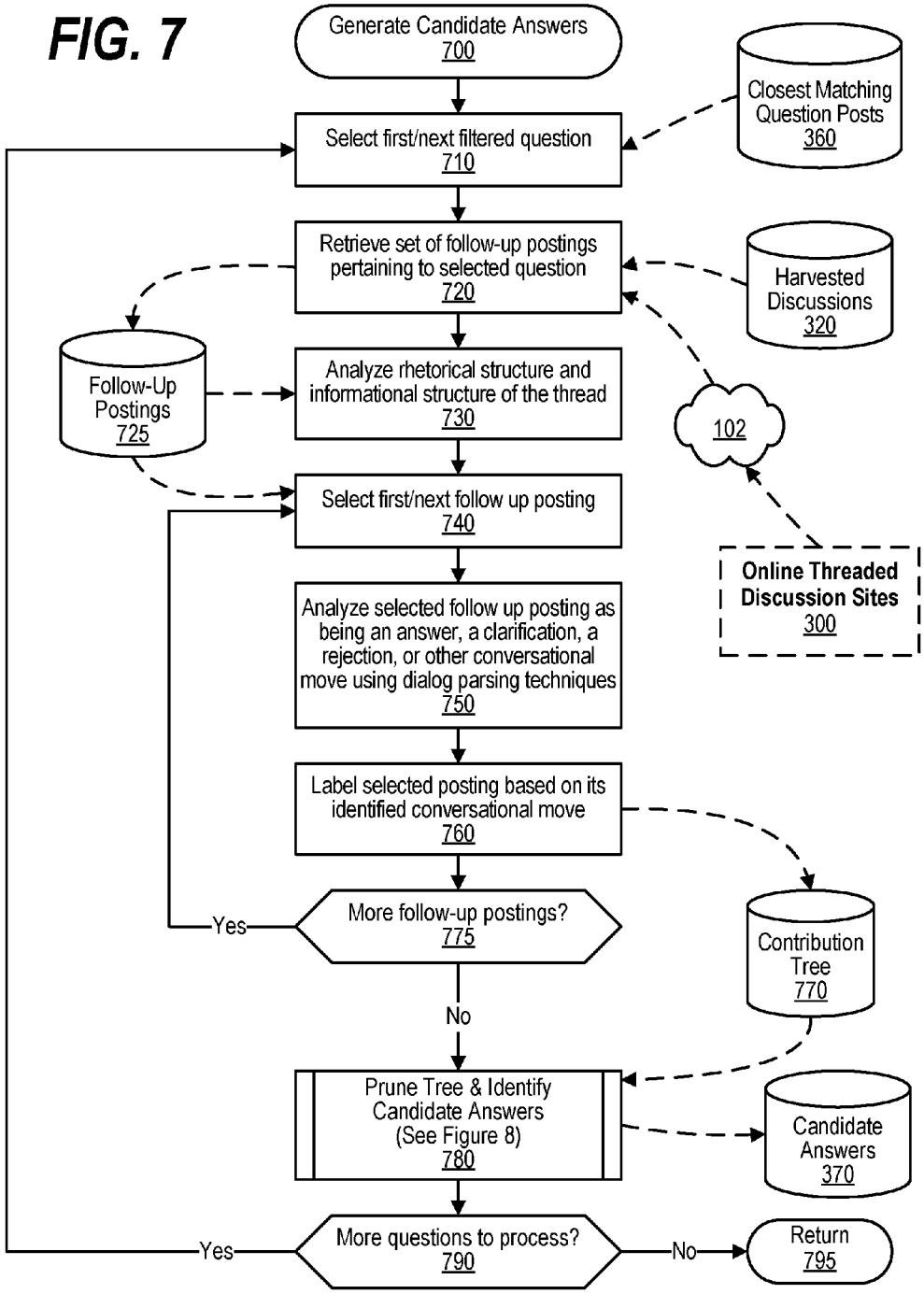
FIG. 7
Generate Candidate Answers
700
Closest Matching Question Posts
360
Select first/next filtered question
710
Retrieve set of follow-up postings pertaining to selected question
720
Harvested Discussions
320
Follow-Up Postings
725
Analyze rhetorical structure and informational structure of the thread
730
102
Select first/next follow up posting
740
Online Threaded Discussion Sites
300
Analyze selected follow up posting as being an answer, a clarification, a rejection, or other conversational move using dialog parsing techniques
750
Label selected posting based on its identified conversational move
760
Yes
More follow-up postings?
775
Contribution Tree
770
No
Prune Tree & Identify Candidate Answers (See Figure 8)
780
Candidate Answers
370
Yes
More questions to process?
790
No
Return
795