

lowing detailed description of the preferred embodiments of the invention in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

**[0021]** FIG. 1 is a block diagram of human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the present invention;

**[0022]** FIG. 2 is a perspective view of human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to a first embodiment of the present invention;

**[0023]** FIG. 3 is a perspective view of human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to a second embodiment of the present invention;

**[0024]** FIG. 4 is a front view of human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to a third embodiment of the present invention;

**[0025]** FIG. 5 is a flowchart showing a method of operating the human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the present invention;

**[0026]** FIG. 6 shows mechanical motions of the human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the present invention;

**[0027]** FIGS. 7a and 7b show examples of using the human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the first embodiment of the present invention;

**[0028]** FIGS. 8a and 8b show examples of using the human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the second embodiment of the present invention; and

**[0029]** FIGS. 9a to 9c show examples of using the human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the third embodiment of the present invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

**[0030]** Hereinafter, the present invention will be described in detail by explaining preferred embodiments of the invention with reference to the attached drawings.

**[0031]** FIG. 1 is a block diagram of human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the present invention.

##### First Embodiment

**[0032]** FIG. 2 is a perspective view of human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to a first embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 2, the interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the first embodiment of the invention use folder type mobile terminals 110 and 210. For convenience of explanation, a mobile terminal initially operated by a user is referred to as a first terminal 110 and a mobile terminal that responds to the first terminal 110 is referred to as a second terminal 210 hereinafter.

**[0033]** Referring to FIG. 1, the first and second terminals 110 and 210 respectively include a driver 300, a sensor 400, a converter 500 and a communication module 600. Here, the driver 300 operates the second terminal 210 such that the second terminal 210 responds to the first terminal 110 or delivers kinesthetic feedback corresponding to a motion of the second terminal 210 to the user through the first terminal 110. Any driving device can be used as the driver 300 if it can perform the aforementioned operation. Preferably, a motor for rotating folders of the first and second terminals 110 and 210 is used as the driver 300. More preferably, a DC motor is used. Further, a brake for restricting the operation of the

driver 300 is provided at one side of the driver 300. When an external force is applied to the first or second terminal 110 and 210, to counteract the motion of the other terminal, the brake is used for the purpose of restricting the motion of the other terminal. Any brake can be used if it can accomplish this purpose. Preferably, a magnetic particle brake that is stable and has high response time is used. The magnetic particle brake can easily control a torque voltage and output torque.

**[0034]** The sensor 400 according to the first embodiment of the invention measures motion magnitude and path of the driver 300 driven by an external force such as handling of the user. Any sensor can be used as the sensor 400 if it can measure motion magnitude and path of the driver 300 that drives the folders of the first and second terminals 110 and 210.

**[0035]** The converter 500 according to the first embodiment of the invention is used for the purpose of converting a motion signal of the first terminal 110, measured by the sensor 400, into an electric signal for communication or converting an electric signal received by the second terminal 210 into a motion signal for driving the second terminal 210. Any converter can be used if it can accomplish the aforementioned purpose. However, it is preferable to use a converter including an encoder that is attached to the driver 300 and encodes a motion signal and a decoder that removes noise from a received electric signal and decodes the electric signal into a signal for communication.

**[0036]** The communication module 600 according to the first embodiment of the invention is used for communication between the first and second terminals 110 and 210 and includes a data module of a conventional terminal and a data communication module 600 for controlling the terminal.

##### Second Embodiment

**[0037]** FIG. 3 is a perspective view of human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to a second embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 3, the human interaction systems according to the second embodiment of the invention use slide type terminals 120 and 220. The configurations of the human interaction systems 120 and 220 according to the second embodiment of the invention are similar to those of the human interaction systems 110 and 210 according to the first embodiment of the invention, as shown in FIG. 1. However, the slide type terminals 120 and 220 perform a rotary motion different from that of the folder type terminals 110 and 210, and thus the slide type terminals 120 and 220 have a configuration corresponding to the rotary motion.

**[0038]** The driver 300 according to the second embodiment of the invention is used for the same purpose and effect as those of the driver 300 of the human interaction systems according to the first embodiment of the invention. The driver 300 according to the second embodiment of the invention uses a linear motor suitable for linear movement of a slide. Further, the brake for restricting the movement of the driver 300 uses a linear brake suitable to restrict linear movement. The linear brake is easy to restrict linear movement and has satisfactory performance and high stability.

**[0039]** The converter 500 according to the second embodiment of the invention includes a linear encoder and a linear decoder for data conversion according to linear movement.

**[0040]** The sensor 400 and the communication module 600 according to the second embodiment of the invention are