

identical to those of the human interaction systems according to the first embodiment of the invention so that detailed description thereof is omitted.

#### Third Embodiment

**[0041]** FIG. 4 is a front view of human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to a third embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 4, the human interaction systems according to the fourth embodiment of the invention use flexible displays 130 and 230. The configurations of the human interaction systems 130 and 230 according to the third embodiment of the invention are similar to those of the human interaction systems 110 and 210 according to the first embodiment of the invention. However, the flexible displays 130 and 230 make a motion completely different from those of the terminals 110, 120, 210 and 220, and thus the flexible displays 130 and 230 have a configuration corresponding thereto.

**[0042]** The flexible displays 130 and 230 are driven by a plurality of wires or shape memory alloy (SMA) strips provided at one side of a display unit displaying images.

**[0043]** The driver 300 according to the third embodiment of the invention is used for the same purpose and effect as those of the driver 300 according to the first embodiment of the invention and uses a DC motor or an SMA to drive the wires or SMA strips for operating the flexible displays 130 and 230.

**[0044]** Each of the flexible displays 130 and 230 includes a plurality of sensors 400 which are arranged at one side thereof, preferably, a mainly bent side of the flexible display, and measure a bending direction and magnitude of the flexible display. Any sensor can be used if it can perform this operation. Preferably, a bending sensor using resistance or an optical fiber function is used.

**[0045]** The converter 500 and the communication module 600 according to the third embodiment of the invention are similar to those of the human interaction systems according to the first or second embodiment of the present invention so that detailed explanations thereof are omitted.

#### Modified Embodiment

**[0046]** The human interaction systems 100 and 200 using kinesthetic feedback according to the present invention can be also applied to a PDP, PMP, notebook computer or industrial equipment that can be operated according to intercommunication in addition to the devices according to the first, second and third embodiments of the invention. For example, hinge angles of notebook computers connected to each other can be mutually controlled according to the aforementioned principle. In the same manner, hinges of monitors of desktop PCs connected to each other can be controlled through the aforementioned principle.

**[0047]** <Method of Operating Human Interaction Systems Using Kinesthetic Feedback>

**[0048]** FIG. 5 is a flowchart showing a method of operating the human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the present invention. Referring to FIGS. 1 and 5, a user applies a force to the first human interaction system 100 to handle the first human interaction system 100 in step S100.

**[0049]** The sensor 400 included in the first human interaction system 100 measures motion information such as motion magnitude and path of the first human interaction system 100 handled by the user in step S200. The sensor 400 may use a

force sensor, a torque sensor, a motion sensor, an acceleration measurement sensor or a velocity sensor because the first human interaction system 100 can make various motions according to its type.

**[0050]** The motion information of the first human interaction system, measured by the sensor 400, is converted into an electric signal for communication in step S300.

**[0051]** The electric signal is transmitted to the second human interaction system 200 in step S400.

**[0052]** The electric signal received by the second human interaction system 200 is converted into a motion signal for driving the second human interaction system 200 in step S500.

**[0053]** The second human interaction system 200 is controlled such that the second human interaction system 200 makes a motion having a magnitude and path corresponding to the received motion signal of the first interaction device 100. In this manner, Primary interaction of the first and second human interaction systems 100 and 200 is accomplished.

**[0054]** When the user continuously handles the first human interaction system 100, steps S100 through S600 are repeated to allow the second human interaction system 200 to make the same motion as that of the first human interaction system 100. Unless the second human interaction system 200 is obstructed by an obstacle or an external force is applied to the second human interaction system 200, the first human interaction system 100 does not generate additional feedback. Accordingly, the user can confirm that the second human interaction system 200 smoothly operates. An operating method when the second human interaction system 200 is obstructed by an obstacle or an external force is applied to the second human interaction system 200 will now be explained.

**[0055]** An external force or an obstacle which counteracts the motion of the first human interaction system 100 is applied to the second human interaction system 200 while the first human interaction system 100 is handled such that the second human interaction system 200 makes the same motion as that of the first human interaction system 100 in step S710.

**[0056]** The sensor 400 of the second human interaction system 200 measures motion information such as motion magnitude and path of the second human interaction system 200, determined by the external force applied to the second human interaction system 200, in step S720.

**[0057]** The motion information is converted into an electric signal for communication in step S730.

**[0058]** The electric signal is transmitted to the first human interaction system 100 from the second human interaction system 200 in step S740.

**[0059]** The electric signal received by the first human interaction system 100 is converted into a motion signal corresponding to the external force applied to the second human interaction system 200 in step S750. Here, information on motion of the first human interaction system 100, generated by the user, can be compared to the motion information on the external force applied to the second human interaction system 200 in step S751.

**[0060]** Kinesthetic feedback corresponding to the motion information on the external force applied to the second human interaction system 200 is provided to the user from the first human interaction system 100 in step S760. Here, the first human interaction system 100 does not generate kinesthetic feedback corresponding to simple vibration such as conven-