

tional tactile feedback and generates kinesthetic feedback such as motion of a folder, slide movement, etc.

Aspect of Using Interaction Systems Using Kinesthetic Feedback

First Embodiment

[0061] FIG. 6 shows mechanical motions of the human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the present invention and FIGS. 7a and 7b show examples of using the human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the first embodiment of the present invention.

[0062] Referring to FIGS. 6 and 7a, when a user 10 closes the folder of the first terminal 110 by a predetermined extent, the folder of the second terminal 210 is closed by the same extent without having an additional external operation.

[0063] Referring to FIGS. 6 and 7b, if the second terminal 210 is obstructed by an obstacle or an external force 710 is applied to the second terminal 210 while the second terminal 210 is driven in interaction with the first terminal 110, the first terminal 110 makes a motion corresponding to the motion of the second terminal 210 to generate feedback to the user 10. This feedback corresponds to kinesthetic feedback. When the external force 710 applied to the second terminal 210 is weaker than the force of the user 10, which is applied to the first terminal 110, feedback is generated in such a manner that the folders of the first and second terminals 110 and 210 are closed slightly or slowly. Further, if the external force 710 is similar to the force of the user 10, the folders of the first and second terminals 110 and 210 vibrate to generate kinesthetic feedback corresponding to the forces applied to the first and second terminals 110 and 210. If the external force 710 applied to the second terminal 210 is greater than the force of the user 10, kinesthetic feedback is generated in such a manner that the folders that are being closed are opened. The users of the first and second terminals 110 and 210 can respond to each other through the kinesthetic feedback.

Second Embodiment

[0064] FIGS. 8a and 8b show examples of using the human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the second embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIGS. 6 and 8a, when the user 10 slides the first terminal 120, the second terminal 220 slides by the magnitude of the sliding motion of the first terminal 120.

[0065] However, if the second terminal 220 is obstructed by an obstacle or an external force 710 is applied to the second terminal 220 while the second terminal 220 is driven in interaction with the first terminal 120, as shown in FIG. 8b, feedback corresponding to the motion of the second terminal 220 is generated in the first terminal 120. This feedback corresponds to kinesthetic feedback. When the external force 710 applied to the second terminal 220 is weaker than the force of the user 10, which is applied to the first terminal 120, feedback is generated in such a manner that the first and second terminals 120 and 220 slowly slide. Further, if the external force 710 is similar to the force of the user 10, slides of the first and second terminals 120 and 220 vibrate to generate kinesthetic feedback corresponding to the forces applied to the first and second terminals 120 and 220. If the external force 710 applied to the second terminal 220 is greater than the force of the user 10, kinesthetic feedback is generated in such a manner that the first and second terminals 120 and 220

reversely slide. The users of the first and second terminals 110 and 210 can respond to each other through the kinesthetic feedback.

Third Embodiment

[0066] FIGS. 9a to 9c show examples of using the human interaction systems using kinesthetic feedback according to the third embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 9b, when the user 10 bends the first flexible display 130, the second flexible display 230 is bent by the magnitude of the bending motion of the first flexible display 130 without having an additional external operation.

[0067] Bending extents of the first and second flexible displays 130 and 230 can be controlled using the driver 300 such as wires having different lengths. The bending degrees of the first and second flexible displays 130 and 230 are measured at one side of each of the first and second flexible displays 130 and 230, which is close to the end of the wires.

[0068] The first and second flexible displays 130 and 230 operate according to an aspect similar to the aspect of using the human interaction systems according to the first or second embodiment of the invention.

[0069] While the present invention has been described with reference to the particular illustrative embodiments, it is not to be restricted by the embodiments but only by the appended claims. It is to be appreciated that those skilled in the art can change or modify the embodiments without departing from the scope and spirit of the present invention.

What is claimed is:

1. Human interaction systems 100 and 200 using kinesthetic feedback, which are connected to each other through communication, each human interaction system comprising:
 - a driver 300 driving the human interaction system according to handling of a user 10 and generating kinesthetic feedback;
 - a sensor 400 measuring force, physical quantity and path applied by the driver 300;
 - a converter 500 converting a motion signal of the driver 300, measured by the sensor 400, into an electric signal in order to transmit and receive the motion signal; and
 - a communication module 600 transmitting and receiving the electric signal.
2. The human interaction systems of claim 1, wherein the human interaction systems 100 and 200 correspond to folder type mobile terminals 110 and 210, slide type mobile terminals 120 and 220, or flexible displays 130 and 230.
3. The human interaction systems of claim 1, wherein the driver 300 is a DC motor, a linear motor or an SMA.
4. The human interaction systems of claim 1, wherein the converter 500 comprises:
 - an encoder encoding motion information measured by the sensor 400 into an electric signal; and
 - a decoder decoding an electric signal received through the communication module 600.
5. The human interaction systems of claim 4, wherein the encoder corresponds to a linear encoder.
6. The human interaction systems of claim 1, wherein the driver 300 includes a brake that restricts motions of the human interaction systems 100 and 200.
7. The human interaction systems of claim 6, wherein the brake is a magnetic particle brake, a linear brake or an SMA.
8. A method of operating first and second human interaction systems 100 and 200 connected to each other through communication, comprising: