

forms based on the type of motion sensor employed in the mobile phone 1, and the single of FIG. 8A is merely exemplary.

[0068] With further reference to FIG. 8B, there is shown an exemplary velocity profile 110 that may be generated by the control circuit 42 in response to the data from the accelerometer. The velocity profile 110 can be generated, for example, by integrating the acceleration and deceleration as detected by the accelerometer with respect to time. As can be seen in FIG. 8B, the control circuit 42, based on the integral of the acceleration, presumes that the mobile phone 10 is moving at a constant velocity during the period between the first pulse 102 (the acceleration pulse) and the second pulse 104 (the deceleration pulse). Using the direction and velocity of motion, the control circuit 42 pans and/or zooms the display in a direction and at a rate that corresponds to the direction and velocity of the detected motion.

[0069] A person having ordinary skill in the art of computer programming and applications of programming for mobile phones would be able in view of the description provided herein to program a mobile phone 10 to operate and to carry out the functions described herein. Accordingly, details as to the specific programming code have been omitted for the sake of brevity. Also, while software in the memory 46 or in some other memory of the mobile phone 10 may be used to allow the mobile phone to carry out the functions and features described herein in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the invention, such functions and features also could be carried out via dedicated hardware, firmware, software, or combinations thereof, without departing from the scope of the invention.

[0070] FIG. 9 illustrates a representative flow chart 120 showing an example of steps, functions and methods that may be carried out using the invention. The flow chart includes a number of process blocks arranged in a particular order. As should be appreciated, many alternatives and equivalents to the illustrated steps may exist and such alternatives and equivalents are intended to fall within the scope of the claims appended hereto. Alternatives may involve carrying out additional steps or actions not specifically recited and/or shown, carrying out steps or actions in a different order from that recited and/or shown, and/or omitting recited and/or shown steps. Alternatives also include carrying out steps or actions concurrently or with partial concurrence.

[0071] The steps shown in the flow chart may be carried out using a mobile phone, for example, of the type described herein or other type. Appropriate programming code may be written in an appropriate computer language or the like to carry out the steps, functions and methods as now are described with respect to FIG. 9. The steps shown in the flow chart are referred to below as blocks.

[0072] Beginning at block 122, it is determined whether motion processing is enabled in the mobile phone 10. If motion processing is not enabled, then images provided to the display 22 will not be panned or zoomed as the mobile phone is moved. Motion processing can be enabled, for example, by setting a parameter within the phone (e.g., via a soft menu located within the phone's setup and configuration utility) or by using one or more keys (e.g., via function keys 24 or keypad 22) on the mobile phone to enable and disable motion processing. For example, motion processing may be enabled when a specific key is depressed or key

stroke is entered into the mobile phone 10, and disable when the key is released or a different keystroke is entered. If motion processing is not enabled, then the method moves back to block 122 and the process repeats. If motion processing is enabled, then the method moves to block 124.

[0073] At block 124, it is determined whether the phone is moving (e.g., in an up/down, sideways or back and forth manner). Motion can be detected by the motion sensor 60 in conjunction with the motion signal processing circuitry 62. For example, the motion sensor 60 may be a three axis accelerometer that produces voltage signals indicative of acceleration along any of the three axes. The acceleration signal may be presented as a signed digital value, wherein the magnitude is the calculated acceleration, and the acceleration direction is indicated by the sign. The vector sum of the three signed values corresponds to the motion of the mobile phone 10. As will be appreciated, form and/or derivation of the motion signal may be different for different types of motion sensors. If the vector sum of the motion signal is at or near zero (e.g., within a dead band around 0), then motion is not occurring, and the method moves back to block 122. However, if the vector sum is not zero (or not within the dead band), then it is concluded that motion is occurring and the method moves to block 126.

[0074] At block 126, the motion is analyzed to determine if the motion is intended motion. As described herein, the threshold detector 66, amplitude detector 68 and/or frequency detector 70 determine whether such motion is intended motion or unintended motion (e.g., incidental motion due to walking or slight bouncing in a car). Determination of whether or not the motion is intended motion can be based on a comparison of the detected motion relative to a threshold value. For example, if the detected motion signal is slowly oscillating between a first value and a second value, wherein the first and/or second values are outside the above-mentioned dead zone, such motion may be interpreted as unintended motion if the oscillation frequency is low (e.g., motion due to an unsteady hand, slight bounce due to walking, etc.) even though motion actually is occurring. If the detected motion is determined to be unintended motion, then the method moves back to block 122. If the detected motion is determined to be intended motion, then the method moves to block 128.

[0075] At block 128, the movement vectors are computed to determine direction and velocity of the motion. Movement along any of the three axes can be interpreted as specific requests to pan and/or zoom. For example, movement in the +y direction can be interpreted as a request to pan up the virtual document, while movement in -y direction can be interpreted as a request to pan down the virtual document. Other directions can be interpreted in a likewise manner (e.g., +x direction may be a request to pan right, -x direction may be a request to pan left, +z direction may be a request to zoom out, and -z direction may be a request to zoom in). As discussed herein, the specific assignments for the different vectors may be redefined by the user.

[0076] As will be appreciated, processing of the specific signals is dependent on the type of sensor used to detect motion. For example, an accelerometer can detect acceleration and deceleration, but cannot detect constant motion with zero acceleration or deceleration. Thus, additional signal processing may be implemented within the motion signal processing circuit 62 and/or the control circuit 42 to fully interpret the actual motion. For example, constant or