

erence to FIG. 6, there is illustrated a vibration control pulse 21 and a vibration control pulse 21' having an opposite rotation direction.

[0034] Once the parameters for the API are provided, the shape of the vibration control pulse 21 can be computed. First, there is calculated an ISA control value (ISA_cont_value). Specifically, ISA_cont_value is equal to $(V_{\text{vibra}}/(3.6 * (z_{\text{vibra}}/(z_{\text{vibra}}+z_{\text{driver}}))) * 32767 * (\text{Intensity}/200) + a$ where V_{vibra} is the nominal voltage of a vibration motor, z_{vibra} is the impedance of the vibration motor, z_{driver} is the output impedance of the driving amplifier stage, and where Intensity is equal to the intensity parameter. If the Intensity ≥ 1 , $a=0.75$. If the Intensity ≤ 1 , $a=-0.75$. And, if the Intensity=0, the vibration control pulse is a uniform zero volts. Furthermore the value "3.6" represents an exemplary and non-limiting embodiment of a default battery voltage of 3.6V. The resulting ISA_cont_value ranges, depending on the specified intensity parameter and vibration nominal voltage, from 0.75 . . . 1.25 times the vibration nominal voltage. In the instance of an opposite rotation of the vibration control pulse 21, the resulting ISA_cont_value ranges from -0.75 . . . -1.25 times the vibration nominal voltage.

[0035] As illustrated, nominal voltage period 27 corresponds to a period wherein the voltage of the vibration control signal is equal to the vibration nominal control voltage. Similarly, nominal voltage period 27' corresponds to a period wherein the voltage of the vibration control signal is equal to the vibration nominal control voltage times 0.75. As is further illustrated, nominal voltage period 27'' corresponds to a period wherein the voltage of the vibration control signal is equal to the vibration nominal control voltage times 1.25.

[0036] Start pulse 23 is a pulse that extends, at a substantially uniform positive voltage for a defined period of time. In an exemplary embodiment, the uniform positive voltage is equal to the direct V_{batt} minus losses of the driver. The period of time over which the start pulse 23 extends is variable and ranges from 0.5 . . . 1.5*times the vibrational nominal start pulse parameter. This start pulse 23 time period (ISA_Start) is equal to $\text{Start} * ((\text{Intensity}/100) + 0.5)$ where Start is the vibrational nominal start pulse parameter. In an exemplary and non-limiting embodiment, the value of the vibrational nominal start pulse parameter is approximately equal to 30 ms. As illustrated, when the intensity parameter is equal to fifty, the result is start pulse 23. When the intensity parameter is equal to one, the result is start pulse 23' wherein the duration of start pulse is approximately one half of the value of the vibrational nominal start pulse parameter. Similarly, when the intensity parameter is equal to one hundred, the result is start pulse 23'' wherein the duration of start pulse is approximately one and one half times the value of the vibrational nominal start pulse parameter. In the instance that the intensity parameter is equal to zero, the vibration control pulse remains at a uniform zero volts.

[0037] Stop pulse 25 is a pulse that extends, at a substantially uniform negative voltage for a defined period of time. In an exemplary and non-limiting embodiment the uniform negative voltage is of a substantially equal but opposite magnitude as that of the uniform voltage of start pulse 23. The period of time over which the start pulse 23 extends is variable and ranges from 0.0 . . . 1.33*times a constant value. In the exemplary embodiment illustrated, this constant value is equal to 30 ms. As noted above, this constant value can be altered by supplying a different value in the form of an optional vibration nominal stop pulse parameter. The stop

pulse 25 time period (ISA_Stop) is equal to $60 * (\text{Intensity}/(\text{intensity} + 50))$. As illustrated, when the intensity parameter is equal to fifty, the result is stop pulse 25 with a time period of 30 ms. When the intensity parameter is equal to one hundred, the result is stop pulse 25' wherein the duration of stop pulse is approximately one and one third times the value of the 30 ms constant. In the instance that the intensity parameter is equal to zero, the vibration control pulse remains at a uniform zero volts.

[0038] With reference to FIG. 3, there is illustrated in detail the derivation of the attributes of vibration control pulse 21. As illustrated, the intensity parameter and vibration nominal start pulse parameters form inputs as do the vibration parameters V_{vibra} , z_{vibra} , and z_{driver} . As described above, these input parameters are output from the mobile operating system 13. From these parameters, there are derived the values for ISA_cont_value, ISA_Start, and ISA_Stop as described above.

[0039] The outputted ISA_cont_value serves as input to the Audio DSP 17 as does the V_{batt} parameter derived from analog measurement of the battery voltage. Using these inputs, a CDSP-Cont_value is calculated (where "CDSP" is a cellular DSP) as equal to $((\text{ISA_cont_value}/V_{\text{batt}}) * 3.6)$. In an exemplary embodiment, Audio DSP 17 provides linear compensation of the battery voltage with a 1 mV resolution.

[0040] Lastly, the computed values ISA_cont_value, ISA_Start, ISA_Stop, and CDSP_cont_value serve as inputs to the hardware 19. Specifically, the Acodex PWM generator 33 outputs a pulse width modulated signal in the form of the vibration control pulse 21 to a vibration element 37 via an H-bridge 35.

[0041] With reference to FIG. 4, there is illustrated a schematic diagram of a mobile device 41 for implementing exemplary embodiments of the invention. In an exemplary and non-limiting embodiment of the invention, mobile device is 41 is a mobile phone. A digital processor 43 is coupled to a memory 45. Memory 45 can be any memory medium, such as internal or external RAM or flash memory, capable of storing and retrieving digital data. At least an executable program 47 including an API 49 is stored on memory 45. When retrieved and executed by digital processor 43, the executable program 47 serves to implement API 49 via operation in a mobile operating system 13 at least partially resident on digital processor 43. As described above, the digital processor 43 outputs a signal to hardware 19 via an audio DSP 17. As illustrated, hardware 19 includes a vibration element 48, such as a haptic or tactile feedback element, that vibrates in accordance with the vibration control signal 21 output from DSP 17. In an exemplary and non-limiting embodiment, the vibration element 48 forms part of a touch screen display.

[0042] With reference to FIG. 5, there is illustrated a method according to an exemplary embodiment of the invention. At step 1, the parameters defining the vibration control pulse 21 are provided via the API 49. As described above, the parameters allow for the varying of the intensity and duration of the start and stop pulses forming the vibration control pulse 21. At step 2, the API 49 is executed, for example by executing an executable program containing the API 49, to produce a vibration effect in a vibration element 48. As discussed above, this process can be repeated as desired and may be formed with varying polarity and intensity parameters to produce desired vibrational effects.

[0043] As is evident from the description above, exemplary embodiments of the invention provide a vibration interface, in