

device 2. A period when the marker signal is transmitted is defined as a time when it is sufficient to detect the user, e.g. 10 ms (100 Hz).

[0155] The communication device 310 that receives the marker transmitted by the ambience-side communication device transmits an ID (Identifier) as an identification signal.

[0156] At Step S2, the ambience-side communication device 310 receives the ID transmitted by the communication device 310. The ambience-side communication device identifies the received ID and recognizes the communication device 310.

[0157] When the communication device 310 transmits the ID, if necessary, the unit 310 transmits a command and data. Then, at Step S3, the ambience-side communication device receives the command and the data transmitted by the communication device 310. The ambience-side communication device 310 identifies a transmission end of the received command and data and processes the command and the data based on the previously received ID.

[0158] At Step S4, the ambience-side communication device that processes the command and the data, determines whether or not data such as a processed result is (are) transmitted. When judging that the transmission should be required, proceeding to Step S5, the ambience-side communication device adds the destination end ID to the data to be transmitted, transmits the added one by way of the linear electrode of the input device 2, and completes the communication processing.

[0159] At Step 4, when judging that the transmission of the data is not required, the ambience-side communication device completes the communication processing.

[0160] Next, referring to a flow chart of FIG. 27, it will be explained about a half-duplex communication processing by the communication device 310 (the wearable end communication device) corresponding to the flow chart of the ambience-side communication device of FIG. 26.

[0161] The communication device 310 is set in a reception mode as an initial state. At Step S11, the communication device 310 receives the marker signal transmitted by the ambience-side communication device. The communication device 310 received the marker signal transmitted by the ambience-side communication device changes over the reception mode to a transmission mode. At Step S12, the communication 310 transmits an ID as identification information.

[0162] At Step S13, the communication device 310 that transmits the ID judges whether or not transmission of a command and data are required to the ambience-side communication device. When judging that determining the transmission is required, proceeding to Step S14, the communication device 310 transmits the command and the data.

[0163] At Step S15, the communication device 310 that transmits the command and the data, receives the data to which the destination end ID coincident with his/her own ID transmitted by the ambience-side communication device and completes the processing.

[0164] At Step S13, when judging that the transmission of the command and the data is not required, the communica-

tion device 310 proceeds to Step S15 without any transmission of the command and the data.

[0165] Thus, the ambience-side communication device and the communication device 210 perform the half-duplex communication processing.

[0166] For example, in a communication protocol used for the above-mentioned communication, the number of data bit of 8 bits is allotted to the marker. The number of data bit of 16 bits is allotted to the ID of the communication device 310, including an ECC (error correcting code) used for data error correction. The number of data bit of 32 bits is allotted to the command and the data to be transmitted to communication device 310. The number of data bit of 32 bits is allotted to the ID and the data of the communication device 310 to be transmitted by the ambience-side communication device. Then, an amount of data of communication performed in a one cycle of the marker signal becomes 88 bits.

[0167] When a communication speed of communication performed between the communication device 310 and the ambience-side communication device is set to be 10 Kbps, a necessary time for communicating 88 bit data becomes 8.8 ms. Even when the cycle of the marker signal is 10 ms, the communication there between is possible. Further, when a communication speed is set by 100 Kbps, in order not to generate a communication error, to strengthen error correction operation and usage of a communication protocol to which a handshake function under a flow control is added, is possible.

[0168] FIG. 28 shows an example of the other construction of the information system to which the present invention is applied.

[0169] A display screen 371 in which the linear electrodes are provided in a same manner as the input device 2 has a substrate of half-transparent material. The display screen 371 projects an image from backward by a projector 374. When the user touches the linear electrode of the display screen 371 by way of the finger, etc., an inducing voltage is generated at the linear electrode. The display screen 371 supplies the inducing voltage to a signal processing circuit 372. The signal processing circuit 372 calculates a coordinate on the display screen 371 in which the inducing voltage is generated, identifies the user, and supplies information of the processed result to the personal computer 373. A personal computer 373 receives an input, generates a predetermined image, controls the projector 374, and projects the image onto the display screen 371, based on the information.

[0170] As above-mentioned, the personal computer 373 can project the information such as the coordinate at which the user touches the display screen 1 onto the display screen 371 being the input device, by controlling the projector 374.

[0171] FIG. 29 shows an example of the other construction of the information processing system to which the present invention is applied.

[0172] A display screen 391 in which linear electrodes are provided in a same way as the input device 2 is made of flexible material and provided on a wall 390. For example, the display screen 391 forms the electrodes by patterning a polyamide substrate and vaporizing the electrode material onto plastic substrate and the like.