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METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING USER'S REAL HAND AND WEARABLE DEVICE THEREFOR

Abstract

Provided is a method of identifying a hand of a genuine user wearing a wearable device. According to an embodiment, the method includes using a sensor included in the wearable device to recognize a hand located in a detection area of the sensor; estimating a position of a shoulder connected to the recognized hand based on a positional relation between the orientation of the recognized hand and at least one body part connected to the recognized hand; and using information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position to determine whether the recognized hand is a hand of the genuine user.

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Background/Summary

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS [0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 18/600,222, filed Mar. 8, 2024, which is a divisional of U.S. application Ser. No. 17/294,917, filed on May 18, 2021, which is a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/KR 2019/006946, filed on Jun. 10, 2019, which claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 10-2018-0169909 filed Dec. 26, 2018, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] An embodiment of the disclosure relates to a method and system for identifying a hand of a genuine user wearing a wearable device.

BACKGROUND ART

[0003] Research on augmented reality began with the development of a first see-through head mounted device (HMD) by Van Sutherland in the 1960s, and was fueled by the advent of the new term 'Augmented Reality (AR)' introduced by Boeing Co., in the early 1990s.

[0004] AR platforms are evolving from desktop computers to smartphones. For AR realized based on early personal computers (PCs), with the distribution of personal digital assistants (PDAs), ultra mobile personal computers (UMPCs), mobile phones, etc., since the 2000s, mobile AR platforms have started to be diversified, and after earnest use of smartphones since 2009, they have showed potential of mobile AR application to the real world. The reason that smartphones take the attention as an AR platform is because a smartphone is equipped with not only a camera but also various compact and light sensors such as a global positioning system (GPS), a compass, a magnetic sensor, an acceleration sensor, a touch sensor, a proximity sensor, an illuminance sensor, a wireless fidelity (Wi-Fi) system, a radio frequency identification (RFID) system, etc., to provide additional information allowing a command or intention of the user apart from the location of the user to be figured out.

[0005] The AR platform continues to evolve into a type of glasses to cope with a disadvantage of having to hold the smartphone in the user's hand to check information. Simultaneously, with the advance in essential technologies such as Internet of things (IoT), computer vision, realistic content, artificial intelligence (AI), etc., expectations are growing over the potential of various applications.

DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

Solution to Problem

[0006] An embodiment is for a wearable device to distinguish a hand of a genuine user wearing the wearable device from a hand of someone else to prevent inadvertent or intended manipulation of a third party.

[0007] Another embodiment is to provide notification information indicating whether a hand of a genuine user wearing a wearable device is within a detection area of the wearable device, allowing

the genuine user to easily recognize a manipulation range of the wearable device.

[0008] According to an embodiment, a method of identifying a hand of a genuine user wearing a wearable device includes using a sensor included in the wearable device to recognize a hand located in a detection area of the sensor; estimating a position of a shoulder connected to the hand based on a positional relation between an orientation of the hand and at least one body part connected to the hand; and determining whether the recognized hand is a hand of the genuine user based on information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position to.

[0009] According to an embodiment, a wearable device comprises an outputter; at least one sensor; a memory storing one or more instructions; and a processor connected to the memory and configured to execute the one or more instructions to perform operations of: recognizing a hand located in a detection area of the at least one sensor by using the at least one sensor; estimating a position of a shoulder connected to the hand based on a positional relation between an orientation of the hand coming into the detection area of the at least one sensor and at least one body part connected to the hand; and determining whether the recognized hand is a hand of the genuine user based on information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user wearing a wearable device being present in the estimated position.

[0010] According to an embodiment, a method of identifying a hand of a genuine user wearing a wearable device includes using a sensor included in the wearable device to recognize a hand located in a detection area of the sensor; determining whether the recognized hand is the hand of the genuine user based on information about a probability that the hand of the genuine user is detected at each position in the detection area; identifying a gesture of the recognized hand when the recognized hand is determined to be a hand of the genuine user; and performing an instruction corresponding to the identified gesture.

[0011] According to an embodiment, a wearable device comprises an outputter; at least one sensor; a memory storing one or more instructions; and a processor connected to the memory and configured to execute the one or more instructions to perform operations of: recognizing a hand located in a detection area of the at least one sensor by using the at least one sensor; determining whether the recognized hand is a hand of a genuine user wearing a wearable device based on information about a probability of the hand of the genuine user being detected at each position in the detection area; identifying a gesture of the recognized hand, when the recognized hand is determined to be the hand of the genuine user; and performing an instruction corresponding to the identified gesture.

[0012] According to an embodiment, a computer program product includes a recording medium having a program stored thereon to perform operations of: recognizing a hand located in a detection area of at least one sensor by using the at least one sensor; estimating a position of a shoulder connected to the hand based on a positional relation between an orientation of the hand and at least one body part connected to the hand; and determining whether the recognized hand is the hand of the genuine user based on information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0013] FIG. 1 is a diagram for describing a system for identifying a hand of a genuine user wearing a wearable device, according to an embodiment.

[0014] FIG. 2 is a flowchart for describing a method of identifying a hand of a genuine user of a wearable device, according to an embodiment.

[0015] FIG. 3 is a flowchart for describing a method of detecting a hand and at least one body part

connected to the hand, according to an embodiment.

[0016] FIG. 4 is a diagram for describing a result of detection from an image, according to an embodiment.

[0017] FIG. 5 is a diagram for describing a machine learning model for estimating a shoulder position, according to an embodiment.

[0018] FIG. 6 is a diagram for describing information about a probability of a shoulder of a genuine user being present, according to an embodiment.

[0019] FIG. 7 is a diagram for describing a wearable device determining a hand of a genuine user, according to an embodiment.

[0020] FIG. 8 is a flowchart for describing a method of identifying a gesture of a hand of a genuine user, according to an embodiment.

[0021] FIG. 9 is a diagram for describing a wearable device ignoring a hand of someone else, according to an embodiment.

[0022] FIG. 10 is a diagram for describing a wearable device detecting a hand of someone else, according to an embodiment.

[0023] FIG. 11 is a flowchart for describing a method of providing notification information indicating whether a hand of a genuine user is located in a detection area, according to an embodiment.

[0024] FIG. 12 is a diagram for describing notification information, according to an embodiment.

[0025] FIG. 13 is a flowchart for describing a method of identifying a hand of a genuine user based on information about a probability of detecting a hand of the genuine user at each position in a detection area, according to an embodiment.

[0026] FIG. 14 is a diagram for describing information about a probability of detecting a hand of a genuine user at each position in a detection area, according to an embodiment.

[0027] FIG. 15 is a diagram for describing a wearable device distinguishing a hand of a genuine user from a hand of someone else, according to an embodiment.

[0028] FIG. 16 is a flowchart for describing a method of identifying a hand of a genuine user based on feature information of a recognized hand, according to an embodiment.

[0029] FIG. 17 is a diagram for describing a wearable device identifying a hand of a genuine user based on feature information of a recognized hand, according to an embodiment.

[0030] FIG. 18 is a flowchart for describing a method in which a wearable device works with an external device to identify a hand of a genuine user, according to an embodiment.

[0031] FIGS. 19 and 20 are diagrams for describing an operation of providing an avatar using hand or arm information, according to an embodiment.

[0032] FIGS. 21 and 22 are block diagrams for describing features of a wearable device, according to an embodiment.

MODE OF DISCLOSURE

[0033] Terms as used herein will be described before detailed description of embodiments of the disclosure.

[0034] The terms are selected as common terms widely used now, taking into account principles of the disclosure, which may however depend on intentions of ordinary people in the art, judicial precedents, emergence of new technologies, and the like. Some terms as herein used are selected at the applicant's discretion, in which case, description of the disclosure will be explained later in detail. Therefore, the terms should be defined based on their meanings and descriptions throughout the disclosure.

[0035] The term “include (or including)” or “comprise (or comprising)” is inclusive or open-ended and does not exclude additional, unrecited elements or method steps. The terms “unit”, “module”, “block”, etc., as used herein each represent a unit for handling at least one function or operation, and may be implemented in hardware, software, or a combination thereof.

[0036] Embodiments of the present disclosure will now be described in detail with reference to

accompanying drawings to be readily practiced by an ordinary skill in the art. However, the embodiments of the disclosure may be implemented in many different forms, and not limited thereto as will be discussed herein. In the drawings, parts unrelated to the description of the disclosure are omitted for clarity, and like numerals refer to like elements throughout the specification.

[0037] FIG. 1 is a diagram for describing a system for identifying a hand of a genuine user wearing a wearable device, according to an embodiment.

[0038] In an embodiment, a system for identifying a hand of a genuine user (hereinafter, system) may include a wearable device **1000**. However, the system may be implemented with more components than illustrated. For example, the system may further include an external device (e.g., an external server device, a host terminal, etc.). An embodiment of the system further including the external device will be described later in detail with reference to FIG. 18.

[0039] In an embodiment, a wearable device **1000** may be a kind of head mounted display (HMD) that may be worn around the head. For example, the wearable device **1000** may include an augmented reality (AR) device or a virtual reality (VR) device, without being limited thereto. The AR device may be a device for providing virtual information about a space and context by showing a virtual object created by computer modeling to overlap a real environment. The VR device may be an HMD capable of filling the entire field of view of the user with a virtual image.

[0040] In this specification, the wearable device **1000** is assumed to have the form of glasses for convenience of explanation, but is not limited thereto. For example, the wearable device **1000** may have the form of a helmet, a hat, or an eyepatch, or may have a form that covers only one eye.

[0041] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may include a user interface that recognizes gestures of a hand. For example, the wearable device **1000** may perform various instructions according to gestures of the hand. For example, the wearable device **1000** may perform an instruction, e.g., run an application, reproduce content, move, rotate, delete, or copy a virtual object, or transmit content to an external device, according to the gesture of the hand.

[0042] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may distinguish a hand of a genuine user (e.g., a first user **10**) wearing the wearable device **1000** from the hands of someone else. For example, as shown in FIG. 1, when the first user **10** wears the wearable device and works with a second user **20**, the wearable device **1000** of the first user **10** may detect a hand coming into a detection area **100** of the wearable device **1000**. In this case, as the first user **10** and the second user **20** work together, a hand coming into the detection area **100** of the wearable device **1000** may be a hand **11** of the first user **10** or a hand **12** of the second user **20**. The wearable device **1000** may determine whether the hand coming into the detection area **100** is the hand **11** of the first user **10**, and only when the user coming into the detection area **100** is the hand **11** of the first user **10**, may recognize a gesture of the hand, thereby preventing the wearable device **1000** from malfunctioning. For example, when the hand coming into the detection area **100** is the hand **12** of the second user **20**, the wearable device **1000** may ignore a gesture of the hand **12** of the second user **20**.

[0043] In this specification, the term ‘genuine user’ may refer to a user wearing the wearable device **1000**. Furthermore, in the specification, the detection area **100** may refer to a field of view (FOV) range of an image sensor equipped in the wearable device **1000** (e.g., a general imaging apparatus, a depth camera, an ultrasonic camera, an infrared camera, a dynamic vision sensor, etc.) or a range of an image obtained by the image sensor.

[0044] A method, performed by the wearable device **1000**, of identifying a hand of the genuine user to prevent malfunctioning will now be described in detail.

[0045] FIG. 2 is a flowchart of a method of identifying a hand of a genuine user of a wearable device, according to an embodiment.

[0046] In operation **S210**, the wearable device **1000** may use a sensor included in the wearable device to recognize a hand located in the detection area **100** of the sensor.

[0047] In an embodiment, that the wearable device **1000** recognizes a hand may include obtaining

an image that captures the detection area **100** and detecting a hand in the obtained image. In this case, the obtained image may be an image viewed from the genuine user wearing the wearable device **1000**, but is not limited thereto.

[0048] For example, the wearable device **1000** may use the sensor (e.g., an image sensor) to obtain (e.g., capture) an image including a hand located in the detection area **100** of the sensor. In an embodiment, the image may be a color image (an RGB image) or a black and white image. Furthermore, the image may be a three dimensional (3D) image or a two dimensional (2D) image; a moving image or a still image, without being limited thereto. For example, the image may be at least one of an ultrasound image, an infrared image, or a dynamic vision sensor image.

[0049] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may use predefined template images of hands to recognize a hand located in the detection area **100**. For example, the wearable device **1000** may detect whether a hand is located in the detection area **100** by comparing the predefined template images of hands to the image obtained by capturing the detection area **100**. Furthermore, the wearable device **1000** may use the predefined template images of hands to determine whether the hand located in the detection area **100** is a right hand or a left hand.

[0050] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may use a machine learning model (or referred to as an artificial intelligence (AI) model) to recognize a hand located in the detection area **100**. For example, the wearable device **1000** may use a deep neural network (DNN) model that learns images of various hands to recognize a hand in the detection area **100**. When the wearable device **1000** inputs an image that captures the detection area **100** to the machine learning model (e.g., DNN), the machine learning model may detect a form of the hand in the input image.

[0051] In operation **S220**, the wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a shoulder connected to the recognized hand, based on a positional relation between the orientation of the recognized hand and at least one body part connected to the recognized hand.

[0052] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may detect a hand in the image that captures the detection area **100**, and further detect at least one body part connected to the detected hand in the image that captures the detection area **100**. The at least one body part connected to the hand may include at least one of a wrist, a forearm, an elbow, or an upper arm, but is not limited thereto. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may finally estimate a position of a shoulder connected to the detected hand, based on a positional relation between the detected hand and the at least one body part connected to the hand.

[0053] For example, referring to FIG. 3, the wearable device **1000** may use an image sensor (e.g., a gesture sensor) to obtain an image of the detection area **100**, in operation **S300**. For example, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a first image **301** and a second image **302**. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may use a hand and arm detector **303** to detect a hand (e.g., orientation of a hand) or at least one body part connected to the hand from each of the first image **301** and the second image **302**. For example, in operation **S310**, the wearable device **1000** may use a machine learning model (e.g., DNN) to perform an operation of detecting a hand from each of the first image **301** and the second image **302**. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may determine the orientation of the hand or whether the detected hand is a right hand or a left hand. For example, the wearable device **1000** may determine from the first image **301** and the second image **302** that the orientation of the hand is north-northwest and the detected hand is a right hand. In operation **S320**, the wearable device **1000** may use a machine learning model (e.g., DNN) to perform an operation of detecting a forearm connected to the hand from each of the first image **301** and the second image **302**. In operation **S330**, the wearable device **1000** may use a machine learning model (e.g., DNN) to perform an operation of detecting an upper arm connected to the forearm from each of the first image **301** and the second image **302**. In operation **S340**, the wearable device **1000** may use a machine learning model (e.g., DNN) to perform an operation of detecting a shoulder connected to the upper arm from each of the first image **301** and the second image **302**. Operations **S310** to **S340** of FIG. 3 may be performed sequentially or simultaneously.

[0054] Referring to FIG. 4, as a result of performing operations S310 to S340 by the wearable device **1000**, a hand **401** and a forearm **402** may be detected from the first image **301**, and the hand **401**, the forearm **402** and an upper arm **403** may be detected from the second image **302**. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a shoulder based on the orientation of the detected hand and positional relations between the detected body parts. For example, the wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of the upper arm **403** connected to the forearm **402** and a position of a shoulder, based on orientation of the hand **401** and a positional relation between the hand **401** and the forearm **402** detected in the first image **301**. Furthermore, the wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a shoulder connected to the upper arm **403** based on positional relations between the hand **401**, the forearm **402** and the upper arm **403** detected in the second image **302**.

[0055] Referring to FIG. 5, the wearable device **1000** may use a machine learning model to estimate a position of a shoulder connected to the hand detected in the first image **301** or the second image **302**. For example, the wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a shoulder connected to a hand by using a generative DNN model **501** or a discriminative DNN model **502**. The generative DNN model **501** may refer to a machine learning model to find a result value from input data according to a particular mathematical expression or rule, and the discriminative DNN model **502** may refer to a machine learning model to find a result value from comparison between input data and an existing database.

[0056] In an embodiment, when the wearable device **1000** inputs the first image **301** to the generative DNN model **501**, the generative DNN model **501** may estimate a position of an upper arm based on a rule between an angle between the hand **401** and the forearm **402** detected from the first image **301** and a position of the upper arm. The generative DNN model **501** may also use a rule between angles between the hand **401**, the forearm **402** detected from the first image **301**, and an upper arm at the estimated position, and a position of a shoulder, to estimate a position of the shoulder.

[0057] In an embodiment, when the wearable device **1000** inputs the second image **302** to the discriminative DNN model **502**, the discriminative DNN model **502** may estimate a position of a shoulder by finding an image having similar data to positions of the hand **401**, the forearm **402** and the upper arm **403** detected from the second image **302** from among images in the database.

[0058] In an embodiment, when a shoulder is included in an image of the detection area **100** obtained by the image sensor, the wearable device **1000** may directly estimate the position of the shoulder by analyzing the image of the detection area **100**. An occasion when no shoulder is included in the image of the detection area **100** will now be described for convenience of explanation.

[0059] In operation S230, the wearable device **1000** may use information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present at the estimated shoulder position to determine whether the recognized hand is a hand of the genuine user.

[0060] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may obtain the information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present. The information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present may include probability values that a shoulder of the genuine user may be actually present on 3D spatial coordinates with respect to the wearable device **1000** (or the head of the genuine user). The information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present may be represented with a set of probability values or by a probability distribution chart, without being limited thereto.

[0061] The information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present may include information about a probability of the right shoulder being present and information about the probability of the left shoulder being present. For example, referring to FIG. 6, assuming that the center of the wearable device **1000** or the center of the head of the genuine user is a reference point **600**, a probability distribution chart of the left shoulder **610** of the genuine user being present

may be represented as in a first graph **631**, and a probability distribution chart of the right shoulder **620** of the genuine user being present may be represented as in a second graph **632**. In this case, information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present **630** may include the first graph **631** and the second graph **632**.

[0062] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a probability value in an estimated shoulder position from the information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present. The wearable device **1000** may determine that a hand recognized in the detection area **100** is the hand of the genuine user, when the probability value in the estimated shoulder position is greater than a threshold (e.g., 95%).

[0063] For example, referring to FIG. 7, the wearable device **1000** may detect a hand **701** from an image of the detection area **100**, and estimate a position of a forearm connected to the detected hand **701**, a position of an upper arm connected to the forearm, and a position of a shoulder **700** connected to the upper hand by using a machine learning model (e.g., the generative DNN model **501** or the discriminative DNN model **502**).

[0064] In this case, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a probability value of the shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated shoulder position **700** by comparing the information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present **630** with the estimated shoulder position **700**. In an embodiment, as the detected hand **701** is a right hand, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position **700**. When the probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position **700** is equal to or greater than a threshold (e.g., 90%), the wearable device **1000** may determine that the detected hand **701** is a hand of the genuine user.

[0065] On the other hand, when the probability value of a shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position is less than a threshold (e.g., 90%), the wearable device **1000** may determine that the detected hand is a hand of someone else.

[0066] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a probability distribution (or pattern) of the shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated shoulder position **700** by comparing the information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present **630** with the estimated shoulder position **700**. For example, as the detected hand **701** is a right hand, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a probability distribution (or pattern) of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position **700**. Using the probability distribution (or pattern) of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position **700**, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the detected hand **701** is a hand of the genuine user. For example, when the probability distribution (or pattern) of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position **700** is equal to or greater than a reference distribution (or pattern), the wearable device **1000** may determine that the detected hand **701** is a hand of the genuine user.

[0067] FIG. 8 is a flowchart of a method of identifying a gesture of a hand of a genuine user, according to an embodiment.

[0068] In operations **S810** and **S820**, the wearable device **1000** may identify a gesture of a recognized hand when the recognized hand is determined to be a hand of the genuine user.

[0069] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may identify a gesture of the recognized hand by comparing a movement of the hand detected in the image of the detection area **100** with a predefined hand movement in a database. For example, different gestures may be identified according to the overall form of the hand, the number or a type of folded fingers, a direction in which the hand is moving, a direction to which an unfolded finger points, etc. For example, the wearable device **1000** may identify a swiping gesture, a dragging gesture, a pinching gesture, a touching gesture, a double-clicking gesture, a clenching gesture, etc., without being limited thereto.

[0070] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may use a machine learning model (e.g., a DNN) to identify a gesture of a hand included in the image of the detection area **100**. For example,

when the wearable device **1000** inputs the image of the detection area **100** to the machine learning model, the machine learning model may output an instruction corresponding to a gesture of the hand included in the image of the detection area **100** as a result value.

[0071] In operation **S830**, the wearable device **1000** may perform an instruction corresponding to an identified gesture.

[0072] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may perform an instruction corresponding to the gesture based on a table that maps between gestures and instructions. For example, instructions corresponding to gestures may include an instruction to select particular content, an instruction to run a particular application, an instruction to manipulate a virtual object (e.g., an instruction to scale a virtual object up or down, an instruction to move a virtual object, an instruction to copy a virtual object, an instruction to delete a virtual object, etc.), an instruction to control power to the wearable device **1000**, an instruction to transmit or receive data to or from an external device, etc., without being limited thereto.

[0073] In operations **S810** and **S840**, when determining that the recognized hand is not a hand of the genuine user, the wearable device **1000** may ignore the recognized hand.

[0074] For example, the wearable device **1000** may not identify a gesture of the recognized hand when it is determined that the recognized hand is not a hand of the genuine user.

[0075] Although a case that the wearable device **1000** operates according to a gesture of the genuine user is described in FIG. **8** as an example, the disclosure is not limited thereto. In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may perform an operation corresponding to a voice command of the genuine user, according to the voice command. For example, the wearable device **1000** may identify a feature of the voice of the genuine user, and perform the voice command only when a feature of the received voice corresponds to the feature of the voice of the genuine user.

[0076] FIG. **9** is a diagram for describing a wearable device ignoring a hand of someone else, according to an embodiment.

[0077] Referring to FIG. **9**, the wearable device **1000** may recognize a first hand **911** and a second hand **921** in the detection area **100**. For example, the wearable device **1000** may obtain an image **900** of the detection area **100** including the first hand **911** and the second hand **921**. The wearable device **1000** may detect the first hand **911** in the image **900** and estimate a first position **912** of a first shoulder connected to the first hand **911**. The wearable device **1000** may also detect the second hand **921** in the image **900** and estimate a second position **922** of a second shoulder connected to the second hand **921**.

[0078] In this case, as both the first hand **911** and the second hand **921** are right hands, the wearable device **1000** may take the head of the genuine user wearing the wearable device **1000** as a reference point **910** to obtain information about a probability of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present.

[0079] The wearable device **1000** may extract a first probability value for the first position **912** and a second probability value for the second position **922** from the information about the probability of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present. For example, the probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the first position **912** may be 99%, and the probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the second position **922** may be 0%. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the first hand **911** is a hand of the genuine user and the second hand **921** is not a hand of the genuine user. Accordingly, the wearable device **1000** may react only to a gesture of the first hand **911** but may ignore a gesture of the second hand **921**.

[0080] FIG. **10** is a diagram for describing a wearable device detecting a hand of someone else, according to an embodiment.

[0081] Referring to a first embodiment **1010** of FIG. **10**, a first right hand of someone else may come into the detection area **100** of the wearable device **1000** while the someone is standing on the left of the genuine user. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a first image **1011** of the

detection area **100** and detect the first right hand from the first image **1011**. The wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a first shoulder **1012** connected to the first right hand, and identify a first probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position **1012** by comparing the estimated position of the first shoulder **1012** with information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present. In this case, as the first probability value is 0.00001%, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the first right hand is a hand of someone else and ignore a gesture of the first right hand.

[0082] Referring to a second embodiment **1020** of FIG. **10**, a second left hand of someone else may come into the detection area **100** of the wearable device **1000** while that other person is standing on the left of the genuine user. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a second image **1021** of the detection area **100** and detect the second left hand from the second image **1021**. The wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a second shoulder **1022** connected to the second left hand, and identify a second probability value of the left shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position **1022** by comparing the estimated position of the second shoulder **1022** with the information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present. In this case, as the second probability value is 0%, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the second left hand is a hand of someone else and ignore a gesture of the second left hand.

[0083] Referring to a third embodiment **1030** of FIG. **10**, when someone is stretching his/her arms from over the shoulders of the genuine user, a third right hand of that other person may come into the detection area **100** of the wearable device **1000**. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a third image **1031** of the detection area **100** and detect the third right hand from the third image **1031**. The wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a third shoulder **1032** connected to the third right hand, and identify a third probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position **1032** by comparing the estimated position of the third shoulder **1032** with information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present. The third probability value may be 0% because the estimated position of the third shoulder **1032** is at the same level as the reference point **100** (e.g., the center of the head of the genuine user). Accordingly, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the third right hand is a hand of someone else and ignore a gesture of the third right hand.

[0084] FIG. **11** is a flowchart of a method of providing notification information indicating whether a hand of a genuine user is located in a detection area, according to an embodiment.

[0085] In operations **S1110** and **S1120**, the wearable device **1000** may provide notification information indicating whether a hand of the genuine user is located in the detection area, when the recognized hand is determined to be a hand of the genuine user. In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may provide the notification information by using at least one of a visual signal, an audible signal, and a vibration signal.

[0086] For example, when a hand of the genuine user is coming into the detection area **100**, the wearable device **1000** may notify the genuine user that a hand of the genuine user is within the detection area **100** by displaying a first identification image in a display area provided by the wearable device **1000**. In this case, as the genuine user may be aware that his/her hand is within the detection area **100**, the genuine user may freely manipulate the wearable device **1000** by using gestures of the hand.

[0087] When the hand of the genuine user deviates from the detection area **100**, the wearable device **1000** may notify the genuine user that the hand of the genuine user has disappeared from the detection area **100** by displaying a second identification image in the display area of the wearable device **1000**. This may prevent the genuine user from mistaking his/her hand being in the detection area **100**, and guide the genuine user to move his/her hand back into the detection area **100** to manipulate the wearable device **1000** with a gesture of the hand of the genuine user.

[0088] In an embodiment, the first identification image and the second identification image may be images predefined by the user or a system, and may be changed by manipulation of the user. For

example, the first identification image may be a first animation with edges of the display area turning blue, and the second identification image may be a second animation with edges of the display area turning red. Alternately, the first identification image may be an image with a hand icon drawn within a circle, and the second identification image may be an image with an X mark overlapping on a hand icon. There may be various kinds of first and second identification images. [0089] When a hand of the genuine user is coming into the detection area **100**, the wearable device **1000** may notify the genuine user that the hand of the genuine user is within the detection area **100** by outputting a first sound (e.g., a first song, a first voice comment 'a hand is detected', etc.). On the other hand, when the hand of the genuine user deviates from the detection area **100**, the wearable device **1000** may notify the genuine user that the hand of the genuine user has disappeared from the detection area **100** by outputting a second sound (e.g., a second song, a second voice comment 'a hand is not detected', etc.).

[0090] In operations **S1110** and **S1130**, when determining that the recognized hand is not a hand of the genuine user, the wearable device **1000** may ignore the recognized hand. Operation **S1130** corresponds to operation **S840** of FIG. **8**, so the detailed description thereof will be omitted.

[0091] FIG. **12** is a diagram for describing notification information, according to an embodiment. In FIG. **12**, a case that a hand in the detection area **100** is determined as a hand of the genuine user will be described as an example.

[0092] Referring to a first embodiment **1210** of FIG. **12**, a hand of the genuine user wearing the wearable device **1000** may come into the detection area **100** of the wearable device **1000**. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may display a first identification image in a display area **1230** representing that the hand of the genuine user has come into the detection area **100**. For example, the wearable device **1000** may display a translucent blue image **1201** in a lower right portion of the display area, from which the hand of the genuine user appears.

[0093] Referring to a second embodiment **1220** of FIG. **12**, a hand of the genuine user wearing the wearable device **1000** may deviate from the detection area **100** of the wearable device **1000**. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may display a second identification image in the display area **1230** representing that the hand is out of the detection area **100**. For example, the wearable device **1000** may display a translucent red image **1202** in a lower right portion of the display area **1230**, from which the hand of the genuine user disappears.

[0094] FIG. **13** is a flowchart of a method of identifying a hand of a genuine user based on information about a probability of detecting a hand of the genuine user at each position in a detection area, according to an embodiment.

[0095] In operation **S1310**, the wearable device **1000** may use a sensor included in the wearable device **1000** to recognize a hand located in the detection area **100** of the sensor.

[0096] In an embodiment, that the wearable device **1000** recognizes a hand may include obtaining an image that captures the detection area **100** and detecting a hand in the obtained image. In this case, the obtained image may be an image viewed from the genuine user wearing the wearable device **1000**, but is not limited thereto.

[0097] Operation **S1310** corresponds to operation **S210** of FIG. **2**, so the detailed description thereof will be omitted.

[0098] In operation **S1320**, the wearable device **1000** may determine whether the hand recognized in the detection area **100** is a hand of the genuine user, based on information about a probability that a hand of the genuine user may be detected in each position in the detection area **100**.

[0099] In an embodiment, the information about the probability of detecting a hand of the genuine user may include information about a probability of a direction in which a hand of the genuine user appears in the detection area **100**. For example, referring to FIG. **14**, when the detection area **100** is divided into four sections, there may be a high probability that the right hand of the genuine user appears in a direction from a fourth quadrant **4** to a first quadrant **1**. On the other hand, the left hand of the genuine user may be more likely to appear in a direction from a third quadrant **3** to a second

quadrant 2.

[0100] Accordingly, when a first right hand **1401** appears in the detection area **100** in the direction from the fourth quadrant **4** to the first quadrant **1**, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the first right hand **1401** is the right hand of the genuine user and follow an instruction from the first right hand **1401** in the detection area **100**. On the other hand, when a second right hand **1402** appears in the detection area **100** in a direction from the second quadrant **2** to the fourth quadrant **4**, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the second right hand **1402** is not the right hand of the genuine user and ignore a gesture of the second right hand **1402** in the detection area **100**.

[0101] In an embodiment, the information about the probability of detecting a hand of the genuine user may include probability information about positions in which, based on a hand in the detection area **100**, body parts connected to the hand may exist.

[0102] For example, referring to a first image **1510** capturing the detection area **100** of FIG. 15, when a first hand **1511** and a first forearm **1512** connected to the first hand **1511** are detected in the first image **1510**, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a first probability distribution **1501** of positions where a hand of the genuine user may be present in the first image **1510** and a second probability distribution **1502** of positions where a forearm connected to a hand of the genuine user may be present in the first image **1510**, based on the position of the first hand **1511**. Using the first probability distribution **1501** and the second probability distribution **1502**, the wearable device **1000** may determine whether the first hand **1511** is a hand of the genuine user. For example, when a probability that a forearm of the genuine user is present in the position of the first forearm **1512** is 99% based on a result of comparing the position of the first forearm **1512** connected to the first hand **1511** with the second probability distribution **1502**, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the first hand **1511** is a hand of the genuine user.

[0103] Furthermore, referring to a second image **1520** capturing the detection area **100**, when a second hand **1521**, a second forearm **1522** connected to the second hand **1521**, and a second upper arm **1523** connected to the second forearm **1522** are detected in the second image **1520**, the wearable device **1000** may obtain the first probability distribution **1501** of positions where a hand of the genuine user may be present in the second image **1520**, the second probability distribution **1502** of positions where a forearm connected to a hand of the genuine user may be present in the second image **1520**, and a third probability distribution **1503** of positions where an upper arm connected to a forearm of the genuine user may be present, based on the position of the second hand **1521**. Using the first probability distribution **1501**, the second probability distribution **1502**, and the third probability distribution **1503**, the wearable device **1000** may determine whether the second hand **1521** is a hand of the genuine user. For example, when a probability that a forearm of the genuine user is present in the position of the second forearm **1522** is 99% based on a result of comparing the position of the second forearm **1522** connected to the second hand **1521** with the second probability distribution **1502**, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the second hand **1521** is a hand of the genuine user. Furthermore, when a probability that an upper arm of the genuine user is present in the position of the second upper arm **1523** is 99% based on a result of comparing the position of the second upper arm **1523** connected to the second forearm **1522** with the third probability distribution **1503**, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the second hand **1521** is a hand of the genuine user.

[0104] For example, referring to a third image **1530** capturing the detection area **100**, when a third hand **1531** and a third forearm **1532** connected to the third hand **1531** are detected in the third image **1530**, the wearable device **1000** may obtain the first probability distribution **1501** of positions where a hand of the genuine user may be present in the third image **1530** and the second probability distribution **1502** of positions where a forearm connected to a hand of the genuine user may be present in the third image **1530**, based on the position of the third hand **1531**. Using the first probability distribution **1501** and the second probability distribution **1502**, the wearable device **1000** may determine whether the third hand **1531** is a hand of the genuine user. For example, when

a probability that a forearm of the genuine user is present in the position of the third forearm **1532** is 0.00001% based on a result of comparing the position of the third forearm **1532** connected to the third hand **1531** with the second probability distribution **1502**, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the third hand **1531** is a hand of someone else.

[0105] Turning back to FIG. **13**, in operations **S1330** and **S1340**, the wearable device **1000** may identify a gesture of a recognized hand when the recognized hand is determined to be a hand of the genuine user.

[0106] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may identify a gesture of the recognized hand by comparing a movement of the hand detected in the image of the detection area **100** with a predefined hand movement in a database. Furthermore, in an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may use a machine learning model (e.g., a DNN) to identify a gesture of a hand included in the image of the detection area **100**. Operation **S1340** corresponds to operation **S820** of FIG. **8**, so the detailed description thereof will be omitted.

[0107] In operation **S1350**, the wearable device **1000** may perform an instruction corresponding to the identified gesture.

[0108] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may perform an instruction corresponding to the gesture based on a table that maps between gestures and instructions. For example, instructions corresponding to gestures may include an instruction to select particular content, an instruction to run a particular application, an instruction to manipulate a virtual object (e.g., an instruction to scale a virtual object up or down, an instruction to move a virtual object, an instruction to copy a virtual object, an instruction to delete a virtual object, etc.), an instruction to control power to the wearable device **1000**, an instruction to transmit or receive data to or from an external device, etc., without being limited thereto.

[0109] In operations **S1330** and **S1360**, when determining that the recognized hand is not a hand of the genuine user, the wearable device **1000** may ignore the recognized hand. For example, the wearable device **1000** may not identify a gesture of the recognized hand when the recognized hand is a hand of someone else.

[0110] FIG. **16** is a flowchart of a method of identifying a hand of a genuine user based on feature information of a recognized hand, according to an embodiment.

[0111] In operation **S1610**, the wearable device **1000** may use a sensor included in the wearable device **1000** to recognize a hand located in a detection area of the sensor.

[0112] In operation **S1620**, the wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a shoulder connected to the recognized hand, based on a positional relation between the recognized hand and at least one body part connected to the recognized hand. For example, the wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a shoulder connected to the recognized hand, based on a positional relation between the orientation of the recognized hand and at least one body part connected to the recognized hand.

[0113] In operation **S1630**, the wearable device **1000** may use information about a probability that a shoulder of the genuine user is present at the estimated position to determine whether the recognized hand is a hand of the genuine user.

[0114] Operations **S1610** to **S1630** correspond to operations **S210** to **S230** of FIG. **2**, so the detailed description thereof will be omitted.

[0115] In operations **S1640** and **S1650**, the wearable device **1000** may obtain first feature information of the recognized hand, when the recognized hand is determined to be a hand of the genuine user. The wearable device **1000** may determine whether at least one hand located in the detection area is a hand of the genuine user, based on the first feature information of the hand.

[0116] In an embodiment, the first feature information of the hand may include information about a size of the hand, color of the hand, whether the hand wears a glove, a nail polish color, a nail length, etc. Furthermore, the first feature information of the hand may include information about a sleeve length, a sleeve color, a sleeve type, etc., without being limited thereto.

[0117] For example, in operation **S1660**, the wearable device **1000** may compare the first feature information of the hand with second feature information of at least one hand located in the detection area **100**.

[0118] In operations **S1670** and **S1680**, when a level of similarity between the first feature information and the second feature information is equal to or greater than a threshold (e.g., 98%), the wearable device **1000** may determine that the at least one hand is a hand of the genuine user.

[0119] On the other hand, in operation **S1670**, when the level of similarity between the first feature information and the second feature information is less than the threshold (e.g., 98%), the wearable device **1000** may proceed back to operation **S1620**. For example, when the level of similarity between the first feature information and the second feature information is less than the threshold, the wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of at least one shoulder connected to the at least one hand. The wearable device **1000** may use information about a probability that a shoulder of the genuine user is present in the estimated position to determine whether the at least one hand is a hand of the genuine user.

[0120] For example, in a case that the feature information of a hand of the genuine user is changed when the genuine user wears a ring, changes clothes, changes nail polish color, etc., the wearable device **1000** may not recognize a hand having the same or similar feature information to the first feature information among at least one hand located in the detection area **100**, and estimate a position of a shoulder again based on the at least one hand.

[0121] In operations **S1640** and **S1690**, when determining that the recognized hand is not a hand of the genuine user, the wearable device **1000** may ignore the recognized hand. For example, the wearable device **1000** may not identify a gesture of the recognized hand when the recognized hand is a hand of someone else. For example, the wearable device **1000** may not identify a gesture of the recognized hand when the recognized hand is a hand of someone else.

[0122] In an embodiment, when the recognized hand is determined to be a hand of the genuine user based on the estimated shoulder position, the wearable device **1000** may scan feature information of the recognized hand, and determine that the recognized hand is a hand of the genuine user as long as the feature information of the recognized hand in the detection area **100** is not changed. Accordingly, in an embodiment, using the feature information of a hand of the genuine user, the wearable device **1000** may reduce computing resources for implementing an algorithm to estimate a position of a shoulder whenever a hand appears in the detection area **100** and determine a hand of the genuine user based on a probability value at the estimated position.

[0123] FIG. **17** is a diagram for describing a wearable device identifying a hand of a genuine user based on feature information of a recognized hand, according to an embodiment.

[0124] Referring to a first image **1701** of FIG. **17**, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a probability value of a shoulder of the genuine user being present in an estimated shoulder position **1712** by comparing information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present **1711** with the estimated shoulder position **1712**. In an embodiment, as a hand **1721** detected in the detection area **100** is a right hand, the wearable device **1000** may obtain a probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position **1712**. For example, when the probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position **1712** is 95%, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the hand **1721** detected in the detection area **100** is a hand of the genuine user.

[0125] Referring to a second image **1702** of FIG. **17**, as the hand **1721** detected in the detection area **100** is determined to be a hand of the genuine user, the wearable device **1000** may extract first feature information relating to the hand **1721** detected in the detection area **100** (e.g., color of the hand, whether a ring is worn on a finger, a nail length, a sleeve pattern, etc.) by scanning the hand **1721** detected in the detection area **100**. The wearable device **1000** may determine whether hands subsequently detected in the detection area **100** are the hand of the genuine user, based on the first feature information.

[0126] Referring to a third image **1703** of FIG. **17**, the wearable device **1000** may compare feature information of a hand **1722** detected in the detection area **100** with the first feature information. As the feature information of the hand **1722** detected in the detection area **100** corresponds to the first feature information, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the hand **1722** detected in the detection area **100** is a hand of the genuine hand.

[0127] Referring to a fourth image **1704** of FIG. **17**, feature information relating to a hand of the genuine user may be changed when the genuine user wears a ring. In other words, feature information of a hand **1723** detected in the detection area **100** may be different from the first feature information. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may no longer use the first feature information to determine whether the hand **1723** detected in the detection area **100** is a hand of the genuine user. Accordingly, the wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a shoulder connected to the hand **1723** detected in the detection area **100**, and determine whether the detected hand **1723** is a hand of the genuine user, based on a probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position. For example, when the probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position is 98%, the wearable device **1000** may determine that the hand **1723** detected in the detection area **100** is a hand of the genuine user. As the hand **1723** detected in the detection area **100** is determined to be a hand of the genuine user, the wearable device **1000** may extract second feature information relating to the hand **1723** detected in the detection area **100** (e.g., color of the hand, whether a ring is worn on a finger, a nail length, a sleeve pattern, etc.) by scanning the hand **1723** detected in the detection area **100**. The wearable device **1000** may determine whether hands subsequently detected in the detection area **100** is the hand of the genuine user, based on the second feature information.

[0128] FIG. **18** is a flowchart of a method in which a wearable device works with an external device to identify a hand of a genuine user, according to an embodiment.

[0129] In operation **S1860**, the wearable device **1000** may obtain an image including a hand located in the detection area **100** of a sensor. In this case, the obtained image may be an image viewed from the genuine user wearing the wearable device **1000**.

[0130] For example, the wearable device **1000** may use the sensor (e.g., an image sensor) to obtain (e.g., capture) an image including a hand located in the detection area **100** of the sensor. In an embodiment, the image may be a color image (an RGB image) or a black and white image. Furthermore, the image may be a 3D image or a 2D image; a moving image or a still image, without being limited thereto. For example, the image may be at least one of an ultrasound image, an infrared image, or a dynamic vision sensor image.

[0131] In operation **S1820**, the wearable device **1000** may transmit the image including a hand to an external device **2000**. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may ask the external device **2000** whether the hand detected in the image is a hand of the genuine user wearing the wearable device **1000**.

[0132] In an embodiment, the external device **2000** may be a server device connected to the wearable device **1000** or a host device (e.g., a mobile terminal) connected to the wearable device **1000**, without being limited thereto. In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may be connected to the external device **2000** via a short-range communication network (e.g., Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, etc.) or mobile communication network.

[0133] In operation **S1830**, the external device **2000** may analyze the received image to estimate a position of a shoulder connected to the hand included in the image based on a positional relation between the hand and at least one body part connected to the hand.

[0134] In an embodiment, the external device **2000** may use predefined template images of hands to recognize a hand located in the detection area **100**. For example, the external device **2000** may detect a hand from the received image by comparing the predefined template images of hands to the received image. Furthermore, the external device **2000** may use the predefined template images of hands to determine whether the hand detected from the received image is a right hand or a left

hand. The external device **1000** may use the predefined template images of hands to determine the orientation of the hand detected from the received image.

[0135] In an embodiment, the external device **2000** may use a machine learning model (or referred to as an AI model) to detect a hand from the received image. For example, the external device **2000** may use a DNN model that learns images of various hands to recognize a hand from the received image. When the external device **2000** inputs the received image to the machine learning model (e.g., DNN), the machine learning model may detect a form of the hand from the input image.

[0136] In an embodiment, the external device **2000** may detect a hand from the received image, and further detect from the received image at least one body part connected to the detected hand. The at least one body part connected to the hand may include at least one of a wrist, a forearm, an elbow, or an upper arm, but is not limited thereto. In this case, the external device **2000** may finally estimate a position of a shoulder connected to the detected hand by using a positional relation between the detected hand and at least one body part connected to the hand from the received image. The external device **2000** may use a machine learning model to estimate a position of the shoulder connected to the hand detected from the received image. For example, the external device **2000** may use a generative DNN model **501** or a discriminative DNN model **502** to estimate a position of the shoulder connected to the hand.

[0137] In an embodiment, when the received image includes a shoulder, the external device **2000** may directly estimate a position of the shoulder connected to the hand by analyzing the received image. Operation **S1830** corresponds to operation **S220** of FIG. 2, so the detailed description thereof will be omitted.

[0138] In operation **S1840**, the external device **2000** may use information about a probability that a shoulder of the genuine user is present in the estimated position to determine whether the hand included in the image is a hand of the genuine user.

[0139] In an embodiment, the external device **2000** may obtain the information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present. The information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present may include probability values that a shoulder of the genuine user may be actually present on 3D spatial coordinates with respect to the wearable device **1000** (or the head of the genuine user). The information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present may be represented with a set of probability values or by a probability distribution chart, without being limited thereto. The information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present may include information about a probability of the right shoulder being present and information about the probability of the left shoulder being present.

[0140] In an embodiment, the external device **2000** may obtain a probability value of a shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated shoulder position by comparing the information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present with the estimated shoulder position. For example, when the hand detected from the received image is a right hand, the external device **2000** may obtain a probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position. When the probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position is equal to or greater than a threshold (e.g., 90%), the external device **2000** may determine that the hand detected from the received image is a hand of the genuine user. On the other hand, when the probability value of the right shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position is less than the threshold (e.g., 90%), the external device **2000** may determine that the hand detected from the received image is not a hand of the genuine user.

[0141] In operation **S1850**, the external device **2000** may transmit a result of determining whether the hand included in the image is a hand of the genuine user to the wearable device **1000**.

[0142] In an embodiment, the external device **2000** may transmit the result of determining whether the hand included in the image is a hand of the genuine user to the wearable device **1000** via a

short-range wireless communication network or a mobile communication network.

[0143] In operations **S1860** and **S1870**, the wearable device **1000** may identify a gesture of a hand in the detection area **100** when the hand included in the image is determined to be a hand of the genuine user.

[0144] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may identify a gesture of the recognized hand by comparing a movement of the hand detected in the image of the detection area **100** with a predefined hand movement in a database. In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may use a machine learning model (e.g., a DNN) to identify a gesture of a hand included in the image of the detection area **100**.

[0145] In operation **S1880**, the wearable device **1000** may perform an instruction corresponding to the identified gesture.

[0146] In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may perform an instruction corresponding to the gesture based on a table that maps between gestures and instructions. For example, instructions corresponding to gestures may include an instruction to select particular content, an instruction to run a particular application, an instruction to manipulate a virtual object (e.g., an instruction to scale a virtual object up or down, an instruction to move a virtual object, an instruction to copy a virtual object, an instruction to delete a virtual object, etc.), an instruction to control power to the wearable device **1000**, an instruction to transmit or receive data to or from an external device, etc., without being limited thereto.

[0147] In operations **S1860** and **S1890**, when determining that the recognized hand is not a hand of the genuine user, the wearable device **1000** may ignore the recognized hand. In an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may ignore a gesture of the recognized hand when the recognized hand is a hand of someone else.

[0148] FIGS. **19** and **20** are diagrams for describing an operation of providing avatar images using hand or arm information, according to an embodiment.

[0149] Referring to FIG. **19**, the wearable device **1000** may provide a first avatar image **1901** of the upper half of a body corresponding to the genuine user wearing the wearable device **1000** to a device of someone else (e.g., a wearable device of another person). In this case, the wearable device **1000** may apply hand or arm information **1900** of the genuine user to the first avatar image **1901** to create a realistic avatar image **1902**.

[0150] For example, the wearable device **1000** may identify the form (e.g., a clenching state) of the hand located in the detection area **100**, and create the realistic second avatar image **1902** based on the identified form of the hand. The wearable device **1000** may provide the realistic second avatar image **1902** to a device of someone else (e.g., a wearable device of another person).

[0151] Referring to FIG. **20**, the wearable device **1000** may detect a hand of the genuine user, and create an avatar image corresponding to a gesture of the hand of the genuine user. A case that a first user **2001** and a second user **2002** are each waving a hand will be described as an example. A first hand **2021** of the first user **2001** and a second hand **2022** of the second user **2002** may be both detected in the detection area **100** of the wearable device **1000** worn by the second user **2002**. In this case, when the wearable device **1000** creates a first avatar image **2003** corresponding to the second user **2002** based on motions of both the first hand **2021** and the second hand **2022**, the first avatar image **2003** may appear as if the second user **2002** is waving both hands.

[0152] However, in an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may estimate a position of a shoulder connected to each of the first and second hands **2021** and **2022**, and based on the estimated positions of the shoulders, determine that only the second hand **2022** is a hand of the second user **2002** but the first hand **2022** is not a hand of the second user **2002**. In this case, the wearable device **1000** may use a motion of the second hand **2022** to create the second avatar image **2003** corresponding to the second user **2002**. At this time, the second avatar image **2004** may appear to be waving only one hand like the second user **2002**.

[0153] FIGS. **21** and **22** are block diagrams for describing features of a wearable device, according

to an embodiment.

[0154] As shown in FIG. 21, in an embodiment, the wearable device **1000** may include an outputter **1100**, at least one sensor **1200**, a processor **1300**, and a memory **1600**. However, not all the illustrated components are essential. The wearable device **1000** may be implemented with more or fewer components than illustrated. For example, as shown in FIG. 22, the wearable device **1000** in an embodiment may further include a communication module **1400** and a user input module **1500** in addition to the outputter **1100**, the at least one sensor **1200**, the processor **1300**, and the memory **1600**. The aforementioned components will now be described in detail.

[0155] The outputter **1100** for outputting audio, video, or vibration signals may include a display module **1111**, a sound outputter **1112**, a vibration motor **1113**, etc.

[0156] The display module **1111** displays information processed by the wearable device **1000**. For example, the display module **1111** may display a call-related user interface (UI) or graphic user interface (GUI) in a call mode; display a virtual input interface in an input mode; display game-related content in a game play mode.

[0157] In an embodiment, the display module **1111** may be a transparent or opaque display. The transparent display refers to an information display device having a form in which a rear side of the screen for displaying information is transparent. The transparent display includes transparent elements, and may control the level of transparency by controlling light transmittance to the transparent elements or by controlling RGB values of each pixel.

[0158] When the display module **1111** and a touch pad are implemented in a layered structure to constitute a touchscreen, the display module **1111** may also be used as an input device in addition to the output device. The touchscreen may detect a touch gesture of a user over the touchscreen and forward information about the touch gesture to the controller **1300**. The touch gesture of the user may include tapping, touching and holding, double tapping, dragging, panning, flicking, dragging and dropping, swiping, etc.

[0159] The display module **1111** may include at least one of a liquid crystal display (LCD), a thin film transistor-liquid crystal display (TFT-LCD), organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs), a flexible display, a 3D display, or an electrophoretic display. Furthermore, depending on a form of implementation of the wearable device **1000**, the wearable device **1000** may include two or more display modules **1111**.

[0160] The sound outputter **1112** may output audio data received from the communication module **1400** or stored in the memory **1600**. The sound outputter **1112** outputs sound signals related to a function being performed in the wearable device **1000** (e.g., identifying a hand of the genuine user, running an application, call signal incoming sound, message incoming sound, etc.). The sound outputter **1112** may include a speaker, buzzer, etc.

[0161] The vibration motor **1113** may output a vibration signal. For example, the vibration motor **1113** may output a vibration signal corresponding to an output of audio data or video data (e.g., call signal incoming sound, message incoming sound, etc.). The vibration motor **1113** may also output a vibration signal when an input is made on a virtual input interface.

[0162] The at least one sensor **1200** may detect a condition of or around the wearable device **1000** and forward the detected information to the processor **1300**.

[0163] In an embodiment, the at least one sensor **1200** may include a geomagnetic sensor **1211**, an ultrasonic sensor **1212**, an inertial measurement unit (IMU) sensor **1213**, an infrared sensor **1214**, a gyroscope sensor **1215**, a position sensor **1216**, a depth sensor **1217**, a proximity sensor **1218**, a camera (image sensor) **1221**, and a microphone **1222**, without being limited thereto. Those of ordinary skill in the art may intuitively infer the functions of the respective sensors, so the detailed description thereof will be omitted.

[0164] The processor **1300** controls general operation of the wearable device **1000**. For example, the processor **1300** may execute programs stored in the memory **1600** to generally control the outputter **1100**, the at least one sensor **1400**, the user input module **1500**, the memory **1600**, etc.

[0165] In an embodiment, the processor **1300** may include an AI processor for building up a machine learning model without being limited thereto. In an embodiment, the AI processor **1300** may be implemented with a separate chip from the processor **1300**.

[0166] In an embodiment, the processor **1300** may use the at least one sensor **1200** to recognize a hand located in the detection area **100** of the at least one sensor **1200**. For example, the processor **1300** may obtain an image that captures the detection area **100** from the camera (image sensor) **1221** when a hand is detected in the detection area **100**.

[0167] In an embodiment, the processor **1300** may estimate a position of a shoulder connected to the recognized hand, based on a positional relation between the recognized hand and at least one body part connected to the recognized hand.

[0168] In an embodiment, the processor **1300** may use information about a probability that a shoulder of the genuine user wearing the wearable device **1000** is present at the estimated position to determine whether the recognized hand is a hand of the genuine user. For example, the processor **1300** may obtain the information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present, and obtain a probability value in the estimated position from the information about the probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present. The processor **1300** may determine that the recognized hand is a hand of the genuine user, when the probability value in the estimated position is greater than a threshold. On the other hand, the processor **1300** may determine that the recognized hand is a hand of someone else, when the probability value in the estimated position is equal to or less than the threshold.

[0169] When the recognized hand is determined to be a hand of the genuine user, the processor **1300** may identify a gesture of the recognized hand and perform an instruction corresponding to the identified gesture. On the other hand, when the recognized hand is not a hand of the genuine user, the processor **1300** may ignore the recognized hand.

[0170] The processor **1300** may provide, through the outputter **1100**, notification information indicating whether a hand of the genuine user is located in the detection area **100**, when the recognized hand is determined to be a hand of the genuine user. For example, the processor **1300** may display a first identification image through the outputter **1100** when a hand of the genuine user comes into the detection area, and a second identification image through the outputter **1100** when the hand of the genuine user deviates from the detection area **100**.

[0171] In an embodiment, the processor **1300** may obtain first feature information of the recognized hand when the recognized hand is determined to be a hand of the genuine user. The processor **1300** may determine whether at least one hand located in the detection area **100** is a hand of the genuine user, based on the first feature information of the hand. For example, the processor **1300** may compare the first feature information of the hand with second feature information of at least one hand located in the detection area **100**. When a level of similarity between the first feature information and the second feature information is equal to or greater than a threshold, the processor **1300** may determine that the at least one hand is a hand of the genuine user. On the other hand, when the level of similarity between the first feature information and the second feature information is less than the threshold, the processor **1300** may estimate a position of at least one shoulder connected to at least one hand to correctly determine whether the at least one hand is a hand of the genuine user. In this case, the processor **1300** may use information about a probability that a shoulder of the genuine user is present in the estimated position to determine whether the at least one hand is a hand of the genuine user.

[0172] In an embodiment, the processor **1300** may use the at least one sensor **1200** to recognize a hand located in the detection area **100** of the at least one sensor **1200**, and determine whether the recognized hand is a hand of the genuine user wearing the wearable device **1000** based on information about a probability that a hand of the genuine user may be detected at each position in the detection area **100**.

[0173] The communication module **1400** may include one or more components that allow the

wearable device **1000** to communicate with an external device **2000** (e.g., a server device, a mobile terminal, etc.). For example, the communication module **1400** may include a short-range communication module **1411**, a mobile communication module **1412**, and a broadcast receiver **1413**.

[0174] The short-range communication module **1411** may include a Bluetooth communication module, a Bluetooth low energy (BLE) communication module, a near field communication (NFC) module, a wireless local area network (WLAN), e.g., Wi-Fi, communication module, a Zigbee communication module, an infrared data association (IrDA) communication module, a Wi-Fi direct (WFD) communication module, an ultra wideband (UWB) communication module, an Ant+ communication module, etc., without being limited thereto.

[0175] The mobile communication module **1412** transmits or receives wireless signals to and from at least one of a base station, an external terminal, or a server in a mobile communication network. The RF signal may include a voice call signal, a video call signal or different types of data involved in transmission/reception of a text/multimedia message.

[0176] The broadcast receiver **1413** receives broadcast signals and/or broadcasting-related information from the outside on a broadcasting channel. The broadcasting channel may include a satellite channel or a terrestrial channel. Depending on the implementation, the wearable device **1000** may not include the broadcast receiver **1413**.

[0177] The user input module **1500** refers to a means that allows the user to enter data to control the wearable device **1000**. For example, the user input module **1500** may include a keypad, a dome switch, a (capacitive, resistive, infrared detection type, surface acoustic wave type, integral strain gauge type, piezoelectric effect type) touch pad, a jog wheel, a jog switch, etc., without being limited thereto.

[0178] In an embodiment, the user input module **1500** may include a gesture detector. The gesture detector may identify a gesture of a hand of the user, and detect an instruction corresponding to the gesture of the hand of the user. Furthermore, in an embodiment, the user input module **1500** may include the microphone **1222**. In this case, the user input module **1500** may receive a voice command of the user through the microphone **1222**.

[0179] The memory **1600** may store a program for processing and controlling of the processor **1300**, input/output data (e.g., camera images, applications, contents, etc.), or one or more instructions.

[0180] The memory **1600** may include at least one type of storage medium including a flash memory, a hard disk, a multimedia card micro type memory, a card type memory (e.g., SD or XD memory), a random access memory (RAM), a static RAM (SRAM), a read-only memory (ROM), an electrically erasable programmable ROM (EEPROM), a programmable ROM (PROM), a magnetic memory, a magnetic disk, and an optical disk. The program stored in the memory **1600** may be classified into multiple modules on the function basis.

[0181] The method according to an embodiment may be implemented in program instructions which are executable by various computing means and recorded in computer-readable media. The computer-readable media may include program instructions, data files, data structures, etc., separately or in combination. The program instructions recorded on the computer-readable media may be designed and configured specially for the disclosure, or may be well-known to those of ordinary skill in the art of computer software. Examples of the computer readable recording medium include ROMs, RAMs, Compact Disc (CD)-ROMs, magnetic tapes, floppy disks, optical data storage devices, etc. The computer readable recording medium can also be distributed over network-coupled computer systems so that the computer readable code is stored and executed in a distributed fashion. Examples of the program instructions include not only machine language codes but also high-level language codes which are executable by various computing means using an interpreter.

[0182] Some embodiments of the disclosure may be implemented in the form of a computer-

readable recording medium that includes computer-executable instructions such as the program modules executed by the computer. The computer-readable recording medium may be an arbitrary available medium that may be accessed by the computer, including volatile, non-volatile, removable, and non-removable mediums. The computer-readable recording medium may also include a computer storage medium and a communication medium. The volatile, non-volatile, removable, and non-removable mediums may be implemented by an arbitrary method or technology for storage of information, such as computer-readable instructions, data structures, program modules, or other data. The communication medium generally includes computer-readable instructions, data structures, program modules, or other data or other transmission mechanism for modulated data signals like carrier waves, and include arbitrary information delivery medium. Furthermore, some embodiments may be implemented in a computer program or a computer program product including computer-executable instructions.

[0183] Several embodiments of the disclosure have been described, but it will be understood that various modifications can be made without departing the scope of the disclosure. Thus, it will be apparent to those ordinary skilled in the art that the disclosure is not limited to the embodiments described, but can encompass not only the appended claims but the equivalents.

Claims

1. A method of identifying, by a wearable device, a hand of a genuine user wearing the wearable device, the method comprising: using a sensor included in the wearable device to recognize a hand located in a detection area of the sensor; estimating a position of a shoulder connected to the hand based on a positional relation between an orientation of the hand and at least one body part connected to the hand; and determining whether the recognized hand is the hand of the genuine user based on information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining of whether the recognized hand is the hand of the genuine user comprises: obtaining the information about the probability of the shoulder of the genuine user being present; obtaining a probability value in the estimated position from the information about the probability of the shoulder of the genuine user being present; and determining that the recognized hand is the hand of the genuine user when the probability value is greater than a threshold.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising: identifying a gesture of the recognized hand when the recognized hand is determined to be the hand of the genuine user; and performing an instruction corresponding to the identified gesture.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising ignoring the recognized hand when the recognized hand is not determined to be the hand of the genuine user.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing notification information indicating whether the hand of the genuine user is located in the detection area when the recognized hand is determined to be the hand of the genuine user.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the providing of the notification information comprises: displaying a first identification image in a display area provided by the wearable device when the hand of the genuine user comes into the detection area; and displaying a second identification image in the display area when the hand of the genuine user deviates from the detection area.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising: obtaining first feature information of the hand when the recognized hand is determined to be the hand of the genuine user; and determining whether at least one hand located in the detection area is the hand of the genuine user based on the first feature information of the hand.
8. The method of claim 7, further comprising: comparing the first feature information of the hand with second feature information of the at least one hand located in the detection area; estimating a

position of at least one shoulder connected to the at least one hand when a level of similarity between the first feature information and the second feature information is less than a threshold; and determining whether the at least one hand is the hand of the genuine user based on the information about the probability of the shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the estimating of the position of the shoulder connected to the hand comprises: obtaining an image including the hand located in the detection area; and detecting at least one of a forearm connected to the hand, an upper arm connected to the forearm, and a shoulder connected to the upper arm by analyzing the obtained image.

10. A wearable device comprising: an outputter; at least one sensor; a memory storing one or more instructions; and a processor coupled to the memory, wherein the processor is configured to execute the one or more instructions to perform operations of: recognizing a hand located in a detection area of the at least one sensor by using the at least one sensor; estimating a position of a shoulder connected to the hand based on a positional relation between an orientation of the hand and at least one body part connected to the hand; and determining whether the recognized hand is a hand of a genuine user based on information about a probability of a shoulder of the genuine user wearing the wearable device being present in the estimated position.

11. The wearable device of claim 10, wherein the processor is configured to obtain the information about the probability of the shoulder of the genuine user being present; obtain a probability value in the estimated position from the information about the probability of the shoulder of the genuine user being present; and determine that the recognized hand is the hand of the genuine user when the probability value is greater than a threshold.

12. The wearable device of claim 10, wherein the processor is further configured to: identify a gesture of the recognized hand when the recognized hand is determined to be the hand of the genuine user; and perform an instruction corresponding to the identified gesture.

13. The wearable device of claim 10, wherein the processor is further configured to ignore the recognized hand when the recognized hand is not determined to be the hand of the genuine user.

14. The wearable device of claim 10, wherein the processor is further configured to provide, through the outputter, notification information indicating whether the hand of the genuine user is located in the detection area when the recognized hand is determined to be the hand of the genuine user.

15. The wearable device of claim 14, wherein the processor is configured to: display a first identification image on the outputter when the hand of the genuine user comes into the detection area; and display a second identification image on the outputter when the hand of the genuine user deviates from the detection area.

16. The wearable device of claim 10, wherein the processor is further configured to: obtain first feature information of the recognized hand when the recognized hand is determined to be the hand of the genuine user; and determine whether at least one hand located in the detection area is the hand of the genuine user based on the first feature information of the hand.

17. The wearable device of claim 16, wherein the processor is further configured to: compare the first feature information of the hand with second feature information of the at least one hand located in the detection area; estimate a position of at least one shoulder connected to the at least one hand when a level of similarity between the first feature information and the second feature information is less than a threshold; and determine whether the at least one hand is the hand of the genuine user based on the information about the probability of the shoulder of the genuine user being present in the estimated position.

18. A method of identifying, by a wearable device, a hand of a genuine user wearing the wearable device, the method comprising: using a sensor included in the wearable device to recognize a hand located in a detection area of the sensor; determining whether the recognized hand is the hand of the genuine user based on information about a probability of the hand of the genuine user being

detected at each position in the detection area; identifying a gesture of the recognized hand when the recognized hand is determined to be the hand of the genuine user; and performing an instruction corresponding to the identified gesture.

19. A computer program product including at least one recording medium having a program stored thereon to perform the method according to claim 1.

20. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the determining of whether the recognized hand is the hand of the genuine user comprises: obtaining the information about the probability of the shoulder of the genuine user being present; obtaining a probability value in the estimated position from the information about the probability of the shoulder of the genuine user being present; and determining that the recognized hand is the hand of the genuine user when the probability value is greater than a threshold.
