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WEARABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND FUNCTION CONTROL METHOD USING SAME

Abstract

A wearable electronic device may include: a housing including a first surface, a second surface opposite to the first surface, and a side surface surrounding the first surface and the second surface; a first electrode and a second electrode arranged on the second surface; a third electrode and a fourth electrode arranged on the side surface; and a processor, including processing circuitry, operatively connected to the first electrode, the second electrode, the third electrode, and the fourth electrode. The processor may: repeatedly identify a parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first electrode, the second electrode, the third electrode, and the fourth electrode at designated time points; if the parasitic impedance value of the at least one electrode exceeds a designated first value, identify a resistance value of at least one of the third electrode and the fourth electrode; if the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode and the fourth electrode is less than or equal to a designated second value, identify whether at least one of the third electrode and the fourth electrode is short-circuited; and if a short circuit has occurred in at least one of the third electrode and the fourth electrode due to a conductor, deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device.

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Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS [0001] This application is a continuation application of International Application No. PCT/KR2023/011774 designating the United States, filed on Aug. 9, 2023, in the Korean Intellectual Property Receiving Office and claiming priority to Korean Patent Application No. 10-2022-0147132, filed on Nov. 7, 2022, and Korean Patent Application No. 10-2022-0160031, filed on Nov. 25, 2022, the disclosures of which are all hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

BACKGROUND

Technical Field

[0002] An example embodiment may relate to a wearable electronic device and/or a method for controlling functions using the same.

Background Art

[0003] With the advancement of digital technology, various types of electronic devices such as mobile communication terminals, personal digital assistants (PDAs), electronic notebooks, smartphones, tablet personal computers (PCs), and wearable electronic devices are being widely used. In these electronic devices, to support and increase their functionality, hardware and/or software aspects of electronic devices are continuously being improved.

[0004] For example, a wearable electronic device may include electrodes for measuring biometric signals, and may use the electrodes to obtain biometric signals, such as an electrocardiogram (ECG), an electroencephalogram (EEG), and/or an electromyography (EMG). Since biometric signals can be measured inaccurately when affected by environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, and water, the user may deactivate the touch functionality of the wearable electronic device, for example, when engaging in a water-based activity (e.g., swimming).

[0005] The above information may be provided as background art for the purpose of assisting in understanding the disclosure. No claim or determination is made as to whether any of the above is applicable as prior art related to the disclosure.

SUMMARY

[0006] However, if the wearable electronic device is exposed to water or is submerged in water and the touch functionality is not deactivated by the user, unnecessary touching due to water may result in rapid battery discharge and corrosion may occur in the electrodes used to measure biometric signals.

[0007] The wearable electronic device according to an example embodiment may identify a state in

which the wearable electronic device is in contact with water or submerged in water, and deactivate the touch functionality, based on a parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode among a plurality of electrodes arranged on the rear and side surfaces of the wearable electronic device, a resistance value of the at least one electrode, and a contact impedance value of the at least one electrode.

[0008] A wearable electronic device according to an example embodiment may include a housing that includes a first surface, a second surface opposite to the first surface, and a side surface surrounding the first surface and the second surface. In an example embodiment, the wearable electronic device may include a first electrode and a second electrode disposed on the second surface of the housing. In an example embodiment, the wearable electronic device may include a third electrode and a fourth electrode disposed on the side surface of the housing. In an example embodiment, the wearable electronic device may include a processor, comprising processing circuitry, operably connected, directly or indirectly, to the first electrode, the second electrode, the third electrode, and the fourth electrode. In an example embodiment, the processor may repeatedly identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode among the first electrode, the second electrode, the third electrode, and the fourth electrode at specified time points. In an example embodiment, the processor may identify the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in case that the parasitic impedance value of the at least one electrode exceeds a first specified value. In an example embodiment, the processor may determine whether at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is shorted in case that the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is less than or equal to a second specified value. In an example embodiment, the processor may deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device in case that a short has occurred due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode.

[0009] A function control method of the wearable electronic device according to an example embodiment may include repeatedly identifying the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode among a first electrode, a second electrode, a third electrode, and a fourth electrode at specified time points. In an example embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device may include identifying the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in case that the parasitic impedance value of the at least one electrode exceeds a first specified value. In an example embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device may include determining whether at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is shorted in case that the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is less than or equal to a second specified value. In an example embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device may include deactivating some functions of the wearable electronic device in case that a short has occurred due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode. According to an example embodiment, a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium (or, computer program product) storing one or more programs may be described. The one or more programs according to an example embodiment may include instructions that are configured to, when executed by at least one processor, individually and/or collectively, of an electronic device, repeatedly identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode among a first electrode, a second electrode, a third electrode, and a fourth electrode at specified time points. The one or more programs may include instructions that are configured to, when executed by the processor of the electronic device, identify the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in case that the parasitic impedance value of the at least one electrode exceeds a first specified value. The one or more programs may include instructions that are configured to, when executed by the processor of the electronic device, determine whether at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is shorted in case that the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is less than or equal to a second specified value. The one or more programs may include

instructions that are configured to, when executed by the processor of the electronic device, deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device in case that a short has occurred due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode.

[0010] The wearable electronic device according to an example embodiment may identify the state where the wearable electronic device is in contact with water or submerged in water based on a parasitic impedance value, a resistance value, and a contact impedance value of at least one electrode among a plurality of electrodes arranged on the rear and side surfaces of the wearable electronic device and deactivate the touch functionality, preventing or reducing corrosion that may occur in the electrodes for measuring biometric signals. Further, the wearable electronic device may prevent or reduce battery discharge that may occur owing to unnecessary touching due to water by deactivating the touch functionality.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0011] FIG. 1 is a block diagram of an electronic device in a network environment according to an example embodiment.

[0012] FIG. 2 is a front perspective view of a wearable electronic device according to an example embodiment.

[0013] FIG. 3 is a rear perspective view of the wearable electronic device of FIG. 2 according to an example embodiment.

[0014] FIG. 4 is an exploded perspective view of the wearable electronic device of FIG. 2 according to an example embodiment.

[0015] FIG. 5 is a block diagram illustrating a wearable electronic device according to an example embodiment.

[0016] FIG. 6 is a flowchart illustrating a function control method of the wearable electronic device according to an example embodiment.

[0017] FIG. 7 is a diagram for depicting a method for identifying a parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode according to an example embodiment.

[0018] FIG. 8 is a diagram illustrating a method for detecting moisture in the wearable electronic device based on the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode according to an example embodiment.

[0019] FIG. 9 is a diagram illustrating a method for detecting moisture in the wearable electronic device based on the resistance value of at least one electrode according to an example embodiment.

[0020] FIG. 10A is a diagram illustrating electrical connections of a plurality of electrodes when biometric information is obtained in a state where the wearable electronic device is worn according to an example embodiment.

[0021] FIG. 10B is a diagram illustrating electrical connections of a plurality of electrodes when biometric information is not obtained in a state where the wearable electronic device is worn according to an example embodiment.

[0022] FIG. 10C is a diagram illustrating a method for monitoring the impedance of at least one electrode by using resistance according to an example embodiment.

[0023] FIG. 10D is a diagram illustrating a method for monitoring the impedance of at least one electrode by using a current according to an example embodiment.

[0024] FIG. 11 is a diagram illustrating a moisture detection circuit of the wearable electronic device according to an example embodiment.

[0025] FIG. 12 is a flowchart illustrating the operation of FIG. 6 in detail according to an example embodiment.

[0026] FIG. 13 is a flowchart illustrating a method for the wearable electronic device to output a

moisture removal notification according to an example embodiment.

[0027] FIG. **14** is a flowchart illustrating a function control method of the wearable electronic device according to an example embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0028] Hereinafter, example embodiments will be described in detail with reference to the drawings so that those skilled in the art can readily carry out the disclosure. However, the disclosure may be implemented in various different forms and is not limited to those embodiments described herein. In connection with the description of the drawings, the same or similar reference symbols may be used for identical or similar components. Additionally, in the drawings and related descriptions, descriptions of well-known functions and configurations may be omitted for clarity and brevity.

[0029] FIG. **1** is a block diagram illustrating an electronic device **101** in a network environment **100** according to various embodiments.

[0030] Referring to FIG. **1**, an electronic device **101** in a network environment **100** may communicate with an electronic device **102** via a first network **198** (e.g., a short-range wireless communication network), or at least one of an electronic device **104** or a server **108** via a second network **199** (e.g., a long-range wireless communication network). According to an embodiment, the electronic device **101** may communicate with the electronic device **104** via the server **108**. According to an embodiment, the electronic device **101** may include a processor **120**, memory **130**, an input module **150**, a sound output module **155**, a display module **160**, an audio module **170**, a sensor module **176**, an interface **177**, a connection terminal **178**, a haptic module **179**, a camera module **180**, a power management module **188**, a battery **189**, a communication module **190**, a subscriber identification module (SIM) **196**, or an antenna module **197**. In some embodiments, at least one of the components (e.g., the connection terminal **178**) may be omitted from the electronic device **101**, or one or more other components may be added in the electronic device **101**. In some embodiments, some of the components (e.g., the sensor module **176**, the camera module **180**, or the antenna module **197**) may be implemented as a single component (e.g., the display module **160**).

[0031] The processor **120** may execute, for example, software (e.g., a program **140**) to control at least one other component (e.g., a hardware or software component) of the electronic device **101** coupled with the processor **120**, and may perform various data processing or computation.

According to an example embodiment, as at least part of the data processing or computation, the processor **120** may store a command or data received from another component (e.g., the sensor module **176** or the communication module **190**) in volatile memory **132**, process the command or the data stored in the volatile memory **132**, and store resulting data in non-volatile memory **134**.

According to an embodiment, the processor **120** may include a main processor **121** (e.g., a central processing unit (CPU) or an application processor (AP)), or an auxiliary processor **123** (e.g., a graphics processing unit (GPU), a neural processing unit (NPU), an image signal processor (ISP), a sensor hub processor, or a communication processor (CP)) that is operable independently from, or in conjunction with, the main processor **121**. For example, when the electronic device **101** includes the main processor **121** and the auxiliary processor **123**, the auxiliary processor **123** may be adapted to consume less power than the main processor **121**, or to be specific to a specified function. The auxiliary processor **123** may be implemented as separate from, or as part of the main processor **121**.

[0032] The auxiliary processor **123** may control at least some of functions or states related to at least one component (e.g., the display module **160**, the sensor module **176**, or the communication module **190**) among the components of the electronic device **101**, instead of the main processor **121** while the main processor **121** is in an inactive (e.g., sleep) state, or together with the main processor **121** while the main processor **121** is in an active state (e.g., executing an application). According to an embodiment, the auxiliary processor **123** (e.g., an image signal processor or a communication processor) may be implemented as part of another component (e.g., the camera

module **180** or the communication module **190**) functionally related to the auxiliary processor **123**. According to an embodiment, the auxiliary processor **123** (e.g., the neural processing unit) may include a hardware structure specified for artificial intelligence model processing. An artificial intelligence model may be generated by machine learning. Such learning may be performed, e.g., by the electronic device **101** where the artificial intelligence is performed or via a separate server (e.g., the server **108**). Learning algorithms may include, but are not limited to, e.g., supervised learning, unsupervised learning, semi-supervised learning, or reinforcement learning. The artificial intelligence model may include a plurality of artificial neural network layers. The artificial neural network may be a deep neural network (DNN), a convolutional neural network (CNN), a recurrent neural network (RNN), a restricted boltzmann machine (RBM), a deep belief network (DBN), a bidirectional recurrent deep neural network (BRDNN), deep Q-network or a combination of two or more thereof but is not limited thereto. The artificial intelligence model may, additionally or alternatively, include a software structure other than the hardware structure. Thus, each “processor” herein includes processing circuitry, and/or may include multiple processors. For example, as used herein, including the claims, the term “processor” may include various processing circuitry, including at least one processor, wherein one or more of at least one processor, individually and/or collectively in a distributed manner, may be configured to perform various functions described herein. As used herein, when “a processor”, “at least one processor”, and “one or more processors” are described as being configured to perform numerous functions, these terms cover situations, for example and without limitation, in which one processor performs some of recited functions and another processor(s) performs other of recited functions, and also situations in which a single processor may perform all recited functions. Additionally, the at least one processor may include a combination of processors performing various of the recited/disclosed functions, e.g., in a distributed manner. At least one processor may execute program instructions to achieve or perform various functions.

[0033] The memory **130** may store various data used by at least one component (e.g., the processor **120** or the sensor module **176**) of the electronic device **101**. The various data may include, for example, software (e.g., the program **140**) and input data or output data for a command related thereto. The memory **130** may include the volatile memory **132** or the non-volatile memory **134**. The non-volatile memory **134** may include an internal memory **136** and/or an external memory **138**.

[0034] The program **140** may be stored in the memory **130** as software, and may include, for example, an operating system (OS) **142**, middleware **144**, or an application **146**.

[0035] The input module **150** may receive a command or data to be used by another component (e.g., the processor **120**) of the electronic device **101**, from the outside (e.g., a user) of the electronic device **101**. The input module **150** may include, for example, a microphone, a mouse, a keyboard, a key (e.g., a button), or a digital pen (e.g., a stylus pen).

[0036] The sound output module **155** may output sound signals to the outside of the electronic device **101**. The sound output module **155** may include, for example, a speaker or a receiver. The speaker may be used for general purposes, such as playing multimedia or playing record. The receiver may be used for receiving incoming calls. According to an embodiment, the receiver may be implemented as separate from, or as part of the speaker.

[0037] The display module **160** may visually provide information to the outside (e.g., a user) of the electronic device **101**. The display module **160** may include, for example, a display, a hologram device, or a projector and control circuitry to control a corresponding one of the display, hologram device, and projector. According to an embodiment, the display module **160** may include a touch sensor adapted to detect a touch, or a pressure sensor adapted to measure the intensity of force incurred by the touch.

[0038] The audio module **170** may convert a sound into an electrical signal and vice versa. According to an embodiment, the audio module **170** may obtain the sound via the input module

150, or output the sound via the sound output module **155** or a headphone of an external electronic device (e.g., an electronic device **102**) (e.g., speaker or headphone) directly (e.g., wiredly) or wirelessly coupled with the electronic device **101**.

[0039] The sensor module **176** may detect an operational state (e.g., power or temperature) of the electronic device **101** or an environmental state (e.g., a state of a user) external to the electronic device **101**, and then generate an electrical signal or data value corresponding to the detected state. According to an embodiment, the sensor module **176** may include, for example, a gesture sensor, a gyro sensor, an atmospheric pressure sensor, a magnetic sensor, an acceleration sensor, a grip sensor, a proximity sensor, a color sensor, an infrared (IR) sensor, a biometric sensor, a temperature sensor, a humidity sensor, or an illuminance sensor.

[0040] The interface **177** may support one or more specified protocols to be used for the electronic device **101** to be coupled with the external electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **102**) directly (e.g., through wires) or wirelessly. According to an embodiment, the interface **177** may include, for example, a high-definition multimedia interface (HDMI), a universal serial bus (USB) interface, a secure digital (SD) card interface, or an audio interface.

[0041] The connection terminal **178** may include a connector via which the electronic device **101** may be physically connected with the external electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **102**). According to an embodiment, the connection terminal **178** may include, for example, an HDMI connector, a USB connector, an SD card connector, or an audio connector (e.g., a headphone connector).

[0042] The haptic module **179** may convert an electrical signal into a mechanical stimulus (e.g., a vibration or a movement) or electrical stimulus which may be recognized by a user via his tactile sensation or kinesthetic sensation. According to an embodiment, the haptic module **179** may include, for example, a motor, a piezoelectric element, or an electric stimulator.

[0043] The camera module **180** may capture a still image or moving images. According to an embodiment, the camera module **180** may include one or more lenses, image sensors, image signal processors, or flashes.

[0044] The power management module **188** may manage power supplied to the electronic device **101**. According to an example embodiment, the power management module **188** may be implemented as at least part of, for example, a power management integrated circuit (PMIC).

[0045] The battery **189** may supply power to at least one component of the electronic device **101**. According to an embodiment, the battery **189** may include, for example, a primary cell which is not rechargeable, a secondary cell which is rechargeable, or a fuel cell.

[0046] The communication module **190** may support establishing a direct (e.g., wired) communication channel or a wireless communication channel between the electronic device **101** and the external electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **102**, the electronic device **104**, or the server **108**) and performing communication via the established communication channel. The communication module **190** may include one or more communication processors that are operable independently from the processor **120** (e.g., an application processor (AP)) and supports a direct (e.g., wired) communication or a wireless communication. According to an embodiment, the communication module **190** may include a wireless communication module **192** (e.g., a cellular communication module, a short-range wireless communication module, or a global navigation satellite system (GNSS) communication module) or a wired communication module **194** (e.g., a local area network (LAN) communication module or a power line communication (PLC) module). A corresponding one of these communication modules may communicate with the external electronic device via the first network **198** (e.g., a short-range communication network, such as Bluetooth™, Wi-Fi direct, or infrared data association (IrDA)) or the second network **199** (e.g., a long-range communication network, such as a legacy cellular network, a fifth generation (5G) network, a next-generation communication network, the Internet, or a computer network (e.g., LAN or wide area network (WAN))). These various types of communication modules may be

implemented as a single component (e.g., a single chip), or may be implemented as multi components (e.g., multi chips) separate from each other. The wireless communication module **192** may identify and authenticate the electronic device **101** in a communication network, such as the first network **198** or the second network **199**, using subscriber information (e.g., international mobile subscriber identity (IMSI)) stored in the subscriber identification module **196**.

[0047] The wireless communication module **192** may support a 5G network, after a 4G network, and next-generation communication technology, e.g., new radio (NR) access technology. The NR access technology may support enhanced mobile broadband (eMBB), massive machine type communications (mMTC), or ultra-reliable and low-latency communications (URLLC). The wireless communication module **192** may support a high-frequency band (e.g., the mm Wave band) to achieve, e.g., a high data transmission rate. The wireless communication module **192** may support various technologies for securing performance on a high-frequency band, such as, e.g., beamforming, massive multiple-input and multiple-output (massive MIMO), full dimensional MIMO (FD-MIMO), array antenna, analog beam-forming, or large-scale antenna. The wireless communication module **192** may support various requirements specified in the electronic device **101**, an external electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **104**), or a network system (e.g., the second network **199**). According to an embodiment, the wireless communication module **192** may support a peak data rate (e.g., 20 Gbps or more) for implementing eMBB, loss coverage (e.g., 164 dB or less) for implementing mMTC, or U-plane latency (e.g., 0.5 ms or less for each of downlink (DL) and uplink (UL), or a round trip of 1 ms or less) for implementing URLLC.

[0048] The antenna module **197** may transmit or receive a signal or power to or from the outside (e.g., the external electronic device) of the electronic device **101**. According to an embodiment, the antenna module **197** may include an antenna including a radiating element composed of a conductive material or a conductive pattern formed in or on a substrate (e.g., a printed circuit board (PCB)). According to an embodiment, the antenna module **197** may include a plurality of antennas (e.g., array antennas). In such a case, at least one antenna appropriate for a communication scheme used in the communication network, such as the first network **198** or the second network **199**, may be selected, for example, by the communication module **190** (e.g., the wireless communication module **192**) from the plurality of antennas. The signal or the power may then be transmitted or received between the communication module **190** and the external electronic device via the selected at least one antenna. According to an embodiment, another component (e.g., a radio frequency integrated circuit (RFIC)) other than the radiating element may be additionally formed as part of the antenna module **197**.

[0049] According to various embodiments, the antenna module **197** may form mmWave antenna module. According to an embodiment, the mmWave antenna module may include a printed circuit board, a RFIC disposed on a first surface (e.g., the bottom surface) of the printed circuit board, or adjacent to the first surface and capable of supporting a designated high-frequency band (e.g., an mmWave band), and a plurality of antennas (e.g., array antennas) disposed on a second surface (e.g., the top or a side surface) of the printed circuit board, or adjacent to the second surface and capable of transmitting or receiving signals of the designated high-frequency band.

[0050] At least some of the above-described components may be coupled mutually and communicate signals (e.g., commands or data) therebetween via an inter-peripheral communication scheme (e.g., a bus, general purpose input and output (GPIO), serial peripheral interface (SPI), or mobile industry processor interface (MIPI)).

[0051] According to an embodiment, commands or data may be transmitted or received between the electronic device **101** and the external electronic device **104** via the server **108** coupled with the second network **199**. Each of the electronic devices **102** or **104** may be a device of a same type as, or a different type, from the electronic device **101**. According to an embodiment, all or some of operations to be executed at the electronic device **101** may be executed at one or more of the external electronic devices **102**, **104**, or **108**. For example, if the electronic device **101** should

perform a function or a service automatically, or in response to a request from a user or another device, the electronic device **101**, instead of, or in addition to, executing the function or the service, may request the one or more external electronic devices to perform at least part of the function or the service. The one or more external electronic devices receiving the request may perform the at least part of the function or the service requested, or an additional function or an additional service related to the request, and transfer an outcome of the performing to the electronic device **101**. The electronic device **101** may provide the outcome, with or without further processing of the outcome, as at least part of a reply to the request. To that end, a cloud computing, distributed computing, mobile edge computing (MEC), or client-server computing technology may be used, for example. The electronic device **101** may provide ultra low-latency services using, e.g., distributed computing or mobile edge computing. In another embodiment, the external electronic device **104** may include an internet-of-things (IoT) device. The server **108** may be an intelligent server using machine learning and/or a neural network. According to an embodiment, the external electronic device **104** or the server **108** may be included in the second network **199**. The electronic device **101** may be applied to intelligent services (e.g., smart home, smart city, smart car, or healthcare) based on 5G communication technology or IoT-related technology.

[0052] FIG. 2 is a front perspective view of a wearable electronic device **200** according to various embodiments. FIG. 3 is a rear perspective view of the wearable electronic device **200** of FIG. 2 according to various embodiments.

[0053] With reference to FIGS. 2 and 3, in an embodiment, the wearable electronic device **200** may include a housing **210** including a first surface (or, front surface) **210A**, a second surface (or, rear surface) **210B**, and a side surface **210C** surrounding the space between the first surface **210A** and the second surface **210B**, and fastening members **250** and connected, directly or indirectly, to at least a portion of the housing **210** and configured to detachably fasten the wearable electronic device **200** to a body part (e.g., wrist, ankle, etc.) of the user. In another embodiment (not shown), the housing **210** may refer to a structure forming some of the first surface **210A**, the second surface **210B**, and the side surface **210C** in FIG. 2. In an embodiment, the first surface **210A** may be formed by a front plate **201** that is substantially transparent at least in part (e.g., glass plate containing various coating layers, or polymer plate). The second surface **210B** may be formed by a rear plate **207** that is substantially opaque. The rear plate **207** may be made of, for example, coated or colored glass, ceramic, polymer, metal (e.g., aluminum, stainless steel (STS), or magnesium), or a combination thereof. The side surface **210C** is coupled, directly or indirectly, to the front plate **201** and the rear plate **207** and may be formed by a side bezel structure (or, side member) **211** containing metal and/or polymer. In a certain embodiment, the rear plate **207** and the side bezel structure **211** may be integrally formed and contain the same material (e.g., metal material such as aluminum). The fastening members **250** and **260** may be made of various materials and formed in various shapes. For example, the fastening members **250** and **260** may be formed as a single body or as plural unit links that are movable with each other, by woven material, leather, rubber, urethane, metal, ceramic, or a combination thereof.

[0054] In an embodiment, the wearable electronic device **200** may include at least one of a display (e.g., display **220** in FIG. 4), an audio module **205** and **208**, a sensor module **211**, key input device **202**, or a connector hole **209**. In a certain embodiment, the wearable electronic device **200** may include at least one of the components (e.g., key input device **202**, connector hole **209**, or sensor module **211**) may be removed from the wearable electronic device **200**, or a different component may be added to the wearable electronic device **200**.

[0055] The display **220** can be viewed through, for example, a significant portion of the front plate **201**. The display **220** may have a shape corresponding to the shape of the front plate **201** and may have one of various shapes such as a circle, an ellipse, and a polygon. The display **220** may be disposed in combination with or adjacent to a touch sensing circuit, a pressure sensor capable of measuring the intensity (pressure) of a touch.

[0056] The audio module **205** and **208** may include a microphone hole **205** and a speaker hole **208**. In the microphone hole **205**, a microphone for picking up external sounds may be disposed therein, and plural microphones may be arranged to sense the direction of sound in a certain embodiment. The speaker hole **208** can be used for an external speaker and a call receiver. In a certain embodiment, the speaker hole **208** and the microphone hole **205** may be implemented as a single hole, or a speaker (e.g., piezo speaker) may be included without the speaker hole **208**.

[0057] The sensor module **211** may generate an electrical signal or data value corresponding to an internal operating state of the wearable electronic device **200** or an external environmental state.

[0058] In an embodiment, the sensor module **211** may include a plurality of electrodes for measuring biometric signals. For example, the plurality of electrodes including a first electrode **271**, a second electrode **272**, a third electrode **273**, and/or a fourth electrode **274**.

[0059] In an embodiment, the plurality of electrodes may be arranged so as to come into contact with the user's body. For example, the first electrode **271** and the second electrode **272** may be disposed on the second surface (or, rear surface) **210B** of the wearable electronic device **200**. As the first electrode **271** and the second electrode **272** are disposed on the second surface (or, rear surface) **210B** of the wearable electronic device **200**, when the wearable electronic device **200** is worn (or, fixed) on a portion of the user's body (e.g., wrist), they may come into contact with the portion of the user's body (e.g., wrist). In an embodiment, the third electrode **273** and the fourth electrode **274** may be disposed on the side surface **210C** of the wearable electronic device **200**. As the third electrode **273** and the fourth electrode **274** are disposed on the side surface **210C** of the wearable electronic device **200**, they may come into contact with a user's finger (e.g., the finger of the hand that is not wearing the wearable electronic device **200**). In an embodiment, the electrodes are described as being disposed on the rear surface **210B** and the side surface **210C** of the wearable electronic device **200**, but without being limited thereto.

[0060] In an embodiment, the plurality of electrodes may be electrically isolated from each other.

[0061] In an embodiment, the sensor module **211** may obtain an electrical signal from a portion of the user's body by using the first electrode **271**, the second electrode **272**, the third electrode **273**, and/or the fourth electrode **274** of the wearable electronic device **200**, and obtain biometric information of the user based on the obtained electrical signal. "Based on" as used herein covers based at least on.

[0062] In an embodiment, the sensor module **211** can detect various biometric information of the user (e.g., photoplethysmography (PPG), electrocardiogram (ECG), galvanic skin response (GSR), electroencephalogram (EEG), and/or bioelectrical impedance analysis (BIA)) by using the plurality of electrodes.

[0063] The wearable electronic device **200** may further include a sensor module (not shown) including at least one of, for example, a gesture sensor, a gyro sensor, an air pressure sensor, a magnetic sensor, an acceleration sensor, a grip sensor, a color sensor, an infrared (IR) sensor, a temperature sensor, a humidity sensor, or an illuminance sensor.

[0064] The key input device **202** may include a wheel key **202** disposed on the first surface **210A** of the housing **210** and rotatable in at least one direction. The wheel key **202** may have a shape corresponding to the shape of the front plate **201**. In another embodiment, the key input device **202** may be implemented in other forms, such as soft keys, on the display **220**.

[0065] The connector hole **209** may accommodate a connector (e.g., USB connector) for transmitting and receiving power and/or data to and from an external electronic device, and may include another connector hole (not shown) that can accommodate a connector for transmitting and receiving an audio signal to and from an external electronic device. The wearable electronic device **200** may further include, for example, a connector cover (not shown) that covers at least a portion of the connector hole **209** and blocks foreign substances from entering the connector hole **209**.

[0066] The fastening members **250** and **260** may be detachably fastened to at least a portion of the housing **210** by using locking members **251** and **261**. The fastening members **250** and **260** may

include one or more of a fixing member **252**, fixing member fastening holes **253**, a band guide member **254**, and a band fixing ring **255**.

[0067] The fixing member **252** may be configured to fix the housing **210** and the fastening members **250** and **260** to a body part (e.g., wrist, or ankle) of the user. The fixing member fastening holes **253** may fix the housing **210** and the fastening members **250** and **260** to a body part of the user in correspondence to the fixing member **252**. The band guide member **254** may be configured to limit the range of movement of the fixing member **252** when the fixing member **252** engages with a fixing member fastening hole **253**, so that the fastening members **250** and **260** may be fastened in close contact to a body part of the user. The band fixing ring **255** may limit the range of movement of the fastening members **250** and **260** while the fixing member **252** and the fixing member fastening hole **253** are fastened.

[0068] FIG. **4** is an exploded perspective view of a wearable electronic device according to various embodiments.

[0069] With reference to FIG. **4**, the wearable electronic device **200** may include a housing **410** (e.g., housing **210** in FIG. **2**), a wheel key **420** (e.g., wheel key **202** in FIG. **2**), a front plate **201**, a display **220**, a first antenna **450**, a second antenna **455**, a support member **460** (e.g., bracket), a battery **470**, a printed circuit board **480**, a sealing member **490**, a rear plate **493**, and/or fastening members **495**, **497** (e.g., fastening members **250** and **260** in FIGS. **2** and **3**). At least one of the components of the wearable electronic device **200** may be identical or similar to at least one of the components of the wearable electronic device **200** of FIG. **2** or **3**, and repeated descriptions are omitted herein.

[0070] The support member **460** disposed inside the wearable electronic device **200** may be formed to be connected to the housing **410** or be integrally formed with the housing **410**. The support member **460** may be made of, for example, a metal material and/or a non-metal (e.g., polymer) material. The support member **460** may have one surface coupled to the display **220**, or the other surface coupled to the printed circuit board **480**. A processor (e.g., processor **120** in FIG. **1**), a memory (e.g., memory **130** in FIG. **1**), and/or an interface (e.g., interface **177** in FIG. **1**) may be mounted on, directly or indirectly, the printed circuit board **480**.

[0071] The battery **470** (e.g., battery **189** in FIG. **1**) is a device for supplying power to at least one component of the wearable electronic device **200**, and may include, for example, a non-rechargeable primary cell, a rechargeable secondary cell, or a fuel cell. At least a portion of the battery **470** may be disposed substantially on the same plane as, for example, the printed circuit board **480**. The battery **470** may be disposed as a single body within the wearable electronic device **200** or may be detachably disposed from the wearable electronic device **200**.

[0072] The first antenna **450** may be disposed between the display **220** and the support member **241**. The first antenna **450** may include, for example, a near field communication (NFC) antenna, a wireless charging antenna, and/or a magnetic secure transmission (MST) antenna. For example, the antenna **243** may perform short-range communication with an external device, wirelessly transmit or receive power required for charging, and transmit a short-range communication signal or a magnetic-based signal including payment data. In another embodiment, an antenna structure may be formed by using portions of the housing **410** and/or the support member **460** or a combination thereof.

[0073] The second antenna **455** may be disposed between the printed circuit board **480** and the rear plate **493**. The second antenna **455** may include, for example, a near field communication (NFC) antenna, a wireless charging antenna, and/or a magnetic secure transmission (MST) antenna. For example, second antenna **455** may perform short-range communication with an external device, wirelessly transmit or receive power required for charging, and transmit a short-range communication signal or a magnetic-based signal including payment data. In another embodiment, an antenna structure may be formed by using portions of the housing **410** and/or the rear plate **493** or a combination thereof.

[0074] The sealing member **490** may be positioned between the housing **410** and the rear plate **493**. The sealing member **490** may be configured to block moisture and foreign matter flowing into the space surrounded by the housing **410** and the rear plate **493** from the outside.

[0075] FIG. **5** is a block diagram **500** illustrating a wearable electronic device **501** according to an example embodiment.

[0076] With reference to FIG. **5**, the wearable electronic device **501** (e.g., electronic device **101** in FIG. **1**, wearable electronic device **200** of FIGS. **2** to **4**) may include a wireless communication circuit **510** (e.g., communication module **190** in FIG. **1**, comprising communication circuitry), a memory **520** (e.g., memory **130** in FIG. **1**), a display **530** (e.g., display module **160** in FIG. **1**, display **220** in FIG. **4**), a biometric sensor circuit **540** (e.g., sensor module **176** in FIG. **1**, sensor module **211** in FIG. **2**), and/or a processor **550** (e.g., processor **120** in FIG. **1**, comprising processing circuitry).

[0077] According to various embodiments, the wireless communication circuit **510** (e.g., communication module **190** in FIG. **1**) may establish a communication channel with an external electronic device (e.g., electronic device **102** in FIG. **1**) and support transmitting and receiving various data with the external electronic device.

[0078] According to various embodiments, the memory **520** (e.g., memory **130** in FIG. **1**) may store programs for processing and controlling the processor **550** (e.g., programs **140** in FIG. **1**), an operating system (OS) (e.g., operating system **142** in FIG. **1**), various applications, and/or input/output data, and may store a program for controlling the overall operation of the wearable electronic device **501**. The memory **520** may store various instructions that can be executed by the processor **550**.

[0079] In an embodiment, the memory **520** may store instructions for repeatedly identifying the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first electrode **541**, the second electrode **543**, the third electrode **545**, and the fourth electrode **547** at designated time points under the control of the processor **550**. The memory **520** may store instructions for identifying whether moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** by identifying the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode, the resistance value of at least one electrode, and the short of at least one electrode under the control of the processor **550**. The memory **520** may store instructions for deactivating some functions of the wearable electronic device **501** under the control of the processor **550** upon determining that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**. The memory **520** may store instructions for determining whether moisture is detected in at least one electrode based on the parasitic impedance value of the at least one electrode under the control of the processor **550**. The memory **520** may store instructions for outputting a moisture removal notification under the control of the processor **550** upon determining that moisture is detected at least one electrode.

[0080] According to various embodiments, the display **530** (e.g., display module **160** in FIG. **1**, display **220** in FIG. **4**) may be implemented with, but not limited to, a liquid crystal display (LCD), a light-emitting diode (LED) display, a micro LED display, a quantum dot (QD) display, or an organic light-emitting diode (OLED) display. In an embodiment, the display **530** may be formed as a touchscreen that detects a touch input and/or proximity (or, hovering) input using a portion of the user's body (e.g., finger) or an input gadget (e.g., stylus pen).

[0081] In an embodiment, the display **530** may display a user interface related to measuring a biometric signal under the control of the processor **550**. The display **530** may display a user interface related to biometric information obtained through the biometric sensor circuit **540** under the control of the processor **550**. The display **530** may, under the control of the processor **550**, display a user interface including a moisture removal notification when moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0082] According to various embodiments, the biometric sensor circuit **540** (e.g., sensor module **176** in FIG. **1**, sensor module **211** in FIG. **2**) may sense at least one biometric signal.

[0083] In an embodiment, the biometric sensor circuit **540** may include a first electrode **541** (e.g.,

first electrode **271** in FIG. 3), a second electrode **543** (e.g., second electrode **272** in FIG. 3), a third electrode **545** (e.g., third electrode **273** in FIG. 2), and/or a fourth electrode **547** (e.g., fourth electrode **274** in FIG. 2).

[0084] In an embodiment, the biometric sensor circuit **540** is described as including four electrodes, but it is not limited thereto. For example, the biometric sensor circuit **540** may include more than four electrodes.

[0085] In an embodiment, contact impedance may be caused when an electrode and the user's body come into contact, and the biometric sensor circuit **540** may measure the contact impedance caused by the electrode. In an embodiment, the biometric sensor circuit **540** may measure body impedance by receiving at least some of the reflected light that is reflected from the light output to the user's body.

[0086] In an embodiment, the electrodes of the biometric sensor circuit **540** may be in contact with different body portions. For example, the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** may be disposed on the second surface (or, rear surface) of the wearable electronic device **501** (e.g., second surface **210B** in FIG. 3) so that they can come into contact with a portion of the user's body (e.g., wrist) when the wearable electronic device **501** is worn (or, fixed) on the portion of the user's body. The third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may be disposed on the side surface (e.g., side surface **210C** in FIG. 3) of the wearable electronic device **501** so that they can come into contact with a user's finger (e.g., a finger of the hand not wearing the wearable electronic device **501**).

[0087] In an embodiment, the biometric sensor circuit **540** may measure a first parasitic impedance value generated when the first electrode **541** contacts the wrist, a second parasitic impedance value generated when the second electrode **543** contacts the wrist, a third parasitic impedance value generated when the third electrode **545** contacts a finger, and/or a fourth parasitic impedance value generated when the fourth electrode **547** contacts a finger, and transfer the same to the processor **550**.

[0088] In an embodiment, the biometric sensor circuit **540** may measure the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** and transfer it to the processor **550**.

[0089] According to various embodiments, the processor **550** may include, for example, a micro controller unit (MCU), and may control a plurality of hardware components connected to the processor **550** by running an operating system (OS) or an embedded software program. The processor **550** may control a plurality of hardware components according to, for example, instructions (e.g., programs **140** in FIG. 1) stored in the memory **520**.

[0090] In an embodiment, the processor **550** may repeatedly identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode among the first electrode **541**, the second electrode **543**, the third electrode **545**, and the fourth electrode **547** at specified time points. If the parasitic impedance value of the at least one electrode exceeds a specified first value, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and may identify the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**. If the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is lower than or equal to a specified second value, the processor **550** may determine whether the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is shorted. For example, if the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is less than or equal to the specified second value, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**. If a short occurs due to a conductor of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device **501**. For example, if a short occurs due to a conductor contacting the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device **501**. For example, some functions of the wearable electronic device **501** may include, but not limited to, a touch function.

[0091] For example, if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode exceeds the specified first value, the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is less

than or equal to the specified second value, and a short occurs due to a conductor in the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and deactivate some functions (e.g., touch function) of the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0092] In an embodiment, the processor **550** may repeatedly identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode at specified time points in a state where some functions (e.g., touch function) of the wearable electronic device **501** are deactivated. If the parasitic impedance value is less than or equal to the specified first value, the processor **550** may identify the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**. If the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds the specified second value, the processor **550** may identify whether the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is shorted. If no short occurs due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may activate those deactivated functions of the wearable electronic device **501**. For example, if a short does not occur due to a conductor not contacting the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may activate those deactivated functions (e.g., touch function) of the wearable electronic device **501**. For example, if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode is less than or equal to the specified first value, the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds the specified second value, and a short does not occur due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is not detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and activate those deactivated functions (e.g., touch function) of the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0093] In an embodiment, if detecting removal of the wearable electronic device **501**, the processor **550** may identify the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** to determine whether it exceeds a specified third value. If the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** exceeds the specified third value, the processor **550** may output a moisture removal notification as to the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543**. For example, the moisture removal notification may be output via the display **530**, the audio module (e.g., audio module **170** in FIG. 1), and/or the haptic module (e.g., haptic module **179** in FIG. 1, comprising circuitry).

[0094] In an embodiment, if not detecting removal of the wearable electronic device **501**, the processor **550** may detect an input for measuring a biometric signal through the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**. The processor **550** may identify the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** to determine whether the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds a specified fourth value. If the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds the specified fourth value, the processor **550** may output a moisture removal notification as to the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**. If the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** does not exceed the specified value, the processor **550** may measure a user's biometric signal by using the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**.

[0095] The electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** according to various embodiments may include a housing **210** that includes a first surface **210A**, a second surface **210B** opposite to the first surface **210A**, and a side surface **210C** surrounding the first surface **210A** and the second surface **210B**. In an embodiment, the electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may include a first electrode **271** or **541** and a second electrode **272** or **543** disposed on the second surface **210B** of the housing **210**. In an embodiment, the electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may include a third electrode **273** or **545** and a fourth electrode **274** or **547** disposed on the side surface **210C** of the housing **210**. In an embodiment, the electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may include a processor **550** operably connected, directly or indirectly, to the first electrode **271** or **541**, the second electrode **272** or **543**, the third electrode **273** or **545**, and the fourth electrode **274** or **547**. In an embodiment, the

processor **550** may repeatedly, at specified time points, identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode among the first electrode **271** or **541**, the second electrode **272** or **543**, the third electrode **273** or **545**, and the fourth electrode **274** or **547**. In an embodiment, if the parasitic impedance value of the at least one electrode exceeds a specified first value, the processor **550** may identify the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**. In an embodiment, if the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** and the fourth electrode **274** or **547** is less than or equal to a specified second value, the processor **550** may determine whether at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** is shorted. In an embodiment, if a short has occurred due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**, the processor **550** may deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501**.

[0096] In an embodiment, if a short has occurred due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501**.

[0097] In an embodiment, the first electrode **271** or **541** and the third electrode **273** or **545** may be connected, directly or indirectly, to an AC current source. In an embodiment, the second electrode **272** or **543** and the fourth electrode **274** or **547** may be connected, directly or indirectly, to a voltage detector.

[0098] In an embodiment, the processor **550** may perform calculations based on the AC current generated from the AC current source and the voltage signal generated from the voltage sensor to determine a parasitic impedance value according to parasitic components generated from the at least one electrode.

[0099] In an embodiment, the processor **550** may monitor the impedance between the third electrode **273** or **545** and the fourth electrode **274** or **547** to determine whether a conductor is in contact with at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**.

[0100] In an embodiment, the processor **550** may utilize the resistance or current of at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** to determine whether a conductor is in contact with at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**.

[0101] In an embodiment, if a short occurs due to a conductor coming into contact with at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** while applying resistance to or applying a current through at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**, the processor **550** may deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501**.

[0102] In an embodiment, the processor **550** may determine whether the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** is removed. In an embodiment, upon detecting the removal of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501**, the processor **550** may identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first electrode **271** or **541** or the second electrode **272** or **543**. In an embodiment, if the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first electrode **271** or **541** or the second electrode **272** or **543** exceeds a specified third value, the processor **550** may output a moisture removal notification as to at least one of the first electrode **271** or **541** or the second electrode **272** or **543**.

[0103] In an embodiment, upon not detecting the removal of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501**, the processor **550** may determine whether an input for measuring a biometric signal through at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** is detected. In an embodiment, if an input for measuring a biometric signal through at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** is detected, the processor **550** may identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**. In an embodiment, if the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** exceeds a specified fourth value, the processor **550** may output a moisture removal notification as to at least one of the third electrode

273 or 545 or the fourth electrode 274 or 547.

[0104] The wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** according to an embodiment may include a display **530**. The wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** according to an embodiment may include an audio output circuit **170**. The wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** according to an embodiment may include a haptic module **179**. In an embodiment, the processor **550** may output a moisture removal notification as to at least one electrode through at least one of the display **530**, the audio output circuit **170**, or the haptic module **179**.

[0105] FIG. **6** is a flowchart **600** for describing a function control method of the wearable electronic device **501** according to an example embodiment.

[0106] In the following embodiments, operations may be performed in sequence, but are not necessarily performed sequentially. For example, the order of operations may be changed, and at least two operations may be performed in parallel.

[0107] According to an embodiment, operations **610** to **640** may be understood to be executed by the processor (e.g., processor **550** in FIG. **5**) of the wearable electronic device (e.g., wearable electronic device **501** of FIG. **5**).

[0108] With reference to FIG. **6**, at operation **610**, the processor **550** of the wearable electronic device **501** may repeatedly identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode at specified time points.

[0109] In an embodiment, the biometric sensor circuit (e.g., biometric sensor circuit **540** in FIG. **5**) may include a bioelectrical impedance analysis (BIA) sensor. In an embodiment, the BIA sensor may include a plurality of electrodes. For example, the plurality of electrodes may include a first electrode (e.g., first electrode **541** in FIG. **5**), a second electrode (e.g., second electrode **543** of FIG. **5**), a third electrode (e.g., third electrode **545** in FIG. **5**), and/or a fourth electrode (e.g., fourth electrode **547** in FIG. **5**). For example, the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** may be disposed on the rear surface (e.g., rear surface **210B** in FIG. **3**) of the wearable electronic device **501** so that they can come into contact with the user's wrist when the wearable electronic device **501** is worn. The third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may be disposed on the side surface (e.g., side surface **210C** in FIG. **3**) of the wearable electronic device **501** so that they can come into contact with a user's finger (e.g., a finger of the hand not wearing the wearable electronic device **501**).

[0110] In an embodiment, the processor **550** may repeatedly measure the impedance value of the user's body at specified time points by using the plurality of electrodes. For example, the periodicity of the specified time points may be, but not limited to, about 30 seconds.

[0111] In an embodiment, when the plurality of electrodes are in contact with the body, the plurality of electrodes and the user's body may form a closed circuit. For example, the first electrode **541** that comes into contact with the wrist (e.g., left wrist or right wrist) of the hand wearing the wearable electronic device **501** may be connected, directly or indirectly, to an AC current source, and the second electrode **543** may be connected, directly or indirectly, to a voltage detector. In addition, the third electrode **545** that comes into contact with a finger (e.g., right finger or left finger) of the hand not wearing the wearable electronic device **501** may be connected, directly or indirectly, to the AC current source, and the fourth electrode **547** may be connected, directly or indirectly, to the voltage detector.

[0112] In an embodiment, the parasitic impedance value may be obtained through calculations based on the AC current generated from the AC current source and the voltage signal of the voltage sensor connected, directly or indirectly, to both electrodes (e.g., second electrode **543** and fourth electrode **547**). In an embodiment, the parasitic impedance value may be obtained by computing the current of the AC current flowing out through the parasitic component generated at each electrode.

[0113] In an embodiment, the processor **550** may apply an AC current to the user's body, and calculate the impedance value (Z) of the electrode based on Equation 1 below. For example, the

biometric sensor circuit **540** may apply a current of a specified AC current value (e.g., about 5 to 250 kHz) to the body connected, directly or indirectly, to two electrodes (e.g., first electrode **541** and third electrode **545** connected to the AC current source). The biometric sensor circuit **540** may measure the voltage between two other electrodes (e.g., second electrode **543** and fourth electrode **547** connected to the voltage detector) to identify the impedance value of the body between the current loop formed between the portions where the electrodes are in contact.

[00001] $Z = R + jX$ (R : resistance component, j : integer, X : reactance component) [Equation 1]

[0114] Equation 1 is an example to help understanding, and without being limited thereto, may be modified, applied, or expanded in various ways.

[0115] In an embodiment, at operation **620**, if the parasitic impedance value exceeds a specified first value, the processor **550** may identify the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**.

[0116] In an embodiment, determining whether the parasitic impedance value exceeds the stored first value may be an operation of determining whether moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0117] In an embodiment, the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** may be in contact with the wrist where current does not easily flow, and the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may not allow current to easily flow as they are exposed to the air without contacting a user's finger. In this case, the parasitic impedance value of each electrode may be less than or equal to, but not limited to, about 100 pF.

[0118] In an embodiment, when moisture is detected as the wearable electronic device **501** is submerged immersed in water, as a state where electricity can flow relatively easily, the parasitic impedance value of the electrode in contact with the water may increase by about 1000 times.

[0119] In an embodiment, if it is identified that the parasitic impedance value of the electrode in contact with water increases by about 1000 times and exceeds the specified first value, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and may identify the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**.

[0120] In an embodiment, the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** that come into contact with the user's wrist may have low contact resistance, but the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may not conduct current as they are exposed to the air without contacting the user's finger. In this case, the contact resistance of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may increase by about 50 times compared to when they come into contact with water.

[0121] In an embodiment, at operation **630**, if the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is less than or equal to the specified second value, the processor **550** may determine whether the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** are shorted.

[0122] As described above, if it is identified that the contact resistance of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** does not increase by about 50 times and the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is less than or equal to the specified second value, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and perform a short-circuit identify of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**.

[0123] In an embodiment, the processor **550** may monitor the impedance between the electrodes to determine whether a conductor is in contact with one electrode (e.g., lead-off). For example, the processor **550** may monitor the impedance of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** by using the resistance or current of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** to identify whether a conductor is in contact with the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**.

[0124] In an embodiment, at operation **640**, if a short occurs due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device **501**. For example, if a short occurs due to a conductor contacting the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may deactivate some functions

of the wearable electronic device **501**. For example, those deactivated functions of the wearable electronic device **501** may include, but not limited to, the touch functionality.

[0125] In FIG. **6** according to various embodiments, if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode exceeds a specified first value, the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is less than or equal to a specified second value, and a short occurs due to a conductor in the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and may deactivate some functions (e.g., touch function) of the wearable electronic device **501**. Upon determining that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**, the processor **550** deactivates the touch functionality, thereby preventing or reducing battery discharge that may occur due to unnecessary touch caused by moisture, as well as preventing or reducing corrosion that may occur in the electrode due to moisture.

[0126] In FIG. **6** according to various embodiments, it has been described that if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode exceeds the specified first value, the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is less than or equal to the specified second value, and a short occurs due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, it is determined that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**. But without being limited thereto, for example, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** based on at least two conditions (e.g., a condition in which the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode exceeds a specified first value and a short occurs due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** and/or a condition in which the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is less than or equal to a specified second value and a short occurs due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**).

[0127] FIG. **7** is a diagram **700** for explaining a method for identifying the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode according to an example embodiment.

[0128] With reference to FIG. **7**, the wearable electronic device **501** may include a biometric sensor circuit **540**, a current-voltage measurement circuit **710**, a current-voltage path configuration circuit **750**, and/or a processor **550**.

[0129] In an embodiment, the biometric sensor circuit **540** may include four electrodes **541**, **543**, **545** and **547**, four ports **721**, **722**, **723** and **724**, and/or four circuit elements **731**, **732**, **733** and **734**. The electrodes **541**, **543**, **545** and **547** are disposed on the surface (e.g., rear surface **210B** or side surface **201C** in FIG. **3**) of the wearable electronic device **501** so as to be in contact with the user's body, and thus may be electrically connected to each other through the body. The first electrode **541** may be electrically connected to the first port **721** via the first circuit element **731**. The second electrode **543** may be electrically connected to the second port **722** via the second circuit element **732**. The third electrode **545** may be electrically connected to the third port **723** via the third circuit element **733**. The fourth electrode **547** may be electrically connected to the fourth port **724** via the fourth circuit element **734**. Each of the circuit elements **731**, **732**, **733** and **734** may include electronic components (e.g., capacitor and resistor) to remove DC components from the electric signal flowing from the corresponding port to the corresponding electrode (or, flowing in opposite direction). The circuit elements **731**, **732**, **733** and **734** may respectively have $Z_{sub.S1}$, $Z_{sub.S2}$, $Z_{sub.S3}$ and $Z_{sub.S4}$ as impedance components given at the time of circuit design, and these impedance components may be named as characteristic impedance. Impedance components $Z_{sub.C1}$, $Z_{sub.C2}$, $Z_{sub.C3}$ and $Z_{sub.C4}$ may be generated respectively between the body and the electrodes **541**, **543**, **545** and **547**, and these may be named as contact impedance. The contact impedance may vary depending on the surface condition (e.g., skin condition) of the body. The contact impedance may also vary depending on the frequency of the applied electrical signal. The impedance component $Z_{sub.B}$ present between contact impedances is the component to be obtained, and $Z_{sub.B}$ may be named as bio-impedance. Impedance components $Z_{sub.P1}$,

Z.sub.P2, Z.sub.P3 and Z.sub.P4 that are not intended at the time of circuit design may be parasitic respectively between the electrodes **541**, **543**, **545** and **547** and the ground (e.g., ground of the wearable electronic device **501**), and these may be named parasitic impedance.

[0130] In various embodiments, the current-voltage measurement circuit **710** may include a power supply port **745**, a current measurement port **746**, a first voltage measurement port **747**, a second voltage measurement port **748**, an AC signal generator **741**, an ammeter **742**, and/or a voltmeter **743**. The power supply port **745** and the current measurement port **746** may be electrically connected to the biometric sensor circuit **210** through the current-voltage path configuration circuit **750**. The AC signal generator **741** may generate an electric signal and may apply the electric signal to the biometric sensor circuit **540** through the power supply port **745**. The ammeter **742** may receive an electric signal through the current measurement port **746** from the biometric sensor circuit **540**, measure the current of the received electric signal, and transfer the current measurement value to the processor **550**. The first voltage measurement port **747** and the second voltage measurement port **748** may be electrically connected to the biometric sensor circuit **540** through the current-voltage path configuration circuit **750**. The voltmeter **743** may measure the voltage between the first voltage measurement port **747** and the second voltage measurement port **748** and transfer the voltage measurement value to the processor **550**.

[0131] In various embodiments, the current-voltage path configuration circuit **750** may electrically connect the ports **721**, **722**, **723** and **724** of the biometric sensor circuit **540** to the current-voltage measurement circuit **710** under the control of the processor **550**.

[0132] In various embodiments, the processor **550** may control the current-voltage path configuration circuit **750** to construct a current path from one of the electrodes **541**, **543**, **545** and **547** to another. The processor **550** may control the current-voltage path configuration module **750** to construct a voltage path from one of the electrodes **541**, **543**, **545** or **547** to another. The processor **550** may control the current-voltage path configuration circuit **750** to construct a voltage path in a manner that a first one of two electrodes of the voltage path is identical to a first one of two electrodes of the current path, a second one of the two electrodes of the voltage path is different from a second one of the two electrodes of the current path, and the bio-impedance Z.sub.B is not included in the voltage path. For example, the processor **550** may construct a current-voltage path in the biometric sensor circuit **540** so that the first electrode **541** is included in the current path and the voltage path, and Z.sub.B is not included in the voltage path. The processor **550** may receive current/voltage measurement values from the ammeter **742** and the voltmeter **743** in a state where the biometric sensor circuit **540** is configured with the above current-voltage path. The processor **550** may measure the parasitic impedance of the first electrode **541** (e.g., parasitic impedance Z.sub.P1 between the first electrode **541** and ground) on the current/voltage path by using the received current/voltage values. The processor **550** may measure parasitic impedances Z.sub.P2, Z.sub.P3 and Z.sub.P4 for the remaining electrodes **543**, **545** and **547** in the same manner as described above.

[0133] FIG. **8** is a diagram **800** for explaining a method for detecting moisture in the wearable electronic device **501** based on the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode according to an example embodiment.

[0134] FIG. **8** according to various embodiments may be a drawing for explaining operation **610** in FIG. **6** described above.

[0135] In FIG. **8**, the x-axis may represent the state (**801**) of the wearable electronic device (e.g., wearable electronic device **501** of FIG. **5**), and the y-axis may represent the parasitic impedance value (pF) (**803**) of an electrode according to the state of the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0136] In an embodiment, the first graph **810** represents parasitic impedance values (e.g., Z.sub.P3, Z.sub.P4 in FIG. **7**) of the third electrode (e.g., third electrode **545** in FIG. **5**) and the fourth electrode (e.g., fourth electrode **547** in FIG. **5**) in the state (**830**) where no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and in the state (**840**) where moisture is detected. With reference

to the first graph **810**, the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may be about 70 pF in the state (**830**) where no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**, and the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may be about 90,000 pF in the state (**840**) where moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0137] In an embodiment, the second graph **820** represents parasitic impedance values (e.g., Z.sub.P1, Z.sub.P2 in FIG. 7) of the first electrode (e.g., first electrode **541** in FIG. 5) and the second electrode (e.g., second electrode **543** in FIG. 5) in the state (**830**) where no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and in the state (**840**) where moisture is detected. With reference to the second graph **820**, the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** may be about 40 pF in the state (**830**) where no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**, and the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** may be about 50,000 pF in the state (**840**) where moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0138] As seen in the first graph **810** and the second graph **820** according to various embodiments, the parasitic impedance value of an electrode in a state (**830**) where no moisture is detected may be different from the parasitic impedance value of the electrode in a state (**840**) where moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0139] In an embodiment, the wearable electronic device **501** may identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode (e.g., first electrode **541**, second electrode **543**, third electrode **545**, and/or fourth electrode **547**), and may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode (e.g., first electrode **541**, second electrode **543**, third electrode **545**, and/or fourth electrode **547**) exceeds a specified value (**850**) (e.g., about 10000 pF).

[0140] The parasitic impedance values of an electrode based on the first graph **810** and the second graph **820** according to various embodiments are intended to facilitate description of the disclosure and are not limited to measured values.

[0141] FIG. **9** is a diagram **900** for explaining a method for detecting moisture in the wearable electronic device **501** based on the resistance value of at least one electrode according to an example embodiment.

[0142] FIG. **9** according to various embodiments may be a diagram for explaining operation **620** in FIG. **6** described above.

[0143] In FIG. **9**, the x-axis may represent the state (**901**) of the wearable electronic device (e.g., wearable electronic device **501** in FIG. 5), and the y-axis may represent the resistance value (ohm) (**903**) of at least one electrode according to the state of the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0144] In an embodiment, the third graph **910** represents the resistance value of the third electrode (e.g., third electrode **545** in FIG. 5) and the fourth electrode (e.g., fourth electrode **547** in FIG. 5) in a state (**930**) where no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and in a state (**940**) where moisture is detected. With reference to the third graph **910**, the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may be about 50,000 ohm in the state (**930**) where no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**, and the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may be about 1,000 ohm in the state (**940**) where moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0145] In an embodiment, the fourth graph **920** represents the resistance value of the first electrode (e.g., first electrode **541** in FIG. 5) and the second electrode (e.g., second electrode **543** in FIG. 5) in the state (**930**) where no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and in the state (**940**) where moisture is detected. With reference to the fourth graph **920**, the resistance value of the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** may be about 5000 ohm in the state (**930**) where no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**, and the resistance value of the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** may be about 1000 ohm in the state (**940**) where

moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0146] As seen in the third graph **910** and the fourth graph **920** according to various embodiments, the resistance value of the electrode in the state (**930**) where no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** may be different from the resistance value of the electrode in the state (**940**) where moisture is detected. In particular, the difference between the resistance value of the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** in the state (**930**) where no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and the resistance value of the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** in the state (**940**) where moisture is detected may be relatively small. The difference between the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** in the state (**930**) where moisture is not detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** in the state (**940**) where moisture is detected may be greater than the difference between the resistance values in the corresponding states for the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543**.

[0147] In an embodiment, by utilizing the fact that the difference between the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** in the state (**930**) where moisture is not detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** in the state (**940**) where moisture is detected is greater than the difference between the resistance values in the corresponding states for the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543**, the wearable electronic device **501** may identify the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** and determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** if the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is less than or equal to a specified value (**950**) (e.g., approximately 10000 ohm).

[0148] In various embodiments, the wearable electronic device **501** may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode (e.g., first electrode **541**, second electrode **543**, third electrode **545**, and/or fourth electrode **547**) exceeds the specified value (**850**) (e.g., about 10000 pF) according to the embodiment of FIG. **8** described above, and then it may additionally perform the embodiment of FIG. **9** described above, thereby more accurately determining that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0149] The resistance values of the electrodes in the first graph **910** and the second graph **920** according to various embodiments are intended to facilitate explanation of the disclosure and are not limited to measured values.

[0150] FIG. **10A** is a diagram **1000** illustrating electrical connections between a plurality of electrodes when the wearable electronic device **501** obtains biometric information in a state of being worn according to an example embodiment.

[0151] FIG. **10B** is a diagram **1050** illustrating electrical connections between a plurality of electrodes when the wearable electronic device **501** does not obtain biometric information in a state of being worn according to an example embodiment.

[0152] FIG. **10B** according to various embodiments may be a diagram for explaining operation **630** in FIG. **6** described above.

[0153] With reference to FIG. **10A**, the biometric sensor circuit (e.g., biometric sensor circuit **540** in FIG. **5**) of the wearable electronic device (e.g., wearable electronic device **501** in FIG. **5**) may include an electrocardiogram (ECG) sensor. In an embodiment, the ECG sensor may measure the electrical activity of the heart, e.g., electrocardiogram, by using a plurality of electrodes (e.g., first electrode **541**, second electrode **543**, third electrode **545**, and/or fourth electrode **547** in FIG. **5**).

[0154] For example, the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** may be disposed on the rear surface (e.g., rear surface **210B** in FIG. **3**) of the wearable electronic device **501**, and the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may be disposed on the side surface (e.g., side surface **210C** in FIG. **3**) of the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0155] In an embodiment, the processor (e.g., processor **550** in FIG. 5) of the wearable electronic device **501** may measure the electrocardiogram by using at least three electrodes among the plurality of electrodes. For example, the electrocardiogram may be measured by using the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** disposed on the rear surface **210B** of the wearable electronic device **501** and the third electrode **545** disposed on the side surface **210C** of the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0156] For example, the processor **550** may control the switching circuit **1005** to electrically connect the first electrode **541** to a first amplifier **1010** (e.g., instrumentation amplifier (INA)) through a first path **1041** (**1025**). The processor **550** may control the switching circuit **1005** to electrically connect the third electrode **545** to the first amplifier **1010** (e.g., INA) through a second path **1043** (**1030**). The processor **550** may control the switching circuit **1005** to electrically connect the second electrode **543** to a second amplifier **1015** (e.g., right-leg drive (RLD) amplifier) through a third path **1045** (**1035**). The first amplifier **1010** may be electrically connected, directly or indirectly, to a converter **1020** (e.g., analog-to-digital converter (ADC)).

[0157] In an embodiment, although not shown, the converter **1020** (e.g., analog-to-digital converter (ADC)) may be electrically connected, directly or indirectly, to the processor **550**.

[0158] In an embodiment, the first amplifier **1010** electrically connected, directly or indirectly, to the first electrode **541** and the third electrode **545** may generate a biometric signal by amplifying a signal input from the first electrode **541** and the third electrode **545** and reducing (or, removing) noise components. In an embodiment, the second amplifier **1015** electrically connected, directly or indirectly, to the second electrode **543** may receive signals input from the first electrode **541** and the third electrode **545** in parallel and feed back (or, output) the signals to the second electrode **543**. The feedback signal may be applied to the user's body through the second electrode **543**. The second amplifier **1015** may aim to reduce (or, remove) noise components (e.g., power noise components (e.g., about 50 to 60 Hz)) by feeding them back to the user's body.

[0159] As described above, the processor **550** may measure the electrocardiogram by using the first electrode **541** and the third electrode **545**, and feed back a feedback signal to the user's body through the second electrode **543** to reduce (or, remove) noise components, thereby improving electrocardiogram measurement performance.

[0160] In FIG. **10A** according to various embodiments, it is described that the electrocardiogram is measured by using the first electrode **541**, the second electrode **543**, and the third electrode **545**, but it is not limited thereto.

[0161] In an embodiment, when the processor **550** is not in a state of measuring biometric information by using a plurality of electrodes, it may monitor the impedance between the electrodes to determine whether a conductor is in contact with an electrode (e.g., lead-off).

[0162] For example, with reference to FIG. **10B**, the processor **550** may control the switching circuit **1005** to release the electrical connection between the first electrode **541** and the first amplifier **1010**. The processor **550** may control the switching circuit **1005** to release the electrical connection between the second electrode **543** and the second amplifier **1015**. The processor **550** may control the switching circuit **1005** to electrically connect the third electrode **545** to the first amplifier **1010** through the first path **1041** (**1055**) instead of electrically connecting the third electrode **545** to the first amplifier **1010** through the second path **1043** (**1030**). The processor **550** may control the switching circuit **1005** to electrically connect the fourth electrode **547** to the first amplifier **1010** through the second path **1043** (**1060**).

[0163] In an embodiment, in a state where the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** are electrically connected, directly or indirectly, to the first amplifier **1010** (**1055**, **1060**), the processor **550** may monitor the impedance of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** to determine whether a conductor is in contact with the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**. For example, the processor **550** may monitor the impedance of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** by using the resistance or current of the third electrode **545** and the fourth

electrode **547** to identify whether a conductor is in contact with the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**. This will be described in FIGS. **10C** and **10D** below.

[0164] FIG. **10C** is a diagram **1070** for explaining a method of monitoring the impedance of at least one electrode by using a resistor according to an example embodiment.

[0165] With reference to FIG. **10C**, when monitoring the impedance of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** by using a resistor, the processor **550** may apply a pull-up resistance to the resistor **1071** connected to the third electrode **545** and apply a pull-down resistance to the resistor **1073** connected to the fourth electrode **547**. In the above state, if a conductor comes into contact with the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** (e.g., in the case of contact), a short may occur at the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**. Based on the occurrence of a short at the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may identify the state of a conductor in contact with the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**. Without being limited thereto, in a state where a pull-up resistance is applied to the resistor **1071** connected to the third electrode **545** and a pull-down resistance is applied to the resistor **1073** connected to the fourth electrode **547**, the voltage value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may change depending on the impedance of a conductor. The processor **550** may identify the state of the conductor in contact with the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** based on the changed voltage value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**.

[0166] FIG. **10D** is a diagram **1090** for explaining a method of monitoring the impedance of at least one electrode by using a current according to an example embodiment.

[0167] In an embodiment, when monitoring the impedance of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** by using a current, the processor **550** may apply a current to the ammeter **1091** connected, directly or indirectly, to the third electrode **545** and the ammeter **1093** connected, directly or indirectly, to the fourth electrode **547**. In the above state, if a conductor comes into contact with the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**, a short may occur at the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**. Based on the occurrence of a short at the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may identify the state of the conductor in contact with the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**. Without being limited thereto, the impedance value of the conductor may change due to a current flowing in the ammeter **1091** connected, directly or indirectly, to the third electrode **545** and the ammeter **1093** connected, directly or indirectly, to the fourth electrode **547**. The processor **550** may identify the state of a conductor in contact with the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** based on the changed impedance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**.

[0168] In various embodiments, the wearable electronic device **501** may determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode (e.g., first electrode **541**, second electrode **543**, third electrode **545**, and/or fourth electrode **547**) exceeds the specified value (**850**) (e.g., about 10000 pF) according to the embodiment of FIGS. **8** and **9** described above, and then it may additionally perform the embodiment of FIGS. **10B** to **10D** described above, thereby more accurately determining that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0169] FIG. **11** is a diagram **1100** illustrating the moisture detection circuit **1110** of the wearable electronic device **501** according to an example embodiment.

[0170] With reference to FIG. **11**, the wearable electronic device (e.g., wearable electronic device **501** in FIG. **5**) may include a moisture detection circuit **1110**. For example, the moisture detection circuit **1110** may be disposed between the third electrode (e.g., third electrode **545** in FIG. **5**) and the fourth electrode (e.g., fourth electrode **547** in FIG. **5**) arranged on the side surface (e.g., side surface **210C** in FIG. **3**) of the wearable electronic device **501**. Without being limited thereto, the moisture detection circuit **1110** may be disposed between the third electrode **545**, the fourth electrode **547**, and the housing (e.g., housing **210** in FIG. **2**).

[0171] In an embodiment, the processor (e.g., processor **550** in FIG. **5**) of the wearable electronic

device **501** may detect moisture through the moisture detection circuit **1110**. When moisture is detected through the moisture detection circuit **1110**, the processor **550** may activate the biometric sensor circuit (e.g., biometric sensor circuit **540** in FIG. 5). For example, the biometric sensor circuit **540** may be activated by being powered through the VCC terminal **1120** or **1125** and the GND terminal **1130** or **1135** connected, directly or indirectly, respectively to the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**. Thereafter, the processor **550** may identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode.

[0172] In various embodiments, instead of repeatedly identifying the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first electrode **541**, the second electrode **543**, the third electrode **545**, and/or the fourth electrode **547** at specified time points at operation **610** in FIG. 6 described above, in the embodiment of FIG. 11, when moisture is detected through the moisture detection circuit **1110**, the biometric sensor circuit **540** may be activated to identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode. Thereafter, the processor **550** may perform operations **620** to **640** in FIG. 6.

[0173] In FIG. 11 according to various embodiments, activating the biometric sensor circuit **540** to identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode when moisture is detected through the moisture detection circuit **1110** may reduce current consumption in comparison to the case where the biometric sensor circuit **540** is repeatedly activated at specified time points to identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode.

[0174] FIG. 12 is a flowchart **1200** for refining the operations of FIG. 6 according to an example embodiment.

[0175] In the following embodiment, operations may be performed sequentially, but are not necessarily performed in sequence. For example, the order of operations may be changed, and at least two operations may be performed in parallel.

[0176] According to an embodiment, operations **1205** to **1230** may be understood to be executed by the processor (e.g., processor **550** in FIG. 5) of the wearable electronic device (e.g., wearable electronic device **501** in FIG. 5).

[0177] With reference to FIG. 12, at operation **1205**, the processor **550** of the wearable electronic device **501** may repeatedly identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode at designated time points.

[0178] In an embodiment, the wearable electronic device **501** may include a biometric sensor circuit (e.g., biometric sensor circuit **540** in FIG. 5). The biometric sensor circuit **540** may include a plurality of electrodes for obtaining biometric information of the user. The plurality of electrodes may include a first electrode (e.g., first electrode **541** in FIG. 5), a second electrode (e.g., second electrode **543** in FIG. 5), a third electrode (e.g., third electrode **545** in FIG. 5), and a fourth electrode (e.g., fourth electrode **547** in FIG. 5). For example, the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** may be disposed on the rear surface (e.g., rear surface **210B** in FIG. 3) of the wearable electronic device **501** so as to come into contact with the user's wrist. The third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may be disposed on the side surface (e.g., side surface **210C** in FIG. 3) of the wearable electronic device **501** so as to come into contact with a user's finger.

[0179] In an embodiment, the processor **550** may identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode among the plurality of electrodes. In an embodiment, at operation **1210**, the processor **550** may determine whether the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode exceeds a specified first value (e.g., specified value (**850**) in FIG. 8 (e.g., about 10000 pF)).

[0180] In an embodiment, if the parasitic impedance value exceeds the specified first value (e.g., specified value (**850**) in FIG. 8 (e.g., about 10000 pF)) (e.g., YES at operation **1210**), at operation **1215**, the processor **550** may identify the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** disposed on the side surface (e.g., side surface **210C** in FIG. 3). At operation **1220**, the processor **550** may determine whether the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds a specified second value (e.g., specified value (**950**) in FIG. 9 (e.g., about 10000 ohm)).

[0181] In an embodiment, if the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** does not exceed a specified second value (e.g., specified value **(950)** in FIG. **9** (e.g., about 10000 ohm)) (e.g., NO at operation **1220**), at operation **1225**, the processor **550** may determine whether a short has occurred due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**. If it is determined that a short has occurred due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** (e.g., YES at operation **1225**), at operation **1230**, the processor **550** may deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0182] In an embodiment, if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode does not exceed the first specified value (e.g., specified value **(850)** in FIG. **8** (e.g., about 10,000 pF)) (e.g., NO at operation **1210**), if the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** exceeds the second specified value (e.g., specified value **(950)** in FIG. **9** (e.g., about 10,000 ohm)) (e.g., YES at operation **1220**), or if no short has occurred due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** (e.g., NO at operation **1225**), the processor **550** may determine that moisture is not detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and may proceed to operation **1205**.

[0183] In FIG. **12** according to various embodiments, if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode exceeds the specified first value (e.g., specified value **(850)** in FIG. **8** (e.g., about 10,000 pF)), if the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is less than or equal to the specified second value (e.g., specified value **(950)** in FIG. **9** (e.g., about 10,000 ohm)), and if a short has occurred due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may more accurately determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**. According to the conditions described above, the processor **550** may more accurately identify a situation in which moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** and deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device **501**, so it is possible to prevent or reduce battery discharge due to unnecessary functions that may be executed because of moisture, and also possible to prevent or reduce corrosion of electrodes included in the wearable electronic device **501** due to moisture.

[0184] FIG. **13** is a flowchart **1300** for explaining a method of outputting a moisture removal notification in the wearable electronic device **501** according to an example embodiment.

[0185] In the following embodiment, operations may be performed sequentially, but are not necessarily performed in sequence. For example, the order of operations may be changed, and at least two operations may be performed in parallel.

[0186] According to an embodiment, operations **1305** to **1345** may be understood to be performed by the processor (e.g., processor **550** in FIG. **5**) of the wearable electronic device (e.g., wearable electronic device **501** in FIG. **5**).

[0187] With reference to FIG. **13**, at operation **1305**, the processor **550** of the wearable electronic device **501** may determine whether removal of the wearable electronic device **501** has been detected. For example, the processor **550** may detect the wearing state of the wearable electronic device **501** through at least one sensor, such as an acceleration sensor, a geomagnetic sensor, a gyro sensor, and/or an IR sensor.

[0188] In an embodiment, upon detecting removal of the wearable electronic device **501** (e.g., YES at operation **1305**), at operation **1310**, the processor **550** may identify the parasitic impedance value (e.g., Z.sub.P1 and/or Z.sub.P2 in FIG. **7**) of the first electrode (e.g., first electrode **541** in FIG. **5**) and/or the second electrode (e.g., second electrode **543** in FIG. **5**).

[0189] In an embodiment, at operation **1315**, the processor **550** may determine whether the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** exceeds a specified third value (e.g., about 200 pF). If the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** exceeds the specified third value (e.g., about 200 pF) (e.g., YES at operation **1315**), at operation **1320**, the processor **550** may output a moisture removal notification as to the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543**.

[0190] For example, with reference to Table 1 below, when moisture is detected while the wearable electronic device **501** is not worn on the body, the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** may be about 250 pF, and when moisture is not detected while the wearable electronic device **501** is not worn on the body, the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** may be about 27 pF. The parasitic impedance values of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** described in Table 1 below according to various embodiments are intended to facilitate explanation of the disclosure and are not limited to those given values.

TABLE-US-00001 TABLE 1 Moisture detection state while wearable electronic device (501) is not worn on body

Parasitic impedance value of first electrode (541)	Parasitic impedance value of second electrode (543)
Moisture is detected while about 250 pF	about 250 pF
Moisture is not detected while about 27 pF	about 27 pF

[0191] In an embodiment, if the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** exceeds a specified third value (e.g., about 200 pF), the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543**, and output a moisture removal notification. For example, the moisture removal notification may be output through the display (e.g., display **530** in FIG. 5), the audio module (e.g., audio module **170** in FIG. 1), and/or the haptic module (e.g., haptic module **179** in FIG. 1).

[0192] In an embodiment, upon not detecting removal of the wearable electronic device **501** (e.g., NO at operation **1305**), at operation **1325**, the processor **550** may detect an input for measuring a biometric signal through the third electrode (e.g., third electrode **545** in FIG. 5) and/or the fourth electrode (e.g., fourth electrode **547** in FIG. 5). For example, an input for measuring a biometric signal through the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** may be an input by contacting a user's finger (e.g., a finger of the hand not wearing the wearable electronic device **501**) for measuring a biometric signal.

[0193] In an embodiment, at operation **1330**, the processor **550** may identify the parasitic impedance value (e.g., Z.sub.P3 and/or Z.sub.P4 in FIG. 7) of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, and, at operation **1335**, the processor **550** may determine whether the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds a specified fourth value (e.g., about 200 pF).

[0194] For example, with reference to Table 2 below, when moisture is not detected while the wearable electronic device **501** is worn on the body, the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** may be about 43 pF, and the parasitic impedance value of the fourth electrode **547** may be about 45 pF. When moisture is detected while the wearable electronic device **501** is worn on the body, the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** may be about 249 pF, and the parasitic impedance value of the fourth electrode **547** may be about 247 pF. The parasitic impedance values of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** described in Table 2 below according to various embodiments are intended to facilitate explanation of the disclosure and are not limited to those given values.

TABLE-US-00002 TABLE 2 Moisture detection state while wearable electronic device (501) is worn on body

Parasitic impedance value of third electrode (545)	Parasitic impedance value of fourth electrode (547)
Moisture is not detected while about 43 pF	about 45 pF
Moisture is detected while about 249 pF	about 247 pF

[0195] In an embodiment, if the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds the specified fourth value (e.g., about 200 pF) (e.g., YES at operation **1335**), at operation **1340**, the processor **550** may output a moisture removal notification as to the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**. For example, the moisture removal notification may be output through the display (e.g., display **530** in FIG. 5), the audio module (e.g., audio

module **170** in FIG. **1**), and/or the haptic module (e.g., haptic module **179** in FIG. **1**).

[0196] In an embodiment, if the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** does not exceed the specified value (e.g., NO at operation **1335**), in operation **1345**, the processor **550** may measure a biometric signal by using the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**.

[0197] In an embodiment, when an input for measuring a biometric signal through the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is detected, above-described operations **1330** and **1335** are performed to provide a moisture removal notification when moisture is detected in the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, so that the user may attempt biometric measurement after removing moisture detected in the electrode. Hence, when attempting biometric measurement in a state where moisture is detected, it is possible to prevent or reduce corrosion of the electrode due to moisture.

[0198] In FIG. **13** according to various embodiments, operation **1305** for determining whether removal of the wearable electronic device **501** has been detected may be omitted.

[0199] For example, regardless of whether the wearable electronic device **501** is worn, it is possible to determine whether moisture is detected at the first electrode **541**, the second electrode **543**, the third electrode **545**, and/or the fourth electrode **547** based on the parasitic impedance values of the first electrode **541**, the second electrode **543**, the third electrode **545**, and/or the fourth electrode **547**.

[0200] For example, even if removal of the wearable electronic device **501** is not detected, the processor **550** may determine whether moisture is detected at the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** based on the parasitic impedance values of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543**.

[0201] In an embodiment, with reference to Table 3 below, when moisture is detected while the wearable electronic device **501** is worn on the body, the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** may be about 250 pF, and when moisture is not detected while the wearable electronic device **501** is worn on the body, the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** may be about 27 pF. The parasitic impedance values of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** described in Table 3 below according to various embodiments are intended to facilitate explanation of the disclosure and are not limited to those given values.

TABLE-US-00003

TABLE 3	Moisture detection state	Parasitic impedance value of first electrode (541)	Parasitic impedance value of second electrode (543)
Moisture is detected while wearable electronic device (501) is worn on body	about 250 pF	about 250 pF	
Moisture is not detected while wearable electronic device (501) is worn on body	about 27 pF	about 27 pF	

[0202] In an embodiment, if the parasitic impedance value of the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543** exceeds the specified third value (e.g., about 200 pF) while the wearable electronic device **501** is worn on the body, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the first electrode **541** and/or the second electrode **543**, and output a moisture removal notification.

[0203] As another example, the processor **550** may determine whether moisture is detected at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** based on the parasitic impedance values of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** even when removal of the wearable electronic device **501** is detected.

[0204] In an embodiment, with reference to Table 4 below, when moisture is not detected while the wearable electronic device **501** is not worn on the body, the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** may be about 43 pF, and the parasitic impedance value of the fourth electrode **547** may be about 45 pF. When moisture is detected while the wearable electronic device **501** is not worn on the body, the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** may be about 249 pF,

and the parasitic impedance value of the fourth electrode **547** may be about 247 pF. The parasitic impedance values of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** described in Table 4 below according to various embodiments are intended to facilitate explanation of the disclosure and are not limited to those given values.

TABLE-US-00004 TABLE 4 detection state while wearable Parasitic Parasitic Moisture detection state while impedance impedance wearable electronic device value of third value of fourth (501) is not worn on body electrode (545) electrode (547) Moisture is not detected while about 43 pF about 45 pF wearable electronic device (501) is not worn on body Moisture is detected while about 249 pF about 247 pF wearable electronic device (501) is not worn on body

[0205] In an embodiment, if the parasitic impedance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds the specified fourth value (e.g., about 200 pF) while the wearable electronic device **501** is worn on the body, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is detected in the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, and output a moisture removal notification.

[0206] FIG. **14** is a flowchart **1400** for explaining a function control method of the wearable electronic device according to an example embodiment.

[0207] In the following embodiment, operations may be performed sequentially, but are not necessarily performed in sequence. For example, the order of operations may be changed, and at least two operations may be performed in parallel.

[0208] According to an embodiment, operations **1410** to **1440** may be understood to be performed by the processor (e.g., processor **550** in FIG. **5**) of the wearable electronic device (e.g., wearable electronic device **501** in FIG. **5**).

[0209] FIG. **14** according to various embodiments may be additional operations for FIG. **6** or FIG. **12** described above.

[0210] With reference to FIG. **14**, at operation **1410**, while deactivating some functions of the wearable electronic device **501**, the processor **550** of the wearable electronic device **501** may repeatedly identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode at specified time points.

[0211] In an embodiment, some functions (e.g., touch functionality) of the wearable electronic device **501** may be deactivated based on determining that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501** according to the embodiment of FIG. **6** or FIG. **12** described above.

[0212] In an embodiment, the biometric sensor circuit (e.g., biometric sensor circuit **540** in FIG. **5**) may include a BIA sensor. In an embodiment, the BIA sensor may include a plurality of electrodes, for example, a first electrode (e.g., first electrode **541** in FIG. **5**), a second electrode (e.g., second electrode **543** of FIG. **5**), a third electrode (e.g., third electrode **545** in FIG. **5**), and a fourth electrode (e.g., fourth electrode **547** in FIG. **5**).

[0213] In an embodiment, the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** may be disposed on the rear surface (e.g., rear surface **210B** in FIG. **3**) of the wearable electronic device **501** so that they can come into contact with the user's wrist (e.g., the wrist of the hand wearing the wearable electronic device **501**) when the wearable electronic device **501** is worn. The third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** may be disposed on the side surface (e.g., side surface **210C** in FIG. **3**) of the wearable electronic device **501** so that they can come into contact with a user's finger (e.g., a finger of the hand not wearing the wearable electronic device **501**). “On” as used herein covered both directly and indirectly on. Thus, for example, “disposed on” covers both directly and indirectly on.

[0214] In an embodiment, at operation **1420**, if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode is less than or equal to a specified first value (e.g., specified value (**850**) in FIG. **8** (e.g., about 10000 pF)), the processor **550** may identify the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**. For example, in a state where current is not likely to flow (e.g., no moisture is detected and/or being exposed to the air), the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode may be less than or equal to about 100 pF, but without being limited thereto.

[0215] In an embodiment, the operation of determining whether the parasitic impedance value is less than or equal to the stored first value may be an operation of determining whether moisture is not detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0216] In an embodiment, at operation **1430**, if the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds a specified second value (e.g., specified value (**950**) in FIG. **9** (e.g., about 10000 ohm)), the processor **550** may determine whether the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** is shorted.

[0217] In an embodiment, the operation of determining whether the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds the specified second value (e.g., specified value (**950**) in FIG. **9** (e.g., about 10000 ohm)) may be an operation of determining whether moisture is not detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0218] In an embodiment, at operation **1440**, if no short has occurred due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may activate those deactivated functions of the wearable electronic device **501**. For example, the processor **550** may monitor the impedance of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** based on the resistance or current of the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547** according to the aforementioned embodiments of FIGS. **10C** and **10D** and may determine whether a conductor is in contact with the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**. In an embodiment, if no short has occurred due to a conductor not in contact with the third electrode **545** and the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may activate those deactivated functions of the wearable electronic device **501**. For example, some functions of the wearable electronic device **501** may include, but not limited to, a touch functionality.

[0219] In operation **1410** according to various embodiments, it has been described that the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode is repeatedly identified at specified time points, but it is not limited thereto. For example, according to the embodiment of FIG. **11** described above, the wearable electronic device **501** may include a moisture detection circuit **1110**. When moisture is detected through the moisture detection circuit **1110**, the processor **550** may activate the biometric sensor circuit **540** to identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode.

[0220] In FIG. **14** according to various embodiments, if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode is less than or equal to the first specified value (e.g., specified value (**850**) in FIG. **8** (e.g., about 10000 pF)), if the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds the second specified value (e.g., specified value (**950**) in FIG. **9** (e.g., about 10000 ohm)), and if no short has occurred due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, the processor **550** may accurately determine that no moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **501**.

[0221] In FIG. **14** according to various embodiments, it has been described that if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode is less than or equal to the first specified value, if the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds the second specified value, and if no short has occurred due to a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, it is determined that moisture is not detected in the wearable electronic device **501**, but without being limited thereto. For example, the processor **550** may determine that moisture is not detected in the wearable electronic device **501** based on at least two conditions (e.g., a condition in which the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode is less than or equal to the first specified value and no short is caused by a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**, and a condition in which the resistance value of the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547** exceeds the second specified value and no short is caused by a conductor at the third electrode **545** and/or the fourth electrode **547**).

[0222] A function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** according to various embodiments may include an operation of repeatedly identifying the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode among a first electrode **271** or **541**, a second electrode **272** or **543**, a

third electrode **273** or **545**, and a fourth electrode **274** or **547** at specified time points. In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may include an operation of identifying the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** if the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode exceeds a first specified value. In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may include an operation of identifying whether at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** is shorted if the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** is less than or equal to a second specified value. In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may include an operation of deactivating some functions of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** if a short occurs due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**.

[0223] In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may further include an operation of determining that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** if a short has occurred due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**.

[0224] In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may further include an operation of connecting the first electrode **271** or **541** and the third electrode **273** or **545** to an AC current source. In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may further include an operation of connecting the second electrode **272** or **543** and the fourth electrode **274** or **547** to a voltage detector.

[0225] In an embodiment, the operation of identifying the parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode may include an operation of calculating an AC current generated from the AC current source and a voltage signal from the voltage detector to determine a parasitic impedance value according to parasitic components generated from at least one electrode.

[0226] In an embodiment, the operation of identifying whether at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** is shorted may include an operation of monitoring the impedance between the third electrode **273** or **545** and the fourth electrode **274** or **547** to determine whether a conductor is in contact with at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**.

[0227] In an embodiment, the operation of determining whether a conductor is in contact with at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** may include an operation of identifying whether a conductor is in contact with at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** by using the resistance or current of at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**.

[0228] In an embodiment, the operation of deactivating some functions of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may include an operation of deactivating some functions of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** if a short occurs due to a conductor coming into contact with at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** while applying resistance or current to at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**.

[0229] In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may further include an operation of identifying whether removal of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** is detected. In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may further include an operation of identifying the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first electrode **271** or **541** or the second electrode **272** or **543** upon detecting removal of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501**. In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may further include an operation of outputting a moisture removal notification as to at least one of the first electrode **271** or **541** or the second electrode **272** or **543** if the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first

electrode **271** or **541** or the second electrode **272** or **543** exceeds a third specified value.

[0230] In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may further include an operation of identifying whether an input for measuring a biometric signal through at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** is detected upon not detecting removal of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501**. In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may further include an operation of identifying the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** upon detecting an input for measuring a biometric signal through at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547**. In an embodiment, the function control method of the wearable electronic device **101**, **200** or **501** may further include an operation of outputting a moisture removal notification as to at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** if the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the third electrode **273** or **545** or the fourth electrode **274** or **547** exceeds a fourth specified value.

[0231] In an embodiment, the operation of outputting a moisture removal notification as to at least one electrode may include an operation of outputting a moisture removal notification as to the at least one electrode through at least one of the display **530**, the audio output circuit **170**, or the haptic module **179**.

[0232] The electronic device according to various embodiments may be one of various types of electronic devices. The electronic devices may include, for example, a portable communication device (e.g., a smartphone), a computer device, a portable multimedia device, a portable medical device, a camera, a wearable device, or a home appliance. According to an example embodiment, the electronic devices are not limited to those described above.

[0233] It should be appreciated that various embodiments of the disclosure and the terms used therein are not intended to limit the technological features set forth herein to particular embodiments and include various changes, equivalents, or replacements for a corresponding embodiment. With regard to the description of the drawings, similar reference numerals may be used to refer to similar or related elements. It is to be understood that a singular form of a noun corresponding to an item may include one or more of the things, unless the relevant context clearly indicates otherwise. As used herein, each of such phrases as “A or B,” “at least one of A and B,” “at least one of A or B,” “A, B, or C,” “at least one of A, B, and C,” and “at least one of A, B, or C,” may include any one of, or all possible combinations of the items enumerated together in a corresponding one of the phrases. As used herein, such terms as “1st” and “2nd,” or “first” and “second” may be used to simply distinguish a corresponding component from another, and does not limit the components in other aspect (e.g., importance or order). It is to be understood that if an element (e.g., a first element) is referred to, with or without the term “operatively” or “communicatively,” as “coupled with,” “coupled to,” “connected with,” or “connected to” another element (e.g., a second element), it means that the element may be coupled with the other element directly (e.g., through wires), wirelessly, or via at least a third element(s).

[0234] As used in connection with various embodiments of the disclosure, the term “module” may include a unit implemented in hardware, software, or firmware, and may interchangeably be used with other terms, for example, “logic,” “logic block,” “part,” or “circuitry.” A module may be a single integral component, or a minimum unit or part thereof, adapted to perform one or more functions. For example, according to an embodiment, the module may be implemented in a form of an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC). Thus, each “module” herein may comprise circuitry.

[0235] Various embodiments as set forth herein may be implemented as software (e.g., the program **140**) including one or more instructions that are stored in a storage medium (e.g., internal memory **136** or external memory **138**) that is readable by a machine (e.g., the electronic device **101**). For example, a processor (e.g., the processor **120**) of the machine (e.g., the electronic device **101**) may

invoke at least one of the one or more instructions stored in the storage medium, and execute it, with or without using one or more other components under the control of the processor. This allows the machine to be operated to perform at least one function according to the at least one instruction invoked. The one or more instructions may include a code generated by a compiler or a code executable by an interpreter. The machine-readable storage medium may be provided in the form of a non-transitory storage medium. Wherein, the term “non-transitory” simply means that the storage medium is a tangible device, and does not include a signal (e.g., an electromagnetic wave), but this term does not differentiate between where data is semi-permanently stored in the storage medium and where the data is temporarily stored in the storage medium.

[0236] According to an embodiment, a method according to various embodiments of the disclosure may be included and provided in a computer program product. The computer program product may be traded as a product between a seller and a buyer.

[0237] The computer program product may be distributed in the form of a machine-readable storage medium (e.g., compact disc read only memory (CD-ROM)), or be distributed (e.g., downloaded or uploaded) online via an application store (e.g., PlayStore™), or between two user devices (e.g., smart phones) directly. If distributed online, at least part of the computer program product may be temporarily generated or at least temporarily stored in the machine-readable storage medium, such as memory of the manufacturer's server, a server of the application store, or a relay server.

[0238] According to various embodiments, each component (e.g., a module or a program) of the above-described components may include a single entity or multiple entities, and some of the multiple entities may be separately disposed in different components. According to various embodiments, one or more of the above-described components may be omitted, or one or more other components may be added. Alternatively or additionally, a plurality of components (e.g., modules or programs) may be integrated into a single component. In such a case, according to various embodiments, the integrated component may still perform one or more functions of each of the plurality of components in the same or similar manner as they are performed by a corresponding one of the plurality of components before the integration. According to various embodiments, operations performed by the module, the program, or another component may be carried out sequentially, in parallel, repeatedly, or heuristically, or one or more of the operations may be executed in a different order or omitted, or one or more other operations may be added.

[0239] According to various embodiments, operations performed by the module, the program, or another component may be carried out sequentially, in parallel, repeatedly, or heuristically, or one or more of the operations may be executed in a different order or omitted, or one or more other operations may be added. While the disclosure has been illustrated and described with reference to various embodiments, it will be understood that the various embodiments are intended to be illustrative, not limiting. It will further be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes in form and detail may be made without departing from the true spirit and full scope of the disclosure, including the appended claims and their equivalents. It will also be understood that any of the embodiment(s) described herein may be used in conjunction with any other embodiment(s) described herein.

Claims

1. A wearable electronic device comprising: a housing including a first surface, a second surface opposite to the first surface, and a side surface at least partially surrounding the first surface and the second surface; a first electrode and a second electrode disposed on the second surface; a third electrode and a fourth electrode disposed on the side surface; and a processor, comprising processing circuitry, operably connected to the first electrode, the second electrode, the third electrode, and the fourth electrode, and configured to: repeatedly identify a parasitic impedance

value of at least one electrode among the first electrode, the second electrode, the third electrode, and the fourth electrode at specified time points; identify a resistance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in a case that the parasitic impedance value of the at least one electrode exceeds a first specified value; determine whether at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is shorted in a case that the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is less than or equal to a second specified value; and deactivate at least some functions of the wearable electronic device in a case that a short has occurred due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode.

2. The wearable electronic device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to determine that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device in a case that the short has occurred due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode.

3. The wearable electronic device of claim 1, wherein the first electrode and the third electrode are connected to an AC current source; and wherein the second electrode and the fourth electrode are connected to a voltage detector.

4. The wearable electronic device of claim 3, wherein the processor is configured to calculate an AC current generated from the AC current source and a voltage signal of the voltage detector to identify the parasitic impedance value according to parasitic components generated from the at least one electrode.

5. The wearable electronic device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to determine whether a conductor is in contact with at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode at least by monitoring an impedance between the third electrode and the fourth electrode.

6. The wearable electronic device of claim 5, wherein the processor is configured to determine whether a conductor is in contact with at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode by utilizing a resistance or current of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode.

7. The wearable electronic device of claim 5, wherein the processor is configured to deactivate some functions of the wearable electronic device in a case that the short has occurred due to the conductor coming into contact with at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in a state of applying a resistance and/or current to at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode.

8. The wearable electronic device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to: identify whether removal of the wearable electronic device is detected; identify a parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first electrode or the second electrode in response to detecting removal of the wearable electronic device; and output a moisture removal notification as to at least one of the first electrode or the second electrode in a case that the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first electrode or the second electrode exceeds a third specified value.

9. The wearable electronic device of claim 8, wherein the processor is configured to: identify whether an input for measuring a biometric signal through at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is detected in response to not detecting removal of the wearable electronic device; identify the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in a case that an input for measuring a biometric signal through at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is detected; and output a moisture removal notification as to at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in case that the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode exceeds a fourth specified value.

10. The wearable electronic device of claim 8, further comprising: a display, an audio output circuit, and a haptic module comprising circuitry, wherein the processor is configured to output a moisture removal notification as to the at least one electrode through at least one of the display, the audio output circuit, or the haptic module.

11. A function control method of a wearable electronic device, the method comprising: repeatedly identifying a parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode among a first electrode, a second electrode, a third electrode, and a fourth electrode of the wearable electronic device at specified

time points; identifying a resistance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in a case that the parasitic impedance value of the at least one electrode exceeds a first specified value; determining whether at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is shorted in a case that the resistance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is less than or equal to a second specified value; and deactivating some functions of the wearable electronic device in a case that a short has occurred due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode.

12. The function control method of claim 11, further comprising determining that moisture is detected in the wearable electronic device in a case that the short has occurred due to a conductor in at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode.

13. The function control method of claim 11, further comprising: connecting the first electrode and the third electrode to an AC current source; and connecting the second electrode and the fourth electrode to a voltage detector.

14. The function control method of claim 13, wherein identifying a parasitic impedance value of at least one electrode comprises identifying the parasitic impedance value based on parasitic components generated from the at least one electrode at least by calculating an AC current generated from the AC current source and a voltage signal of the voltage detector.

15. The function control method of claim 11, wherein determining whether at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is shorted comprises determining whether a conductor is in contact with at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode at least by monitoring an impedance between the third electrode and the fourth electrode.

16. The function control method of claim 15, wherein determining whether the conductor is in contact with at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode comprises determining whether a conductor is in contact with at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode at least by utilizing a resistance and/or current of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode.

17. The function control method of claim 16, wherein deactivating some functions of the wearable electronic device comprises deactivating some functions of the wearable electronic device in a case that the short has occurred due to the conductor coming into contact with at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in a state of applying the resistance and/or current to at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode.

18. The function control method of claim 11, further comprising: identifying whether removal of the wearable electronic device is detected; identifying a parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first electrode or the second electrode in response to detecting removal of the wearable electronic device; and outputting a moisture removal notification as to at least one of the first electrode or the second electrode in a case that the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the first electrode or the second electrode exceeds a third specified value.

19. The function control method of claim 18, further comprising: identifying whether an input for measuring a biometric signal through at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is detected in response to not detecting removal of the wearable electronic device; identifying the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in a case that an input for measuring a biometric signal through at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode is detected; and outputting a moisture removal notification as to at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode in a case that the parasitic impedance value of at least one of the third electrode or the fourth electrode exceeds a fourth specified value.

20. The function control method of claim 19, wherein outputting the moisture removal notification comprises outputting the moisture removal notification as to the at least one electrode through at least one of a display, an audio output circuit, or a haptic module.
