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ABSTRACT**Related U.S. Application Data**(63) Continuation of application No. 14/655,243, filed on
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A display apparatus includes a frame, an image display apparatus attached to the frame, and a distortion correction apparatus. The image display apparatus includes an image forming apparatus and an optical system configured to guide an image from the image forming apparatus to a pupil of an observer. When it is assumed that a direction, which corresponds to a first direction of the image, of the image forming apparatus is an X-direction and a direction, which corresponds to a second direction of the image which direction is different from the first direction, of the image forming apparatus is a Y-direction, the image forming apparatus is curved in the X-direction and/or in the Y-direction. The distortion correction apparatus corrects an input image signal to correct a distortion of an image to be observed.

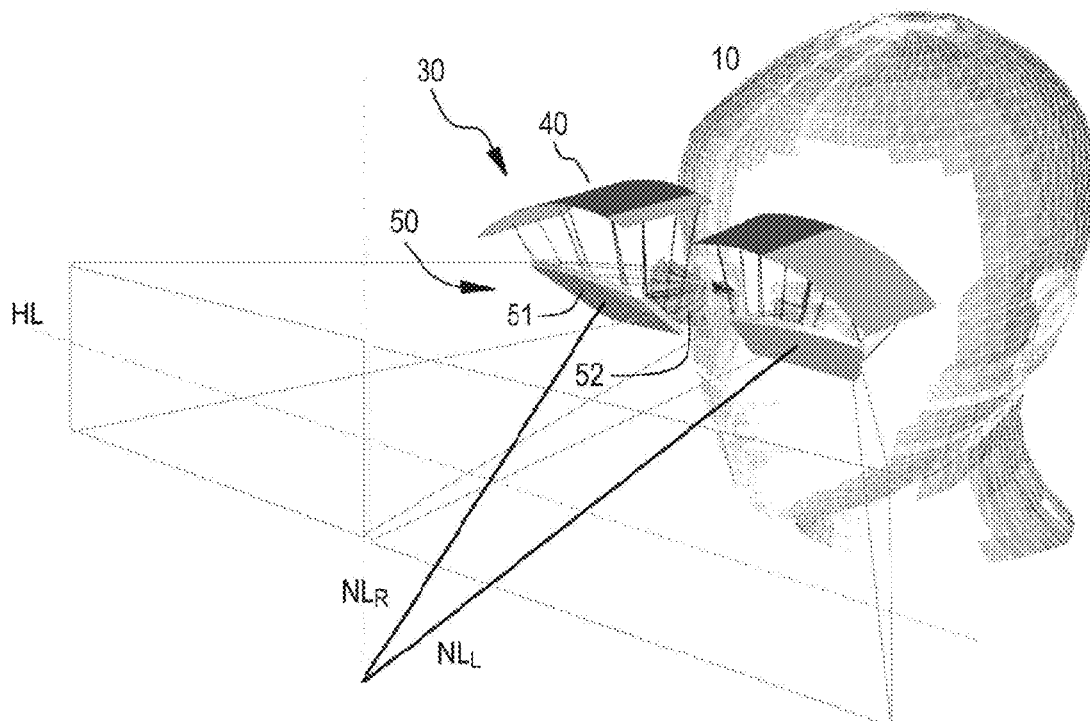


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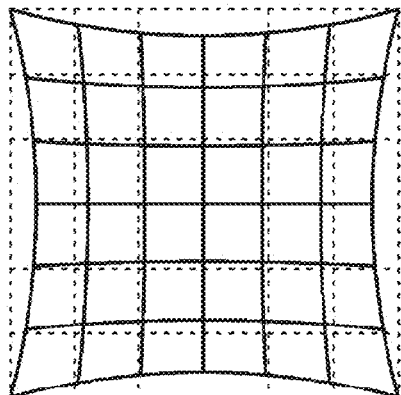


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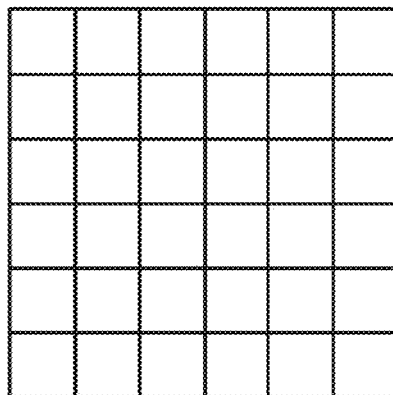


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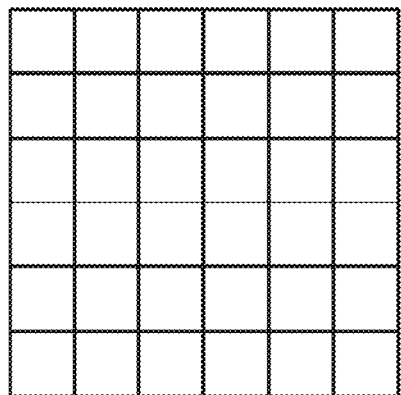


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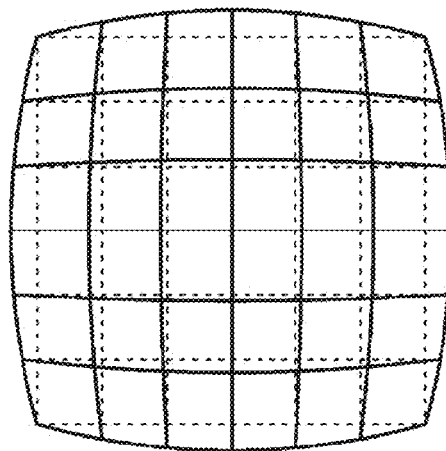


FIG. 2A

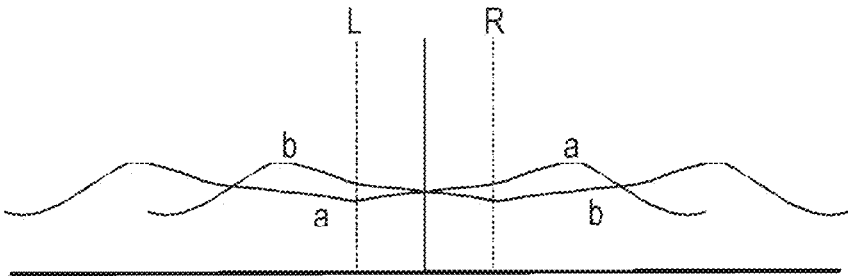


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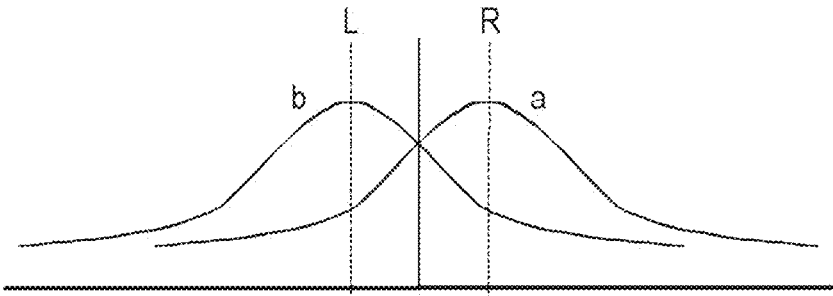


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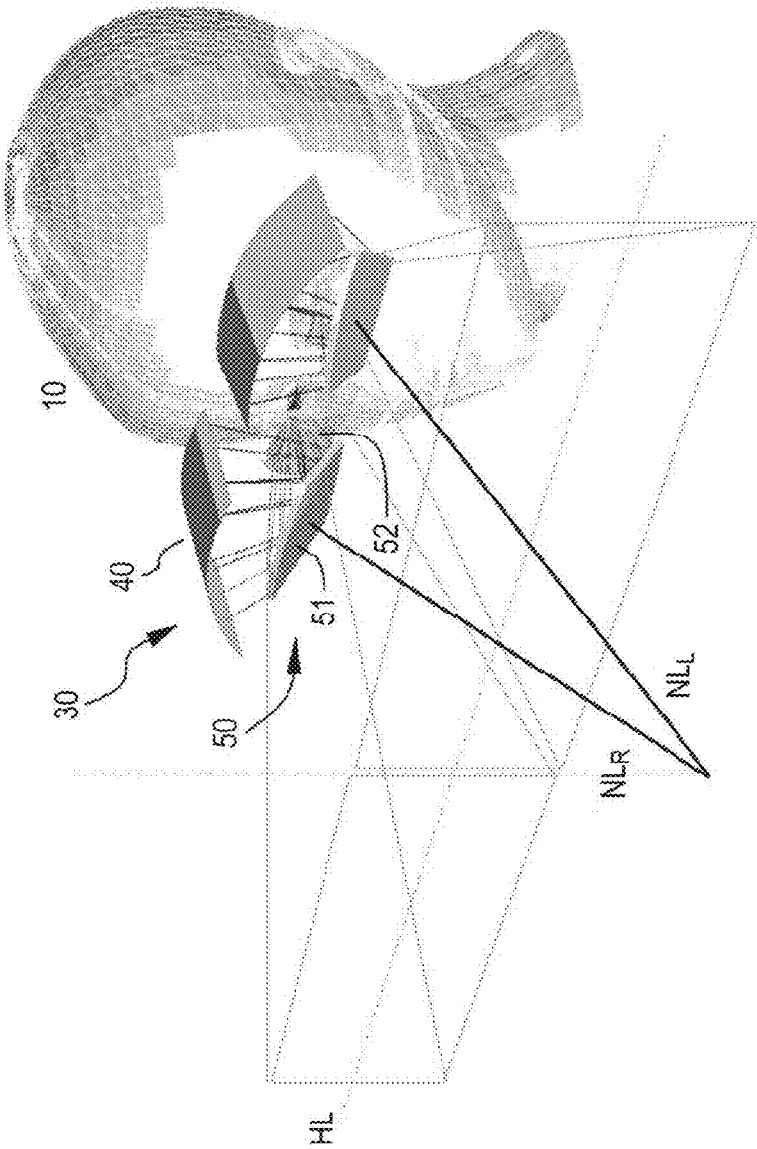


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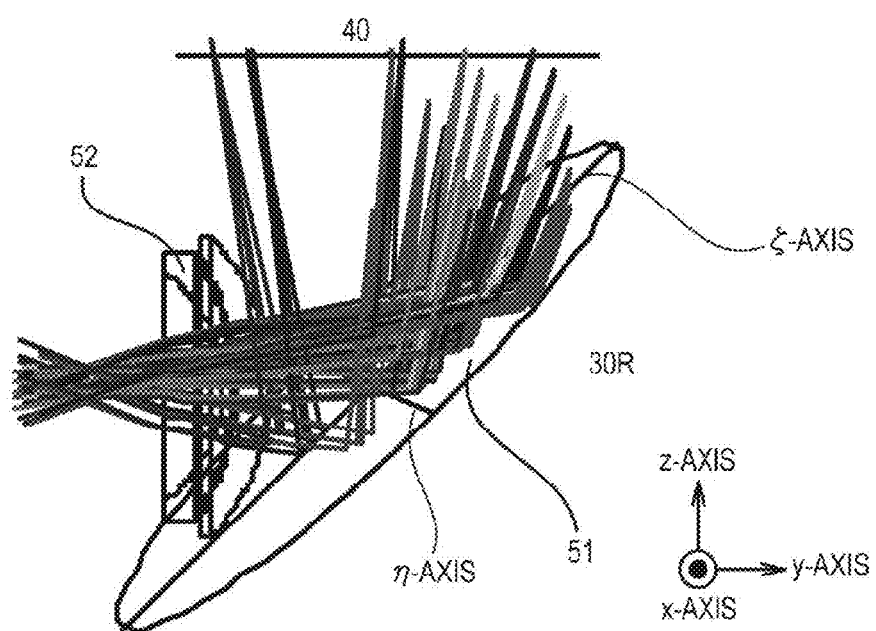


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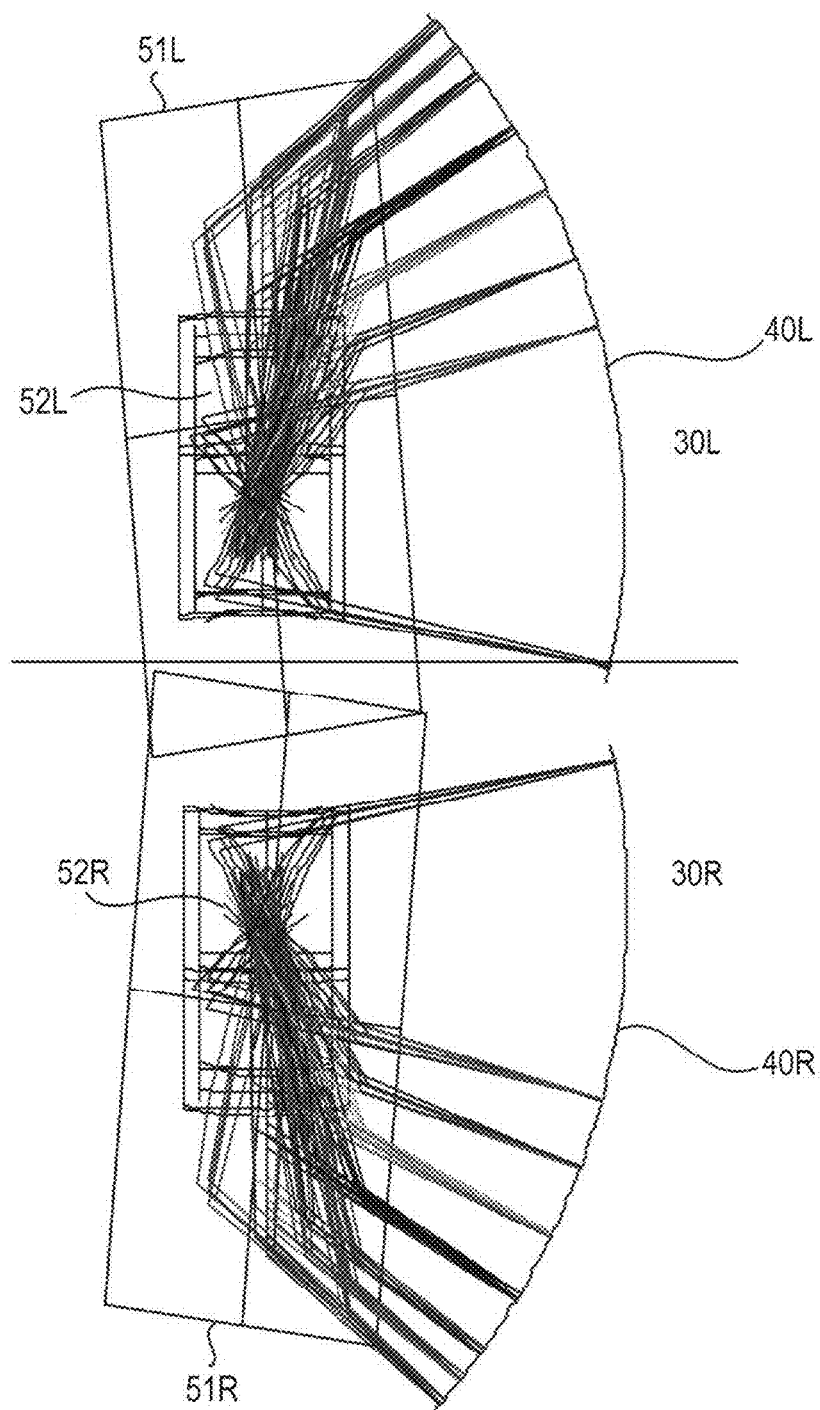


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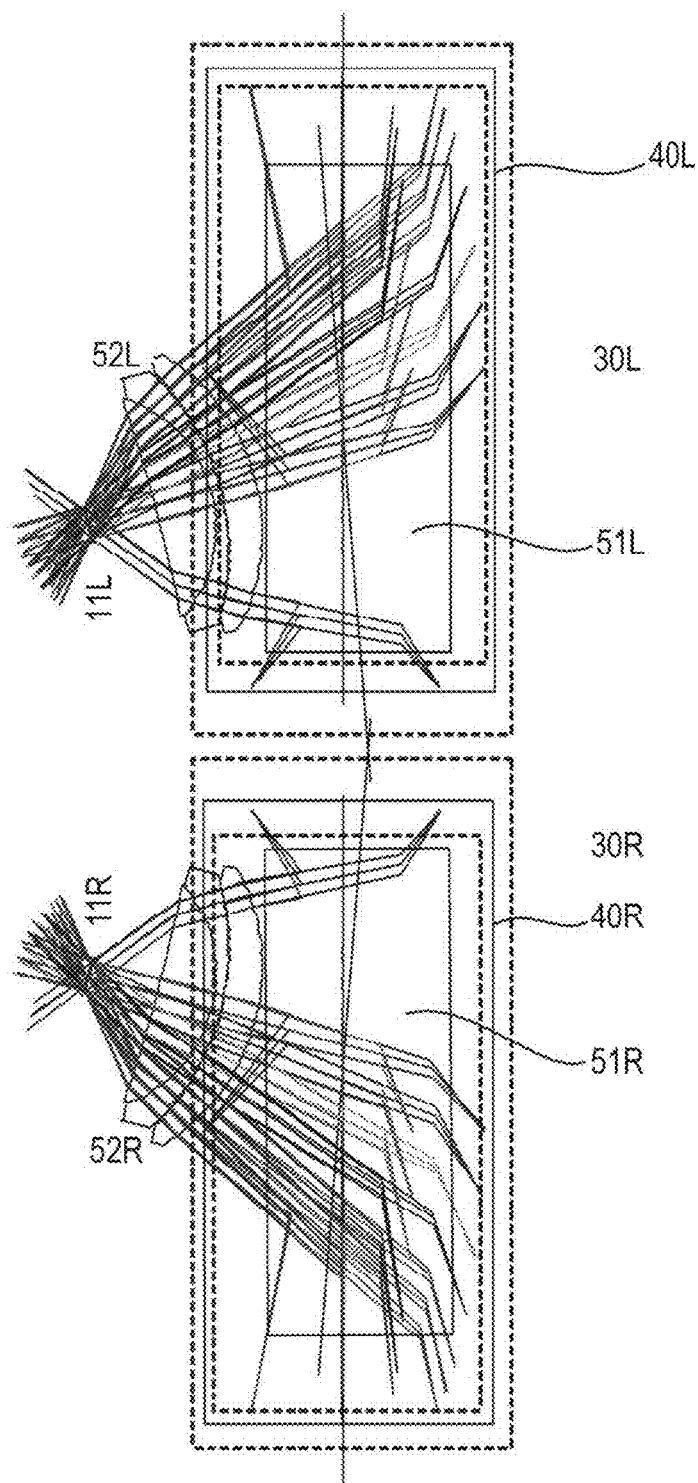


FIG. 7A

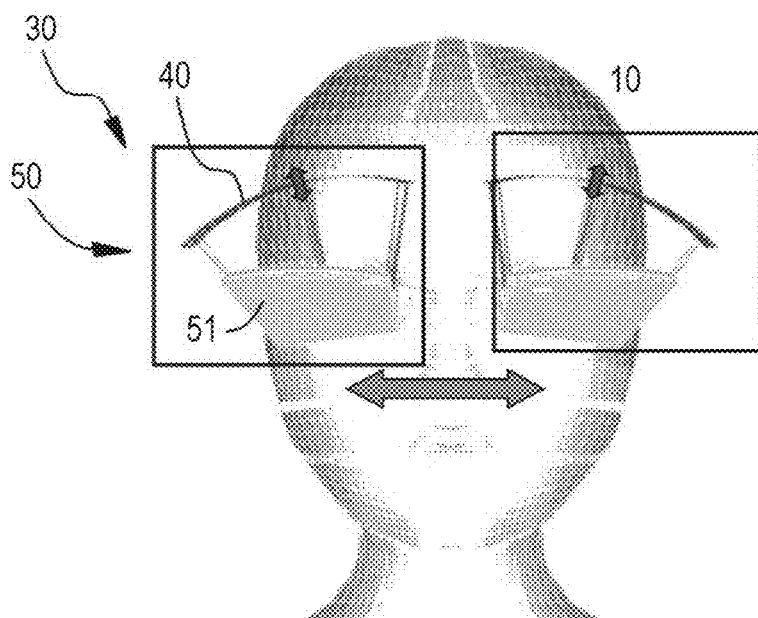


FIG. 7B

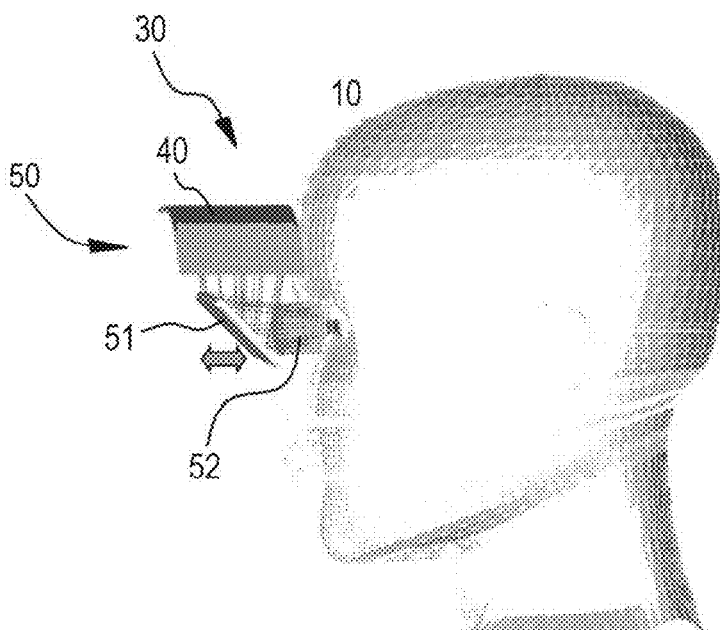


FIG. 8A

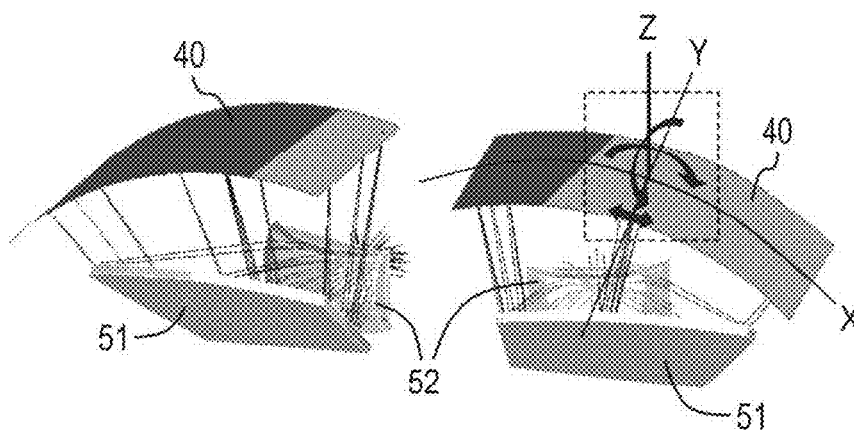


FIG. 8B

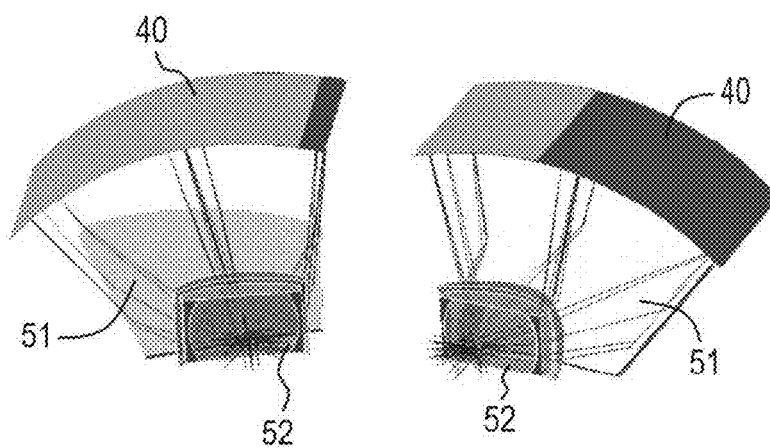


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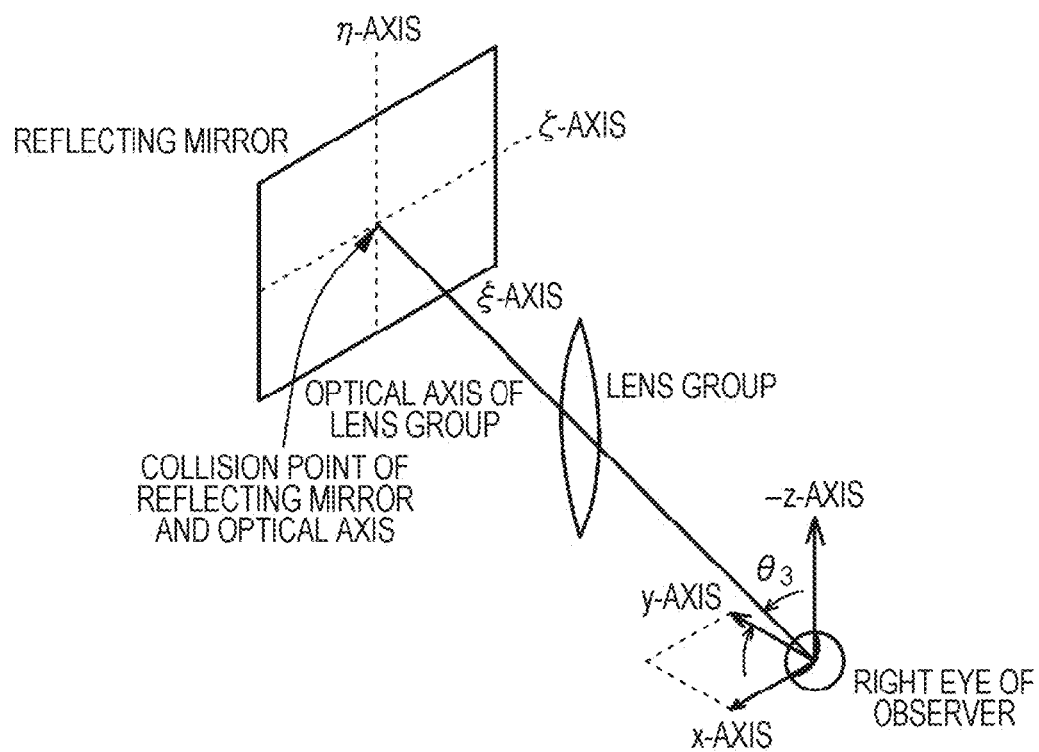


FIG. 10A

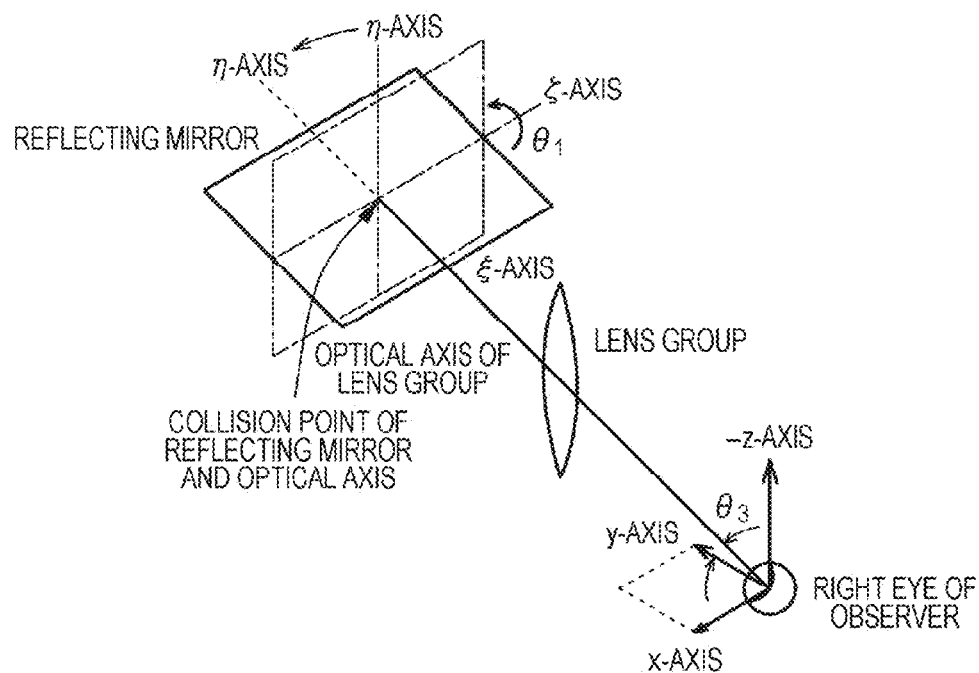


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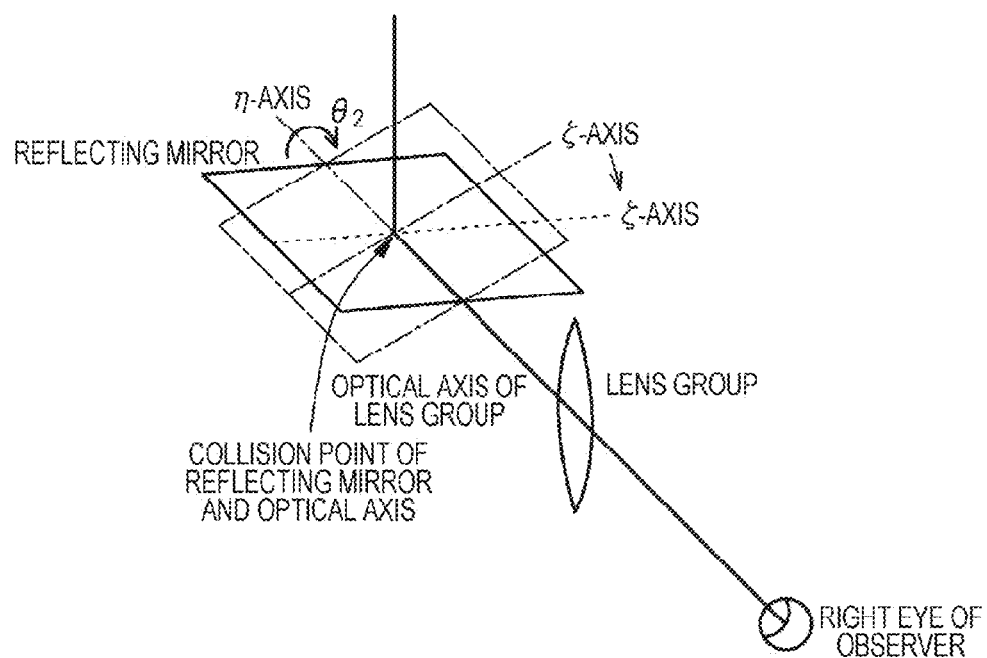


FIG. 11A

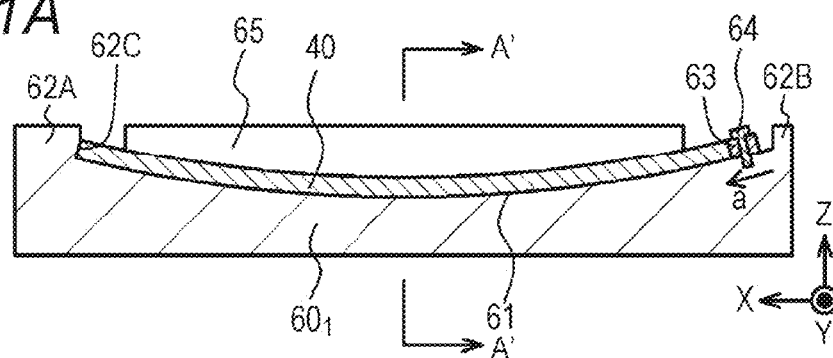


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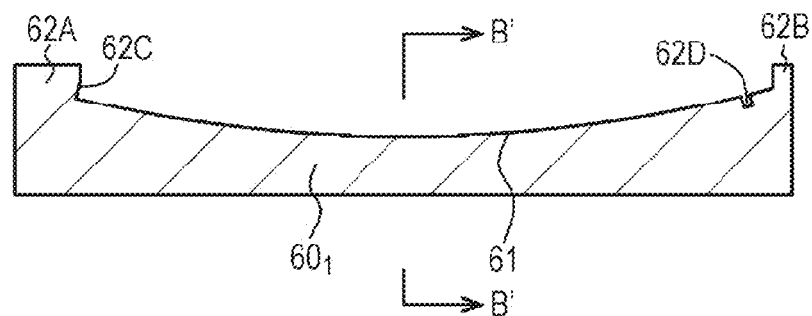


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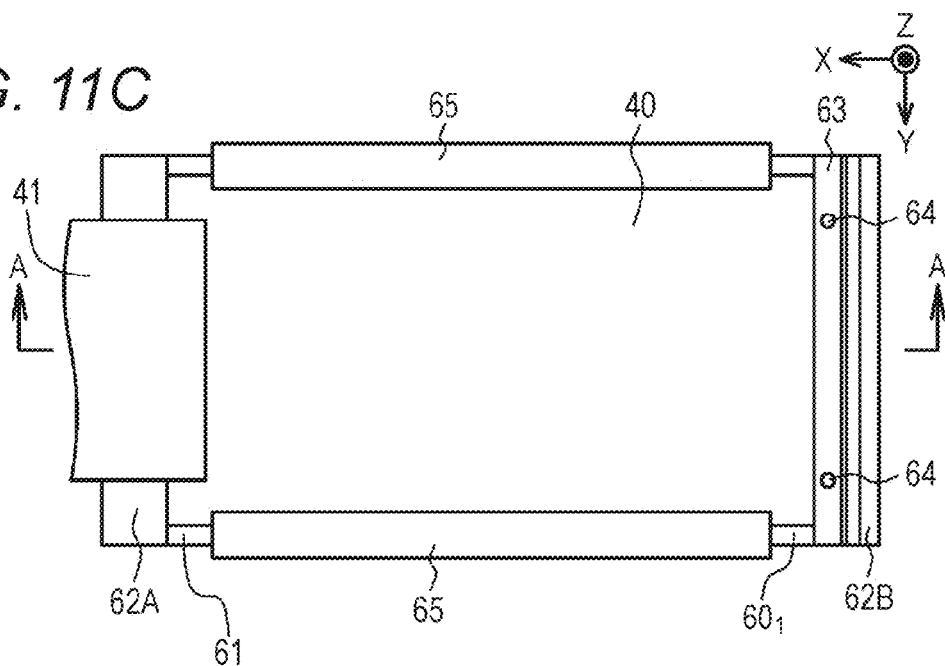


FIG. 12A

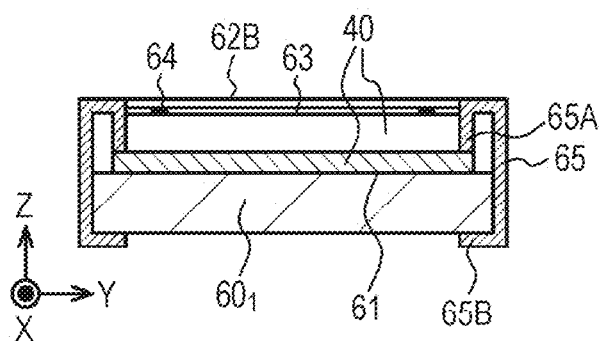


FIG. 12B

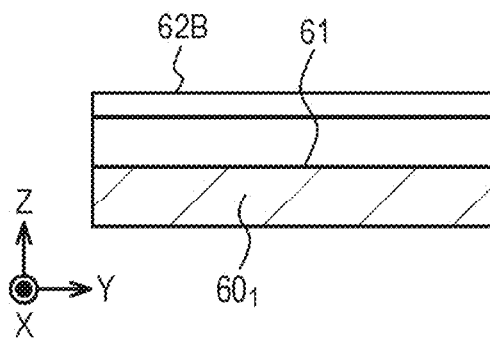


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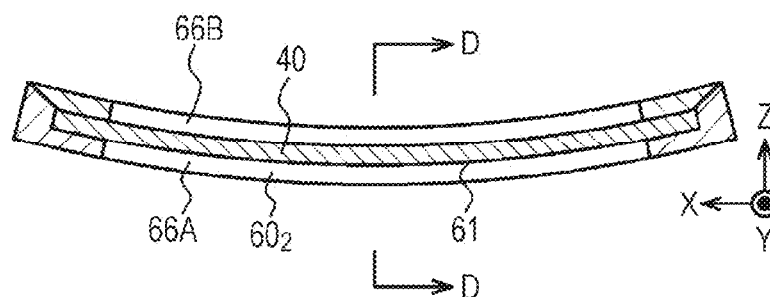


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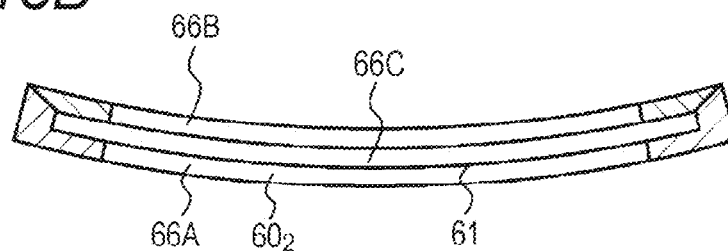


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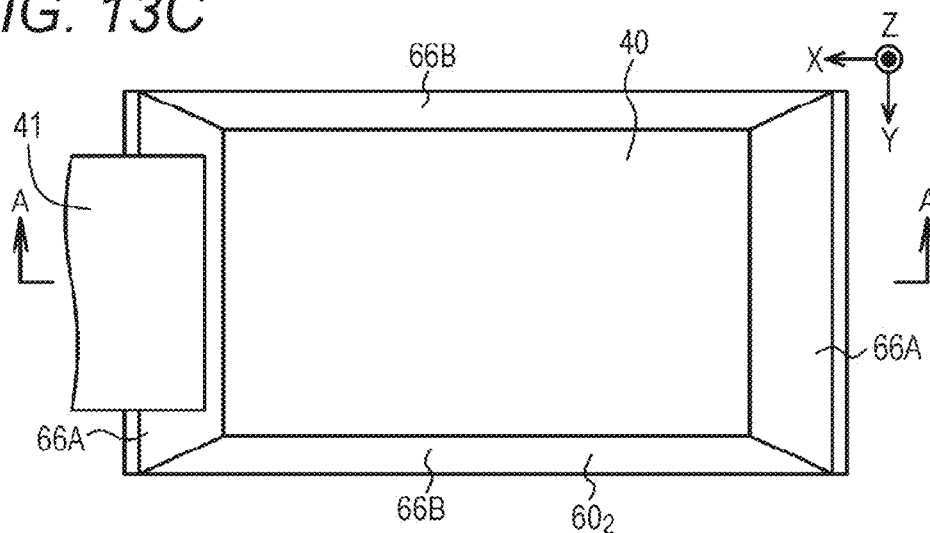


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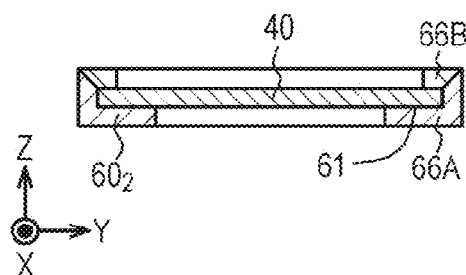


FIG. 14A

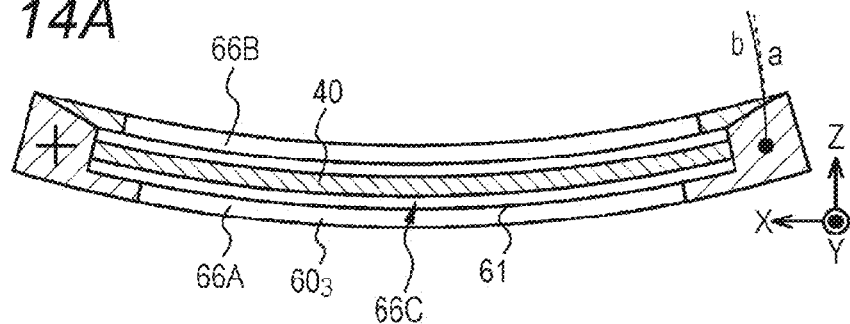


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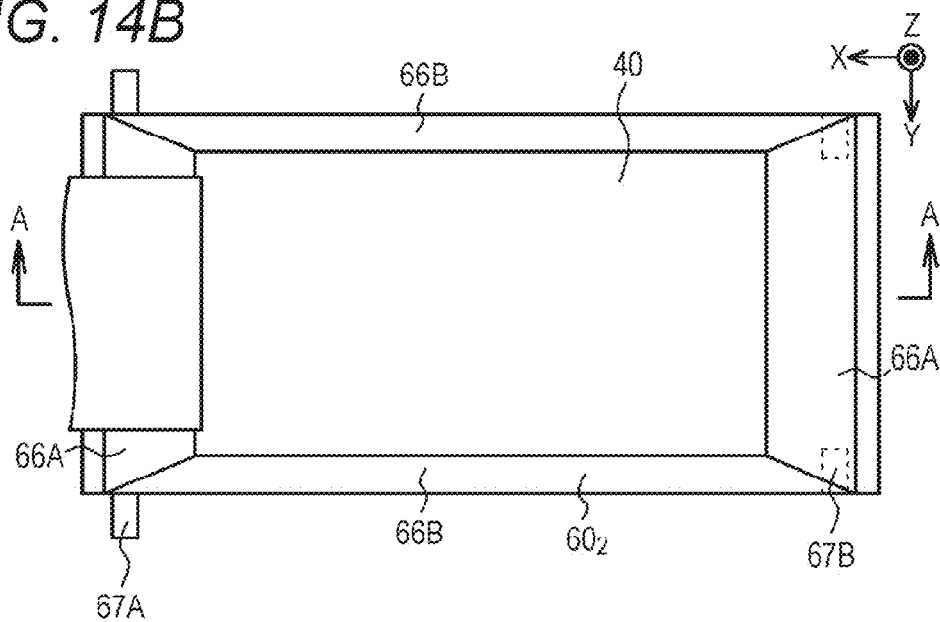


FIG. 14C

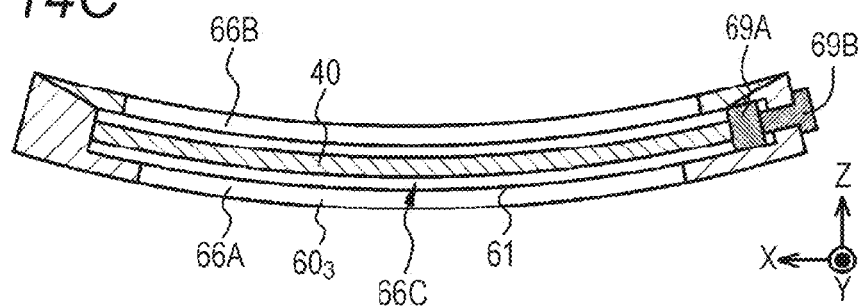


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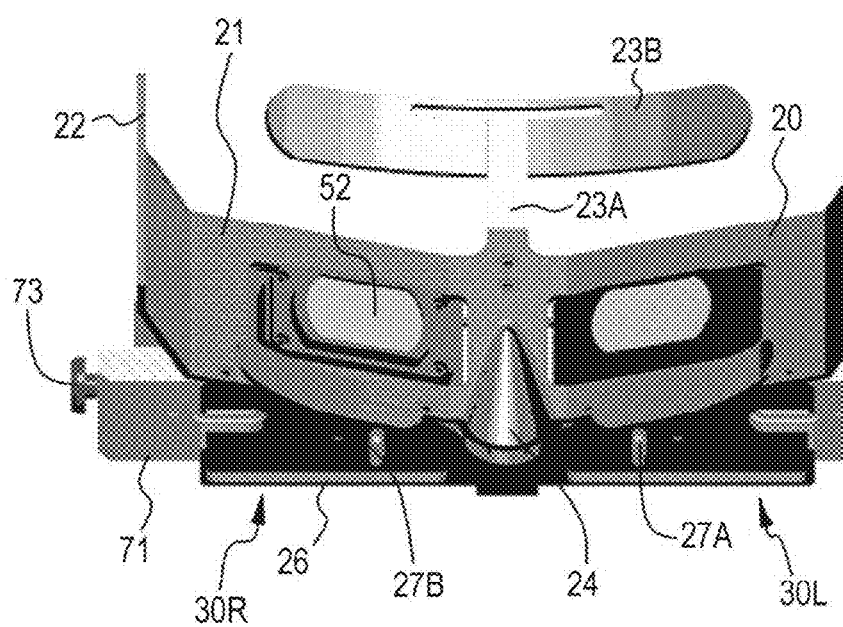


FIG. 16A

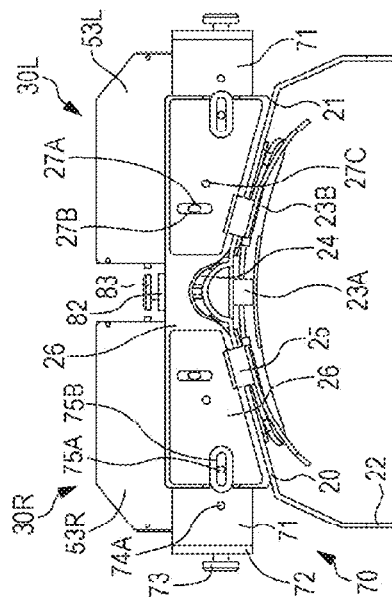


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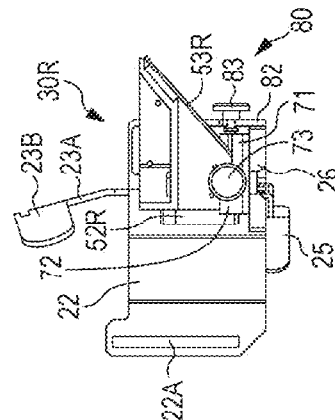


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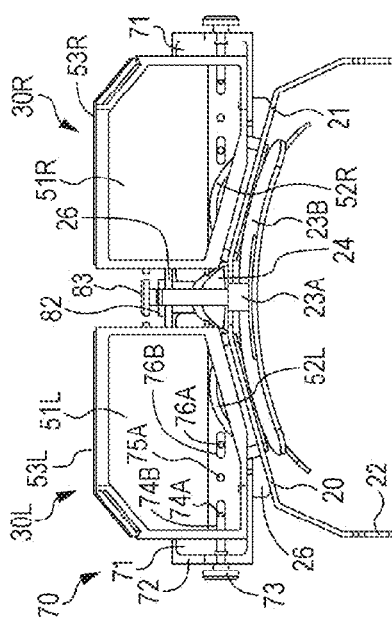


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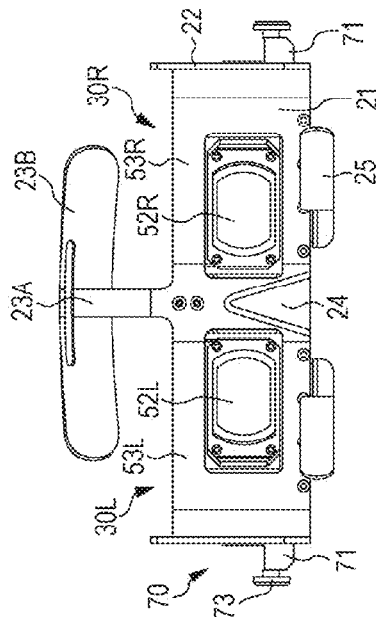


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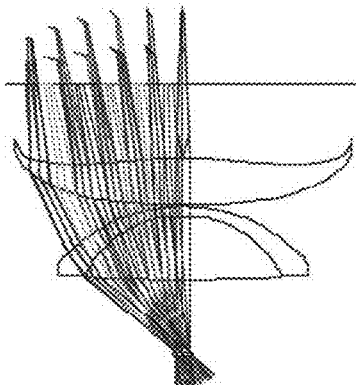


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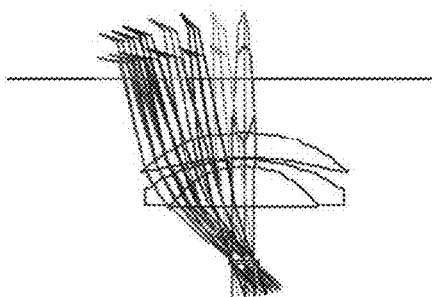


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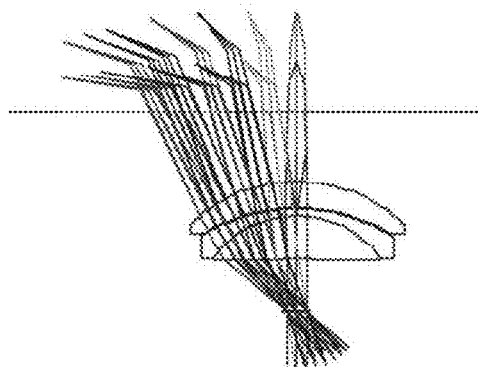


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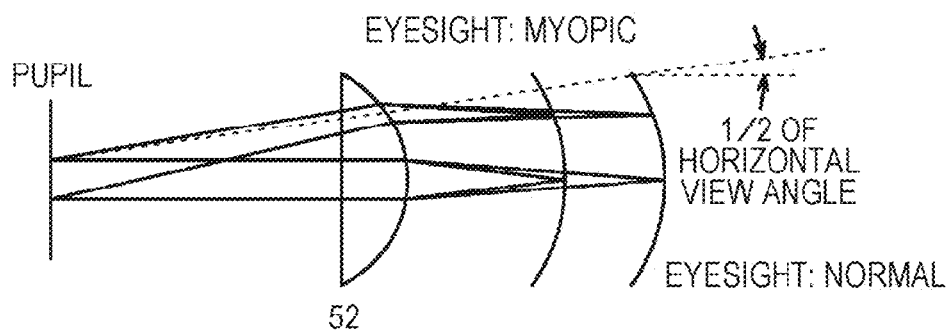


FIG. 19A

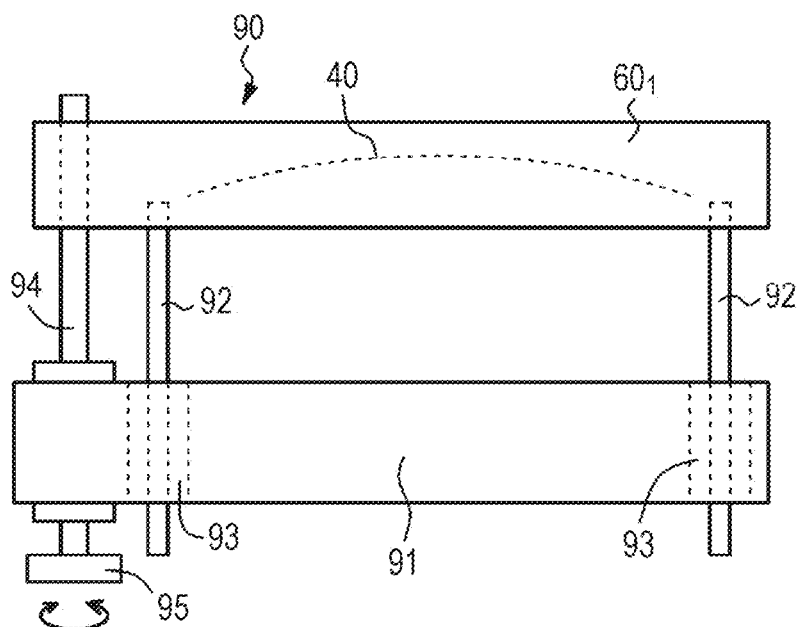
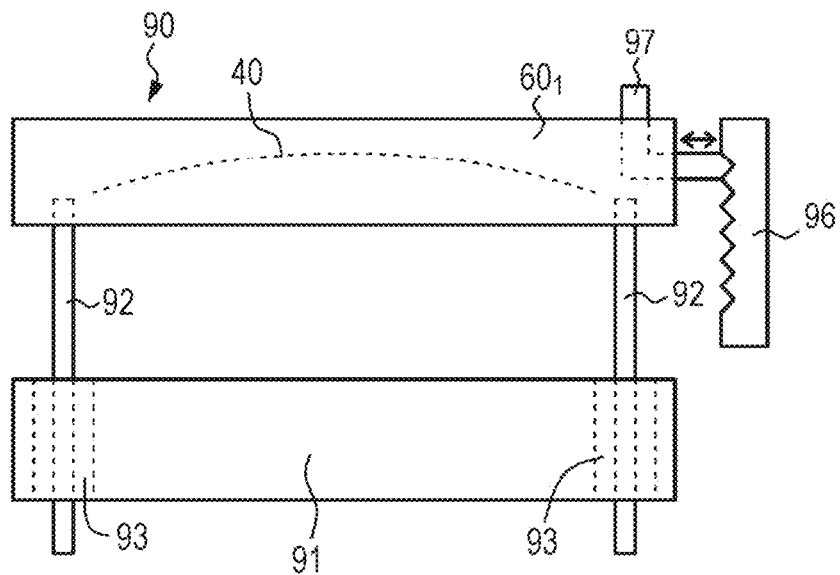


FIG. 19B



DISPLAY APPARATUS HAVING CURVED IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation of and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/655,243, titled “DISPLAY APPARATUS HAVING CURVED IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,” filed on Jun. 24, 2015, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a U.S. National Stage Entry of International Application No. PCT/JP2014/063034, filed in the Japanese Patent Office as a Receiving Office on May 16, 2014, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Number 2013-147750, filed in the Japanese Patent Office on Jul. 16, 2013, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure relates to a display apparatus. More specifically, the present disclosure relates to a display apparatus which can be used, for example, as a head mounted display (HMD).

BACKGROUND ART

[0003] A virtual image display apparatus (display apparatus) to make an observer observe a two-dimensional image, which is formed by an image forming apparatus, as an enlarged virtual image with a virtual image optical system has been known, for example, from Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 5-134208.

[0004] In the virtual image display apparatus disclosed in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 5-134208, a liquid crystal display unit is illuminated by light from a light source which light is collimated by a lens through a polarizing plate and image light of the illuminated liquid crystal display unit is collected at a first focal point by a lens group. Then, the collected light is reflected by a concave mirror, is collected at a second focal point on a front surface of the lens of a pupil through the polarizing plate, and reaches a retina. Accordingly, it is possible for a user to observe an image.

CITATION LIST

Patent Document

[0005] Patent Document 1: Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 5-134208

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Problems to be Solved by the Invention

[0006] Incidentally, in the technique disclosed in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 5-134208, since a plurality of optical systems (lens, lens group, and concave mirror) is included, the virtual image display apparatus is still large as a virtual image display apparatus and is not adequate in a point of a compact size and light weight. Also, there is a problem that a distortion of an image which reaches an observer is caused or resolution of an image does not become uniform.

[0007] Thus, a first purpose of the present disclosure is to provide a display apparatus which includes an image forming apparatus including a simple configuration and structure

to realize a large view angle with a compact size and light weight and in which a distortion of an image to be observed by an observer is not caused much. Also, a second purpose of the present disclosure is to provide a display apparatus which includes an image forming apparatus including a simple configuration and structure to realize a large view angle with a compact size and light weight and which can control a large difference or variation, which depends on an angle of field, in resolution of an image to be observed by an observer.

Solutions to Problems

[0008] A display apparatus according to a first mode of the present disclosure which apparatus is for realizing the above first purpose is a display apparatus including: (1) a frame; (2) an image display apparatus attached to the frame; and (3) a distortion correction apparatus, wherein the image display apparatus includes (A) an image forming apparatus and (B) an optical system configured to guide an image from the image forming apparatus to a pupil of an observer, when it is assumed that a direction, which corresponds to a first direction of the image, of the image forming apparatus is an X-direction and a direction, which corresponds to a second direction of the image which direction is different from the first direction, of the image forming apparatus is a Y-direction, the image forming apparatus is curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction, and the distortion correction apparatus corrects an input image signal to correct a distortion of the image to be observed. Note that the first direction or the X-direction corresponds to a horizontal direction of an image which reaches a pupil of an observer eventually. The second direction or the Y-direction corresponds to a vertical direction of the image which reaches the pupil of the observer eventually. The X-direction and the Y-direction may be orthogonal to each other or may not be orthogonal to each other. It is also similar in the following description.

[0009] A display apparatus according to a second mode of the present disclosure which apparatus is for realizing the above second purpose is a display apparatus including:

[0010] (1) a frame; and

[0011] (2) an image display apparatus attached to the frame, wherein the image display apparatus includes

[0012] (A) an image forming apparatus and

[0013] (B) an optical system configured to guide an image from the image forming apparatus to a pupil of an observer,

[0014] when it is assumed that a direction, which corresponds to a first direction of the image, of the image forming apparatus is an X-direction and a direction, which corresponds to a second direction of the image which direction is different from the first direction, of the image forming apparatus is a Y-direction, the image forming apparatus is curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction, and

[0015] the optical system is arranged in such a manner that the image displayed on the image forming apparatus reaches the pupil of the observer in a defocus state.

Effects of the Invention

[0016] In a display apparatus according to the first mode or the second mode of the present disclosure, since an image forming apparatus is curved, a difference between an optical path length of light emitted from a center part of the image

forming apparatus and an optical path length of light emitted from an edge part in a display region of the image forming apparatus can be reduced, for example. Thus, a large view angle can be realized as well as a compact size and light weight. Also, in the display apparatus according to the first mode of the present disclosure, a distortion correction apparatus is included. Thus, a distortion of an image to be observed by an observer is not caused much. Also, in the display apparatus according to the second mode of the present disclosure, an optical system is arranged in such a manner that an image displayed on the image forming apparatus reaches a pupil of an observer in a defocus state. Thus, a difference or variation, which depends on an angle of field, in resolution of an image to be observed by an observer is not caused much. Note that an effect described in the present description is just an example and is not a limitation. There may be an additional effect.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0017] FIG. 1A, FIG. 1B, FIG. 1C, and FIG. 1D are conceptual diagrams for describing how an image to be observed becomes, in a display apparatus of a first embodiment, depending whether there is distortion correction on an image signal.

[0018] FIG. 2A and FIG. 2B are charts illustrating results of simulation of resolution in a horizontal direction of an image to be observed by an observer when an optical system is arranged in such a manner that an image displayed on an image forming apparatus of a display apparatus of a fifth embodiment reaches a pupil of the observer in a defocus state and a just-focus state.

[0019] FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a main part of a display apparatus of when the observer wears the display apparatus.

[0020] FIG. 4 is a view in which a plane mirror or the like included in an optical system of an image display apparatus for a right eye is seen in an x-axis direction.

[0021] FIG. 5 is a conceptual diagram (perspective view) of an image forming apparatus and an optical system which are seen from a side of the observer.

[0022] FIG. 6 is a conceptual diagram (perspective view) of the image forming apparatus and the optical system which are seen from above.

[0023] FIG. 7A and FIG. 7B are respectively a perspective view of a main part of the display apparatus of the first embodiment in which view an observer wearing the display apparatus is seen from the front and a perspective view of the main part of the display apparatus in which view the observer wearing the display apparatus is seen from a side.

[0024] FIG. 8A and FIG. 8B are, with respect to the display apparatus of the first embodiment, respectively a perspective view of an image forming apparatus and an optical system which are seen in a direction toward the observer and a perspective view of the image forming apparatus and the optical system which are seen from the observer.

[0025] FIG. 9 is a conceptual diagram of a reflecting mirror or the like which diagram is for describing an arrangement state of the reflecting mirror included in the optical system.

[0026] FIG. 10A and FIG. 10B are, similarly to FIG. 9, conceptual diagrams of the reflecting mirror or the like each of which diagrams is for describing an arrangement state of the reflecting mirror included in the optical system.

[0027] FIG. 11A is a schematic sectional view of a supporting member and an image forming apparatus included in the display apparatus of the first embodiment, FIG. 11B is a schematic sectional view of the supporting member, and FIG. 11C is a schematic plane view of the supporting member and the image forming apparatus.

[0028] FIG. 12A and FIG. 12B are respectively a schematic sectional view, along an arrow A'-A' in FIG. 11A, of the supporting member and the image forming apparatus included in the display apparatus of the first embodiment and a schematic sectional view, along an arrow B'-B' in FIG. 11B, of the supporting member.

[0029] FIG. 13A is a schematic sectional view of a supporting member and an image forming apparatus included in a display apparatus of a second embodiment, FIG. 13B is a schematic sectional view of the supporting member, FIG. 13C is a schematic plane view of the supporting member and the image forming apparatus, and FIG. 13D is a schematic sectional view, along an arrow D-D in FIG. 13A, of the supporting member and the image forming apparatus.

[0030] FIG. 14A is a schematic sectional view of a supporting member and an image forming apparatus included in a display apparatus of a third embodiment, FIG. 14B is a schematic plane view of the supporting member and the image forming apparatus, and FIG. 14C is a schematic sectional view of a supporting member and an image forming apparatus included in a modification of the display apparatus of the third embodiment.

[0031] FIG. 15 is a perspective view of a part of the display apparatus of the first embodiment.

[0032] FIG. 16A, FIG. 16B, FIG. 16C, and FIG. 16D are respectively a bottom view, a top view, a right side view, and a rear view of the display apparatus of the first embodiment.

[0033] FIG. 17A, FIG. 17B, and FIG. 17C are views illustrating how images from the image forming apparatus are formed by various lens groups.

[0034] FIG. 18 is a view conceptually illustrating a state to adjust a distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system by an apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system.

[0035] FIG. 19A and FIG. 19B are schematic views of the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system.

MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

[0036] In the following, the present disclosure will be described based on embodiments with reference to the drawings. However, the present disclosure is not limited to the embodiments. Various numerical values or materials in the embodiments are examples. Note that description will be made in the following order.

[0037] 1. General description of display apparatus according to first mode and second mode of present disclosure

[0038] 2. First embodiment (display apparatus according to first mode of present disclosure)

[0039] 3. Second embodiment (modification of first embodiment)

[0040] 4. Third embodiment (modification of second embodiment)

[0041] 5. Fourth embodiment (modification of first embodiment to third embodiment)

[0042] 6. Fifth embodiment (display apparatus according to second mode of present disclosure) and the like

[0043] [General Description of Display Apparatus According to the First Mode and Second Mode of Present Disclosure]

[0044] In the following description, there is a case where the display apparatus according to the first mode of the present disclosure and the display apparatus according to the second mode of the present disclosure are collectively referred to as a “display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure”.

[0045] In the display apparatus according to the first mode of the present disclosure, the distortion correction apparatus is configured to correct an input signal in such a manner that a barrel distortion or pincushion distortion is applied to an input image signal to be corrected. That is, in the image forming apparatus, an image is displayed while a barrel distortion or pincushion distortion is caused. Note that in a case where a lens group included in an optical system has positive power, a distortion as a characteristic of the lens group often becomes a pincushion-type and a barrel distortion is preferably applied to an image signal. On the other hand, in a case of negative power, a distortion as a characteristic of the lens group often becomes a barrel-type and a pincushion distortion is preferably applied to an image signal. A distortion correction apparatus itself can include a well-known circuit structure.

[0046] In the display apparatus according to the first mode of the present disclosure which apparatus includes the above preferred forms, the distortion correction apparatus corrects, with respect to the input image signal, at least an image signal corresponding to both ends of the image forming apparatus and a part nearby to correct at least a distortion of an image at both of the ends of the image forming apparatus and the part nearby.

[0047] In a case where the image forming apparatus is curved in an X-direction, it is preferable that at least an image signal corresponding to both ends in a Y-direction of the image forming apparatus and a part nearby is corrected. Also, in a case where the image forming apparatus is curved in the Y-direction, it is preferable that at least an image signal corresponding to both ends in the X-direction of the image forming apparatus and a part nearby is corrected. In addition, in a case where the image forming apparatus is curved in the X-direction and the Y-direction, it is preferable that at least an image signal corresponding to both ends in the X-direction and the Y-direction of the image forming apparatus and a part nearby is corrected.

[0048] Also, in the display apparatus according to the second mode of the present disclosure, an optical system is arranged in such a manner that an image displayed on the image forming apparatus reaches a pupil of an observer in a defocus state (non-focused state). Thus, resolution in a horizontal direction of the image is uniformed. In order to make an image, which is displayed on the image forming apparatus, reach a pupil of an observer in a defocus state, a distance (more specifically, distance between image forming apparatus and lens group (described later) included in optical system) between the image forming apparatus and the optical system is controlled and optimized.

[0049] In the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure which apparatus and the like include the above-described various preferred forms, the optical system includes a reflecting mirror to reflect an image from the image forming apparatus and a lens group which is arranged between a pupil of an observer and the reflecting mirror and

into which the image reflected by the reflecting mirror becomes incident. In this case, the image forming apparatus is arranged on an upper side of the reflecting mirror.

[0050] In the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure which apparatus and the like include the above-described various preferred forms, the image display apparatus further includes a supporting member to support the image forming apparatus. A supporting surface of the supporting member to support the image forming apparatus is curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction. Thus, the image forming apparatus is curved. In such a manner, since the supporting member including the supporting surface curved in the X-direction and/or the Y-direction is included, it is possible to curve the image forming apparatus based on a simple configuration and structure. Note that a display apparatus including such a configuration is referred to as a “display apparatus of a first configuration of the present disclosure” as a matter of convenience.

[0051] Then, in the display apparatus of the first configuration of the present disclosure, a degree of curvature in the X-direction of the supporting surface of the supporting member can be larger than a degree of curvature in the Y-direction thereof. That is, in a case where the degree of curvature is expressed by an average curvature radius, an average curvature radius in the X-direction of the supporting surface of the supporting member can be smaller than an average curvature radius in the Y-direction thereof. Moreover, in the display apparatus of the first configuration of the present disclosure which apparatus includes such a configuration, the supporting member includes a pressing member. An outer shape of the image forming apparatus is a rectangular shape and an outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus which part is extended in the X-direction is fixed to the supporting member by the pressing member. Note that the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus indicates a region (so-called frame region) between an end part of the image forming apparatus and an end part of the display region of the image forming apparatus. It is also similar in the following. Alternatively, an outer shape of the image forming apparatus can be a rectangular shape and an outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus which part is extended in the X-direction can be sandwiched by the supporting member. However, these configurations are not the limitation. There may be a case to fix the image forming apparatus to the supporting member by using an adhesive. The supporting member can be made, for example, from various kinds of plastic materials including an ABS resin and the like, a composite material such as UNILATE (registered trademark and is produced by UNITIKA LTD.) or FRP, carbon fiber, a metal material such as aluminum, or an alloy material.

[0052] Also, in the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure (including display apparatus of first configuration of present disclosure) which apparatus and the like include the above-described various preferred forms and configurations, the image display apparatus can include an apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system to adjust a distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system (specifically, reflecting mirror). Note that the display apparatus including such a configuration is referred to as a “display apparatus of a second configuration of the present disclosure” as a matter of convenience. Here, since the apparatus

of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system is included, it becomes possible to deal with a difference in eyesight of observers adequately and easily with a simple configuration and structure, the difference being caused depending on the observers. Then, in the display apparatus of the second configuration of the present disclosure, a display control apparatus to control a size of a whole image from the image forming apparatus according to a distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system can be further included. With respect to the distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system, a distance detection apparatus to detect the distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system (specifically, reflecting mirror) is arranged in the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system. The distance detection apparatus only needs to be an adequate apparatus depending on a configuration and structure of the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system. The control of a size of a whole image can be a well-known control method such as performing enlargement/reduction of the size of the whole image by performing various kinds of signal processing (such as thinning processing or interpolation processing) on an image signal used for forming an image in the image forming apparatus.

[0053] Also, in the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure (including display apparatus of first configuration of present disclosure and display apparatus of second configuration of present disclosure) which apparatus and the like include the above-described various preferred forms and configurations, the image display apparatus can include an apparatus of adjusting a distance between a pupil and an optical system to adjust a distance between the optical system (specifically, reflecting mirror) and a pupil of the observer. Note that the display apparatus including such a configuration is referred to as a “display apparatus of a third configuration of the present disclosure” as a matter of convenience. Here, since the apparatus of adjusting a distance between a pupil and an optical system is included, it becomes possible to adjust and accommodate a distance between the pupil of the observer and the lens group adequately and easily with a simple configuration and structure.

[0054] Also, in the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure (including display apparatus of first configuration of present disclosure, display apparatus of second configuration of present disclosure, and display apparatus of third configuration of present disclosure) which apparatus and the like include the above-described various preferred forms and configurations, when it is assumed that an axis which passes through a predetermined position (such as collision point of an image forming apparatus and optical axis which will be described later) of the image forming apparatus and which is parallel in the X-direction is an X-axis and an axis which passes through a predetermined point (such as collision point of an image forming apparatus and optical axis) of the image forming apparatus and which is parallel in the Y-direction is a Y-axis, the image display apparatus further includes a rotation apparatus to rotate the image forming apparatus with at least one of the X-axis, the Y-axis, and a Z-axis as a center. More specifically, there are a rotation apparatus to rotate the image forming apparatus with the X-axis as a center, a rotation apparatus to rotate the

image forming apparatus with the Y-axis as a center, a rotation apparatus to rotate the image forming apparatus with the Z-axis as a center, a rotation apparatus to rotate the image forming apparatus with the X-axis and the Y-axis as a center, a rotation apparatus to rotate the image forming apparatus with the X-axis and the Z-axis as a center, a rotation apparatus to rotate the image forming apparatus with the Y-axis and the Z-axis as a center, and a rotation apparatus to rotate the image forming apparatus with the X-axis, the Y-axis, and the Z-axis as a center. Moreover, in the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure (including display apparatus of first configuration of present disclosure, display apparatus of second configuration of present disclosure, and display apparatus of third configuration of present disclosure) which apparatus and the like include such a configuration and the above-preferred forms and configurations, a moving apparatus to move the image forming apparatus in the X-direction with respect to the optical system (specifically, reflecting mirror) is further included.

[0055] Furthermore, in the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure (including display apparatus of first configuration of present disclosure, display apparatus of second configuration of present disclosure, and display apparatus of third configuration of present disclosure) which apparatus and the like include the above-described preferred forms and configurations, an image display apparatus for a left eye and an image display apparatus for a right eye are attached to a frame, and each image display apparatus includes (A) an image forming apparatus and (B) an optical system to guide an image from the image forming apparatus to the pupil of the observer. Note that a display apparatus including such a form is referred to as a “both-eyes-type display apparatus of the present disclosure” as a matter of convenience.

[0056] As described, in the both-eyes-type display apparatus of the present disclosure, the optical system includes the reflecting mirror to reflect an image from the image forming apparatus and a lens group which is arranged between a pupil of the observer and the reflecting mirror and into which the image reflected by the reflecting mirror becomes incident. Also, a normal of the reflecting mirror of the optical system image display apparatus for a left eye and a normal of the reflecting mirror included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye intersect with each other in a space on an opposite side of the observer with respect to the reflecting mirrors. By employing such a form, it is possible to arrange the two image forming apparatuses side by side easily with high flexibility in designing. In such a form, the normal of the reflecting mirror included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a left eye and the normal of the reflecting mirror included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye intersect with each other in a space lower than a virtual plane (xy plane described in the following) including both pupils of the observer and an infinite distance.

[0057] Then, in the above-described preferred configuration of the both-eyes-type display apparatus of the present disclosure, as illustrated in FIG. 9, FIG. 10A, and FIG. 10B, when it is assumed, with respect to an arrangement state of the reflecting mirror, that a virtual plane including both pupils of the observer and an infinite distance is an xy plane, a straight line which connects both of the pupils of the

observer is an x-axis (specifically, axis which is straight line to connect both pupils of observer from pupil of right eye of observer to pupil of left eye thereof is x-axis), an optical axis of a right eye of the observer is a y-axis (specifically, axis which is orthogonal to x-axis and which moves toward lens group side is y-axis), a point on the reflecting mirror at which point an optical axis (main optical axis) of the lens group included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye collides with the reflecting mirror is a “collision point of a reflecting mirror for a right eye and an optical axis”, and the reflecting mirror included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye is arranged in parallel with (at right angle with) an xz plane (see FIG. 9), and when it is further assumed that an axis on the reflecting mirror which axis passes through the collision point of a reflecting mirror for a right eye and an optical axis and is in parallel with the xy plane is a ξ -axis and an axis on the reflecting mirror which axis passes through the collision point of a reflecting mirror for a right eye and an optical axis and is orthogonal to the ξ -axis is an η -axis (see FIG. 9), a plane mirror included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye is rotated for an angle $\theta_1 = 45^\circ \pm 5^\circ$ with the ξ -axis as a center and with an upper part of the plane mirror being rotated in a direction away from the observer (see dashed-dotted line in FIG. 10A for state of reflecting mirror and axis before rotation and see solid line and dotted line in FIG. 10A for state of reflecting mirror and axis after rotation) and is also rotated for an angle $\theta_2 = 7^\circ$ to 21° with the η -axis as a center and with a right end of the plane mirror being rotated in the direction away from the observer (see dashed-dotted line in FIG. 10B for reflecting mirror and axis before rotation and see solid line and dotted line in FIG. 10B for reflecting mirror and axis after rotation), and the image forming apparatus and the optical system of the image display apparatus for a left eye and the image forming apparatus and the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye are arranged in a mirror-symmetrical manner with respect to a virtual plane which passes through a midpoint of a line segment to connect both of the pupils of the observer and is in parallel with a yz plane. Moreover, when it is assumed that an axis orthogonal to the ξ -axis and the η -axis is a ζ -axis, an example of a relationship between an angle θ_3 and the angle θ_1 and the angle θ_2 is indicated in the following table 1, the angle θ_3 being formed between a ξ' -axis, which is an axis of when the ξ -axis is projected on the xy plane, and the y-axis. It is assumed that the angle θ_3 in a (-x, y) quadrant is a positive value (see FIG. 9 and FIG. 10A). It is preferable that the optical axis (main optical axis) of the lens group intersects with a center of the pupil of the observer. Moreover, in the preferred forms and configurations, as described above, it is preferable that the image forming apparatus is arranged on an upper side of the reflecting mirror.

TABLE 1

θ_1 (degree)	θ_2 (degree)	θ_3 (degree)
45	5	9
45	10	15
45	15	22
45	18	25
45	20	29

[0058] Moreover, the both-eyes-type display apparatus of the present disclosure which apparatus includes the above-described preferred forms and configurations, an apparatus of adjusting a distance between image display apparatuses to adjust a distance between the image display apparatus for a left eye and the image display apparatus for a right eye is further included. Since the apparatus of adjusting a distance between image display apparatuses is included, it becomes easy to deal with observers having different distances between pupils.

[0059] In the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure (including display apparatus of first configuration of present disclosure, display apparatus of second configuration of present disclosure, display apparatus of third configuration of present disclosure, and both-eyes-type display apparatus of present disclosure, the following being in the similar manner) which apparatus and the like include the above-described various preferred forms and configurations, an outer shape of the image forming apparatus is a rectangular shape and a wiring line is extended to an external part from an outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus which part is extended in the Y-direction. Here, an example of the wiring line includes a flexible printed wiring board (FPC). A connection part provided to the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus and the wiring line are connected to each other by a well-known method.

[0060] Moreover, in the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure which apparatus and the like include the above-described various preferred forms and configurations, one lens group includes three lenses. The second lens includes negative power. A refractive index of a material included in the second lens is higher than a refractive index of a material included in each of the first and the third lenses. Furthermore, the first lens and the third lens include positive power. A meniscus lens is preferably used as the second lens. The lens group is preferably a telecentric optical system. More specifically, a side of the reflecting mirror is preferably the telecentric optical system. Thus, even when a distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system is adjusted by the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system, variation in an image which reaches a pupil of the observer can be controlled securely.

[0061] Moreover, in the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure which apparatus and the like include the above-described various preferred forms and configurations, the image forming apparatus may be an image forming apparatus of any type as long as the image forming apparatus has flexibility. However, an organic electroluminescence display apparatus (organic EL display apparatus) is preferably included. The organic EL display apparatus itself can be an organic EL display apparatus including a well-known configuration and structure.

[0062] Furthermore, in the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure which apparatus and the like include the above-described various preferred forms and configurations, the frame can be mounted on a head of the observer. However, such a form is not the limitation. For example, the frame may be attached to an arm extended from a ceiling or a wall or may be attached to a movable robot arm. Also, a movement of a head of the observer may be detected by a sensor and movement of the frame may follow the movement of the head of the observer.

[0063] In a case where a frame is mounted on a head of an observer, the frame can be any type as long as a configuration and structure, in which mounting on the head of the observer and attachment of the image display apparatus are possible, are included. For example, a configuration including a front part arranged in front of the observer and a side part extended from both ends of the front part may be included. The image display apparatus is attached to the frame. More specifically, for example, the image display apparatus is attached to a holding member which is attached to a lower part of the front part and is extended substantially in a horizontal direction. Also, a forehead rest to contact with a forehead of an observer is preferably attached to an upper part of the front part in view of improvement in feeling of the observer with respect to attachment of the image display apparatus.

[0064] Also, in the both-eyes-type display apparatus of the present disclosure which apparatus includes the above-described preferred forms and configurations, an example of an overlap (view angle of both eyes) of a horizontal view in the image display apparatus for a left eye and a horizontal view in the image display apparatus for a right eye includes 45° to 100° .

[0065] In the display apparatus and the like of the present disclosure which apparatus and the like include the above-described preferred forms and configurations, an example of a length L_X in the X-direction of a display region of the image forming apparatus includes 83 mm to 130 mm. An example of the number of pixels of the image forming apparatus includes 320×240 , 432×240 , 640×480 , 1024×768 , 1920×1080 , 3840×2160 and the like. Also, an example of an aspect ratio includes 21:9 and the like in addition to 4:3 and 16:9. An example of a horizontal view angle (view angle of one eye) of the image display apparatus includes 100° to 120° .

[0066] Also, a point where an optical axis (main optical axis), reflected by a reflecting mirror, of the lens group collides with the image forming apparatus is assumed as a "collision point of an image forming apparatus and an optical axis". A virtual plane in contact with the collision point of an image forming apparatus and an optical axis is assumed as an XY plane. An outer shape of the display region of the image forming apparatus is assumed as a rectangular shape. Also, it is assumed that the X-direction and the Y-direction are orthogonal to each other. It is also assumed that an axis which passes through the collision point of an image forming apparatus and an optical axis and which is parallel in the X-direction is an X-axis and an axis which passes through the collision point of an image forming apparatus and an optical axis and which is parallel in the Y-direction is a Y-axis. It is assumed that an (X, Y, Z) coordinate of the collision point of an image forming apparatus and an optical axis is (0, 0, 0). Accordingly, in a case of $X > 0$, a value of $(dZ/dX)_{Y=0}$ may be a positive value [that is, when value of X is increased in case of $Y=0$, value of Z may be increased monotonously]. In a case of $Y=0$ and when a value of X is increased while a value of $(dZ/dX)_{Y=0}$ becomes an arbitrary value, a value of Z may be increased eventually. Similarly, in a case of $Y > 0$, a value of $(dZ/dY)_{X=0}$ may be a positive value [that is, when value of Y is increased in case of $X=0$, value of Z may be increased monotonously]. In a case of $X=0$ and when a value of Y is increased while a value of $(dZ/dY)_{X=0}$ becomes an arbitrary value, a value of Z may be increased eventually. An example

of a curved state of the image forming apparatus includes a curved surface, a spherical surface, an ellipsoid of revolution, a hyperboloid of revolution, and a paraboloid of revolution which are expressed by aspherical-surface functions. Alternatively, when a curved state of the image forming apparatus is expressed by functions of $Z_X=f(X)_{Y=0}$ and $Z_Y=f(Y)_{X=0}$, an example of these functions includes a circle, an ellipsoid, a hyperbola, a parabola, an aspherical-surface function, a polynomial of the third order or more, a two-petalled rose, a three-petalled rose, a four-petalled rose, a lemniscate, a limaçon, a folium, a conchoid, a cissoid, a bell curve, a tractrix, a catenary, a cycloid, a trochoid, an asteroid, a parabola evolute, the Lissajous curve, the witch of Agnesi, an epicycloid, a cardioid, a hypocycloid, a clothoid curve, a clothoid curve, and a spiral. Alternatively, there is an example in which the image forming apparatus is curved along a side surface of a cylinder. When a degree of curvature of the image forming apparatus is expressed by an average curvature radius, a value of the average curvature radius may be fixed or may vary.

[0067] A display apparatus which includes image display apparatuses respectively including image forming apparatuses having different degrees of curvature may be prepared and an adequate display apparatus may be provided according to eyesight of an observer. Alternatively, a configuration and structure in which a degree of curvature of an image forming apparatus can be varied may be included. An example of a relationship between a radius of a side surface of a cylinder, of when it is assumed that an image forming apparatus is curved along the side surface of the cylinder, and a diopter value will be indicated in the following table 2, but the table is not the limitation.

TABLE 2

Diopter value	Radius of side surface of cylinder
-3	59 mm
-2	68 mm
-1	80 mm
0	100 mm

First Embodiment

[0068] The first embodiment relates to a display apparatus according to a first mode of the present disclosure. More specifically, the first embodiment relates to a both-eyes-type display apparatus of the present disclosure, a display apparatus of a first configuration of the present disclosure, and a display apparatus of a third configuration of the present disclosure. A perspective view of a main part of a display apparatus of when an observer wears the display apparatus is illustrated in FIG. 3. A view of a plane mirror and the like included in an optical system of an image display apparatus for a right eye which mirror and the like is seen in an x-axis direction is illustrated in FIG. 4. A conceptual diagram (perspective view) of an image forming apparatus and an optical system which are seen from a side of the observer is illustrated in FIG. 5. A conceptual diagram (perspective view) of the image forming apparatus and the optical system which are seen from above is illustrated in FIG. 6. Also, a perspective view of the main part of the display apparatus of when the observer wearing the display apparatus is seen from the front is illustrated in FIG. 7A. A perspective view of the main part of the display apparatus of when the

observer wearing the display apparatus is seen from a side is illustrated in FIG. 7B. A perspective view of the image forming apparatus and the optical system which are seen in a direction toward the observer is illustrated in FIG. 8A. A perspective view of the image forming apparatus and the optical system which are seen from the observer is illustrated in FIG. 8B. Note that in the drawings, there may be gradation in the image forming apparatus. However, there is no special meaning in the gradation.

[0069] Moreover, schematic sectional views of a supporting member and the image forming apparatus are illustrated in FIG. 11A and FIG. 12A. Schematic sectional views of the supporting member are illustrated in FIG. 11B and FIG. 12B. A schematic plane view of the supporting member and the image forming apparatus is illustrated in FIG. 11C. Note that FIG. 11A and FIG. 11B are schematic sectional views along an arrow A-A in FIG. 11C. FIG. 12A and FIG. 12B are schematic sectional views along an arrow A'-A' in FIG. 11A and an arrow B'-B' in FIG. 11B. Also, a perspective view of a part of the display apparatus of the first embodiment is illustrated in FIG. 15. In FIG. 15, a reflecting mirror, an image forming apparatus, and the like are not illustrated. Moreover, a bottom view, a top view, a right side view, and a rear view of the display apparatus of the first embodiment are respectively illustrated in FIG. 16A, FIG. 16B, FIG. 16C, and FIG. 16D. However, in order to simplify the drawings, a part of components of the image forming apparatus or the display apparatus is not illustrated.

[0070] A display apparatus of the first embodiment or a fifth embodiment includes

[0071] (1) a frame 20 and

[0072] (2) an image display apparatus 30 attached to the frame 20. The image display apparatuses 30 includes

[0073] (A) an image forming apparatus 40 and

[0074] (B) an optical system 50 to guide an image from the image forming apparatus 40 to a pupil 11 of an observer 10. Also, the display apparatus of the first embodiment further includes

[0075] (3) a distortion correction apparatus. Note that the display apparatus of the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later is, more specifically, a both-eyes-type display apparatus of the present disclosure in which an image display apparatus for a left eye 30L and an image display apparatus for a right eye 30R are attached to the frame 20.

[0076] Each of the image display apparatuses 30L and 30R includes

[0077] (A) an image forming apparatuses 40L or 40R and

[0078] (B) the optical system 50 to guide an image from the image forming apparatuses 40L or 40R to the pupil 11 (11L or 11R) of the observer 10. The frame 20 in the display apparatus of the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later is mounted on a head of the observer 10. More specifically, the display apparatus of the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later is a head mounted display (HMD).

[0079] Here, when it is assumed that a direction of the image forming apparatus 40 which direction corresponds to a first direction (specifically, horizontal direction of image) of the image is an X-direction and a direction of the image forming apparatus 40 which direction corresponds to a second direction (specifically, vertical direction of image), which is different from the first direction, of the image is a Y-direction, the image forming apparatus 40 is curved in the

X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction. More specifically, in the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later, the image forming apparatus 40 is curved in the X-direction. Also, in the display apparatus of the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later, the optical system 50 includes a reflecting mirror 51, which reflects an image from the image forming apparatus 40, and a lens group 52 which is arranged between the pupil 11 of the observer 10 and the reflecting mirror 51 and into which the image reflected by the reflecting mirror 51 becomes incident. The image forming apparatus 40 is arranged on an upper side of the reflecting mirror 51.

[0080] In the first embodiment, the image display apparatus 30 further includes a supporting member 60₁ to support the image forming apparatus 40. A supporting surface 61 of the supporting member 60₁ to support the image forming apparatus 40 is curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction. More specifically, in the first embodiment, the supporting surface 61 is curved in the X-direction. Then, the image forming apparatus 40 is curved in the X-direction. More specifically, the image forming apparatus 40 is curved along the supporting surface 61 of the supporting member 60₁. Note that an outer shape of the image forming apparatus 40 and an outer shape of the display region of the image forming apparatus 40 are rectangular shapes. In such a manner, since the supporting member 60₁ including the supporting surface 61 curved in the X-direction and/or the Y-direction is included, it is possible to curve the image forming apparatus 40 with a simple configuration and structure.

[0081] More specifically, in the image display apparatus 30 of the first embodiment, a degree of curvature in the X-direction of the supporting surface 61 of the supporting member 60₁ is larger than a degree of curvature in the Y-direction thereof. That is, in a case where the degree of curvature is expressed by an average curvature radius, an average curvature radius in the X-direction of the supporting surface 61 of the supporting member 60₁ can be smaller than an average curvature radius in the Y-direction thereof. More specifically, a curvature radius in the X-direction of the supporting surface of the supporting member is 100 mm and a curvature radius in the Y-direction is infinity. Then, in the image display apparatus 30 of the first embodiment, in a case of $X > 0$, a value of $(dZ/dX)_{Y=0}$ is a positive value. That is, in a case of $X > 0$ and $Y = 0$ and when a value of X is increased, a value of Z is increased monotonously. Also, $(dZ/dY)_{Y=0} = 0$. More specifically, the image forming apparatus 40 is curved along a side surface of a cylinder and a radius of the side surface of the cylinder is 100 mm. Also, as described later, an effective focal length of the lens group 52 is 56 mm. Note that a preferred relationship between the radius of the side surface of the cylinder and the effective focal length of the lens group 52 will be indicated in the following table 3.

TABLE 3

Radius of side surface of cylinder (mm)	Effective focal length of lens group 52 (mm)
50	28
100	56
146	67.2
238	95

[0082] Then, in the image display apparatus 30 of the first embodiment, the supporting member 60₁ includes a pressing member 65. As described above, an outer shape of the image forming apparatus 40 is a rectangular shape. An outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the X-direction is fixed to the supporting member 60₁ by the pressing member 65.

[0083] More specifically, the supporting member 60₁ and the pressing member 65 are made from aluminum. A center part on an upper surface of the supporting member 60₁ corresponds to the supporting surface 61 and outer peripheral parts 62A and 62B of the supporting member 60₁ which parts are extended in the Y-direction are protruded compared to the supporting surface 61. A part, which faces the supporting surface 61, of the outer peripheral part 62A is a contact surface 62C. On the contact surface 62C, one edge part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the Y-direction is butted. Also, a fixing member 63 made from aluminum is fixed on the upper surface of the supporting member 60₁ by a screw 64, which is screwed into a screw part 62D formed in the upper surface of the supporting member 60₁, and is in touch with the other edge part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the Y-direction. In the fixing member 63, a long hole through which the screw 64 passes (long hole elongated in X-direction) is provided. Here, the image forming apparatus 40 receives compression force in a direction of an arrow "a" in FIG. 11A by the fixing member 63. Accordingly, the image forming apparatus 40 is curved along the supporting surface 61 of the supporting member 60₁ without a gap.

[0084] One end part 65A of the pressing member 65 presses the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the X-direction. The other end part 65B of the pressing member 65 is engaged with a bottom surface of the supporting member 60₁ extended in the X-direction. Accordingly, the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the X-direction is fixed to the supporting member 60₁ by the pressing member 65.

[0085] Note that there may be a case where a lower surface of the image forming apparatus 40 and the supporting surface 61 of the supporting member 60₁ are fixed by using an adhesive. In this case, the pressing member 65 can be omitted.

[0086] Also, a wiring line 41, specifically, a flexible printed wiring board (FPC) is extended to an external part from an outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the Y-direction. A connection part provided in the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 and the wiring line 41 are connected to each other by a well-known method. In FIG. 11C, a state in which the wiring line 41 is extended from one side of the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the Y-direction is illustrated. However, the wiring line 41 may be extended from both sides of the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the Y-direction.

[0087] As described above, the optical system 50 includes the reflecting mirror 51, which reflects an image from the image forming apparatus 40, and the lens group 52 which is arranged between the pupil 11 of the observer 10 and the reflecting mirror 51 and into which the image reflected by the reflecting mirror 51 becomes incident. Then, a normal

NL_L of the reflecting mirror 51 included in the optical system 50 of the image display apparatus for a left eye 30L and a normal NL_R of the reflecting mirror 51 included in the optical system 50 of the image display apparatus for a right eye 30R intersect with each other in a space on an opposite side of the observer 10 with respect to the reflecting mirror 51 (see FIG. 3). Moreover, the normal NL_L of the reflecting mirror 51 included in the optical system 50 of the image display apparatus for a left eye 30L and the normal NL_R of the reflecting mirror 51 included in the optical system 50 of the image display apparatus for a right eye 30R intersect with each other in a space lower than a virtual plane (xy plane) including both pupils of the observer 10 and an infinite distance (see FIG. 3). Note that in FIG. 3, the virtual plane including both of the pupils of the observer 10 and the infinite distance is indicated by a reference sign "HL". The image forming apparatus 40 is arranged on an upper side of the reflecting mirror 51. An arrangement state of the reflecting mirror 51 is illustrated in FIG. 9, FIG. 10A, and FIG. 10B. More specifically, in the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later, a length L_X of the display region of the image forming apparatus 40 is set as 100 mm. Also, angles are set in the following manner:

[0088] an angle $\theta_1=45^\circ$;

[0089] an angle $\theta_2=10^\circ$; and

[0090] an angle $\theta_3=15^\circ$.

[0091] Note that in the embodiment, a collision point of a reflecting mirror and an optical axis is included in the xy plane. With such a setting condition, there is a gap of about 15 mm between the image forming apparatus 40 included in the image display apparatus for a left eye 30L and the image forming apparatus 40 included in the image display apparatus for a right eye 30R and the two image forming apparatuses can be arranged side by side. Also, when the length L_X of the display region of the image forming apparatus 40 is 126 mm and the angles are in the following manner:

[0092] the angle $\theta_1=45^\circ$;

[0093] the angle $\theta_2=18^\circ$; and

[0094] the angle $\theta_3=25^\circ$,

[0095] there is a gap of about 15 mm between the image forming apparatus 40 included in the image display apparatus for a left eye 30L and the image forming apparatus 40 included in the image display apparatus for a right eye 30R and the two image forming apparatuses can be arranged side by side.

[0096] In a case of

[0097] the angle $\theta_1=45^\circ$,

[0098] the angle $\theta_2=0^\circ$, and

[0099] the angle $\theta_3=0^\circ$

[0100] and when the length L_X in the X-direction of the display region of each image forming apparatus 40 is 100 mm and a distance between an optical axis of a left eye of the observer and an optical axis of a right eye thereof is 65 mm, the image forming apparatus 40 included in the image display apparatus for a left eye 30L and the image forming apparatus 40 included in the image display apparatus for a right eye 30R overlap with each other for about 35 mm [=50+50-65 (mm)] and it is not possible to arrange the two image forming apparatuses side by side.

[0101] In the display apparatus of the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later, the image forming apparatus 40 specifically includes an organic electroluminescence display apparatus (organic EL display

apparatus) including a well-known configuration and structure. Note that the organic EL display apparatus includes a first substrate, a second substrate, and a great number of light emitting parts sandwiched between the first substrate and the second substrate. A thickness of the image forming apparatus **40** is a thickness with which curvature along the supporting surface of the supporting member **60**, without a gap is possible. The thickness is, for example, 0.5 mm or thinner and is, for example, 0.2 mm to 0.5 mm. Also, the number of pixels is set as 1920×1080.

[0102] As illustrated in FIG. 15, FIG. 16A, FIG. 16B, FIG. 16C, and FIG. 16D, in the display apparatus of the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later, the image display apparatus for a left eye **30L** and the image display apparatus for a right eye **30R** are included, as described above. A horizontal view angle (view angle of one eye) in each image display apparatus **30** is set as 100°. An overlap (view angle of both eyes) of a horizontal view in the image display apparatus for a left eye **30L** and a horizontal view in the image display apparatus for a right eye **30R** is set as 70° and a whole horizontal view angle is set as 130°. The length L_X in the X-direction of the display region of each image forming apparatus **40** is set as 100 mm. Also, a vertical view angle is set as 44°. Note that when mass of the lens group in this case is “1”, mass of the lens group becomes “4.6” and an effective focal length becomes 67.2 mm in a case where the view angle of one eye is set as 120°, the view angle of both eyes is set as 70°, the whole horizontal view angle is set as 170°, and the length L_X of the display region of each image forming apparatus **40** is set as 126 mm.

[0103] The frame **20** mounted on a head of the observer **10** is made from plastic and includes a front part **21** arranged in front of the observer **10** and a side part **22** extended from both ends of the front part. To a rear end part of the side part **22**, a hole part **22A** is provided. By threading a belt through the hole part **22A** and binding a rear part of the head of the observer **10** with the belt, the frame **20** can be mounted on the head of the observer **10**. An arm **23A** is extended upward from an upper part of the front part **21**. To a leading end part of the arm **23A**, a forehead rest **23B** to contact with a forehead of the observer **10** is attached. In addition, a nose pad part **24** is arranged on the front part

[0104] **21**. Also, to a lower end part of the front part **21**, a rear part of a holding member **25** is attached and to a front part of the holding member **25**, a base part **26** is attached. Moreover, to a leading end part of the base part **26**, an apparatus of adjusting a distance between a pupil and an optical system **80** which will be described later is attached. A pedestal **71** included in the apparatus of adjusting a distance between a pupil and an optical system **80** is arranged on the base part **26** slidably in a front-rear direction. An optical system **50L** included in the image display apparatus for a left eye **30L** is housed in a chassis **53L**. An optical system **50R** included in the image display apparatus for a right eye **30R** is housed in a chassis **53R**. To the chassis **53L**, the image display apparatus for a left eye **30L** is attached. To the chassis **53R**, the image display apparatus for a right eye **30R** is attached. The chassis **53L** and the chassis **53R** are attached to the pedestal **71**. As described in the following, the optical system **50L** and the image display apparatus for a left eye **30L**, and the optical system **50R** and the image display apparatus for a right eye **30R** are independently and respectively arranged on the pedestal **71**

slidably in a right-left direction. Note that the “front-rear direction” means a direction in which the lens group becomes close to or away from the pupil and the “right-left direction” means a direction in which the image display apparatus for a left eye and the image display apparatus for a right eye become close to or away from each other.

[0105] As described above, the optical system **50** includes the reflecting mirror **51**, which reflects an image from the image forming apparatus **40**, and the lens group **52** into which the image reflected by the reflecting mirror **51** becomes incident. A reflecting mirror **51R** and a lens group **52R**, which are included in the image display apparatus for a right eye, are attached to the pedestal **71** via the chassis **53R** and are slidable on the base part **26** in the right-left direction. Similarly, a reflecting mirror **51L** and a lens group **52L**, which are included in the image display apparatus for a left eye, are attached to the pedestal **71** via the chassis **53L** and are slidable on the base part **26** in the right-left direction. The lens group **52** (**52R** or **52L**) is arranged between the pupil **11** of the observer **10** and the reflecting mirror **51** (**51R** or **51L**). The image forming apparatus **40** is arranged on an upper part of the reflecting mirror **51**.

[0106] One lens group **52** includes three lenses. The second lens has negative power. A refractive index of a material included in the second lens is higher than a refractive index of a material included in each of the first and the third lenses. The first lens and the third lens include positive power. Also, the second lens is a meniscus lens. More specifically, an effective focal length of the lens group **52** is set as 56.01 mm, a back focal length is set as 44.64 mm, a front focal length is set as -32.16 mm, and an F-number is set as 14.0. A length in the horizontal direction of the lens group **52** is set as 36 mm and a length in the vertical direction thereof is set as 20 mm. Specifications of the first lens (lens closest to pupil), the second lens, and the third lens (lens closest to reflecting mirror) will be indicated in the following table 4 but these specifications are not the limitation. The lens group **52** is a telecentric optical system. More specifically, a side of the reflecting mirror is the telecentric optical system. A distance between the first lens and the pupil (pupil diameter: 4 mm) of the observer **10** is set as 10 mm. Note that when mass of the lens group is set as “1”, mass of a lens group in which a distance between the first lens and the pupil of the observer **10** is 12 mm becomes “1.7”.

TABLE 4

	First lens	Second lens	Third lens
Refractive index	1.740	2.017	1.740
Abbe number	44.8438	20.830	44.8438
Effective focal length	27.392 mm	-43.604 mm	150.185 mm
Back focal length	28.101 mm	-45.387 mm	146.790 mm
Front focal length	-11.141 mm	52.856 mm	-124.868 mm
F-number	6.8480	-10.9010	37.5463

[0107] How an image from the image forming apparatus **40** is formed by various lens groups is illustrated in FIG. 17A, FIG. 17B, and FIG. 17C. A lens group illustrated in FIG. 17A is a lens group of a telecentric optical system. In FIG. 17B, a lens group including a configuration close to that of the telecentric optical system is illustrated. In FIG. 17C, a general lens group is illustrated. In the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later, the lens group illustrated in FIG. 17A is used.

[0108] In the display apparatus of the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later, an apparatus of adjusting a distance between image display apparatuses 70 to adjust a distance between the image display apparatus for a left eye 30L and the image display apparatus for a right eye 30R is further included. The apparatus of adjusting a distance between image display apparatuses 70 specifically includes the pedestal 71, a feed screw mechanism 73 attached to a side surface 72 placed on an outer side of the pedestal 71, a tap hole 75A to fix the chassis 53 slidably to the pedestal 71 from a lower part, guide grooves 74B and 76B provided to the chassis 53, a guide groove 75B provided to the pedestal 71, and pins 74A and 76A which are provided to the pedestal 71 and which are to be engaged with the guide grooves 74B and 76B. Note that the guide grooves 75B, 75B, and 76B are extended in the right-left direction. When the feed screw mechanism 73 is rotated, the chassis 53 (chassis 53L or chassis 53R) moves in the right-left direction with respect to the base part 26. The movement of the chassis 53 is performed securely in the right-left direction by engagement of the pin 74A, the tap hole 75A, and the pin 76A with the guide grooves 74B, 75B, and 76B. A distance of the movement of the chassis 53L and 53R in the horizontal direction is set as ± 5 mm. In such a manner, since the apparatus of adjusting a distance between image display apparatuses 70 is included, it becomes easy to deal with observers having different distances between pupils. Instead of the feed screw mechanism 73, a combination of a latch mechanism and a knob, that is, a rack and pinion mechanism can also be used. The chassis 53R and 53L are extended further upward compared to what is illustrated in FIG. 16A, FIG. 16B, FIG. 16C, and FIG. 16D. To each of the parts, which are extended upward, of the chassis 53R and 53L, the supporting member 60, or the like which supports the image forming apparatus 40 is attached but is not illustrated.

[0109] In the display apparatus of the first embodiment or the fifth embodiment which will be described later, the apparatus of adjusting a distance between a pupil and an optical system 80 to adjust a distance between the pupil of the observer 10 and the optical system 50 (specifically, lens group 52) is further included. The apparatus of adjusting a distance between a pupil and an optical system 80 specifically adjusts the distance between the lens group 52 and the pupil of the observer 10. The apparatus of adjusting a distance between a pupil and an optical system 80 specifically includes a side wall 82 attached to a leading end part of a second holding member 26, a feed screw mechanism 83 attached to the side wall 82, a key 27A which is provided to the pedestal 71 and is extended downward from the pedestal 71, a guide groove 27B which is provided to the base part 26 and is engaged with the key 27A, and a fastening member 27C to hold the pedestal 71 slidably with respect to the base part 26. When the feed screw mechanism 83 is rotated, the pedestal 71 moves in the front-rear direction with respect to the base part 26. The movement of the pedestal 71 is performed securely in the front-rear direction by engagement of the key 27A with the guide groove 27B. A distance of the movement of the pedestal 71 in the front-rear direction is set as ± 4 mm. In such a manner, since the apparatus of adjusting a distance between a pupil and an optical system 80 is included, it becomes easy to deal with observers having different distances between the pupil and the lens group. Thus, it is possible to provide a display apparatus capable of

adjusting and accommodating a distance between a pupil of an observer and a lens group adequately and easily with a simple configuration and structure. Instead of the feed screw mechanism 83, a combination of a latch mechanism and a knob, that is, a rack and pinion mechanism can also be used.

[0110] Then, in the first embodiment, the distortion correction apparatus corrects an input image signal to correct a distortion of an image to be observed. Note that the distortion correction apparatus corrects an input image signal in such a manner that a barrel distortion or pincushion distortion is applied to an input image signal to be corrected. That is, in the image forming apparatus 40, an image is displayed while a barrel distortion or a pincushion distortion is caused. Specifically, the distortion correction apparatus corrects, with respect to the input image signal, at least an image signal corresponding to both ends of the image forming apparatus 40 and a part nearby to correct at least a distortion of an image at both of the ends of the image forming apparatus 40 and the part nearby. More specifically, in the first embodiment, an image signal corresponding to a whole screen of the image forming apparatus is corrected. Here, the distortion correction apparatus itself can include a well-known circuit configuration and is included in a control apparatus (not illustrated) to control an operation of the display apparatus.

[0111] The distortion correction apparatus includes a distortion correction coefficient table. In the distortion correction coefficient table, a relationship between a position (X_{out} , Y_{out}) of an output image signal in the image forming apparatus and a position correction quantity (ΔX_{out} , ΔY_{out}) with respect to this position (X_{out} , Y_{out}) is tabulated. Then, the distortion correction apparatus calculates a correspondence relationship between a position on the image forming apparatus and an output image signal. Then, referring to the distortion correction coefficient table from a calculated position (X_{out} , Y_{out}) in the image forming apparatus, the distortion correction apparatus calculates a position correction quantity (ΔX_{out} , ΔY_{out}) with respect to the position (X_{out} , Y_{out}). Then, from an input image signal, a value of an image signal corresponding to a corrected position ($X_{out} + \Delta X_{out}$, $Y_{out} + \Delta Y_{out}$) is calculated by extraction or interpolation and is displayed as a value of the position (X_{out} , Y_{out}) in the image forming apparatus. The position correction quantity (ΔX_{out} , ΔY_{out}) is calculated by various kinds of simulation, experimentation, or the like.

[0112] Conceptual diagrams for describing how an image to be observed becomes in the display apparatus of the first embodiment depending on whether there is distortion correction (correction of display position) on an image signal are illustrated in FIG. 1A, FIG. 1B, FIG. 1C, and FIG. 1D. In a case where a distortion of an image is not corrected, the image displayed on the image forming apparatus (see FIG. 1C) is eventually observed as a state in FIG. 1D by the observer 10. That is a barrel distortion is caused in the image observed by the observer 10. On the other hand, in case where a distortion of an image is corrected, an image displayed on the image forming apparatus (see FIG. 1A) is eventually observed as a state in FIG. 1B by the observer 10. That is, although a barrel distortion is caused in the image to be observed by the observer 10, it is possible for the observer 10 to observe the image without a distortion (see FIG. 1B) eventually since a pincushion distortion is previously applied to the image displayed on the image forming apparatus (see FIG. 1A).

[0113] In the display apparatus of the present disclosure, the image forming apparatus is curved. Thus, for example, it is possible to reduce a difference between an optical path length of light emitted from a center part of the image forming apparatus and an optical path length of light emitted from an edge part of a display region of the image forming apparatus. As a result, for example, it is possible to control an increase in a size of a lens group included in an optical system and to realize a large view angle with a compact size and light weight. In addition, in the display apparatus of the first embodiment, a distortion correction apparatus is included. Thus, a distortion is not caused much in an image to be observed by an observer.

Second Embodiment

[0114] The second embodiment is a modification of the first embodiment. A schematic sectional view of a supporting member and an image forming apparatus included in an image display apparatus of the second embodiment is illustrated in FIG. 13A. A schematic sectional view of the supporting member is illustrated in FIG. 13B. A schematic plane view of the supporting member and the image forming apparatus is illustrated in FIG. 13C. A schematic sectional view of the supporting member and the image forming apparatus which view is along an arrow D-D in FIG. 13A is illustrated in FIG. 13D.

[0115] In the image display apparatus of the second embodiment, an outer peripheral part of an image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in an X-direction is sandwiched by a supporting member 60₂. The supporting member 60₂ includes a lower-side member 66A and an upper-side member 66B. By a combination of the lower-side member 66A and the upper-side member 66B, a kind of frame member is configured. On an inner side surface of the supporting member 60₂, a groove part 66C is formed. Then, into the groove part 66C, the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the X-direction is fit. The lower-side member 66A and the upper-side member 66B may be fixed to each other by a screw (not illustrated) or may be fixed to each other by using an adhesive. The outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the X-direction is preferably fixed to the groove part 66C by an adhesive. Note that in the illustrated example, not only the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the X-direction but also an outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in a Y-direction is sandwiched by the supporting member 60₂. However, only the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the X-direction may be sandwiched by the supporting member 60₂. In this case, the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the Y-direction is preferably fixed to the supporting member 60₂ by using an adhesive.

[0116] Other than the above points, a configuration and structure of the display apparatus or the image display apparatus of the second embodiment are similar to the configuration and structure of the display apparatus or the image display apparatus described in the first embodiment, and thus, detail description thereof is omitted.

Third Embodiment

[0117] The third embodiment is a modification of the second embodiment. An image forming apparatus 40 is

curved also in the third embodiment. However, unlike the second embodiment, a degree of curvature can be varied. A schematic sectional view of a supporting member and an image forming apparatus which are included in an image display apparatus of the third embodiment is illustrated in FIG. 14A. A schematic plane view of the supporting member and the image forming apparatus is illustrated in FIG. 14B.

[0118] In the third embodiment, there is a gap between a groove part 66C and an outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in an X-direction. Then, on a side surface extended in the X-direction of a supporting member 60₃, a projection part 67A and a screw part 67B are provided. The supporting member 60₃ is stored in a housing (not illustrated) an upper part of which is open. The housing is attached to an upper part of each of chassis 53R and 53L. On a side surface of the housing, a hole part into which the projection part 67A is fit is formed. Also, to a part of the side surface of the housing which part faces the screw part 67B, a guide groove substantially extended upward and downward is formed. A screw is inserted into the guide groove and is screwed into the screw part 67B, whereby, it is possible to fix the supporting member 60₃ on the side surface of the housing. Here, depending on a position where the screw is fixed in the guide groove, force applied in the X-direction of the supporting member 60₃ and the image forming apparatus 40 varies. In FIG. 14A, a center of the projection part 67A is indicated by a cross. Also, a track of a circle of the screw part 67B with the center of the projection part 67A as a center is indicated by a dotted line "a" and a track of a center of a through hole is indicated by a solid line "b". In a case where the screw part 67B is moved to an upper part in FIG. 14A with the center of the projection part 67A as the center, a distance between the center of the projection part 67A and the center of the screw part 67B becomes short. Accordingly, compression force is applied in the X-direction of the supporting member 60₃ and the image forming apparatus 40. As a result, a degree of curvature of the image forming apparatus 40 varies. Since there is a gap between the groove part 66C and the outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus 40 which part is extended in the X-direction, it becomes possible to permit the variation in the degree of curvature of the image forming apparatus 40. After the degree of curvature of the image forming apparatus 40 is determined, the gap is filled by an adequate material (such as shim). Alternatively, an elastic material is sandwiched in the gap in advance.

[0119] Note that as illustrated in a schematic sectional view, in FIG. 14C, of a supporting member and an image forming apparatus which are included in a modification of the image display apparatus of the third embodiment, force applied in an X-direction of a supporting member 60₃ and an image forming apparatus 40 may be varied by a pushing member 68A and a set-screw 68B to move the pushing member 68A in the X-direction.

Fourth Embodiment

[0120] The fourth embodiment is a modification of the first to third embodiments and relates to a display apparatus of a second configuration of the present disclosure. In a display apparatus of the fourth embodiment, each image display apparatus 30 further includes an apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an

optical system 90 to adjust a distance between an image forming apparatus 40 and an optical system 50 (specifically, reflecting mirror 51).

[0121] As described above, to a part, which is extended upward, of each of chassis 53R and 53L, a supporting member 60₁ or the like which supports the image forming apparatus 40 is attached. As illustrated in FIG. 19A, the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system 90 includes, for example, a base member of an adjustment apparatus 91, a shaft 92 attached to the supporting member 60₁, a feed screw mechanism 95 attached to the base member of an adjustment apparatus 91, and a shaft 94 which is extended from the feed screw mechanism 95 and is attached to the supporting member 60₁. The supporting member 60₁ can freely slide the shaft 92 via a bush 93 and can freely change a distance to the base member of an adjustment apparatus 91. Then, to the part, which is extended upward, of each of the chassis 53R and 53L, the base member of an adjustment apparatus 91 is attached. By rotating the feed screw mechanism 95, the shaft 94 is moved in an up-down direction in the drawing. As a result, a distance between the base member of an adjustment apparatus 91 and the supporting member 60₁ can be changed. However, movement of the supporting member 60₁ in the up-down direction in the drawing is regulated by the shaft 92 via the bush 93.

[0122] Alternatively, as illustrated in FIG. 19B, the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system 90 includes, for example, a latch mechanism 96 and a pin 97 which is fit into the latch mechanism. Then, by moving the pin 97 in a left direction in the drawing (see arrow in FIG. 19B), the pin 97 is released from the latch mechanism 96. Then, by moving the pin 97 in a right direction in the drawing after the supporting member 60₁ is moved in the up-down direction in the drawing, the pin 97 is fit into the latch mechanism 96.

[0123] In such a manner, by using the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system 90 illustrated in FIG. 19A or FIG. 19B, a distance between the image forming apparatus 40 and the reflecting mirror 51 can be adjusted and accommodated according to eyesight of an observer. However, the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system 90 illustrated in FIG. 19A or FIG. 19B is an example and any type of apparatus can be used as long as the apparatus can adjust a distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system. For example, instead of the bush 93, a linear guide rail can be used or a constrained mechanism between two planes arranged at a right angle can be used. Also, instead of the feed screw mechanism 95 or the latch mechanism 96, a rack and pinion mechanism may be employed.

[0124] With respect to the distance between the image forming apparatus 40 and the reflecting mirror 51, a distance detection apparatus to detect the distance between the image forming apparatus 40 and the reflecting mirror 51 is arranged in the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system 90. The distance detection apparatus only needs to be an adequate apparatus depending on a configuration and structure of the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system 90. More specifically, for example, an apparatus to detect a position (angle) of the feed

screw mechanism 95 or an apparatus to detect a position of the pin 97 in the latch mechanism 96 may be used.

[0125] Then, in the display apparatus of the fourth embodiment, a display control apparatus (not illustrated) to control a size of a whole image from the image forming apparatus 40 according to a distance between the image forming apparatus 40 and the reflecting mirror 51 is further included. That is, as the distance between the image forming apparatus 40 and the reflecting mirror 51 becomes shorter, the size of the whole image from the image forming apparatus 40 is reduced. Note that the control of the size of the whole image may be a well-known control method such as performing enlargement/reduction of the size of the whole image by performing various kinds of signal processing on an image signal used for forming an image in the image forming apparatus 40. The distance between the image forming apparatus 40 and the reflecting mirror 51 may be detected by the above-described distance detection apparatus.

[0126] A relationship between a quantity of movement of the image forming apparatus 40 with respect to the reflecting mirror 51 and the size of the whole image, that is, a state in which the distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system is adjusted by the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system is illustrated conceptually in FIG. 18. When an observer has a myopic vision compared to a case where eyesight of an observer is normal (diopter value: 0), a distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system is reduced. Here, as illustrated in FIG. 18, the size of the whole image from the image forming apparatus 40 is reduced. A relationship among a diopter value, a quantity of movement of the image forming apparatus, and a size of the whole image (image output size) is indicated in the following table 5.

TABLE 5

Diopter value	Quantity of movement	Image output size
-3	-9.4 mm	95.5 mm
-2	-6.3 mm	97.8 mm
-1	-3.1 mm	100.3 mm
0	0	103.4 mm
1	+3.1 mm	106.7 mm
2	+6.3 mm	110.0 mm
3	+9.4 mm	113.8 mm

[0127] When the image forming apparatus 40 (more specifically, supporting member 60₁) is attached to the part, which is extended upward, of each of the chassis 53R and 53L, there may be a case where a fine adjustment in the attachment of the supporting member 60₁ is necessary. Note that such a fine adjustment is usually necessary during assembling of the display apparatus. Then, in such a case, when it is assumed that an axis which passes through a predetermined point (collision point of an image forming apparatus and optical axis) of the image forming apparatus 40 and is parallel in the X-direction is an X-axis and an axis which passes through the predetermined point (collision point of an image forming apparatus and optical axis) of the image forming apparatus 40 and is parallel in the Y-direction is a Y-axis (see FIG. 8A), the image display apparatus 30 includes a rotation apparatus to rotate the image forming apparatus 40 with at least one of the X-axis, the Y-axis, and a Z-axis as a center. An example of the rotation apparatus

includes a combination of a set-screw and a drawing thread which are attached to each of the chassis 53R and 53L. By a fine adjustment of the set-screw and the drawing thread, it is possible to perform a fine adjustment in the attachment of the supporting member 60₁ to the part, which is extended upward, of each of the chassis 53R and 53L. Also, when a guide groove is provided to the part, which is extended upward, of each of the chassis 53R and 53L and a feed screw mechanism is provided to the supporting member 60₁, that is, when a moving apparatus including a guide groove and a feed screw mechanism is provided, it is possible to move the image forming apparatus 40 in the X-direction with respect to the optical system 50 (specifically, reflecting mirror 51). For example, the image forming apparatus 40 is rotated for 40 mm radians with the X-axis as a center, the image forming apparatus 40 is rotated for 40 mm radians with the Y-axis as a center, or the image forming apparatus 40 is rotated for 40 mm radians with the Z-axis as a center.

[0128] In the display apparatus of the fourth embodiment, since the apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system is included, a display apparatus capable of dealing with a difference in eyesight of observers, which difference is caused depending on the observers, adequately and easily with a simple configuration and structure can be provided.

Fifth Embodiment

[0129] The fifth embodiment relates to a display apparatus according to a second mode of the present disclosure. In a display apparatus of the fifth embodiment, an optical system 50 is arranged in such a manner that an image displayed on an image forming apparatus 40 reaches a pupil 11 of an observer 10 in a defocus state. Here, the optical system 50 is arranged in such a manner that an image displayed on the image forming apparatus 40 reaches the pupil 11 of the observer 10 in a defocus state. Accordingly, resolution in a horizontal direction of the image is uniformed. Note that other than the above points, a configuration and structure of the display apparatus of the fifth embodiment are similar to the configuration and structure of the display apparatuses described in the first to the fourth embodiments, and thus, detail description thereof is omitted. Note that in order to make the image, which is displayed on the image forming apparatus 40, reach the pupil 11 of the observer 10 in a defocus state, the image forming apparatus 40 and the optical system 50 (specifically, distance to lens group 52) are controlled and optimized.

[0130] In FIG. 2B, a result of simulation of resolution in the horizontal direction of the image to be observed by the observer in a case where the optical system is arranged in such a manner that the image displayed on the image forming apparatus reaches the pupil of the observer in a just-focus state (focused state) is illustrated. A difference or variation in the resolution in the horizontal direction of the image with respect to an angle of field is large. Note that a horizontal axis in each of FIG. 2A and FIG. 2B indicates the angle of field in the horizontal direction and a horizontal axis indicates resolution. As illustrated in FIG. 2B, in an angle of field which matches an optical axis (main optical axis) of the lens group, the resolution in the horizontal direction is the highest. As an angle of field is deviated from the angle of field which matches the optical axis (main optical axis) of the lens group, the resolution in the horizontal direction is decreased greatly. In addition, for example, in the angle of

field which matches the optical axis (main optical axis) of the lens group, there is a case where a difference between resolution in the horizontal direction of an image from the image forming apparatus for a right eye and resolution in the horizontal direction of an image from the image forming apparatus for a left eye is large and a sense of discomfort may be felt. Note that in FIG. 2A and FIG. 2B, an optical axis of a lens group for a right eye is indicated by "R" and an optical axis of a lens group for a left eye is indicated by "L", resolution in the horizontal direction of an image acquired from the image display apparatus for a right eye is indicated by "a" and resolution in the horizontal direction of an image acquired from the image display apparatus for a left eye is indicated by "b".

[0131] On the other hand, in FIG. 2A, a result of simulation of resolution in the horizontal direction of the image to be observed by the observer in a case where the optical system is arranged in such a manner that the image displayed on the image forming apparatus reaches the pupil of the observer in a defocus state (underfocus for 0.4 mm) is illustrated. A difference or variation in the resolution in the horizontal direction of the image with respect to the angle of field is small. In addition, for example, in the angle of field which matches the optical axis (main optical axis) of the lens group, a difference between resolution in the horizontal direction of an image from the image forming apparatus for a right eye and resolution in the horizontal direction of an image from the image forming apparatus for a left eye is small and a sense of discomfort is not felt much. In such a manner, in the display apparatus of the fifth embodiment, the optical system is arranged in such a manner that the image displayed on the image forming apparatus reaches a pupil of the observer in a defocus state. Thus, it is possible to control generation of a difference or variation in the resolution of the image to be observed by the observer.

[0132] In the above, the present disclosure has been described based on the preferred embodiments. However, the present disclosure is not limited to these embodiments. The configuration and structure of the image display apparatus and the image forming apparatus which have been described in each of the embodiments are examples and can be modified arbitrarily. It is also possible to configure a projector by a combination of the image forming apparatus and the supporting member to support the image forming apparatus which have been described in each of the embodiments. Also, instead of the reflecting mirror, a semi-transmissive mirror (also referred to as partial-reflecting mirror, partial-transmissive mirror, semi-transmissive mirror, and half mirror) can be used.

[0133] Note that, the present disclosure may include the following configurations.

[0134] [A01]<Display apparatus: first mode>

[0135] A display apparatus including:

[0136] (1) a frame;

[0137] (2) an image display apparatus attached to the frame;

[0138] and

[0139] (3) a distortion correction apparatus, wherein the image display apparatus includes

[0140] (A) an image forming apparatus and

[0141] (B) an optical system configured to guide an image from the image forming apparatus to a pupil of an observer,

[0142] when it is assumed that a direction, which corresponds to a first direction of the image, of the image forming

apparatus is an X-direction and a direction, which corresponds to a second direction of the image which direction is different from the first direction, of the image forming apparatus is a Y-direction, the image forming apparatus is curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction, and

[0143] the distortion correction apparatus corrects an input image signal to correct a distortion of the image to be observed.

[0144] [A02] The display apparatus according to [A01], wherein the distortion correction apparatus corrects the input image signal in such a manner that a barrel distortion or a pincushion distortion is applied to an input image signal to be corrected.

[0145] [A03] The display apparatus according to [A01] or [A02], wherein the distortion correction apparatus corrects, with respect to the input image signal, at least an image signal corresponding to both ends of the image forming apparatus and a part nearby to correct at least a distortion of an image at both of the ends of the image forming apparatus and the part nearby.

[0146] [A04]<Display apparatus: second mode>

[0147] A display apparatus including:

[0148] (1) a frame; and

[0149] (2) an image display apparatus attached to the frame, wherein the image display apparatus includes

[0150] (A) an image forming apparatus and

[0151] (B) an optical system configured to guide an image from the image forming apparatus to a pupil of an observer,

[0152] when it is assumed that a direction, which corresponds to a first direction of the image, of the image forming apparatus is an X-direction and a direction, which corresponds to a second direction of the image which direction is different from the first direction, of the image forming apparatus is a Y-direction, the image forming apparatus is curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction, and

[0153] the optical system is arranged in such a manner that the image displayed on the image forming apparatus reaches the pupil of the observer in a defocus state.

[0154] [A05] The display apparatus according to [A04], wherein resolution in a horizontal direction of the image is uniformed by the optical system being arranged in such a manner that the image displayed on the image forming apparatus reaches the pupil of the observer in the defocus state.

[0155] [B01] The display apparatus according to any one of [A01] to [A05], wherein

[0156] each image display apparatus further includes a supporting member configured to support the image forming apparatus, and a supporting surface of the supporting member configured to support the image forming apparatus is curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction, whereby the image forming apparatus is curved.

[0157] [B02] The display apparatus according to [B01], wherein a degree of curvature in the X-direction of the supporting surface of the supporting member is larger than a degree of curvature in the Y-direction thereof.

[0158] [B03] The display apparatus according to [B01] or [B02], wherein

[0159] the supporting member includes a pressing member, an outer shape of the image forming apparatus is a rectangular shape, and

[0160] an outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus which part is extended in the X-direction is fixed to the supporting member by the pressing member.

[0161] [B04] The display apparatus according to [B01] or [B02], wherein

[0162] an outer shape of the image forming apparatus is a rectangular shape, and an outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus which part is extended in the X-direction is sandwiched by the supporting member.

[0163] [C01] The display apparatus according to any one of [A01] to [B04], wherein the image display apparatus includes an apparatus of adjusting a distance between an image forming apparatus and an optical system which apparatus is configured to adjust a distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system.

[0164] [C02] The display apparatus according to [C01], further including a display control apparatus configured to control a size of a whole image from the image forming apparatus according to the distance between the image forming apparatus and the optical system.

[0165] [C03] The display apparatus according to any one of [A01] to [C02], wherein the image display apparatus includes an apparatus of adjusting a distance between a pupil and an optical system which apparatus is configured to adjust a distance between the optical system and the pupil of the observer.

[0166] [C04] The display apparatus according to any one of [A01] to [C03], wherein when it is assumed that an axis which passes through a predetermined point of the image forming apparatus and which is parallel in the X-direction is an X-axis and an axis which passes through a predetermined point of the image forming apparatus and which is parallel in the Y-direction is a Y-axis, the image display apparatus further includes a rotation apparatus configured to rotate the image forming apparatus with at least one of the X-axis, the Y-axis, and a Z-axis as a center.

[0167] [C05] The display apparatus according to any one of [A01] to [C04], further including a moving apparatus configured to move the image forming apparatus in the X-direction with respect to the optical system.

[0168] [D01] The display apparatus according to any one of [A01] to [C05], wherein an image display apparatus for a left eye and an image display apparatus for a right eye are attached to the frame, and each image display apparatus includes

[0169] (A) an image forming apparatus and

[0170] (B) an optical system configured to guide the image from the image forming apparatus to the pupil of the observer.

[0171] [D02] The display apparatus according to [D01], wherein each of the optical systems includes a reflecting mirror configured to reflect the image from the image forming apparatus and a lens group which is arranged between the pupil of the observer and the reflecting mirror and into which the image reflected by the reflecting mirror becomes incident, and

[0172] a normal of the reflecting mirror included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a left eye and a normal of the reflecting mirror included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye intersect with each other in a space on an opposite side of the observer with respect to the reflecting mirrors.

[0173] [D03] The display apparatus according to [D02], wherein the normal of the reflecting mirror included in the

optical system of the image display apparatus for a left eye and the normal of the reflecting mirror included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye intersect with each other in a space lower than a virtual plane including both pupils of the observer and an infinite distance.

[0174] [D04] The display apparatus according to [D03], wherein when it is assumed that the virtual plane including both of the pupils of the observer and the infinite distance is an xy plane, a straight line which connects both of the pupils of the observer is an x-axis, an optical axis of a right eye of the observer is an y-axis, a point on the reflecting mirror at which point an optical axis of the lens group included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye collides with the reflecting mirror is a collision point of a reflecting mirror for a right eye and an optical axis, and the reflecting mirror included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye is arranged in parallel with an xz plane, and when it is further assumed that an axis on the reflecting mirror which axis passes through the collision point of a reflecting mirror for a right eye and an optical axis and is in parallel with the xy plane is a ξ -axis and an axis on the reflecting mirror which axis passes through the collision point of a reflecting mirror for a right eye and an optical axis and is orthogonal to the ξ -axis is an η -axis,

[0175] a plane mirror included in the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye is rotated for an angle $\theta_1=45^\circ\pm 5^\circ$ with the ξ -axis as a center and with an upper part of the plane mirror being rotated in a direction away from the observer and is also rotated for an angle $\theta_2=7^\circ$ to 21° with the η -axis as a center and with a right end of the plane mirror being rotated in the direction away from the observer, and the image forming apparatus and the optical system of the image display apparatus for a left eye and the image forming apparatus and the optical system of the image display apparatus for a right eye are arranged in a mirror-symmetrical manner with respect to a virtual plane which passes through a midpoint of a line segment to connect both of the pupils of the observer and is in parallel with a yz plane.

[0176] [D05] The display apparatus according to [D04], wherein the image forming apparatus is arranged in an upper part of the reflecting mirror.

[0177] [D06] The display apparatus according to any one of [D01] to [D05], further including an apparatus of adjusting a distance between image display apparatuses which apparatus is configured to adjust a distance between the image display apparatus for a left eye and the image display apparatus for a right eye.

[0178] [E01] The display apparatus according to any one of [A01] to [D05], wherein an outer shape of the image forming apparatus is a rectangular shape, and

[0179] a wiring line is extended to an external part from an outer peripheral part of the image forming apparatus which part is extended in the Y-direction.

[0180] [E02] The display apparatus according to any one of [A01] to [E01], wherein

[0181] one lens group includes three lenses,

[0182] a second lens has negative power, and

[0183] a refractive index of a material included in the second lens is higher than a refractive index of a material of each of a first lens and a third lens.

[0184] [E03] The display apparatus according to [E02], wherein the first lens and the third lens have positive power.

[0185] [E04] The display apparatus according to [E02] or [E03], wherein a reflecting mirror side of the lens group is a telecentric optical system.

[0186] [E05] The display apparatus according to any one of [A01] to [E04], wherein the image forming apparatus includes an organic electroluminescence display apparatus.

[0187] [E06] The display apparatus according to any one of [A01] to [E05], wherein a frame is mounted on a head of the observer.

[0188] [F01]<Image display apparatus: first mode>

[0189] An image display apparatus including

[0190] (A) an image forming apparatus and

[0191] (B) an optical system configured to guide an image from the image forming apparatus to a pupil of an observer, wherein

[0192] when it is assumed that a direction, which corresponds to a first direction of the image, of the image forming apparatus is an X-direction and a direction, which corresponds to a second direction of the image which direction is different from the first direction, of the image forming apparatus is a Y-direction, the image forming apparatus is curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction, and

[0193] an image signal corresponding to both ends of the image forming apparatus and a part nearby is corrected, with respect to the input image signal, to correct a distortion of an image at both of the ends of the image forming apparatus and the part nearby.

[0194] [F02] The image display apparatus according to [F01], wherein the input image signal is corrected in such a manner that a pincushion distortion is applied to an input image signal to be corrected.

[0195] [F03]<Image display apparatus: second mode>

[0196] An image display apparatus including

[0197] (A) an image forming apparatus and

[0198] (B) an optical system configured to guide an image from the image forming apparatus to a pupil of an observer, wherein

[0199] when it is assumed that a direction, which corresponds to a first direction of the image, of the image forming apparatus is an X-direction and a direction, which corresponds to a second direction of the image which direction is different from the first direction, of the image forming apparatus is a Y-direction, the image forming apparatus is curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction, and

[0200] the optical system is arranged in such a manner that the image displayed on the image forming apparatus reaches the pupil of the observer in a defocus state.

[0201] [F04] The image display apparatus according to [F03], wherein resolution in a horizontal direction of the image is uniformed by the optical system being arranged in such a manner that the image displayed on the image forming apparatus reaches the pupil of the observer in a defocus state.

REFERENCE SIGNS LIST

[0202] 10 Observer

[0203] 11, 11L, 11R Pupil of observer

[0204] 20 Frame

[0205] 21 Front part

[0206] 22 Side part

[0207] 22A Hole part

[0208] 23A Arm part

[0209] 23B Forehead rest
 [0210] 24 Nose pad part
 [0211] 25 Holding member
 [0212] 26 Base part
 [0213] 27A Key
 [0214] 27B Guide groove
 [0215] 27C Fastening member
 [0216] 30, 30R, 30L Image display apparatus
 [0217] 40 Image forming apparatus
 [0218] 41 Wiring line
 [0219] 50 Optical system
 [0220] 51, 51R, 51L Reflecting mirror
 [0221] 52, 52R, 52L Lens group
 [0222] 53R, 53L Chassis
 [0223] 60₁, 60₂, 60₃ Supporting member
 [0224] 61 Supporting surface
 [0225] 62A, 62B Outer peripheral part of supporting member
 [0226] 62C Contact surface of outer peripheral part
 [0227] 62D Screw part
 [0228] 63 Fixing member
 [0229] 64 Screw
 [0230] 65 Pressing member
 [0231] 65A One end part of pressing member
 [0232] 65B Other end part of pressing member
 [0233] 66A Lower-side member
 [0234] 66B Upper-side member
 [0235] 66C Groove part
 [0236] 67A Projection part
 [0237] 67B Screw part
 [0238] 68A Pushing member
 [0239] 68B Set-screw
 [0240] 70 Apparatus of adjusting distance between image display apparatuses
 [0241] 71 Pedestal
 [0242] 72 Side surface placed outside of pedestal
 [0243] 73 Feed screw mechanism
 [0244] 74A, 76A Pin
 [0245] 75A Tap hole
 [0246] 74B, 75B, 76B Guide groove
 [0247] 80 Apparatus of adjusting distance between pupil and optical system
 [0248] 82 Side wall
 [0249] 83 Feed screw mechanism
 [0250] 90 Apparatus of adjusting distance between image forming apparatus and optical system
 [0251] 91 Base member of adjustment apparatus
 [0252] 92, 94 Shaft
 [0253] 93 Bush
 [0254] 95 Feed screw mechanism
 [0255] 96 Latch mechanism
 [0256] 97 Pin fit into latch mechanism

1. A display apparatus comprising:
 a frame;
 an image display section attached to the frame; and
 a distortion correction section,
 wherein the image display section includes an image forming unit and wherein a direction, that corresponds to a first direction of an image, of the image forming unit is an X-direction and a direction, that corresponds to a second direction of the image which direction is different from the first direction, of the image forming unit is a Y-direction, and the image forming unit is

curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction.

2. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image display section further includes an optical unit configured to guide an image from the image forming unit to a pupil of an observer.

3. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the distortion correction section corrects an input image signal to correct a distortion of the image to be observed.

4. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the distortion correction section corrects an input image signal in such a manner that a barrel distortion or a pincushion distortion is applied to an input image signal to be corrected.

5. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the distortion correction section corrects, with respect to the input image signal, at least an image signal corresponding to both ends of the image forming unit and a part nearby to correct at least a distortion of an image at both of the ends of the image forming unit and the part nearby.

6. The display apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the optical unit is arranged in such a manner that the image displayed on the image forming unit reaches the pupil of the observer in a defocus state.

7. The display apparatus according to claim 6, wherein resolution in a horizontal direction of the image is made uniform by the optical unit being arranged in such a manner that the image displayed on the image forming unit reaches the pupil of the observer in the defocus state.

8. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image display section further includes a supporting member configured to support the image forming unit, and a supporting surface of the supporting member configured to support the image forming unit is curved in the X-direction or the Y-direction, or in the X-direction and the Y-direction, whereby the image forming unit is curved.

9. The display apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the supporting member includes a pressing member, an outer shape of the image forming unit is a rectangular shape, and an outer peripheral part of the image forming unit which part is extended in the X-direction is fixed to the supporting member by the pressing member.

10. The display apparatus according to claim 8, wherein an outer shape of the image forming unit is a rectangular shape, and an outer peripheral part of the image forming unit which part is extended in the X-direction is sandwiched by the supporting member.

11. The display apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the image display section includes an adjusting section configured to adjust a distance between the image forming unit and the optical unit.

12. The display apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising a display control section configured to control a size of a whole image from the image forming unit according to the distance between the image forming unit and the optical unit.

13. The display apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the image display section includes an adjusting section configured to adjust a distance between the optical unit and the pupil of the observer.

14. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when it is assumed that an axis which passes through a predetermined point of the image forming unit and which is parallel in the X-direction is an X-axis and an axis which passes through a predetermined point of the image forming

unit and which is parallel in the Y-direction is a Y-axis, the image display section further includes a rotation section configured to rotate the image forming unit with at least one of the X-axis, the Y-axis, and a Z-axis as a center.

15. The display apparatus according to claim **1**, further comprising a moving section configured to move the image forming unit in the X-direction with respect to the optical unit.

16. The display apparatus according to claim **1**, wherein an image display section for a left eye and an image display section for a right eye are attached to the frame, and each image display section includes an image forming unit and an optical unit configured to guide the image from the image forming unit to the pupil of the observer.

17. The display apparatus according to claim **16**, wherein each of the optical units includes a reflecting mirror configured to reflect the image from the image forming unit and a lens group which is arranged between the pupil of the observer and the reflecting mirror and into which the image reflected by the reflecting mirror becomes incident, and a

normal of the reflecting mirror included in the optical unit of the image display section for a left eye and a normal of the reflecting mirror included in the optical unit of the image display section for a right eye intersect with each other in a space on an opposite side of the observer with respect to the reflecting mirrors.

18. The display apparatus according to claim **17**, wherein the normal of the reflecting mirror included in the optical unit of the image display section for a left eye and the normal of the reflecting mirror included in the optical unit of the image display section for a right eye intersect with each other in a space lower than a virtual plane including both pupils of the observer and an infinite distance.

19. The display apparatus according to claim **17**, wherein the image forming unit is arranged in an upper part of the reflecting mirror.

20. The display apparatus according to claim **1**, wherein the image forming unit includes an organic electro-luminescence display section.

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