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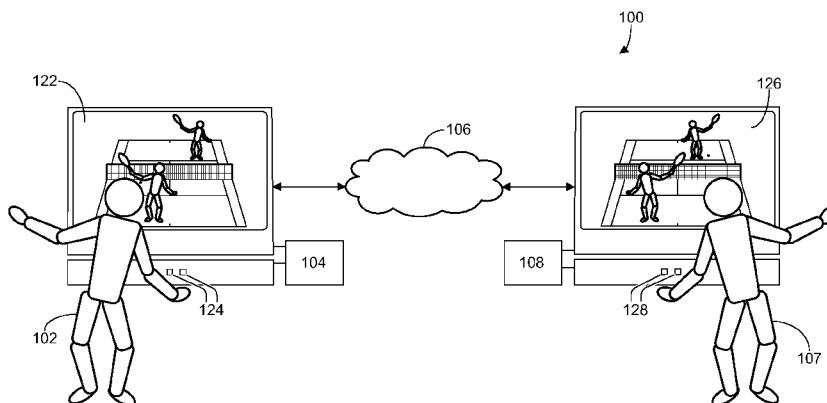


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Various embodiments are disclosed that relate to negatively matching users over a network. For example, one disclosed embodiment provides a method including storing a plurality of user profiles corresponding to a plurality of users, each user profile in the plurality of user profiles including one or more user attributes, and receiving a request from a user for a list of one or more suggested negatively matched other users. In response to the request, the method further includes ranking each of a plurality of other users based on a magnitude of a difference between one or more user attributes of the user and corresponding one or more user attributes of the other user, and sending a list of one or more negatively matched users to the exclusion of more positively matched users based on the ranking.

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