

BASE, LAUNDRY TREATMENT DEVICE AND CLEANING SYSTEM

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] This application claims the priority of the Chinese patent application No. 202211018057.5, filed on August 24, 2022, and the Chinese patent application No. 202222236081.8, filed on August 24, 2022, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present application relates to the laundry treatment technology field, in particular to a base, a laundry treatment device and a cleaning system.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Robot vacuum cleaner is configured to clean the floor. The robot vacuum cleaner is provided with a station comprising a water supplement tank. The water supplement tank is configured to supplement water for a liquid container (such as a clean water tank) of the robot vacuum cleaner, so that the robot vacuum cleaner can clean the floor for a long time. In the related art, the user must manually fill the water supplement tank with water.

SUMMARY

[0004] In view of this, the present application is intended to provide a base, a laundry treatment device and a cleaning system that can supplement water for a clean water tank of the robot vacuum cleaner.

- [0005] To achieve above object, the embodiments of the present application provide a base comprising a pedestal and a water inlet assembly.
- [0006] The pedestal comprises a robot vacuum cleaner chamber and a washing portion configured to wash a cleaning member of a robot vacuum cleaner.
- [0007] The water inlet assembly comprises a primary water inlet path. The water inlet assembly further comprises a first water inlet branch in communication with the primary water inlet path, and/or a second water inlet branch in communication with the primary water inlet path. The primary water inlet path is configured to be connected to a tap water path, the first water inlet branch is in communication with the washing portion, and the second water inlet branch is configured to be connected to a liquid container of the robot vacuum cleaner.
- [0008] In some embodiments, the water inlet assembly comprises a reversing valve comprising a valve inlet, a first valve outlet and a second valve outlet. The primary water inlet path is in communication with the valve inlet. The first water inlet branch is in communication with the first valve outlet and the washing portion. The second water inlet branch is configured to connect the second valve outlet to the liquid container.
- [0009] In some embodiments, the base comprises a liquid storage chamber which is arranged on the primary water inlet path and located upstream of the valve inlet in a flow direction of the water in the primary water inlet path.
- [0010] In some embodiments, the base comprises a detergent container in communication with the liquid storage chamber.
- [0011] In some embodiments, the base comprises an overflow path in communication with the liquid storage chamber, and liquid in the liquid storage chamber is discharged to an outside or discharged into the washing portion through the overflow path responsive to a water level of the liquid storage chamber higher than a predetermined water level.
- [0012] In some embodiments, the base comprises a ventilation path and a first switch valve, the ventilation path connects the liquid storage chamber to the atmosphere. The first switch valve is arranged on the primary water inlet path and located between the

liquid storage chamber and the valve inlet.

[0013] In some embodiments, the base comprises an overflow path, a first end of the overflow path is connected to the ventilation path, and a second end of the overflow path is connected to an outside or the washing portion.

[0014] In some embodiments, the base comprises a first multi-way connector. The first end of the overflow path is connected to the ventilation path through the first multi-way connector. The first multi-way connector is in the form of a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve.

[0015] In some embodiments, a highest point of the overflow path is not higher than a lowest point of the ventilation path.

[0016] In some embodiments, the water inlet assembly comprises a third water inlet branch. The base comprises a water discharge assembly comprising a water discharge path and a water discharge pump. The water discharge path connects the washing portion to the outside. The water discharge pump is arranged on the water discharge path. A first end of the third water inlet branch is configured to be connected to the tap water path, and a second end of the third water inlet branch is connected to a pipe of the water discharge path which is located between the water discharge pump and the washing portion.

[0017] In some embodiments, the water inlet assembly comprises a second switch valve arranged on the third water inlet branch. The second switch valve is configured to allow or prevent the entry of tap water into the third water inlet branch.

[0018] In some embodiments, the water inlet assembly comprises a second multi-way connector, and the first end of the third water inlet branch is connected to the primary water inlet path through the second multi-way connector. The second multi-way connector is in the form of a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve.

[0019] In some embodiments, the water discharge assembly comprises a water storing chamber arranged on the water discharge path and located upstream of the water discharge pump in a flow direction of the water in the water discharge path. The second

end of the third water inlet branch is connected to the water storing chamber.

[0020] In some embodiments, the water discharge assembly comprises a third multi-way connector located upstream of the water discharge pump in a flow direction of water in the water discharge path. The second end of the third water inlet branch is connected to the water discharge path through the third multi-way connector in the form of a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve.

[0021] In some embodiments, the base comprises an overflow path and a liquid storage chamber arranged on the primary water inlet path. The overflow path is in communication with the liquid storage chamber. The water discharge assembly comprises a fourth multi-way connector which is arranged on the water discharge path and located downstream of the water discharge pump in a flow direction of water in the water discharge path. The overflow path is in communication with the water discharge path through the fourth multi-way connector in the form of a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve.

[0022] In some embodiments, the water inlet assembly comprises a third switch valve arranged on the primary water inlet path. The third switch valve is configured to allow or prevent the entry of tap water into the primary water inlet path.

[0023] Another aspect of embodiments of the present application provides a laundry treatment device comprising a laundry treatment machine and the base according to any one of above embodiments.

[0024] The laundry treatment machine comprises a tub.

[0025] The pedestal is arranged below the tub.

[0026] Embodiments of the present application further provide a cleaning system comprising a robot vacuum cleaner and the laundry treatment device described above. The robot vacuum cleaner is provided with a cleaning member and is movable into and out of the robot vacuum cleaner chamber.

[0027] At least one of the base, the washing portion and the liquid container in the

embodiments of the present application is supplied with tap water by the primary water inlet path. In this way, the tap water is introduced into the washing portion through the primary water inlet path and the first water inlet branch, such that water in the washing portion can wash the cleaning member of the robot vacuum cleaner, and the base can provide a function of cleaning the cleaning member, without manually washing the cleaning member by the user, which lead to a better user experience. In addition, by introducing tap water into the liquid container via the primary water inlet path and the second water inlet branch, the water supplement tank in the base for supplementing water to the liquid container can be eliminated, which not only leads to a lower cost, but also reduces a space occupied by the liquid container, and thus the base is smaller in size and lower in height. Further, since the primary water inlet path is in communication with the tap water path and water is supplied to at least one of the first water inlet branch and the second water inlet branch, the modification to the tap water path of the user may be reduced, for example, the user may not have to install two tap water faucets.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- [0028] FIG. 1 is a schematic view of a cleaning system in an embodiment of the present application.
- [0029] FIG. 2 is a schematic view illustrating the principle of water intake and water discharge of a first type of base in the present application.
- [0030] FIG. 3 is a schematic view illustrating the principle of water intake and water discharge of a second type of base in the present application.
- [0031] FIG. 4 is a schematic view illustrating the principle of water intake and water discharge of a third type of base in the present application.
- [0032] FIG. 5 is a schematic view illustrating the principle of water intake and water discharge of a forth type of base in the present application.
- [0033] FIG. 6 is a schematic view illustrating the principle of water intake and water

discharge of a fifth type of base in the present application.

[0034] FIG. 7 is a schematic view illustrating the principle of water intake and water discharge of a sixth type of base in the present application.

[0035] FIG. 8 is a schematic view illustrating the principle of water intake and water discharge of a seventh type of base in the present application.

[0036] FIG. 9 is a schematic view illustrating the principle of water intake and water discharge of an eighth type of base in the present application.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0037] It is to be noted that the embodiments in the present application and the technical features in the embodiments can be combined with each other if no contrary, and the detailed description of the present application should be interpreted as an explanation of the purpose of the present application and should not be interpreted as limitation to the present application.

[0038] In the embodiments of the present application, orientation or position relationships such as “top” and “bottom” are based on the orientation or position relationships shown in FIG. 1. It is to be understood that these orientation terms are merely for ease of describing the present application and simplifying the description, and is not intended to indicate or imply that devices or elements must have specific orientations or must be configured or operated in specific orientations, and should not be understood as limiting to the present application. The present application is further described in detail below with reference to the drawings and specific embodiments.

[0039] With reference to FIGS. 1 to 9, embodiments of the present application provide a base for a laundry treatment device.

[0040] The base comprises a pedestal 1 and a water inlet assembly 2.

[0041] The pedestal 1 comprises a washing portion 1a and a robot vacuum cleaner

chamber 1b. The washing portion 1a is configured to wash a cleaning member of the robot vacuum cleaner 200. The cleaning member is configured to contact with a surface to be cleaned, such as floor, so as to clean the surface to be cleaned. The cleaning member may roll, rotate or slide relative to the floor to rub the surface to be cleaned. In this way, the cleaning member can clean the surface to be cleaned by rubbing .

[0042] As an example, the cleaning member comprises but is not limited to a roller brush and/or a rag.

[0043] With reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, the water inlet assembly 2 comprises a primary water inlet path 21. The water inlet assembly 2 further comprises a first water inlet branch 23 in communication with the primary water inlet path 21, and/or a second water inlet branch 24 in communication with the primary water inlet path 21. The primary water inlet path 21 is configured to be connected to a tap water path. That is, the primary water inlet path 21 is configured to supply water to the first water inlet branch 23, and is configured to supply water to the second water inlet branch 24. The water inlet assembly 2 comprises at least one of the first water inlet branch 23 and the second water inlet branch 24.

[0044] The first water inlet branch 23 is in communication with a washing portion 1a. The second water inlet branch 24 is configured to be connected to a liquid container of the robot vacuum cleaner. In this way, the first water inlet branch 23 can supplement tap water to the washing portion 1a. The second water inlet branch 24 can supplement tap water to the liquid container of the robot vacuum cleaner.

[0045] The liquid container of the robot vacuum cleaner may be configured to contain clean water and/or detergent. As an example, the liquid container comprises but is not limited to a clean water tank.

[0046] At least one of the base, the washing portion 1a and the liquid container in the embodiments of the present application is supplied with tap water by the primary water inlet path 21. In this way, the tap water is introduced into the washing portion 1a through the primary water inlet path 21 and the first water inlet branch 23, such that water in the washing portion 1a can wash the cleaning member of the robot vacuum cleaner 200, and

the base can provide a function of cleaning the cleaning member, without manually washing the cleaning member by the user, which lead to a better user experience. In addition, by introducing tap water into the liquid container via the primary water inlet path 21 and the second water inlet branch 24, the water supplement tank in the base for supplementing water to the liquid container can be eliminated, which not only leads to a lower cost, but also reduces a space occupied by the liquid container, and thus the base is smaller in size and lower in height. Further, since the primary water inlet path 21 is in communication with the tap water path and water is supplied to at least one of the first water inlet branch 23 and the second water inlet branch 24, the modification to the tap water path of the user may be reduced, for example, the user may not have to install two tap water faucets.

[0047] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, the water inlet assembly 2 comprises the primary water inlet path 21, a reversing valve 22, the first water inlet branch 23 and the second water inlet branch 24. The reversing valve comprises a valve inlet 22a, a first valve outlet 22b and a second valve outlet 22c. The primary water inlet path 21 is in communication with the valve inlet 22a. The first water inlet branch 23 is in communication with the first valve outlet 22b and the washing portion 1a. The second water inlet branch 24 is configured to connect the second valve outlet 22c to the liquid container of the robot vacuum cleaner 200. That is, the water inlet assembly 2 comprises the first water inlet branch 23 and the second water inlet branch 24.

[0048] As an example, each of the primary water inlet path 21, the first water inlet branch 23 and the second water inlet branch 24 may be a conduit structure.

[0049] In the present embodiment, the reversing valve 22 may direct tap water from the primary water inlet path 21 into the washing portion 1a and/or the liquid container. The primary water inlet path 21 is in communication with the tap water path, and the tap water is distributed through the reversing valve 22, such that changes to the tap water path of the user may be reduced, for example, the user may not have to arrange two tap water faucets. It can not only save pipes, but also realize an independent water inlet control of the first water inlet branch 23 and the second water inlet branch 24 respectively.

[0050] A specific type of the reversing valve 22 is not limited. As an example, the reversing valve 22 comprises but is not limited to a solenoid valve.

[0051] With reference to FIG. 1, the laundry treatment device in the embodiment of the present application comprises a laundry treatment machine 100 and the base in any one of the embodiments of the present application. The laundry treatment machine 100 comprises a tub. The pedestal is arranged below the tub. In this way, a space below the laundry treatment machine 100 is configured to arrange the pedestal 1, so as to avoid that the pedestal 1 occupies an extra floor area, and to save spaces and provide better user experience. The pedestal 1 can further provide support for the laundry treatment machine 100.

[0052] The robot vacuum cleaner 200 can be an intelligent robot vacuum cleaner 200. That is, the robot vacuum cleaner 200 comprises a control unit and a moving structure, and the control unit can control the moving structure to move autonomously and the cleaning member to work autonomously. For example, in the case where the moving structure is a rolling wheel, the control unit controls the rolling wheel to roll so as to drive the robot vacuum cleaner 200 to move, and cleaning member can clean the floor during the moving of the robot vacuum cleaner 200.

[0053] In an embodiment, the robot vacuum cleaner 200 comprises a first communication module, the base comprises a second communication module, and the robot vacuum cleaner 200 and the laundry treatment device can communicate with each other through the first communication module and the second communication module. For example, the robot vacuum cleaner 200 can return to the robot vacuum cleaner chamber 1b automatically through a wireless communication between the first communication module and the second communication module.

[0054] As an example, the first communication module and the second communication module may comprise, but are not limited to, one or more of following wireless data communication modules: a Bluetooth module, a Wireless Fidelity (WIFI) module, a 4th Generation/5th Generation (4G/5G) communication module, or an infrared module, etc.

[0055] In an embodiment, the base comprises a controller for controlling the operation of various electronic components of the base, such as the reversing valve 22.

[0056] Functions of the laundry treatment machine 100 are not limited. For example, the laundry treatment machine 100 may have a washing function and/or a drying function. In other words, the laundry treatment machine 100 can be a washing machine, a drying machine and/or a washing and drying machine, etc.

[0057] In some embodiments, the laundry treatment machine 100 comprises a water accommodating barrel. The tub is rotationally arranged within the water accommodating barrel. The tub is provided with water passage holes through which water liquid can flow between the tub and the water accommodating barrel. The tub is configured to place and treat clothes. For example, the tub is configured to wash and/or dry clothes, etc.

[0058] A rotation axis of the tub may extend in a vertical direction, in an inclined direction or in a horizontal direction. In other words, the laundry treatment machine 100 can be a pulsator laundry treatment machine 100 or a drum laundry treatment machine 100, etc.

[0059] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, the water inlet assembly 2 comprises a third switch valve 28 arranged on the primary water inlet path 21. The third switch valve 28 is configured to allow or prevent the entry of the tap water into the primary water inlet path 21. In this way, a water inlet of the primary water inlet path 21 can be controlled by the third switch valve 28 autonomously.

[0060] In an embodiment, the third switch valve 28 may have a throttling function. That is, the third switch valve 28 is closed when a flow velocity of the water flowing through the third switch valve 28 is greater than a set value. In this way, an extreme flow velocity of the water from the primary water inlet path 21 is avoided.

[0061] A specific type of the third switch valve 28 is not limited. As an example, the third switch valve comprises but is not limited to a solenoid valve.

[0062] In an embodiment, the laundry treatment machine 100 comprises a water injection path in communication with the tub, and the primary water inlet path 21 is in

communication with the water injection path. Specifically, the water injection path is configured to be connected to the tap water path. The primary water inlet path 21 and the water injection path can share a same tap water faucet, water from which enters into the base and the tub through the primary water inlet path 21 and the water injection path respectively, thus realizing tap water distribution, saving structural members and reducing changes to the tap water path of the user.

[0063] In an embodiment, the laundry treatment machine 100 comprises a fourth switch valve arranged on the water injection path. The primary water inlet path 21 is connected to a pipe of the water injection path located upstream of the fourth switch valve. The fourth switch valve controls a water inlet of the water injection path into the tub, and the third switch valve 28 controls a water inlet of the primary water inlet path 21, such that a main water inlet of the base and a main water inlet of the tub are independently controlled respectively. For example, a water flow of the washing portion 1a can be independently controlled by the third switch valve 28 without being affected by the laundry treatment machine 100, as long as the third switch valve 28 is powered. Thus the third switch valve 28 can operate independently even if the fourth switch valve is not powered and does not work. For example, a water flow of the washing portion 1a can be independently controlled by the third switch valve 28 without being affected by the laundry treatment machine 100, as long as the third switch valve 28 is powered. Thus the third switch valve 28 can operate independently even if the fourth switch valve is not powered and does not work.

[0064] In an embodiment, with reference to FIG. 1, the base comprises a support frame 101 with an arranging chamber in which the pedestal 1 is arranged. The laundry treatment machine 100 can be supported above the support frame 101. The support frame 101 is configured to bear a weight of the laundry treatment machine 100, and the pedestal 1 does not need to bear a heavy weight. Therefore, the pedestal 1 can be made of a lightweight material such as plastic etc., thereby reducing a material cost. The washing portion 1a and the support frame 101 are separated from each other through the pedestal 1, so as to prevent water in the washing portion 1a from contacting the support frame 101.

[0065] A structure form of the washing portion 1a is not limited. As an example, in an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, the washing portion 1a presents a groove-like structure with an upper opening. In this way, the washing portion 1a can contain clean water from the first water inlet branch 23, and can also contain dirty water produce by washing the cleaning member.

[0066] As an example, in an embodiment, the laundry treatment machine 100 comprises a casing in which an outer barrel and the tub are accommodated. The casing is located above and connected with the support frame 101. In this way, the casing and the support frame 101 can be manufactured separately, thereby facilitating installations of the tub and the pedestal 1 etc., and reducing manufacturing difficulty.

[0067] In other embodiments, the laundry treatment device comprises a shell in which the pedestal 1 and the tub are located. That is, the pedestal 1 and the tub share a same shell.

[0068] In some embodiments, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, the base comprises a washing head which is arranged on the first water inlet branch 23 and which can spray water to the washing portion 1a or the cleaning member. In this way, the cleaning member can be flushed and washed through the washing head 10, which facilitates a removal of dirt from the cleaning member. The cleaning member can also rotate by itself to contact with the water in the washing portion 1a and facilitate the removal of dirt from the cleaning member.

[0069] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, the water inlet assembly 2 comprises a third water inlet branch 25. The base comprises a water discharge assembly 9 comprising a water discharge path 91 and a water discharge pump 92. The water discharge path 91 connects the washing portion 1a to the outside. The water discharge pump 92 is arranged on the water discharge path 91. A first end of the third water inlet branch 25 is configured to be connected to the tap water path, and a second end of the third water inlet branch 25 is connected to a pipe of the water discharge path 91 between the water discharge pump 92 and the washing portion 1a.

[0070] As an example, each of the third water inlet branch 25 and the water discharge

path 91 may be a conduit structure.

[0071] The water discharge pump 92 is configured to drive the water in the water discharge path 91 to flow to the outside. A specific type of the water discharge pump 92 is not limited herein. As an example, the water discharge pump 92 may be an impeller pump.

[0072] Here, the water discharge assembly 9 discharges water by means of the Venturi effect. Specifically, during discharging water, water flows into the water discharge path 91 through the third water inlet branch 25 and is discharged to the outside, such as a floor drain 1000, through the water discharge pump 92. In this way, air in the water discharge path 91 can be discharged as much as possible. After the air in the water discharge path 91 is substantially exhausted, the liquid in the washing portion 1a is automatically sucked into the water discharge path 91, and finally discharged to the outside, such as the floor drain 1000, through the water discharge pump 92. In this way, a liquid discharge of the washing portion 1a is achieved.

[0073] It should be noted that a water flow from the third water inlet branch 25 can continuously flow into the water discharge path 91 during the whole water discharging process, that is, the water flow from the third water inlet branch 25 together with the liquid within the washing portion 92 are discharged to the outside through the water discharge pump 1a. Alternatively, after the air in the water discharge path 91 is substantially exhausted, a water flow path from the third water inlet branch 25 into the water discharge path 91 is blocked. At this time, only the liquid within the washing portion 1a is discharged to the outside through the water discharge pump 92 without water flow from the third water inlet branch 25.

[0074] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 4 and 5, the water inlet assembly 2 comprises a second switch valve 26 arranged on the third water inlet branch 25. The second switch valve 26 is configured to allow or prevent the entry of the tap water into the third water inlet branch 25. In this way, the third water inlet branch 25a can be independently controlled by the second switch valve 26 to improve a degree of autonomy. As an example, after the air in the water discharge path 91 is substantially exhausted, the water flow path from the third water inlet branch 25 into the water

discharge path 91 can be blocked through the second switch valve 26.

[0075] In an embodiment, the second switch valve 26 may have a throttling function. That is, the second switch valve 26 is closed when a flow velocity of the water flowing through the second switch valve 26 is greater than a set value. In this way, an extreme flow velocity of the water from the third water inlet branch 25 is avoided.

[0076] A specific type of the second switch valve 26 is not limited. As an example, the second switch valve 26 comprises but is not limited to a solenoid valve.

[0077] In some embodiments, each of the third water inlet branch 25 and the primary water inlet path 21 may be in communication with the tap water path of the user. For example, the third water inlet branch 25 is in communication with the tap water faucet separately, and a tap water flow path of the third water inlet branch 25 may be controlled by the second switch valve 26. The primary water inlet path 21 is in communication with the tap water faucet separately, and a tap water flow path of the primary water inlet path 21 may be controlled by the third switch valve 28.

[0078] In some embodiments, with reference to FIGS. 2, 3 and 6 to 9, the water inlet assembly 2 comprises a second multi-way connector 27, through which the first end of the third water inlet branch 25 is connected to the primary water inlet path 21. The second multi-way connector 27 is a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve. As an example, the second multi-way connector 27 is located downstream of the third switch valve 28 in a flow direction of the water in the primary water inlet path 21. Through the second multi-way connector 27, the third water inlet branch 25 can be in communication with the primary water inlet path 21, and tap water can be distributed from the primary water inlet path 21 into the third water inlet branch 25. Thus the third water inlet branch 25 and the primary water inlet path 21 can share a same tap water faucet, for a purpose of reducing the tap water faucets, saving costs and reducing changes to the tap water path of users.

[0079] Multi-way joint refers to a connection structure in which each of several ports remains through. For example, in the case of a three-way joint, the three-way joint comprises three port, each of which remains in a through state. It can be understood that

the multi-way joint is not limited to the three-way joint, but may also be a four-way joint or a five-way joint, etc., which is not be listed in extenso herein.

[0080] Multi-way valve refers to a connection structure in which each of several valve ports can be opened or closed. For example, in the case of a three-way valve, the three-way valve comprises three valve ports, each of which can be opened or closed independently. It can be understood that the multi-way valve is not limited to the three-way valve, but can also be a four-way valve or a five-way valve, etc., which is not be listed in extenso herein.

[0081] A specific type of the multi-way valve is not limited. As an example, the multi-way valve can be a solenoid valve.

[0082] For example, if the second multi-way connector 27 is a multi-way valve, with reference to FIGS. 2, 3 and 6 to 9, the second multi-way connector 27 may comprise a main water inlet 27a, a first distribution port 27b and a second distribution port 27c. The primary water inlet path 21 comprises a main pipe 211 and a branch pipe 212. The main pipe 211 is in communication with the main water inlet 27a and the tap water path. The branch pipe 212 is in communication with the first distribution port 27b and the valve inlet 22a. The third water inlet branch 25 is in communication with the second distribution port 27c. Each of the main water inlet 27a, the first distribution port 27b and the second distribution port 27c may be opened or closed independently.

[0083] As an example, when a water discharge is required, the main water inlet 27a and the second distribution port 27c may be opened, the first distribution port 27b may be closed, and the water discharge pump 92 remains in operation, such that the tap water enters into the water discharge path 91 through the third water inlet branch 25, so as to discharge water through the negative pressure. When it is necessary to supplement water to the liquid container of the robot vacuum cleaner 200, the main water inlet 27a, the first distribution port 27b and the second valve outlet 22c may be opened, and the second distribution port 27c and the first valve outlet 22b may be closed, such that the tap water enters into the liquid container so as to supplement water into the liquid container. The base can also add water to the washing portion 1a separately, or add water both to the washing portion 1a and the liquid container at the same time. Those skilled in the art can

know realizations of above specific functions according to the example disclosed in the present application, which are not described in extenso herein.

[0084] It should be noted that “several” means a quantity comprising two or more. The second multi-way connector 27 may be a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve. A number of interfaces of the multi-way joint and a number of ports of the multi-way valve may be selected according to requirements, which are not described herein.

[0085] In some embodiments, with reference to FIGS. 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9, the water discharge assembly 9 comprises a water storing chamber 93 disposed on the water discharge path 91. The water storing chamber 93 is located upstream of the water discharge pump 92 in a flow direction of water in water discharge path 91. The second end of the third water inlet branch 25 is connected to the water storing chamber 93. The water from the third water inlet branch 25 may be temporarily stored in the water storing chamber 93. The water storing chamber 93 is configured to store water. During water discharging, water can be injected into the water storing chamber 93 through the third water inlet branch 25, and the water discharge pump 92 pumps the water in the water storing chamber 93 to form a negative pressure the water discharge path 91. Therefore, it is possible to pump the liquid in the washing portion 1a, discharge water automatically, and improve a convenience of the water discharging of the base.

[0086] In some embodiments, with reference to FIGS. 3, 5 and 7, the water discharge assembly 9 comprises a third multi-way connector 94, which is located upstream of the water discharge pump 92 in the flow direction of the water in the water discharge path 91. The second end of the third water inlet branch 25 is connected to the water discharge path 91 through the third multi-way connector 94, which is a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve.

[0087] Herein, each of the third water inlet branch 25 and the water discharge path 91 may be a conduit structure. The third multi-way connector 94 serves to communicate with the third water inlet branch 25, the water discharge path 91 and the water discharge pump 92. The water in the third water inlet branch 25 can be delivered into the water discharge branch through the third multi-way connector 94, so as to exhaust the air in the water discharge path 91, thus the water discharge pump 92 can pump the liquid in the

washing portion 1a through the negative pressure.

[0088] As an example, with reference to FIGS. 3, 5 and 7, the water discharge path 91 comprises a first water discharge sub-pipe 911 and a second water discharge sub-pipe 912. The third multi-way connector 94 comprises a first water inlet 94a, a second water inlet 94b and a water outlet 94c. The first water discharge sub-pipe 911 is in communication with the washing portion 1a and the first water inlet 94a. The second end of the third water inlet branch 25 is connected to the second water inlet 94b. An inlet of the water discharge pump 92 is in communication with the water outlet 94c. The second water discharge sub-pipe 912 is in communication with an outlet of the water discharge pump 92 and the outside, such as the floor drain 1000. A portion of the first water discharge sub-pipe 911 is higher than a highest height of the washing portion 1a, and at least a portion of the first water discharge sub-pipe 911 extends upwards. In this way, the water discharge pump 92 pumps the water in the water storing chamber 93 such that a negative pressure is formed within the first water discharge sub-pipe 911, and the siphon effect can be generated between the water storing chamber 93 and the washing portion 1a such that the liquid in the washing portion 1a is pumped and discharged to the outside.

[0089] In the case that the third multi-way connector 94 is a multi-way joint, the third water inlet branch 25, the inlet of the water discharge pump 92 and the first water discharge sub-pipe 911 remain in a through state. In the case that the third multi-way connector 94 is a multi-way valve, water flow paths of above three structures can remain through or be blocked according to requirements. For example, when the water discharge assembly 9 is in a water discharge state, the first water inlet 94a, the second water inlet 94b and the water outlet 94c of the third multi-way connector 94 are connected to each other. When the water discharge assembly 9 is not operated, each of the first water inlet 94a, the second water inlet 94b and the water outlet 94c of the third multi-way connector 94 can be closed.

[0090] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, the base comprises a liquid storage chamber 3 which is arranged on the primary water inlet path 21 and located upstream of the valve inlet 22a in a flow direction of water in the primary water inlet path 21. That is, the water in the primary water inlet path 21 firstly flows through the liquid

storage chamber 3, and then flows through the reversing valve 22. The liquid storage chamber 3 serves to relieve pressure and slow flow, such that the water flows at a suitable flow velocity to avoid an excessive water pressure in the primary water inlet path 21.

[0091] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, the base comprises a detergent container 4 in communication with the liquid storage chamber 3. The detergent container 4 serves to accommodating detergent. As an example, the detergent container 4 is located in the arranging chamber and above the pedestal 1. The detergent container 4 is able to add detergent to the liquid storage chamber 3. The detergent enters into the washing portion 1a with water to better treat the cleaning member.

[0092] The detergent comprises but is not limited to fluid such as washing agent and/or fragrance.

[0093] An appearance of the detergent container is not limited. For example, the detergent container may present a cylindrical-shaped or conical-shaped bottle structure. The detergent container can present a polyhedral case structure, such as a hexahedral case structure.

[0094] In some embodiments, the detergent container 4 may be a disposable means. After the detergent in the detergent container 4 is used up, the detergent container 4 can be taken out and replaced with a new detergent container 4. In other embodiments, the user may inject detergent into the detergent container 4, thus the detergent container 4 may be reused, which saves energy and protects environment.

[0095] In an embodiment, the base comprises a feeding pump for pumping the detergent in the detergent container 4 into the liquid storage chamber 3. As an example, the feeding pump may be disposed in the arranging chamber and above the pedestal 1. The detergent is pumped through the feeding pump to realize an independent, quantitative and accurate feed of the detergent, thus improving automation.

[0096] In an embodiment, the base comprises a controller which can be configured to achieve an electrical control of various electronic components of the base, such as the reversing valve 22, the third switch valve 28, and the feeding pump. As an example, the controller may be located in the arranging chamber and arranged above the pedestal 1.

On the one hand, various electronic components of the base can be controlled independently and not affected by electronic components of the laundry treatment machine 100, as long as the controller is connected to the power supply. Thus the various electronic components of the base can work independently, even if the electronic components of the laundry treatment machine 100 are not powered and do not work. On the other hand, the controller is arranged above the pedestal 1, such that a space above the pedestal 1 can be fully utilized.

[0097] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, the base comprises an overflow path 5 in communication with the liquid storage chamber 3. Liquid in the liquid storage chamber 3 is discharged to the outside or into the washing portion 1a through the overflow path 5 responsive to a water level of the liquid storage chamber 3 higher than a predetermined water level. In this way, the water level in the liquid storage chamber 3 can be limited below the predetermined water level, so as to avoid an excessive water quantity and an excessive water pressure in the liquid storage chamber 3 leading to a risk of pipe explosion. For example, the water from the overflow path 5 may be discharged to the outside such as the floor drain 1000. In this way, overflowing water is directly discharged to a sewer through the floor drain 1000. For another example, water from the overflow path 5 can also be discharged into the washing portion 1a, for a purpose of avoiding water waste.

[0098] It should be noted that the outside refers to an external environment for the base. As an example, the outside may be the floor drain 1000 outside the base.

[0099] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, the base comprises a ventilation path 6 and a first switch valve 7. The ventilation path 6 connects the liquid storage chamber 3 to the atmosphere, the first switch valve 7 is arranged on the primary water inlet path 21, and the first switch valve 7 is located between the liquid storage chamber 3 and the valve inlet 22a. The first switch valve 7 is configured to control a flow of water from the liquid storage chamber 3. On the one hand, when the first switch valve 7 is closed, the liquid in the liquid storage chamber 3 would not flow out, thus the detergent and water in the liquid storage chamber 3 can be mixed at first and then discharged together, so as to better dilute the detergent. On the other hand, the ventilation

path 6 is configured to keep an air pressure balance in the liquid storage chamber 3. For example, when the first switch valve 7 is not operated, the liquid storage chamber 3 is in communication with the atmosphere through the ventilation path 6, thus water from the primary water inlet path 21 can still enter into the liquid storage chamber 3 successfully.

[00100] As an example, the first switch valve 7 comprises but is not limited to a solenoid valve.

[00101] In some embodiments, with reference to FIGS. 8 and 9, the ventilation path 6 and the overflow path 5 may be separate pipes from each other. As an example, the liquid storage chamber 3 is provided with two through holes, each of which is in communication with corresponding one of the ventilation path 6 and the overflow path 5, such that the ventilation path 6 and the overflow path 5 would not interfere with each other.

[00102] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 7, the base comprises the overflow path 5 in communication with the liquid storage chamber 3. A first end of the overflow path 5 is connected to the ventilation path 6, and a second end of the overflow path 5 is connected to the outside or the washing portion 1a. That is, the overflow path 5 and the ventilation path 6 can share a part of a pipe. In this way, not only the pipes can be saved and a layout of the pipes can be simplified, but also openings on the liquid storage chamber 3 can be reduced. For example, the liquid storage chamber 3 can be provided with a communication opening at a set height of the liquid storage chamber 3, which is in communication with the ventilation path 6. Thus, when the water level in the liquid storage chamber 3 reaches a position where the communication opening is located, water can enter into the overflow path 5 through the communication opening.

[00103] As an example, the communication opening may be provided on a top surface or a peripheral side surface or the like of the liquid storage chamber 3.

[00104] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 7, the base comprises a first multi-way connector 8, through which the first end of the overflow path 5 is connected to the ventilation path 6. The first multi-way connector 8 is a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve. Each of the ventilation path 6 and the overflow path 5 can be a conduit structure.

The overflow path 5 can be in communication with the ventilation path 6 through the first multi-way connector 8. Thus the overflow path 5 and the ventilation path 6 can share a part of the pipe.

[00105] The first multi-way connector 8 is a multi-way joint, thus the ventilation path 6 and the overflow path 5 remain a through state all the time. Alternatively, the first multi-way connector 8 is a multi-way valve, such that the ventilation path 6 and the overflow path 5 can remain through or be blocked selectively according to requirements.

[00106] In an embodiment, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 9, a highest point of the overflow path 5 is not higher than a lowest point of the ventilation path 6. That is, the highest point of the overflow path 5 is flush with or lower than the lowest point of the ventilation path 6. Thus the liquid in the overflow path 5 is prevented from entering into the ventilation path 6.

[00107] In some embodiments, with reference to FIGS. 2 to 5, the base comprises the overflow path 5 and the liquid storage chamber 3 which is arranged on the primary water inlet path 21. The overflow path 5 is in communication with the liquid storage chamber 3 located upstream of the valve inlet 22a in the flow direction of water in the primary water inlet path 21. The water discharge assembly 9 comprises a fourth multi-way connector 95, which is arranged on the water discharge path 91 and located downstream of the water discharge pump 92 in the flow direction of the water in the water discharge path 91. The overflow path 5 is in communication with the water discharge path 91 through the fourth multi-way connector 95, which is a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve. The fourth multi-way connector 95 serves to be connected to the overflow path 5, the water discharge path 91 and the outside, such that the overflow path 5 and the water discharge path 91 can share the same floor drain 1000, and there is no need to provide different floor drains 1000 for the overflow path 5 and the water discharge path 91 respectively, thus saving structural members.

[00108] The fourth multi-way connector 95 is a multi-way joint, thus the overflow path 5, the water discharge path 91 and the outside remain a through state all the time. Alternatively, the fourth multi-way connector 95 is a multi-way valve, such that the overflow path 5 and the water discharge path 91 can remain through or be blocked

selectively according to requirements.

[00109] In some embodiments, the laundry treatment machine 100 is provided with a sewage discharge path which is in communication with the water accommodating barrel and is configured to discharge liquid within the water accommodating barrel to the outside of the laundry treatment machine 100. In an embodiment, the water discharge path 91 can be in communication with the sewage discharge path, that is, the base can achieve water discharge through the sewage discharge path of the laundry treatment machine 100. For example, the water discharge path 91 can be connected to the sewage discharge path directly. Alternatively, in another implementation, the water discharge pump 92 may be connected to the sewage discharge path directly, that is, the water discharge path 91 can be connected to the sewage discharge path indirectly via the water discharge pump 92. In this way, the water discharge path 91 and sewage discharge path can share the same floor drain 1000.

[00110] After the washing of the cleaning member is accomplished, the liquid within the washing portion 1a can flow into the sewage discharge path through the water discharge path 91, and then be discharged to the outside of the laundry treatment device through the sewage discharge path, so as to improve a convenience of water discharge.

[00111] In some implementations, the liquid within the water accommodating barrel can also flow into the water discharge path 91 through the sewage discharge path, and then be discharged to the outside of the laundry treatment machine 100 through the water discharge path 91. That is, the laundry treatment machine 100 can achieve water discharge through the water discharge path 91 of the base. Alternatively, the water discharge path 91 can be arranged independently. That is, each of the water discharge path 91 and the sewage discharge path independently discharges water into a corresponding floor drain 1000 respectively.

[00112] Embodiments of the present application further provide a cleaning system. With reference to FIG. 1, the cleaning system comprises the robot vacuum cleaner 200 and the laundry treatment device according to any embodiment of the present application. The robot vacuum cleaner 200 is provided with the cleaning member and is movable into and out of the robot vacuum cleaner chamber 1b.

[00113] According to the cleaning system in the embodiments of the present application, the laundry treatment machine 100 can be configured to treat laundry, such as wash the laundry. The robot vacuum cleaner 200 can be configured to clean floor. The pedestal 1 provides an accommodation space for the robot vacuum cleaner 200, which no longer needs to occupy extra floor area, so as to save spaces and provide better user experience.

[00114] The base can further configured to provide charging function and/or drying function and the like for the robot vacuum cleaner 200.

[00115] In an embodiment, the base comprises a charging terminal and a power assembly electrically connected with the charging terminal. The charging terminal is arranged on a peripheral side of the pedestal 1, and the power assembly is located above the pedestal 1. When the robot vacuum cleaner 200 is located within the robot vacuum cleaner chamber 1b, the robot vacuum cleaner 200 can be electrically connected with the charging terminal in order to be charged. The power assembly is configured to convert AC current of commercial power into DC current, and the charging terminal charges the robot vacuum cleaner 200 with DC current.

[00116] Specific positions of the detergent container 4, the power assembly and the third switch valve 28 etc. in the arranging chamber are not limited. As an example, in an embodiment, the detergent container 4 and the power assembly are disposed at intervals in a left-right direction, and the third switch valve 28 is located behind the detergent container 4. A rear side of the support frame 101 is usually close to a wall, and the detergent container 4 is close to a front side, such that the user can pick up and arrange the detergent container 4 from the front side of the support frame 101. The third switch valve 28 is located behind the detergent container 4 to facilitate a connection between the third switch valve 28 and the tap water path on the wall, shortening a pipe between the third switch valve 28 and the tap water path.

[00117] In an embodiment, the laundry treatment device may further comprise a drying air duct and a fan arranged on the pedestal 1. The drying air duct is in communication with the fan and the robot vacuum cleaner chamber 1b. The fan ventilates the robot vacuum cleaner chamber 1b through the drying air duct to quickly dry the cleaning

member of the robot vacuum cleaner 200.

[00118] Above description is merely specific implementations of the present application, but the protection scope of the present application is not limited to above description. Any change or substitution conceivable for those skilled in the art within the technology scope of the present application should be covered within the protection scope of the present application. Therefore, the protection scope of the present application should be defined by the claims.

CLAIMS

1. A base comprising:

a pedestal comprising a robot vacuum cleaner chamber and a washing portion configured to wash a cleaning member of a robot vacuum cleaner; and

a water inlet assembly comprising a primary water inlet path, the water inlet assembly further comprising a first water inlet branch in communication with the primary water inlet path, and/or a second water inlet branch in communication with the primary water inlet path, the primary water inlet path being configured to be connected to a tap water path, the first water inlet branch being in communication with the washing portion, the second water inlet branch being configured to be connected to a liquid container of the robot vacuum cleaner.

2. The base according to claim 1, wherein the water inlet assembly comprises a reversing valve, wherein the reversing valve comprises a valve inlet, a first valve outlet and a second valve outlet, the primary water inlet path being in communication with the valve inlet, the first water inlet branch being in communication with the first valve outlet and the washing portion, the second water inlet branch being configured to connect the second valve outlet to the liquid container.

3. The base according to claim 2, wherein the base comprises a liquid storage chamber arranged on the primary water inlet path and located upstream of the valve inlet in a flow direction of water in the primary water inlet path.

4. The base according to claim 3, wherein the base comprises a detergent container in communication with the liquid storage chamber.

5. The base according to claim 3, wherein the base comprises an overflow path in communication with the liquid storage chamber, and liquid in the liquid storage chamber is discharged to an outside or discharged into the washing portion through the overflow path responsive to a water level of the liquid storage chamber higher than a predetermined water level.

6. The base according to claim 3, wherein the base comprises a ventilation path and a first switch valve, the ventilation path connecting the liquid storage chamber to an atmosphere, the first switch valve being arranged on the primary water inlet path and located between the liquid storage chamber and the valve inlet.

7. The base according to claim 6, wherein the base comprises an overflow path, a first end of the overflow path being connected to the ventilation path, and a second end of the overflow path is being connected to an outside or the washing portion.

8. The base according to claim 7, wherein the base comprises a first multi-way connector, a first end of the overflow path being connected to the ventilation path through the first multi-way connector, the first multi-way connector being a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve.

9. The base according to claim 7, wherein a highest point of the overflow path is not higher than a lowest point of the ventilation path.

10. The base according to claim 1, wherein the water inlet assembly comprises a third water inlet branch, the base comprising a water discharge assembly comprising a water discharge path and a water discharge pump, the water discharge path connects the washing portion to the outside, the water discharge pump is arranged on the water discharge path, a first end of

the third water inlet branch is configured to be connected to the tap water path, and a second end of the third water inlet branch is configured to be connected to a pipe of the water discharge path located between the water discharge pump and the washing portion.

11. The base according to claim 10, wherein the water inlet assembly comprises a second switch valve arranged on the third water inlet branch, the second switch valve being configured to allow or prevent the entry of tap water into the third water inlet branch.

12. The base according to claim 10, wherein the water inlet assembly comprises a second multi-way connector, the first end of the third water inlet branch being to the primary water inlet path through the second multi-way connector, the second multi-way connector being a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve.

13. The base according to claim 10, wherein the water discharge assembly comprises a water storing chamber arranged on the water discharge path and located upstream of the water discharge pump in a flow direction of water in the water discharge path, the second end of the third water inlet branch being connected to the water storing chamber.

14. The base according to claim 10, wherein the water discharge assembly comprises a third multi-way connector located upstream of the water discharge pump in a flow direction of water in the water discharge path, and the second end of the third water inlet branch is in communication with the water discharge path through the third multi-way connector, the third multi-way connector being a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve.

15. The base according to claim 10, wherein the base comprises an overflow path and a liquid storage chamber arranged on the primary water inlet path, the overflow path being in

communication with the liquid storage chamber, the water discharge assembly comprising a fourth multi-way connector arranged on the water discharge path and located downstream of the water discharge pump in a flow direction of water in the water discharge path, the overflow path being in communication with the water discharge path through the fourth multi-way connector, the fourth multi-way connector being a multi-way joint or a multi-way valve.

16. The base according to any one of claims 1-15, wherein the water inlet assembly comprises a third switch valve arranged on the primary water inlet path, the third switch valve being configured to allow or prevent the entry of tap water into the primary water inlet path.

17. A laundry treatment device comprising:

a laundry treatment machine comprising a tub; and

a base according to any one of claims 1-16, the pedestal being arranged below the tub.

18. A cleaning system comprising a robot vacuum cleaner and a laundry treatment device according to claim 17, the robot vacuum cleaner being provided with a cleaning member and being movable into and out of the robot vacuum cleaner chamber.