

CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS OF CLEANING ASSEMBLY, CLEANING ASSEMBLY, AND MEDIUM

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] This application claims priority to Chinese Patent Application No. 202310196073.1,
5 titled “CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS OF CLEANING ASSEMBLY, CLEANING
ASSEMBLY, AND MEDIUM”, and filed with China National Intellectual Property
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reference.

FIELD

10 **[0002]** The present disclosure relates to the field of home appliance technologies, and more
particularly, to a control method and apparatus of a cleaning assembly, a cleaning assembly, and
a medium.

BACKGROUND

[0003] People purchase cleaning appliances that meet different cleaning requirements
15 based on their cleaning demands. For example, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, and the
like have been widely used in households. However, a space available for arranging the cleaning
appliances in home is often limited. Therefore, two cleaning appliances having the same or
different functions may be integrated into a limited space, forming a cleaning assembly. Various
cleaning components of the cleaning assembly can share water and electricity, and thus the
20 space can be saved.

SUMMARY

[0004] In view of this, embodiments of the present disclosure provide a control method and apparatus of a cleaning assembly, a cleaning assembly, and a medium, which can improve operating efficiency of the cleaning assembly.

5 **[0005]** According to embodiments of the present disclosure, there is provided a control method for a cleaning assembly. The control method includes: obtaining a water feeding request of at least one component of the cleaning assembly, in which the cleaning assembly includes two components that are a floor cleaning component and a clothes cleaning component; and determining that one of the two components of the cleaning assembly is in a water feeding state,
10 and controlling water feeding to another one of the two components of the cleaning assembly based on a water feeding request of the other one of the two components. The floor cleaning component includes a base station water tank, a movable portion water tank, and a base station washing tank. The determining that the clothes cleaning component is in the water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to the floor cleaning component based on a water feeding request
15 of the floor cleaning component includes: controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank; and/or controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the base station washing tank.

[0006] In some embodiments of the present disclosure, the two components of the cleaning
20 assembly are a first component and a second component, and each of the first component and the second component includes a water inlet valve. The determining that the first component is in the water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to the second component based on a water feeding request of the second component includes: determining that the first component is in the water feeding state, and based on the water feeding request of the second component,
25 controlling the water inlet valve of the first component to open to feed water to the first component through a first passage of a three-way arrangement, and controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open to feed water to the second component through a second passage of the three-way arrangement.

[0007] In some embodiments of the present disclosure, the controlling the water inlet valve

of the first component to open includes: controlling the water inlet valve of the first component to open, and adjusting an opening degree of the water inlet valve of the first component to control a flow rate of water fed to the first component; and the controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open includes: controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open, and adjusting an opening degree of the water inlet valve of the second component to control a flow rate of water fed to the second component.

[0008] In some embodiments of the present disclosure, the controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank; and/or the controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the base station washing tank further include: controlling water fed to the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to reach a first threshold.

[0009] In some embodiments of the present disclosure, the floor cleaning component further includes a movable portion water suction pump. The controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank includes: controlling the movable portion water suction pump to open, and feeding water to the movable portion water tank by the movable portion water suction pump.

[0010] In some embodiments of the present disclosure, the floor cleaning component further includes a base station water pump. The controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the base station washing tank includes: controlling the base station water pump to open, and feeding water to the base station washing tank by the base station water pump.

[0011] In some embodiments of the present disclosure, the control method further includes, subsequent to the controlling water fed to the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to reach the first threshold: stopping the water feeding to the floor cleaning component; obtaining a current water volume of the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component; and feeding water to the base station water tank in response to determining that the current water volume is smaller than a second threshold. The second threshold is smaller than or equal to the first threshold.

[0012] According to embodiments of the present disclosure, there is provided a control apparatus of a cleaning assembly. The control apparatus includes: an obtaining module

configured to obtain a water feeding request of at least one component of the cleaning assembly, in which the cleaning assembly includes two components that are a floor cleaning component and a clothes cleaning component; a control module configured to determine that one of the two components of the cleaning assembly is in a water feeding state, and control water feeding to another one of the two components of the cleaning assembly based on a water feeding request of the other one of the two components. The floor cleaning component includes a base station water tank, a movable portion water tank, and a base station washing tank; and the control module is further configured to: determine that the clothes cleaning component is in the water feeding state; and based on a water feeding request of the floor cleaning component, control the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank, and/or control the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the base station washing tank.

[0013] According to embodiments of the present disclosure, there is provided a cleaning assembly. The cleaning assembly includes a memory, a processor, and a computer program stored on the memory and executable on the processor. The process is configured to implement, when executing the computer program, the control method according to the above embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0014] According to embodiments of the present disclosure, there is provided a computer-readable storage medium. The computer-readable storage medium has computer-readable instructions stored thereon. The computer-readable instructions implement, when executed by a processor, the control method according to the above embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0015] The technical solution according to the embodiments of the present disclosure has the following advantages over the related art.

[0016] The control method for the cleaning assembly according to the embodiments of the present disclosure includes: obtaining a water feeding request of at least one component of the cleaning assembly, in which the cleaning assembly includes two components that are a floor cleaning component and a clothes cleaning component; and determining that one of the two components of the cleaning assembly is in a water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to another one of the two components of the cleaning assembly based on a water feeding request of the other one of the two components. Further, the floor cleaning component includes a base

station water tank, a movable portion water tank, and a base station washing tank. The determining that the clothes cleaning component is in the water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to the floor cleaning component based on a water feeding request of the floor cleaning component includes: controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank; and/or controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the base station washing tank. Therefore, in the embodiments of the present disclosure, the floor cleaning component and the clothes cleaning component are integrated into the cleaning assembly. When one of the two components of the cleaning assembly is in the water feeding state and the water feeding to the other one of the two components of cleaning assembly is required, the two components of the cleaning assembly can be controlled to be fed with water simultaneously without affecting normal water feeding to either component. In addition, in the embodiments of the present disclosure, water feeding to the two components can be carried out simultaneously when the water feeding to each of the two components of the cleaning assembly is required. In this way, unlike methods in the related art, it is not necessary to control the water feeding to one component after the water feeding has been carried out on the other component. Therefore, with the control method for the cleaning assembly according to the embodiments of the present disclosure, when the water feeding to each of the two components of the cleaning assembly is required, an overall water feeding time can be shortened, thereby improving operating efficiency of the cleaning assembly.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0017] The drawings herein, which are incorporated into and form a part of the specification, illustrate embodiments consistent with the present disclosure and are used in conjunction with the specification to explain the principles of the present disclosure.

[0018] In order to clearly explain technical solutions of embodiments of the present disclosure or in the related art, drawings used in description of the embodiments or the related art will be briefly described below. Based on these drawings, other drawings can be obtained by those skilled in the art without creative effort.

[0019] FIG. 1 is a schematic flowchart of a control method for a cleaning assembly according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0020] FIG. 2 is a front view of a cleaning assembly according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

5 **[0021]** FIG. 3 is a schematic rear structural view of a cleaning assembly according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0022] FIG. 4 is a schematic flowchart of a control method for a cleaning assembly according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

10 **[0023]** FIG. 5 is a schematic structural diagram of a control apparatus of a cleaning assembly according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0024] FIG. 6 is a schematic structural diagram of a cleaning assembly according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0025] FIG. 7 is a schematic diagram of a computer-readable storage medium according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

15 **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS**

[0026] In order to more clearly understand the above-mentioned objects, features and advantages of the present disclosure, embodiments of the present disclosure will be further described below. It should be noted that the embodiments of the present disclosure and the features in the embodiments may be combined with each other without conflict.

20 **[0027]** Many specific details are set forth in the following description in order to facilitate a full understanding of the present application, but the present application may also be implemented in other ways different from those described herein. Obviously, the embodiments in the specification are only a part of the embodiments of the present disclosure and not all of the embodiments.

25 **[0028]** In the related art, in order to save space, two cleaning appliances having the same or different functions such as a water feeding function and a water drainage function may be arranged in an integrated manner. However, the two cleaning appliances in the integrated arrangement usually cannot be fed water, and it is necessary to wait for one cleaning appliance

to finish water feeding before controlling water feeding to another cleaning appliance, resulting in a long time for the water feeding to the integrated cleaning appliance and low operating efficiency. For example, for a dual washing machine in an integrated arrangement, when water feeding to both washing machines is required, water cannot be fed to one washing machine until water has been fed to the other washing machine, leading to a relatively long water feeding time of the dual washing machine and relatively low operating efficiency.

[0029] In order to solve the above-mentioned problems, embodiments of the present disclosure provide a control method for a cleaning assembly. FIG. 1 is a schematic flowchart of a control method for a cleaning assembly according to an embodiment of the present disclosure. The control method for the cleaning assembly may be applied to a scenario in which the cleaning assembly needs to be controlled. This method according to the embodiments may be performed by a control apparatus of a cleaning assembly according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, and the control apparatus of the cleaning assembly may be implemented by means of software and/or hardware. As illustrated in FIG. 1, the method includes actions at blocks S11 and S12.

[0030] At block S11, a water feeding request of at least one component of the cleaning assembly is obtained. The cleaning assembly includes two components. The two components may be a floor cleaning component such as a mopping machine and a clothes cleaning component such as a washing machine.

[0031] The two components of the cleaning assembly may be a first component and a second component. Obtaining the water feeding request of at least the component of the cleaning assembly further includes: obtaining a water feeding request of the first component, or obtaining a water feeding request of the second component, or obtaining a water feeding request of the first component and a water feeding request of the second component simultaneously.

[0032] In an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, the first component and the second component of the cleaning assembly are both appliances with cleaning requirements. The first component may be the floor cleaning component, and the second component may be an appliance with water feeding requirement such as a clothes cleaning component, a dishwasher, a washer-dryer unit, or the like. In addition, the first component may be an

appliance with water feeding requirement such as a clothes cleaning component, a dishwasher, a washer-dryer unit, or the like, and the second component may be the floor cleaning component, and the present disclosure is not limited thereto. The water feeding request of the first component may be sent by the first component or by a terminal device communicatively connected to the first component, and a sender of the water feeding request of the first component is not limited to the embodiments of the present disclosure. The water feeding request of the second component may be sent by the second component or by a terminal device communicatively connected to the second component, and a sender of the water feeding request of the second component is not limited to the embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0033] In another exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, FIG. 2 is a front view of a cleaning assembly according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, in which a clothes cleaning component 10 and a floor cleaning component 20 integrated in the cleaning assembly are illustrated. Since each of the two components of the cleaning assembly has a cleaning function, the two components of the cleaning assembly have water feeding requirement, and water may be fed to the two components of the cleaning assembly by one water circuit. The floor cleaning component 20 is arranged below the clothes cleaning component 10, and therefore a space below the clothes cleaning component 10 can provide a floor space for the floor cleaning component 20, avoiding additional space occupancy of the floor cleaning component 20. In another exemplary embodiment, the clothes cleaning component 10 and the floor cleaning component 20 may be arranged separately, which is not limited to the embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0034] At block S12, it is determined that one of the two components of the cleaning assembly is in a water feeding state, and water feeding to another one of the two components of the cleaning assembly is controlled based on a water feeding request of the other one of the two components. The floor cleaning component includes a base station water tank, a movable portion water tank, and a base station washing tank. Determining that the clothes cleaning component is in the water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to the floor cleaning component based on a water feeding request of the floor cleaning component includes: controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank; and/or controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning

component to feed water to the base station washing tank.

[0035] In the related art, each of the first component and the second component of the cleaning assembly is for example a clothes cleaning component, and the clothes cleaning component has a large demand for water feeding. When the first component and the second component have a demand for simultaneous water feeding, a water pressure cannot meet requirements. In this case, water feeding to the first component is first controlled, and water feeding to the second component is then controlled. Thus, simultaneous water feeding to the first component and the second component cannot be achieved, affecting simultaneous use of the first component and the second component, which in turn reduces operating efficiency of the cleaning assembly.

[0036] One of the first component and the second component according to the embodiments of the present disclosure is the floor cleaning component, and another one is the clothes cleaning component. The water feeding to the clothes cleaning component is less affected due to a short water feeding time of the floor cleaning component. Moreover, the floor cleaning component is has a small required water volume, during simultaneous water feeding to the floor cleaning component and the clothes cleaning component, the floor cleaning component has small influence on the water feeding to the clothes cleaning component due to a small water feeding volume of the floor cleaning component. Therefore, in the embodiments of the present disclosure, water feeding to the first component as well as water feeding to the second component can be simultaneously controlled when the first component and the second component request the water feeding simultaneously. Thus, when each of the first component and the second component has a demand for the water feeding, an overall time for the water feeding can be shortened, thereby improving the operating efficiency of the cleaning assembly.

[0037] In another exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, each of the first component and the second component of the cleaning assembly includes a water inlet valve. Further, determining that the first component is in the water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to the second component based on a water feeding request of the second component includes: determining that the first component is in the water feeding state, and based on the water feeding request of the second component, controlling the water inlet valve of the first component to open to feed water to the first component through a first passage of a three-way

arrangement, and controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open to feed water to the second component through a second passage of the above-mentioned three-way arrangement.

[0038] In an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, FIG. 3 is a schematic rear structural view of the cleaning assembly illustrated in FIG. 2 according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, in which a three-way arrangement for feeding water may be provided at the cleaning assembly. A faucet is connected to the three-way arrangement through an end of a second pipe 12. The three-way arrangement has a first water outlet connected to a water inlet of the floor cleaning component 20 by a first pipe 11, and a second water outlet connected to a water inlet of the clothes cleaning component 10.

[0039] As illustrated in FIG. 3, the water inlet valve of the floor cleaning component 20 may be provided at the first pipe 11 or at a connection between the first pipe 11 and the floor cleaning component 20. When water feeding to the floor cleaning component 20 is required, the water inlet valve of the floor cleaning component 20 is controlled to open, and water flowing through the faucet flows out through the first water outlet of the three-way arrangement and passes through the first pipe 11 to be fed to the floor cleaning component 20. The water inlet valve of the clothes cleaning component 10 may be provided at the second pipe 12 or at a connection between the second pipe 12 and the clothes cleaning component 10. When water feeding to the clothes cleaning component 10 is required, the water inlet valve of the clothes cleaning component 10 is controlled to open, and the water flowing through the faucet flows out through the second water outlet of the three-way arrangement and to be fed to the clothes cleaning component 10.

[0040] As a result, the first component and the second component having the cleaning function can share water from one water source, and thus it is not necessary for the floor cleaning component to be provided with a separate pipe connector to the water source. In this way, a user's modification of a water source pipeline is eliminated, and use cost is lowered.

[0041] In another exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, controlling the water inlet valve of the first component to open may include: controlling the water inlet valve of the first component to open, and adjusting an opening degree of the water inlet valve of the first component to control a flow rate of water fed to the first component.

[0042] Controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open may include: controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open, and adjusting an opening degree of the water inlet valve of the second component to control a flow rate of water fed to the second component.

5 **[0043]** In an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, the water inlet valve of the first component and the water inlet valve of the second component may, for example, be a flow limit valve having a flow limit function. Exemplarily, when a flow speed of water flowing through the water inlet valve of the first component is greater than a first water flow speed, the water inlet valve of the first component is controlled to close, or the opening degree of the water
10 inlet valve of the first component is reduced, thereby controlling a decrease in an opening degree of water feeding to the first component. When a flow speed of water flowing through the water inlet valve of the second component is greater than a second water flow speed, the water inlet valve of the second component is controlled to close, or the opening degree of the water inlet valve of the second component is reduced, thereby controlling a decrease in an
15 opening degree of water feeding to the second component. As a result, a problem of splashing of the water flow due to an excessive flow speed of water flowing through the first component and the second component can be avoided.

[0044] In an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, the floor cleaning component may include a base station water tank, a movable portion water tank, and a base station washing
20 tank. Further, determining that the clothes cleaning component is in the water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to the floor cleaning component based on a water feeding request of the floor cleaning component further includes: controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank of the floor cleaning component; or controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed
25 water to the base station washing tank of the floor cleaning component; or controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank and the base station washing tank of the floor cleaning component simultaneously.

[0045] In an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, the floor cleaning component may include a base station and a movable cleaning portion. The base station includes a base
30 station water tank and a base station washing tank, and the movable cleaning portion includes

a movable portion water tank. The movable cleaning portion may be a robotic sweeper. When water feeding to the floor cleaning component is required, after controlling the water feeding to the floor cleaning component, the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component may be controlled to feed water to the base station washing tank of the floor cleaning component.

5 After feeding water to the base station washing tank, the base station washing tank can clean a cleaning member of the movable cleaning portion that has moved back to the base station. Exemplarily, when the movable cleaning portion moves back to the base station after cleaning some floor regions, if the cleaning member of the movable cleaning portion is dirty and is required to be cleaned, the base station water tank can then be controlled to feed water to the
10 base station washing tank to wash the cleaning member.

[0046] In another exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, the floor cleaning component and/or the clothes cleaning component further includes a water flow adjustment device, such as a water flow adjustment valve. Due to a high water pressure of a municipal pipeline network, direct water feeding may cause water to splash. However, the water flow
15 adjustment device is provided for reducing a pressure of the fed water to avoid splashing of water flowing into the floor cleaning component for example. In this case, the control method may include: obtaining a water feeding request of at least one component of the cleaning assembly, in which the cleaning assembly includes two components that are a floor cleaning component and a clothes cleaning component; and determining that one of the two components
20 of the cleaning assembly is in a water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to a water feeding adjustment apparatus of another one of the two components of the cleaning assembly based on a water feeding request of the other one of the two components.

[0047] In some embodiments, the movable cleaning portion may include a movable cleaning water tank. When water feeding to the floor cleaning component is required, after
25 controlling the water feeding to the floor cleaning component, the base station water tank may be controlled to feed water to the movable portion water tank of the floor cleaning component. Exemplarily, the movable cleaning portion is provided with a movable portion water tank to allow the movable cleaning portion to clean a floor region with water in the movable portion water tank. When a water volume of the movable portion water tank decreases, the movable
30 cleaning portion moves back to the base station, and the movable portion water tank is

replenished by the base station water tank through water feeding. Once the water replenishment of the movable portion water tank is completed, the movable cleaning portion may return to continue cleaning the floor region again.

[0048] In some embodiments, in order to improve the operating efficiency, after controlling

the water feeding to the floor cleaning component, when water feeding to each of the base station washing tank and the movable portion water tank is required, the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component can be controlled to feed water to the movable portion water tank of the floor cleaning component while being controlled to feed water to the base station washing tank of the floor cleaning component. Therefore, the simultaneous water feeding to the base station washing tank and movable portion water tank can be realized. As a result, a water feeding time is saved.

[0049] In another exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank of the floor cleaning component, or controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the base station washing tank of the floor cleaning component, or controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank and the base station washing tank of the floor cleaning component simultaneously may further include: controlling water fed to the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to reach a first threshold.

[0050] In an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, in order to ensure that there is a sufficient water volume of the base station water tank to be fed to the base station washing tank and the movable cleaning portion, water fed to the base station water tank may be controlled to reach the first threshold before, during or after controlling the base station water tank to feed water to the base station washing tank and/or the movable portion water tank. For example, the base station water tank may be provided with a water level sensor, and when the water level sensor senses that the water volume of the base station water tank reaches the first threshold, the base station water tank is controlled to feed no water.

[0051] Exemplarily, the base station water tank has a capacity of A liters, and the base station water tank may be controlled to be full of water, for example, to be fed with water of A liters of. In another exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, the base station water

tank may be controlled to not be full of water. When the base station water tank has a capacity of A liters for example, the base station water tank is fed with water of B liters, where B is smaller than A. In this way, overflowing after feeding water can be avoided. It should be noted that an exemplary first threshold may be set based on actual use requirements of the floor cleaning component, which is not limited to the embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0052] In some embodiments, it is also possible to control the base station water tank to feed water to the base station washing tank while controlling the water feeding to the base station water tank. In this way, water is fed into the base station washing tank without waiting for finishing of the water feeding to the base station water tank. When water of a predetermined volume is stored in the base station water tank, the water in the base station water tank may be injected into the base station washing tank, thereby improving cleaning efficiency of the base station washing tank. Similarly, when water of a predetermined volume is stored in the base station water tank, the base station water tank may be controlled to feed water to the movable portion water tank, shortening a water feeding time to the movable portion water tank. In some embodiments of the present disclosure, a rate at which water is fed to the base station water tank may be set to be greater than a rate at which water is fed to the base station washing tank and/or the movable portion water tank from the base station water tank.

[0053] In another exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, the floor cleaning component may further include a base station water pump. Further, controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the base station washing tank specifically includes: controlling the base station water pump to open, and feeding water to the base station washing tank by the base station water pump.

[0054] In an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, the base station water tank has a water outlet connected to the base station water pump. When the base station washing tank requires water supply from the base station water tank, the base station water pump is opened to allow a water feeding circuit between the base station water tank and the base station washing tank not to be blocked, and the base station water tank can feed water to the base station washing tank of the floor cleaning component. When the water volume of the base station washing tank reaches a predetermined water volume threshold, the base station water pump is closed to allow the water feeding circuit between the base station water tank and the base station

washing tank to be blocked, and the base station water tank no longer feeds water to the base station washing tank.

[0055] In another exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, the floor cleaning component may further include a movable portion water suction pump. Further, controlling the

base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank specifically includes: controlling the movable portion water suction pump to open, and feeding water to the movable portion water tank by the movable portion water suction pump.

[0056] In the related art, a solenoid valve is connected at the water outlet of the base station water tank. Further, the solenoid valve is connected to a diversion valve. The solenoid valve is

configured to control blocking or unblocking of a water outflowing circuit of the base station water tank, and the diversion valve is configured to control the base station water tank to be in communication with one of a water feeding branch circuit of the base station water tank to the base station washing tank and a water feeding branch circuit of the base station water tank to the movable portion water tank. Exemplarily, when the base station water tank is required to

feed water to the base station washing tank, the solenoid valve is opened and then the diversion valve is driven to rotate to allow a water inflowing branch circuit of the base station water tank to the base station washing tank to open, and water in the base station water tank thus flows to the base station washing tank by the water pump. When the base station water tank is required

to feed water to the movable portion water tank, the solenoid valve is opened and then the diversion valve is driven to rotate to allow the water feeding branch circuit of the base station water tank to the movable portion water tank to open, and water in the base station water tank thus flows to the movable portion water tank by the water pump. As a result, since the solenoid

valve and the diversion valve are both provided, simultaneous feeding water from the base station water tank to the base station washing tank and the movable portion water tank cannot be implemented, thereby limiting a water inflowing rate of the floor cleaning component.

[0057] In order to solve the above-mentioned problem, the movable cleaning portion is provided with a suction pump according to the embodiments of the present disclosure. When water feeding to the movable portion water tank is required from the base station water tank, the movable portion suction pump is controlled to open, and the water feeding to the movable

portion water tank from the base station water tank is carried out by the mobile section suction

pump. When the water feeding to the movable portion water tank is no longer required, the movable portion suction pump is controlled to close, and no water feeding to the movable portion water tank is carried out from the base station water tank.

[0058] As a result, by providing the base station water tank with the base station water pump and providing the movable cleaning portion with the movable portion suction pump, simultaneous water feeding to the base station washing tank and the movable portion water tank can be carried out from the base station water tank, and the base station washing tank and the movable cleaning portion do not interact with each other during the simultaneous water feeding, which can improve a water feeding rate of the floor cleaning component.

[0059] In some embodiments, the control method may further include, subsequent to controlling water fed to the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to reach the first threshold: stopping the water feeding to the floor cleaning component; obtaining a current water volume of the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component; and feeding water to the base station water tank in response to determining that the current water volume is smaller than a second threshold. The second threshold is smaller than or equal to the first threshold.

[0060] In an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, after the water inlet valve of the floor cleaning component is closed, the current water volume of the base station water tank may be sensed in real time by using the water level sensor. If the current water volume is smaller than the second threshold, exemplarily, the current water volume is for example C liters, which is smaller than the second threshold that is D liters, which indicates that water feeding to the base station water tank is required, then the water inlet valve of the floor cleaning component may be controlled to open to feed water to the base station water tank. If the current water volume is E liters for example, which is greater than the second threshold that is D liters, which indicates that the water feeding to the base station water tank is not required at this time, then the water inlet valve of the floor cleaning component is not opened.

[0061] It should be noted that an exemplary second threshold may be set based on actual use requirements of the floor cleaning component, as long as the second threshold satisfies that the first threshold is greater than the second threshold, which is not limited to the embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0062] FIG. 4 is an exemplary flowchart of a control method for a cleaning assembly

according to an embodiment of the present disclosure. As illustrated in FIG. 4, the control method for the cleaning assembly includes actions at blocks S21 to S29.

[0063] At block S21, a water feeding request of at least one of the first component and the second component is obtained.

5 **[0064]** At block S22, it is determined that the first component is in the water feeding state, and in response to the water feeding request of the second component, the water inlet valve of the first component and the water inlet valve of the second component are controlled to open.

[0065] At block S23, the feeding water to the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component is controlled until a water volume of the base station water tank reaches a first
10 threshold.

[0066] At block S24, the water inlet valve of the second component is controlled to close.

[0067] At block S25, a current water volume of the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component is obtained.

[0068] At block S26, it is determined whether the water volume of the base station water
15 tank is smaller than the second threshold; in response to the water volume of the base station water tank being smaller than the second threshold, the action at block S27 is performed; and in response to the water volume of the base station water tank being greater than or equal to the second threshold, the action at block S24 is performed.

[0069] At block S27, water is fed to the base station water tank.

20 **[0070]** After performing the action at block S27, the action at block S22 continues to be performed.

[0071] After performing the action at block S23, the control method further includes actions at blocks S28 and S29.

[0072] At block S28, water feeding to the base station washing tank of the floor cleaning
25 component is controlled.

[0073] At block S29, water feeding to the movable portion water tank of the floor cleaning component is controlled.

[0074] It should be noted that when the movable cleaning portion returns to the base station after cleaning the floor region, the cleaning member of the movable cleaning portion is dirty
30 and is required to be cleaned, and the water feeding to the movable portion water tank of the

mobile part is not required, only the action at block S28 may be performed; when the water volume of the movable portion water tank decreases after the movable cleaning portion has cleaned the floor region, the water feeding to the movable portion water tank is required instead of cleaning the cleaning member. After the movable cleaning portion returns to the base station, only the action at block S29 may be performed. In addition, when the water feeding to each of the base station washing tank and the movable portion water tank is required, the actions at blocks S28 and S29 may be performed simultaneously, which is not limited to the embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0075] It should be noted that FIG. 4 schematically shows that the second component is the floor cleaning component, and the first component may also be the floor cleaning component, which can be controlled with reference to the above-mentioned embodiments, and description thereof in detail will be omitted herein.

[0076] According to the embodiments of the present disclosure, the floor cleaning component and the clothes cleaning component are integrated into the cleaning assembly. When one of the two components of the cleaning assembly is in the water feeding state and the water feeding to the other one of the two components of cleaning assembly is required, the impact on the water pressure is small due to the small water feeding volume of the floor cleaning component. Further, due to the short water inflowing time, in the present disclosure, the two components of the cleaning assembly can be controlled to be fed water simultaneously without affecting normal water feeding to either component. In addition, in the embodiments of the present disclosure, water feeding to the two components can be carried out simultaneously when the water feeding to each of the two components of the cleaning assembly is required. In this way, unlike methods in the related art, it is not necessary to control the water feeding to one component after the water feeding has been carried out on the other component. Therefore, with the control method for the cleaning assembly according to the embodiments of the present disclosure, when the water feeding to each of the two components of the cleaning assembly is required, an overall water feeding time can be shortened, thereby improving operating efficiency of the cleaning assembly.

[0077] Embodiments of the present disclosure also provide a control apparatus of a cleaning assembly. FIG. 5 is a schematic diagram of a control apparatus of a cleaning assembly according

to an embodiment of the present disclosure. As illustrated in FIG. 5, a control apparatus 10 for a cleaning assembly includes an obtaining module 101 and a control module 102. The obtaining module 101 is configured to obtain a water feeding request of at least one component of the cleaning assembly. The cleaning assembly includes two components that are a floor cleaning component and a clothes cleaning component. The control module 102 is configured to determine that one of the two components of the cleaning assembly is in a water feeding state, and control water feeding to another one of the two components of the cleaning assembly based on a water feeding request of the other one of the two components.

[0078] In some embodiments, the two components of the cleaning assembly are a first component and a second component, respectively. Each of the first component and the second component includes a water inlet valve. The control module 102 is further configured to: determine that the first component is in the water feeding state, and based on the water feeding request of the second component, control the water inlet valve of the first component to open to feed water to the first component through a first passage of a three-way arrangement and control the water inlet valve of the second component to open to feed water to the second component through a second passage of the three-way arrangement.

[0079] In some embodiments, the control module 102 is further configured to: control the water inlet valve of the first component to open, and adjust an opening degree of the water inlet valve of the first component to control a flow rate of water fed to the first component. Controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open includes: controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open, and adjusting an opening degree of the water inlet valve of the second component to control a flow rate of the water fed to the second component.

[0080] In some embodiments, the floor cleaning component includes a base station water tank, a movable portion water tank, and a base station washing tank. The control module 102 is further configured to: determine that the clothes cleaning component is in the water feeding state, and based on a water feeding request of the floor cleaning component, control the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank, and/or control the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the base station washing tank.

[0081] In some embodiments, the control module 102 is further configured to control water fed to the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to reach a first threshold.

[0082] In some embodiments, the floor cleaning component further includes a movable portion water suction pump. The control module 102 is further configured to control the movable portion water suction pump to open, and feed water to the movable portion water tank by the movable portion water suction pump.

[0083] In some embodiments, the floor cleaning component further includes a base station water pump. The control module 102 is further configured to control the base station water pump to open, and feed water to the base station washing tank by the base station water pump.

[0084] In some embodiments, the control module 102 is further configured to, subsequent to controlling water fed to the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to reach the first threshold: stop the water feeding to the floor cleaning component; obtain a current water volume of the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component; and feed water to the base station water tank in response to determining that the current water volume is smaller than a second threshold. The second threshold is smaller than or equal to the first threshold.

[0085] The control apparatus according to the above-mentioned embodiments of the present disclosure and the control method according to the embodiments of the present disclosure have the same inventive concept and beneficial effects, and thus the description thereof in detail which will be omitted herein.

[0086] As illustrated in FIG. 6, embodiments of the present disclosure also provide a cleaning assembly 20. The cleaning assembly 20 includes a memory 201, a processor 202, and a computer program stored on the memory and executable on the processor. The processor 202 is configured to implement, when executing the computer program, the control method for the cleaning assembly according to any of the above-mentioned embodiments.

[0087] In an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure, the cleaning assembly may include a processor, a memory, a bus, and a communication interface. The processor, the communication interface, and the memory are connected to each other via the bus. The memory has stored thereon a computer program executable on the processor. The processor is configured to implement, when executing the computer program, the control method for the cleaning assembly according to any of the above-mentioned embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0088] The memory may include a high-speed random access memory (RAM: Random Access Memory) or may also include a non-volatile memory, such as at least one disk memory. A communication connection between this system network element and at least one other network element is realized through at least one communication interface (which may be wired or wireless), which may use the Internet, a wide area network, a local area network, a metropolitan area network, etc.

[0089] The bus may be an Industry Standard Architecture, ISA, bus, a Peripheral Component Interconnect, PCI, bus or an Extended Industry Standard Architecture, EISA, bus, etc. The bus may be divided into an address bus, a data bus, a control bus, etc. The memory is configured to store a program. The processor is configured to execute, when receiving execution instructions, the program. The control method for the cleaning assembly as disclosed in any of the above-mentioned embodiments of the present disclosure may be applied in or implemented by the processor.

[0090] The processor may be an integrated circuit chip having signal processing capabilities.

In an implementation, actions of the above method may be accomplished by an integrated logic circuit in hardware in the processor or by instructions in the form of software. The above processor may be a general-purpose processor, including a Central Processing Unit (CPU), a Network Processor (NP), etc.; and may further be a Digital Signal Processor (DSP), an Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC), a Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) or other programmable logic devices, a discrete gate or a transistor logic device, and a discrete hardware component. The method, actions, and logic block diagrams according to any of the embodiments of the present disclosure may be implemented or performed. The general-purpose processor may be a microprocessor, or the processor may further be any conventional processor, etc. The actions of the method disclosed in combination with any of the embodiments of the present disclosure may be directly embodied as performed by a hardware decoding processor or performed by a combination of a hardware module and a software module in a decoding processor. The software module may be located in a random memory, a flash memory, a read-only memory, a programmable read-only memory or an electrically erasable programmable memory, a register, and other storage media mature in the art. The storage medium is located in the memory. The processor reads information in the memory and completes the actions of the

above method in combination with the hardware.

[0091] The cleaning assembly according to the embodiments of the present disclosure and the control method for the cleaning assembly according to the embodiments of the present disclosure have the same inventive concept, which has the same beneficial effects as the method employed, executing, or implemented thereby.

[0092] Embodiments of the present disclosure also provide a computer-readable storage medium. Referring to FIG. 7, a computer-readable storage medium illustrated in FIG. 7 is an optical disk 30. The optical disk 30 has computer-readable instructions (i.e., a program product) stored thereon. The computer-readable instructions implements, when executed by a processor, the control method for the cleaning assembly according to any of the above-mentioned embodiments.

[0093] Examples of a storage medium for a computer include, but are not limited to, a Phase-Change Memory (PRAM), a Static RAM (SRAM), a Dynamic RAM (DRAM), other types of RAMs, a Read-Only Memory (ROM), an Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory (EEPROM), a flash memory or other memory technologies, or other optical storage, or other magnetic storage devices, which will not be repeated herein.

[0094] The computer-readable storage medium according to the above-mentioned embodiments of the present disclosure and the control method for the cleaning assembly according to the embodiments of the present disclosure have the same inventive concept, which has the same beneficial effects as the method employed, run or realized by the application stored therein.

[0095] It should be noted that a large number of specific details are described in the specification provided herein. However, it can be understood that the embodiments of the present disclosure can be practiced without these specific details. In some examples, methods, structures, and techniques that are publicly known are not shown in detail for no vague understanding of the present specification.

[0096] Similarly, it should be understood that, in order to streamline the present disclosure and aid in understanding one or more of the various inventive aspects, in the description of exemplary embodiments of the present disclosure above, the various features of the present disclosure are sometimes grouped together in individual embodiments, figures, or descriptions

thereof. However, the disclosed method should not be construed as reflecting an intent that the present disclosure claimed for protection requires more features than those expressly documented in each claim. More precisely, as reflected in the claims below, the inventive aspects lie in fewer than all of the features of the individual embodiments disclosed earlier.

5 Accordingly, the claims that follow a specific embodiment are thereby expressly incorporated into that specific embodiment, with each claim itself serving as a separate embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0097] Those skilled in the art will understand that the modules in the apparatus of an embodiment can be adaptively changed and provided in one or more apparatuses different from
10 that embodiment. The modules or units or components of the embodiments can be combined into a single module or unit or component, as well as can be divided into a plurality of sub-modules or sub-units or sub-assemblies. Any combination of all features disclosed in this specification (including accompanying claims, an abstract, and accompanying drawings) and all processes or units of any method or apparatus so disclosed may be employed, except that at
15 least some of such features and/or processes or units are mutually exclusive. Unless otherwise expressly stated, each feature disclosed in this specification (including the accompanying claims, abstract, and accompanying drawings) may be replaced by an alternative feature that provides the same, equivalent, or similar purpose.

[0098] In addition, those skilled in the art can understand that although some embodiments
20 described herein include some features included in other embodiments but not others, combinations of features from different embodiments are meant to be within the scope of the present disclosure and form different embodiments. For example, in the following claims, any one of the embodiments claimed for protection may be used in any combination.

[0099] Various component embodiments of the present disclosure may be implemented in
25 hardware, or in software modules executing on one or more processors, or a combination thereof. Those skilled in the art should understand that a microprocessor or digital signal processor (DSP) may be used in practice to implement some or all of the functionality of some or all of the components of a creation device for a virtual machine according to embodiments of the present disclosure. The present disclosure may also be implemented as an apparatus or
30 device program (e.g., a computer program and a computer program product) for performing

some or all of the methods described herein. Such a program implementing the present disclosure may be stored on a computer-readable medium or may have the form of one or more signals. Such signals may be available for download from an Internet site, or provided on a carrier signal, or in any other form.

5 **[00100]** It should be noted that the above-mentioned embodiments are for illustrating the present disclosure rather than limiting the present disclosure, and those skilled in the art may devise replacement embodiments without departing from the scope of the appended claims. In the claims, any reference between parentheses should not be construed as a limitation of the claims. The word “comprising” does not exclude the existence of elements or steps not listed
10 in the claims. The word “one” or “a” before an element does not exclude the existence of a plurality of such elements. The present disclosure may be implemented with the aid of hardware comprising a number of different elements and with the aid of a suitably programmed computer. In unit claims enumerating a number of devices, several of these devices may be specified by means of the same hardware item. The use of the words first, second, and third, etc. does not
15 indicate any order. The words may be construed as names.

[00101] The above-mentioned embodiments are merely exemplary embodiments of the present disclosure, and are not intended to limit the scope of the present disclosure. Any structural modifications made by one skilled in the art based on the contents of the specification of the present disclosure and the accompanying drawings, or any direct or indirect application
20 of the present disclosure in other relevant technical fields are also fall within the scope of the present disclosure.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A control method for a cleaning assembly, the control method comprising:

obtaining a water feeding request of at least a component of the cleaning assembly,

5 wherein the cleaning assembly comprises two components that are a floor cleaning component and a clothes cleaning component; and

determining that one of the two components of the cleaning assembly is in a water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to another one of the two components of the cleaning assembly based on a water feeding request of the other one of the two components, wherein:

10 the floor cleaning component comprises a base station water tank, a movable portion water tank, and a base station washing tank; and

said determining that the clothes cleaning component is in the water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to the floor cleaning component based on a water feeding request of the floor cleaning component comprises:

15 controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank; and/or

controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the base station washing tank.

2. The control method according to claim 1, wherein:

20 the two components of the cleaning assembly are a first component and a second component, each of the first component and the second component comprising a water inlet valve; and

said determining that the first component is in the water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to the second component based on a water feeding request of the second component comprises:

25 determining that the first component is in the water feeding state, and based on the water feeding request of the second component, controlling the water inlet valve of the first component to open to feed water to the first component through a first passage of a three-way

arrangement, and controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open to feed water to the second component through a second passage of the three-way arrangement.

3. The control method according to claim 2, wherein:

said controlling the water inlet valve of the first component to open comprises:

5 controlling the water inlet valve of the first component to open, and adjusting an opening degree of the water inlet valve of the first component to control a flow rate of water fed to the first component; and

said controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open comprises:

 controlling the water inlet valve of the second component to open, and adjusting an
10 opening degree of the water inlet valve of the second component to control a flow rate of water fed flow to the second component.

4. The control method according to claim 1, wherein said controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank; and/or said controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the
15 base station washing tank further comprise:

 controlling water fed to the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to reach a first threshold.

5. The control method according to claim 1, wherein:

 the floor cleaning component further comprises a movable portion water suction pump;
20 and

 said controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank comprises:

 controlling the movable portion water suction pump to open, and feeding water to the movable portion water tank by the movable portion water suction pump.

25 6. The control method according to claim 1, wherein:

 the floor cleaning component further comprises a base station water pump; and

 said controlling the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the base station washing tank comprises:

 controlling the base station water pump to open, and feeding water to the base station
30 washing tank by the base station water pump.

7. The control method according to claim 4, further comprising, subsequent to said controlling water fed to the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to reach the first threshold:

stopping the water feeding to the floor cleaning component;

5 obtaining a current water volume of the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component; and

feeding water to the base station water tank in response to determining that the current water volume is smaller than a second threshold, wherein the second threshold is smaller than or equal to the first threshold.

10 8. A control apparatus of a cleaning assembly, the control apparatus comprising:

an obtaining module configured to obtain a water feeding request of at least a component of the cleaning assembly, wherein the cleaning assembly comprises two components that are a floor cleaning component and a clothes cleaning component;

15 a control module configured to determine that one of the two components of the cleaning assembly is in a water feeding state, and controlling water feeding to another one of the two components of the cleaning assembly based on a water feeding request of the other one of the two components, wherein:

the floor cleaning component comprises a base station water tank, a movable portion water tank, and a base station washing tank; and

20 the control module is further configured to:

determine that the clothes cleaning component is in the water feeding state; and

based on a water feeding request of the floor cleaning component, control the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water to the movable portion water tank, and/or control the base station water tank of the floor cleaning component to feed water
25 to the base station washing tank.

9. A cleaning assembly, comprising:

a memory,

a processor; and

a computer program stored on the memory and executable on the processor,

30 wherein the process is configured to implement, when executing the computer program,

the control method according to any one of claims 1 to 7.

10. A computer-readable storage medium, having computer-readable instructions stored thereon,

wherein the computer-readable instructions implement, when executed by a processor, the

5 control method according to any one of claims 1 to 7.