

CONSUMER APPLICATION FOR MOBILE ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY AND FALLS RISK

RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] This application claims the priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 62/645,053, filed on March 19, 2018 titled “Consumer Application for Mobile Assessment of Functional Capacity and Falls Risk,” which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety including all appendices and all references cited therein.

FIELD OF INVENTION

[0002] The present technology relates to a connected device software application. More specifically, but not by limitation, the present technology relates, to an application capable of assessing a user’s real-time fall risk when installed onto a commercially available mobile device equipped with inertial measurement capabilities, having Internet and/or cellular connectivity, and voice communication technology.

BACKGROUND

[0003] The approaches described in this section could be pursued, but are not necessarily approaches that have previously been conceived or pursued. Therefore, unless otherwise indicated, it should not be assumed that any of the approaches described in this section qualify as prior art merely by virtue of their inclusion in this section.

[0004] In response to the numerous risks associated with aging, and the fact that the population of the United States is rapidly aging, the effort to maintain independence has led to the development of a number of applications focused on various aspects of health monitoring. Most of these applications have been

developed in a manner such that they include capabilities for monitoring biological factors such as; blood pressure, heart rate, blood glucose levels, and/or sleep. While evidence suggests these biological signals associated with overall health and that consistent monitoring of parameters such as these can contribute to improved health, currently available health applications do not provide the capability to consistently monitor a user's capacity for producing motion. Additionally, these current health monitoring applications are generally not self-contained and many times require hardware in addition to that on which they have been installed. The present technology provides a self-contained comprehensive method of evaluating a user's movement capabilities and provides non-invasive methods to directly monitor and identify declines in functional capacity. The results of these critical motion assessments can be easily accessed by the user and displayed on the user's mobile device in various formats.

SUMMARY

[0005] In some embodiments the present disclosure is directed to a system of one or more computers which can be configured to perform particular operations or actions by virtue of having software, firmware, hardware, or a combination thereof installed on the system that in operation causes or cause the system to perform actions and/or method steps as described herein.

[0006] According to some embodiments the present technology is directed to a method for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility based assessments, the method comprising: (a) providing, using a mobile device comprising an inertial measurement device, a clinical mobility based assessment to a user; (b) generating, using the inertial measurement device, inertial data of the user that is indicative of movement capabilities of the user based on the clinical mobility based assessment; (c) logging the inertial data of the user locally to the mobile device resulting in locally logged inertial data of the user; (d) processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment; (e) determining, using the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment, a physical movement assessment of the user associated with the clinical mobility based assessment; and (f) displaying, using the mobile device, at least a portion of the physical movement assessment to the user.

[0007] In various embodiments the method includes displaying a representation of the clinical mobility based assessment via an interactive animated conversational graphical user interface displayed by the mobile device.

[0008] In some embodiments the method includes the clinical mobility based assessment includes one or more of a test duration, a turning duration, a sit-to-stand duration, a stand-to-sit duration, a number of sit-to-stand repetitions

completed within a predetermined period of time, and a number of stand-to-sit repetitions completed within a predetermined period of time.

[0009] In various embodiments the inertial data of the user that is indicative of movement capabilities of the user based on the clinical mobility based assessment comprises gyroscope data generated using a gyroscope; and accelerometer data generated using an accelerometer.

[0010] In some embodiments the processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment comprises: segmenting and aligning the locally logged inertial data of the user resulting in segmented and aligned inertial data of the user; gravitational acceleration counterbalancing of the segmented and aligned inertial data of the user resulting in counterbalanced inertial data of the user; determining velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment using the counterbalanced inertial data of the user; drift compensating the velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment resulting in drift compensated velocity data; and determining the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment using the drift compensated velocity data.

[0011] In various embodiments the processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment comprises: segmenting and aligning the locally logged inertial data of the user resulting in segmented and aligned inertial data of the user; integrating angular orientation of the segmented and aligned inertial data of the user resulting in counterbalanced inertial data of the user; determining velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment using the counterbalanced inertial data of the user; drift compensating the velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment

resulting in drift compensated velocity data; and determining the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment using the drift compensated velocity data.

[0012] In some embodiments the method further comprises: determining features of functional movements of the user based on the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment, the features of functional movements including one or more of: time to completion of a task, rate to completion of a task, total repetitions of a task completed within a predetermined period of time, decay of repetitions of a task completed within a predetermined period of time, turn rate, anteroposterior sway, mediolateral sway, gait characteristics, total magnitude of displacement, vertical displacement, mediolateral displacement, and resultant displacement.

[0013] In various embodiments the method the physical movement assessment to the user includes one or more of a static stability of the user, dynamic stability of the user, postural stability of the user, balance of the user, mobility of the user, fall risk of the user, lower body muscular strength of the user, lower body muscular endurance of the user, lower body muscular flexibility of the user, upper body muscular strength of the user, and upper body muscular endurance of the user.

[0014] In some embodiments the method further comprises: receiving the locally logged inertial data of the user and the physical movement assessment of the user; conducting a longitude physical movement assessment analysis using the physical movement assessment of the user associated with the clinical mobility based assessment; and displaying at least a portion of the longitude physical movement assessment analysis to the user.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015] Certain embodiments of the present technology are illustrated by the accompanying figures. It will be understood that the figures are not necessarily to scale. It will be understood that the technology is not necessarily limited to the particular embodiments illustrated herein.

[0016] FIG. 1 shows a system for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility based assessments according to embodiments of the present technology.

[0017] FIG. 2 illustrates an exemplary inertial data processing algorithm according to embodiments of the present technology.

[0018] FIG. 3 shows a communication system between a system for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility based assessments and cloud-based platforms according to embodiments of the present technology.

[0019] FIG. 4A shows results of an inertial data processing algorithm for analysis of a chair stand clinical mobility based assessment according to embodiments of the present technology.

[0020] FIG. 4B depicts results of an inertial data processing algorithm for analysis of a timed up-and-go clinical mobility based assessment according to embodiments of the present technology.

[0021] FIG. 5A depicts a table showing movement assessments for determination functional movement capacity of a user according to embodiments of the present technology.

[0022] FIG. 5B depicts a table showing features extracted from inertial data of the user that describe functional movements following application analysis algorithms describing user functional movement capacity according to embodiments of the present technology.

[0023] FIG. 6 shows depicts a process flow diagram showing a method for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility based assessments according to embodiments of the present technology.

[0024] FIG. 7 illustrates an exemplary computer system that may be used to implement embodiments of the present technology.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0025] The detailed embodiments of the present technology are disclosed here. It should be understood, that the disclosed embodiments are merely exemplary of the invention, which may be embodied in multiple forms. Those details disclosed herein are not to be interpreted in any form as limiting, but as the basis for the claims.

[0026] In various embodiments it is an object of the present technology is a software application to provide monitoring and assessment of functional motion capacity of a user through simple interaction with an inertial measurement unit equipped mobile device. As such, the software application functions to consistently evaluate the motion characteristics of a user's and report how those motion characteristics relate to the real-time functional capacity of the user. The software application also provides a user with the capability for assessing performance on a variety of fundamental movement tests. Additionally, the capacity of the software application to utilize cloud-based storage and compute functionality provides the capability for quick storage, retrieval and assessment of multiple tests in such a manner that real-time declines in functional movement capacity can be identified and reported. Additional advantages of the software application are apparent from the detailed embodiment descriptions and accompanying drawings, which set forth embodiments of the present technology.

[0027] FIG. 1 shows system 100 for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility based assessments according to embodiments of the present technology. The system 100 shows a user 110 that may access a mobile device 120. The mobile device 120 comprises an inertial measurement device 130. The inertial measurement device 130 may be a chip, and the like, installed on the mobile device 120. The inertial measurement device 130 comprises a gyroscope 140 and an accelerometer 150. The mobile device 120 further comprises an application 155 (e.g., a software application). The mobile device 120 uses a communications network 160 for

communication with functional test system 170, balance/stability system 180, and gait analysis system 190.

[0028] In various embodiments the application 155 is an Electronic Caregiver developed mobile application capable of monitoring the movement capabilities of the user 110. When in use, the application 155 embodies the capability for the collection, processing, storage, and analysis of data describing motion characteristics of the user 110 during various clinical mobility based assessments. For example, a clinical mobility based assessment may be a motion task. In various embodiments a clinical mobility based assessment may be a test duration, a turning duration, a sit-to-stand duration, a stand-to-sit duration, a number of sit-to-stand repetitions completed within a predetermined period of time, and a number of stand-to-sit repetitions completed within a predetermined period of time. For example, the clinical mobility based assessments described in FIG. 5A and FIG. 5B. Exemplary clinical mobility based assessments (e.g., motion tasks) include timed up-and-go test, 30 second chair stand test, four stage balance test, gait analysis, functional reach test, sit and teach test, 5 chair stand test, 10 chair stand test, arm curl test, and postural stability using the mobile device 120 communicating with the functional test system 170, the balance/stability system 180, and the gait analysis system 190,

[0029] In various embodiments the user 110 may access the mobile device 120 by accessing a display of a representation of the clinical mobility based assessment via an interactive animated conversational graphical user interface displayed by the mobile device 120. Embodiments of the present technology include providing, using the mobile device 120 comprising the inertial measurement device 130, a clinical mobility based assessment to a user and generating, using the inertial measurement device 130, inertial data of the user 110 that is indicative of movement capabilities of the user 110 based on the clinical mobility based assessment. Embodiments comprise logging the inertial data of the user 110 locally to the mobile device 120 resulting in locally logged

inertial data of the user 110. In various embodiments the inertial data of the user 110 that is indicative of movement capabilities of the user 110 based on the clinical mobility based assessment comprises gyroscope data generated using the gyroscope 140; and accelerometer data generated using the accelerometer 150.

[0030] FIG. 2 illustrates an exemplary inertial data processing algorithm 200 according to embodiments of the present technology. The inertial data processing algorithm 200 may be performed by processing logic that may comprise hardware (e.g., dedicated logic, programmable logic, and microcode), software (such as software run on a general-purpose computer system or a dedicated machine), or a combination thereof. In one or more example embodiments, the processing logic resides at the mobile device 120, the inertial measurement device 130, the functional test system 170, the balance/stability system 180, and the gait analysis system 190, or the cloud-based normative data storage 330 or combinations thereof. The inertial data processing algorithm 200 receives inertial data from the mobile device 120 comprising the inertial measurement device 130. The inertial measurement device 130 comprises the gyroscope 140 and the accelerometer 150. The inertial data processing algorithm 200 comprises signal segmentation and alignment 210, gravitational acceleration counterbalance 220, integration of angular orientation 230, estimate of velocity 240, drift determination and compensation 250, estimate of orientation 260, and estimate of position 270.

[0031] In various embodiments the inertial data processing algorithm 200 is for monitoring movement capabilities of the user 110 using clinical mobility based assessments. Embodiments of the present technology include processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user 110 to determine position and orientation of the mobile device 120 during the clinical mobility based assessment. In some embodiments the processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user 110 to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility

based assessment comprises: segmenting and aligning the locally logged inertial data of the user 110 resulting in segmented and aligned inertial data of the user 110. For example, segmenting and aligning the locally logged inertial data of the user 110 is shown in FIG. 4A. Embodiments further include gravitational acceleration counterbalancing of the segmented and aligned inertial data of the user 110 resulting in counterbalanced inertial data of the user 110; determining velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment using the counterbalanced inertial data of the user 110; drift compensating the velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment resulting in drift compensated velocity data; and determining the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment using the drift compensated velocity data.

[0032] Embodiments of the present technology include processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user 110 to determine position and orientation of the mobile device 120 during the clinical mobility based assessment. In some embodiments the processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user 110 to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment comprises: segmenting and aligning the locally logged inertial data of the user 110 resulting in segmented and aligned inertial data of the user 110; integrating angular orientation of the segmented and aligned inertial data of the user 110 resulting in counterbalanced inertial data of the user 110; determining velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment using the counterbalanced inertial data of the user 110; drift compensating the velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment resulting in drift compensated velocity data; and determining the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment using the drift compensated velocity data.

[0033] FIG. 3 shows a communication system 300 between a system for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility based assessments

and cloud-based platforms according to embodiments of the present technology. The communication system 300 comprises the mobile device 120 that comprises an application 155 (e.g., Electronic Caregiver application). The communication system 300 further comprises cloud computing network 320, cloud-based normative data storage 330, and data streaming 340. In various embodiments, application 155 communicates with the cloud computing network 320.

[0034] In general, the cloud computing network 320 is a cloud-based computing environment, which is a resource that typically combines the computational power of a large grouping of processors (such as within web servers) and/or that combines the storage capacity of a large grouping of computer memories or storage devices.

[0035] The cloud computing network 320 may be formed, for example, by a network of web servers that comprise a plurality of computing devices, such as the computer system 700, with each server (or at least a plurality thereof) providing processor and/or storage resources. These servers may manage workloads provided by multiple users (e.g., cloud resource customers or other users).

[0036] FIG. 4A shows results of an inertial data processing algorithm for analysis of a chair stand clinical mobility based assessment 400 according to embodiments of the present technology. For example, an inertial data processing algorithm used to process inertial data of the user that is indicative of movement capabilities of the user based on the clinical mobility based assessment may be the inertial data processing algorithm 200 shown in FIG. 2. In more detail, FIG. 4A shows segmenting and aligning the locally logged inertial data of the user 110 resulting in segmented and aligned inertial data of the user 110. For example, signal segmentation 405 of a plurality of signal segmentations is shown in FIG. 4A. More specifically, FIG. 4A shows analysis of a chair stand clinical mobility based assessment that is described in more detail in Example 1.

[0037] FIG. 4B depicts results of the inertial data processing algorithm 200 for analysis of a timed up-and-go clinical mobility based assessment 410 according to embodiments of the present technology. In more detail, FIG. 4B shows analysis of a timed up-and-go clinical mobility based assessment 410 as described in more detail in Example 2.

[0038] FIG. 5A depicts a table 500 showing movement assessments for determination of functional movement capacity of the user 110 according to embodiments of the present technology. For example, a clinical mobility based assessment may be a motion task. In various embodiments a clinical mobility based assessment may be a test duration, a turning duration, a sit-to-stand duration, a stand-to-sit duration, a number of sit-to-stand repetitions completed within a predetermined period of time, and a number of stand-to-sit repetitions completed within a predetermined period of time. Exemplary clinical mobility based assessments (e.g., motion tasks) include timed up-and-go test, 30 second chair stand test, four stage balance test, gait analysis, functional reach test, sit and teach test, 5 chair stand test, 10 chair stand test, arm curl test, and postural stability. Table 500 further shows an area of assessment of the user 110 evaluated for each clinical mobility based assessment (e.g., motion task).

[0039] FIG. 5B depicts a table 510 showing features extracted from inertial data of the user 110 that describe functional movements following application analysis algorithms describing user functional movement capacity according to embodiments of the present technology. For example, determining features of functional movements of the user 110 based on the position and the orientation of the mobile device 120 during the clinical mobility based assessment, the features of functional movements including one or more of: time to completion of a task, rate to completion of a task, total repetitions of a task completed within a predetermined period of time, decay of repetitions of a task completed within a predetermined period of time, turn rate,

anteroposterior sway, mediolateral sway, gait characteristics, total magnitude of displacement, vertical displacement, mediolateral displacement, and resultant displacement. Table 510 also shows features of the user 110 extracted for each clinical mobility based assessment (e.g., motion task).

[0040] FIG. 6 depicts a process flow diagram showing a method 600 for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility based assessments according to embodiments of the present technology. The method 600 may be performed by processing logic that may comprise hardware (e.g., dedicated logic, programmable logic, and microcode), software (such as software run on a general-purpose computer system or a dedicated machine), or a combination thereof. In one or more example embodiments, the processing logic resides at the mobile device 120, the inertial measurement device 130, the functional test system 170, the balance/stability system 180, and the gait analysis system 190, or the cloud-based normative data storage 330 or combinations thereof.

[0041] As shown in FIG. 6, the method 600 for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility based assessments comprises providing 610, using a mobile device comprising an inertial measurement device, a clinical mobility based assessment to a user. The method 600 may commence at generating 620, using the inertial measurement device, inertial data of the user that is indicative of movement capabilities of the user based on the clinical mobility based assessment. The method 600 may proceed with logging 630 the inertial data of the user locally to the mobile device resulting in locally logged inertial data of the user; and processing 640 in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment. The method 600 may proceed with determining 650, using the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment, a physical movement assessment of the user associated with the clinical mobility based assessment; and displaying 660,

using the mobile device, at least a portion of the physical movement assessment to the user.

[0042] In various embodiments, the method 600 optionally includes receiving 670 the locally logged inertial data of the user and the physical movement assessment of the user; conducting 680 a longitude physical movement assessment analysis using the physical movement assessment of the user associated with the clinical mobility based assessment; and displaying 690 at least a portion of the longitude physical movement assessment analysis to the user.

[0043] In various embodiments the conducting the longitude physical movement assessment analysis comprises: receiving a predetermined threshold of change in physical movement associated with a domain from a cloud-based normative data storage; comparing the physical movement assessment of the user with the predetermined threshold of change in physical movement; determining, based on the comparing, that the physical movement assessment exceeds the predetermined threshold of change in physical movement; and displaying, if the physical movement assessment exceeds the predetermined threshold of change in physical movement, a longitude mobility assessment to the user.

[0044] Example 1.

[0045] FIG. 4A shows results of the inertial data processing algorithm 200 for analysis of a chair stand clinical mobility based assessment 400 according to embodiments of the present technology. For example, a functional test may be an ability of the user 110 to complete chair stands. This particular area of testing provides valuable insight into lower extremity muscular strength of the user 110. One specific test, the 30-second chair stand, can be remotely assessed by the application 155. To achieve this, the user 110 assumes a seated position in a standard chair, opens the application 155 (e.g., Electronic Caregiver application) and selects the corresponding test (e.g., chair stand clinical mobility based assessment) from a drop down menu.

Upon test selection, the inertial measurement device 130 of the mobile device 120 is activated and begins collecting inertial data of the user 110. After a 5 second countdown, the user 110 begins the chair stand test and completes as many sit-to-stand movements followed by stand-to-sit repetitions as possible in the allotted time. As depicted in FIG. 4A, the vertical acceleration signal can be utilized for assessing the number of repetitions completed during the test, which is the standard clinical variable assessed during the test. Assessing the number of repetitions completed is achieved through application of signal segmentation, which separates the signal into distinct segments based on a quantifiable spike in the magnitude of vertical acceleration and the application of a simple count function that determines the number of independent segments that were derived during processing. For example, the signal segmentation 405 of a plurality of signal segmentations is shown in FIG. 4A.

[0046] Example 2.

[0047] FIG. 4B depicts results of the inertial data processing algorithm 200 for analysis of a timed up-and-go clinical mobility based assessment 410 according to embodiments of the present technology. For example, a functional test utilized in a geriatric care provision setting is the timed up-and-go test. The timed up-and-go test requires the user 110 to start in a seated position in a standard chair, rise to a standing position, and walk a distance of 3 meters. At the 3 meter mark, the user 110 completes a 180° degree turn, walks back to the starting point, and then sits down in the chair they started in. As the timed up-and-go test is completed, a clinician typically records the time it takes the patient to complete the test.

[0048] In various embodiments, systems and methods of the present technology described herein are capable of performing the same assessment as a clinician on demand in various embodiments. As such, the user 110 assumes a seated position in a standard chair, opens the application 155 (e.g., Electronic Caregiver application), and selects a clinical mobility based assessment (i.e., the timed up-and-go clinical mobility

based assessment) from the drop down menu on the mobile device 120. Upon test selection, the inertial measurement device 130 is activated and begins collecting inertial data of the user 110. After a 5 second countdown, the user 110 performs the timed up-and-go test from beginning to end. After returning to the seated position, the user selects the end test icon to terminate collection of inertial data. As the timed up-and-go test is completed, the signal segmentation algorithm segments the inertial data into a standing phase 415, an outbound phase 420 (i.e., outbound walking), a 180° turn phase 425 (i.e., turning), an inbound phase 430 (i.e., inbound walking), and a sitting phase 435. Following segmenting and aligning the locally logged inertial data of the user, a variety of features (e.g. time to test completion, magnitude of vertical acceleration during standing, and magnitude of vertical acceleration during sitting) are used to identify characteristics of functional decline of the user 110. For example, characteristics of functional decline may include an increase in the time to complete the timed up-and-go test, a decline in the peak and/or overall magnitude of vertical acceleration during the standing phase 415 or an increase in the peak and/or overall magnitude of vertical acceleration during the sitting phase 435.

[0049] Example 3.

[0050] Another common functional test utilized in a geriatric care provision setting is the postural stability test. The postural stability test requires the user 110 to maintain a static standing position for a period of time during which postural sway measurements are collected. As the postural stability test is completed, a clinician typically records the observed stability of the user 110 completing the postural stability test as well as the various magnitudes of acceleration that are indicative of postural sway. Again, systems and methods of the present technology including the application 155 (e.g., Electronic Caregiver application) are capable of performing the same assessment as the clinician on demand. As such, the user 110 assumes a standing position, opens the application 155 (e.g., Electronic Caregiver application) and selects

the postural stability test from a drop down menu. Upon selection of the postural stability test, the inertial measurement device 130 in the mobile device 120 is activated and begins collecting inertial data of the user 110. After a 5 second countdown, the user 110 performs the postural stability test for a temporal period specified by the application 155. As the postural stability test is completed, the inertial data of the user 110 is processed and transposed into anteroposterior, mediolateral and resultant magnitudes (i.e., accelerometer data) and angular motion magnitudes about the anteroposterior, mediolateral and transverse axes (i.e., gyroscopic data). The accelerometer data and the gyroscopic data are analyzed to quantify the magnitude of sway along and about each bodily axis which can be used as an indicator of overall static stability and potential risk of falling of the user 110.

[0051] FIG. 7 illustrates an exemplary computer system that may be used to implement embodiments of the present technology. FIG. 7 shows a diagrammatic representation of a computing device for a machine in the example electronic form of a computer system 700, within which a set of instructions for causing the machine to perform any one or more of the methodologies discussed herein can be executed. In example embodiments, the machine operates as a standalone device, or can be connected (e.g., networked) to other machines. In a networked deployment, the machine can operate in the capacity of a server, a client machine in a server-client network environment, or as a peer machine in a peer-to-peer (or distributed) network environment. The machine can be a personal computer (PC), tablet PC, game console, set-top box (STB), personal digital assistant (PDA), television device, cellular telephone, portable music player (e.g., a portable hard drive audio device), web appliance, or any machine capable of executing a set of instructions (sequential or otherwise) that specify actions to be taken by that machine. Further, while only a single machine is illustrated, the term “machine” shall also be taken to include any collection of machines that separately or jointly execute a set (or multiple sets) of instructions to perform any one or

more of the methodologies discussed herein. Computer system 700 can be an instance of the mobile device 120, the inertial measurement device 130, the functional test system 170, the balance/stability system 180, and the gait analysis system 190, or the cloud-based normative data storage 330.

[0052] The example computer system 700 includes a processor or multiple processors 705 (e.g., a central processing unit (CPU), a graphics processing unit (GPU), or both), and a main memory 710 and a static memory 715, which communicate with each other via a bus 720. The computer system 700 can further include a video display unit 725 (e.g., a liquid-crystal display (LCD), organic light emitting diode (OLED) display, or a cathode ray tube (CRT)). The computer system 700 also includes at least one input device 730, such as an alphanumeric input device (e.g., a keyboard), a cursor control device (e.g., a mouse), a microphone, a digital camera, a video camera, and so forth. The computer system 700 also includes a disk drive unit 735, a signal generation device 740 (e.g., a speaker), and a network interface device 745.

[0053] The disk drive unit 735 (also referred to as the disk drive unit 735) includes a machine-readable medium 750 (also referred to as a computer-readable medium 750), which stores one or more sets of instructions and data structures (e.g., instructions 755) embodying or utilized by any one or more of the methodologies or functions described herein. The instructions 755 can also reside, completely or at least partially, within the main memory 710, static memory 715 and/or within the processor(s) 705 during execution thereof by the computer system 700. The main memory 710, static memory 715, and the processor(s) 705 also constitute machine-readable media.

[0054] The instructions 755 can further be transmitted or received over a communications network 760 via the network interface device 745 utilizing any one of a number of well-known transfer protocols (e.g., Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP), CAN, Serial, and Modbus). The communications network 760 includes the Internet,

local intranet, Personal Area Network (PAN) , Local Area Network (LAN), Wide Area Network (WAN), Metropolitan Area Network (MAN), virtual private network (VPN), storage area network (SAN), frame relay connection, Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) connection, synchronous optical network (SONET) connection, digital T1, T3, E1 or E3 line, Digital Data Service (DDS) connection, Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) connection, Ethernet connection, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) line, cable modem, Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) connection, or an Fiber Distributed Data Interface (FDDI) or Copper Distributed Data Interface (CDDI) connection.

Furthermore, communications network 760 can also include links to any of a variety of wireless networks including Wireless Application Protocol (WAP), General Packet Radio Service (GPRS), Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) , Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) or Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA), cellular phone networks, Global Positioning System (GPS), cellular digital packet data (CDPD), Research in Motion, Limited (RIM) duplex paging network, Bluetooth radio, or an IEEE 802.11-based radio frequency network.

[0055] While the machine-readable medium 750 is shown in an example embodiment to be a single medium, the term “computer-readable medium” should be taken to include a single medium or multiple media (e.g., a centralized or distributed database, and/or associated caches and servers) that store the one or more sets of instructions. The term “computer-readable medium” shall also be taken to include any medium that is capable of storing, encoding, or carrying a set of instructions for execution by the machine and that causes the machine to perform any one or more of the methodologies of the present application, or that is capable of storing, encoding, or carrying data structures utilized by or associated with such a set of instructions. The term “computer-readable medium” shall accordingly be taken to include, but not be limited to, solid-state memories, optical and magnetic media. Such media can also

include, without limitation, hard disks, floppy disks, flash memory cards, digital video disks, random access memory (RAM), read only memory (ROM), and the like.

[0056] The example embodiments described herein can be implemented in an operating environment comprising computer-executable instructions (e.g., software) installed on a computer, in hardware, or in a combination of software and hardware. The computer-executable instructions can be written in a computer programming language or can be embodied in firmware logic. If written in a programming language conforming to a recognized standard, such instructions can be executed on a variety of hardware platforms and for interfaces to a variety of operating systems. Although not limited thereto, computer software programs for implementing the present method can be written in any number of suitable programming languages such as, for example, Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), Dynamic HTML, XML, Extensible Stylesheet Language (XSL), Document Style Semantics and Specification Language (DSSSL), Cascading Style Sheets (CSS), Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language (SMIL), Wireless Markup Language (WML), Java™, Jini™, C, C++, C#, .NET, Adobe Flash, Perl, UNIX Shell, Visual Basic or Visual Basic Script, Virtual Reality Markup Language (VRML), ColdFusion™ or other compilers, assemblers, interpreters, or other computer languages or platforms.

[0057] Thus, technology for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility based assessments is disclosed. Although embodiments have been described with reference to specific example embodiments, it will be evident that various modifications and changes can be made to these example embodiments without departing from the broader spirit and scope of the present application. Accordingly, the specification and drawings are to be regarded in an illustrative rather than a restrictive sense.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility-based assessments, the system comprising:

a mobile device comprising an inertial measurement device, the inertial measurement device comprising:

a gyroscope; and

an accelerometer;

at least one processor; and

a memory storing processor-executable instructions, wherein the at least one processor is configured to implement the following operations upon executing the processor-executable instructions:

providing a clinical mobility-based assessment to a user;

generating, using the inertial measurement device, inertial data of the user that is indicative of movement capabilities of the user based on the clinical mobility-based assessment;

logging the inertial data of the user locally to the mobile device resulting in locally logged inertial data of the user;

processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment, wherein the processing in real-time of the locally logged inertial data of the user to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment comprises:

segmenting and aligning the locally logged inertial data of the user resulting in segmented and aligned inertial data of the user;

integrating angular orientation of the segmented and aligned inertial data of the user resulting in counterbalanced inertial data of the user;

determining velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment using the counterbalanced inertial data of the user;

drift compensating the velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment resulting in drift compensated velocity data; and

determining the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment using the drift compensated velocity data;

wherein the at least one processor is further configured to implement the following operations upon executing the processor-executable instructions:

determining, using the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment, a physical movement assessment of the user associated with the clinical mobility-based assessment; and

displaying at least a portion of the physical movement assessment to the user, wherein the displaying includes declines in the clinical mobility-based assessment.

2. The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising an interactive animated conversational graphical user interface displayed by the mobile device;

wherein the at least one processor is further configured to implement an operation of displaying a representation of the clinical mobility based assessment via the interactive animated conversational graphical user interface.

3. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the clinical mobility based assessment includes one or more of a test duration, a turning duration, a sit-to-stand duration, a stand-to-sit duration, a number of sit-to-stand repetitions completed within a predetermined period of time, and a number of stand-to-sit repetitions completed within a predetermined period of time.

4. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the inertial data of the user that is indicative of movement capabilities of the user based on the clinical mobility-based assessment comprises gyroscope data generated using the gyroscope; and accelerometer data generated using the accelerometer.

5. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one processor is further configured to implement an operation of:

determining features of functional movements of the user based on the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment, the features of the functional movements including one or more of: time to completion of a task, rate to completion of a task, total repetitions of a task completed within a predetermined period of time, decay of repetitions of a task completed within a predetermined period of time, turn rate, anteroposterior sway, mediolateral sway, gait characteristics, total magnitude of displacement, vertical displacement, mediolateral displacement, and resultant displacement.

6. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the physical movement assessment to the user includes one or more of a static stability of the user, dynamic stability of the user, postural stability of the user, balance of the user, mobility of the user, fall risk of the user, lower body muscular strength of the user, lower body muscular endurance of the user, lower body muscular flexibility of the user, upper body muscular strength of the user, and upper body muscular endurance of the user.

7. The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one processor is further configured to implement operations of:
receiving the locally logged inertial data of the user and the physical movement assessment of the user;
conducting a longitude physical movement assessment analysis using the physical movement assessment of the user associated with the clinical mobility-based assessment; and
displaying at least a portion of the longitude physical movement assessment analysis to the user.

8. The system as recited in claim 7, wherein the conducting the longitude physical movement assessment analysis comprises:
receiving a predetermined threshold of change in physical movement associated with a domain from a cloud-based normative data storage;
comparing the physical movement assessment of the user with the predetermined threshold of change in physical movement;
determining, based on the comparing, that the physical movement assessment exceeds the predetermined threshold of change in physical movement; and

displaying, when the physical movement assessment exceeds the predetermined threshold of change in physical movement, a longitude mobility assessment to the user.

9. A method for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility-based assessments, the method comprising:

providing, using a mobile device comprising an inertial measurement device, a clinical mobility-based assessment to a user;

generating, using the inertial measurement device, inertial data of the user that is indicative of movement capabilities of the user based on the clinical mobility-based assessment;

logging the inertial data of the user locally to the mobile device resulting in locally logged inertial data of the user;

processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment, wherein the processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment comprises:

segmenting and aligning the locally logged inertial data of the user resulting in segmented and aligned inertial data of the user;

integrating angular orientation of the segmented and aligned inertial data of the user resulting in counterbalanced inertial data of the user;

determining velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment using the counterbalanced inertial data of the user;

drift compensating the velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment resulting in drift compensated velocity data; and

determining the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment using the drift compensated velocity data;
the method further comprising:
determining, using the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment, a physical movement assessment of the user associated with the clinical mobility-based assessment; and
displaying, using the mobile device, at least a portion of the physical movement assessment to the user, wherein the displaying includes declines in the clinical mobility-based assessment.

10. The method as recited in claim 9, further comprising:
displaying a representation of the clinical mobility-based assessment via an interactive animated conversational graphical user interface displayed by the mobile device.

11. The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the clinical mobility-based assessment includes one or more of a test duration, a turning duration, a sit-to-stand duration, a stand-to-sit duration, a number of sit-to-stand repetitions completed within a predetermined period of time, and a number of stand-to-sit repetitions completed within a predetermined period of time.

12. The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the inertial data of the user that is indicative of the movement capabilities of the user based on the clinical mobility-based assessment comprises gyroscope data generated using a gyroscope; and accelerometer data generated using an accelerometer.

13. The method as recited in claim 9, further comprising:

determining features of functional movements of the user based on the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment, the features of functional movements including one or more of: time to completion of a task, rate to completion of a task, total repetitions of a task completed within a predetermined period of time, decay of repetitions of a task completed within a predetermined period of time, turn rate, anteroposterior sway, mediolateral sway, gait characteristics, total magnitude of displacement, vertical displacement, mediolateral displacement, and resultant displacement.

14. The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the physical movement assessment to the user includes one or more of a static stability of the user, dynamic stability of the user, postural stability of the user, balance of the user, mobility of the user, fall risk of the user, lower body muscular strength of the user, lower body muscular endurance of the user, lower body muscular flexibility of the user, upper body muscular strength of the user, and upper body muscular endurance of the user.

15. The method as recited in claim 9, further comprising:

receiving the locally logged inertial data of the user and the physical movement assessment of the user;

conducting a longitude physical movement assessment analysis using the physical movement assessment of the user associated with the clinical mobility-based assessment; and

displaying at least a portion of the longitude physical movement assessment analysis to the user.

16. A non-transitory computer readable medium having embodied thereon instructions being executable by at least one processor to perform a method for monitoring movement capabilities of a user using clinical mobility-based assessments, the method comprising:

providing, using a mobile device comprising an inertial measurement device, a clinical mobility-based assessment to a user;

generating, using the inertial measurement device, inertial data of the user that is indicative of movement capabilities of the user based on the clinical mobility-based assessment;

logging the inertial data of the user locally to the mobile device resulting in locally logged inertial data of the user;

processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment, wherein the processing in real-time the locally logged inertial data of the user to determine position and orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment comprises:

segmenting and aligning the locally logged inertial data of the user resulting in segmented and aligned inertial data of the user;

integrating angular orientation of the segmented and aligned inertial data of the user resulting in counterbalanced inertial data of the user;

determining velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility based assessment using the counterbalanced inertial data of the user;

drift compensating the velocity of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment resulting in drift compensated velocity data; and

determining the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment using the drift compensated velocity data;

the method further comprising:

determining, using the position and the orientation of the mobile device during the clinical mobility-based assessment, a physical movement assessment of the user associated with the clinical mobility-based assessment; and

displaying, using the mobile device, at least a portion of the physical movement assessment to the user, wherein the displaying includes declines in the physical movement assessment.