

ABSTRACT

[TASK] To further develop prior art technique.

[SOLUTION] It includes a holding portion movable, by movement of a
5 developing member in an axial direction of the developing member, between a
first position for stably holding a second unit at a spaced position and a second
position for stably holding a second unit at a developing position; and an urging
portion for urging the holding portion in a direction from the second position
toward the first position in the axial direction of the developing member. at least
10 one of the first gear portion and the second gear portion is a helical gear. When
the second gear portion is driven and rotated by the first gear portion, the holding
portion is moved from the first position to the second position by the second gear
portion receiving a force from the first gear portion. When the second gear
portion is not driven by the first gear portion, the holding portion is moved from
15 the second position toward the first position by an urging force of the urging
portion.