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(54) **DIELECTRIC ELASTOMER DRIVE SYSTEM AND DIELECTRIC ELASTOMER DRIVE METHOD**

(57) A dielectric elastomer drive system A1 includes: a dielectric elastomer drive unit 1 provided with a dielectric elastomer layer 11 and a pair of electrode layers 12 flanking the dielectric elastomer layer 11; a power supply unit 5 configured to apply voltage to the dielectric elastomer drive unit 1; and a charge removal unit 2 configured to remove the charge stored in the dielectric elastomer drive unit 1. The configuration contributes to improving responsiveness.

FIG.1

