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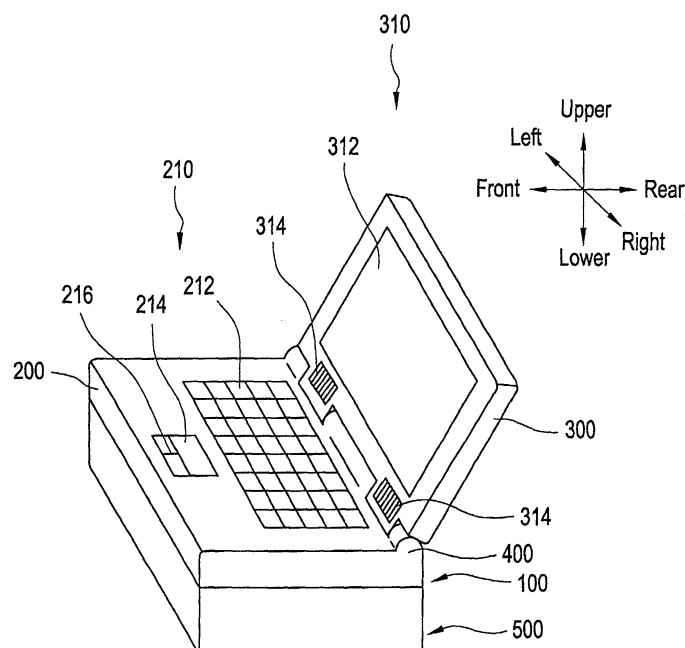
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(54) **Ultrasonic imaging apparatus**

(57) In order to provide an ultrasonic imaging apparatus that responds to the requirement for both portability and versatility, the ultrasonic imaging apparatus includes a portable imaging apparatus (100) comprising ultrasonic imaging means, and a support apparatus

(500) which comprises supporting means for supporting extension of functions of the imaging apparatus, and which is electrically connected to and mechanically joined to the imaging apparatus so that it can be removably combined with the imaging apparatus.

FIG. 1





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为了提供响应便携性和多功能性要求的超声成像设备，超声成像设备包括包括超声成像装置的便携式成像设备（100），以及包括用于支撑延伸的支撑装置的支撑设备（500）。具有成像装置的功能，它与成像装置电连接并机械连接，使得它可以与成像装置可拆卸地结合。

