Laser Conductor

(or DDR with your hands...)

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Introducing Laser Conductor

Interactive game that combines music, lasers, and video processing as you play as a conductor!

















Blob Detection







Convert YCbCr pixel from the decoder to RGB

Threshold color channels to get binary image

Converting YCbCr to RGB



Source: http://www-mtl.mit.edu/Courses/6.111/labkit/appnotes/xapp283.pdf

Pipeline Register

Threshold to Obtain Binary Image

- High threshold for green and low threshold for red and blue
 - Pass green but reject white
- Compression! [23:0] RGB is represented as a single bit!
- Even more compression! Sequence of bits can be compressed using run length encoding



Centroid Calculation



Additional circuitry and logic required to avoid normalizing the sum

Gesture Classification

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Simple solution! - Track the trajectory of the centroids

(x, y)

curr_x <= x-x_start; curr_y <= y-y_start;</pre>

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gesture <= UP;</pre>
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end

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//... continue for other gestures
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Matlab Demo

Gesture Buffer

• Stores a sequence of gestures to be recognized in DRAM and their dwell time (in 0.5 sec increments), @(posedge timer) update

Shape memory

• Stores a sequence of points for plotting vector graphics

Galvo controller

Game logic FSM

- Game logic decides whether or not valid gesture has been completed in interval, and makes buzzer sound if player has failed.
- Game logic plays music to go with gesture
- Game logic loads new moves in from gesture buffer to be displayed on screen and updates shape memory appropriately

Sound and music memory

