

Remote Control System using Motion Detection

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Abstract

Using computer vision we would deal with universal remote control system. For dealing with the required purpose two stages are there: motion and skin color detection with the help of control commands. For these detection we take help of camera which focuses the movement of region of hand and analyses hand segment region by counting open fingers. Expected outcome gives good result by detecting correct gestures by counting open fingers. By using such features we can achieve accurate and robust performance end results.

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Introduction

Home automation are mostly based on infrared remote controllers¹. But now problem arises for finding appropriate Controller for the system. For replacement of this technology use of voice recognition or gesture recognition can be used²⁻⁴.

Voice recognition devices are already there in the use for various automation devices⁵. Voice recognition sometimes fails to cancel surrounding noise and performance of device deteriorates^{6,7}. For achieving accuracy use of gesture, hand recognition will make the process easier and more accurate result will be obtained. For hand gestures recognition hand gloves, markers are used.

Process

Remote control mode senses movement of hand and controls device as per that unique hand gestures are recognized by the exotic hand region by using pointing hand, 3-dimensional analysis is done with the help of cameras^{6,7}. Obtaining complete 3-dimensional gesture is not possible. So we use frequency parameter for setting remote control in neural network helps to recognize gesture and to extract the complete knowledge about shape features, pointed towards object of by using appliance as reference. Pointing menus are displayed on television screen which can be controlled using suitable command.

Cameras play vital role in focusing hand Gestures. As this is the best device to use as investment cost is low from performance point of view. When camera senses hand movements, remote control mode activates¹⁰. Camera adjusts its focus either as zoom in or zoom out and analyses in hand regions. Control command counts number of open fingers using state transitions procedure. Speed of processing is fairly sufficient for our operations.

Experimental Setup: Following figure depicts organization of setup. When users wave hands to command for the required purpose towards camera, camera analyses image sequence and compares with the interactive menus (example - Television, radio, volume, brightness, channel etc.) displaying on menu. For menu display LED monitor can be used^{2,10}.

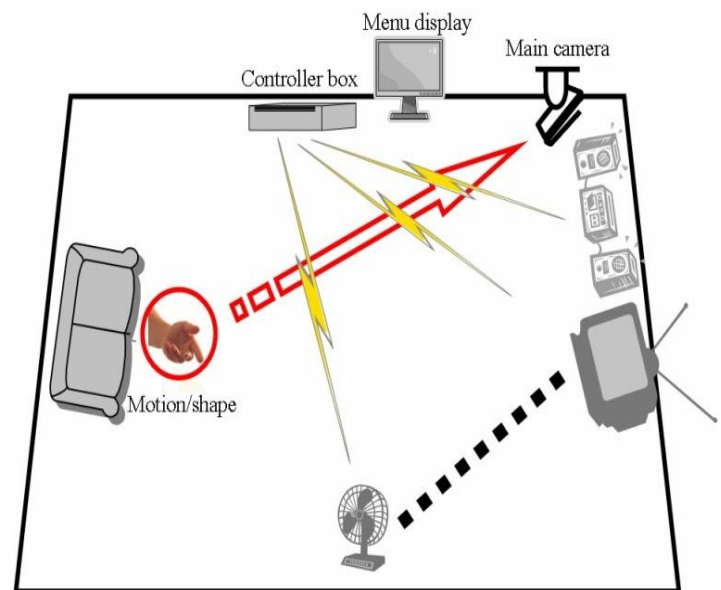


Figure-1: Setup for Controlling Appliances¹.

Execution Process: Following figure illustrate the complete procedure of execution process. Procedure started with zooming out of camera to capture maximum view frame. System begins with initializing $r^o = \text{false}$ where [If] implies remote control mode at instantaneous time when camera detects proper control motion, [If] turns true and process begins¹. Camera focusses on motion and color information for detection of hand gestures.

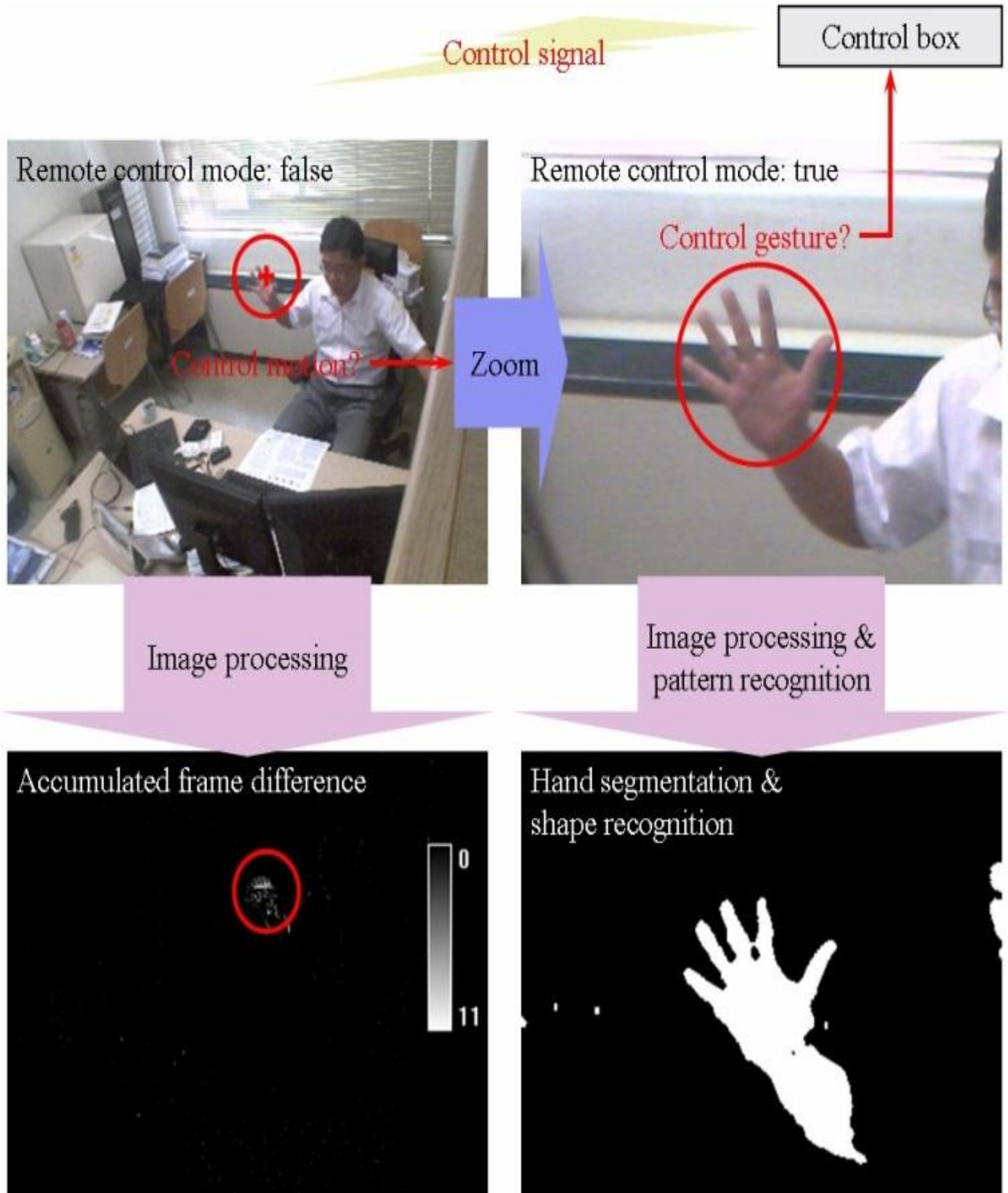


Figure-2: Recognition Process of Camera¹.

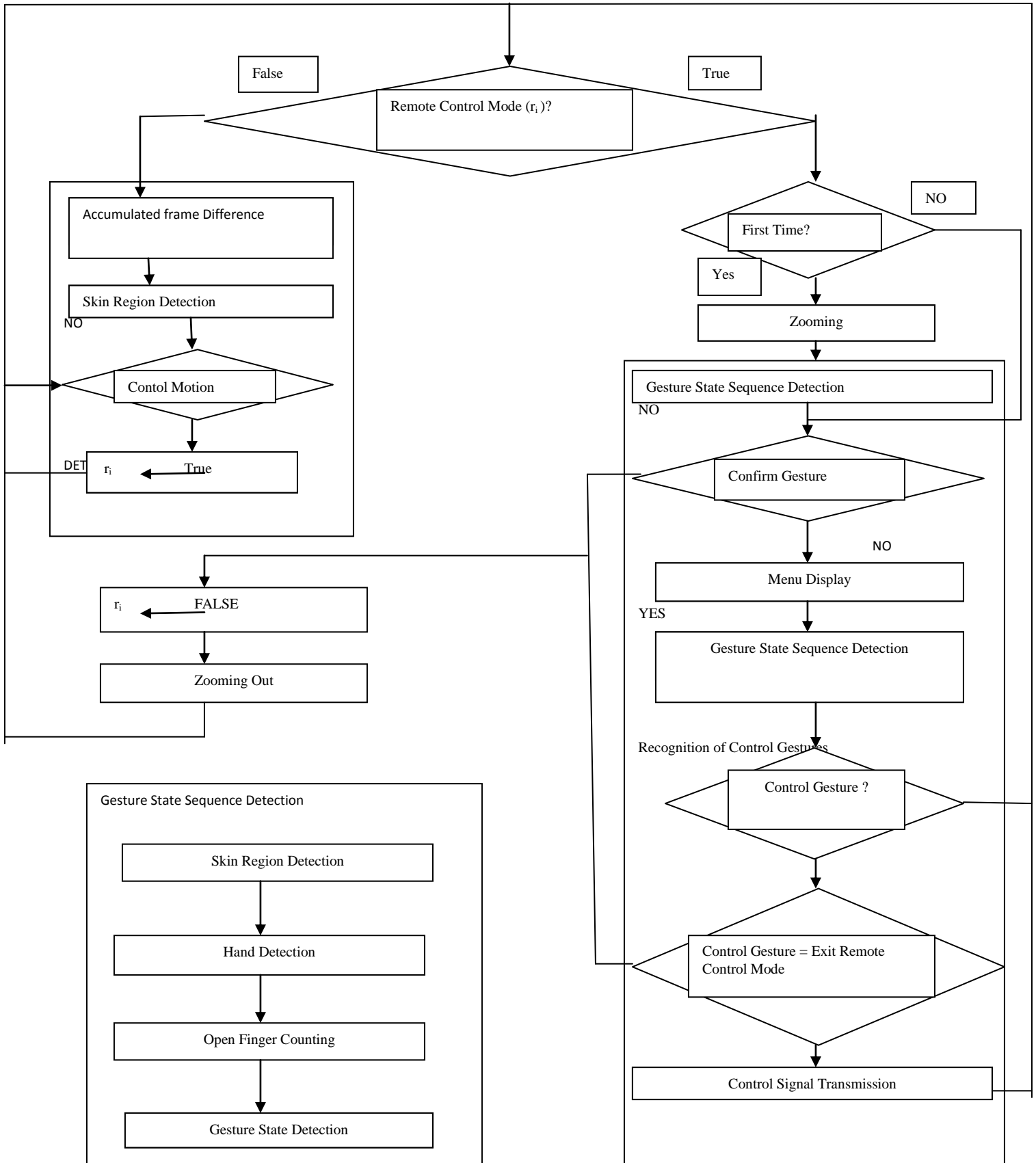


Figure-3: Figure showing procedure followed by remote control system¹.

Detection of the Control Mode: When $rt = \text{false}$, that is remote control mode is off, if movement of moving hands are requested, then movement of hand is detected and remote control mode senses gesture. When gesture is obtained a single movement is compared in different frames. For accurate results we take into account of frame difference. Frame difference defined by

$$AD_{t-1}(x,y)+1 \quad \text{if } I_t(x,y)-I_{t-1}(x,y) > \vartheta_d$$

$$AD_{t-1}(x,y)-1 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

Where I_t defines the image intensity at time t , and d a threshold. Pixels of moving images (hand gestures) are defined by AD_t . Suitable region for movement detection M is selected by pixels having large value of AD_t given by

$$1 \quad \text{if } AD_t(X,y) > \vartheta_d$$

$$0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

Where m denotes a threshold. As different frames are used for single hand movement, so there are numerous frame difference is accounted as per illuminations difference. To avoid much differences we'll define skin color region S_t which is defined as,

$$S_t(X,y) = 1 \quad \text{if } \min(R(X,y) - G(X,y), R(X,y) - B(X,y)) > \vartheta$$

$$0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

Where R_t denotes red components, G_t denotes green components and B_t denotes blue components, As shown in Figure-4, it defines differences of skin regions motion regions and accumulated frame difference of moving region by comparing with skin color regions. Control motion region determines regions of motion associated with skin color. We use the following condition

$$(B_s^i \cap B_m^k) / B_s^i > \vartheta$$

Where B_s^i denotes the i^{th} label of S_t , B_m^k denotes the k^{th} label of M_t , and ϑ denotes a threshold.¹

When conditions are all accurate as per labelled region, remote control mode activates i.e. $rt = \text{true}$, and the gesture states are detected with control commands being taken into account. When desired hand gestures are not captured in a particular time frame, rt sets to false mode, then the camera finally zooms out.

Identification process of control gestures

When remote control mode detects specified control motion, camera zooms in or out for focusing on hand gestures. Camera focuses on skin color and open finger number. After counting open fingers gesture state is defined. Gesture state is defined as open finger count by obtaining hand shape.

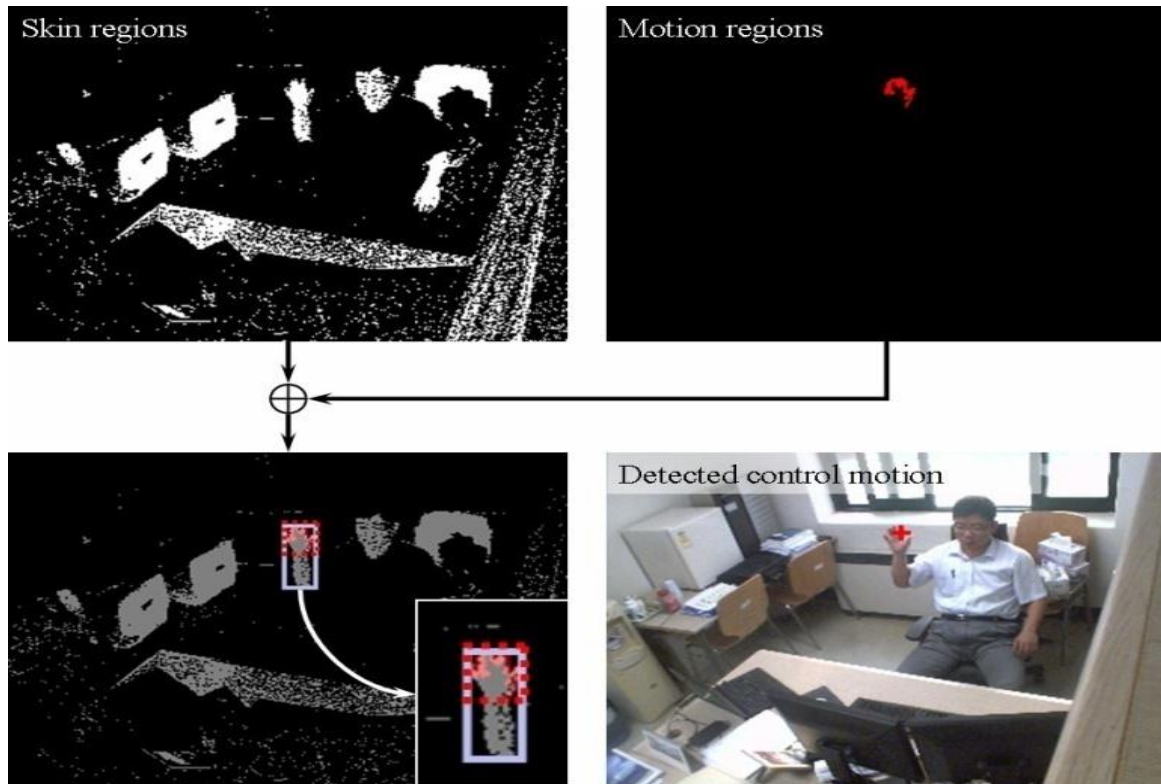


Figure-4: Detection system for skin colour¹⁵

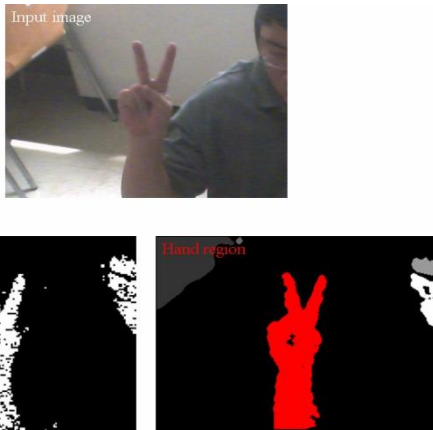


Figure-5: Figure showing hand gestures detected¹

As the hand gestures are recognized, number of open fingers are counted by detecting finger tips, which are accounted with high curvature. For this we are going to use cosine function to measure curvature. . Using C as boundary point set, p, L, p, p = (x, y), L, p of the hand shape. The k-vectors at the point p, are define as

$$\mathbf{a}_{ik} = (x_i + k, y_i + k).$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{ik} = (x_i - k, y_i - k)$$

The k-cosine, which is the cosine of the angle between \mathbf{a}_{ik} and \mathbf{b}_{ik} , is given by

$$\cos n \frac{k}{i} = \frac{\mathbf{a}_{ik} \cdot \mathbf{b}_{ik}}{|\mathbf{a}_{ik}| |\mathbf{b}_{ik}|}$$

Finger tips are represented by local maxima of k-cosine. Valley are measured by taking distance from centroid. For finger tips counting condition is defined as

$$d_i > (d_i - k + d_i + k) / 2$$

Figure-6 clearly depicting how color combinations are used to count open finger and valley. Gestures states account open finger counting. There may be chances of hazy images because of poor illuminations. So we will refer different frames for single hand gestures and considering skin color we'll get final output of gesture indicated⁶⁻⁸.

Gesture states are taken in proper sequence which is shown in below figure. These gestures are stored in the sequence there are obtained and by using control commands, state sequences are defined.¹

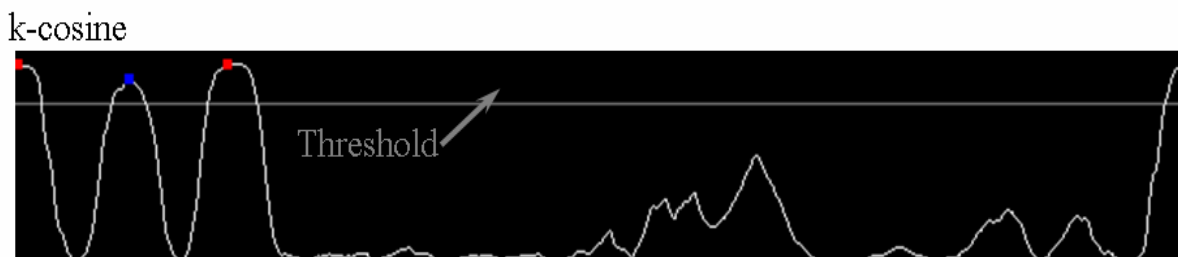
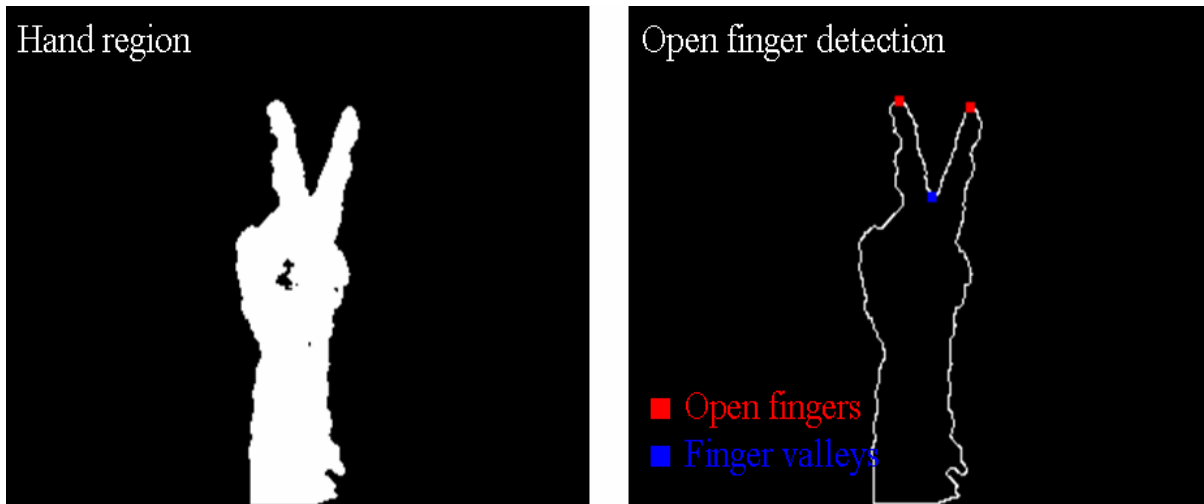


Figure-6: Open finger detection¹

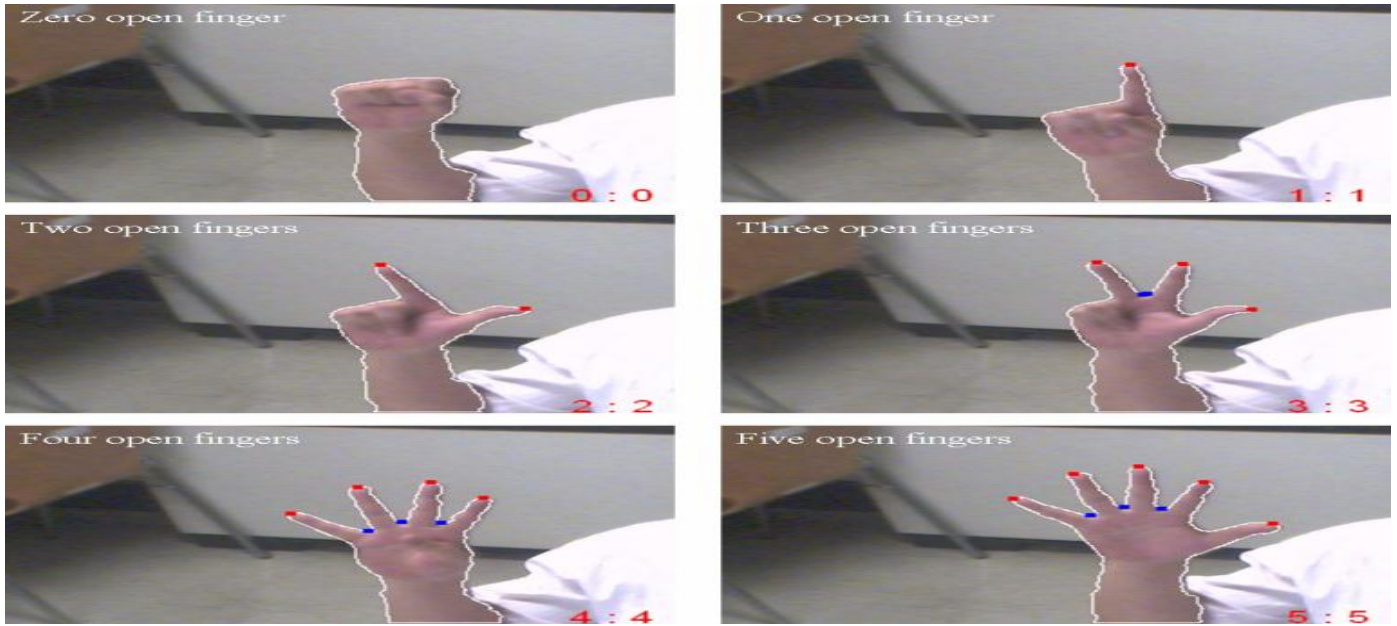


Figure-7: Finger detection¹

Table-1: Example of Gesture State Sequence and Control COMMANDS

Gesture State Sequence (Number of Open Fingers)	COMMANDS
1 → 0	Select 1
2 → 0	Select 2
3 → 0	Select 3
4 → 0	Select 4
1 → 5 → 0	Previous menu
2 → 5 → 0	exit remote control mode

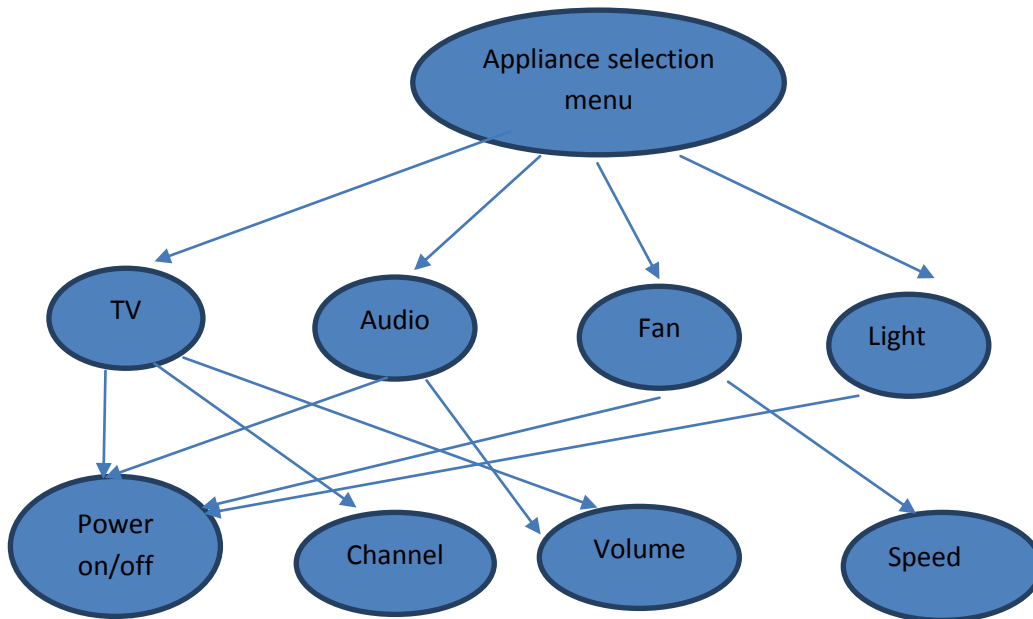


Figure-8: Example of menu hierarchy.

Expected results

Following figure depicts the detection of remote control mode. Red Cross is signifying maximum detected motion region by camera and left top number indicates number of different frames detected for single wave by camera.

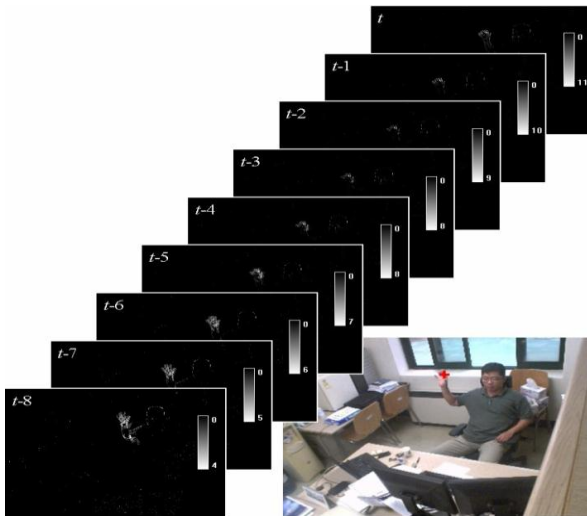


Figure-10: Different frame a captured during remote control mode detection¹

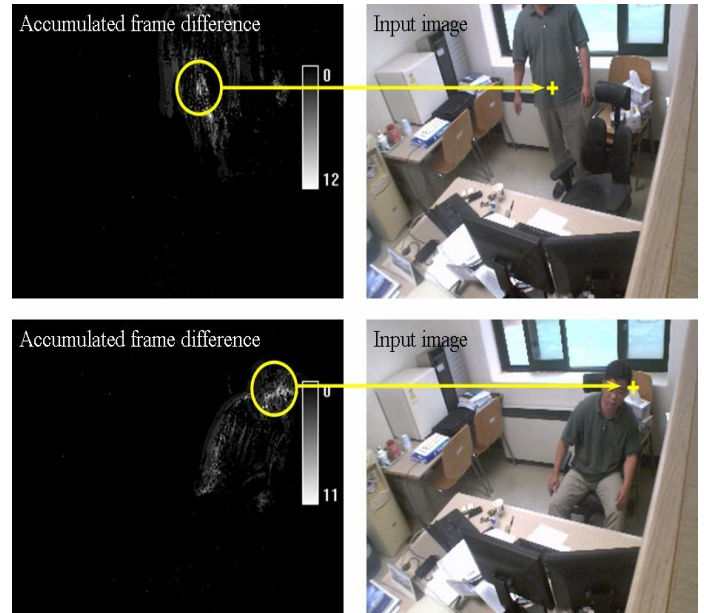


Figure-11: Frame difference capturing method¹

In the above figure it is showing how different frames obtained can be accumulated for difference and processing for control mode takes place.

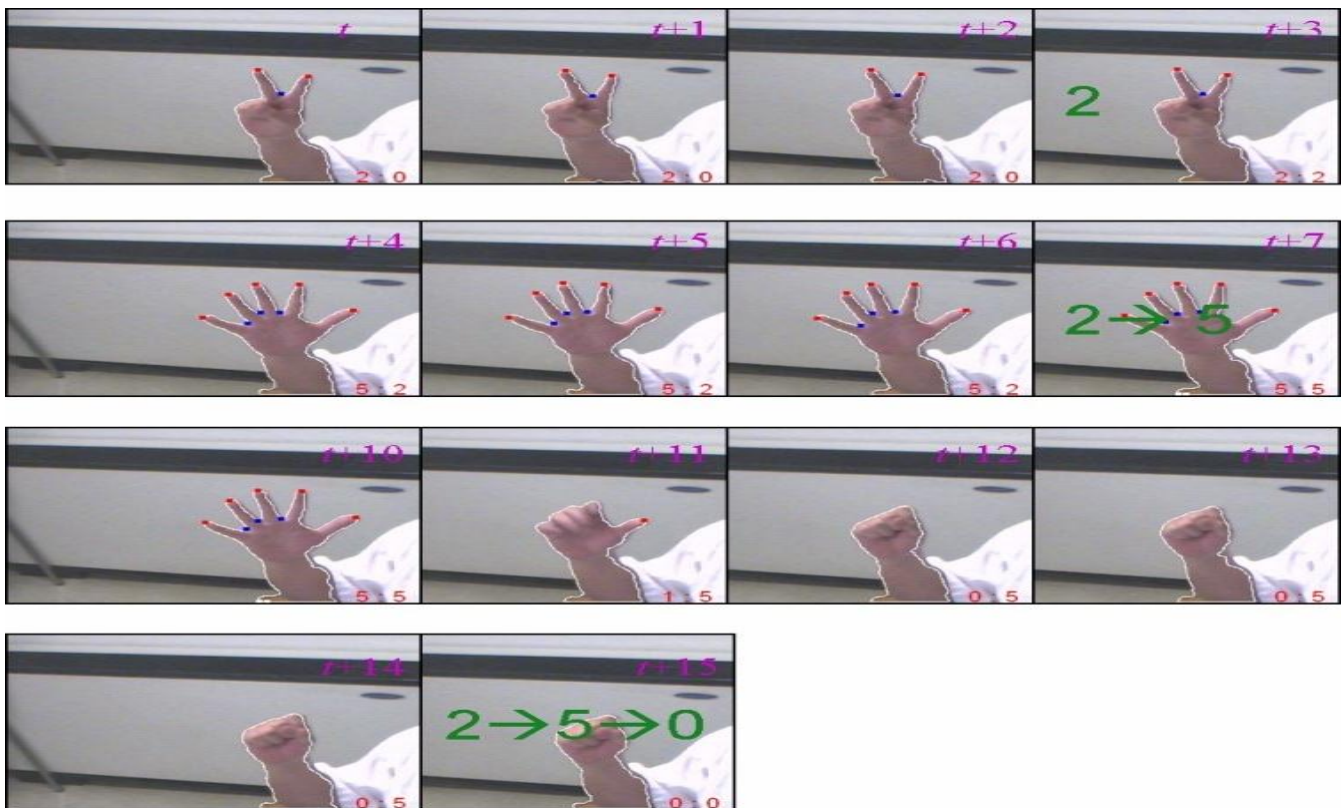


Figure-12: Figure showing counting open finger and valley¹

From above figure we can clearly observe how we can give commands to camera in hierarchy. Suppose as per above example we want to give input 2, 5, 0. We need to give input in chain. Firstly, we give input showing two open fingers where two open finger is counted with blue and a valley with red. Camera captures this state and compares using frame difference finally 2 is taken in interactive menu. After this it waits for another input as we show fingers 5 same as in 2 open fingers, here also counting is accounted here five open fingers and four valleys are taken into consideration which is fed as input to control command. Finally when no fingers are accounted we come out of loop and our desired process is done. Using this procedure open fingers are counted and interactive menus are chosen.

Conclusion

We studied about Remote Control System for controlling electronic devices using waving hands by analyzing hand gesture. For avoiding false initialization we will be selecting different skin colors and camera will detect motion and using the proper algorithm as per discussed with help in desired controlling of appliances. Remote Control System will guarantee robust operating condition with good performance with low cost investment.

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