FPGA Implementation of Driver Assistance Camera Algorithms

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**Executive Summary**

Passenger safety is the primary concern and focus of automobile manufacturers today. In addition to the passive safety equipment, including seatbelts and primary airbags, technology based active safety mechanisms are being incorporated more than ever and may be soon required by law. Current trends are suggesting that the government will require automobile manufacturers to include a multitude of technology based safety equipment including ultrasonic sensors and back-up cameras. Historically, back-up cameras in vehicles gave the driver an unaltered view from behind the vehicle; however, with the sponsorship of Xilinx, Michigan State University’s ECE 480’s Design Team 3 has designed and implemented an algorithm that is the first step to visually alerting the driver of objects seen in the back-up camera. This algorithm performs edge detection on a live video feed which is the basic building block necessary for further object detection. The team has also implemented a skin detection algorithm that can be used in conjunction with the edge detection to draw the driver’s attention to possible human objects. In doing so, the driver will be less likely to overlook objects that may create a safety hazard. Implementation of the algorithm utilizes Xilinx’s Spartan-3A Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) development board and video processing kit. Design Team 3 has established a concrete platform that future teams given this project will easily be able to build upon.
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Chapter 1: Introduction and Background

1.1 Introduction

Safety has become the driving factor for today’s automobile industry. It has evolved from basic airbags to revolutionary motion sensors, cameras, and various computer-aided driving technologies. Vehicle safety can be split into two categories: passive and active. Passive safety includes primary airbags, seatbelts, and the physical structure of the vehicle while active safety typically refers to preventative accident technology assistance as demonstrated in Figure 1. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, in 2009, at least 18 automotive brands offered one or more of the five main active crash prevention technologies including lane departure warning (shown in Figure 1 below) and forward collision warning. With new technologies on the rise, it is no surprise that the automobile industry’s customers are demanding innovation from their vehicles.

![Figure 1: Active Safety includes Lane Departure Warning (left) and Blind Spot Detection (Right)](image)

In addition, it is rumored that in 2014 the government will mandate all new vehicles to possess back-up cameras. Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) are striving to meet this requirement and some even to surpass the regulation. Xilinx, a leader in programmable logic products, has already helped some vehicle manufacturers implement active safety features, such as the lane departure warning system, and foresee that the back-up camera is the next feature to be improved. Solely providing a live feed from a camera while the vehicle is in reverse is a good start, but it does not reflect the innovative expertise customary of Xilinx. Xilinx, along with the help of Michigan State University’s ECE 480 Design Team 3, have created an algorithm which performs edge detection and skin detection on video from the camera’s live-feed, to visually alert the driver of objects seen within the back-up camera. This was accomplished using Xilinx’s Xtreme Spartan-3A development board and video starter kit. This feature is designed to prevent
the driver from overlooking important objects within the camera’s view while the vehicle is in reverse. Xilinx provided the team with the Xtreme Spartan-3A development board, camera, the company’s System Generator tools, and various other Xilinx platforms to develop a prototype. The team utilized morphological operations such as smoothing as well as an edge detection algorithm and skin detection feature. Significant advancements towards object detection, specifically of a circle, were made but were unable to be completed by design day therefore will be utilized by the next team that takes over this project.

1.2 Background

Back-up cameras are becoming an increasingly popular feature on vehicles and in the next four years will transition from primarily a high-end feature into an industry standard. Sanyo was the first company to implement the back-up camera into a vehicle’s electronic design and has long used FPGA’s to digitally correct the feeds due to their rapid processing power. Gentex, an automotive supplier, then built onto Sanyo’s success and began implementing their own back-up camera. What stood out about Gentex’s design was their selection of display location to be within the rear view mirror. By placing the back-up camera’s display in a location that the driver should be looking at while backing up, such as a rear-view mirror, reinforces good driver safety habits. In April 2010, Fujitsu Ten created a 360 degree overhead camera system by merging the images of four cameras mounted on each side of the car. This innovation will expand vehicle camera technology but is a system still in need of technical development.

Xilinx designs and develops programmable logic products, including Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) and Complex Programmable Logic Devices (CPLDs), for industrial, consumer, data processing, communication, and automotive markets. Being a leader in logic products, Xilinx’s product line includes: EasyPath, Virtex, Spartan, and Xilinx 7 series among various others for a wide array of applications. The FPGA is a cost effective design platform which allows the user to create and implement algorithms and is one of Xilinx’s most popular products. Xilinx first introduced their Spartan-3 development board in 2008 for driver assistance applications. They estimate that between 2010 and 2014 that 1-2.5 billion dollars will be invested in camera based driver assistance systems by the automotive market. What makes Xilinx’s system stand out is their FPGA implementation, which provides scalable and parallel processing solutions to the large amount of data that has long been a problem of image processing.
Previously, vehicles used ultrasonic components to determine distances to objects but consumers are unhappy with the aesthetics of the sensor located in a vehicle’s bumper and are requesting camera-only detection as shown in Figure 2. Currently, there are no object detection algorithms readily available by OEMs within vehicle back-up cameras. The first step in implementing object detection is to begin with edge detection. Once the significant edges in an image are located, further algorithms can help group various edges to determine which belong to a single object. The challenge in creating an algorithm to perform such a daunting task is creating the algorithm at a level that can be implemented onto an FPGA.

![Figure 2: Rear-View Camera (Left) and Ultrasonic Sensor on rear bumper (Right)](image)

There are many algorithms available for development of object detection, but they all use higher level languages that cannot be brought onto an FPGA. FPGAs are programmed using **VHDL** which is a language that typically requires a significant amount of time to write and was not a plausible option to complete within 15 weeks. Fortunately, Xilinx created several platforms to aid in development, one of which is known as System Generator.

MathWorks, the company that created Matlab, also created a tool known as Simulink which can be used for modeling, simulating and analyzing a system. It uses graphical blocks, each of which represent a function or Matlab command, which then can be wired together to create a system that has similar capability to Matlab. System Generator is similar to Simulink in that it is composed of various blocks that can be wired together to create a system, but it does not have a fraction of the capability that is available in Matlab or Simulink. System Generator is a tool that when used correctly can be converted into a bitstream that can be loaded onto an FPGA. System Generator is Xilinx’s Simulink toolbox-addition. The reason for System Generator’s
mathematical handicap is because System Generator only contains blocks for functions that could possibly be used on an FPGA. A prime example of this deficiency is a matrix. Simulink and Matlab have no trouble using a matrix of various dimensions, but because an FPGA uses a stream of data, only vectors can be implemented. This can cause quite a headache to a programmer trying to implement high level code.

Regardless of the complexity of an algorithm, any steps toward full object detection first require edge detection. Edge detection is implemented by filtering and image, applying noise reduction to the image to remove portions that may have resembled edges but are not edges, using an x and y convolution technique on the entire image, and finally revealing the edges in an output image most likely overtop the original image. There are various methods of performing edge detection, but each has tradeoffs of performance and speed. Object detection is a topic that many people have spent years researching and perfecting but have primarily been performed in very high languages. Creation of object detection within 15 weeks is impossible, but forming the necessary building blocks for future implementation was more feasible. There are two main types of object detection: top-down and bottom-up. Top-down object detection refers to the fact that the program already knows which objects it is looking for and must search within an object for whatever was specified. Bottom-up object detection refers to a program having no knowledge of which objects it should be looking for, but is built upon edge detection which the system must then choose which edges make up a single object and deem the space within the defined edges as a single object. There are hurdles with both approaches; however the bottom-up method uses much lower level languages that are more likely to be successfully implemented onto an FPGA.

Michigan State University’s ECE 480 Design Team 3 has successfully created very concrete building blocks to be used in further implementation of object detection and then possibly by object classification where objects would be named accordingly. The algorithm will visually alert the driver of objects seen within the back-up camera using Xilinx’s Xtreme Spartan-3A development board. This algorithm can detect edges on a live video feed with minimal delay or noise. This is a huge stride in the direction of object detection and although edge detection has been done before in the lane departure warning systems, these building blocks created by Design Team 3, will significantly increase the development time for object detection.
Chapter 2: Exploring the Solution Space and Selecting a Specific Approach

2.1 Design Specifications

The goal of this project is to develop an FPGA driver assistant rear view camera algorithm by creating an edge detection algorithm and preliminary stages of object detection. This project provided many challenges because it is unique compared to a typical ECE 480 project. The reason being there was no physical hardware that was developed; everything was created through MATLAB/Simulink and Xilinx software. There were several design specifications to be met in the implementation of this project, and they are listed below.

- **Functionality**
  - Clearly indicate and detect all objects of interest in the driver’s back up camera display
  - Able to operate in noisy conditions
  - Minimal errors

- **Cost**
  - Must be at minimal cost so that it can be mass produced by an OEM

- **Speed**
  - High speed/real-time detection
  - Continuous seamless buffer

- **Low Maintenance**
  - Easily accessible for future programmers to encourage future development
2.2 FAST Diagram

![FAST Diagram Image]

The FAST diagram in Figure 3 above was created to help decompose the problem into subsystems and components. According to the class lectures given by Gregg Motter the purpose of a FAST Diagram is to create a “visual layout of the products functions”. This visual layout allowed Design Team 3 to properly understand how to design a fully function system in relatively small, manageable steps. The portion of the FAST diagram to the right of the dotted separator illustrates the different algorithms to be created for this system. Not all of these algorithms were created in the team’s final product, but this project is expected to span several semesters and the system was developed with attention to ease of expansion for future teams to finish developing object detection and classification.

2.3 Conceptual Design

This project is an opened project meaning the team had the opportunity to exploit any method to develop as much of the system within the given timeframe. During a meeting with the team sponsor, Xilinx, Team 3 was able to utilize the voice of customer to understand the project fully. Based on the Voice of Customer questions, it was determined that edge detection was the first and most important step. After researching edge detection, several challenges arose, such as the fact that there are multiple algorithms that can be developed. Two of the most commonly used algorithms are Sobel and Canny.
2.3.1 Sobel and Canny Edge Detection Methods

Sobel and Canny are two very popular edge detection algorithms, and though they provide similar functionality, the mathematics and methods behind the two algorithms have several differences. Sobel is a gradient based edge detection filter. It works by scanning the image pixel by pixel calculating the approximate gradient of the image intensity at each point. The algorithm then compares the pixel to the pixels around it to judge how the image changes from point to point and how likely there is an edge at that point. Sobel edge detection operates by scanning the input image with a 3x3 convolution matrix, from which the output indicates an edge in either the x or y direction, depending on the matrix. This is shown in Figure 4. The main advantage of Sobel is that it is computationally fast because of its horizontal and vertical convolutions as it scans the image with a 3x3 filter.

\[
G_y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ +1 & +2 & +1 \end{bmatrix} \ast A \quad \text{and} \quad G_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & +1 \\ -2 & 0 & +2 \\ -1 & 0 & +1 \end{bmatrix} \ast A
\]

\[
G = \sqrt{G_x^2 + G_y^2} \quad \Theta = \arctan\left( \frac{G_y}{G_x} \right)
\]

**Figure 4: Sobel Edge Detection Calculations**
Another solution to edge detection is the Canny algorithm, which is an extrema based filter. It uses higher cost in some applications because it is optimized over previous edge detection algorithms such as Sobel. The Canny filter is considered the industry standard because of its multiple stages. It starts by first noise reducing the image with a Gaussian filter. It then finds the intensity gradient of the image using a gradient based filter such as Sobel. It then traces the edges through image and hysteresis thresholding. This works by applying high and low thresholds to the gradient value. Values above the upper threshold are given a "2" and are deemed a strong edge, while below the lower threshold is given a "0" and is deemed not an edge. Values between are given a "1" and is deemed a possible edge. Possible edges are considered to be edges if they are neighboring any strong edges and deemed NOT an edge is there are no strong edges neighboring the pixel.

Due to all of the math operations and filters, Canny has a high computational cost. Going through the image multiple times increases the quality of the output but also increases the time it takes to run the algorithm. One positive aspect is that Canny depends heavily on the standard deviation and threshold, and it can be optimized for the application.

Figure 5: Application of Sobel Edge Detection Mask
### 2.4 Feasibility and Decision Matrix

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Table 1: Feasibility and Decision Matrix for Edge Detection

The feasibility and decision matrix is used to compare various design solutions that are being considered for the final design. Based on the design specifications and the FAST diagram, the engineering criterion is created to be used to evaluate the possible edge detection algorithms for the FPGA system. For an edge detection algorithm it was decided that the most important functions were detecting edges and for this system to operate in real-time. Without either of these two being properly fulfilled the system is basically useless. Based on Table 1, Sobel edge detection algorithm was the best choice because it is quicker to develop, operates in real-time more successfully, and it is easier to upgrade.

### 2.5 Proposed Design Solution

With attention to developing the system and meeting design specifications, the team designed from a system level first, and then an algorithm level. Figure 6 is the model that was developed to show how to design for a system level.
The proposed algorithm will consist of multiple parts. Figure 7 above is a flow chart showing how the algorithm was created. The first step is reading in an image. For this project it is not only one image; instead, a live video feed is processed for the image input. The live video feed will be stored into a frame buffer in order for the rest of the algorithm to be processed on it. Once the video is stored into the buffer, morphological operations will be performed to reduce noise and clarify the image. A smoothing filter will be used for this. Next the edge detection will run on the clarified image. As stated in section 2.4, the edge detection method that will be used is Sobel. This will ensure that the system has the most reliability, while reducing development time. The Sobel edge detection will highlight all the edges of importance allowing
for the object detection algorithm to be performed. The object detection algorithm will then box an object of importance based on the edges that were defined.

2.6 Gantt Chart

Once the best design solution was chosen the next step was to create a Gantt chart. The Gantt chart aids in creating a solution for the FPGA system because it allows the task to be placed into a timeline. All of the tasks are arranged into an outline format where they are allocated a specific amount of time. The Gantt chart in Appendix 3.1 was the original Gantt chart. It was created based on the preliminary research. Information such as object classification was included because not enough research was completed at the time of creation. After extensive research into FPGA, Simulink, MATLAB, Xilinx software, etc. a new Gantt chart was created to reflect the amount of work that could be completed under the given timeframe. The updated Gantt chart can be found in Appendix 3.2.

2.7 Budget

Currently there are no automobiles using the FPGA system to perform any of the objectives of this project, which means there is no average cost or anything to compare the team’s system to. Because this system would be going into an automobile, the system does need to be cost effective to keep overall vehicle cost down, while competing with non-FPGA systems.

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Figure 8: Team Budget
When developing the FPGA algorithms everything was created using the Xilinx Xtreme Spartan 3-A DSP, which is one of Xilinx’s development boards. Figure 8 above is the breakdown of the initial cost including prices and the sources from which the parts were received. The initial cost of the entire project bought or donated is high, but that is because of the development board. With the cost of everything at $3034.97, it seems impractical to mass produce this product. After discussions between Team 3 and Xilinx about the typical cost for creating a board using the MicroBlaze processor (FPGA processor chip on the board), the final cost would be in the range of $25-$75 excluding the camera. The average cost of the system for this project would be around $50. Depending on the level of complexity of the project and algorithm in the future, the board design might need to include or limit hardware, and that is the reason for the cost range. The final cost for the board and camera would be about $100. This cost is much more practical for mass production. Automobile manufacturers could replace their current systems with the improved FPGA and see no change in cost.
Chapter 3: Technical Description of Work Performed

Throughout the course of the semester, there have been many successes and failures that have characterized the development of the system implemented by Design Team 3 and highlighted in this document. The team began with ambitious goals for the semester, and through many long days and long nights, they have prepared a system that meets several goals and requirements defined in the beginning. The team began by expecting to implement a form of object detection in a video stream received from and processed by an FPGA development board. The system developed elicits a strong argument of success as it accurately detects edges and human skin in the video stream and significant progress toward detecting inanimate objects has been made with only a limited effort remaining in integrating all the systems together.

3.1 Hardware Design

Through extensive research, the team determined that the first major benchmark in the system design would be edge detection. Rather than focusing directly on implementing edge detection on the video stream from the camera, smaller steps were taken by implementing an algorithm on a still image in the Simulink design environment. Because Xilinx’s System Generator blocks are capable of simulation in Simulink, this provided a very useful means of testing the system under development.

An important aspect of the design is an accurate conversion from red, green, blue color space to grayscale, or intensity. The intensity of a pixel in an image represents how much power it is emitting, and it is correlated to a shade of gray. A pixel of zero intensity is assigned an intensity of zero, or black, and the maximum intensity that can be assigned, white, is given a value of 255. Though the algorithms performed in the system are capable of processing color image data, the outputs of these algorithms would not be as successful as with the input signal converted to grayscale. For instance, when a color image is processed using edge detection, the detected edges show some color values, which are not acceptable considering the rest of the system.

Successful grayscale conversion is a relatively simple system to implement, where the intensity of a pixel is defined as (where R, G and B represent the red, green and blue components, respectively):
The above equation was borrowed from a demo system provided by Xilinx for their System Generator software, titled “rgb2gray.mdl.” Using this equation the following subsystem was developed to convert the input video stream in the system to grayscale.

![Subsystem Diagram](image)

**Figure 9: Grayscale Conversion Subsystem**

The subsystem shown in Figure 9 displays the red, green and blue components of the input signal sent to the respective weights, whose outputs are summed together to create the output intensity value. There is one delay block of single latency to allow the weighted blue component to be properly added to the sum of the weighted red and green components.

The grayscale subsystem was tested for functionality utilizing another demo provided by Xilinx, titled “sysgenColorConverter.mdl.” The original demo accepts image data that contains red, green and blue components, and converts the signals to another form of pixel composition. The color data is converted to a data stream acceptable by the Xilinx Gateway In blocks using a Matlab file provided with the demo titled “sysgenColorConverter_PreLoadFcn.m”, which is included in the Appendix 5.1. The Matlab code separates the red, green and blue data from the original image, and then converts the data into vectors. The output signal is then displayed beside the original image using another Matlab file provided with the demo, titled “sysgenColorConverter_StopFcn.m”. This code is also provided in the Appendix 5.2, and it reshapes the output data stream back into a form which can be output to a display window. The code contains commands to output three converted images, but the team used only one of these outputs for this implementation.
The main components used to compute the color conversion in the demo were removed from this model and replaced with the subsystem in Figure 10. The grayscale conversion was then performed on a test image from which the following results were obtained:

![Original Image vs. Grayscale Output](www.thesportsreportgirl.com)

Figure 10: Original Image vs. Grayscale Output

After grayscale conversion, the input signal is prepared for the edge detection algorithm. Xilinx provides a very simple solution for edge detection on still images in the form of a 5x5 filter capable of performing Sobel edge detection and several other functions. Although this filter was unable to be implemented on the video stream in the final product, it was used to simplify edge detection on a still image. In order for the grayscale image data to be processed by the 5x5 filter block, the signal must be sent into a 5-line buffer, which accepts data from five rows of the image at a time and sends the data into the filter as shown below.

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1Original image source: www.thesportsreportgirl.com
Figure 11: Grayscale to 5-Line Buffer to 5x5 Filter

The 5x5 filter block is a mask that implements the filter that the user chooses as a 5x5 matrix. The coefficients in the matrix are used to scan the image as a 5x5 window performing a convolution with the input image. The output can then be processed to implement the rest of the edge detection design. Figure 11 shows that the output of the grayscale signal is sent into two sets of 5-line buffers and 5x5 filters, where the filter performs the Sobel operator in the horizontal direction, and the bottom filter performs the vertical Sobel operator.

The 5x5 filter block implements a version of the Sobel operators where there are two additional rows and two additional columns added to the 3x3 Sobel matrices described in Chapter 2. Both the Sobel X and the Sobel Y matrices in the 5x5 filter have two additional rows of zeros that become the first and last rows, each having two additional columns of zeros that become the first and last columns.

The final stage in determining whether a single pixel represents an edge or not in the image is to calculate the magnitude of the horizontal and vertical gradient values, calculated using the 5x5 Sobel gradient matrices, and then threshold this value. The equation for Sobel edge detection is:
In the above equation, $S_x$ represents the gradient calculated in the x-direction and $S_y$ represents the gradient calculated in the y-direction. Therefore, the outputs of the Sobel X and Sobel Y operators must each be squared, then added to each other, and finally the square root is taken of the sum. The following subsystem was developed to provide this operation:

![Diagram of subsystem](image)

**Figure 12: Calculate Magnitude of Two Sobel Components**

Figure 12 shows that the outputs of the Sobel X and Sobel Y blocks are each sent to a multiplier block, where both inputs of the multiplier are the respective outputs from the Sobel operators. This implementation produces the respective squares of the Sobel operator outputs. The next block takes the sum of the two squared components, and the final block, “CORDIC SQRT3” calculates the square root of the summation. The output of the square root block is then the magnitude of the two Sobel components, which completes the equation for the gradient value of a pixel.

The final step in calculating the binary edge value for a pixel is applying a threshold to the output of the magnitude subsystem. The variable threshold in Sobel edge detection is the value at which a pixel is determined to be either an edge or a non-edge based on its edge strength that is outputted from the magnitude subsystem. Choosing the threshold is an iterative approach that depends on the blocks used in the edge detection algorithm and how these blocks are initialized and utilized. If the threshold is set too low, more edges will be detected, but a relatively large amount of noise will also be detected as edge pixels. Conversely, a threshold set too high will consider more pixels to be non-edges than when the threshold is set lower, and many significant...
edges can be missed. An illustrative example of the effects of changing the threshold is shown in Chapter 4.

The Xilinx System Generator software includes a block that applies a threshold to a signal, though this block outputs a value of -1 if the input is negative and a 1 if the input is positive. Therefore, there are two issues with this block. First, the input signal to the threshold block needs to be shifted so that values just below the desired threshold become negative, the signals just greater than the desired threshold remain positive, and the desired threshold becomes zero. Secondly, the output of the threshold block must be multiplied and then converted to an unsigned value so that the edge and non-edge values become 255 and zero, respectively. The following Xilinx blocks were assembled to perform these tasks:

![Threshold Stage for Edge Detection](image)

Figure 13: Threshold Stage for Edge Detection

In Figure 13, the output of the square root block is the output of the magnitude stage, from where the signal is sent to an adder block that subtracts a constant from the signal. In this Figure, an example value is shown as 100, which is a relatively high value for our application, though the argument of the constant’s purpose is consistent. The constant is subtracted from the signal so that any edge strength values less than 100 will become negative, those equal to 100 will become zero, and those greater than 100 will remain positive. Therefore, 100 would be the reference point for the threshold block and any values less than 100 are marked as a non-edge, with all others becoming edge pixels. After the threshold block, the output signal values are either -1 or 1, and because the red, green and blue components are 8-bit values, the signal must be converted to either zero or 255 to represent a black pixel or a white pixel, respectively. By applying a multiplier to the signal by a constant of 255, the output values of the threshold block will become either -255 or 255. Finally, a cast block is added after the multiplier. The cast block is provided as a generic block that is capable of making several different data type conversions including number of bits, signed or unsigned, etc. A cast block is used at the output of the multiplier to
convert the signed value to an unsigned value, thereby transferring all negative values to zero. This completes the edge detection stage of the system for still images, and the following Figure 14 shows the completed system.

![System Diagram](image)

**Figure 14: Completed Still Image Edge Detection System**

Figure 14 contains all the subsystems explained, and it also shows where the red, green and blue signals are brought into the system, sent through the Gateway In blocks that allow the signals saved in Matlab to be processed. It also shows how the output signal, ‘Y’, is output through a cast block that converts it to an 8-bit value and then the Gateway Out block that allows the signal to be read from the workspace variable named “ySignal.”

There were several troubleshooting methods applied to the system in Figure 14 before it was successfully implemented on a still image. For example, the 5-line buffers used in the system require the user to input the length of the row in the image being processed so that the block knows when the end of the five lines being processed has been reached. Being unfamiliar with System Generator, minor details such as this were unknown to the team until the system was executed and the output was not the expected output. Along with this timing issue, another detail that required the team’s attention was the user-definable simulation time. The simulation time must be set to be long enough for the entire image to be processed, or Matlab will report errors when attempting to display the output. In a demo provided by Xilinx, the simulation time is defined as:
In the given equation for simulation run time, ‘W’ represents the width of the image being processed, and ‘T’ represents the simulation run time. Therefore, because the image being processed during testing was a 225x255 size image, ‘W’ was equal to 225, and the simulation run time was equal to 51105.

Once the minor details of the system were recognized and addressed, the system functioned as designed and the output image compared with the original image is shown in Figure 15 below.

![Original Image vs Edge Detected](image)

Figure 15: Still Image Edge Detection

By the time that the team had completed still image edge detection, the methods by which to integrate the system into a model that would allow for communication with the FPGA board and the camera had been researched. Xilinx provides a demo system with its System Generator software, named “vsk_camera_vop.mdl,” that accepts the camera input and processes the data with subsystems to control brightness, contrast, and other parameters. The concept for integration of the edge detection algorithm was to create a new subsystem in this model, titled “edge detection”, to implement edge detection on the red, green and blue data before they were originally routed to Gateway Out blocks. The following Figure 16 shows the original system with the edge detection subsystem added.
The majority of the time spent on edge detection using System Generator this semester was spent attempting to obtain functionality in the system shown in Figure 16. There were many difficulties throughout the process of integrating the two models, and many engineering decisions were made to reach the successful implementation of real-time edge detection on the FPGA board.

The first of the many changes to be made to the video edge detection system was the line buffers being used. The line buffers being used in the camera frame buffer demo implement a 3-line buffer rather than a 5-line buffer. They also utilize Xilinx’s single port RAM blocks to process the information and save the information in a known memory location. These reasons in addition to the knowledge that the line buffers being used in still image edge detection were designed for Xilinx’s Virtex2 FPGA development boards, the team decided to utilize consistent line buffers throughout the system. The line buffers provided in the demo were manipulated and changed to accommodate to the edge detection algorithm, and they operate as follows.

Data is received from the camera as a stream of pixels. Edge detection algorithms and morphological operations rely on using more than one pixel value from neighboring lines in their calculations. A line buffer is used to buffer a sequential stream of pixel values to construct the desired number of output lines. The amount of delay introduced to each line depends on the...
number of samples per line that are used. Design Team 3 required the use of multiple 3 line buffers with 2944 samples per line.

The line buffers used in the design were built using two Single Port RAM blocks from the Xilinx Blockset within System Generator. The Single Port RAM block has inputs for address (addr), data, and write enable (WE) with a single output port for data. When the write enable port has a value of one, data is written to the memory at the address indicated by the address port. A read before write configuration is used for these RAM blocks. This means that the block will read the data at the current address before it writes over it with the input data. Delay blocks were also used to ensure that the latency invoked on each line would be the same.

![Figure 17: 3 Line Buffer Model](image)

With the changes in the line buffers, the implication comes that there must also be major changes in the structure of the filters performing the Sobel operations because they operate on five lines at a time in the still image edge detection. The first attempt at correcting the filters was made by reducing the current 5x5 filters to convert them to 3x3 filters. Figure 18 below shows the conversion.
In Figure 18, each of the MAC FIR filters implements one row of the Sobel operators, and then the results from each are summed together.

Once this accommodation was made in the edge detection system, many unsuccessful troubleshooting methods were performed on the system. When the system was implemented, the output video stream on the monitor displayed a very large amount of jitter, which means that the pixel data for one pixel appeared to be stretched the length of more than one pixel, causing all pixels to appear as horizontal lines vibrating rapidly on the screen. The team attempted changing the length of rows defined in the line buffers, the sample times of the digital system, and even attempted changing the structure of the edge detection algorithm to correct the timing issues. None of these methods proved successful, and once it was understood that the MAC FIR filters were causing the timing errors, attention was shifted to finding another form of implementing edge detection.

As shown in Chapter 2, there is a very specific matrix to be used for the Sobel operators. In order to replicate the functionality of the 5x5 filter blocks, these exact matrices had to be represented in the new implementation. Because the team wanted to avoid the MAC FIR Xilinx blocks, they focused on implementing a Sobel operator using only multipliers and adders.

The formula used to find edges in the x-direction is derived by multiplying the 3x3 Filter Window with the Sobel X convolution mask.

\[ X = (a3 + 2a6 + a9) - (a1 + 2a4 + a7) \]
The formula used to find the edges in the y-direction is derived by multiplying the 3x3 Filter Window with the Sobel Y convolution mask.

\[ Y = (a1 + 2a2 + a3) - (a7 + 2a8 + a9) \]

Both of the Sobel operators shown still accept three lines of data at a time, and they still apply the respective Sobel masks to the data. The difference is that these models use a sequence of adders and multipliers to perform the necessary algorithm. The outputs of these operators are exactly the same as those from the Xilinx filter blocks, though this implementation does not use any MAC FIR filters and thereby avoids all timing issues. These subsystems were added to the edge detection subsystem in the model, replacing the Xilinx provided filters. Upon this completion, the system was tested again, and the timing issues of major concern were eliminated by the new changes.
Along with detecting edges in the video stream, the edge detection system also needed the ability to display the output of the edge detecting combined with the original input red, green and blue signals. This task is fairly simple, because the output of the edge detection algorithm consists of data representing only two values, zero and 255. By adding this signal to each of the red, green and blue signals, an edge pixel will add 255 to each of the three color components, which saturates all of them to 255, no matter what the original value was. If the pixel is a non-edge, then a value of zero is added to the original color components, and nothing changes, resulting in the original color for that pixel being simply passed through the adder. There is one difficulty in this implementation, and that is the fact that the all the video processing that the team introduced to the system causes a significant delay in the video data being received at the output. Therefore, the original red, green and blue components must be delayed the exact same amount so that when the edge detected signal is added to the original signal, both signals are synchronized with one another.

Shown in Figure 21 below is a small portion of the scope output before the timing was corrected. As shown, the horizontal sync signal is not lined up correctly with the red, green and blue signals.

![Scope Output Before Timing Correction](image)

To correct the timing inconsistencies, a delay block is introduced to the horizontal and vertical sync signals to accommodate all the delays encountered by the color signals. By analyzing the scope output of the incorrect delay implementation, the team discovered the correct delay that
would synchronize all signals together. Figure 22 displays the system after introducing delays to the hsync and vsync signals.

![Figure 22: Scope Output After Timing Correction](image)

Throughout the semester, one of the goals for implementation in the system has been a filter that would provide a morphological operation to the input video stream from the camera that would improve the quality of the video stream so that all the detection algorithms would become more successful and accurate. Once the edge detection algorithm was successfully implemented on the camera video stream, such a filter did not appear necessary, though the team reached the conclusion that leaving the improvements a filter could provide as a question would be a small failure in the final project. Hence, because the filter was not a significant change to the system, a smoothing filter was added to reduce the noise present in the input stream to eliminate any false positives in the edge detection algorithm.

One method that can be used to reduce the number of noisy pixels that are produced from the edge detection algorithm is to apply a 3x3 mean filter to the grayscale image. This filter takes the average value of the intensities of the pixels of a 3x3 matrix. The filter can be used to analyze every pixel in the image or frame to determine the average intensity of that pixel and the pixels surrounding it. This mean output is then the value assigned for the pixel under analysis. Figure 23 illustrates the mean filter applied to the grayscale signal.
The matrix shown in Figure 23 is considered a smoothing filter because by finding the mean value of a 3x3 matrix for each pixel, the output image is blurred so that all the contrast differences and discontinuities in the image are smoothed out. Therefore, the gradients between neighboring pixels will be less intense and those pixels which were originally detected as edge but had edge strength values somewhere near the threshold are corrected to be non-edges. The following subsystem represents the smoothing filter implemented in the design.

The filter in Figure 24 contains the same logic used in developing the hardware for the Sobel operators, except that the coefficients of the multipliers are changed to accommodate the

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smoothing filter. The adders and multipliers of the system make it very simple to understand and use in future developments of the system without introducing timing errors. The only accommodation that had to be made after introducing the smoothing filter was to add a delay to the red, green and blue signals so that when they were added to the output of the edge detection algorithm, the signals would still be synchronized.

The expansion of the system to include a smoothing filter in the design dramatically affected the edge detection algorithm, despite the team’s skepticism. The filter eliminated a significant amount of noise in the edge detection output without sacrificing the quality of the edges detected. The smoothing filter is a major advancement that provides a solution to edge detection in noisy conditions, such as rain, where rain drops in the video stream should not be detected as edges.

Upon completion of the smoothing filter, the next major advancement in the system was the introduction of skin detection. Skin detection is the process of identifying the pixels in an image or video that have values similar to human skin. Design Team 3 has chosen to adopt a skin detection algorithm (Peer) to alert of human presence within the camera’s field of view. The algorithm is a ruled based algorithm that detects skin in the RGB color space.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{If } (R > 95 \text{ and } G > 40 \text{ and } b > 20) \text{ then} \\
\text{If } (\max(r,g,b) - \min(r,g,b) > 15) \text{ then} \\
\text{If } (|R - G| > 15 \text{ and } (R > G) \text{ and } (R > B)) \text{ then} \\
\text{Pixel is skin pixel}
\end{align*}
\]

Figure 25: Skin Detection Logic

Finding the minimum and maximum values of the RGB signals is the first step towards implementing the skin detection algorithm. Each signal is compared to one another using relational blocks. The relational block outputs a 1 if the condition is true or a 0 if the condition is false. A logical AND block is then used to determine what signal is the minimum. When a signal outputs true for both relational blocks, the results of the logical AND will also be true. The results of the logical AND block and are then multiplied with a constant. This constant is used to identify which signal is the minimum.
After the maximum and minimum values have been found for the RGB signals, the next step in implementing skin detection in the hardware is to embed the algorithm in a Xilinx MCode block.
The MCode block allows the use of basic MATLAB functions that then gets translated into equivalent VHDL code when Xilinx System Generator is ran.

![Figure 28: Xilinx System Generator's MCode Block](image)

The MCode block used the design has the original red, green, and blue signals as inputs as well as the minimum and maximum values found from Figures 26 and 27. It then performs the algorithm outlined in Figure 29 and outputs the values of the original red, green, and blue signals if skin is found or it sets all the signals to black if skin is not detected.

```
function [h,red,green,blue] = skin(r,g,b,min,max)
    rmin = 0
    if(r>g)
        rmin = r - g
    else
        rmin = -1*(r-g)
    end
    if(r > 95 && g > 40 && b > 20) && ((max - min) > 15) && (rmin > 15 && r>g && r>b)
        h = 255
        red = r
        green = g
        blue = b
    else
        h = 0
        red = 0
        green = 0
        blue = 0
    end
end
```

![Figure 29: MCode Block Code](image)

The output from the MCode block can is then displayed on the monitor. Design Team 3 also chose to build in the option to combine output of the skin detection algorithm with the results of the Sobel edge detection. When these two signals are multiplied together, only the edges of pixels that were found to be skin will be visible.
The skin detection algorithm was first tested as an expansion to the still image edge detection system because of the simpler approach it allows for troubleshooting. Once implementation in that system was successful, the same system was adapted to the video detection system in the same way the edge detection system was adapted. The only changes that were required to accommodate the additional system were additional delays after the skin detection algorithm because it acts in parallel with the edge detection, and all outputs must be synchronized.

The skin detection algorithm completes the major components of the entire detection system, and the remaining efforts that were made toward the edge and skin detection system were to use several multiplexers (MUXs) as switches so that the user can control what systems are activated in the video output. The controlling of these MUXs is implemented using register blocks.

Registers are a key component in the design enabling the ability to turn features on and off through software. A single 8-bit register is used to control the following features of the hardware design: video overlay, Sobel X, Sobel Y, combined Sobel, smoothing filter, skin detection, and skin detection combined with edge detection. Each feature is assigned a single bit within this register. The bit field layout is show below in Figure 30.

![Figure 30: Bit Field Layout](image)

The above features are on when the value of the assigned bit is set to 1. In order to assure that each feature gets their corresponding bit from the register, a slice block is used. The slice block gives the ability to remove a sequence of bits from the input data and outputs the new value. By combining the output of the register with slice blocks Design Team 3 was able to control
multiple features with a single 8-bit value, which in turn uses less memory and simplifies the ability to control more than one feature at a time as shown below in Figure 31.

![Combination of Register and Slice Blocks](image)

**Figure 31: Combination of Register and Slice Blocks**

A second 8-bit register is used to hold the value of the threshold for the Sobel edge detection algorithm. This register is initially set to a default value of 70. Through software, the user has the ability to increase or decrease this value.

The final piece of hardware used in combination with the registers and slices to control the features of the design is a multiplexer or mux. A multiplexer makes it possible for several inputs to share one output. The select port on the multiplexer is used to turn on the input signal that will be sent to the output. Using multiplexers in the design is a big savings on cost when it comes to hardware resources being used. For example, Figure 32 shows a multiplexer that is capable of having eight different inputs that are all controlled through the select port. All of the inputs can share a single output resource, which is far more efficient than having eight of the same types of output.
Using the MUXs and register blocks provides a user-friendly system of displaying the different subsystems within the detection system. This concludes the development of the hardware for the edge detection and person detection algorithms, and the testing results for all aspects of this system can be seen in Chapter 4.

### 3.2 Software Design

After hardware design is complete, the final piece of the embedded system is developing software to direct the operation of the FPGA and its connected peripherals. The development kit used in this project is equipped with a Microblaze 32-bit processor that can be instructed using the C programming language. Users interact with the FPGA through a terminal program such as PuTTY, to control the various features that have been developed in hardware using Xilinx System Generator. Modifications were made to the code included with the Camera Frame Buffer Demo provided by Xilinx to fit the needs of Design Team 3.

#### 3.2.1 Main Menu

The main menu is the first thing that the user will see when the program is started. There is only one option available for selection at this menu and that is to enter the edge detection menu by typing an ‘e’ into the terminal window. The following code in Figure 33 produces the output shown in Figure 34.

![Figure 32: MUX (Multiplexer) with 8 Inputs](image)
3.2.2 Edge Detection Menu

The edge detection menu gives the user control of the algorithms and hardware designs that have been created using Xilinx System Generator. Selecting an option in this menu will change the value of the registers discussed in Section 3.1.
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Figure 35: Edge Detection Menu

The following code produces the edge detection menu:

```c
void vsk_processing_menu_help(void)
{
    print("\n\rEDGE DETECTION MENU\n\r-------------------------\n\rkey(s) description \n\r-------------------------\n\r 1 Overlay on/off\n 2 Sobel X on/off\n 3 Sobel Y on/off\n 4 Combined on/off\n 5 Smoothing Filter on/off\n 6 Decrease Sobel Threshold on/off\n 7 Increase Sobel Threshold on/off\n 8 Restore Threshold Default on/off\n 9 Skin Detection on/off\n 0 Skin + Edge Detection on/off\n esc Exit back to the Top-level menu\n ? help\n-------------------------\n\r\n```

Figure 36: Edge Detection Menu Code

XOR along with AND logic are used to determine what the value in the status register should be. When a feature is selected, using XOR logic with the bit assigned to that feature will turn it on (set value to 1) when it is currently off and also turn it off (set value to 0) when it is currently on. AND logic is used to check the current value of the register without affecting the status of the
feature. Certain menu options, such as the Combined Sobel, require both the Sobel X and the Sobel Y to be on. However, if a logical XOR were used without checking the current value of the bit, it would give the undesired effect of setting the bit to 0 when truly a 1 is desire. The truth tables for the logic used are shown below in Figure 37 and Figure 38.

![Figure 37: XOR Logic (shown on left) and AND Logic (shown on right)](image)

A series of case statements are used to combine the user input with the desired output. Below is an example of how the software reads the value from the register, performs logic on it, and rewrites the new value to the register.

```c
    case 1 : //overlay on/off
    {
        xc_get_shmem(iface, "bal_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
        xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);

        if (tmp & 0x80)    //if overlay is already on
        {
            tmp ^= 0x80;    //XOR with hex value to turn off
            xil_printf("Overlay is off\n");
        }
        else               //if not on
        {
            tmp ^= 0x80;    //XOR with hex value to turn on
            xil_printf("Overlay is on\n");
        }

        //write value to register
        xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
        break;
    }
```

![Figure 38: Software Reads, Performs Logic, and Rewrites Register Value](image)

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3 source: www.eetimes.com
The software will also alert the user whether they turned the feature on or off.

![Figure 39: Overlay Status](image)

### 3.2.3 Object Detection Implementation

At the start of the project, the team planned on implementing object detection through higher level programming languages such as C++ and OpenCV (Open Source Computer Vision) imported into the board. Significant time was spent researching and finding potential open source programming implementations. Some researched methods did object detection and even object identification through the use of large database classifiers instead of edge detection. Implementing a very complex algorithm onto the Xilinx Spartan 3A FPGA Development Board optimized for high level of mathematic operations became the initial plan.

Many solutions were researched for implementing high level code onto the board. One solution had C code converted to VHDL but it was found that companies often pay thousands of dollars for this time intensive task to be done. Another involved using Matlab to call an external database of images for comparison of if shapes in the image were objects. Extensive research was also done in Xilinx’s Software Development Kit (SDK) for use of the C++ code that the MicroBlaze processor uses on the board for instructions. The hope was that C++ code ran there could be used for object detection but the MicroBlaze is not optimized for intensive computation instructions.

It was not until the team fully realized the limitations and purpose of the Xilinx Spartan-3A FPGA that the team found a way to implement object detection. The board’s specialty is math
intensive computations. With knowledge also gained from edge detection, the team researched Matlab code and the possibility of breaking down a Matlab programming file down into Xilinx Blocks using Xilinx System Generator in Simulink. More reason to implement object detection came with knowledge of the “MCode” block in Xilinx System Generator.

The MCode block allows a Matlab file to be implemented into Xilinx blocks. As long as inputs and outputs are designated in the Matlab file, those inputs and outputs are displayed in the MCode block and can be connected to any other Xilinx blocks. Figure 40 displays how Matlab code is integrated into Xilinx blocks. The problem is that the MCode block supports a limited range of Matlab functions and data types.

![Figure 40: Example of MCode Implementation into Xilinx Blocks in Simulink](image)

### 3.2.4 Software Design

One of the most challenging tasks in Computer Vision is feature extraction in images. Usually objects of interest may come in different sizes and shapes, not pre-defined in an arbitrary object detection program. A solution to this problem is to provide an algorithm than can be used to find
any shape within an image then classify the objects accordingly to parameters needed to describe the shapes. A commonly used technique to achieve this is the Hough Transform. Invented by Richard Duda and Peter Hart in 1992, the HT was originally meant to detect arbitrary shapes of for different objects. The Hough Transform was later extended to only identify circular objects in low-contrast noisy images, often referred to as Circular Hough Transform.

Figure 5.29 Hough transform - example of circle detection. (a) Original image of a dark circle (known radius r) on a bright background, (b) for each dark pixel, a potential circle-center locus is defined by a circle with radius r and center at that pixel, (c) the frequency with which image pixels occur in the circle-center loci is determined; the highest-frequency pixel represents the center of the circle (marked by •), (d) the Hough transform correctly detects the circle (marked by •) in the presence of incomplete circle information and overlapping structures (see Figure 5.34 for a real-life example).

Figure 41: Hough Transform Excerpt\(^4\)

\(^4\) The following applet demonstrates the circular Hough Transform and was created by Mark A. Schulze [http://www.markschulze.net/](http://www.markschulze.net/).
This method highly depends on converting gray-scale images to binary images using edge detection techniques such as Sobel or Canny. The goal of this technique is to find irregular instances of objects within a pre-defined set of shapes by a voting procedure. Using information about the edges already available from our edge detection algorithm using Xilinx’s system generator blocks makes the computational requirements less complex. Unlike the linear HT, the CHT relies on equations for circles. The equation of the a circle is:

\[
r^2 = (x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2
\]

(1)

Here \(a\) and \(b\) represent the coordinates for the center, and \(r\) is the radius of the circle. The parametric representation of this circle is:

\[
x = a + r\cos(\theta)
\]

\[
y = b + r\sin(\theta)
\]

(2)

For simplicity, most CHT programs set the radius to a constant value or provides the user with an option to set a range (maximum and minimum) prior to running the application.

Figure 42: Computation of Circular Hough Transform
The program then uses information about detected edges from the edge detection algorithm, that is, the coordinate (x and y) of each edge point and creates a 3 dimensional array with the first two dimensions representing the coordinates of the circle and the last specifying the radii. For each edge point, a circle is drawn with that point as origin and radius r. The values in the accumulator are increased every time a circle is drawn with the desired radii over every edge point. The accumulator, which kept counts of how many circles pass through coordinates of each edge point, proceeds to a vote to find the highest count.

3.2.5 Software Implementation

Due to the nature of the system generator being created in a Matlab/Simulink, we decided that writing our code in Matlab would result in less complexity in communicating with the FPGA board. Given the time constraint, we decided that researching an existing Circular Hough transform algorithm using Matlab then implementing it using Xilinx’s system generator block would be more time efficient.

On page XX is a program entirely written in Matlab for detecting circular shapes patterns within an input image. We choose this program because it does not make use of circular/trigonometric functions for determining the candidate circles. Instead, several matrices are defined to store information about edge point and the distance from that point to every circle center already computed. Below is a snippet that illustrates this concept in much more details.
Figure 45: Snippet of Circular Hough Transform Calculation

Matlab code result on images with coins.

Unfortunately, system generator does not support matrix operations on the FPGA. Also, only subsets of Matlab operations were available for use. We decided that treating each column in a matrix as a vector then hard coding some of the complex Matlab operations would considerably decrease FPGA computational demands thus reducing the amount of complexity. MCode blocks were considered for creating and looping and indexing the vectors.

Since this project spans multiple semesters and due to limited amount of time available needed to debug and run images through our program, we decided that the current model was a good
stopping point for this semester and a good starting point for next semester’s student team. The entirety of the Circular Hough Transform code can be found in Appendix 3.3.
Chapter 4: Test Data with Proof of Functional Design

Design Team 3’s project was subdivided into two areas: edge detection and object detection. The main goal of the team was for a successful edge detection algorithm running smoothly on live video with a higher goal of implementing some form of object detection.

4.1 Testing Edge Detection

Using this setup, the algorithm was ran and tweaked according to more ideal outputs as detailed in Chapter 3. Added functionality was also added, with button toggles controlling the original background image, Sobel X, Sobel Y, a smoothing filter, threshold down, threshold up, reset threshold, human detection, and human detection with edge detection.

The Sobel X and Y outputs measure the individual outputs of the Sobel filters. These outputs are then summed into a single complete Sobel filter. This was included to showcase the inner workings of the Sobel edge detection algorithm. The complete Sobel edge detection output is further improved by a smoothing filter. This works by scanning every pixel individually, finding the intensity value for that pixel and the surrounding pixel of a 3x3 matrix, and then averaging that pixel with the surrounding pixels. This extracts noise while filling in lines and curves important to the output. Manual threshold adjusting was also added to the interface. Although the ideal threshold for the algorithm was found to be 70, this can be manually adjusted depending on the situation for display purposes. This value can also be easily adapted back to a threshold of 70 at any time by a push of the button.

Overall, the edge detection part of the project is very successful. It is impressive at detecting edges and much of its success is because of its adaptability. The thresholds can be adjusted depending on the situation and the variety of outputs provides a fuller picture to the inner workings of the algorithm and allows simultaneous comparisons. It is fully functional, operates via video in real time, and is easily accessible for future design implementations. Team 3 believes that edge detection meets all of the design specifications described in Chapter 2 and is complete.
Figure 47: Standard Unmodified Video

Figure 48: Sobel X
Figure 49: Sobel Y

Figure 50: Combination of Sobel X and Sobel Y into Full Sobel Algorithm
Figure 51: Smoothing Filter

Figure 52: Threshold at 20- Set too Low
Figure 53: Threshold at 220- Set too High

Figure 54: Full Edge Detection Over Source Video Feed
4.2 Testing Human Detection

Human detection was also implemented, using skin to highlight humans in the video feed. It operates simultaneous to edge detection without any noticeable timing delays. It can also be utilized to output its display in unison with some of the edge detection features. Design Team 3’s implementation has two specified outputs: the output of human detection and such output in a logical AND with edge detection. The former passes through what it finds to be skin while blocking out everything else. The logical AND with human detection and edge detection highlights the edges of what it finds to be human skin which is useful for potentially alerting the driver of humans in the camera’s view. Such output has a bright red color for this purpose.

Overall, human detection is an impressive addition to edge detection. It is very good at correctly identifying human skin on the image. There is room for improvement, however, as it has many false positives. The false positives occur because it is based on the wide range of colors of skin. A key future improvement could be tweaking the algorithm to properly negate these false positives. Human detection has many useful applications for preventing harm to pedestrians in automotive applications and the algorithm is a strong step towards prevention.
Figure 55: Human Detection

Figure 56: Edge Detection and Human Detection
4.3 Testing Object Detection

Object detection was unfortunately a successful failure. Object detection on the Xilinx Spartan 3A-3400 Board is a difficult task and object detection is the topic of many professors’ research labs in universities around the globe. Training a computer to see like a human is a difficult task, one that requires analysis of how humans determine objects in a logical way. The thought process must then fit the confines of a programming language.

The primary problem is that the board itself only supports low level Matlab code in addition to a primarily math driven graphical based programming interface. Many object detection algorithms are based on 3D Matrices which can be compared to the pixels around it in a 2D plane. Low-level code is supported via an “MCode” Block within the interface which can run a limited amount of Matlab functions. Unfortunately, the MCode Block does not support NxN matrices and only supports 1xN vectors. This creates the core issue as the key component of the Hough algorithm is a 3D Matrix. The MCode block’s support of only 1D matrices adds an overwhelming amount of complexity to find these computations. As detailed in Chapter 3, more tweaks to the code in order to accommodate System Generator’s MCode Block are needed in order for it to output the correct identification of circles.

The MCode Block’s limitation led to a complete overhaul of open source Circular Hough Transform code in order to accommodate its limited functionality. The software intensive nature on a mostly Electrical Engineering team proved to be a mismatch. An example of the complexity in the transformation is displayed in Figure57. A more clear initial understanding of how to implement object detection would have allowed the additional time required to complete the object detection of circles in Team 3’s project.
This project is designed for multiple semesters and this work is only the beginning. The hope is for future teams to contribute more image processing tools onto Design Team 3’s project. Future implementations of object detection, object identification, distance detection, could only be the future of Xilinx’s Michigan State University collaboration.
Chapter 5: Final Cost, Schedule, Summary and Conclusion

Design Team 3 has laid impressive groundwork for object detection implementation and further image processing algorithms. They structured their algorithms and designed the system in a manner that could be easily expanded upon. The team successfully designed edge detection, skin detection, and human detection; all of which can be placed over the original video feed and displayed on the monitor. Both the edge detection and skin detection features behave as one would expect but the human detection combines both of these features for a third output option. The team has made significant headway in circle detection but was unable to debug the code in time for the design day demonstration.

One major finding of Design Team 3 was the necessity of Xilinx’s System Generator blocks. Implementation of algorithms within a 15 week period could only be achieved by using the System Generator blocks; additional implementation methods would have required a significantly longer amount of time. Before the team learned the inevitability of using System Generator blocks, they examined using OpenCV methods for object detection. OpenCV allowed the flexibility of training a classifier to detect specific objects through the use of a method known as Haar Training. This solution would have been very appropriate if object detection could have been implemented using a computer; the FPGA’s coding limitation made this solution unfeasible for the project. The primitive coding capability of System Generator was the biggest handicap during implementation. Very few Matlab commands are available within the MCode block and the remaining system must be designed utilizing very basic graphical blocks. All of the implemented features utilize a morphological smoothing block which assists further image processing functions. By blurring the discontinuities and edges into surrounding pixels, the smoothing block removes image noise therefore increasing final output accuracy.

The design team has several recommendations for future teams that inherit this project regarding object detection. First, the team must familiarize themselves with Xilinx’s tools and specifically with the capabilities of System Generator. By understanding the language level available within System Generator, an algorithm can be more easily created. Second, completion of circle detection using System Generator blocks must be an initial goal. This will allow the team to become better acquainted with Xilinx’s tools and design platform as well as create the first step
in object detection. Lastly, detection of other shapes and combination of shapes would prove useful; by combining shapes, more complex objects could be detected.

The majority of the materials necessary to complete this project were provided by either Xilinx or Michigan State University to the team. The Xtreme DSP Video Starter kit for an estimated $2,695.00 market value, monitor and cables for $100, ISE Design Suite for $99.99, and Matlab/Simulink package for $99.00 were provided; a USB-A to serial cable was purchased for $40.98 by the team. Thus bringing the total cost to $3,034.97 of which only $40.98 was the cost to the design team.
Appendix 1: Technical Roles, Responsibilities, and Work Accomplished

This appendix describes the individual technical contributions of each ECE480 Design Team 3 member.

A1.1 Fatoumata Dembele - Webmaster

Fatoumata Dembele’s technical portion of the project consisted of gathering information about different object detection techniques currently in use and freely available that can be implemented on the FPGA board provided by Xilinx. Two of the main methods used in object detection are OpenCV, a library of programming function for real time computer vision, and the Matlab Image Processing Toolbox.

Fatoumata’s first attempt was to import the OpenCV library into the Xilinx EDK environment in order to run an image processing application. The initial idea was to run C/C++ applications on the MicroBlaze processor using Xilinx’s SDK. Since all image processing algorithms involve operations on matrices, a software implementation rather than hardware, would result in less complexity for debugging. After some intensive research on OpenCV, she realized that this approach had several constraints, notably dealing with converting floating points to fixed points for FPGA simulation.

The second attempt consisted of taking advantage of a web based image annotation tool provided by MIT called LabelME for object recognition. The motivation was to use a Matlab program (provided by the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory) called Simple Object Detector Using Boosting on each frame of our input video for detecting pre-defined objects. This approach would require a considerable amount of time for processing videos in real time and would not have been fully implemented by our final design due date.

Fatoumata’s last and final approaches consisted of using our working edge detection algorithm implemented in System Generator Blocks and performing some mathematical operations using a feature extraction method. A popular and rather simple method of detecting particular shapes...
within an image is the Hough Transform. This method was later extended to detect circular shapes, called Circular Hough Transform (CHT). The idea is to use results from the Sobel edge detector and perform operations for circular object recognition. This goal appeared achievable within a reasonable timeframe.

Fatoumata, Pascha, and Emmett worked together on implementing the CHT Matlab code using Xilinx’s System Generator blocks. Due to timing constraints, they could not debug the program accordingly for the desired results.

A1.2 Chad Eckles – Lab Coordinator

Initially Chad Eckles was responsible for researching edge detection. He extensively researched the different edge detection methods and how each one operates. While researching edge detection he was simultaneously researching the capabilities of Simulink and trying to decide which edge detection methods were best suited for implementation in Simulink. Chad was able to narrow the choices down to two edge detection methods. The group along with Chad was not able to come to a decision on which method to use, so Chad created a solution selection matrix to help make a decision. Based on the matrix the group agreed that Sobel edge detection was the best selection.

Based on the extensive research done on edge detection and Simulink, he along with Tom Ganley and Jeff Olsen, primarily worked on developing an algorithm for edge detection. He first started off by creating an algorithm in Simulink without the use of Xilinx blocks in order to gain a better understanding of how a proper algorithm should flow. This approach also helped the team to understand how the values of thresholds affect the images and how the normal values should be set. He was then able to transfer the properties of thresholding and flow into the design of the edge detection algorithm using Xilinx blocks. The algorithm was developed by first creating an R-G-B (Red, Green, and Blue) to Grayscale color conversion, followed by a Sobel edge detection algorithm. He was able to help design and test some of the R-G-B to grayscale conversions and edge detection algorithms on still images. Once still image algorithms worked he aided in developing the live video edge detection algorithm using Xilinx blocks. After the
algorithm was developed, Chad, alongside Jeff Olsen and Tom Ganley, spent countless hours trying to debug the algorithm.

Once the algorithm was almost working properly, Chad switched over to the object detection team. Since he had an extensive amount of work with Simulink, Xilinx, and edge detection, he was able to transfer his knowledge to helping the object detection team. Chad was able to help with some of the lines in the Matlab code to rewrite them for use in Xilinx blocks.

### A1.3 Pascha Grant – Documentation Preparation

Pascha Grant began the semester with her primary role in researching edge detection and object detection. Her acquired knowledge of the four edge detection methods available in Matlab allowed the team to compare and contrast the features of each. Once the edge detection method was determined, the process of implementing the algorithm was passed on to Tom and Jeff, her concentration shifted to object detection. She focused on determining object detections methods utilizing top-down recognition with her main focus on implementing object detection using a classifier within Matlab. By providing Matlab with both positive and negative images of the object to be detected, Haar Training can be used to teach a classifier to recognize the object within a new image. She spent a significant amount of time learning how to train a classifier from thousands of sample images, when the design team discovered that a classifier could not be implemented onto the FPGA.

Her primary role then changed direction towards bottom-up object classification. After researching the subject, it was determined that in order to implement object detection, basic shapes must first be able to be recognized. Emmett, Fatoumata, and Pascha began looking into the Circular Hough Transform. The main problem with implementing the Circular Hough Transform was the need for simplistic code. The team knew that they did not have enough time to create code from scratch, thus the focus was to convert an existing code into Xilinx’s System Generator blocks. System Generator is very limited as far as programming languages are concerned therefore only basic commands could be utilized.
When a simplistic Matlab version of the Circular Hough Transform was found, Pascha took the lead role of converting it into lower-level building blocks of code. She placed all of her focus into creating an even more simplistic version of the transform and faced many challenges. One of the biggest challenges while converting the code was the use of matrices. The original code used three-dimensional matrices but an FPGA can only use horizontal vectors. This meant that every time a matrix was used, a nest of loops had to be created to convert the matrix into a vector with a considerable number of elements. Not only did matrices prove to be a challenge, but higher-level syntax such as ‘slice’ and ‘find’ within Matlab had to be converted as well.

Although the conversion had to consist of low level commands, MCode blocks were implemented to aid in the computation. Emmett familiarized himself extensively with the MCode block’s capabilities so that Pascha could focus on writing the code and muster Emmett’s know-how as needed. The code was completely converted into basic commands that could very easily be built using System Generator; however she was left without ample time for debugging. The final code is able to compile but may be a week or two away from being debugged in order to display the proper output. The group that inherits this project should be able to implement circle detection within a week of learning the applications.

A1.4 Tom Ganley - Rover

Tom’s initial technical role this semester was to aid in the research of edge detection and object detection algorithms that could be implemented in Matlab and Simulink. He studied demo applications of both edge and object detection to understand what types of systems could be implemented using simple mathematics and which could not. Through the use of simple Simulink blocks, Tom gained valuable experience in understanding the Simulink design environment that proved beneficial to the team’s forward progress using Xilinx’s System Generator software.

At the point in time that the team understood that all developments of edge and object detection would need to be implemented using Xilinx’s System Generator blocks; he was assigned to work with Chad Eckles and Jeff Olsen to develop an edge detection algorithm using these blocks.
based on knowledge gained during the research stages. Very quickly, Tom was responsible for the team’s first implementation of grayscale conversion using only Xilinx blocks on a still image. Shortly afterwards, he also implemented the first low-level edge detection algorithm with the Xilinx blocks. Though the algorithm was performed on a still image and was tested using simulation, this quick advancement proved to be essential to the team’s success as only minor changes were made to this subsystem throughout the semester to accommodate for video edge detection.

Upon completion of edge detection on a still image, Tom joined Jeff and Chad in troubleshooting the system for video edge detection. The three of them spent many hours making minor changes to the system that made logical sense to try implementing successful edge detection. One contribution that Tom made during the troubleshooting stages was the discovery that a 3x3 Sobel operator would reduce the majority of the noise being seen in the system, as opposed to a 5x5 operator. It was not until Jeff introduced a new form of implementing the Sobel operators that the team was able to implement a very accurate and noise-free system.

Once the team had successfully implemented edge detection on the video stream from the camera, Tom was responsible for introducing a smoothing filter into the hardware. Using Jeff’s new structure of Sobel operators, Tom developed a matrix operator that smoothed all edges and discontinuities in the source image so that the edge detection algorithm was more successful and accurate with a significant reduction in the amount of noisy pixels in the output.

Finally, Tom was responsible for assisting Jeff in the implementation of skin detection on the video stream. Tom and Jeff each found a very simple implementation of skin detection, and both of them began attempting to achieve success in their respective discoveries. Pressed on time, Jeff was able to successfully implement skin detection first, so Tom joined him in expanding the detection system to include the skin detection. Tom aided by testing Jeff’s system on a still image by expanding the still image edge detection system he had implemented earlier in the semester. Tom’s final contribution to the team was suggesting that by multiplying the edge detected signal in the system with the skin detection signal, only those edges that were also
detected as skin would appear in the output video stream, which Tom argued was essentially a successful form of human detection.

A1.5 Emmett Kuhn – Presentation Preparation

Early in the semester, Emmett Kuhn conducted extensive research on object detection through implementing open source C++ and OpenCV code onto the Spartan-3A FPGA. This was Design Team 3’s initial effort for implementing object detection. Many potential solutions were found but ultimately, once the limitations of the FPGA were fully learned, these solutions proved unobtainable. After Emmett’s research, no further action was taken with respect to using C++ and Open CV as it was not a good option for the project.

After the team refocused its strategy, Emmett’s role changed to implementing object detection by modifying open source Matlab code into Xilinx blocks in Simulink using System Generator. Much of this success depended on the MCode Xilinx block which can import limited Matlab code functionality into System Generator. Emmett identified key areas of the open source code that would be problematic when interfacing with the MCode. Emmett, along with Pascha and Fatoumata, modified the code to incorporate the MCode Block’s limited functionality. He also helped to debug errors that arose from running a modified version of the Matlab code with such limits under consideration. Modification was performed on two separate programs based on the Hough Transform. The first was adapted extensively until it was deemed that the original output was not successful enough to be incorporated into the project. The second was more complex, and ultimately Emmett and the team did not have enough time to fully implement the algorithm in Xilinx System Generator blocks. Since the project is designed for multiple semesters, the hope is that another team can take over Design Team 3’s work and strive towards the goal of successfully implementing object detection and beyond.
A1.6 Jeff Olsen - Manager

Xilinx provided Design Team 3 with a Spartan 3A-3400 Xtreme DSP Development Kit to use as the platform for the assigned project. Jeff Olsen was initially responsible, along with Chad Eckles, to learn the proper configuration of the development kit so the team could see the provided demos of the FPGA in action. Early in the semester Jeff realized that key components of the system needed to complete the project still had to be acquired by the team. Without the team’s acquisition of the missing pieces, they would have had no way to interact with the camera or program the FPGA.

After all of the pieces to the development kit were in place and the team was still unsure of the best direction for the project, the one thing that was sure was the fact that Design Team 3 would need to figure out how to integrate with the video stream entering the FPGA from the camera. Jeff Olsen was then responsible for learning the process of taking the provided Xilinx Camera Frame Buffer Demo from the MATLAB/Simulink environment to an embedded system on the Spartan 3A development board. This involved learning the process of generating a pcore using Xilinx System Generator, generating a bitstream and building software applications in Xilinx Platform Studio, downloading the bitstream to the FPGA, and running the program through Xilinx Microprocessor Debugger. This was a big step for the design team, as it was now understood how the algorithms that were developed would be implemented into the camera stream.

Jeff then joined a team with Tom Ganley and Chad Eckles. Together they were responsible for translating the Sobel edge detection algorithm into a low level design using the Xilinx Blockset in the Simulink environment and implementing it into the camera stream. The team’s initial attempts at implementing the algorithm stemmed from a still image edge detection model that Tom Ganley was responsible for introducing to the team. This model proved to be successful at detecting edges in still images, but when integrated with the video stream the model introduced significant delay that was unacceptable for real time image processing. Although this model was seen as unsuccessful in performance, it served as the spark the team needed to complete edge
detection in a video stream. The edge detection team’s original model used a 5-line buffer combined with a 5x5 convolution mask. Jeff was responsible for introducing the team to a 3x3 model that successfully detected edges in a live video stream and became the model implemented in the final design.

Jeff then proposed the idea of using registers and C code to provide a user interface that allowed the features developed by the team to be controlled by input through a terminal program. Jeff was responsible for developing the logic used to control the values in the registers and also writing the C code that would implement the logic.

The final technical role that Jeff was responsible for was implementing a skin detection algorithm with the assistance of Tom Ganley. After the team decided to use skin detection as a way to identify and alert human presence within the camera frame, Jeff was responsible for introducing the team to an algorithm that had the capabilities of operating on a live video stream in the RGB color space. Jeff and Tom then performed testing on the algorithm to assure that the algorithm would successfully detect a diverse range of skin. After testing, Jeff was responsible for building a model using the Xilinx Blockset and implementing it into the final design.
Appendix 2: Literature and Website References


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Figure 59: Initial Gantt Chart, 2 of 2
## Final Gantt Chart

### Figure 60: Final Gantt Chart, 1 of 2

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**Duration:** 3 months

**Notes:**
- Ensure all tasks are completed on time.
- Regular meetings with stakeholders for feedback.
- Monitor progress weekly.

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*Appendix 3: Referenced Figures*

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*Figure 60: Final Gantt Chart, 1 of 2*
Figure 61: Final Gantt Chart, 2 of 2
A3.3 Circular Hough Transform (Open Source Code Freely Available)

```matlab
function circles = houghcircles(im, minR, maxR, thresh, delta)
    % Copyright (c), Yuan-Liang Tang
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    % in all copies or substantial portions of the Software.
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    % Created: May 2, 2007
    % Last modified: Jan. 8, 2009
    %
    % Check input arguments
    if nargin==3
        thresh = 0.33;  % One third of the perimeter
        delta = 12;    % Each element in (x y r) may deviate approx. 4 pixels
    elseif nargin==4
        delta = 12;
    end
    if minR<0 || maxR<0 || minR>maxR || thresh<0 || thresh>1 || delta<0
        disp('Input conditions: 0<minR, 0<maxR, minR<=maxR, 0<thresh<=1, 0<delta');
        return;
    end

    % Turn a color image into gray
    origin = im;
    if length(size(im))>2
        im = rgb2gray(im);
    end

    % Create a 3D Hough array with the first two dimensions specifying the
    % coordinates of the circle centers, and the third specifying the radii.
    % To accomodate the circles whose centers are out of the image, the first
    % two dimensions are extended by 2*maxR.
    maxR2 = 2*maxR;
    hough = zeros(size(im,1)+maxR2, size(im,2)+maxR2, maxR-minR+1);

    % For an edge pixel (ex ey), the locations of its corresponding, possible
    % circle centers are within the region [ex-maxR:ex+maxR, ey-maxR:ey+maxR].
    % Thus the grid [0:maxR2, 0:maxR2] is first created, and then the distances
    % between the center and all the grid points are computed to form a radius
    % map (Rmap), followed by clearing out-of-range radii.
```


```matlab
[X Y] = meshgrid(0:maxR2, 0:maxR2);
Rmap = round(sqrt((X-maxR).^2 + (Y-maxR).^2));
Rmap(Rmap<minR | Rmap>maxR) = 0;

% Detect edge pixels using Canny edge detector. Adjust the lower and/or
% upper thresholds to balance between the performance and detection quality.
% For each edge pixel, increment the corresponding elements in the Hough
% array. (Ex Ey) are the coordinates of edge pixels and (Cy Cx R) are the
% centers and radii of the corresponding circles.
edgeim = edge(im, 'canny', [0.15 0.2]);
[Ex Ey] = find(edgeim);
[Cy Cx R] = find(Rmap);
for i = 1:length(Ex);
    Index = sub2ind(size(hough), Cy+Ey(i)-1, Cx+Ex(i)-1, R-minR+1);
    hough(Index) = hough(Index)+1;
end

% Collect candidate circles.
% Due to digitization, the number of detectable edge pixels are about 90%
% of the calculated perimeter.
twoPi = 0.9*2*pi;
circles = zeros(0,4);  % Format: (x y r t)
for radius = minR:maxR   % Loop from minimal to maximal radius
    slice = hough(:,:,radius-minR+1);  % Offset by minR
    twoPiR = twoPi*radius;
    slice(slice<twoPiR*thresh) = 0;  % Clear pixel count < 0.9*2*pi*R*thresh
    [y x count] = find(slice);
    circles = [circles; [x maxR, y maxR, radius*ones(length(x),1), count/twoPiR]];
end

% Delete similar circles
circles = sortrows(circles,-4);  % Descending sort according to ratio
i = 1;
while i<size(circles,1)
    j = i+1;
    while j<=size(circles,1)
        if sum(abs(circles(i,1:3)-circles(j,1:3))) <= delta
            circles(j,:) = [];
        else
            j = j+1;
        end
    end
    i = i+1;
end

if nargout==0  % Draw circles
    Figure, imshow(origim), hold on;
    for i = 1:size(circles,1)
        x = circles(i,1)-circles(i,3);
        y = circles(i,2)-circles(i,3);
        w = 2*circles(i,3);
        rectangle('Position', [x y w w], 'EdgeColor', 'red', 'Curvature', [1 1]);
    end
    hold off;
end```

Appendix 3: Referenced Figures
A3.4 Circular Hough Transform: Team’s Version (needs debugging)

```matlab
clear all;

maxR=30;
minR=20;
thresh=0.33;
delta=12;
origim = 'C:\Documents and Settings\Pascha Grant\Desktop\coin.jpg';
im = imread(origim);

% HOUGH CIRCLES detects multiple disks (coins) in an image using Hough Transform. The image contains separating, touching, or overlapping disks whose centers may be in or out of the image.

% Syntax
%   houghcircles(im, minR, maxR);
%   houghcircles(im, minR, maxR, thresh);
%   houghcircles(im, minR, maxR, thresh, delta);
%   circles = houghcircles(im, minR, maxR);
%   circles = houghcircles(im, minR, maxR, thresh);
%   circles = houghcircles(im, minR, maxR, thresh, delta);

% Inputs:
% - im: input image
% - minR: minimal radius in pixels
% - maxR: maximal radius in pixels
% - thresh (optional): the minimal ratio of the number of detected edge pixels to 0.9 times the calculated circle perimeter (0<thresh<=1, default: 0.33)
% - delta (optional): the maximal difference between two circles for them to be considered as the same one (default: 12); e.g.,
%   c1=(x1 y1 r1), c2=(x2 y2 r2), delta = |x1-x2|+|y1-y2|+|r1-r2|

% Output
% - circles: n-by-4 array of n circles; each circle is represented by
%   (x y r t), where (x y), r, and t are the center coordinate, radius, and ratio of the detected portion to the circle perimeter,
% respectively. If the output argument is not specified, the original image will be displayed with the detected circles superimposed on it.

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% Created: May 2, 2007
% Last modified: Jan. 8, 2009

% Turn a color image into gray
origim = im;
if length(size(im))>2
    im = rgb2gray(im);
end

% Create a 3D Hough array with the first two dimensions specifying the
% coordinates of the circle centers, and the third specifying the radii.
% To accomodate the circles whose centers are out of the image, the first
% two dimensions are extended by 2*maxR.
maxR2 = 2*maxR;
% hough = zeros(size(im,1)+maxR2, size(im,2)+maxR2, maxR-minR+1);
hx=zeros(1,108) ; %size(im,1)+maxR2; %hx=580
hy=zeros(1,108) ; %size(im,2)+maxR2; %hy =740
hz=zeros(1,11) ; %maxR-minR+1; %hz=21

% For an edge pixel (ex ey), the locations of its corresponding, possible
% circle centers are within the region [ex-maxR:ex+maxR, ey-maxR:ey+maxR].
% Thus the grid [0:maxR2, 0:maxR2] is first created, and then the distances
% between the center and all the grid points are computed to form a radius
% map (Rmap), followed by clearing out-of-range radii.
[X Y] = meshgrid(0:maxR2, 0:maxR2);
Rmap = round(sqrt((X-maxR).^2 + (Y-maxR).^2));
Rmap(Rmap<minR | Rmap>maxR) = 0;

% % Detect edge pixels using Canny edge detector. Adjust the lower and/or
% % upper thresholds to balance between the performance and detection quality.
% % For each edge pixel, increment the corresponding elements in the Hough
% % array. (Ex Ey) are the coordinates of edge pixels and (Cy Cx R) are the
% % centers and radii of the corresponding circles.
edgeim = edge(im, 'canny', [0.15 0.2]);
[ Ey Ex ] = find(edgeim);
[ Cy Cx R ] = find(Rmap);

Ey = Ey';
Ex = Ex';
Cy = Cy';
Cx = Cx';
R = R';

Index = [];
Houghindex = zeros(1, 128304); % making 3-D matrix into a single vector with an equivalent number of indices
r = 1;
for i = 1:length(Ex);
    I0 = [108 108 11];          % size hough
    I1 = Cy + Ey(i) - 1;
    I2 = Cx + Ex(i) - 1;
    I3 = R - minR + 1;

    Index = sub2ind(size(hough), Cy + Ey(i) - 1, Cx + Ex(i) - 1, R - minR + 1);
    Houghindex(Index) = Houghindex(Index) + 1;
end

twopi = 0.9*2*pi;

xcircle = [];
ycircle = [];
rcircle = [];
tcircle = [];

%********** Code is correct up to this point!********************************************

xin = 1;
yin = 1;          
stat = 1;         
zeroelements=0;  
nonzeroelements=0;

for radius = minR:maxR
    slice=[];      
x=[];            
y=[];            
count=[];        
twoPiR=twopi*radius;

    zslice=radius-minR+1;  %correction
    zstart = (zslice-1)*(108*108)+1;  %use image size + maxR^2
    zstop = (zslice)*(108*108);
    stat;
    % for s= zstart:zstop

    for s = zstart:zstop
        if (s/(r*10000) == 1)
            s;
            r = r +1;
        end
        val = Houghindex(s);
        %slice = val.push_back   %goes through each element within the selected zslice
        slice(end +1) = val;    % slice = vector of all values in Houghindex that belong to the
        %specific slice we're looking at
        %slice.push_back(val);  %MATLAB ONLY!!! NOT FOR SYSTEM GENERATOR
    
    p = length(slice);

    if slice(p) < (twoPiR*thresh)
        slice(p) = 0;
        zeroelements=zeroelements+1;
        if xin <= 108
            if yin <= 108
                yin = yin + 1;
                % count(end+1) = slice(p);
                if yin == 108
                    xin = xin +1;
                    yin = 1;
            end
        end
    end
end
  if xin == 108
    xin = 1;
  end
end

else
  nonzeroelements=nonzeroelements+1;
  \% disp('this is the before yin value')
  \% yin
  if xin <= 108
    x(end+1)=xin;
    if yin <= 108
      y(end+1)=yin;
      yin = yin + 1;
      \% count(end+1) = slice(p);
      if yin == 108
        xin = xin +1;
        yin = 1;
      end
      end
    end
  end
  if xin == 108
    xin = 1;
  end
end

end

\%circles matrix(below are the 4 column values [xcircle ycircle rcircle tcircle])

xappend = x-maxR; \%all the x values for a single slice of z
yappend= y-maxR; \%all the y values for a single slice of z
rappend= radius*ones(1,length(x)); \% tappend=count/twoPiR;

\% disp('xappend:');
\% xappend;
\% disp('yappend:');
% yappend:
% disp('rappend:');
% rappend;

xcircle=[xcircle xappend];
ycircle=[ycircle yappend];
rcircle=[rcircle rappend];
%tcircle=[tcircle tappend];
stat = stat + 1;
end

% x
% disp('xappend')
% xappend
%
% disp('xcircle')
% xcircle
%
% disp('ycircle')
% ycircle

% ends the looping through the minR:maxR
% disp('slice at maxR')
% slice(maxR)

%size(xcircle)
% size(ycircle)
% size(rcircle)
% % % Collect candidate circles.
% % % Due to digitization, the number of detectable edge pixels are about 90%
% % % of the calculated perimeter.
% % twoPi = 0.9*2*pi;
% % circles = zeros(0,4); % Format: (x y r t)
% % for radius = minR:maxR % Loop from minimal to maximal radius
% % slice = hough(:,:,radius
% % twoPiR = twoPi*radius;
% % slice(slice<twoPiR*thresh) = 0; % Clear pixel count < 0.9*2*pi*R*thresh
% % [y x count] = find(slice);
% % circles = [circles; [x-maxR, y-maxR, radius*ones(length(x),1), count/twoPiR]];
% % end
% %
% % if nargout==0 % Draw circles
% % figure, imshow(origim), hold on;
% % for i = 1:size(circles,1)
%% x = circles(i,1)-circles(i,3);
%% y = circles(i,2)-circles(i,3);
%% w = 2*circles(i,3);
%% rectangle('Position', [x y w w], 'EdgeColor', 'red', 'Curvature', [1 1]);
%% hold off;
%% end

%% size(xcircle);
%% size(ycircle);
%% size(rcircle);
%% size(tcircle);

%% if nargout==0  % Draw circles
    zeroelements
    nonzeroelements

    figure, imshow(origim),
    hold on;
    for i = 1:length(xcircle)
        x1 = xcircle(i)-rcircle(i);
        y1 = ycircle(i)-rcircle(i);
        w1 = 2*rcircle(i);
        plot(x1, y1,'+')
        rectangle('Position', [x1 y1 w1 w1], 'EdgeColor', 'red', 'Curvature', [1 1]);
    end

    hold off;
%% end
Appendix 4: Embedded System

A4.1 System Generator Hardware: Entire Detection System

The following three sections (A4.1.1-A4.1.3) show the system below in greater detail.
A4.1.1 System Generator Hardware: Section 1 in Detail
A4.1.2 System Generator Hardware: Section 2 in Detail
Appendix 4: Embedded System Hardware: Section 3 in Detail
Appendix 5: Preload Function

A5.1 Still Image Edge Detection Preload Function

```matlab
% sysgenColorConverter_imageData is a matrix loaded by the model from a .mat file before this script is run.

% We now separate out the red green and blue components from the image.

redSignal = sysgenColorConverter_imageData(:,:,1);
greenSignal = sysgenColorConverter_imageData(:,:,2);
blueSignal = sysgenColorConverter_imageData(:,:,3);

NPixels = size(redSignal,1) * size(redSignal,2);

% turn them into vectors (they were arrays):

redSignal = reshape(redSignal,1,NPixels);
greenSignal = reshape(greenSignal,1,NPixels);
blueSignal = reshape(blueSignal,1,NPixels);

% insert a column of 'time values' in front -- the from workspace block expects time followed by data on every row of the input

redSignal = [ double(0:NPixels-1)' double(redSignal)'

greenSignal = [ double(0:NPixels-1)' double(greenSignal)'

blueSignal = [ double(0:NPixels-1)' double(blueSignal)'
```

A5.2 Still Image Edge Detection Stop Function

```matlab
if (exist('ySignal','var') & exist('NPixels','var'))

if (~isempty(ySignal))

designLatency = find(ySignal>0 & ySignal<1024);
if (isempty(designLatency))
    return;
end

designLatency = designLatency(1);

imageSize = size(ySignal);

if (imageSize(1) >= designLatency+NPixels-1)

    % The initial output of the design (pipeline stages)
    % will be zeros and NaNs.
    % For plotting, we just assume that the first non-zero, non-NaN output is the represents the first pixel.
    h = Figure;
    clf;
    set(h,'Name',' Color Conversion Results');
    set(h,'Position',[100 50 1000 800]);
```
ySignalN = ySignal(designLatency:designLatency+NPixels-1);
ySignalN = ySignalN - (min(ySignalN));
ySignalN = ySignalN / (max(ySignalN));

subplot(2,3,2);
image(sysgenColorConverter_imageData), ...
   axis equal, axis square, axis off, title 'Original Image';

subplot(2,3,4);
image(reshape([ySignalN ySignalN ySignalN], ...
    sqrt(NPixels),sqrt(NPixels),3)), ...
   axis equal, axis square, axis off, title 'Grayscale';

prSignalN = prSignal(designLatency:designLatency+NPixels-1);
prSignalN = prSignalN - (min(prSignalN));
prSignalN = prSignalN / (max(prSignalN));
subplot(2,3,5);
image(reshape([prSignalN prSignalN prSignalN], ...
    sqrt(NPixels),sqrt(NPixels),3)), ...
   axis equal, axis square, axis off, title 'PR Component';

pbSignalN = pbSignal(designLatency:designLatency+NPixels-1);
pbSignalN = pbSignalN - (min(pbSignalN));
pbSignalN = pbSignalN / (max(pbSignalN));
subplot(2,3,6);
image(reshape([pbSignalN pbSignalN pbSignalN], ...
    sqrt(NPixels),sqrt(NPixels),3)), ...
   axis equal, axis square, axis off, title 'PB Component';
end
end
end
A6.1 VSK Processing_Menu Header

```c
#include "xbasic_types.h"

#define VOP_BAYER_BYPASS 0
#define VOP_BAYER_PHASE0 0x11b41e4
#define VOP_BAYER_PHASE1 0x1b1144e
#define VOP_BAYER_PHASE2 0x14e14b4
#define VOP_BAYER_PHASE3 0x1e4411b

#define VOP_GAMMA_BYPASS 0
#define VOP_GAMMA_R709 1

Xint32 vsk_processing_menu (void);
Xint32 vsk_processing_bayer(Xuint32);
Xint32 vsk_processing_gamma(Xuint32);
Xint32 vsk_processing_dynamic_range(Xuint32);
Xint32 vsk_processing_init(void);
```

A6.2 VSK Processing Menu

```c
#include "vsk_processing_menu.h"
#include "vsk_processing_menu_l.h"

Xint32 vsk_processing_menu (void) {
    Xint32 inchar;
    Xint32 phase = 0;
    static Xuint8 color = COL_RED;
    static Xuint32 gamma = 1, bayer_phase = 0, spc_thresh = 96, spc_on = 1;
    xc_iface_t *iface;
    xc_to_reg_t *to_reg;
    uint32_t tmp;
    Xint32 ret = 0;

    // initialize the software driver
    xc_create(&iface,
              &VSK_CAMERA_VOP_PLBW_ConfigTable[XPAR_VSK_CAMERA_VOP_PLBW_0_DEVICE_ID]);

    vsk_processing_menu_help();

    while (!ret)
    {
        print(">");

        inchar = inbyte();
        xil_printf("%c\n\r",inchar);

        switch (inchar){
            case '?':
                vsk_processing_menu_help();
```
break;
}
case 0x1b :
{
    xil_printf("- exit menu -\n\n");
    ret = 1;
    break;
}
case 'p' :
{
    // Get reference to register
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "spc_thresh", (void **) &to_reg);
    if(spc_on == 1) {
        tmp = 0xFFF; // set to max for off
        spc_on = 0;
        printf("Stuck pixel correction is off\n");
    } else {
        spc_on = 1;
        tmp = spc_thresh;
        printf("Stuck pixel correction is on\n");
    }
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    break;
}
case '.' :
{
    // Get reference to register
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "spc_thresh", (void **) &to_reg);
    if (spc_thresh < 0xFFF) spc_thresh = spc_thresh + 16;
    if (spc_thresh > 0xFFF) spc_thresh = 0xFFF; // clamp to max
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)spc_thresh);
    xil_printf("Stuck pixel threshold set to %d\n", spc_thresh);
    spc_on = 1; // Make sure software has correct state
    break;
}
case ',' :
{
    // Get reference to register
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "spc_thresh", (void **) &to_reg);
    if (spc_thresh == 0xFFF) spc_thresh = spc_thresh + 1; // boundary condition
    if (spc_thresh > 0) spc_thresh = spc_thresh - 16;
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)spc_thresh);
    xil_printf("Stuck pixel threshold set to %d\n", spc_thresh);
    spc_on = 1; // Make sure software has correct state
    break;
}
case 'y' :
{
    if(bayer_phase < 3) bayer_phase++;
    else bayer_phase = 0;

    switch(bayer_phase) {
        case 0:
            vsk_processing_bayer(VOP_BAYER_PHASE0);
            break;
        case 1:
vsk_processing_bayer(VOP_BAYER_PHASE1);
break;
case 2:
vsk_processing_bayer(VOP_BAYER_PHASE2);
break;
case 3:
vsk_processing_bayer(VOP_BAYER_PHASE3);
}
xil_printf("Bayer phase set to %d\n", bayer_phase);
break;
}
case 'h': //Brightness on/off
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "bc_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if(tmp & VOP_BC_BRIGHT_EN)
    {
        tmp &= ~VOP_BC_BRIGHT_EN;
        print("Brightness control off\n");
    }
    else
    {
        tmp |= VOP_BC_BRIGHT_EN;
        print("Brightness control on\n");
    }
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    break;
}
case 'n': //Contrast on/off
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "bc_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if(tmp & VOP_BC_CONT_EN)
    {
        tmp &= ~VOP_BC_CONT_EN;
        print("Contrast control off\n");
    }
    else
    {
        tmp |= VOP_BC_CONT_EN;
        print("Contrast control on\n");
    }
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    break;
}
case 'l': //overlay on/off
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "bal_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if (tmp & 0x80)  //if overlay is currently on
    {
        tmp ^= 0x80;   //XOR with hex value to turn off
        xil_printf("Overlay is off\n");
    }
else //if overlay is currently off
{
    tmp ^= 0x80; //XOR with hex value to turn on
    xil_printf("Overlay is on
\r\n");
}

//write value to register
xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
break;
}

} else if ((tmp & 0x20) && (tmp & 0x40)) //If Sobel X and Y are both on
{
    tmp ^= 0x20; //Turn Y off
    xil_printf("Sobel X is on\r\n");
}
else if ((tmp ^ 0x40) && (tmp & 0x20)) //If Sobel X is off and Sobel Y is on
{
    tmp ^= 0x60; //Turn on X and Y off
    xil_printf("Sobel X is on\r\n");
}
else if (tmp & 0x40) //If Sobel X on
{
    tmp ^= 0x40; //Turn Sobel X off
    xil_printf("Sobel X is off\r\n");
}
else //write value to register
xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
break;
}

} else if (tmp & 0x40) //If Sobel X on
{
    tmp ^= 0x40; //Turn Sobel X off
    xil_printf("Sobel X is off\r\n");
}
else
{
    tmp ^= 0x40; //Turn Sobel X on
    xil_printf("Sobel X is on\r\n");
}

//write value to register
xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
break;
}

} case '3': //Sobel Y on/off
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "bal_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if((tmp & 0x80) && (tmp ^ 0x40)) //if overlay on
    {
        tmp ^= 0xC0; //XOR with hex value..turns overlay off Sobel X on
        xil_printf("Sobel X is on\r\n");
    }
else if ((tmp & 0x20) && (tmp & 0x40)) //If Sobel X and Y are both on
    {
        tmp ^= 0x20; //Turn Y off
        xil_printf("Sobel X is on\r\n");
    }
else if ((tmp ^ 0x40) && (tmp & 0x20)) //If Sobel X is off and Sobel Y is on
    {
        tmp ^= 0x60; //Turn on X and Y off
        xil_printf("Sobel X is on\r\n");
    }
else if (tmp & 0x40) //If Sobel X on
    {
        tmp ^= 0x40; //Turn Sobel X off
        xil_printf("Sobel X is off\r\n");
    }
else //write value to register
xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
break;
}
if (tmp & 0x80 && tmp ^ 0x20) //If overlay on and Y off
{
    tmp ^= 0xA0; //XOR with hex value..turns overlay off and Y on
    xil_printf("Sobel Y is on\n\n");
} else if (tmp & 0x40 && tmp & 0x20) //X and Y both on
{
    tmp ^= 0x40; //Turn X off
    xil_printf("Sobel Y is on\n\n");
} else if (tmp ^ 0x20 && tmp & 0x40) //X on and Y off
{
    tmp ^= 0x60; //Turn x off and y on
    xil_printf("Sobel Y is on\n\n");
} else if (tmp & 0x20) //Y on
{
    tmp ^= 0x20; //Turn Y on
    xil_printf("Sobel Y is off\n\n");
} else
{
    tmp ^= 0x20; //Turn Y on
    xil_printf("Sobel Y is on\n\n");
}
//write value to register
xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
break;

} case '4' : //combined on/off
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "bal_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if (tmp & 0x40 && tmp & 0x20) //x and y both on
    {
        tmp ^= 0x60; //turn x and y off
        xil_printf("Combined off\n\n");
    }
    else
    {
        tmp |= 0x60; //turn on x or y or both
        xil_printf("Combined on\n\n");
    }
    //write value to register
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    break;
}
} case '5' : //smooth on/off

```c
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "bal_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if (tmp & 0x10) //smooth on
        {
            tmp ^= 0x10; //turn smooth off
            xil_printf("Smooth is off\n");
        }
    else
        {
            tmp ^= 0x10; //turn smooth on
            xil_printf("Smooth is on\n");
        }
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    break;
}

case '6': //threshold down
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "bc_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    tmp = tmp - 10; //subtract 10 from threshold value
    xil_printf("Sobel edge threshold set to %d\n", tmp);
    //write value to register
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    break;
}

case '7': //threshold up
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "bc_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    tmp = tmp + 10; //add 10 to threshold
    xil_printf("Sobel edge threshold set to %d\n", tmp);
    //write value to register
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    break;
}

case '8': //Reset threshold
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "bc_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    tmp = 70; //set threshold to default value
    xil_printf("Sobel edge threshold set to %d\n", tmp);
    //write value to register
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    break;
}

    case '9': //skin detection on/off
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "bal_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if (tmp & 0x04) //if skin detection on
    {
```
tmp ^= 0x04;  //turn skin detection off
   xil_printf("Skin Detection is off\n");
   }
   else
   {
   tmp ^= 0x04;  //turn skin detection on
   xil_printf("Skin Detection is on\n");
   }
   
   //write value to register
   xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
   break;
   }
}
case '0':  //skin + edge on/off
{
   xc_get_shmem(iface, "bal_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
   xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
   if (tmp & 0x02) //if skin + edge on
   {
   tmp ^= 0x02; //turn off edge
   xil_printf("Skin Detection\n");
   }
   else
   {
   tmp ^= 0x02;  //turn on edge + skin detection
   xil_printf("Skin Detection + Edge\n");
   }
   
   //write value to register
   xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
   break;
   }
}
case '-':  //Brightness decrease
{
   xc_get_shmem(iface, "brightness", (void **) &to_reg);
   xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
   //Sign extend if necessary
   if (tmp & 0x100) tmp |= ~0xFF;
   if (((Xint32)tmp > -255) (Xint32)tmp--;
   xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
   xil_printf("Brightness=%d\n", (Xint32)tmp);
   break;
   }
}
case '=':  //Brightness increase
{
   xc_get_shmem(iface, "brightness", (void **) &to_reg);
   xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
   //Sign extend if necessary
   if (tmp & 0x100) tmp |= ~0xFF;
   if (((Xint32)tmp < 255) (Xint32)tmp++;
   xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
   xil_printf("Brightness=%d\n", (Xint32)tmp);
   break;
   }
case 's': //Show image stats
{
    //First disable stats so values read out are frame coherent
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "stat_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, ~VOP_STAT_EN);
    //Read out stats
    //Red
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "r_min_val", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    xil_printf("Red:\tMin:\t%d\n", tmp);
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "r_max_val", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    xil_printf("\tMax:\t%d\n", tmp);
    //Green
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "g_min_val", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    xil_printf("Green:\tMin:\t%d\n", tmp);
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "g_max_val", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    xil_printf("\tMax:\t%d\n", tmp);
    //Blue
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "b_min_val", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    xil_printf("Blue:\tMin:\t%d\n", tmp);
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "b_max_val", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    xil_printf("\tMax:\t%d\n", tmp);
    //Re-enable stats so they will continue to calculate
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "stat_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, VOP_STAT_EN);
    break;
}

case '[' : //Contrast decrease
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "contrast", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if (tmp > 0) tmp--;
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    xil_printf("Contrast=%d.%03d\n", (Xint32)((float)((tmp & ((1<<to_reg->bin_pt)-1))*1000)/(float)(1<<to_reg->bin_pt)));
    break;
}

case ']' : //Contrast increase
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "contrast", (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if (tmp < 255) tmp++;
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    xil_printf("Contrast=%d.%03d\n", (Xint32)((float)((tmp & ((1<<to_reg->bin_pt)-1))*1000)/(float)(1<<to_reg->bin_pt)));
    break;
}

case 'r' : //Select color red
{
color = COL_RED;
print("Red color selected\n");
break;
}
case 'g': //Select color green
{
    color = COL_GRN;
    print("Green color selected\n");
    break;
}
case 'b': //Select color blue
{
    color = COL_BLU;
    print("Blue color selected\n");
    break;
}
case ':': //Color gain decrease
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, VopGainInfo[color].sm_name, (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if (tmp > 0) tmp--;
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    xil_printf("%s Gain=%d.%03d\n", VopGainInfo[color].name, tmp >> to_reg->bin_pt,
            (Xint32)((float)((tmp & ((1<<to_reg->bin_pt)-1))*1000)/(float)(1<<to_reg->bin_pt)));
    break;
}
case '\': //Color gain increase
{
    xc_get_shmem(iface, VopGainInfo[color].sm_name, (void **) &to_reg);
    xc_read(iface, to_reg->din, &tmp);
    if (tmp < 255) tmp++;
    xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)tmp);
    xil_printf("%s Gain=%d.%03d\n", VopGainInfo[color].name, tmp >> to_reg->bin_pt,
            (Xint32)((float)((tmp & ((1<<to_reg->bin_pt)-1))*1000)/(float)(1<<to_reg->bin_pt)));
    break;
}
case 'o': // Gamma enable/disable
{
    if(gamma == VOP_GAMMA_BYPASS)
    {
        gamma = VOP_GAMMA_R709; // flip gamma setting
        print("Gamma configured per Rec. 709.\n");
    }
    else
    {
        gamma = VOP_GAMMA_BYPASS; // flip gamma setting
        print("Gamma configured as pass-through.\n");
    }
    vsk_processing_gamma(gamma);
    break;
}
case 'i': // Restore defaults
{
    if (vsk_processing_init() == 0) {
print(“Processing settings successfully initialized.
”);
} else {
print(“An error occurred while trying to initialize processing settings.
”);
}
break;
}
}
return 0;
}

void vsk_processing_menu_help(void)
{
print(“

rEDGE DETECTION MENU

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rkey(s) description

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r 1 Overlay on/off

r 2 Sobel X on/off

r 3 Sobel Y on/off

r 4 Combined on/off

r 5 Smoothing Filter on/off

r 6 Decrease Sobel Threshold on/off

r 7 Increase Sobel Threshold on/off

r 8 Restore Threshold Default on/off

r 9 Skin Detection on/off

r 0 Skin + Edge Detection on/off

r esc Exit back to the Top-Level menu

r ? help

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}

/* Set Bayer filter phase
* Returns 0 if phase was set successfully, otherwise not
*/
Xint32 vsk_processing_bayer(Xuint32 phase) {
  xc_status_t status = XC_FAILURE;
  xc_iface_t *iface;
  xc_to_reg_t *bayer_reg;  

  // initialize the software driver
  xc_create(&iface,
&VSK_CAMERA_VOP_PLBW_ConfigTable[XPAR_VSK_CAMERA_VOP_PLBW_0_DEVICE_ID]);
  // Get reference to register
  xc_get shmем(iface, “bayer ctrl”, (void **) &bayer_reg);

  switch(phase) {
    case VOP_BAYER_PHASE0:
    case VOP_BAYER_PHASE1:
    case VOP_BAYER_PHASE2:
    case VOP_BAYER_PHASE3:
    case VOP_BAYER_BYPASS:
    {
      //status = vsk_camera_vop_sm_0_Write(
VSK_CAMERA_VOP_SM_0_BAYER_CTRL, VSK_CAMERA_VOP_SM_0_BAYER_CTRL_DIN,phase);
      status = xc_write(iface, bayer_reg->din, (const unsigned) phase);
      break;
    }
  }
}
#ifdef DEBUG
if(status == XC_FAILURE) { print("Error Writing to VSK_Camera_VOP/Bayer_Ctrl\n\r"); }
#endif

return (status == XC_FAILURE ? 1 : 0);

/* Sets gamma table for red, green, and blue components
* When input VOP_GAMMA_BYPASS, gamma is set for 1-1 mapping
* When input VOP_GAMMA_R709, gamma is set using pre-calculated table
* Returns 0 on success,
*/
Xint32 vsk_processing_gamma(Xuint32 mode) {
    Xuint32 i;
    Xuint32 val;
    Xuint32 address;
    double x;
    Xint32 retval = 1;
    uint32_t current_buf;
    uint32_t next_buf;
    xc_status_t status;
    xc_shram_t *shram_r;
    xc_shram_t *shram_g;
    xc_shram_t *shram_b;
    xc_to_reg_t *gb_reg;
    xc_iface_t *iface;

    // initialize the software driver
    xc_create(&iface, &GAMMA_PLBW_ConfigTable[XPAR_GAMMA_PLBW_0_DEVICE_ID]);

    // obtain the memory location for storing the settings of the shared memory
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "gamma_r", (void **) &shram_r);
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "gamma_g", (void **) &shram_g);
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "gamma_b", (void **) &shram_b);
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "gamma_buffer", (void **) &gb_reg);

    status = xc_read(iface, gb_reg->din, &current_buf);
    if(status == XC_FAILURE) {
        xil_printf("Error Reading from GAMMA_PLBW_0/Gamma_Buffer (%d)\n\r",status);
    } else {
        next_buf = (current_buf==0) ? 1 : 0;

        if (mode == VOP_GAMMA_BYPASS)
        {
            status = XC_FAILURE;
            for(i=0; i<256; i++)
            {
                address = (next_buf<<8) + i; // Push next_buf to bit location 9
                status = xc_write(iface, xc_get_addr(shram_r->addr, address), (const unsigned) i);
                if(status == XC_FAILURE) {
                    print("Error Writing to GAMMA_PLBW_0/Gamma_Buffer(%d)\n\r");
                    break;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
status = xc_write(iface, xc_get_addr(shram_g->addr, address), (const unsigned) i);
if(status == XC_FAILURE) {
    print("Error Writing to GAMMA_PLBW_0/GAMMA_G\n\r");
    break;
}
status = xc_write(iface, xc_get_addr(shram_b->addr, address), (const unsigned) i);
if(status == XC_FAILURE) {
    print("Error Writing to GAMMA_PLBW_0/GAMMA_B\n\r");
    break;
}
else if (mode == VOP_GAMMA_R709) {
    status = XC_FAILURE;
    for(i=0; i<256; i++) {
        address = (next_buf<<8) + i; // Push next_buf to bit location 9
        val = gammaR709[i];
        status = xc_write(iface, xc_get_addr(shram_r->addr, address), (const unsigned) val);
        if(status == XC_FAILURE) {
            print("Error Writing to GAMMA_PLBW_0/GAMMA_R\n\r");
            break;
        }
        status = xc_write(iface, xc_get_addr(shram_g->addr, address), (const unsigned) val);
        if(status == XC_FAILURE) {
            print("Error Writing to GAMMA_PLBW_0/GAMMA_G\n\r");
            break;
        }
        status = xc_write(iface, xc_get_addr(shram_b->addr, address), (const unsigned) val);
        if(status == XC_FAILURE) {
            print("Error Writing to GAMMA_PLBW_0/GAMMA_B\n\r");
            break;
        }
    }
    if (status != XC_FAILURE) {
        status = xc_write(iface, gb_reg->din, (const unsigned) next_buf);
        if(status == XC_FAILURE) {
            print("Error Writing to GAMMA_PLBW_0/Gamma_Buffer\n\r");
        } else {
            retval = 0; // Success
        }
    }
}
return retval;

/* Set dynamic range mode of processing pipeline
 * CAM_8B_MODE = 8-bit mode
 * CAM_10B_MODE = 10-bit mode
 * CAM_12B_MODE = 12-bit mode
 * 12-bit mode is achieved through decoding the companded data through a ROM look-up table.
 * 8-bit and 10-bit modes are implied to not use this companding.
 */
Xint32 vsk_processing_dynamic_range(Xuint32 mode)
{ 
    xc_status_t status = XC_FAILURE;
    xc_iface_t *iface;
    xc_to_reg_t *to_reg;
    uint32_t tmp;

    // initialize the software driver
    xc_create(&iface,
        &VSK_CAMERA_VOP_PLBW_ConfigTable[ XPAR_VSK_CAMERA_VOP_PLBW_0_DEVICE_ID]);

    // Get reference to register
    xc_get_shmem(iface, "wdr_ctrl", (void **) &to_reg);

    switch(mode) {
    case CAM_8B_MODE: // 8-bit mode, non-companding (pass-through enabled)
        
        tmp = VOP_DR_PT_NCOMP_EN | VOP_DR_8B_N10B_EN;
        break;
    case CAM_10B_MODE: // 10-bit mode, non-companding (pass-through enabled)
        
        tmp = VOP_DR_PT_NCOMP_EN | ((~VOP_DR_8B_N10B_EN) &
            VOP_DR_8B_N10B_EN);
        break;
    case CAM_12B_MODE: // 12-bit mode (10-bit mode, companding enabled)
        
        tmp = ((~VOP_DR_PT_NCOMP_EN) & VOP_DR_PT_NCOMP_EN) |
            ((~VOP_DR_8B_N10B_EN) &
                VOP_DR_8B_N10B_EN);

    }

    status = xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned) tmp);

    return (status == XC_FAILURE ? 1 : 0);
    }

/* Initialize processing pipeline */
return 0 on success, 1 on error
*/
Xint32 vsk_processing_init() {
    Xint32 i;
    xc_iface_t *iface;
    xc_to_reg_t *to_reg;
    Xint32 retval = 1;

    // initialize the software driver
    if (xc_create(&iface,
        &VSK_CAMERA_VOP_PLBW_ConfigTable[XPAR_VSK_CAMERA_VOP_PLBW_0_DEVICE_ID]) !=
            XC_FAILURE) {
        for(i=0; i<NUM_DEF_PROC_PARAMS; i++) {
            if (xc_get_shmem(iface, defProcParams[i].sm_name, (void **) &to_reg) !=
                XC_FAILURE) {

        

    }
Appendix 6: Source Code

A6.3 VSK Processing Menu_I Header

#include <stdio.h>

// Located in: microblaze_0/include/
#include "xbasic_types.h"
#include "xutil.h"
#include "xparameters.h"
#include "gamma_plbw.h"
#include "vsk_camera.h"
#include "vsk_camera_vop_plbw.h"

#define VOP_DR_8B_N10B_EN 0x1 // When set dynamic range is 8-bit, else 10-bit companding
#define VOP_DR_PT_NCOMP_EN 0x2 // When set dynamic range is unchanged, else 12-bit companding
#define VOP_BC_BRIGHT_EN 0x46
#define VOP_BC_CONT_EN 0x2
#define VOP_BAL_EN 0x80
#define VOP_STAT_EN 0x1
#define COL_RED 0
#define COL_GRN 1
#define COL_BLU 2

typedef struct {
    Xint8 *sm_name;
    Xint8 *name;
} VopGainStr;

static VopGainStr VopGainInfo[3] = {
    // COL_RED
    { "r_bal", "Red" },
    // COL_GRN
    // COL_BLU
};

if (xc_write(iface, to_reg->din, (const unsigned)defProcParams[i].val) != XC_FAILURE) {
    #ifdef DEBUG
        xil_printf("Param[%s] = 0x%x\n", defProcParams[i].sm_name,
        retval = 0;
    } else {
        break;
    } else {
        break;
    }
    return retval;
} else {
    break;
}
{    "g_bal",    "Green"
},
// COL_BLU
{
    "b_bal",    "Blue"
}
};

static Xuint8 gammaR709[256] = {
// ITU Recommendation 709 settings
    0,   5,   9,  14,  18,  23,  27,  30,  
    34,  37,  40,  43,  46,  48,  51,  53,  
    55,  58,  60,  62,  64,  66,  68,  70,  
    72,  73,  75,  77,  78,  80,  82,  83,  
    85,  86,  88,  89,  91,  92,  94,  95,  
    97,  98,  99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106,  
    107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115,  
    116, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124,  
    125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132,  
    133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140,  
    141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 147,  
    148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 154,  
    155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161,  
    162, 163, 164, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168,  
    168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174,  
    174, 175, 176, 177, 177, 178, 179, 180,  
    180, 181, 182, 182, 183, 184, 185, 185,  
    186, 187, 188, 189, 189, 190, 191,  
    191, 192, 193, 193, 194, 195, 195, 196,  
    197, 197, 198, 199, 199, 200, 201, 201,  
    202, 203, 203, 204, 205, 205, 206, 206,  
    207, 208, 208, 209, 209, 210, 211, 211,  
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    226, 227, 227, 228, 228, 229, 229, 230,  
    230, 231, 232, 232, 233, 233, 234, 234,  
    235, 235, 236, 236, 237, 238, 238, 239,  
    239, 240, 240, 241, 241, 242, 242, 243,  
    243, 244, 244, 245, 245, 246, 246, 247,  
    247, 248, 248, 249, 249, 250, 251, 251,  
    252, 252, 253, 253, 254, 254, 255, 255
};

/* Default values for processing pipeline: *
*      spc_thresh = 0x60
*      bc_ctrl = 0x3
*      brightness = 0x0
*      contrast = 0x80
*      bal_ctrl = 0x1
*      r_bal = 0x80
*      g_bal = 0x80
*      b_bal = 0x80
*/
typedef struct {
    Xint8 *sm_name;
    Xuint32 val;
} DEF_PROC_PARAMS;

#define NUM_DEF_PROC_PARAMS 9
static DEF_PROC_PARAMS defProcParams[NUM_DEF_PROC_PARAMS] = {
    "spc_thresh", 0x60,
    "bc_ctrl", VOP_BC_BRIGHT_EN | VOP_BC_CONT_EN,
    "brightness", 0x0,
    "contrast", 0x80,
    "bal_ctrl", VOP_BAL_EN,
    "r_bal", 0x80,
    "g_bal", 0x80,
    "b_bal", 0x80,
    "stat_ctrl", VOP_STAT_EN
};

static void vsk_processing_menu_help(void);

A6.4 VSK_Top Header
#include "xparameters.h"

// Size of input image
#define VID_IN_STRIDE 4096
#define VID_IN_WIDTH 720
#define VID_IN_HEIGHT 480

// Size of output image
#define VID_OUT_HEIGHT 480
#define VID_OUT_WIDTH 640
#define VID_OUT_STRIDE 2944 // 2560

// Frame buffer parameters
#define VID_FB_BASE_ADDR ( XPAR_MPMC_0_MPMC_BASEADDR + 0x400000 ) // Give 4MB at base of external memory for application
#define VID_FB_MAX_FRM_SIZE ( VID_OUT_HEIGHT*VID_OUT_STRIDE )
#define VID_FB_MAX_SIZE ( ( XPAR_MPMC_0_MPMC_HIGHADDR - VID_FB_BASE_ADDR ) + 1 )

A6.5 VSK_Top
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

// Located in: microblaze_0/include/
#include "xbasic_types.h"
#include "xutil.h"
#include "xparameters.h"
#include "xstatus.h"
#include "vsk_iic.h"
#include "vsk_iic_diag.h"
#include "vsk_camera.h"
#include "vsk_dvi_out.h"
#include "vsk_fmc_video.h"
#include "vsk_iic_clock.h"
#include "vsk_util.h"
#include "video_to_vfbc.h"
#include "display_controller.h"

#include "vsk_camera_menu.h"
#include "vsk_processing_menu.h"
#include "vsk_storage_menu.h"

#include "vsk_top.h"

static void help_top(void);

XStatus main (void) {
    Xint32 inchar;
    XStatus status;

    /* Initialize ICache */
    microblaze_disable_icache();
    microblaze_init_icache_range(XPAR_MICROBLAZE_0_ICACHE_BASEADDR,
                                 XPAR_MICROBLAZE_0_CACHE_BYTE_SIZE);
    microblaze_enable_icache();

    /* Initialize DCache */
    microblaze_disable_dcache();
    microblaze_init_dcache_range(XPAR_MICROBLAZE_0_DCACHE_BASEADDR,
                                 XPAR_MICROBLAZE_0_DCACHE_BYTE_SIZE);
    microblaze_enable_dcache();

    // Clear start of external memory (video buffers and BSS)
    memset((void *)VID_FB_BASE_ADDR, 0, VID_FB_MAX_FRM_SIZE*3);

    // Use white on black for terminal color scheme
    print("\x1b[?5l\x1b[0m\x1b[H\x1b[J");

    // Initialize the IIC cores
    vsk_iic_init();

    // Initialize the Power Regulator to provide 3.3v to the FMC
    vsk_fmc_power_init();
}
// Reset and Initialize the FMC devices
vsk_fmc_reset();

// Put DVI_OUT into reset
set_chrontel_reset_n();

// Check for Camera #2
if (vsk_camera_present(2, 0) != 0) {
    print("Warning: Camera found on Camera 2 connector.\n    This design will only make use of camera connected to Camera 1 port.\n");
}
// Check for and initialize Camera #1
if (vsk_camera_present(1, 0) == 0) {
    print("Error: Camera not found on Camera 1 connector.\n    Aborting attempt to configure Camera 1.\n");
} else {
    vsk_camera1_config(IIC_CAM_720x480);
    vsk_camera_high_dynamic_range_config(1, IIC_HIDY_MODE_OFF); // default to HiDy off
    vsk_camera_dynamic_range_config(1, CAM_12B_MODE); // 12-bit companding video mode
}

status = vsk_iic_clock_config(CLOCK_CONFIG_25175MHZ);
if (status == XST_SUCCESS)
    print("Clock generator set to 25.175 MHz.\n");
else
    print("Error setting clock generator.\n");

// Reset input clock DCM
set_dcm_0_reset();
usec_wait(200000);
release_dcm_0_reset();

// Initialize processing
vsk_processing_dynamic_range(CAM_12B_MODE); // 12-bit companding video mode
vsk_processing_bayer(VOP_BAYER_PHASE2);
vsk_processing_gamma(VOP_GAMMA_R709);
vsk_processing_init();

// initialize frame writer resolution to 640x480
VIDEO_TO_VFBC_configAll(XPAR_VIDEO_TO_VFBC_0_BASEADDR,
    VIDEO_TO_VFBC_RESOLUTION_480P60, VID_FB_BASE_ADDR);
    VIDEO_TO_VFBC_mWriteControlReg(XPAR_VIDEO_TO_VFBC_0_BASEADDR, 0,
    0x00000001);
    DISPLAY_CONTROLLER_configAll(XPAR_DISPLAY_CONTROLLER_0_BASEADDR,
    DISPLAY_RESOLUTION_VGA, VID_FB_BASE_ADDR);
DISPLAY_CONTROLLER_setBufferAddresses(XPAR_DISPLAY_CONTROLLER_0_BASE_ADDR, DISPLAY_RESOLUTION_480P60, VID_FB_BASE_ADDR);
DISPLAY_CONTROLLER_mWriteReg(XPAR_DISPLAY_CONTROLLER_0_BASEADDR, DISPLAY_CONTROLLER_CONTROL_OFFSET, 0x00000000);

// Initialize the DVI_OUT
release_chrontel_reset_n();
vsk_dvi_out_config(IIC_DVI_OUT);
vsk_dvi_out_display_present(1);

// Init SysACE controller
vsk_storage_init();

// Wait for user to continue
print("---- Press Any Key To Continue ----\n\n");
inbyte();
help_top();

while (1)
{
    print(">");

    inchar = inbyte();

    xil_printf("%c\n",inchar);

    switch (inchar){
    case '?' :
        {
            help_top();
            break;
        }
    case 'c' :
        {
            vsk_camera_menu();
            help_top();
            break;
        }
    case 'e' :
        {
            vsk_processing_menu();
            help_top();
            break;
        }
    }
case 's'
{
    vsk_storage_menu();
    help_top();
    break;
}
case 'i'
{
    vsk_iic_diag_main();
    help_top();
    break;
}
}
}
)

static void help_top(void)
{
    print("\n\r");
    print("--------------------------------------------------------\n\r");
    print("-------- MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ECE 480 DESIGN TEAM 3 --------\n\r");
    print("--------------------------------------------------------\n\r");
    print("--------------------- +++++++++++++++++-------------------------------\n\r");
    print("--------------------- +++++ +++++-------------------------------\n\r");
    print("--------------------- +++++ +++++-------------------------------\n\r");
    print("--------------------- +++++ +++++++++++++++++-------------------------------\n\r");
    print("--------------------- +++++ +++++++++++++++++-------------------------------\n\r");
    print("--------------------- +++++ +++++++++++++++++-------------------------------\n\r");
    print("--- FPGA IMPLEMENTATION OF DRIVER ASSISTANCE CAMERA ALGORITHMS ---\n\r");
    print("--------------------------------------------------------\n\r");
    print("e  ENTER EDGE DETECTION MENU\n\r");
    print("\n\r");
    print("\n\r");
}