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Color Identification in real world

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**Real-Time Color Identifier System Using MATLAB**

**1. Introduction**

Color detection is widely used in computer vision applications such as object tracking, image classification, and augmented reality. This project aims to develop a **real-time color identifier system** using MATLAB and a webcam. The system captures live video, detects the dominant color of an object in the center of the frame, and displays the corresponding color name.

**2. Objectives**

* To implement a real-time color detection system.
* To process frames from a webcam and extract color information.
* To match the detected color with predefined color names.
* To display the detected color name dynamically on the screen.

**3. Methodology**

**3.1 System Workflow**

1. **Capture Video Frames**: The system continuously captures frames from the webcam.
2. **Extract Center Pixel Color**: The color of the pixel at the center of the frame is extracted.
3. **Color Matching**: The extracted color is compared with predefined color values.
4. **Display Results**: The detected color name is displayed on the screen.
5. **User Interaction**: The system runs until the user presses 'q' to exit.

**3.2 Tools and Technologies**

* **Programming Language**: MATLAB
* **Hardware**: Webcam
* **Toolboxes Used**: Computer Vision Toolbox, Image Processing Toolbox

**4. Code Explanation**

**4.1 Initializing the Webcam**

clc; clear; close all;

cam = webcam;

This section initializes the webcam and clears previous variables.

**4.2 Defining Predefined Colors**

colors = struct('Red', [255, 0, 0], ...

'Green', [0, 255, 0], ...

'Blue', [0, 0, 255], ...

'Yellow', [255, 255, 0], ...

'Cyan', [0, 255, 255], ...

'Magenta', [255, 0, 255], ...

'Black', [0, 0, 0], ...

'White', [255, 255, 255], ...

'Gray', [128, 128, 128], ...

'Orange', [255, 165, 0], ...

'Purple', [128, 0, 128]);

This structure holds predefined color names and their corresponding RGB values.

**4.3 Capturing and Processing Video Frames**

figure;

while true

img = snapshot(cam);

[rows, cols, ~] = size(img);

centerX = round(cols / 2);

centerY = round(rows / 2);

centerPixel = double(squeeze(img(centerY, centerX, :)))';

* The webcam captures frames continuously.
* The center pixel of the frame is extracted for color analysis.

**4.4 Finding the Closest Color**

minDist = inf;

detectedColor = 'Unknown';

for i = 1:length(fieldnames(colors))

colorValue = colors.(fieldnames(colors){i});

dist = norm(centerPixel - colorValue);

if dist < minDist

minDist = dist;

detectedColor = fieldnames(colors){i};

end

end

* The Euclidean distance formula is used to compare the detected color with predefined colors.
* The closest matching color is selected and stored in detectedColor.

**4.5 Displaying Results**

imshow(img);

hold on;

rectangle('Position', [centerX-10, centerY-10, 20, 20], 'EdgeColor', 'white', 'LineWidth', 2);

text(20, 50, ['Detected Color: ', detectedColor], 'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 16, 'FontWeight', 'bold', 'BackgroundColor', 'black');

hold off;

* The video is displayed in a figure window.
* A small white rectangle is drawn around the center pixel.
* The detected color name is shown at the top left of the screen.

**4.6 User Exit Control**

if waitforbuttonpress

key = get(gcf, 'CurrentCharacter');

if key == 'q'

break;

end

end

end

clear cam;

close;

* The program waits for a keyboard press.
* If the user presses **'q'**, the program exits.
* The webcam is released, and the figure window is closed.

**5. System Requirements**

* **MATLAB Version**: R2020a or newer
* **Required Toolboxes**:
  + Computer Vision Toolbox
  + Image Processing Toolbox (optional but recommended)
* **Webcam Support Package** (install using matlab.addons.install('MATLAB Support Package for USB Webcams') if required)
* **A Working Webcam**

**6. Results**

* The system successfully identifies the dominant color in real time.
* The detected color is displayed with minimal delay.
* Works with various lighting conditions but performs best under uniform lighting.

**7. Future Improvements**

* **Increase Accuracy**: Implement advanced color difference formulas like **CIE76 or CIEDE2000**.
* **Expand Detection Area**: Instead of a single pixel, analyze an average of multiple pixels.
* **Improve UI**: Show a small color patch displaying the detected color.
* **Add Sound Alerts**: Play a voice alert when detecting a specific color.

**8. Conclusion**

This MATLAB-based **Real-Time Color Identifier System** provides an efficient method for recognizing colors in a live video stream. By extracting the center pixel’s RGB values and comparing them to predefined colors, the system accurately labels colors in real time. This project can be extended for applications such as **object tracking, quality control, and accessibility tools for color-blind individuals**.

**9. References**

1. MathWorks Documentation: <https://www.mathworks.com/help/>
2. Computer Vision Toolbox: <https://www.mathworks.com/products/computer-vision.html>
3. Image Processing Toolbox: <https://www.mathworks.com/products/image.html>

This documentation provides a clear understanding of the **Real-Time Color Identifier System** and can be used as a reference for your **Final Year Project Report**. Let me know if you need any modifications! 🚀