Jack of All

Traces

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Use Case/ Problem Statement

With our system, it is possible to play card games over the internet with physical cards.

ECE Areas: Software and Hardware



Game Requirements

- Play with physical cards
- Plays the games Go Fish, Euchre, and Rummy
- Multiplayer support up to 5 players per game
- Be able to input any card for game logic
- Ability to have concurrent games

Quantitative Requirements

- A 18" x 24" playing/vision area
- Playing/vision area updates are done at least once per second
- When dealing cards are emitted at least once per second
- The full physical device is smaller than a shoebox (14 in x 10 in x 5 in) and lighter than 10lbs

Technical Challenges

- Real-time signal handling
- Classification latency
- Identifying unique devices to facilitate multiple players in distinct games
- Interfacing between the multiple physical devices (input, display, and dealing)

Approach/Architecture



Vision Device and Classification

Hardware:

• Raspberry Pi Camera Module 3 Wide

Software:

- OpenCV using Python to detect the card played by the user
- Tensorflow to train an ML model to identify the card's suit and number

Input Device

- 10 key keyboard for user input of cards
- Repaint some keys to represent suits

Output Devices

- 40×4 character LCD Screen to display commands and prompts involved in games
- A mechatronic dealing device is out of scope, but to keep the physical card aspect, we will use a receipt printer





Unit Testing

- 1. Thermal printer: Be able to print the correct cards with corresponding suit and number with a consistent size
- 2. Camera/Computer Vision: Properly identifies card(s)
- 3. Small keyboard: Inputs are properly received and buffered.
- 4. LCD Screen: Displays text, then special characters like suits
- 5. Implementing game logic for different games: Go fish, Euchre, Rummy
- 6. EC2/Networking: Concurrency and logic tests.



Integration Testing

- 1. Software device-level supervisor: Services interrupt from peripherals in a timely manner without dropping any signals.
- 2. *Keyboard/Screen Coupling:* Keypresses appear on screen within our latency targets.
- 3. Server/device Network Protocol: The device supervisor is able to send game state update messages to the server in a timely manner, and the server can reconstruct a matching local game state. The reverse is also true, the server can send commands to the device, which are serviced in a timely manner. The string representation of the game state is shown on the device screen.



Tasks and Timeline



Division of Labor

ML track: Rachel

Hardware track: Mason & Miya

Software track: Mason & Miya (& Rachel)