



Electrical Engineering & Computer Science 373

Introduction to Embedded System Design

Human vs. Tic-Tac-Toe Robot

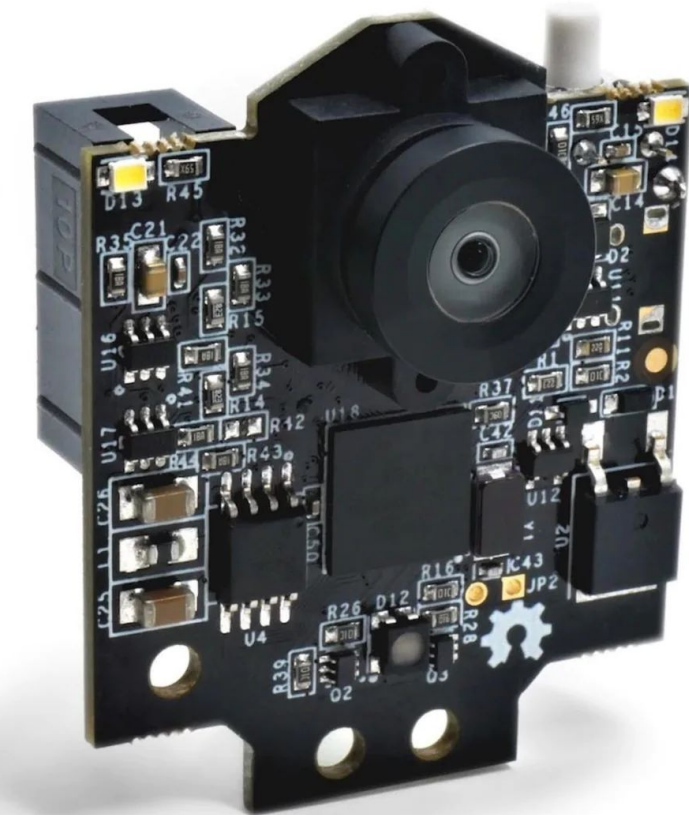
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Introduction:

Play tic-tac-toe on a physical board against a computer!

Implementation

- Detect human moves with camera
- Perform computer moves with a XY-axis plotter
- Facilitate the game through audio & LCD screen



Fast color-based move detection



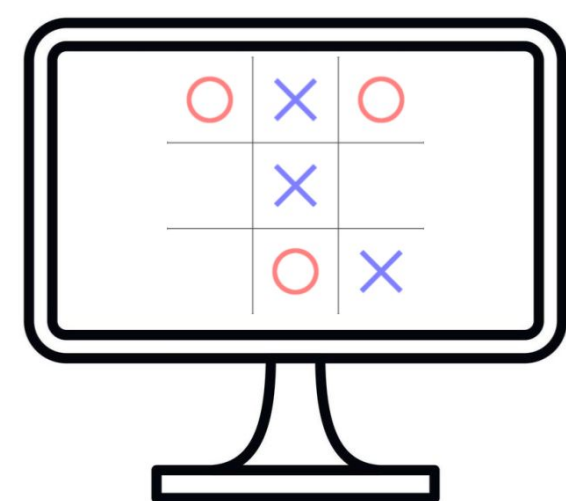
Surround sound for immersive experience



Easy and Fun physical interaction

Problem Description:

We've all played board or card games on a computer monitor

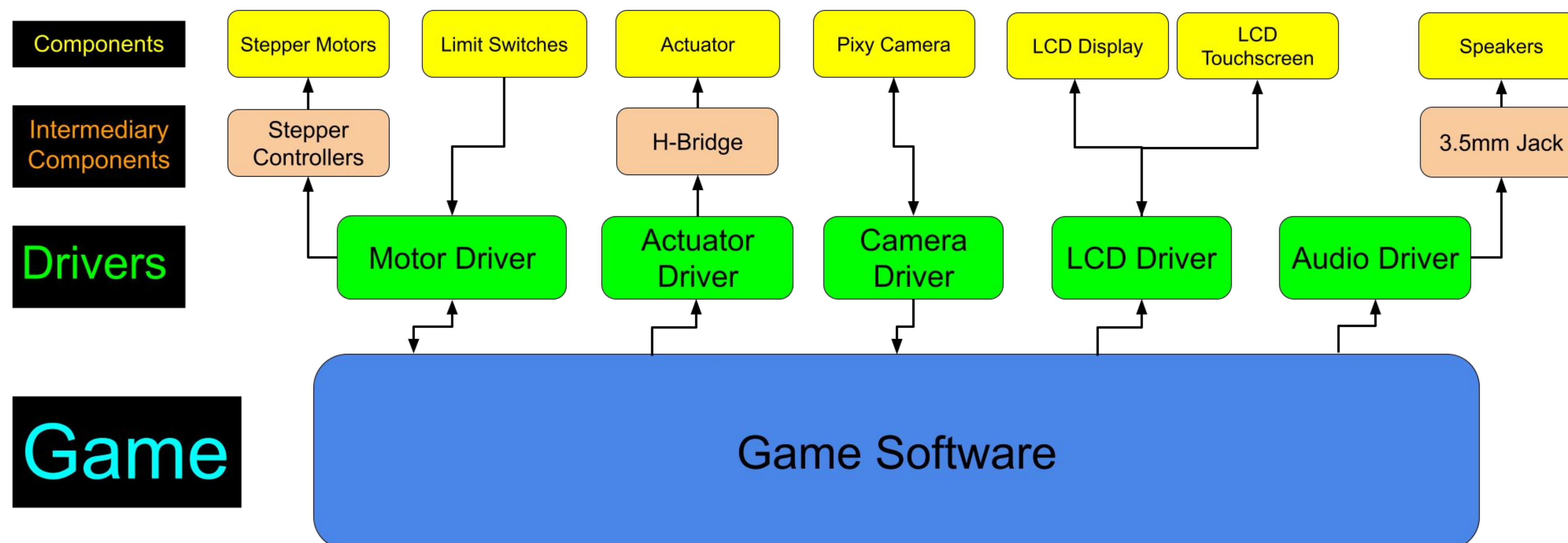


Lacks the tactile & sensory experiences of playing in the real world with a friend.

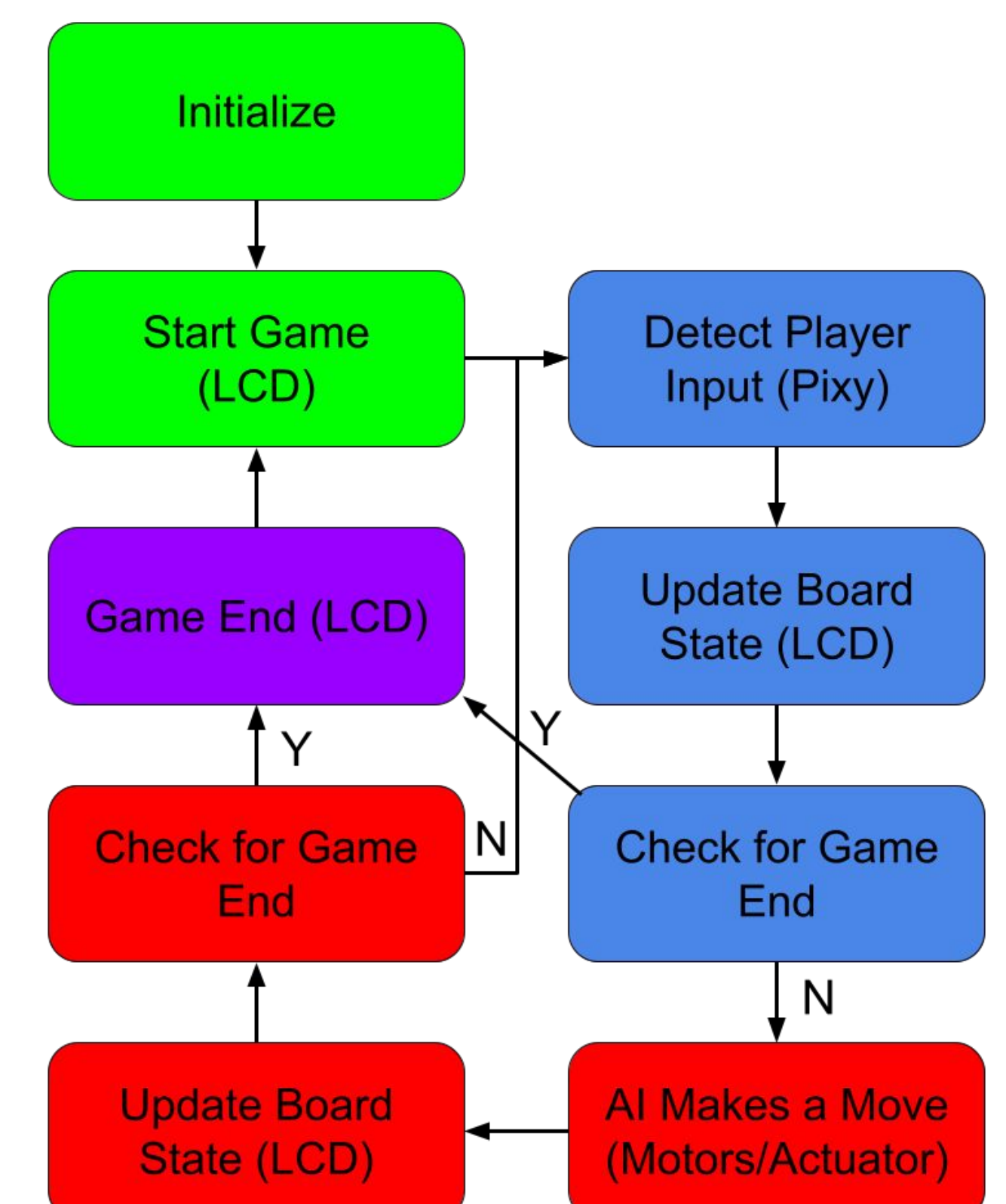
How can we keep the depth and dynamism of real world games while playing with machines?

Solution:

Hardware



Software



LCD:

- Display with current board state over SPI
- Touchscreen to control game flow over SPI

Sound:

- Timer interrupts to set DAC values to play audio

Camera:

- Detect played squares and send them over UART

Stepper Motors:

- X and Y controlled by PWM and direction pins over stepper controllers

Limit Switches:

- Polled by timer interrupts every millisecond

Actuator:

- Reverse polarity through H-bridge

XY Plotter:

- Frame sourced from Makeblock

STM32L4R5 Board:

- Board handles all inter-component communication and game logic