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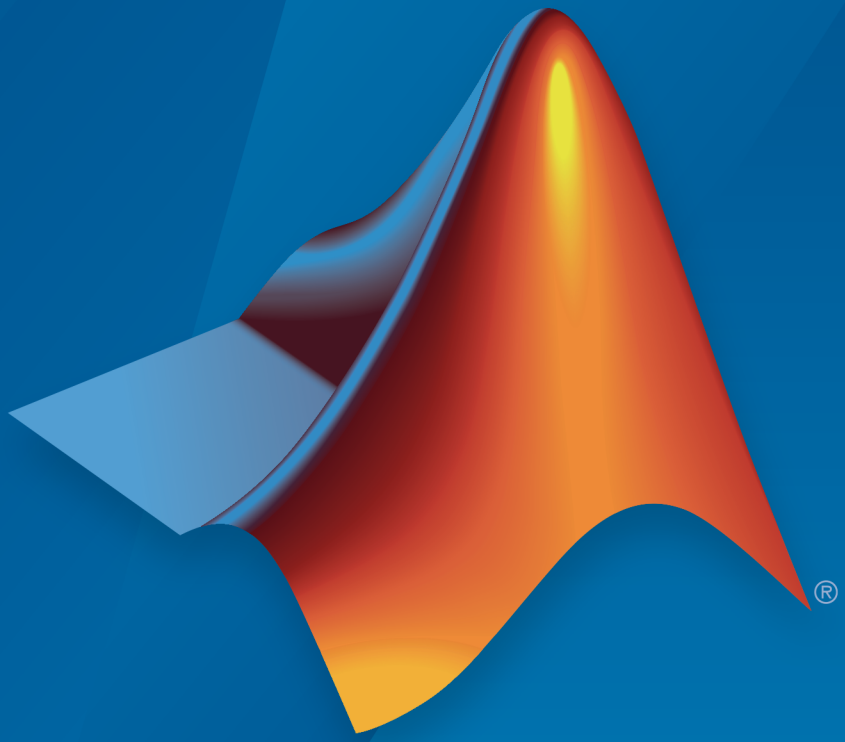

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Chroma Resampler

Downsample or upsample chrominance component

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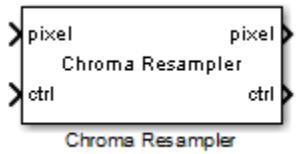
Description

The Chroma Resampler block downsamples or upsamples a pixel stream.

- Downsampling reduces bandwidth and storage requirements in a video system by combining pixel chrominance components over multiple pixels. You can specify a filter to prevent aliasing, by selecting the default filter or by entering coefficients.
- Upsampling restores a signal to its original rate. You can use interpolation or replication to calculate the extra sample.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox™ blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.

The block accepts luma and chrominance components. The block does not modify the luma component, and applies delay to align it with the resampled chrominance outputs. The rate of the output luma component is the same as the input.

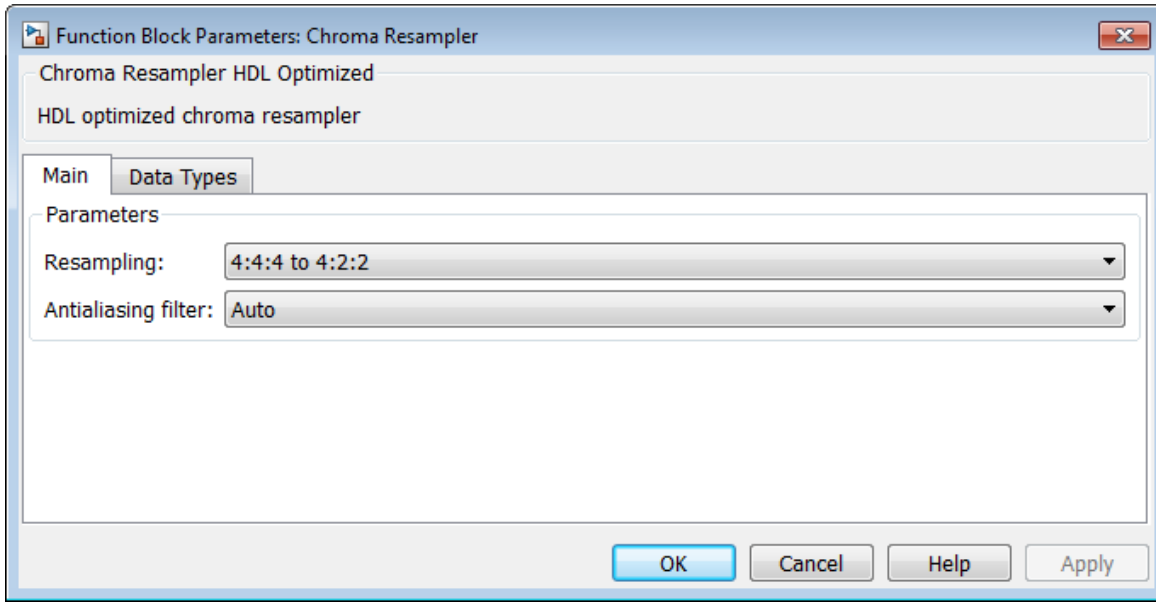


Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input/ Output	Single pixel in Y'CbCr color space, specified as a vector of three values. The data type of the output is the same as the data type of the input.	• `uint8` or `uint16` • `fixdt(0,N,0)`, N = 8,9,...,16 `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`ctrl`	Input/ Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See “Pixel Control Bus”.	`pixelcontrol`

Dialog Box and Parameters

Main



Resampling

Resampling operation.

- `4:4:4 to 4:2:2` (default)
- `4:2:2 to 4:4:4`

If you select `4:4:4 to 4:2:2`, the block performs a downsampling operation. If you select `4:2:2 to 4:4:4`, the block performs an upsampling operation.

Antialiasing filter

Lowpass filter to follow a downsample operation.

- `Auto` (default)
- `Property`

- `None`

If you select `Auto`, the block uses a built-in lowpass filter. If you select `Property`, the **Horizontal filter coefficients** parameter appears on the dialog box. If you select `None`, the block does not filter the input signal. This parameter is visible when you set **Resampling** to `4:4:4 to 4:2:2`.

Horizontal filter coefficients

Coefficients for the antialiasing filter.

Enter the coefficients as a vector. The default is `[0.2,0.6,0.2]`. This parameter is visible if you set **Resampling** to `4:4:4 to 4:2:2` and **Antialiasing filter** to `Property`.

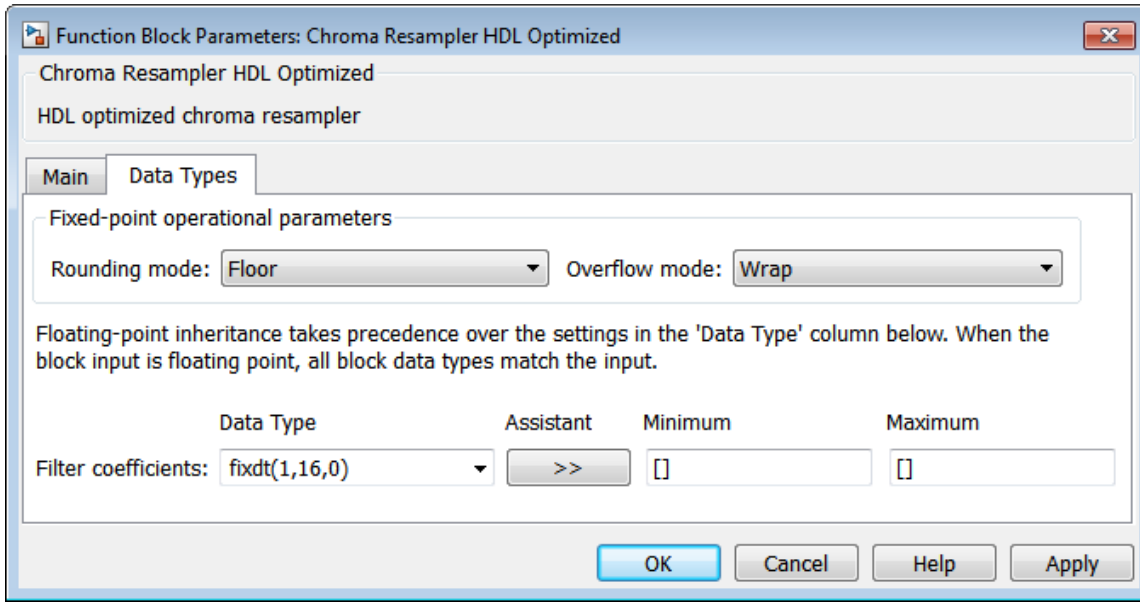
Interpolation

Interpolation method for an upsample operation.

- `Linear` (default)
- `Pixel replication`

If you select `Linear`, the block uses linear interpolation to calculate the missing values. If you select `Pixel replication`, the block repeats the chrominance values of the preceding pixel to create the missing pixel. This parameter is visible if you set **Resampling** to `4:2:2 to 4:4:4`.

Data Types



The parameters on this tab appear only when they are relevant. If your selections on the **Main** tab configure the block so that no filter coefficients are needed, or no rounding or overflow is possible, the irrelevant parameter is hidden.

Rounding mode

Rounding method for internal fixed-point calculations. **Rounding mode** appears when you select linear interpolation, or include an antialiasing filter. The default is `Floor`.

Overflow mode

Overflow action for internal fixed-point calculations. Overflow can occur when you include an antialiasing filter. The default is `Wrap`.

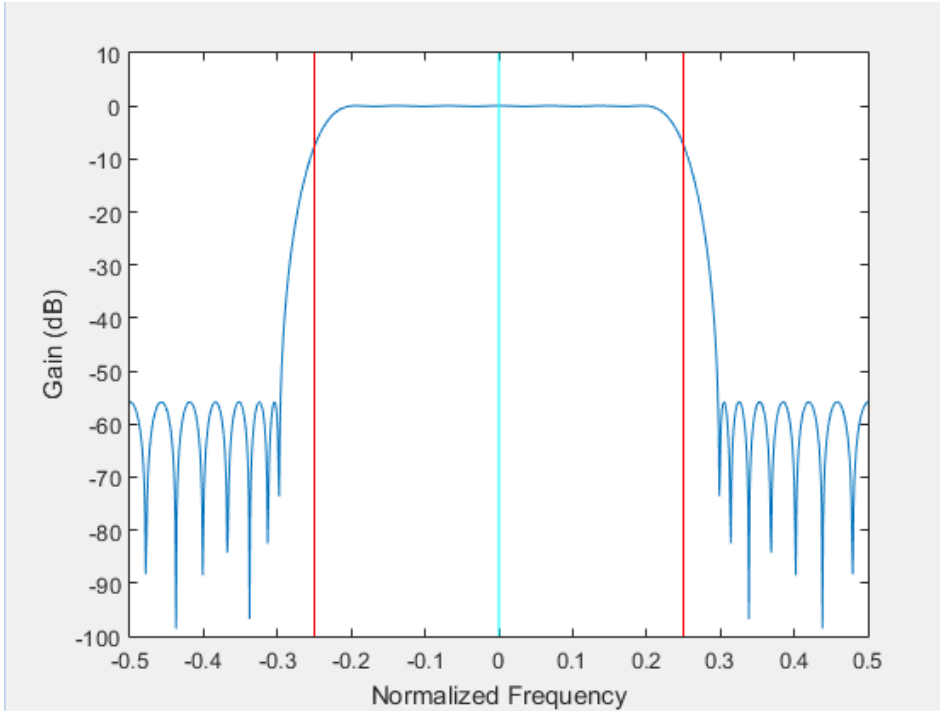
Filter coefficients

Data type for the antialiasing filter coefficients.

The default is `fixdt(1,16,0)`. This parameter is visible when you set **Antialiasing filter** to `Auto` or `Property`.

Algorithm

The default antialiasing filter is a 29-tap lowpass filter that matches the default Chroma Resampling block in Computer Vision System Toolbox™. In the frequency response of this filter, the passband, [-0.25 0.25], occupies half of the total bandwidth. This filter suppresses aliasing after `4:4:4 to 4:2:2` downsampling.



Whether you use the default filter or specify your own coefficients, the filter is implemented in HDL using a fully parallel architecture. HDL code generation takes advantage of symmetric, unity, or zero-value coefficients to reduce the number of multipliers.

The block pads the edge of the image with symmetric pixel values. See “Edge Padding”. Also, if the frame is an odd number of pixels wide, the block symmetrically pads the line. This accommodation makes the block more resilient to video timing variation.

Latency

The latency is the number of cycles between the first valid input pixel and the first valid output pixel. When you use an antialiasing filter, the latency depends on the size and value of the filter coefficients. The FIR delay can be less than the number of coefficients because the block optimizes out duplicate or zero-value coefficients.

Block Configuration	Latency
Downsample (4:4:4 to 4:2:2), no filter	3
Downsample (4:4:4 to 4:2:2), with filter	4+(N/2)+FIR delay, N = number of filter coefficients
Upsample (4:2:2 to 4:4:4), replication	3
Upsample (4:2:2 to 4:4:4), interpolation	5

For example, the latency for a downsample using the default filter is 30 cycles.

Note: The horizontal blanking interval of the pixel stream format must be greater than the latency of the block. This interval enables the block to finish processing one line before it starts processing the next one. If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

See Also

visionhdl.ChromaResampler | `Chroma Resampling` | `Frame To Pixels`

Introduced in R2015a

Closing

Morphological close

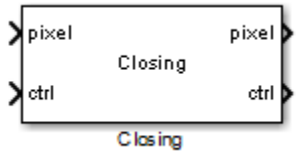
Library

visionhdlmorph

Description

The Closing block performs a morphological dilation operation, followed by a morphological erosion operation, using the same neighborhood for both calculations. The block operates on a stream of binary intensity values.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.

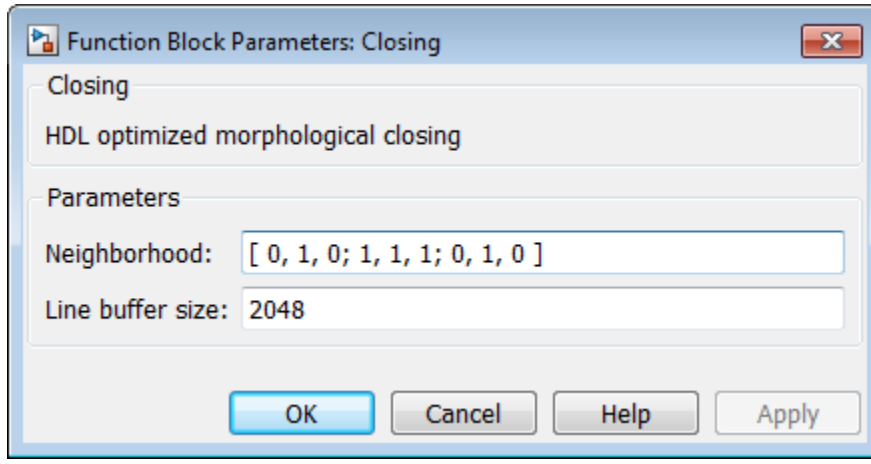


Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input/ Output	Single image pixel, specified as a scalar binary value.	`boolean`

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`ctrl`	Input/ Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See "Pixel Control Bus".	`pixelcontrol`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Neighborhood

Pixel neighborhood, specified as a matrix or vector of ones and zeros.

The block supports neighborhoods of up to 32×32 pixels. To use a structuring element, specify the **Neighborhood** as `getnhood(strel(`*shape*`))`. The default is `[0,1,0;1,1,1;0,1,0]`.

Line buffer size

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the block uses the next largest

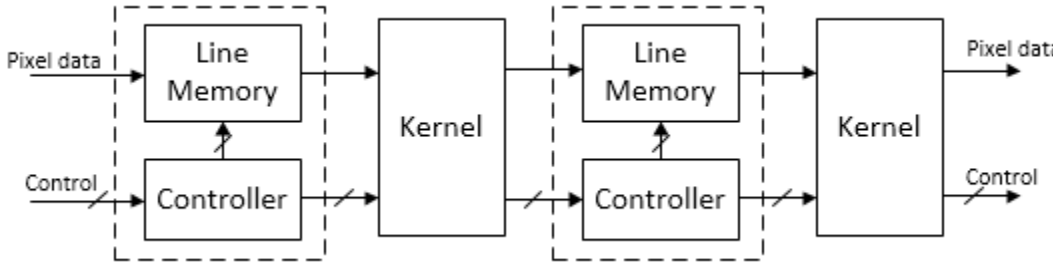
power of two. The block allocates *neighborhood lines - 1*-by-**Line buffer size** memory locations to store the pixels. The default value is 2048.

Algorithm

The block pads the image with zeroes for the dilation operation, and with ones for the erosion operation. See “Edge Padding”.

Latency

The total latency of the block is the line buffer latency plus the latency of the kernel calculation. Morphological closing is a compound operation. Therefore, this block contains a second line buffer between the dilation kernel and the erosion kernel. You can monitor the number of timesteps between the input control signals and the output control signals to determine the exact latency for any configuration of the block.



The latency of the line memory includes edge padding. The latency of the kernel depends on the neighborhood size.

Note: The horizontal blanking interval of the pixel stream format must be greater than the latency of the block. This interval enables the block to finish processing one line before it starts processing the next one. If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

See Also

visionhdl.Closing | `Closing` | `Dilation` | `Erosion` | `Frame To Pixels` | `getnhood` | `strel`

Introduced in R2015a

Color Space Converter

Convert color information between color spaces

Library

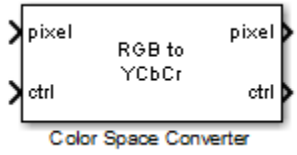
visionhdlconversions

Description

The Color Space Converter block converts between R'G'B' and Y'CbCr color spaces, and also converts R'G'B' to intensity.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.

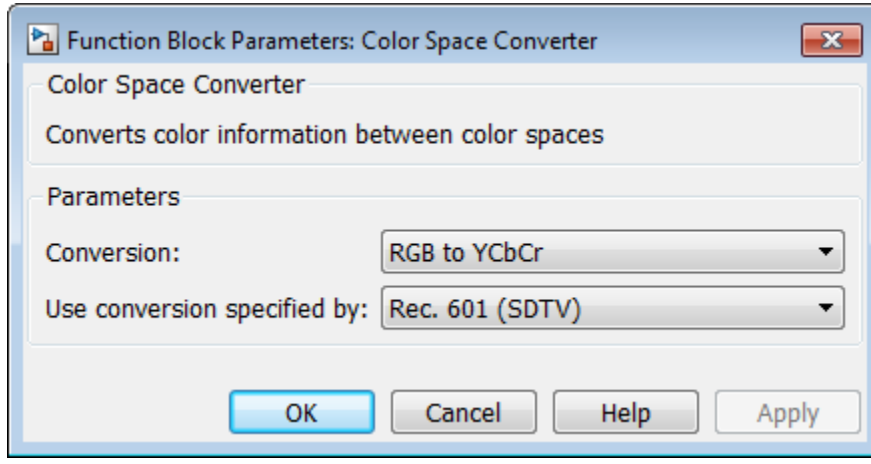
Note: The Color Space Converter block operates on gamma-corrected color spaces. However, to simplify use of the block, the block and mask labels do not include the prime notation.



Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input/ Output	Single image pixel, specified by a vector of three values representing R'G'B' or Y'CbCr, or a scalar value representing intensity. The data type of the output is the same as the data type of the input.	• `uint8` or `uint16` • `fixdt(0,N,0)`, $N = 8,9,...,16$ `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`ctrl`	Input/ Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See "Pixel Control Bus".	`pixelcontrol`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Conversion

Conversion that the block performs on the input video stream.

- `RGB to YCbCr` (default)

- `YCbCr to RGB`
- `RGB to intensity`

The block accepts input as a vector of three values representing a single pixel. If you choose `RGB to intensity`, the output is a scalar value. Otherwise, the output is a vector of three values.

Use conversion specified by

Conversion equation to use on the input video stream. This parameter does not apply when you set **Conversion** to `RGB to intensity`.

- `Rec. 601 (SDTV)` (default)
- `Rec. 709 (HDTV)`

Scanning standard

Scanning standard to use for HDTV conversion. This parameter applies when you set **Use conversion specified by** to `Rec. 709 (HDTV)`.

- `1250/50/2:1` (default)
- `1125/60/2:1`

Algorithm

Conversion Between R'G'B' and Y'CbCr Color Spaces

The following equations define R'G'B' to Y'CbCr conversion and Y'CbCr to R'G'B' conversion:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y' \\ Cb \\ Cr \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 128 \\ 128 \end{bmatrix} + \mathrm{A} \times \begin{bmatrix} R' \\ G' \\ B' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R' \\ G' \\ B' \end{bmatrix} = \mathrm{B} \times \left(\begin{bmatrix} Y' \\ Cb \\ Cr \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 128 \\ 128 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

The values in matrices A and B are based on your choices for the **Use conversion specified by** and **Scanning standard** parameters.

Matrix	Use conversion specified by = Rec. 601 (SDTV)	Use conversion specified by = Rec. 709 (HDTV)	
		Scanning standard = 1125/60/2:1	Scanning standard = 1250/50/2:1
A	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.25678824 & 0.50412941 & 0.09790588 \\ -0.1482229 & -0.29099279 & 0.43921569 \\ 0.43921569 & -0.36778831 & -0.07142737 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.18258588 & 0.61423059 & 0.06200706 \\ -0.10064373 & -0.33857195 & 0.43921569 \\ 0.43921569 & -0.39894216 & -0.04027352 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.25678824 & 0.50412941 & 0.09790588 \\ -0.1482229 & -0.29099279 & 0.43921569 \\ 0.43921569 & -0.36778831 & -0.07142737 \end{bmatrix}$
B	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.1643836 & 0 & 1.5960268 \\ 1.1643836 & -0.39176229 & -0.81296765 \\ 1.1643836 & 2.0172321 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.16438356 & 0 & 1.79274107 \\ 1.16438356 & -0.21324861 & -0.53290933 \\ 1.16438356 & 2.11240179 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.1643836 & 0 & 1.5960268 \\ 1.1643836 & -0.39176229 & -0.81296765 \\ 1.1643836 & 2.0172321 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Conversion from R'G'B' to Intensity

The following equation defines conversion from R'G'B' color space to intensity:

$$\text{intensity} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R' \\ G' \\ B' \end{bmatrix}$$

Data Types

For fixed-point and integer input, the block converts matrix A to `fixdt(1,17,16)`, and matrix B to `fixdt(1,17,14)`.

For double or single input, the block applies the conversion matrices in double type, and scales the Y'CbCr offset vector (`[16,128,128]`) by 1/255. The block saturates double or single R'G'B' and intensity outputs to the range `[0,1]`.

The Y'CbCr standard includes headroom and footroom. For 8-bit data, luminance values 16–235, and chrominance values 16–240, are valid. The Color Space Converter block pins out-of-range input to these limits before calculating the conversion. The block scales the offset vector and the allowed headroom and footroom depending on the word length of the input signals. For example, when you convert a Y'CbCr input of type `fixdt(0,10,0)` to R'G'B', the block multiplies the offset vector by $2^{(10-8)} = 4$. As a result, the valid luminance range becomes 64–940 and the valid chrominance range becomes 64–960.

Latency

Blocks with R'G'B' input have a latency of 9 cycles. Blocks with Y'CbCr input have a latency of 10 cycles because one cycle is required to check for and correct headroom and footroom violations.

Note: The horizontal blanking interval of the pixel stream format must be greater than the latency of the block. This interval enables the block to finish processing one line before it starts processing the next one. If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

See Also

visionhdl.ColorspaceConverter | `Color Space Conversion` | `Frame To Pixels`

Introduced in R2015a

Demosaic Interpolator

Construct RGB pixel data from Bayer pattern pixels

Library

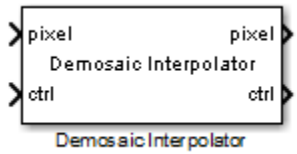
visionhdlconversions

Description

The Demosaic Interpolator block provides a Bayer pattern interpolation filter for streaming video data. The block implements the calculations using hardware-efficient, multiplier-free algorithms for HDL code generation. You can select a low complexity bilinear interpolation, or a moderate complexity gradient-corrected bilinear interpolation.

- When you choose bilinear interpolation, the block operates on a 3×3 pixel window using only additions and bit shifts.
- When you choose gradient correction, the block operates on a 5×5 pixel window. The calculation is performed using bit shift, addition, and low order Canonical Signed Digit (CSD) multiplication.

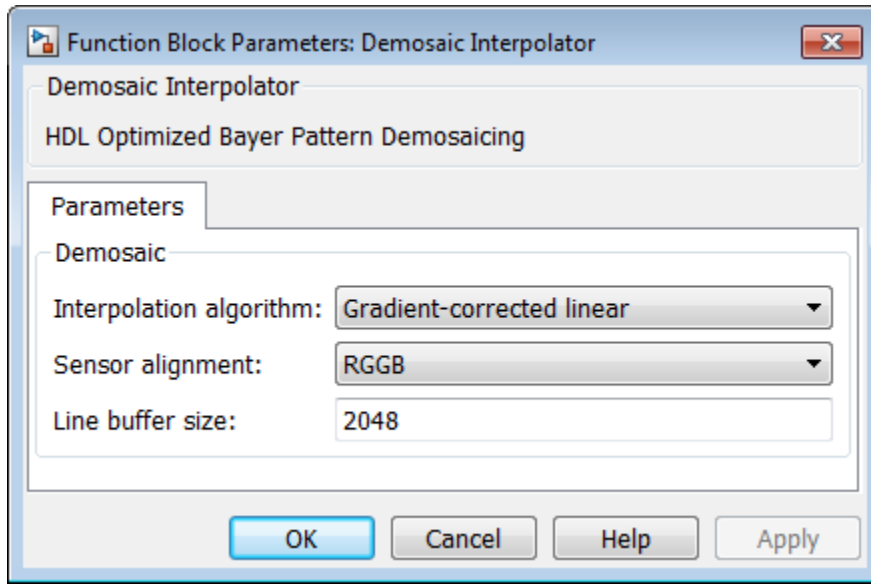
This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.



Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input	Single pixel, specified as a scalar value.	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt(0,N,0)` `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`ctrl`	Input/ Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See “Pixel Control Bus”.	`pixelcontrol`
`pixel`	Output	Single pixel in RGB color space, returned as a vector of three values.	Same as the input`pixel`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Interpolation algorithm

Algorithm the block uses to calculate the missing pixel values.

- `Bilinear` — Average of the pixel values in the surrounding 3×3 neighborhood.
- `Gradient-corrected linear` (default) — Bilinear average, corrected for intensity gradient.

Sensor alignment

Color sequence of the pixels in the input stream.

Select the sequence of R, G and B pixels that correspond to the 2-by-2 block of pixels in the top-left corner of the input image. Specify the sequence in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order. For instance, the default `RGGB` represents an image with this pattern.

R	G
G	B

Line buffer size

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of 2 that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the object uses the next largest power of two. When you select `Bilinear` interpolation, the block allocates 2-by-**Line buffer size** memory locations. When you select `Gradient-corrected linear` interpolation, the block allocates 4-by-**Line buffer size** memory locations. The default value is 2048.

Algorithm

The block pads the edges of the image with symmetric pixel values. See “Edge Padding”.

Interpolation

Bilinear Interpolation

The block interpolates the missing color values using a 3×3 neighborhood. The average is calculated over the adjacent two pixels or four pixels, depending on the sensor color pattern. The block implements this algorithm using only add and shift operations.

Gradient-Corrected Linear Interpolation

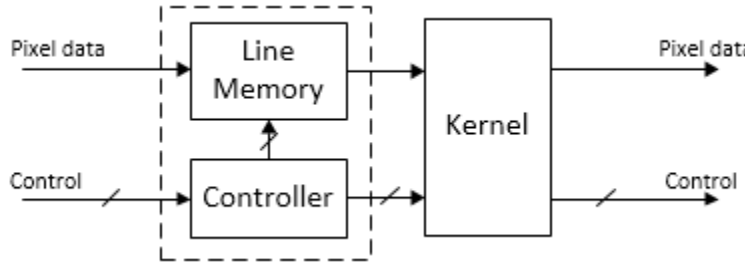
Gradient correction improves interpolation performance across edges by taking advantage of the correlation between the color channels. The block calculates the missing color values using bilinear interpolation, and then modifies the value corresponding to the intensity gradient calculated over a 5×5 neighborhood. The block applies the gradient correction using a fixed set of filter kernels. The filter coefficients were designed empirically to perform well over a wide range of image data. The coefficients are multiples of powers of two to enable an efficient hardware implementation. See [1].

Latency

The block buffers one line of input pixels before starting bilinear interpolation calculations. The gradient correction calculation starts after the block buffers 2 lines.

The latency of the block is the line buffer latency plus the latency of the kernel calculation. The line buffer latency includes edge padding. To determine the exact latency

for any configuration of the block, you can measure the number of time steps between the input control signals and the output control signals .



Note: The horizontal blanking interval of the pixel stream format must be greater than the latency of the block. This interval enables the block to finish processing one line before it starts processing the next one. If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

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See Also

visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator | `Demosaic` | `Frame To Pixels`

Introduced in R2015a

Dilation

Morphological dilate

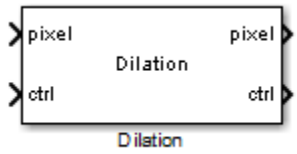
Library

visionhdlmorph

Description

The Dilation block replaces each pixel with the local maximum of the neighborhood around the pixel. The block operates on a stream of binary intensity values.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.

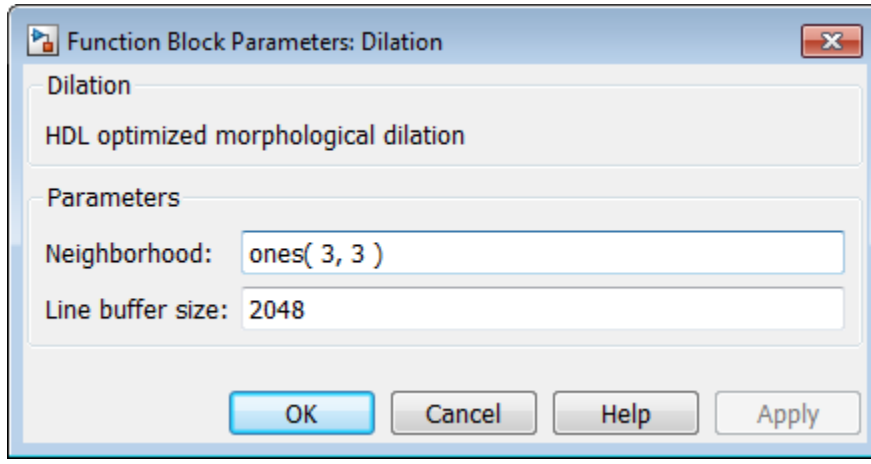


Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input/ Output	Single image pixel, specified as a scalar binary value.	`boolean`

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`ctrl`	Input/ Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See "Pixel Control Bus".	`pixelcontrol`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Neighborhood

Pixel neighborhood, specified as a matrix or vector of ones and zeros.

The block supports neighborhoods of up to 32×32 pixels. To use a structuring element, specify **Neighborhood** as `getnhood(strel(`*shape*`))`. The default is `ones(3,3)`.

Line buffer size

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the block uses the next largest

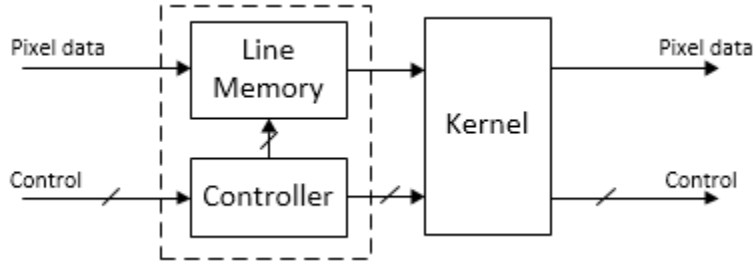
power of two. The block allocates *neighborhood lines - 1*-by-**Line buffer size** memory locations to store the pixels. The default value is 2048.

Algorithm

The block pads the image with zeroes for the dilation operation. See “Edge Padding”.

Latency

The latency of the block is the line buffer latency plus the latency of the kernel calculation. The line buffer latency includes edge padding. To determine the exact latency for any configuration of the block, you can measure the number of time steps between the input control signals and the output control signals .



The latency of the kernel depends on the neighborhood size.

Note: The horizontal blanking interval of the pixel stream format must be greater than the latency of the block. This interval enables the block to finish processing one line before it starts processing the next one. If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

See Also

visionhdl.Dilation | `Dilation` | `Frame To Pixels` | `getnhood` | `strel`

Introduced in R2015a

Edge Detector

Find edges of objects in image

Library

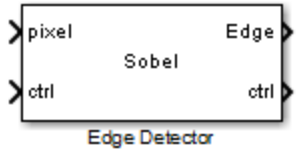
visionhdlanalysis

Description

The Edge Detector block finds the edges in a grayscale pixel stream using the Sobel, Prewitt, or Roberts method. The block convolves the input pixels with derivative approximation matrices to find the gradient of pixel magnitude along two orthogonal directions. It then compares the sum of the squares of the gradients to the square of a configurable threshold to determine if the gradients represent an edge.

By default, the block returns a binary image as a stream of pixel values. A pixel value of 1 indicates that the pixel is an edge. You can disable the edge output. You can also enable output of the gradient values in the two orthogonal directions at each pixel.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.



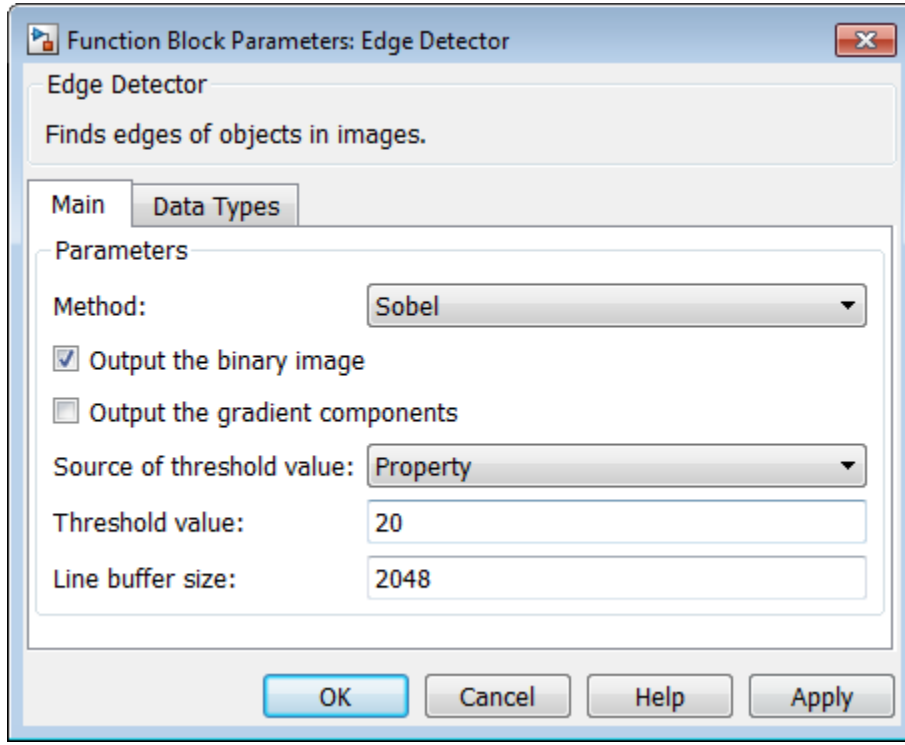
Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input	Single image pixel, specified as a scalar value.	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt()` `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`ctrl`	Input	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See “Pixel Control Bus”.	`pixelcontrol`
`Th`	Input (optional)	Threshold value that defines an edge, specified as a scalar. The block compares the square of this value to the sum of the squares of the gradients.	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt()` `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`Edge`	Output (optional)	Pixel value indicating whether the pixel is an edge, returned as a scalar binary value.	`boolean`
`Gv`, `Gh`	Output (optional)	Vertical and horizontal gradient values. These ports are visible when you choose the Sobel or Prewitt method.	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt()` `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`G45`, `G135`	Output (optional)	Orthogonal gradient values. These ports are visible when you choose the Roberts method.	Same as `Gv`, `Gh`
`ctrl`	Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within	`pixelcontrol`

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
		the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See “Pixel Control Bus”.	

Dialog Box and Parameters

Main



Method

Edge detection algorithm.

Select `Sobel`, `Prewitt`, or `Roberts` method.

Output the binary image

Enable the `Edge` output port.

When selected, the block returns a stream of binary pixels representing the edges detected in the input frame. By default, this check box is selected. You must select at least one of **Output the binary image** and **Output the gradient components**.

Output the gradient components

Enable the gradient output ports.

When selected, two output ports return values representing the gradients calculated in the two orthogonal directions. By default, this check box is not selected. When you set **Method** to `Sobel` or `Prewitt`, the output ports `Gv` and `Gh` appear on the block. When you set **Method** to `Roberts`, the output ports `G45` and `G135` appear on the block.

You must select at least one of **Output the binary image** and **Output the gradient components**.

Source of threshold value

Source for the gradient threshold value that indicates an edge.

You can set the threshold from an input port or from the dialog box. The default value is `Property`. If you select `Input port`, the `Th` port appears on the block icon.

Threshold value

Gradient threshold value that indicates an edge.

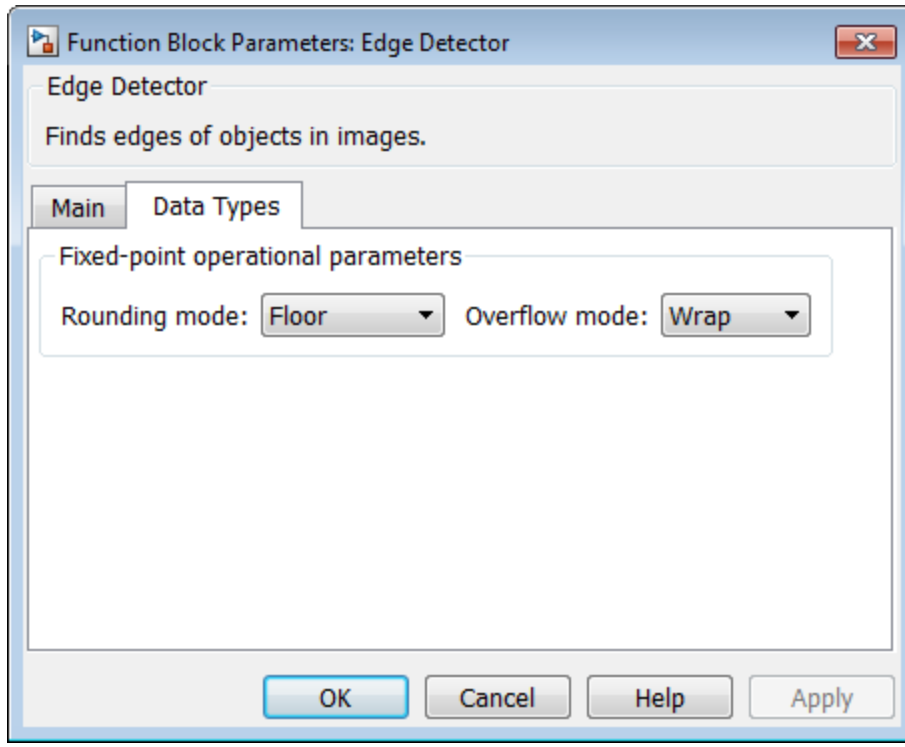
The block compares the square of this value to the sum of the squares of the gradients. The block casts this value to the data type of the gradients. The default value is 20. This option is visible when you set **Source of threshold value** to `Property`.

Line buffer size

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the block uses the next largest power of two. The block allocates (*N* - *1*)-by-**Line buffer size** memory locations to store the pixels, where *N* is the number of lines in the differential approximation matrix. If you set **Method** to `Sobel` or `Prewitt`, then *N* is 3. If you set **Method** to `Roberts`, then *N* is 2. The default value is 20.

Data Types


Function Block Parameters: Edge Detector
Edge Detector
Finds edges of objects in images.
Main
Data Types
Fixed-point operational parameters
Rounding mode:
Floor
Overflow mode:
Wrap
OK
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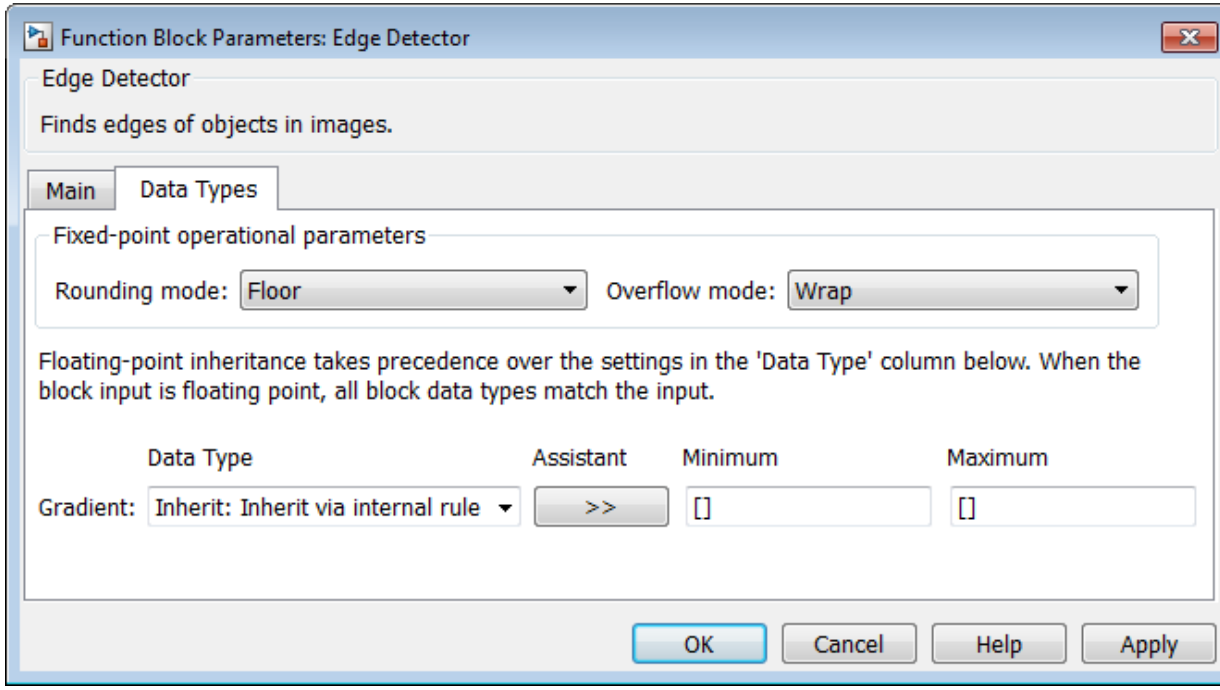


Rounding mode

Rounding mode for internal fixed-point calculations. The default is `Floor`.

Overflow mode

Overflow mode for internal fixed-point calculations. The default is `Wrap`.

Gradient Data Type

Data type for the two gradient output ports.

If you select the **Output the gradient components** check box on the **Main** tab, the **Gradient Data Type** appears on this tab. The default is **Inherit via internal rule**, which means the block automatically chooses full-precision data types.

Algorithm

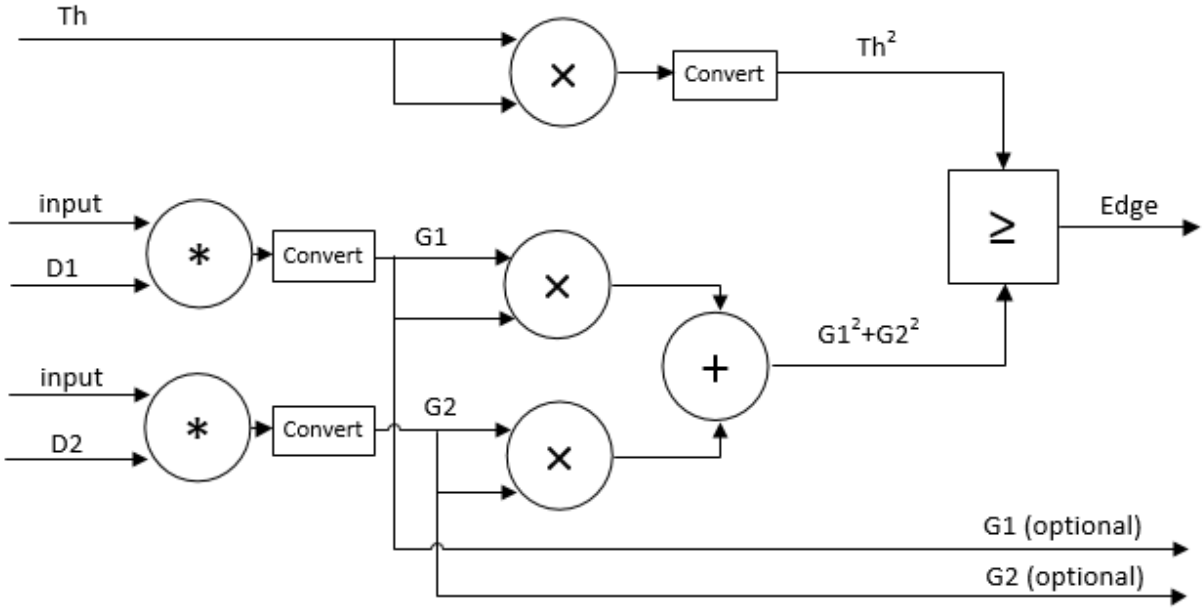
The Edge Detector block provides three methods for detecting edges in an input image. The methods use different derivative approximation matrices to find two orthogonal

gradients. The Sobel and Prewitt methods calculate the gradient in horizontal and vertical directions. The Roberts method calculates the gradients at 45 degrees and 135 degrees. The block uses the same matrices as the Edge Detection block in Computer Vision System Toolbox.

Method	Direction 1	Direction 2
Sobel	$\frac{1}{8}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{8}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
Prewitt	$\frac{1}{6}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{6}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Note: The Prewitt coefficients require extra bits of precision because they are not powers of two. The block uses 16 bits to represent the Prewitt coefficients. For 8-bit input, the default size of the full-precision gradients is 27 bits. When using the Prewitt method, a good practice is to reduce the word length used for the gradient calculation. Select the **Output the gradient components** check box, and then on the **Data Types** tab, specify a smaller word length using **Gradient Data Type**.

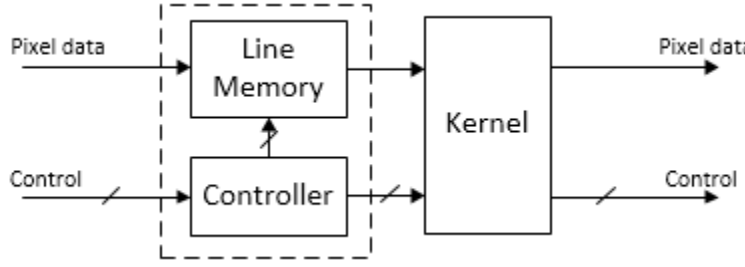
The block convolves the neighborhood of the input pixel with the derivative matrices, D1 and D2. It then compares the sum of the squares of the gradients to the square of the threshold. Computing the square of the threshold avoids constructing a square root circuit. The block casts the gradients to the type you specified on the **Data Types** tab. The type conversion on the square of the threshold matches the type of the sum of the squares of the gradients.



The block pads the edge of the image with symmetric pixel values. See “Edge Padding”.

Latency

The latency of the block is the line buffer latency plus the latency of the kernel calculation. The line buffer latency includes edge padding. To determine the exact latency for any configuration of the block, you can measure the number of time steps between the input control signals and the output control signals .



Note: The horizontal blanking interval of the pixel stream format must be greater than the latency of the block. This interval enables the block to finish processing one line before it starts processing the next one. If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

See Also

visionhdl.EdgeDetector | `Edge Detection` | `Frame To Pixels`

Related Examples

- "Edge Detection and Image Overlay"

Introduced in R2015a

Erosion

Morphological erode

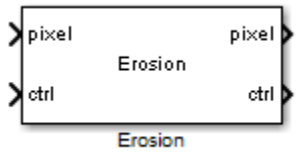
Library

visionhdlmorph

Description

The Erosion block replaces each pixel with the local minimum of the neighborhood around the pixel. The block operates on a stream of binary intensity values.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.

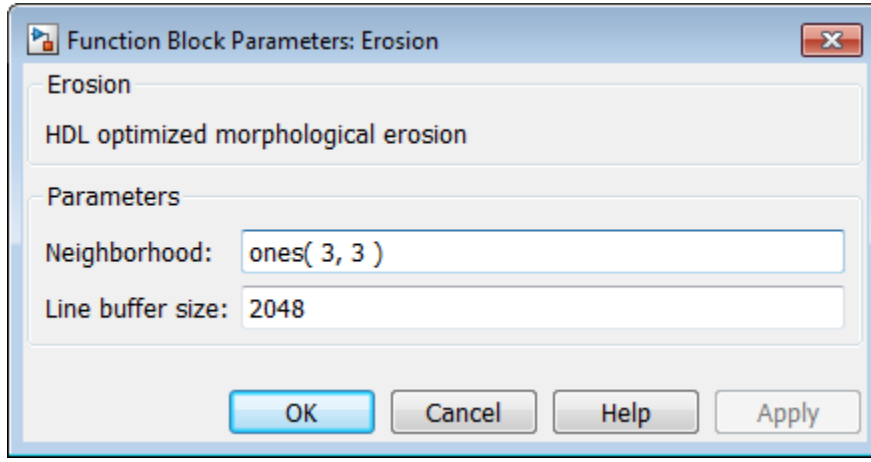


Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input/ Output	Single image pixel, specified as a scalar binary value.	`boolean`

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`ctrl`	Input/ Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See "Pixel Control Bus".	`pixelcontrol`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Neighborhood

Pixel neighborhood, specified as a matrix or vector of ones and zeros.

The block supports neighborhoods of up to 32×32 pixels. To use a structuring element, specify **Neighborhood** as `getnhood(strel(`*shape*`))`. The default is `ones(3,3)`.

Line buffer size

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

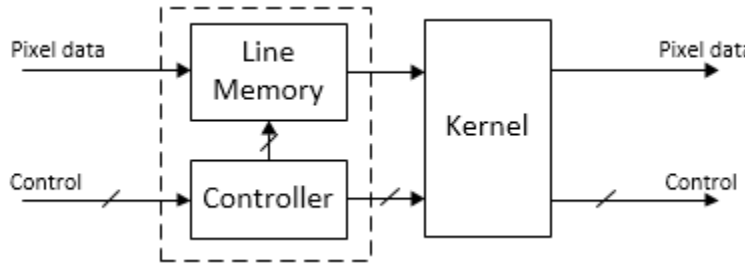
Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the block uses the next largest power of two. The block allocates *neighborhood lines* - *1*-by-**Line buffer size** memory locations to store the pixels. The default value is 2048.

Algorithm

The block pads the edge of the image with ones for the erosion operation. See “Edge Padding”.

Latency

The latency of the block is the line buffer latency plus the latency of the kernel calculation. The line buffer latency includes edge padding. To determine the exact latency for any configuration of the block, you can measure the number of time steps between the input control signals and the output control signals .



The latency of the kernel depends on the neighborhood size.

Note: The horizontal blanking interval of the pixel stream format must be greater than the latency of the block. This interval enables the block to finish processing one line before it starts processing the next one. If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

See Also

visionhdl.Erosion | `Erosion` | `Frame To Pixels` | `getnhood` | `strel`

Introduced in R2015a

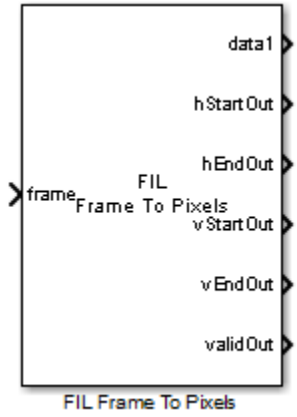
FIL Frame To Pixels

Convert full-frame video to pixel stream for FPGA-in-the-loop

Library

visionhdlio

Description



The FIL Frame To Pixels block performs the same frame-to-pixel conversion as the `Frame To Pixels` block. In addition, you can configure the width of the output vector to be a single pixel, a line, or an entire frame. The block returns control signals in vectors of the same width as the pixel data. This optimization makes more efficient use of the communication link between the FPGA board and your Simulink® simulation when using FPGA-in-the-loop (FIL). To run FPGA-in-the-loop, you must have an HDL Verifier™ license.

When you generate a programming file for a FIL target in Simulink, the tool creates a model to compare the FIL simulation with your Simulink design. For Vision HDL Toolbox designs, the FIL block in that model replicates the pixel-streaming interface to send one pixel at a time to the FPGA. You can modify the autogenerated model to use

the FIL Frame To Pixels and FIL Pixels To Frame blocks to improve communication bandwidth with the FPGA board by sending one frame at a time. For how to modify the autogenerated model, see “FPGA-in-the-Loop”.

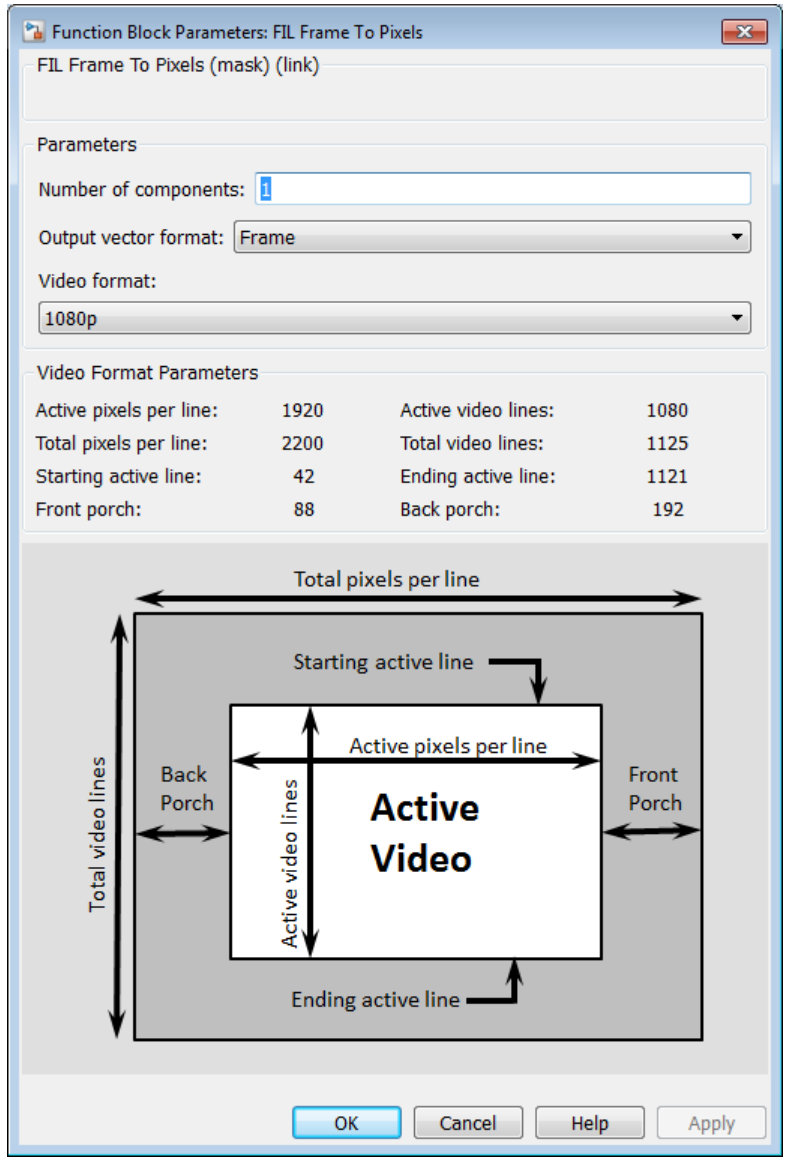
Specify the same video format and vector size for the FIL Frames To Pixels block and the FIL Pixels To Frame block.

Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`matrix`	Input	Full image, specified as an **Active pixels per line**-by-**Active video lines**-by-*N* matrix. The height and width are the dimensions of the active image specified in **Video format**. *N* is the **Number of components** used to express a single pixel.	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt()` • `boolean` • `double` or `single`
`data1,...,da`	Output	Image pixels, returned as a vector of *M* values, where *M* is the width of the **Output vector format**. There are *N* data ports, where *N* is the **Number of components**.	Specified by **Data type**
`hStartOut`	Output	Control signal indicating whether each pixel is the first pixel in a horizontal line of a frame, returned as a vector of *M* values.	`boolean`
`hEndOut`	Output	Control signal indicating whether each pixel is the last pixel in a horizontal line of a frame, returned as a vector of *M* values.	`boolean`
`vStartOut`	Output	Control signal indicating whether each pixel is the first pixel in the first (top) line of a frame, returned as a vector of *M* values.	`boolean`
`vEndOut`	Output	Control signal indicating whether each pixel is the last pixel in the last (bottom) line of a frame, returned as a vector of *M* values.	`boolean`

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`validOut`	Output	Control signal indicating the validity of the output pixel, returned as a vector of *M* values.	`boolean`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Number of components

Component values of each pixel. The pixel can be represented by 1, 3, or 4 components. Set to 1 for grayscale video. Set to 3 for color video, for example, {R,G,B} or {Y,Cb,Cr}. Set to 4 to use color with an alpha channel for transparency. The output is an **Active pixels per line**-by-**Active video lines**-by-**Number of components** image matrix.

Data type

Output pixel data type. The default is `uint8`.

Output vector format

Size of the vector used to communicate with the FPGA subsystem. The block outputs pixels and control signals in vectors of the same length. The block calculates the length of the vectors based on the **Video format** parameter.

- `Pixel` — Output scalar values for pixel and control signals.
- `Line` — Output vectors contain **Total pixels per line** values.
- `Frame` — Output vectors contain **Total pixels per line** × **Total video lines** values.

A larger value results in faster communication between the FPGA board and Simulink. Choose the largest option that is supported by the I/O and memory resources on your board.

Video format

Dimensions of active and inactive regions of a video frame. To select a predefined format, use the **Video format** list. For a custom format, select `Custom`, and then specify the dimensions as integers.

Video Format	Active Pixels Per Line	Active Video Lines	Total Pixels Per Line	Total Video Lines	Starting Active Line	Front Porch
240p	320	240	402	324	1	44
480p	640	480	800	525	36	16
480pH	720	480	858	525	33	16
576p	720	576	864	625	47	12
720p	1280	720	1650	750	25	110
768p	1024	768	1344	806	10	24

Video Format	Active Pixels Per Line	Active Video Lines	Total Pixels Per Line	Total Video Lines	Starting Active Line	Front Porch
1024p	1280	1024	1688	1066	42	48
1080p (default)	1920	1080	2200	1125	42	88
1200p	1600	1200	2160	1250	50	64
2KCinema	2048	1080	2750	1125	42	639
4KUHDTV	3840	2160	4400	2250	42	88
8KUHDTV	7680	4320	8800	4500	42	88
Custom	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined

Note: When using a custom format, the values you enter for the active and inactive dimensions of the image must add up to the total frame dimensions.

For the horizontal direction, **Total pixels per line** must be greater than or equal to **Front porch** + **Active pixels per line**. The block calculates **Back porch** = **Total pixels per line** − **Front porch** − **Active pixels per line**.

For the vertical direction, **Total video lines** must be greater than or equal to **Starting active line** + **Active video lines** − 1. The block calculates **Ending active line** = **Starting active line** + **Active video lines** − 1.

If you specify a format that does not conform to these rules, the block reports an error.

Note: When using a custom format, set the horizontal blanking interval, or **Back porch** + **Front porch**, according to these guidelines.

- The total of **Back porch** + **Front porch** must be at least 2 times the largest *kernel size* of the algorithm in the blocks following the Frame To Pixel block. If the *kernel size* is < 4, the total porch must be at least 8 pixels.
- The **Back porch** must be at least 6 pixels. This parameter is the number of inactive pixels before the first valid pixel in a frame.

See Also

`FIL Pixels To Frame` | `Frame To Pixels`

More About

- “Streaming Pixel Interface”
- “FPGA Verification”

Introduced in R2015a

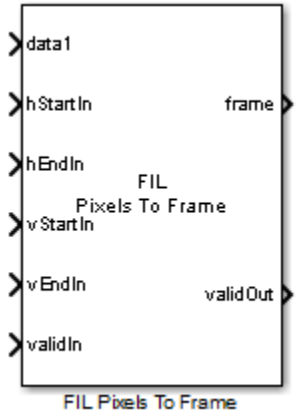
FIL Pixels To Frame

Convert pixel stream from FPGA-in-the-loop to full-frame video

Library

visionhdlio

Description



The FIL Pixels To Frame block performs the same pixel-to-frame conversion as the `Pixels To Frame` block. In addition, you can configure the width of the input to be a single pixel, a line, or an entire frame per step. The block expects control signal input vectors of the same width as the pixel data. This optimization can speed up the communication link between the FPGA board and your Simulink simulation when using FPGA-in-the-loop. To run FPGA-in-the-loop, you must have an HDL Verifier license.

When you generate a programming file for a FIL target in Simulink, the tool creates a model to compare the FIL simulation with your Simulink design. For Vision HDL Toolbox designs, the FIL block in that model replicates the pixel-streaming interface to send one pixel at a time to the FPGA. You can modify the autogenerated model to use

the FIL Frame To Pixels and FIL Pixels To Frame blocks to improve communication bandwidth with the FPGA board by sending one frame at a time. For how to modify the autogenerated model, see “FPGA-in-the-Loop”.

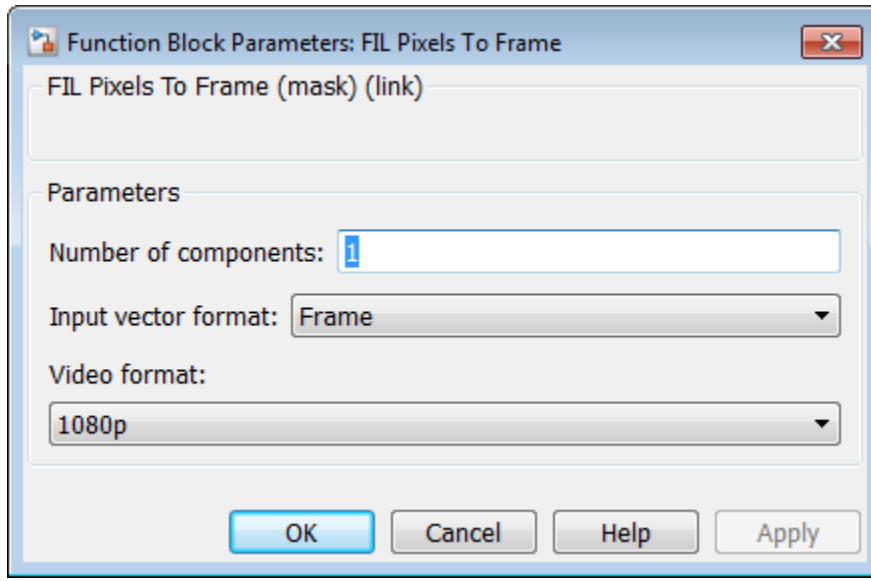
Specify the same video format for the FIL Frames To Pixels block and the FIL Pixels To Frame block.

Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`data1,...,da`	Input	Image pixels, specified as a vector of *M* values, where *M* is the width of the **Output vector format**. There are *N* data ports, where *N* is the **Number of components**.	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt()` • `boolean` • `double` or `single`
`hStartIn`	Input	Control signal indicating whether each pixel is the first pixel in a horizontal line of an input frame, returned as a vector of *M* values.	`boolean`
`hEndIn`	Input	Control signal indicating whether each pixel is the last pixel in a horizontal line of a frame, returned as a vector of *M* values.	`boolean`
`vStartIn`	Input	Control signal indicating whether each pixel is the first pixel in the first (top) line of a frame, returned as a vector of *M* values.	`boolean`
`vEndIn`	Input	Control signal indicating whether each pixel is the last pixel in the last (bottom) line of a frame, returned as a vector of *M* values.	`boolean`
`validIn`	Input	Control signal indicating the validity of the input pixel, returned as a vector of *M* values.	`boolean`
`matrix`	Output	Full image, returned as an **Active pixels per line**-by-**Active video lines**-by-*N* matrix. The height and	Same as `data1,...,dataN`

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
		width are the dimensions of the active image specified in **Video format**. *N* is the **Number of components** used to express a single pixel.	
`validOut`	Output	True when the output frame is successfully recompiled from the input stream.	`boolean`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Number of components

Component values of each pixel. The pixel can be represented by 1, 3, or 4 components. Set to 1 for grayscale video. Set to 3 for color video, for example, {R,G,B} or {Y,Cb,Cr}. Set to 4 to use color with an alpha channel for transparency. The output is an **Active pixels per line**-by-**Active video lines**-by-**Number of components** image matrix.

Input vector format

Size of the vector used to communicate with the FPGA subsystem. The block accepts input pixels and control signals in vectors of the same length. The block calculates the length of the vectors based on the **Video format** parameter.

- `Pixel` — Accept scalar values for pixel and control signals.
- `Line` — Accept input vectors containing **Total pixels per line** values.
- `Frame` — Accept input vectors containing **Total pixels per line** × **Total video lines** values.

A larger value results in faster communication between the FPGA board and Simulink. Choose the largest option that is supported by the I/O and memory resources on your board.

Video format

Dimensions of active and inactive regions of a video frame. To select a predefined format, use the **Video format** list. For a custom format, select `Custom`, and then specify the dimensions as integers.

Video Format	Active Pixels Per Line	Active Video Lines
240p	320	240
480p	640	480
480pH	720	480
576p	720	576
720p	1280	720
768p	1024	768
1024p	1280	1024
1080p (default)	1920	1080
1200p	1600	1200
2KCinema	2048	1080
4KUHDTV	3840	2160
8KUHDTV	7680	4320
Custom	User-defined	User-defined

See Also

`FIL Frame To Pixels` | `Pixels To Frame`

More About

- “Streaming Pixel Interface”
- “FPGA Verification”

Introduced in R2015a

Frame To Pixels

Convert full-frame video to pixel stream

Library

visionhdlio

Description

The Frame To Pixels block converts color or grayscale full-frame video to a pixel stream and control signals. The control signals indicate the validity of each pixel and its location in the frame. The pixel stream format can include padding pixels around the active frame. You can configure the frame and padding dimensions by selecting a common video format or specifying custom dimensions. See “Streaming Pixel Interface” for details of the pixel stream format.

Use this block to generate input for a subsystem targeted for HDL code generation. This block does not support HDL code generation.

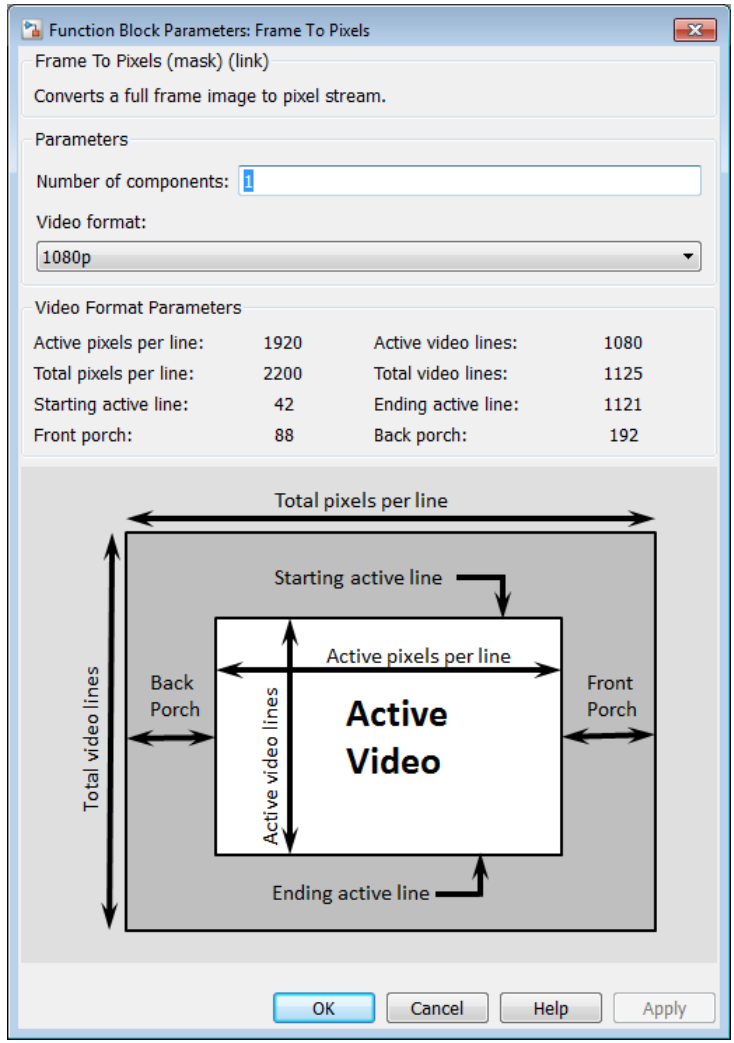
If your model converts frames to a pixel stream and later converts the stream back to frames, specify the same video format for the Frame To Pixels block and the Pixels To Frame block.

Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`frame`	Input	Full image specified as a **Active pixels per line**-by-**Active video lines**-by-*N* matrix. Height and width	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt()`

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
		are the dimensions of the active image specified in **Video format**. *N* is the **Number of components** used to express a single pixel.	• `boolean` • `double` or `single`
`pixel`	Output	Single image pixel returned as a vector of 1-by-**Number of components** values.	Specified by **Data type**
`ctrl`	Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See “Pixel Control Bus”.	`pixelcontrol`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Number of components

Component values of each pixel. The pixel can be represented by 1, 3, or 4 components. Set to 1 for grayscale video. Set to 3 for color video, for example, {R,G,B}

or {Y,Cb,Cr}. Set to 4 to use color with an alpha channel for transparency. The output is an **Active pixels per line**-by-**Active video lines**-by-**Number of components** image matrix.

Data type

Output pixel data type. The default is `uint8`.

Video format

Dimensions of active and inactive regions of a video frame. To select a predefined format, use the **Video format** list. For a custom format, select `Custom`, and then specify the dimensions as integers.

Video Format	Active Pixels Per Line	Active Video Lines	Total Pixels Per Line	Total Video Lines	Starting Active Line	Front Porch
240p	320	240	402	324	1	44
480p	640	480	800	525	36	16
480pH	720	480	858	525	33	16
576p	720	576	864	625	47	12
720p	1280	720	1650	750	25	110
768p	1024	768	1344	806	10	24
1024p	1280	1024	1688	1066	42	48
1080p (default)	1920	1080	2200	1125	42	88
1200p	1600	1200	2160	1250	50	64
2KCinema	2048	1080	2750	1125	42	639
4KUHDTV	3840	2160	4400	2250	42	88
8KUHDTV	7680	4320	8800	4500	42	88
Custom	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined

Note: When using a custom format, the values you enter for the active and inactive dimensions of the image must add up to the total frame dimensions.

For the horizontal direction, **Total pixels per line** must be greater than or equal to **Front porch** + **Active pixels per line**. The block calculates **Back porch** = **Total pixels per line** − **Front porch** − **Active pixels per line**.

For the vertical direction, **Total video lines** must be greater than or equal to **Starting active line** + **Active video lines** − 1. The block calculates **Ending active line** = **Starting active line** + **Active video lines** − 1.

If you specify a format that does not conform to these rules, the block reports an error.

Note: When using a custom format, set the horizontal blanking interval, or **Back porch** + **Front porch**, according to these guidelines.

- The total of **Back porch** + **Front porch** must be at least 2 times the largest *kernel size* of the algorithm in the blocks following the Frame To Pixel block. If the *kernel size* is < 4, the total porch must be at least 8 pixels.

- The **Back porch** must be at least 6 pixels. This parameter is the number of inactive pixels before the first valid pixel in a frame.

See Also

visionhdl.FrameToPixels | `Pixels To Frame`

More About

- "Streaming Pixel Interface"

Introduced in R2015a

Gamma Corrector

Apply or remove gamma correction

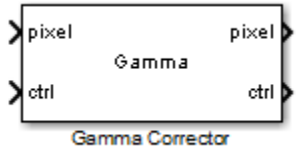
Library

visionhdlconversions

Description

Gamma Corrector applies or removes gamma correction on a stream of pixels. Gamma correction adjusts linear pixel values so that the modified values fit a curve. The de-gamma operation performs the opposite operation to obtain linear pixel values.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.

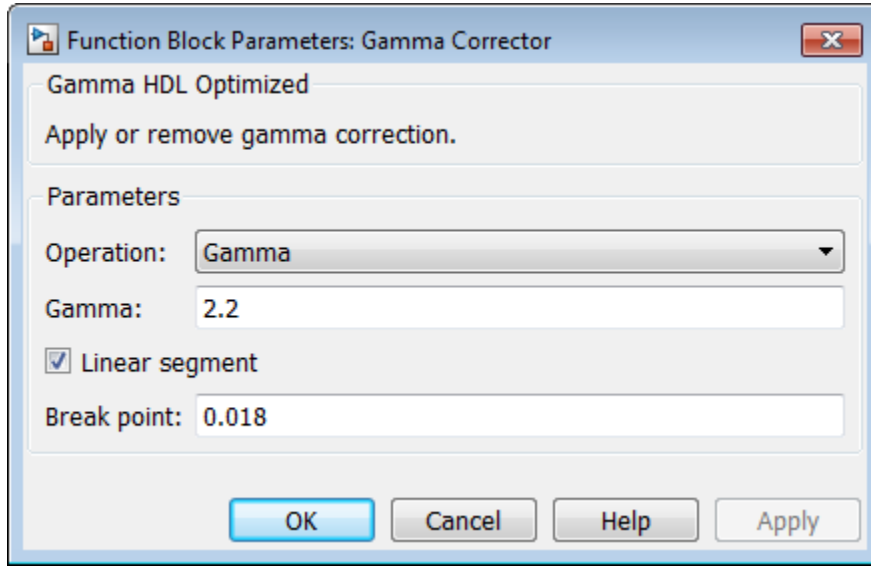


Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input/ Output	Single image pixel, specified as a scalar value. The data type of the output is the same as the data type of the input.	• `uint8` or `uint16` • `int8` or `int16`

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
			• `fixdt(0,N,M)`, $N+M \leq 16$ `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`ctrl`	Input/ Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See "Pixel Control Bus".	`pixelcontrol`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Operation

Direction of pixel value adjustment.

- `Gamma` (default) — Apply gamma correction.
- `De-gamma` — Remove gamma correction.

Gamma

Target gamma value, specified as a scalar greater than or equal to 1.

- When you set **Operation** to `Gamma`, specify **Gamma** as the target gamma value of the output video stream.
- When you set **Operation** to `De-gamma`, specify **Gamma** as the gamma value of the input video stream.

The default value is `2.2`.

Linear segment

Option to include a linear segment in the gamma curve. When you select this check box, the gamma curve has a linear portion near the origin. By default, this check box is selected.

Break point

Pixel value that corresponds to the point where the gamma curve and linear segment meet. Specify **Break point** as a scalar value between 0 and 1, exclusive. This parameter applies only when you select the **Linear segment** check box.

The default value is `0.018`.

Algorithm

For the equations used for gamma correction, see `Gamma Correction` in the Computer Vision System Toolbox documentation.

To save hardware resources, the block implements the gamma correction equation as a lookup table. The lookup table maps each input pixel value to a corrected output value.

Latency

The latency of the Gamma Corrector block is 2 cycles.

See Also

visionhdl.GammaCorrector | `Frame To Pixels` | `Gamma Correction`

Related Examples

- "Gamma Correction"

Introduced in R2015a

Histogram

Frequency distribution

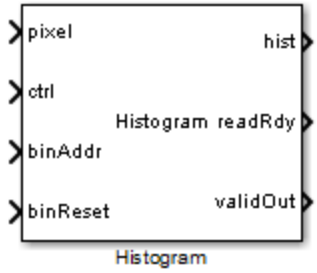
Library

visionhdlstatistics

Description

The Histogram block computes the frequency distribution of pixel values in a video stream. You can configure the number and size of the bins. The block provides a read interface for accessing each bin. The block keeps a running histogram until you reset the bin values.

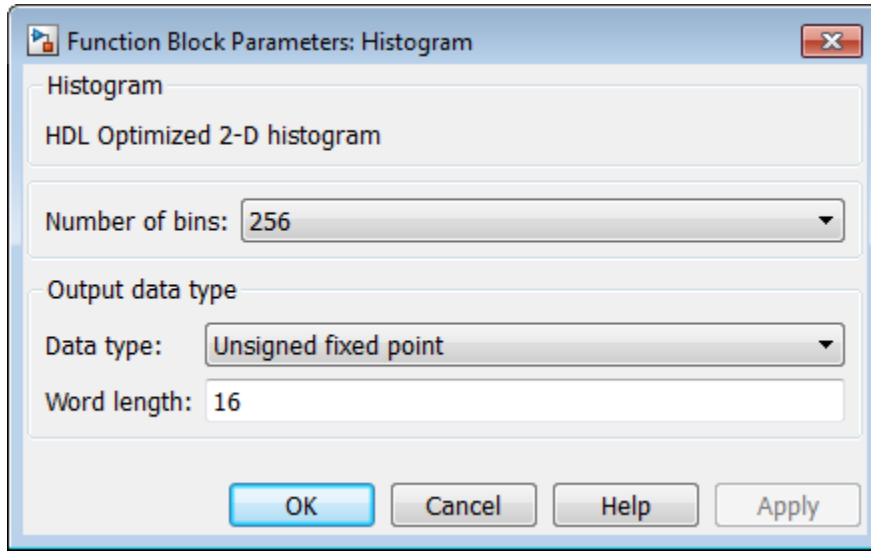
This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.



Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input	Single image pixel, specified as an unsigned integer scalar.	• `uint` • `fixdt(0,N,0)` `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`ctrl`	Input	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See "Pixel Control Bus".	`pixelcontrol`
`binAddr`	Input	Bin number for reading histogram values. The block captures this value each cycle that `readRdy` is `true`.	`fixdt(0,N,0)`, N = 5,6,...,10. Word length must be $\log_2$(**`Number of bins`**).
`binReset`	Input	Triggers RAM initialization sequence when `true`.	`boolean`
`readRdy`	Output	Indicates `true` when histogram is ready for read.	`boolean`
`hist`	Output	Histogram value corresponding to a `binAddr` request, returned as a scalar.	`fixdt(0,N,0)` `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`validOut`	Output	Indicates `true` when `dataOut` is available.	`boolean`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Number of bins

Number of bins for the histogram.

Choose the number of bins depending on the input word length (WL). If the number of bins is less than 2^{WL}, the block truncates the least-significant bits of each pixel. If the number of bins is greater than 2^{WL}, the block warns about an inefficient use of hardware resources. The default is 256.

Data type

Data type of the histogram bin values.

- `double`
- `single`
- `Unsigned fixed point` (default)

`double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

Word length

Word length of the histogram bins when **Data type** is `Unsigned fixed point`. If a bin overflows, the count saturates and the block shows a warning. The default is 16.

Algorithm

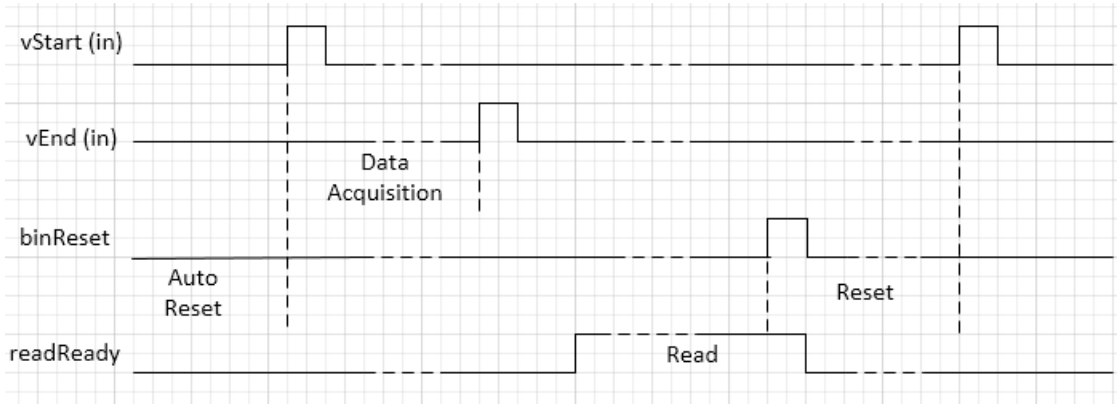
RAM Reset and Ready Sequence

At startup, you must wait **Number of bins** cycles for the block to reset the RAM, before sending input data. This initial reset happens without asserting `binReset`.

You cannot read histogram bins and apply pixel data at the same time. When you want to read the bin values, wait for `readRdy` and then apply each bin address of interest. The block provides the corresponding histogram values on the `dataOut` port, with accompanying `validOut` signal.

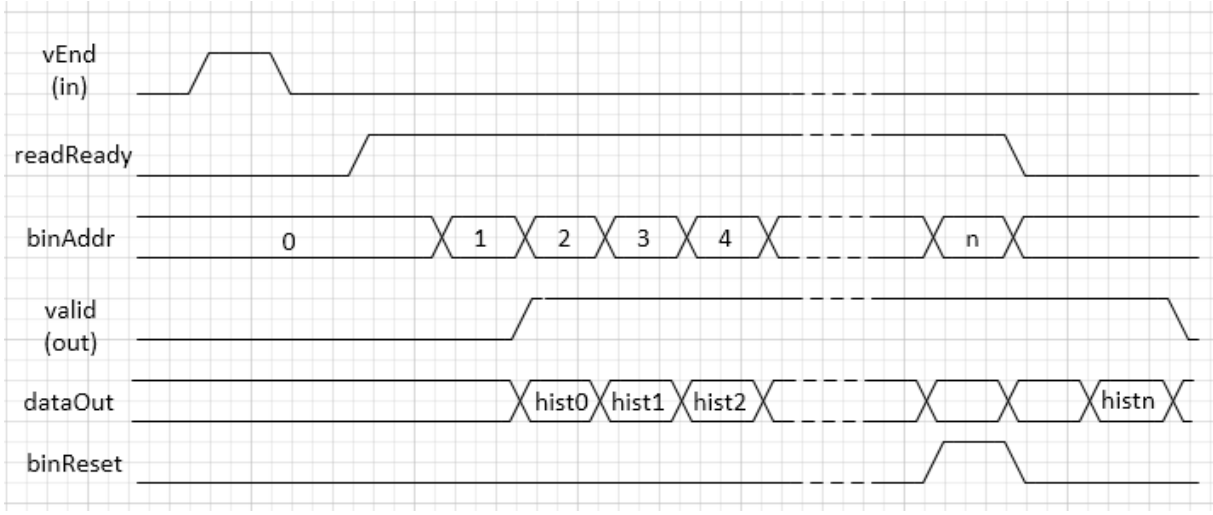
The histogram values persist and accumulate across frames until you assert `binReset`. When you assert `binReset`, the block takes **Number of bins** cycles to clear the RAM and be ready for new input. Other input signals are ignored during reset.

The diagram shows an overview of the reset sequence. `vStart` and `vEnd` are control signals in the `pixelcontrol` input bus.



The diagram shows the automatic startup reset, followed by a frame of video input. The read window starts when `readReady` is asserted. The `binReset` signal initiates a bin reset. The next input frame is not applied until after the reset is complete.

The diagram illustrates a bin read sequence. `vEnd` is a control signal in the `pixelcontrol` input bus. `valid` is a control signal in the `pixelcontrol` output bus.



After the last pixel of a video frame, indicated by `vEnd` = `true`, the block asserts `readRdy` to show that the histogram is ready for reading. Two cycles after applying a bin address, the block provides the value of that bin on `dataOut`, with a corresponding valid signal. You can request the last bin address and assert `binReset` at the same time.

Latency

The block sets `readRdy` to `true` 2 cycles after receiving the last pixel of a frame. The input `pixelcontrol` bus indicates the last pixel of a frame by `vEnd` = `true`. While `readRdy` is `true`, the block captures `binAddr` requests on each cycle. The block provides the corresponding histogram bin values on `dataOut` two cycles later.

See Also

visionhdl.Histogram | `2-D Histogram` | `Frame To Pixels` | `imhist`

Related Examples

- “Histogram Equalization”

Introduced in R2015a

Image Filter

2-D FIR filtering

Library

visionhdlfilter

Description

The Image Filter block performs two-dimensional FIR filtering on a pixel stream.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see "Streaming Pixel Interface".

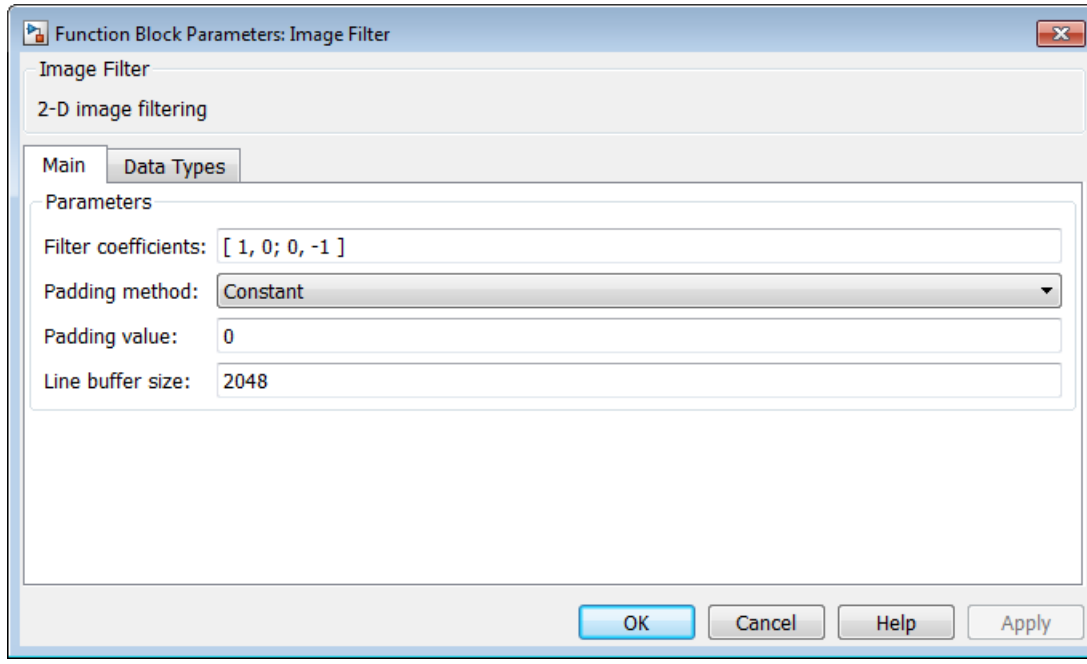
Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input	Single pixel, specified as a scalar value.	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt()` `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`ctrl`	Input/ Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See “Pixel Control Bus”.	`pixelcontrol`
`pixel`	Output	Single pixel, returned as a scalar value. You can specify the output data type in the block dialog box.	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt()` `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

Dialog Box and Parameters

Main



Filter coefficients

Coefficients of the filter, specified as a vector or matrix of any numeric type.

The maximum size along any dimension of a matrix or vector is 16.

Padding method

Method for padding the boundary of the input image. See “Edge Padding”.

- `Constant` (default) — Interpret pixels outside the image frame as having a constant value.
- `Replicate` — Repeat the value of pixels at the edge of the image.
- `Symmetric` — Pad the input matrix with its mirror image.

Padding value

Constant value used to pad the boundary of the input image.

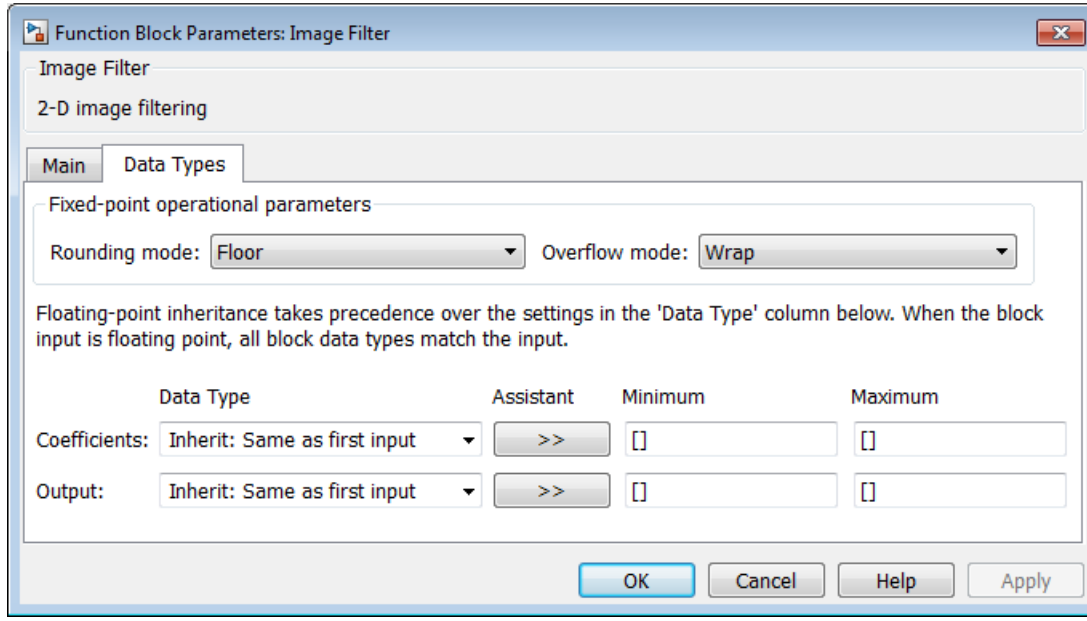
This parameter is visible when you set **Padding method** to `Constant`. The block casts this value to the same data type as the input pixel. The default value is 0.

Line buffer size

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the block uses the next largest power of two. The block allocates (*coefficient rows – 1*)-by-**Line buffer size** memory locations to store the pixels. The default value is 2048.

Data Types



Rounding mode

Rounding mode for internal fixed-point calculations. The default is `Floor`.

Overflow mode

Overflow mode for internal fixed-point calculations. The default is `Wrap`.

Coefficients Data Type

Method for determining the data type of the filter coefficients.

The default is `Inherit: Same as first input`.

When converting the coefficients to this data type, the block always uses `Saturate` overflow mode and `Nearest` rounding mode.

Output Data Type

Method for determining the data type of the output pixels.

The default is `Inherit: Same as first input`.

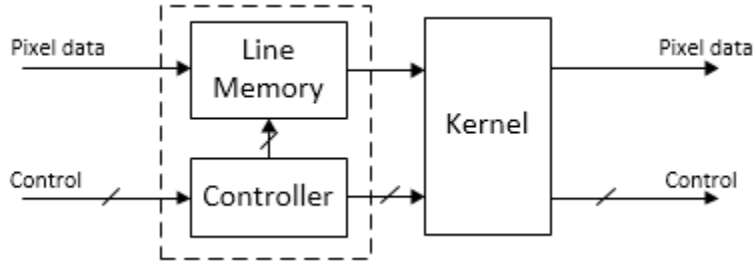
Algorithm

The block implements the filter with a fully-pipelined architecture. Each multiplier has two pipeline stages on each input and two pipeline stages on each output. The adder is a pipelined tree structure. HDL code generation takes advantage of symmetric, unity, or zero-value coefficients to reduce the number of multipliers.

You can optimize the multipliers for HDL code generation using canonical signed digit (CSD) or factored CSD. Right-click the block, select **HDL Code > HDL Properties**, and set the **ConstMultiplierOptimization** parameter to `csd` or `fcsd`.

Latency

The latency of the block is the line buffer latency plus the latency of the kernel calculation. The line buffer latency includes edge padding. To determine the exact latency for any configuration of the block, you can measure the number of time steps between the input control signals and the output control signals .



The latency of the kernel varies depending on the coefficients you choose.

Note: The horizontal blanking interval of the pixel stream format must be greater than the latency of the block. This interval enables the block to finish processing one line before it starts processing the next one. If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

See Also

visionhdl.ImageFilter | `2-D FIR Filter` | `Frame To Pixels`

Introduced in R2015a

Image Statistics

Mean, variance, and standard deviation

Library

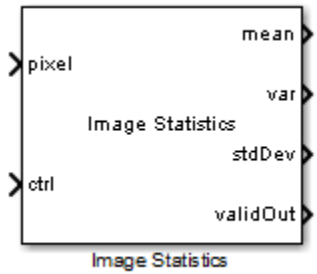
visionhdlstatistics

Description

The Image Statistics block calculates the mean, variance, and standard deviation of streaming video data. Each calculation is performed over all pixels in the input region of interest (ROI). The block implements the calculations using hardware-efficient algorithms.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.

- To change the size and dimensions of the ROI, you can manipulate the input video stream control signals. See “Regions of Interest” on page 1-79.
- The number of valid pixels in the input image affects the accuracy of the mean approximation. To avoid approximation error, use an image that contains fewer than 64 pixels, a multiple of 64 pixels up to 64^2 pixels, or a multiple of 4096 pixels up to 64^3 pixels. For details of the mean approximation, see “Algorithm” on page 1-75.
- The block calculates statistics over frames up to 64^3 (262,144) pixels in size.



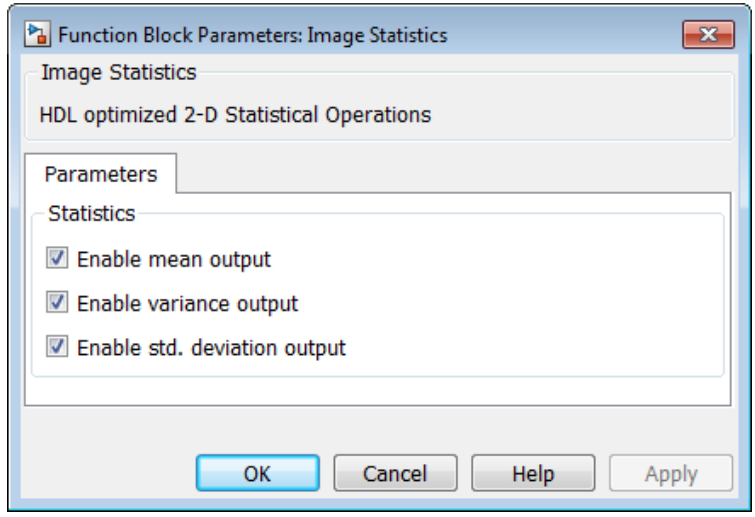
Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input	Single image pixel specified as a scalar value.	• `uint8/uint16` • `fixdt(0,N,0)`, N = 8,9,...,16 `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`ctrl`	Input	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See “Pixel Control Bus”.	`pixelcontrol`
`mean`	Output	Mean of the most recent input frame completed.	Same as `pixel`
`var`	Output	Variance of the most recent input frame completed.	Same as `pixel`
`stdDev`	Output	Standard deviation of the most recent input frame completed.	Same as `pixel`
`validOut`	Output	Computations completed. The block sets this output to `true` when the statistic outputs for a frame are ready.	`boolean`

Note: The block uses full-precision arithmetic for internal calculation. At the output, intermediate data is cast back to the input type using the following fixed-point settings: `RoundingMethod` = `Nearest`, and `OverflowAction` = `Saturate`. The table shows the output word length for each calculation, relative to the input word length (IWL).

Mean	Variance	Std. Deviation
IWL	2×IWL	2×IWL

Dialog Box and Parameters



Enable mean output

Select this check box to calculate the mean of each input frame. If you clear this check box, the `mean` output does not show on the block.

Enable variance output

Select this check box to calculate the variance of each input frame. If you clear this check box, the `var` output does not show on the block.

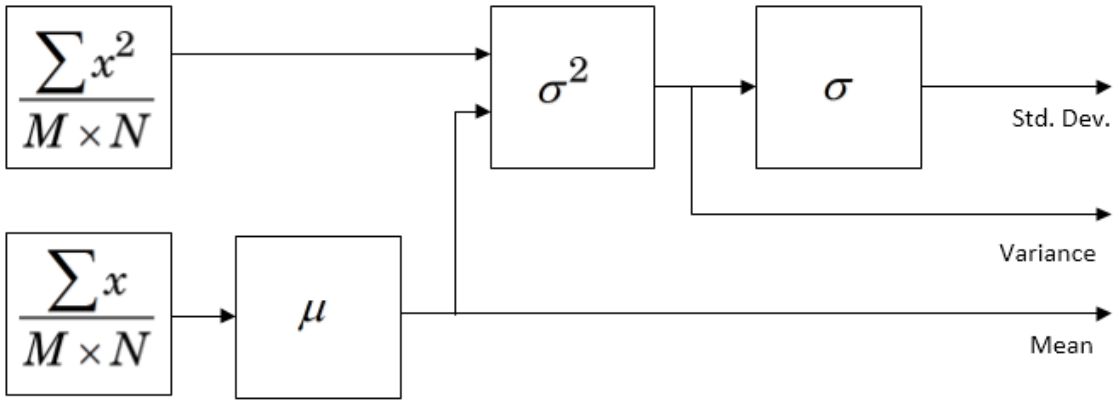
Enable std. deviation

Select this check box to calculate the standard deviation of each input frame. If you clear this check box, the `stdDev` output does not show on the block.

Algorithm

Architecture

The calculations of mean, variance, and standard deviation build off each other. For hardware efficiency, the calculation logic is shared as shown.



Mean

The equation to calculate the precise mean pixel value requires large internal word lengths and expensive division logic.

$$\mu = \frac{1}{M * N} \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} x_{ij}$$

Instead of using this equation, the block calculates the mean by a series of three accumulators that compute the mean of a segment of pixels. First, find the sum of a window of 64 pixels, and normalize.

$$\mu_{L_1} = \frac{1}{64} \sum_{n=1}^{64} x_n$$

Then accumulate 64 of the previous windows, and normalize.

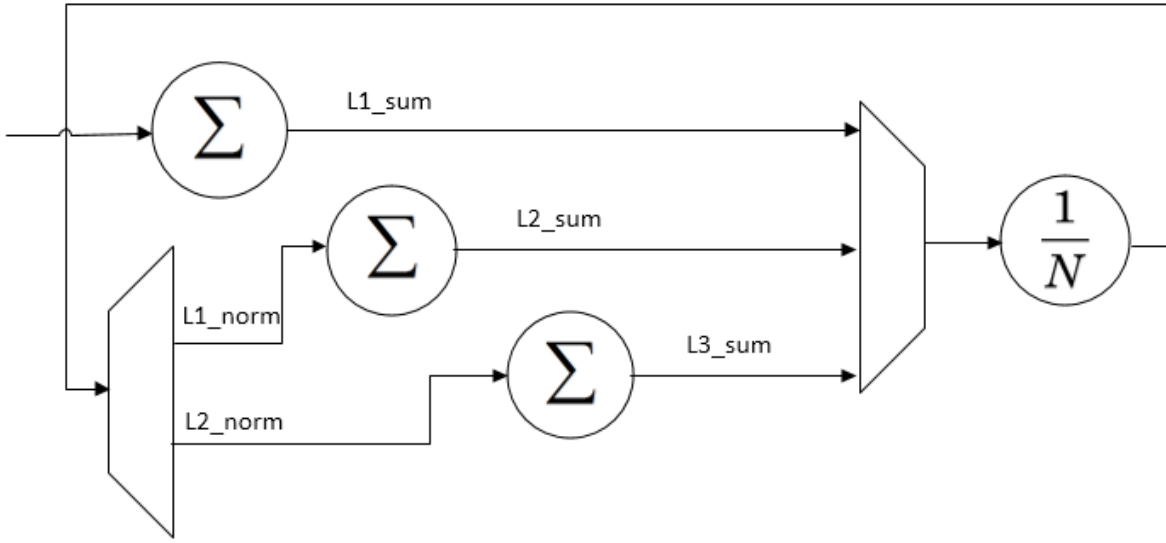
$$\mu_{L_2} = \frac{1}{64}\sum_{n=1}^{64}\mu_{nL_1}$$

A third accumulator sums 64 of the 64×64 windows, and normalizes the same way.

$$\mu_{L_3} = \frac{1}{64}\sum_{n=1}^{64}\mu_{nL_2}$$

Each valid pixel is accumulated as it arrives. Its location within a line or frame does not affect the accumulation logic.

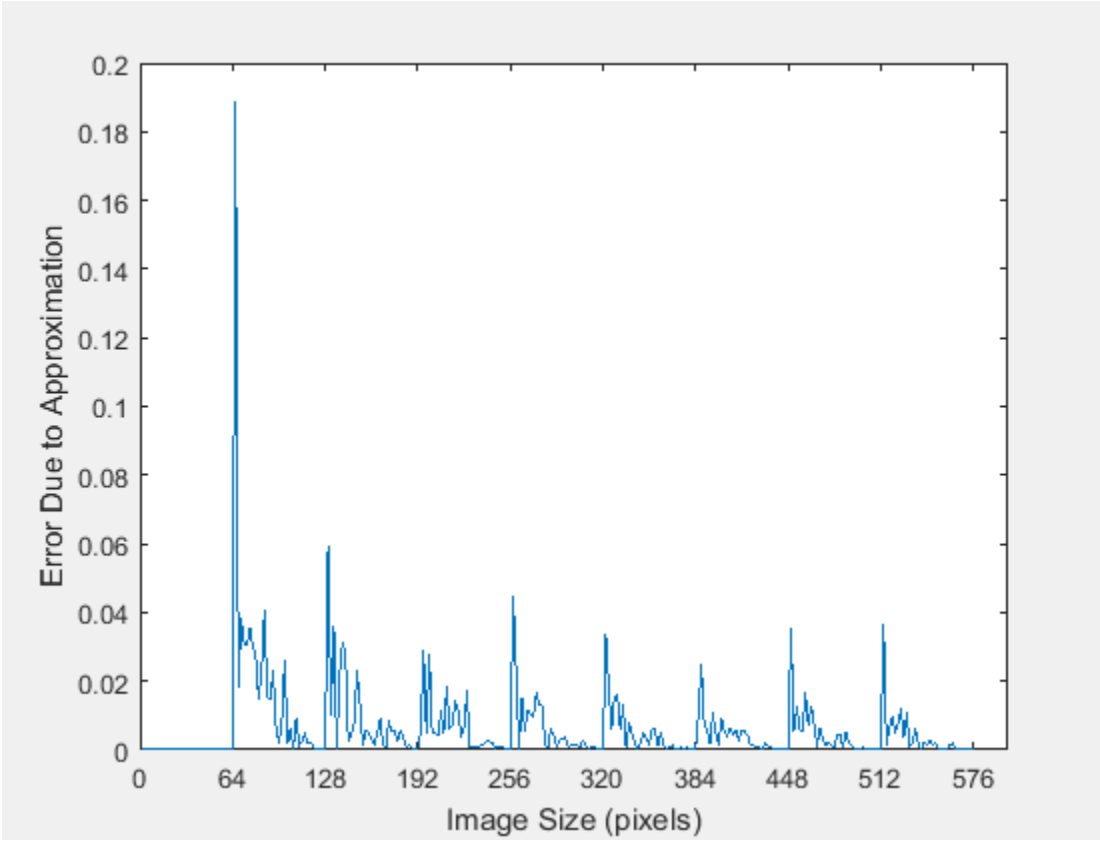
When `vEnd` is received, the block promotes any remaining data in the three levels of mean calculation to calculate the final output. If an accumulator counter is not at 64 when `vEnd` arrives, that level normalizes by the actual value of the counter. The constants for this multiplication are in a lookup table (LUT). The three accumulators share a single LUT and multiplier.



This method of mean calculation is accurate when the number of pixels in the frame aligns `vEnd` with the final accumulator rollover. This alignment occurs at level two when the frame contains a multiple of 64 pixels, and fewer than 64^2(4096) pixels. It occurs at level three when the frame contains a multiple of 4096 pixels. This method is also accurate when the frame has fewer than 64 pixels, because only the first accumulator is needed.

However, when the number of pixels in the frame does not fit these conditions, the block must normalize the final accumulation before the counter reaches 64. This introduces an error in the normalization calculation at subsequent levels. The figure shows the normalization error introduced in the mean calculation by image sizes under 4096 pixels. The spikes occur where an image size is just over a multiple of 64 pixels.

For images larger than 4096 pixels, the same effect occurs at multiples of 4096 pixels.



Variance

The block calculates variance of the input pixels using the following equation.

$$\sigma^2 = (\frac{1}{M * N}\sum_{i=1}^{M}\sum_{j=1}^{N} x_{ij}^2) - \mu^2$$

The mean and the mean of the squared input are calculated in parallel. The block calculates the mean of squares using the same approximation method used to calculate the mean, as described in the previous section.

Standard Deviation

The block calculates the square root of the variance using a pipelined bit-set-and-check algorithm. This algorithm computes the square root using addition and shifts rather than multipliers. For an *N*-bit input, the result has *N* bits of accuracy.

This method is hardware efficient for general inputs. If your data has known characteristics that allow for a more efficient square root implementation, you can disable the calculation in this block and construct your own logic from HDL-supported blocks.

Regions of Interest

Statistics are often calculated on small regions of interest (ROI) rather than an entire video frame. This block performs calculations on all pixels between `vStart` and `vEnd` signals in the `ctrl` bus, and does not track pixel location within the frame. You can manipulate the streaming control signals to reduce the size of a frame and delineate the boundaries of a region of interest before passing the video stream to this block. For an example that selects multiple small ROIs from a larger image, see "Multi-Zone Metering".

The Image Statistics block calculates statistics over frames up to 64^3 (262,144) pixels in size. If you provide an image with more than 64^3 pixels, the block calculates the requested statistics on only the first 262,144 pixels and then asserts `validOut`. The block ignores extra pixels until it receives a `vEnd` signal.

Latency

The latency from `vEnd` to `validOut` depends on the calculations you select.

When the block receives a `vEnd` signal that is `true`, it combines the remaining data in the three levels of mean calculation to calculate the final output. This final step takes 4 cycles per level, resulting in a maximum of 12 cycles of latency between the input `vEnd` signal and the `validOut` signal. Once the mean is available, the variance calculation takes 4 cycles. The square root logic requires input word length (IWL) cycles of latency.

If a calculation is not selected, and is not needed for other selected calculations, that logic is excluded from the generated HDL code.

The table shows the calculation logic and latency for various block configurations.

Mean	Varian	Std. Devic	Logic Excluded From HDL	Latency (cycles)
✓	✓	✓		[4,8, or 12]+4+IWL
✓			variance and square root	[4,8, or 12] (depending on input size relative to the 64-bit accumulators)
	✓		square root	[4,8, or 12]+4
		✓		[4,8, or 12]+4+IWL
✓	✓		square root	[4,8, or 12]+4
✓		✓		[4,8, or 12]+4+IWL
	✓	✓		[4,8, or 12]+4+IWL

Note: There must be at least 12 cycles between the `vEnd` signals on the input. This timing restriction enables the block to finish processing the current frame before the new one arrives.

If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

See Also

visionhdl.ImageStatistics | `2-D Standard Deviation` | `2-D Mean` | `2-D Variance` | `Frame To Pixels`

Related Examples

- "Multi-Zone Metering"

Introduced in R2015a

Lookup Table

Map input pixel to output pixel using custom rule

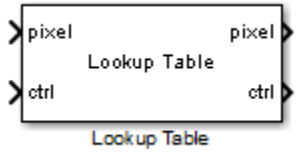
Library

visionhdlconversions

Description

The Lookup Table block provides a custom one-to-one map between input pixel values and output pixel values.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.



Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input	Single image pixel, specified as a scalar value.	• `boolean` • `uint8` or `uint16` • `fixdt(0,N,M)`, $N + M \leq 16$

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`ctrl`	Input/Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See "Pixel Control Bus".	`pixelcontrol`
`pixel`	Output	Single image pixel, returned as a scalar value.	Specified by **Table data**. `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

Dialog Box and Parameters

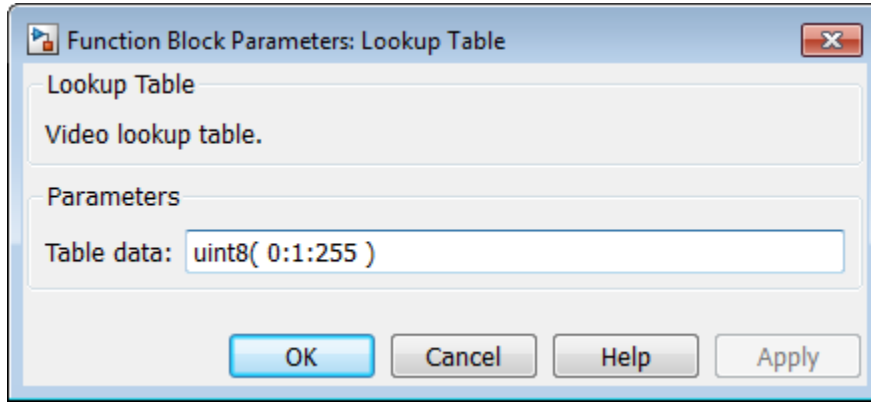


Table data

Determines the one-to-one correspondence between an input `pixel` value and an output `pixel` value.

- The table data is a row or column vector of any data type. The data type of the table data determines that of the output `pixel`.
- The length of the vector must be $2^{WordLength}$, where *WordLength* is the size, in bits, of the input `pixel`.

- The smallest representable value of the input data type maps to the first element of the table, the second smallest value maps to the second element, and so on. For example, if the input `pixel` has a data type of `fixdt(0,3,1)`, the input value 0 maps to the first element of the table, 0.5 maps to the second element, 1 maps to the third, and so on.

The default value is `uint8(0:1:255)`.

Algorithm

Latency

The latency of the Lookup Table block is 2 cycles.

See Also

visionhdl.LookupTable | `Frame To Pixels`

Introduced in R2015a

Median Filter

2-D median filtering

Library

visionhdlfilter

Description

Median Filter replaces each pixel with the median value of the surrounding *N*-by-*N* neighborhood. The median is less sensitive to extreme values than the mean. Use this block to remove salt-and-pepper noise from an image without significantly reducing the sharpness of the image. You can specify the neighborhood size and the padding values for the edges of the input image.

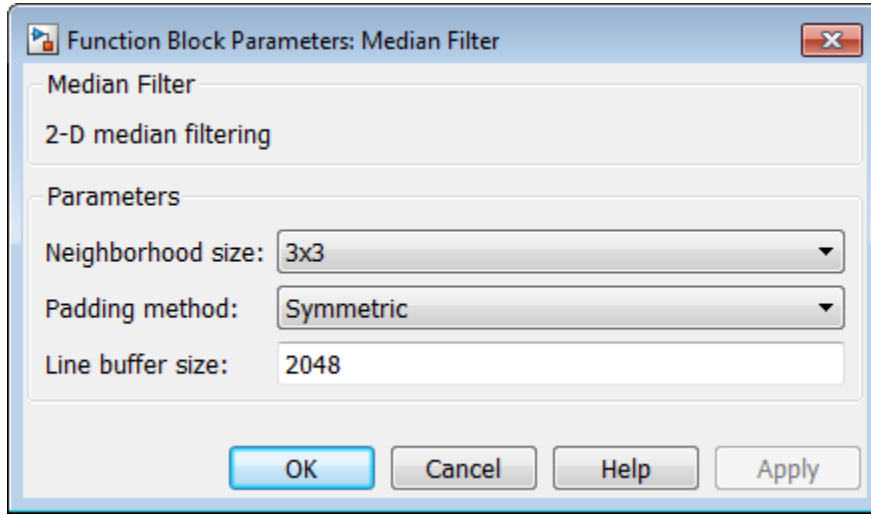
This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.

Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input/Output	Single image pixel, specified as a scalar integer value. The data	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt(~,N,0)` • `boolean`

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
		type of the output is the same as the data type of the input.	`double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.
`ctrl`	Input/Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See "Pixel Control Bus".	`pixelcontrol`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Neighborhood size

Size in pixels of the image region used to compute the median.

- `3×3` (default)
- `5×5`
- `7×7`

Padding method

Method for padding the boundary of the input image. See “Edge Padding”.

- `Constant` — Pad input matrix with a constant value.
- `Replicate` — Repeat the value of pixels at the edge of the image.
- `Symmetric` (default) — Pad image edge with its mirror image.

Padding value

Constant value used to pad the boundary of the input image.

This parameter is visible when you set **Padding method** to `Constant`. The block casts this value to the same data type as the input pixel. The default value is 0.

Line buffer size

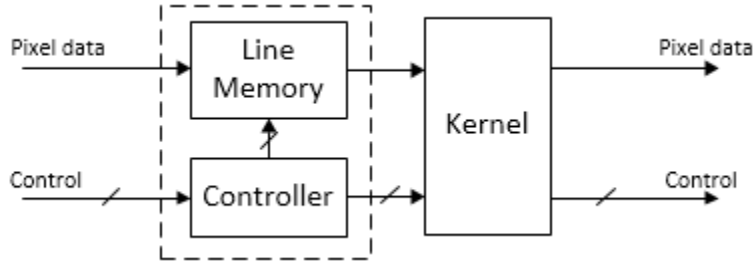
Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of 2 that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the object uses the next largest power of two. The block allocates *N* - *1*-by-**Line buffer size** memory locations to store the pixels used to compute the median value. *N* is the dimension of the square region specified in **Neighborhood size**. The default value is 2048.

Algorithm

Latency

The latency of the block is the line buffer latency plus the latency of the kernel calculation. The line buffer latency includes edge padding. To determine the exact latency for any configuration of the block, you can measure the number of time steps between the input control signals and the output control signals .



The latency of the filter kernel depends on the neighborhood size as shown in the table.

Neighborhood size	# of Comparisons to Find Median
3×3	11
5×5	75
7×7	230

Note: The horizontal blanking interval of the pixel stream format must be greater than the latency of the block. This interval enables the block to finish processing one line before it starts processing the next one. If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

See Also

visionhdl.MedianFilter | `Frame To Pixels` | `Median Filter`

Introduced in R2015a

Opening

Morphological open

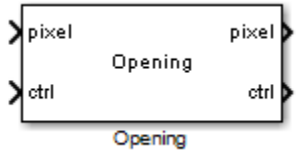
Library

visionhdlmorph

Description

The Opening block performs a morphological erosion operation, followed by a morphological dilation operation, using the same neighborhood for both calculations. The block operates on a stream of binary intensity values.

This block uses a streaming pixel interface with a bus for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the block to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox blocks. The block accepts and returns a scalar pixel value and a bus containing five control signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame. Use the Frame To Pixels block to convert a pixel matrix into a pixel stream and these control signals. For a full description of the interface, see “Streaming Pixel Interface”.

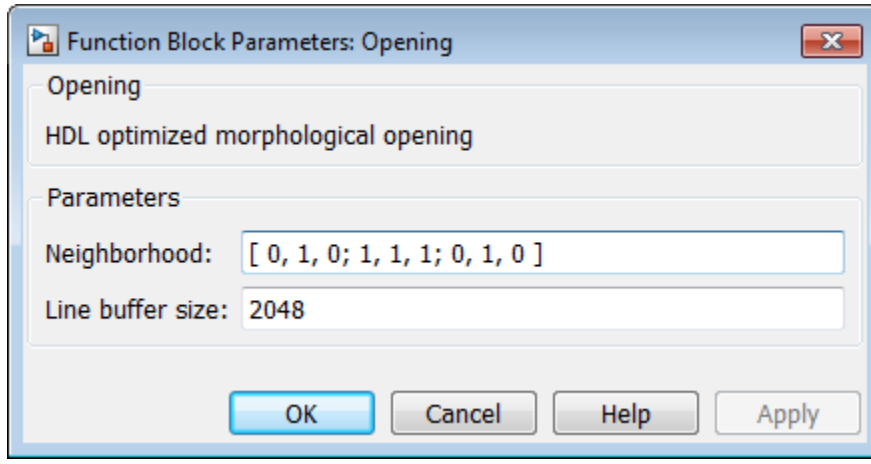


Signal Attributes

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input/ Output	Single image pixel, specified as a scalar binary value.	`boolean`

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`ctrl`	Input/ Output	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See "Pixel Control Bus".	`pixelcontrol`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Neighborhood

Pixel neighborhood, specified as a matrix or vector of ones and zeros.

The block supports neighborhoods of up to 32×32 pixels. To use a structuring element, specify **Neighborhood** as `getnhood(strel(`*shape*`))`. The default is `[0,1,0;1,1,1;0,1,0]`.

Line buffer size

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the block uses the next largest

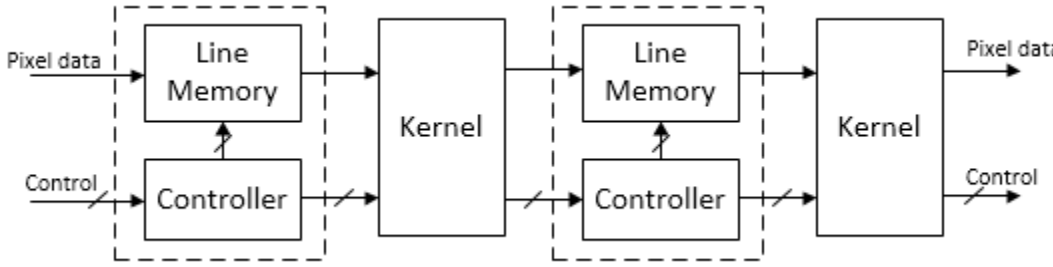
power of two. The block allocates *neighborhood lines - 1*-by-**Line buffer size** memory locations to store the pixels. The default value is 2048.

Algorithm

The block pads the image with zeroes for the dilation operation, and with ones for the erosion operation. See “Edge Padding”.

Latency

The total latency of the block is the line buffer latency plus the latency of the kernel calculation. Morphological opening is a compound operation. Therefore, this block contains a second line buffer between the erosion kernel and the dilation kernel. You can monitor the number of timesteps between the input control signals and the output control signals to determine the exact latency for any configuration of the block.



The latency of the line memory includes edge padding. The latency of the kernel depends on the neighborhood size.

Note: The horizontal blanking interval of the pixel stream format must be greater than the latency of the block. This interval enables the block to finish processing one line before it starts processing the next one. If you are using a custom video format, set the horizontal blanking interval using the parameters of the Frame To Pixels block. The horizontal blanking interval is equal to **Total pixels per line** – **Active pixels per line**, or, equivalently, **Front porch** + **Back porch**. Standard streaming video formats use a horizontal blanking interval of about 25% of the frame width. This interval is much larger than the filters applied to each frame.

See Also

visionhdl.Opening | `Dilation` | `Erosion` | `Frame To Pixels` | `getnhood` | `Opening` | `strel`

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Pixel Control Bus Creator

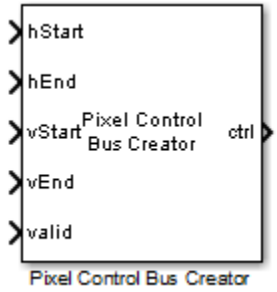
Create control signal bus for use with Vision HDL Toolbox blocks

Library

visionhdlutilities

Description

The Pixel Control Bus Creator block creates a `pixelcontrol` bus. See "Pixel Control Bus".



The block is an implementation of the Simulink Bus Creator block. See `Bus Creator` for more information.

See Also

"Streaming Pixel Interface" | `Frame To Pixels` | `Pixels To Frame`

Introduced in R2015a

Pixel Control Bus Selector

Select signals from control signal bus used by Vision HDL Toolbox blocks

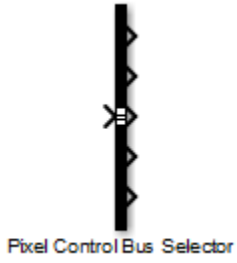
Library

visionhdlutilities

Description

The Pixel Control Bus Selector block selects signals from the `pixelcontrol` bus. See "Pixel Control Bus".

The block is an implementation of the Simulink Bus Selector block. See `Bus Selector` for more information.



See Also

"Streaming Pixel Interface" | `Frame To Pixels` | `Pixels To Frame`

Introduced in R2015a

Pixels To Frame

Convert pixel stream to full-frame video

Library

visionhdlio

Description

The Pixels To Frame block converts a color or grayscale pixel stream and control signals to full-frame video. The control signal bus indicates the validity of each pixel and its location within the frame. The pixel stream format can include padding pixels around the active frame. You can configure the frame and padding dimensions by selecting a common video format or specifying custom dimensions. See “Streaming Pixel Interface” for details of the pixel stream format.

Use this block to convert the output of a subsystem targeted for HDL code generation back to frames. This block does not support HDL code generation.

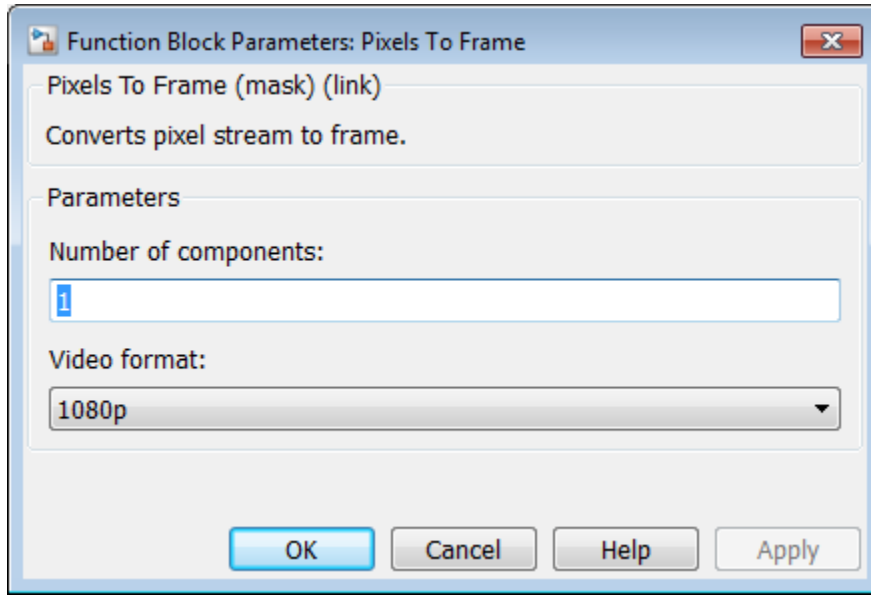
If your model converts frames to a pixel stream and later converts the stream back to frames, specify the same video format for the Frame To Pixels block and the Pixels To Frame block.

Signal Attributes

The Pixels To Frame block has the following input and output ports.

Port	Direction	Description	Data Type
`pixel`	Input	Single image pixel specified by a vector of 1-by-**Number of components** values.	• `uint` or `int` • `fixdt()` • `boolean` • `double` or `single`
`ctrl`	Input	Control signals describing the validity of the pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a bus containing five signals. See “Pixel Control Bus”.	`pixelcontrol`
`frame`	Output	Full image returned as a **Active pixels per line**-by-**Active video lines**-by-*N* matrix. Height and width are the dimensions of the active image specified in **Video format**. *N* is the **Number of components** used to express a single pixel.	Same as `pixel`
`validOut`	Output	True when the output frame is successfully recompiled from the input stream.	`boolean`

Dialog Box and Parameters



Number of components

Component values of each pixel. The pixel can be represented by 1, 3, or 4 components. Set to 1 for grayscale video. Set to 3 for color video, for example, {R,G,B} or {Y,Cb,Cr}. Set to 4 to use color with an alpha channel for transparency. The output is an **Active pixels per line**-by-**Active video lines**-by-**Number of components** image matrix.

Video format

Dimensions of active and inactive regions of a video frame. To select a predefined format, use the **Video format** pull-down menu. For a custom format, select `Custom`, then specify the dimensions as integers.

Video Format	Active Pixels Per Line	Active Video Lines
240p	320	240
480p	640	480
480pH	720	480

Video Format	Active Pixels Per Line	Active Video Lines
`576p`	720	576
`720p`	1280	720
`768p`	1024	768
`1024p`	1280	1024
`1080p` (default)	1920	1080
`1200p`	1600	1200
`2KCinema`	2048	1080
`4KUHDTV`	3840	2160
`8KUHDTV`	7680	4320
`Custom`	User-defined	User-defined

See Also

visionhdl.PixelsToFrame | `Frame To Pixels`

More About

- "Streaming Pixel Interface"

Introduced in R2015a

System Objects — Alphabetical List

visionhdl.ChromaResampler System object

Package: visionhdl

Downsample or upsample chrominance component

Description

`visionhdl.ChromaResampler` downsamples or upsamples a pixel stream.

- Downsampling reduces bandwidth and storage requirements in a video system by combining pixel chrominance components over multiple pixels. You can specify a filter to prevent aliasing, by selecting the default filter or by entering coefficients.
- Upsampling restores a signal to its original rate. You can use interpolation or replication to calculate the extra sample.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

The object accepts luma and the chrominance components. The object does not modify the luma component and applies delay to align with the resampled chrominance outputs. The rate of the output luma component is the same as the input.

Construction

`CR = visionhdl.ChromaResampler` returns a System object™, `CR`, that downsamples from 4:4:4 to 4:2:2 and applies the default antialiasing filter.

`CR = visionhdl.ChromaResampler(Name,Value)` returns a chroma resampler System object, `CR`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name,Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in

any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`Resampling`

Resampling format.

- `4:4:4 to 4:2:2` (default) — Perform a downsampling operation.
- `4:2:2 to 4:4:4` — Perform an upsampling operation.

`AntialiasingFilterSource`

Lowpass filter to accompany a downsample operation.

- `Auto` (default) — Built-in lowpass filter.
- `Property` — Filter using the coefficients in `HorizontalFilterCoefficients` property.
- `None` — No filtering of the input signal.

This property applies when you set `Resampling` to `4:4:4 to 4:2:2`.

`HorizontalFilterCoefficients`

Coefficients for the antialiasing filter.

Enter the coefficients as a vector. This property applies when you set `Resampling` to `4:4:4 to 4:2:2` and `Antialiasing filter` to `Property`.

Default: `[0.2,0.6,0.2]`

`InterpolationFilter`

Interpolation method for an upsample operation.

- `Linear` (default) — Linear interpolation to calculate the missing values.
- `Pixel replication` — Repeat the chrominance value of the preceding pixel to create the missing pixel.

This property applies when you set `Resampling` to `4:2:2 to 4:4:4`.

`RoundingMethod`

Rounding mode used for fixed-point operations.

The object uses fixed-point arithmetic for internal calculations when the input is any integer or fixed-point data type. This option does not apply when the input data type is `single` or `double`.

Default: `Floor`

`OverflowAction`

Overflow action used for fixed-point operations.

The object uses fixed-point arithmetic for internal calculations when the input is any integer or fixed-point data type. This option does not apply when the input data type is `single` or `double`.

Default: `Wrap`

`CustomCoefficientsDataType`

Data type for the antialiasing filter coefficients.

Specify a custom data type as a string. This parameter applies when you set `Antialiasing filter` to `Property` or `Auto`.

Default: `fixdt(1,16,0)`

Methods

clone	Create object with the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

step	Compute next pixel in upsampled or downsampled pixel stream

Examples

Downsample a Y'CbCr Image

```
% This example resamples a 4:4:4 Y'CbCr image to 4:2:2. The example also shows
% how to convert a R'G'B' input image to Y'CbCr color space.

% Set the dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load the source image
frmOrig = imread('fabric.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels,:);

% Create serializer and specify size of inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',3,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',6,...
      'FrontPorch',5);

% Create color space converter
% The default conversion is 'RGB to YCbCr'
csc = visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter();

% Create resampler
% The default resampling mode is '4:4:4 to 4:2:2'
cr = visionhdl.ChromaResampler();

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
```

```
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixYCbCr = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,3,'uint8');
ctrlYCbCr  = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);
pixOut = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,3,'uint8');
ctrlOut = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);

% For each pixel in the stream, convert to YCbCr, then downsample
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    [pixYCbCr(p,:),ctrlYCbCr(p)] = step(csc,pixIn(p,:),ctrlIn(p));
    [pixOut(p,:),ctrlOut(p)] = step(cr,pixYCbCr(p,:),ctrlYCbCr(p));
end

% Find first valid pixel, then display some pixels from the top-left of the
% input and output images
% Note the lower sample rate in the chrominance components of the outputidx = find(pixC
idx = find(pixYCbCr);
InputSamples444 = pixYCbCr(idx:idx+7,:)
idx = find(pixOut);
OutputSamples422 = pixOut(idx:idx+7,:)
```

```
InputSamples444 =

  132  116  135
  134  118  131
  129  119  125
  124  122  121
  125  122  119
  122  121  116
  118  123  118
  119  123  118


OutputSamples422 =

  132  116  135
  134  116  135
  129  120  126
  124  120  126
  125  122  119
  122  122  119
  118  123  118
```

119 123 118

Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Chroma Resampler` block reference page.

See Also

`Chroma Resampler` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | vision.ChromaResampler

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.ChromaResampler
Package: visionhdl

Create object with the same property values

Syntax

```
newCR = clone(CR)
```

Description

`newCR = clone(CR)` creates another instance of the `ChromaResampler` System object, `CR`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

CR

`visionhdl.ChromaResampler` System object

Output Arguments

newCR

New `ChromaResampler` System object that has the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.ChromaResampler
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(CR)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(CR)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `ChromaResampler` System object, `CR`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.ChromaResampler
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(CR)
```

Description

`release(CR)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

CR

`visionhdl.ChromaResampler` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.ChromaResampler
Package: visionhdl

Compute next pixel in upsampled or downsampled pixel stream

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(CR,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(CR,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` computes the next output pixel, `pixelOut`, in the resampled video stream. The pixel data arguments, `pixelIn` and `pixelOut`, are vectors of three values representing a pixel in Y'CbCr color space. The luma component and control signals, `ctrlIn`, are passed through and aligned with the output pixel stream.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`CR`

`visionhdl.ChromaResampler` System object.

`pixelIn`

Single pixel in gamma-corrected Y'CbCr color space, specified as a vector of three values.

Supported data types:

- `uint8` or `uint16`
- `fixdt(0,N,0)`, N = 8,9,...,16
- `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Single pixel in gamma-corrected Y'CbCr color space, returned as a vector of three values.

Supported data types:

- `uint8` or `uint16`
- `fixdt(0,N,0)`, N = 8,9,...,16
- `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter System object

Package: visionhdl

Convert signals between color spaces

Description

`visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter` converts between R'G'B' and Y'CbCr color spaces, and also converts R'G'B' to intensity.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The `ColorSpaceConverter` System object operates on gamma-corrected color spaces. However, to simplify use of the System object, the property arguments do not include the prime notation.

Construction

`CSC = visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter` returns a System object, `CSC`, that converts R'G'B' to Y'CbCr using the Rec. 601 (SDTV) standard.

`CSC = visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `CSC`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

Conversion

Conversion that the object performs on the input video stream.

- `RGB to YCbCr` (default)
- `YCbCr to RGB`
- `RGB to intensity`

The `step` method accepts input as a vector of three values representing a single pixel. If you choose `RGB to intensity`, the output is a scalar value. Otherwise, the output is a vector of three values.

ConversionStandard

Conversion equation to use on the input video stream.

- `Rec. 601 (SDTV)` (default)
- `Rec. 709 (HDTV)`

This property does not apply when you set `Conversion` to `RGB to intensity`.

ScanningStandard

Scanning standard to use for HDTV conversion.

- `1250/50/2:1` (default)
- `1125/60/2:1`

This property applies when you set `ConversionStandard` to `Rec. 709 (HDTV)`.

Methods

clone	Create object having the same property values

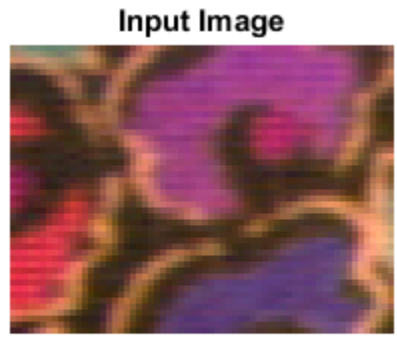
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Convert one pixel between color spaces

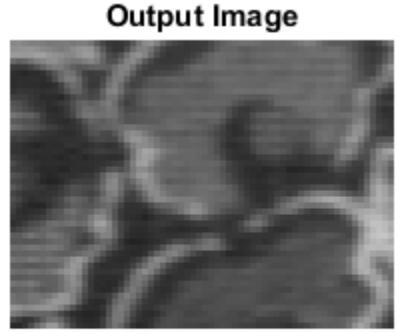
Examples

Convert a Color Image to Grayscale

```
% Set the dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load the color source image
frmOrig = imread('fabric.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels,:);
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and specify size of inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
       'NumComponents',3,...
       'VideoFormat','custom',...
       'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
       'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
       'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
       'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
       'StartingActiveLine',6,...
       'FrontPorch',5);

% Create color space converter
convertrgb2gray = visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter(...
       'Conversion','RGB to intensity');

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a numPixelsPerFrame-by-3 matrix.
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);
```

```
% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,1,'uint8');
ctrlOut = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);

% For each pixel in the stream,
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(convertrgb2gray,pixIn(p,:),ctrlIn(p));
end

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);

% Display the grayscale output image
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput,'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end
```





Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Color Space Converter` block reference page.

See Also

vision.ColorSpaceConverter | `rgb2ycbcr` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | `Colorspace Converter` | `ycbcr2rgb` | `rgb2gray`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newCSC = clone(CSC)
```

Description

`newCSC = clone(CSC)` creates another instance of the `ColorSpaceConverter` System object, `CSC`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

`CSC`

`visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter` System object

Output Arguments

`newCSC`

New `ColorSpaceConverter` System object that has the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(CSC)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(CSC)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `ColorSpaceConverter` System object, `CSC`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(CSC)
```

Description

`release(CSC)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

CSC

`visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter
Package: visionhdl

Convert one pixel between color spaces

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(CSC,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(CSC,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` converts a single pixel from one color space to another. The input, `pixelIn` is a vector of three values representing one pixel in R'G'B' or Y'CbCr color space. If the `Conversion` property is set to `RGB to YCbCr` or `YCbCr to RGB`, then `pixelOut` is a vector of three values representing one pixel. If the `Conversion` property is set to `RGB to intensity`, then `pixelOut` is a scalar value representing one pixel.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The `ColorSpaceConverter` System object operates on gamma-corrected color spaces. However, to simplify use of the System object, the property arguments do not include the prime notation.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`CSC`

`visionhdl.ColorSpaceConverter` System object.

`pixelIn`

Input pixel in gamma-corrected R'G'B' or Y'CbCr color space, specified as a vector of unsigned integer values.

Supported data types:

- `uint8` or `uint16`
- `fixdt(0,N,0)`, N = 8,9,...,16
- `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Output pixel specified as a vector of three unsigned integer values, or a scalar unsigned integer value.

- If you set the `Conversion` property to `RGB to YCbCr` or `YCbCr to RGB`, then `pixelOut` is a vector representing the pixel in gamma-corrected color space.
- If you set the `Conversion` property to `RGB to intensity`, then `pixelOut` is a scalar representing pixel intensity.

Supported data types:

- `uint8` or `uint16`

- `fixdt(0,N,0)`, N = 8,9,....,16
- `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.Closing System object

Package: visionhdl

Morphological close

Description

`visionhdl.Closing` performs a morphological dilation operation, followed by a morphological erosion operation, using the same neighborhood for both calculations. The object operates on a stream of binary intensity values.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Construction

`C = visionhdl.Closing` returns a System object, `C`, that performs a morphological close operation on a binary pixel stream.

`C = visionhdl.Closing(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `C`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`Neighborhood`

Pixel neighborhood, specified as a matrix or vector of ones and zeros.

The object supports neighborhoods of up to 32×32 pixels. To use a structuring element, specify `Neighborhood` as `getnhood(strel(`*shape*`))`.

Default: `[0,1,0;1,1,1;0,1,0]`

`LineBufferSize`

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the object uses the next largest power of two. The object allocates *neighborhood lines - 1*-by-`LineBufferSize` memory locations to store the pixels.

Default: `2048`

Methods

clone	Create object having the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Report closed pixel value based on neighborhood

Examples

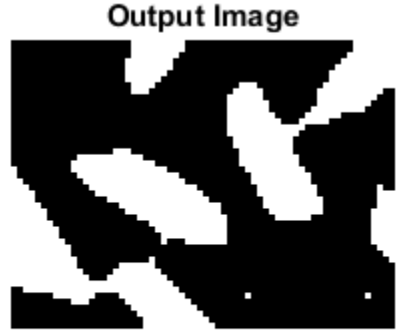
Morphological Close

This example performs morphological close on a thumbnail image.

```
% Set dimensions of the test image.
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load the source image.
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size.
```

```
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);

% Apply a threshold to convert uint8 input to binary values.
frmInput = frmInput>128;
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and define inactive pixel regions.
% Make the # of inactive pixels following the active frame greater than the
% latency of the object.
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+20,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',3,...
      'FrontPorch',10);

% Create filter
 mclose = visionhdl.Closing( ...
          'Neighborhood',getnhood(strel('disk',4)));

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = false(numPixelsPerFrame,1);
ctrlOut  = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);

% For each pixel in the padded frame, compute the morphed value
% Monitor the control signals to determine latency of the object
% The latency of a configuration depends on:
% * the number of active pixels in a line
% * the size of the neighbourhood
foundValIn = false;
foundValOut = false;
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    if (ctrlIn(p).valid && foundValIn==0)
```

```
        foundValIn = p;
    end
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(mclose,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
    if (ctrlOut(p).valid && foundValOut==0)
        foundValOut = p;
    end
end
sprintf('object latency is %d cycles',foundValOut-foundValIn)

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput, 'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end


ans =

object latency is 546 cycles
```



Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Closing` block reference page.

See Also

visionhdl.Dilation | `Closing` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | visionhdl.Erosion | vision.MorphologicalClose | `imclose` | `strel` | `getnhood`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.Closing
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newC = clone(C)
```

Description

`newC = clone(C)` creates another instance of the `Closing` System object, `C`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

C

`visionhdl.Closing` System object

Output Arguments

newC

New `Closing` System object that has the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.Closing
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(C)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(C)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `Closing` System object, `C`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.Closing
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(C)
```

Description

`release(C)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

C

`visionhdl.Closing` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.Closing
Package: visionhdl

Report closed pixel value based on neighborhood

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(C,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(C,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` returns the next binary pixel value, `pixelOut`, resulting from a morphological close operation on the neighborhood around each input binary pixel, `pixelIn`.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

C

`visionhdl.Closing` System object

`pixelIn`

Single pixel, specified as a scalar `logical` value.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Single pixel transformed by a morphological operation, returned as a scalar `logical` value.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator System object

Package: visionhdl

Construct full RGB pixel data from Bayer pattern pixels

Description

`visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator` provides a Bayer pattern interpolation filter for streaming video data. You can select a low complexity bilinear interpolation, or a moderate complexity gradient-corrected bilinear interpolation. The object implements the calculations using hardware-efficient algorithms for HDL code generation.

- The object performs bilinear interpolation on a 3×3 pixel window using only additions and bit shifts.
- The object performs gradient correction on a 5×5 pixel window. The object implements the calculation using bit shift, addition, and low order Canonical Signed Digit (CSD) multiply.

Construction

`D = visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator` returns a System object, `D`, that interpolates R'G'B' data from a Bayer pattern pixel stream.

`D = visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `D`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`' '`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`InterpolationAlgorithm`

Algorithm the object uses to calculate the missing pixel values.

- `Bilinear` — Average of the pixel values in the surrounding 3×3 neighborhood.
- `Gradient-corrected linear` (default) — Bilinear average, corrected for intensity gradient.

`SensorAlignment`

Color sequence of the pixels in the input stream.

Specify the sequence of R, G, and B pixels that correspond to the 2-by-2 block of pixels in the top-left corner of the input image. Specify the sequence in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order. For instance, the default value, `RGGB`, represents an image with this pattern.

R	G
G	B

`LineBufferSize`

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of 2 that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the object uses the next largest power of two. When you set `InterpolationAlgorithm` to `Bilinear`, the object allocates 2-by-`LineBufferSize` memory locations. When you set `InterpolationAlgorithm` to `Gradient-corrected linear`, the object allocates 4-by-`LineBufferSize` memory locations.

Default: 2048

Methods

clone	Create object having the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

step Demosaic a Bayer pattern video stream

Examples

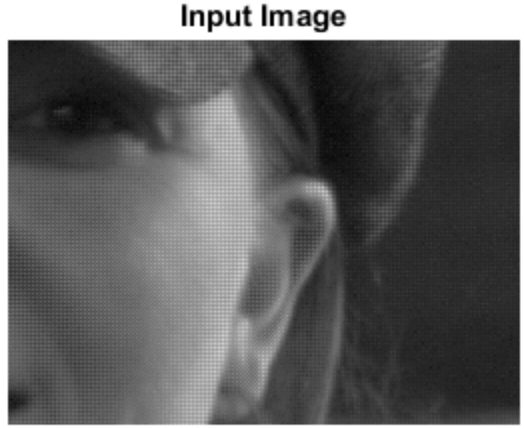
Demosaic a Bayer Pattern Image

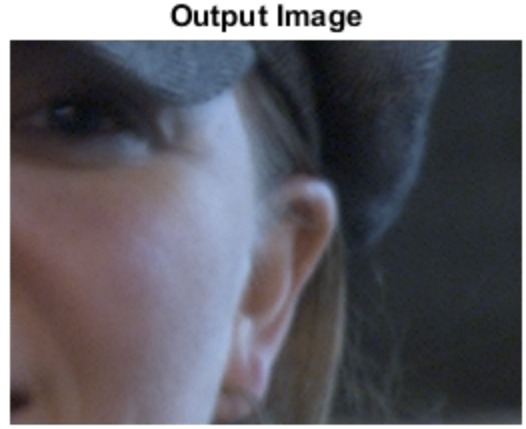
This example constructs full RGB pixel data from a Bayer pattern thumbnail image.

```
% Set the dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 256;
frmActiveLines = 192;

% Load the source image
% This image is in Bayer pattern: each pixel is represented by one value,
% alternating green values with red and blue values.
frmOrig = imread('mandi.tif');
figure
imshow(frmOrig,'InitialMagnification',20)
title 'Full Image (Scaled Down)'

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size.
% These offsets select the face of the woman in the image.
frmInput = frmOrig(900:899+frmActiveLines, 2350:2349+frmActivePixels);
figure
imshow(frmInput)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and specify size of inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
       'NumComponents',1,...
       'VideoFormat','custom',...
       'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
       'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
       'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
       'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
       'StartingActiveLine',6,...
       'FrontPorch',5);

% Create interpolator
% Specify the sequence of color values matching the 2-by-2 pixels in the top-left corne
BayerInterpolator = visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator(...
   'SensorAlignment', 'RGGB');
```

```
% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of pixel values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[pixels,lines,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
ctrlOut  = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);
pixOut = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,3,'uint8');

% For each pixel in the stream, generate the {R,G,B} triplet
% Print a progress message every 32 lines
lineCount = 1;
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    if ctrlIn(p).hEnd
         lineCount = lineCount+1;
         if mod(lineCount,32)==0
              fprintf('Processing... line %d\n',lineCount);
         end
    end
    [pixOut(p,:),ctrlOut(p)] = step(BayerInterpolator,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
end

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',3,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

 % Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput)
    title 'Output Image'
end

Processing... line 32
Processing... line 64
Processing... line 96
Processing... line 128
Processing... line 160
Processing... line 192
```

Full Image (Scaled Down)


Input Image



Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Demosaic Interpolator` block reference page.

See Also

`Demosaic Interpolator` | vision.DemosaicInterpolator | `demosaic` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newD = clone(D)
```

Description

`newD = clone(D)` creates another instance of the `DemosaicInterpolator` System object, `D`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

`D`

`visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator` System object

Output Arguments

`newD`

New `DemosaicInterpolator` System object that has the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(D)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(D)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `DemosiacInterpolator` System object, `D`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(D)
```

Description

`release(D)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

D

`visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator
Package: visionhdl

Demosaic a Bayer pattern video stream

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(D,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(D,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` interpolates the missing color values of a Bayer pattern input pixel stream, and returns the next pixel value, `pixelOut`, as a vector of R'G'B' values. `pixelIn` represents one pixel in a Bayer pattern image.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`D`

`visionhdl.DemosaicInterpolator` System object.

`pixelIn`

Single pixel, specified as a scalar value.

Supported data types:

- `uint` or `int`
- `fixdt(0,N,0)`
- `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Single pixel, returned as a vector of three values in R'G'B' color space.

The data type of `pixelOut` is the same as the data type of `pixelIn`.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.Dilation System object

Package: visionhdl

Morphological dilate

Description

`visionhdl.Dilation` replaces each pixel with the local maximum of the neighborhood around the pixel. The object operates on a stream of binary intensity values.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Construction

`D = visionhdl.Dilation` returns a System object, `D`, that performs morphological dilation on a binary video stream.

`D = visionhdl.Dilation(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `D`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`Neighborhood`

Pixel neighborhood, specified as a matrix or vector of ones and zeros.

The object supports neighborhoods of up to 32×32 pixels. To use a structuring element, specify `Neighborhood` as `getnhood(strel(`*shape*`))`.

Default: `[0,1,0;1,1,1;0,1,0]`

`LineBufferSize`

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the object uses the next largest power of two. The object allocates *neighborhood lines - 1*-by-`LineBufferSize` memory locations to store the pixels.

Default: `2048`

Methods

clone	Create object having the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Report dilated pixel value based on neighborhood

Examples

Morphological Dilate

This example performs morphological dilation on a thumbnail image.

```
% Set dimensions of test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load source image
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);

% Apply a threshold to convert uint8 input to binary values
```

```
frmInput = frmInput>128;
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and define inactive pixel regions.
% Make the # of inactive pixels following the active frame greater than the
% latency of the object.
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+20,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',3,...
      'FrontPorch',10);

% Create filter
 mopen = visionhdl.Opening( ...
          'Neighborhood',getnhood(strel('disk',3)));

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = false(numPixelsPerFrame,1);
ctrlOut  = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);


% For each pixel in the padded frame, compute the morphed value
% Monitor the control signals to determine latency of the object
% The latency of a configuration depends on:
% * the number of active pixels in a line
% * the size of the neighbourhood
foundValIn = false;
foundValOut = false;
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    if (ctrlIn(p).valid && foundValIn==0)
        foundValIn = p;
    end
```

```
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(mopen,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
    if (ctrlOut(p).valid && foundValOut==0)
        foundValOut = p;
    end
end
sprintf('object latency is %d cycles',foundValOut-foundValIn)

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput, 'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end


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object latency is 372 cycles
```
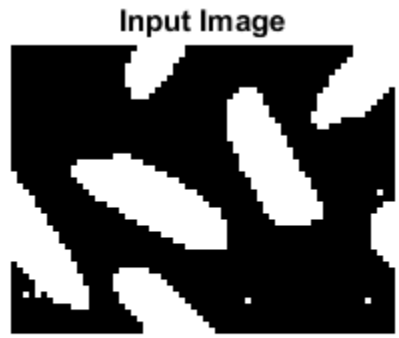
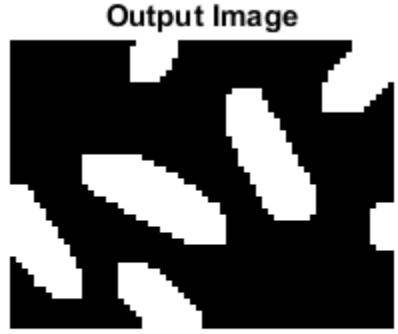





Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Dilation` block reference page.

See Also

`Dilation` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | vision.MorphologicalDilate | `imdilate` | `strel` | `getnhood`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.Dilation
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newD = clone(D)
```

Description

`newD = clone(D)` creates another instance of the `Dilation` System object, `D`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

D

`visionhdl.Dilation` System object

Output Arguments

newD

New `Dilation` System object that has the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.Dilation
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(D)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(D)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `Dilation` System object, `D`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.Dilation
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(D)
```

Description

`release(D)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

D

`visionhdl.Dilation` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.Dilation
Package: visionhdl

Report dilated pixel value based on neighborhood

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(D,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(D,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` returns the next pixel value, `pixelOut`, resulting from a morphological dilation operation on the neighborhood around each input pixel, `pixelIn`.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`D`

`visionhdl.Dilation` System object

`pixelIn`

Single pixel, specified as a scalar `logical` value.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Single pixel transformed by a morphological operation, returned as a scalar `logical` value.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.EdgeDetector System object

Package: visionhdl

Find edges of objects in image

Description

`visionhdl.EdgeDetector` finds the edges in a grayscale pixel stream using the Sobel, Prewitt, or Roberts method. The object convolves the input pixels with derivative approximation matrices to find the gradient of pixel magnitude along two orthogonal directions. It then compares the sum of the squares of the gradients to a configurable threshold to determine if the gradients represent an edge. The Sobel and Prewitt methods calculate the gradient in horizontal and vertical directions. The Roberts method calculates the gradients at 45 and 135 degrees.

The object returns a binary image, as a stream of pixel values. A pixel value of 1 indicates that the pixel is an edge. You can optionally enable output of the gradient values in the two orthogonal directions at each pixel.

Construction

`ED = visionhdl.EdgeDetector` returns a System object, `ED`, that detects edges using the Sobel method.

`ED = visionhdl.EdgeDetector(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `ED`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`' '`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`Method`

Edge detection algorithm.

Specify 'Sobel', 'Prewitt', or 'Roberts' method.

Default: 'Sobel'

BinaryImageOutputPort

Enable the Edge output of the step method.

When this property is true, the step method returns a binary pixel value representing whether the object detected an edge at each location in the frame.

Default: true

GradientComponentOutputPorts

Enable the G1 and G2 outputs of the step method.

When this property is true, the step method returns two values representing the gradients calculated in two orthogonal directions at each pixel. Set the data type for this argument in the GradientDataType property.

Default: false

ThresholdSource

Source for the gradient threshold value that indicates an edge.

Set this property to 'Input port' to set the threshold as an input argument to the step method. When this property is set to 'Property', set the threshold in the Threshold property.

Default: 'Property'

Threshold

Gradient threshold value that indicates an edge, specified as a numeric scalar value.

The object compares the square of this to the sum of the squares of the gradients. The object casts this value to the data type of the gradients. This property applies when you set ThresholdSource to 'Property'.

Default: 20

LineBufferSize

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the object uses the next largest power of two. The object allocates (*N* - *1*)-by-`LineBufferSize` memory locations to store the pixels, where *N* is the number of lines in the differential approximation matrix. If you set the `Method` property to `'Sobel'` or `'Prewitt'`, then *N* is 3. If you set the `Method` property to `'Roberts'`, then *N* is 2.

Default: 2048

`RoundingMethod`

Rounding mode used for fixed-point operations.

The object uses fixed-point arithmetic for internal calculations when the input is any integer or fixed-point data type. This option does not apply when the input data type is `single` or `double`.

Default: `Floor`

`OverflowAction`

Overflow action used for fixed-point operations.

The object uses fixed-point arithmetic for internal calculations when the input is any integer or fixed-point data type. This option does not apply when the input data type is `single` or `double`.

Default: `Wrap`

`GradientDataType`

Data type for the gradient output values, specified as `numerictype(signed,WL,FL)`, where *WL* is the word length and *FL* is the fraction length in bits.

- `'Full precision'` (default) — Use full-precision rules based on the data type of the `pixelIn` argument of the `step` method, and the coefficients of the derivative approximation matrices.
- `'custom'` — Use the data type defined in the`CustomGradientDataType` property.

`CustomGradientDataType`

Data type for the gradient output values, specified as `numerictype(signed,WL,FL)`, where *WL* is the word length and *FL* is the fraction length in bits.

Default: `numerictype(1,8,0)`

Methods

clone	Create object having the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Detect edges at an image pixel

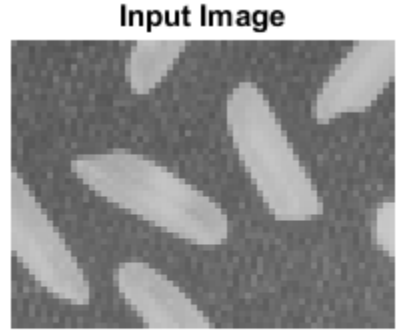
Examples

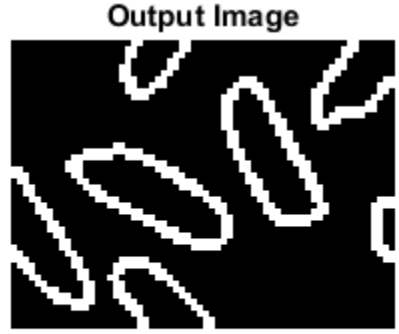
Edge Detection Using Sobel Method

This example detects edges in a thumbnail image using the Sobel method.

```
% Set dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load the source image
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and specify size of inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
       'NumComponents',1,...
       'VideoFormat','custom',...
       'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
       'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
       'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
       'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
       'StartingActiveLine',6,...
       'FrontPorch',5);
```

```
 % Create edge detection object
 % The default detection method is Sobel
 edgeDetect = visionhdl.EdgeDetector();

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
ctrlOut = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);
edgeOut  = false(numPixelsPerFrame,1);

% For each pixel in the stream, compute whether it represents an edge
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
   [edgeOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(edgeDetect,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
end

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,edgeOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput, 'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end
```





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Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Edge Detector` block reference page.

See Also

`Edge Detector` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | vision.EdgeDetector | `edge`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.EdgeDetector
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newED = clone(ED)
```

Description

`newED = clone(ED)` creates another instance of the `EdgeDetector` System object, `ED`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

`ED`

`visionhdl.EdgeDetector` System object

Output Arguments

`newED`

New `EdgeDetector` System object that has the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.EdgeDetector
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(ED)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(ED)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `EdgeDetector` System object, `ED`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.EdgeDetector
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(ED)
```

Description

`release(ED)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

ED

`visionhdl.EdgeDetector` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.EdgeDetector
Package: visionhdl

Detect edges at an image pixel

Syntax

```
[edge,ctrlOut] = step(ED,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
[G1,G2,ctrlOut] = step(ED,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
[edge,ctrlOut] = step(ED,pixelIn,ctrlIn,thresh)
```

Description

`[edge,ctrlOut] = step(ED,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` detects edges in the neighborhood of `pixelIn` by computing the gradient in two orthogonal directions. The `edge` output argument is a binary value indicating whether the sum of the squares of the gradients for the input pixel is above the threshold indicating an edge.

`[G1,G2,ctrlOut] = step(ED,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` detects edges in the neighborhood of `pixelIn` by computing the gradient in two orthogonal directions. Use this syntax when you set `GradientComponentOutputPorts` property to `true`. The `G1` and `G2` output arguments are the gradients calculated in the two orthogonal directions. When you set the `Method` property to `'Sobel'` or `'Prewitt'`, the first argument is the vertical gradient, and the second argument is the horizontal gradient. When you set the `Method` property to `'Roberts'`, the first argument is the 45 degree gradient, and the second argument is the 135 degree gradient.

`[edge,ctrlOut] = step(ED,pixelIn,ctrlIn,thresh)` detects edges in the neighborhood of `pixelIn` by computing the gradient in two orthogonal directions. Use this syntax when you set `ThresholdSource` property to `'InputPort'`. The `edge` output argument is a binary value indicating whether the sum of the squares of the gradients was above the threshold, `thresh`, squared.

You can use any combination of the optional port syntaxes.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and

format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`ED`

`visionhdl.EdgeDetector` System object.

`pixelIn`

Intensity of a single pixel, specified as a scalar value.

Supported data types:

- `uint` or `int`
- `fixdt()`
- `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

`thresh`

Gradient threshold value that indicates an edge, specified as a scalar numeric value.

The object compares this value squared to the sum of the squares of the gradients. This argument is accepted when you set `ThresholdSource` property to `'InputPort'`.

Output Arguments

`edge`

Pixel value indicating an edge at this pixel, returned as a scalar binary value.

`G1`

Gradient calculated in the first direction, returned as a scalar value.

This argument is returned when you set `GradientComponentOutputPorts` property to `true`. If you set the `Method` property to `'Sobel'` or `'Prewitt'`, this argument is the vertical gradient. When you set the `Method` property to `'Roberts'`, this argument is the 45 degree gradient.

Configure the data type of the gradients by using the `GradientComponentDataType` and `CustomGradientComponent` properties.

`G2`

Gradient calculated in the second direction, returned as a scalar value.

This argument is returned when you set `GradientComponentOutputPorts` property to `true`. If you set the `Method` property to `'Sobel'` or `'Prewitt'`, this argument is the horizontal gradient. When you set the `Method` property to `'Roberts'`, this argument is the 135 degree gradient.

Configure the data type of the gradients by using the `GradientComponentDataType` and `CustomGradientComponent` properties.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.Erosion System object

Package: visionhdl

Morphological erode

Description

`visionhdl.Erosion` replaces each pixel with the local minimum of the neighborhood around the pixel. The object operates on a stream of binary intensity values.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Construction

`E = visionhdl.Erosion` returns a System object, `E`, that performs a morphological erosion operation on a binary pixel stream.

`E = visionhdl.Erosion(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `E`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`Neighborhood`

Pixel neighborhood, specified as a matrix or vector of ones and zeros.

The object supports neighborhoods of up to 32×32 pixels. To use a structuring element, specify `Neighborhood` as `getnhood(strel(`*`shape`*`))`.

Default: `ones(3,3)`

`LineBufferSize`

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the object uses the next largest power of two. The object allocates *neighborhood lines - 1*-by-`LineBufferSize` memory locations to store the pixels.

Default: `2048`

Methods

clone	Create object having the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Report eroded pixel value based on neighborhood

Examples

Morphological Erode

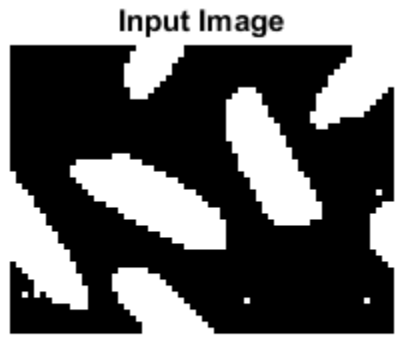
This example performs morphological erosion on a thumbnail image.

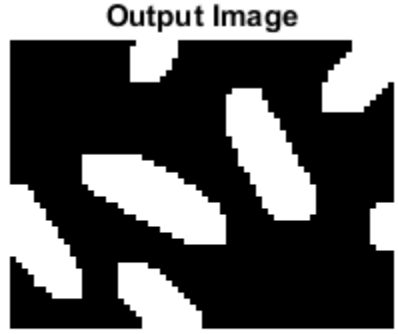
```
% Set dimensions of test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load source image
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);

% Apply a threshold to convert uint8 input to binary values
```

```
frmInput = frmInput>128;
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and define inactive pixel regions.
% Make the # of inactive pixels following the active frame greater than the
% latency of the object.
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+20,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+20,...
      'StartingActiveLine',3,...
      'FrontPorch',10);

% Create filter
 mopen = visionhdl.Opening( ...
          'Neighborhood',ones(5,5));

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = false(numPixelsPerFrame,1);
ctrlOut  = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);


% For each pixel in the padded frame, compute the morphed value
% Monitor the control signals to determine latency of the object
% The latency of a configuration depends on:
% * the number of active pixels in a line
% * the size of the neighbourhood
foundValIn = false;
foundValOut = false;
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    if (ctrlIn(p).valid && foundValIn==0)
        foundValIn = p;
    end
```

```
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(mopen,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
    if (ctrlOut(p).valid && foundValOut==0)
        foundValOut = p;
    end
end
sprintf('object latency is %d cycles',foundValOut-foundValIn)

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput, 'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end
```

```
ans =

object latency is 372 cycles
```





Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Erosion` block reference page.

See Also

`Erosion` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | vision.MorphologicalErode | `imerode` | `strel` | `getnhood`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.Erosion
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newE = clone(E)
```

Description

`newE = clone(E)` creates another instance of the `Erosion` System object, `E`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

E

`visionhdl.Erosion` System object

Output Arguments

newE

New `Erosion` System object that has the same property values as the original System object. The new unlocked object contains uninitialized states.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.Erosion
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(E)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(E)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `DemosiacInterpolator` System object, `E`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.Erosion
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(E)
```

Description

`release(E)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

E

`visionhdl.Erosion` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.Erosion
Package: visionhdl

Report eroded pixel value based on neighborhood

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(E,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(E,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` returns the next pixel value, `pixelOut`, in the pixel stream resulting from a morphological erosion operation on the neighborhood around each input pixel, `pixelIn`.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`E`

`visionhdl.Erosion` System object

`pixelIn`

Single pixel, specified as a scalar `logical` value.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Single pixel transformed by a morphological operation, returned as a scalar `logical` value.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.FrameToPixels System object

Package: visionhdl

Convert full-frame video to pixel stream

Description

`visionhdl.FrameToPixels` converts color or grayscale full-frame video to a pixel stream and control structure. The control structure indicates the validity of each pixel and its location in the frame. The pixel stream format can include padding pixels around the active frame. You can configure the frame and padding dimensions by selecting a common video format or specifying custom dimensions. See "Streaming Pixel Interface" for details of the pixel stream format.

Use this object to generate input for a function targeted for HDL code generation. This block does not support HDL code generation.

If your design converts frames to a pixel stream and later converts the stream back to frames, specify the same video format for the `FrameToPixels` object and the `PixelsToFrame` object.

Construction

`F2P = visionhdl.FrameToPixels` returns a System object, `F2P`, that serializes a grayscale 1080×1920 frame into a 1080p pixel stream with standard padding around the active data.

`F2P = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `F2P`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name,Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`NumComponents`

Components of each pixel, specified as 1, 3, or 4. Set to 1 for grayscale video. Set to 3 for color video, for example, {R,G,B} or {Y,Cb,Cr}. Set to 4 to use color with an alpha channel for transparency. The `step` method returns a *P*-by-`NumComponents` matrix, where *P* is the total number of pixels. The default is 1.

`VideoFormat`

Dimensions of active and inactive regions of a video frame. To select a predefined format, specify the `VideoFormat` property as a string from the options in the first column of the table. For a custom format, set `VideoFormat` to `Custom`, and specify the dimension properties as integers.

Video Format	Active Pixels Per Line	Active Video Lines	Total Pixels Per Line	Total Video Lines	Starting Active Line	Front Porch
`240p`	320	240	402	324	1	44
`480p`	640	480	800	525	36	16
`480pH`	720	480	858	525	33	16
`576p`	720	576	864	625	47	12
`720p`	1280	720	1650	750	25	110
`768p`	1024	768	1344	806	10	24
`1024p`	1280	1024	1688	1066	42	48
`1080p` (default)	1920	1080	2200	1125	42	88
`1200p`	1600	1200	2160	1250	50	64
`2KCinema`	2048	1080	2750	1125	42	639
`4KUHDTV`	3840	2160	4400	2250	42	88
`8KUHDTV`	7680	4320	8800	4500	42	88
`Custom`	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined	User-defined

Note: When using a custom format, the properties you enter for the active and inactive dimensions of the image must add up to the total frame dimensions.

For the horizontal direction, `TotalPixelsPerLine` must be greater than or equal to `FrontPorch` + `ActivePixelsPerLine`. The block calculates *BackPorch* = `TotalPixelsPerLine` − `FrontPorch` − `ActivePixelsPerLine`.

For the vertical direction, `TotalVideoLines` must be greater than or equal to `StartingActiveLine` + `ActiveVideoLines` − 1. The block calculates *EndingActiveLine* = `StartingActiveLine` + `ActiveVideoLines` − 1.

If you specify a format that does not conform to these rules, the object reports an error.

Note: When using a custom format, set the horizontal blanking interval, or `BackPorch` + `FrontPorch`, according to these guidelines.

- The total of `BackPorch` + `FrontPorch` must be at least 2 times the largest *kernel size* of the algorithm in the objects following the `visionhdl.FrameToPixels` object. If the *kernel size* is < 4, the total porch must be at least 8 pixels.
- The `BackPorch` must be at least 6 pixels. This parameter is the number of inactive pixels before the first valid pixel in a frame.

Methods

clone	Create object having the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Convert image frame to pixel stream

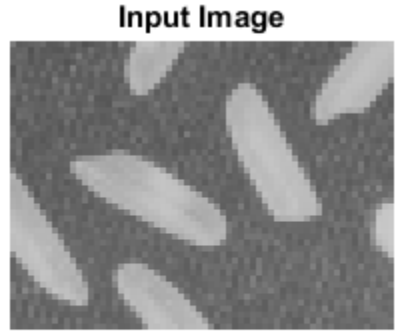
Examples

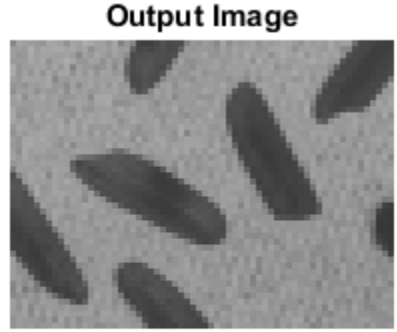
Convert Between Full-Frame and Pixel-Streaming Data

```
% This example converts a custom-size grayscale image to a pixel stream. It
% uses the visionhdl.LookupTable object to obtain the negative image. Then
```

```
% it converts the pixel-stream back to a full-frame image.

% Set the dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load the source image
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and specify size of inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',6,...
      'FrontPorch',5);

% Create LUT to generate the negative of the input image
tabledata = linspace(255,0,256);
inverter = visionhdl.LookupTable(tabledata);

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,1,'uint8');
ctrlOut = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);

% For each pixel in the stream, look up the negative of the pixel value
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(inverter,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
end
```

```
% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
       'NumComponents',1,...
       'VideoFormat','custom',...
       'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
       'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput,'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end
```





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See Also

visionhdl.PixelsToFrame | `Frame To Pixels`

More About

- “Streaming Pixel Interface”

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.FrameToPixels
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newF2P = clone(F2P)
```

Description

`newF2P = clone(F2P)` creates another instance of the `FrameToPixels` System object, `F2P`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

`F2P`

`visionhdl.FrameToPixels` System object

Output Arguments

`newF2P`

New `FrameToPixels` System object that has the same property values as the original object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.FrameToPixels
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(F2P)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(F2P)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `FrameToPixels` System object, `F2P`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.FrameToPixels
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(F2P)
```

Description

`release(F2P)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

F2P

`visionhdl.FrameToPixels` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.FrameToPixels
Package: visionhdl

Convert image frame to pixel stream

Syntax

```
[pixels,ctrlOut] = step(F2P,frm)
```

Description

`[pixels,ctrlOut] = step(F2P,frm)`

Converts the input image matrix, `frm`, to a vector of pixel values, `pixels`, and an associated vector of control structures, `ctrlOut`. The control structure indicates the validity of each pixel and its location in the frame. The output pixels include padding around the active image, specified by the `VideoFormat` property.

See “Streaming Pixel Interface” for details of the pixel stream format.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`F2P`

`visionhdl.FrameToPixels` System object

`frm`

Input image, specified as an `ActiveVideoLines`-by-`ActivePixelsPerLine`-by-`NumComponents` matrix, where:

- `ActiveVideoLines` is the height of the active image
- `ActivePixelsPerLine` is the width of the active image
- `NumComponents` is the number of components used to express a single pixel

Set the size of the active image using the `VideoFormat` property. If the dimensions of `im` do not match that specified by `VideoFormat`, the object returns a warning.

Supported data types:

- `uint` or `int`
- `fixdt()`
- `logical`
- `double` or `single`

Output Arguments

`pixels`

Pixel values, returned as a *P*-by-`NumComponents` matrix, where:

- *P* is the total number of pixels in the padded image, calculated as `TotalPixelsPerLine` × `TotalVideoLines`
- `NumComponents` is the number of components used to express a single pixel

Set the size of the padded image using the `VideoFormat` property. The data type of the pixel values is the same as `im`.

`ctrlOut`

Control structures associated with the output pixels, returned as a *P*-by-1 vector. *P* is the total number of pixels in the padded image, calculated as `TotalPixelsPerLine` × `TotalVideoLines`. Each structure contains five control signals indicating the validity of the pixel and its location in the frame. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.GammaCorrector System object

Package: visionhdl

Apply or remove gamma correction

Description

`visionhdl.GammaCorrector` applies or removes gamma correction on a stream of pixels. Gamma correction adjusts linear pixel values so that the modified values fit a curve. The de-gamma operation performs the opposite operation to obtain linear pixel values.

Construction

`G = visionhdl.GammaCorrector` returns a System object that applies or removes gamma correction on a stream of pixels.

`G = visionhdl.GammaCorrector(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `G`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

`G = visionhdl.GammaCorrector(operation,gammaValue,Name,Value)` returns a System object with the `Correction` property set to `operation`, the `Gamma` property set to `gammaValue`, and additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments.

Input Arguments

`operation`

Type of correction, specified as either `Gamma` or `De-gamma`. This argument sets the `Correction` property value.

gammaValue

Target or current gamma value, specified as a scalar value greater than or equal to 1. This argument sets the Gamma property value.

Output Arguments

G

`visionhdl.GammaCorrector` System object

Properties

Correction

Direction of intensity curve adjustment

- `Gamma` (default) — Apply gamma correction.
- `De-gamma` — Remove gamma correction.

Gamma

Target or current gamma value, specified as a scalar greater than or equal to 1.

- When you set `Correction` to `Gamma`, set this property to the target gamma value of the output video stream.
- When you set `Correction` to `De-gamma`, set this property to the gamma value of the input video stream.

Default: 2.2

LinearSegment

Option to include a linear segment in the gamma curve, specified as a `logical` value. When you set this property to `true`, the gamma curve has a linear portion near the origin.

Default: `true`

`BreakPoint`

Pixel value that corresponds to the point where the gamma curve and linear segment meet. Specify `Breakpoint` as a scalar value between 0 and 1, exclusive. This property applies only when the `LinearSegment` property is set to `true`.

Default: 0.018

Methods

clone	Create object with same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Apply or remove gamma correction on one pixel

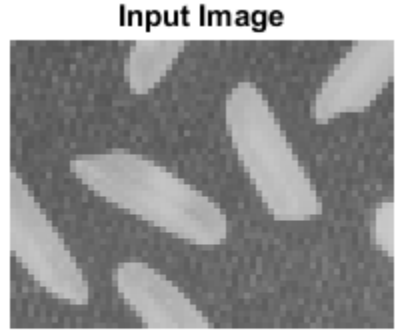
Examples

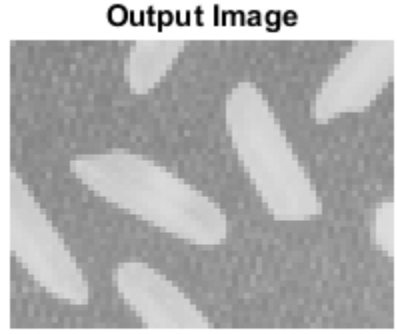
Gamma Correction

This example performs gamma correction on a thumbnail image.

```
% Set dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load the source image
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and specify size of inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
```

```
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',6,...
      'FrontPorch',5);

% Create gamma corrector object
 gammacorr = visionhdl.GammaCorrector(...
      'Gamma', 1.75);

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,1,'uint8');
ctrlOut  = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);

% For each pixel in the stream, compute the gamma corrected pixel value
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(gammacorr,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
end

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput, 'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end
```





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Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Gamma Corrector` block reference page.

See Also

`Gamma Corrector` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | vision.GammaCorrector | `imadjust`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.GammaCorrector
Package: visionhdl

Create object with same property values

Syntax

```
newG = clone(G)
```

Description

`newG = clone(G)` creates another instance of the `GammaCorrector` System object, `newG`, with the same property values as input argument `G`. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

G

`visionhdl.GammaCorrector` System object

Output Arguments

newG

New `GammaCorrector` System object with the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.GammaCorrector
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(G)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(G)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `GammaCorrector` System object, `G`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.GammaCorrector
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(G)
```

Description

`release(G)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

G

`visionhdl.GammaCorrector` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.GammaCorrector
Package: visionhdl

Apply or remove gamma correction on one pixel

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(G,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(G,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` returns the intensity value of a pixel after gamma correction, and the control signals associated with the pixel. The input, `pixelIn`, and output, `pixelOut`, are scalar values representing a single pixel.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time the `step` method is executed. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, you must first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`G`

`visionhdl.GammaCorrector` System object.

`pixelIn`

Intensity of a single pixel, specified as a scalar value. For fixed-point data types, the input word length must be less than or equal to 16.

Supported data types:

- `int8` and `int16`
- `uint8` and `uint16`
- `fixdt()`

`double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Gamma-corrected intensity of a single pixel, specified as a scalar value. The data type of the output pixel is the same as the data type of `pixelIn`.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.Histogram System object

Package: visionhdl

Frequency distribution

Description

`visionhdl.Histogram` computes the frequency distribution of pixel values in a video stream. You can configure the number and size of the bins. The object provides a read interface for accessing each bin. The object keeps a running histogram until you clear the bin values.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface allows object operation independent of image size and format, and easy connection with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts pixel data as integer, fixed-point, or floating-point data types. The `step` method accepts control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Construction

`H = visionhdl.Histogram` returns a System object, `H`, that computes image histograms over 256 bins, with a bin size of 16 bits.

`H = visionhdl.Histogram(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `H`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name,Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`NumBins`

Number of bins for the histogram.

Choose the number of bins depending on the input word length (WL). If the number of bins is less than 2^{WL}, the object truncates the least-significant bits of each pixel. If the number of bins is greater than 2^{WL}, the object warns about an inefficient use of hardware resources.

Default: `256`

`OutputDataType`

Data type of the histogram values.

- `double`
- `single`
- `Unsigned fixed point` (default)

`double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`OutputWordLength`

Histogram bin value word length when `OutputDataType` is `Unsigned fixed point`. If a bin overflows, the count saturates and the object shows a warning.

Default: `16`

Methods

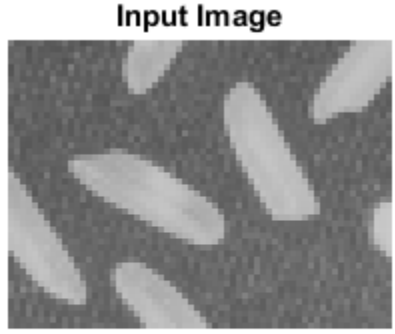
clone	Create object having the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Sort input pixel into histogram bin, or read histogram bin

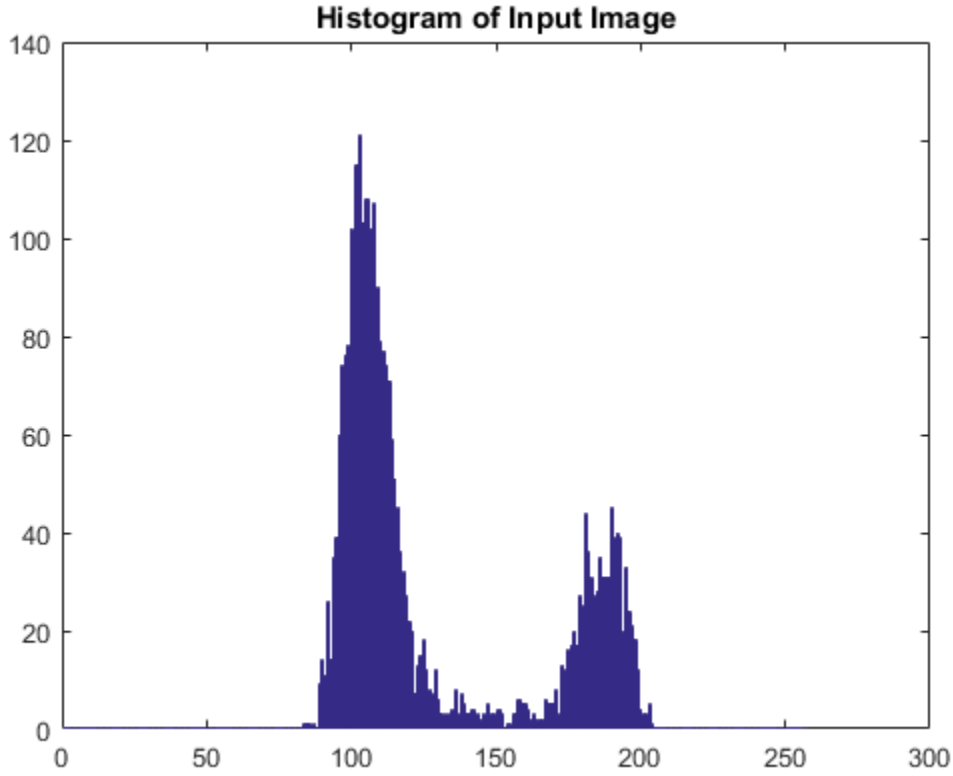
Examples

Compute Histogram of an Image

```
% Set dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load source image
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and define inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',6,...
      'FrontPorch',5);

% Create histogram object
% The default setting is 256 bins
histo = visionhdl.Histogram();
bins = str2double(histo.NumBins);

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
readRdy = false(numPixelsPerFrame,1);
dataOut = zeros(bins-1,1,'uint8');
validOut  = false(bins-1,1);
noOpCtrl = pixelcontrolstruct(0,0,0,0,0);
```

```
noAddr = uint8(0);
noReset = false;

% Call the object with noOp input to initialize the bin memory
for p = 1:bins
    step(histo,uint8(0),noOpCtrl,noAddr,noReset);
end

% For each pixel in the padded frame, sort the pixel into a bin
% readRdy is returned true 2 cycles after the active frame is complete
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
   [~,readRdy(p),~] = step(histo,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p),noAddr,noReset);
end

% Read the bin values
if readRdy(numPixelsPerFrame)
  for p = 1:bins+1
     if ( p < bins-1)
        % Read a normal bin
        % Bin addresses are 0:bins-1
        [dataOut(p),~,validOut(p)] = step(histo,uint8(0),noOpCtrl,uint8(p-1),noReset);
     elseif (p == bins-1)
        % Read the final bin value and initiate binReset
        [dataOut(p),~,validOut(p)] = step(histo,uint8(0),noOpCtrl,uint8(bins-1),true);
     elseif (p >= bins)
        % Flush final bin values with 2 more calls to step
        [dataOut(p),~,validOut(p)] = step(histo,uint8(0),noOpCtrl,noAddr,noReset);
     end
  end
end


% Graph the bin values
dataOut = dataOut(validOut==1);
figure
bar(dataOut)
title('Histogram of Input Image')

% Call the object with noOp input to clear the bin memory
for p = 1:bins-2
    step(histo,uint8(0),noOpCtrl,noAddr,noReset);
end
```


Input Image



Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Histogram` block reference page.

See Also

visionhdl.FrameToPixels | `Histogram` | vision.Histogram | `imhist`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.Histogram
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newH = clone(H)
```

Description

`newH = clone(H)` creates another instance of the `Histogram` System object, `H`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

H

`visionhdl.Histogram` System object

Output Arguments

newH

New `Histogram` System object that has the same property values as the original System object. The new unlocked object contains uninitialized states.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.Histogram
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(H)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(H)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `Histogram` System object, `H`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.Histogram
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(H)
```

Description

`release(H)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

H

`visionhdl.Histogram` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.Histogram
Package: visionhdl

Sort input pixel into histogram bin, or read histogram bin

Syntax

```
step(H,~,~,~,~)
[dataOut,readRdy,validOut] = step(H,pixelIn,ctrlIn,~,0)
[dataOut,readRdy,validOut] = step(H,~,~,binAddr,0)
[dataOut,readRdy,validOut] = step(H,~,~,binAddr,binReset)
```

Description

`step(H,~,~,~,~)` performs an initial reset phase before processing input data. After object creation or reset, call `step` with dummy arguments for `NumberOfBins` cycles before applying data. You do not have to assert `binReset` during this phase.

`[dataOut,readRdy,validOut] = step(H,pixelIn,ctrlIn,~,0)` adds the input pixel, `pixelIn`, to the internal histogram. Call `step` with this syntax for each pixel in a frame. The object returns `readRdy` `true` when the histogram for the frame is complete.

`[dataOut,readRdy,validOut] = step(H,~,~,binAddr,0)` reads the histogram bin specified by `binAddr`. Use this syntax when `readRdy` is returned `true`. Call `step` with this syntax for each histogram bin. The bin value at `binAddr` is returned in `dataOut`, with `validOut` set to `true`, after two further calls to `step`.

`[dataOut,readRdy,validOut] = step(H,~,~,binAddr,binReset)` resets the histogram values when `binReset` is `true`. You can initiate the reset while simultaneously giving the final `binAddr`. Before applying more video data, complete the reset sequence by calling `step` with dummy arguments for `NumBins` cycles.

To visualize the sequence of operations, see the timing diagrams in the “Algorithm” on page 1-63 section of the Histogram block page.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`H`

`visionhdl.Histogram` System object.

`pixelIn`

Single pixel, specified by a scalar value.

Supported data types:

- `uint`
- `fixdt(0,N,0)`
- `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

`binAddr`

Bin number request for reading histogram values. This input is captured after `readRdy` is returned `true`. The data type is `fixdt(0,N,0)`, `N` = 5,6,...,10. The word length must be $\log_2$`(NumBins)`.

`binReset`

Triggers histogram RAM reset when true. Reset takes `NumBins` cycles to clear all locations. Input signals are ignored during this interval. Data type is `logical`.

Output Arguments

`readRdy`

Flag indicating when the histogram bins are ready for read, returned as a `logical` value. The object returns `readRdy` set to `true` two cycles after the final pixel of a frame.

`dataOut`

Histogram value for the bin requested in `binAddr`. The `OutputDataType` property specifies the data type for this output.

`validOut`

Flag indicating the validity of `dataOut`, returned as a `logical` value.

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.ImageFilter System object

Package: visionhdl

2-D FIR filtering

Description

`visionhdl.ImageFilter` performs two-dimensional FIR filtering on a pixel stream.

Construction

`F = visionhdl.ImageFilter` returns a System object, `F`, that performs two-dimensional FIR filtering on an input pixel stream.

`F = visionhdl.ImageFilter(Name,Value)` returns a 2-D FIR filter System object, `F`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name,Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`' '`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

`F = visionhdl.ImageFilter(coeff,lineSize,Name,Value)` returns a 2-D FIR filter System object, `F`, with the `Coefficients` property set to `coeff`, the `LineBufferSize` property to `lineSize`, and additional options specified by one or more `Name,Value` pair arguments.

Input Arguments

`coeff`

Filter coefficients, specified as a vector or matrix. The maximum size along any dimension of this matrix or vector is 16. This argument sets the `Coefficients` property value.

`lineSize`

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. This argument sets the `LineBufferSize` property value.

Output Arguments

`F`

`visionhdl.ImageFilter` System object

Properties

`Coefficients`

Coefficients of the filter, specified as a vector or matrix of any numeric type. The maximum size along any dimension of this matrix or vector is 16.

`double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

Default: `[1,0;0,-1]`

`CoefficientsDataType`

Method for determining the data type of the filter coefficients.

- `'Same as first input'` (default) — Sets the data type of the coefficients to match the data type of the `pixelIn` argument of the `step` method.
- `'custom'` — Sets the data type of the coefficients to match the data type defined in the `CustomCoefficientsDataType` property.

`CustomCoefficientsDataType`

Data type for the filter coefficients, specified as `numerictype(signed,WL,FL)`, where *WL* is the word length and *FL* is the fraction length in bits. This property applies when you set `CoefficientsDataType` to `'custom'`.

Default: `numerictype(true,16,15)`

CustomOutputDataType

Data type for the output pixels, specified as `numerictype(signed,WL,FL)`, where *WL* is the word length and *FL* is the fraction length in bits. This property applies only when you set `OutputDataType` to `custom`.

Default: `numerictype(true,8,0)`

LineBufferSize

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the object uses the next largest power of two. The object allocates (*coefficient rows – 1*)-by-`LineBufferSize` memory locations to store the pixels.

Default: 2048

OutputDataType

Method for determining the data type of the output pixels.

- `'Same as first input'` (default) — Sets the data type of the output pixels to match the data type of the `pixelIn` argument of the `step` method.
- `'full precision'` — Computes internal and output data types using full precision rules. These rules provide accurate fixed-point numerics and prevent quantization within the object. Bits are added, as needed, to prevent rounding and overflow.
- `'custom'` — Sets the data type of the output pixels to match the data type you define in the `CustomOutputDataType` property.

OverflowAction

Overflow action used for fixed-point operations.

The object uses fixed-point arithmetic for internal calculations when the input is any integer or fixed-point data type. This option does not apply when the input data type is `single` or `double`.

Default: `Wrap`

`PaddingMethod`

Method for padding the boundary of the input image. See “Edge Padding”.

- `'Constant'` (default) — Pads the input matrix with a constant value.
- `'Replicate'` — Repeats the value of pixels at the edge of the image.
- `'Symmetric'` — Pads the input matrix with its mirror image.

`PaddingValue`

Constant value used to pad the boundary of the input image. This property applies when you set `PaddingMethod` to `'Constant'`. The object casts this value to the same data type as the input pixel.

Default: 0

`RoundingMethod`

Rounding mode used for fixed-point operations.

The object uses fixed-point arithmetic for internal calculations when the input is any integer or fixed-point data type. This option does not apply when the input data type is `single` or `double`.

Default: `Floor`

Methods

clone	Create object with same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	2-D FIR filtering

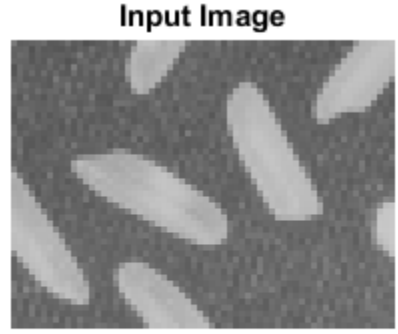
Examples

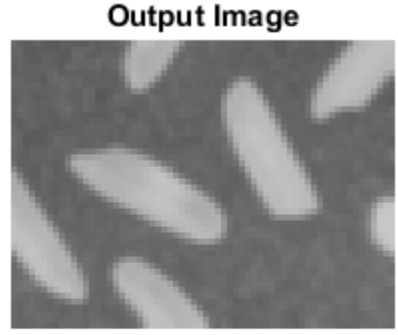
Filter a Pixel-Stream

This example implements a 2-D blur filter on a thumbnail image.

```
% Set dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load image source
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and define inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',6,...
      'FrontPorch',5);

% Create filter object
 filt2d = visionhdl.ImageFilter(...
          'Coefficients',ones(2,2)/4,...
          'CoefficientsDataType','Custom',...
          'CustomCoefficientsDataType',numerictype(0,1,2),...
          'PaddingMethod','Symmetric');

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,1,'uint8');
ctrlOut  = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);

% For each pixel in the padded frame, compute the filtered value
% Monitor the control signals to determine latency of the object
% The latency of a filter configuration depends on:
```

```
% * the number of active pixels in a line
% * the size of the filter kernel
% * optimization of symmetric or duplicate coefficients
foundValIn = false;
foundValOut = false;
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    if (ctrlIn(p).valid && foundValIn==0)
        foundValIn = p;
    end
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(filt2d,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
    if (ctrlOut(p).valid && foundValOut==0)
        foundValOut = p;
    end
end
sprintf('object latency is %d cycles',foundValOut-foundValIn)

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput, 'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end


ans =

object latency is 101 cycles
```





Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Image Filter` block reference page.

See Also

`Image Filter` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | vision.ImageFilter | `imfilter`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.ImageFilter
Package: visionhdl

Create object with same property values

Syntax

```
newF = clone(F)
```

Description

`newF = clone(F)` creates another instance of the `ImageFilter` System object, `F`, with the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

F

`visionhdl.ImageFilter` System object.

Output Arguments

newF

New `ImageFilter` System object with the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.ImageFilter
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(F)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(F)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `ImageFilter` System object, `F`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.ImageFilter
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(F)
```

Description

`release(F)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Note: You can use the release method on a System object in code generated from MATLAB®, but once you release its resources, you cannot use that System object again.

Input Arguments

F

`visionhdl.ImageFilter` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.ImageFilter
Package: visionhdl

2-D FIR filtering

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(F,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(F,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` returns the next pixel, `pixelOut`, of the filtered image resulting from applying the coefficients in the `Coefficients` property to the image described by the input pixel stream, `pixelIn`.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time the `step` method is executed. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, you must first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`F`

`visionhdl.ImageFilter` System object.

`pixelIn`

Single pixel, specified as a scalar value.

Supported data types:

- `uint` or `int`
- `fixdt()`
- `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Single filtered pixel, returned as a scalar value.

Configure the data type of the output pixel by using the `OutputDataType` and `CustomOutputDataType` properties.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.ImageStatistics System object

Package: visionhdl

Mean, variance, and standard deviation

Description

`visionhdl.ImageStatistics` calculates the mean, variance, and standard deviation of streaming video data. Each calculation is performed over all pixels in the input region of interest (ROI). The object implements the calculations using hardware-efficient algorithms.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface allows object operation independent of image size and format, and easy connection with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts pixel data as integer, fixed-point, or floating-point data types. The `step` method accepts control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

- To change the size and dimensions of the ROI, you can manipulate the input video stream control signals. See “Regions of Interest” on page 1-79.
- The number of valid pixels in the input image affect the accuracy of the mean approximation. To avoid approximation error, use an image that contains fewer than 64 pixels, a multiple of 64 pixels up to 64^2 pixels, or a multiple of 4096 pixels up to 64^3 pixels. For details of the mean approximation, see “Algorithm” on page 1-75.
- The object calculates statistics over frames up to 64^3 (262,144) pixels in size.

Construction

`S = visionhdl.ImageStatistics` returns a System object, `S`, that calculates the mean, variance, and standard deviation of each frame of a video stream.

`S = visionhdl.ImageStatistics(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `S`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name,Value` pair arguments. `Name`

is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`mean`

Calculate the mean of each input frame. If you set this property to `false`, the `step` method does not return this output.

Default: `true`

`variance`

Calculate the variance of each input frame. If you set this property to `false`, the `step` method does not return this output.

Default: `true`

`stdDev`

Calculate the standard deviation of each input frame. If you set this property to `false`, the `step` method does not return this output.

Default: `true`

Methods

clone	Create object having the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

step	Calculate the contribution of one pixel to the mean, variance, and standard deviation of a video stream

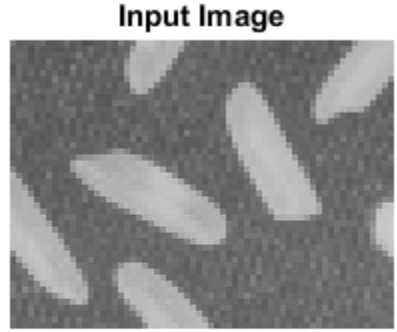
Examples

Compute Statistics of an Image

This example computes the mean, variance, and standard deviation of a thumbnail image.

```
% Set dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load image source
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and define inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',6,...
      'FrontPorch',5);

 % Create object that returns mean, variance, and standard deviation
 stats = visionhdl.ImageStatistics();

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);
```

```
% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
validOut  = false(numPixelsPerFrame,1);
mean  = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,1,'uint8');
variance  = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,1,'uint8');
stddev  = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,1,'uint8');

% For each pixel in the stream, increment the internal statistics
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
   [mean(p),variance(p),stddev(p),validOut(p)] = step(stats,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
end

% The results are valid when validOut is returned true
mean = mean(validOut==1)
variance = variance(validOut==1)
stddev = stddev(validOut==1)


mean =

  125


variance =

  255


stddev =

   36
```



Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Image Statistics` block reference page.

See Also

`Image Statistics` | vision.Variance | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | vision.Mean | vision.StandardDeviation | `mean2` | `std2`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.ImageStatistics
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newS = clone(S)
```

Description

`newS = clone(S)` creates another instance of the `ImageStatistics` System object, `S`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

S

`visionhdl.ImageStatistics` System object

Output Arguments

newS

New `ImageStatistics` System object that has the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.ImageStatistics
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(S)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(S)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `ImageStatistics` System object, `S`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.ImageStatistics
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(S)
```

Description

`release(S)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

S

`visionhdl.ImageStatistics`System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.ImageStatistics
Package: visionhdl

Calculate the contribution of one pixel to the mean, variance, and standard deviation of a video stream

Syntax

```
[mean,variance,stdDeviation,validOut] = step(S,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[mean,variance,stdDeviation,validOut] = step(S,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` incorporates the new pixel value, `pixelIn`, into calculations of video frame statistics. The control signals associated with each pixel, `ctrlIn`, indicate the frame boundaries. When `validOut` is `true`, the output values of `mean`, `variance`, and `stdDeviation` represent the statistics for the most recent input frame completed. The number of statistics returned depends on the object property settings.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface allows object operation independent of image size and format, and easy connection with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts pixel data as integer, fixed-point, or floating-point data types. The `step` method accepts control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`S`

`visionhdl.ImageStatistics` System object.

`pixelIn`

Single pixel, specified as a scalar value.

Supported data types:

- `uint8` or `uint16`
- `fixdt(0,N,0)`, N = 8,9,...,16
- `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Output Arguments

`mean`

Mean of the most recent frame of video input, returned as a scalar value.

The data type is the same as `pixelIn`.

`variance`

Variance of the most recent frame of video input, returned as a scalar value.

The data type is the same as `pixelIn`. The fixed-point output word length is double the input word length.

`stdDeviation`

Standard deviation of the most recent frame of video input, returned as a scalar value.

The data type is the same as `pixelIn`. Fixed-point output word length is double the input word length.

`validOut`

Validity of output statistics. When the object completes the calculations, it returns `true`. When this output is `true`, the other output arguments are valid. Data type is `logical`.

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.LookupTable System object

Package: visionhdl

Map input pixel to output pixel using custom rule

Description

The `visionhdl.LookupTable` System object uses a custom one-to-one map to convert between an input pixel value and an output pixel value.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Construction

`LUT = visionhdl.LookupTable` returns a System object, `LUT`, that performs a one-to-one mapping between the input pixel and output pixel, according to the lookup table contents.

`LUT = visionhdl.LookupTable(tabledata)` returns a lookup table System object, `LUT`, with the table contents set to `TABLEDATA`.

Input Arguments

`tabledata`

One-to-one correspondence between input pixels and output pixels, specified as a vector. This argument sets the `Table` property value.

Output Arguments

`LUT`

`visionhdl.visionhdl.LookupTable` System object

Properties

`Table`

Map between input pixel values and output pixel values.

- The table data is a vector, row or column, of any data type. The data type of the table data determines that of `pixelOut`. See `visionhdl.LookupTable.step` method.
- The length of the table data must equal $2^{WordLength}$, where *WordLength* is the size, in bits, of `pixelIn`. See `visionhdl.LookupTable.step` method.
- The smallest representable value of the input data type maps to the first element of the table, the second smallest value maps to the second element, and so on. For example, if `pixelIn` has a data type of `fixdt(0,3,1)`, the input value 0 maps to the first element of the table, input value 0.5 maps to the second element, 1 maps to the third, and so on.

Default: `uint8(0:1:255)`

Methods

clone	Create object with same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Map input pixel to output pixel based on table contents

Examples

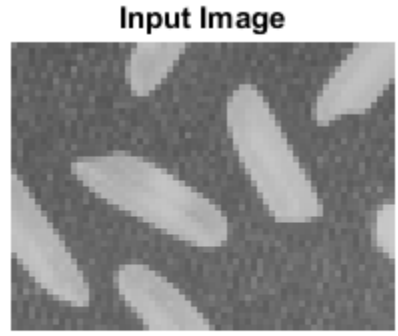
Compute Negative Image

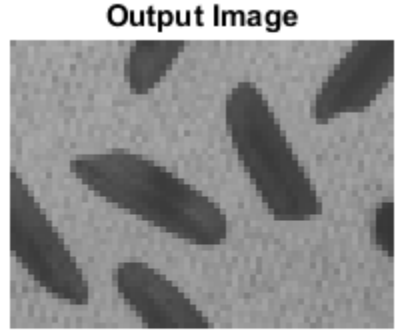
This example creates the negative of an image by looking up the opposite pixel values in a table.

```
% Set dimensions of test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;
```

```
% Load image source
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and define inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',6,...
      'FrontPorch',5);

 % Create lookup table object
 % The input pixel data is uint8 type, so the negative value is 255-|pixel|.
 % The output pixel data type is the same as the data type of the table contents.
 tabledata = uint8(linspace(255,0,256));
 inverter = visionhdl.LookupTable(tabledata);

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,1,'uint8');
ctrlOut  = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);

% For each pixel in the padded frame, look up the negative value
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(inverter,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
end

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
```

```
        'VideoFormat','custom',...
        'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
        'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput, 'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end
```





Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Lookup Table` block reference page.

See Also

visionhdl.FrameToPixels | `Lookup Table`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.LookupTable
Package: visionhdl

Create object with same property values

Syntax

```
newLUT = clone(LUT)
```

Description

`newLUT = clone(LUT)` creates another instance of the `LookupTable` System object, `newLUT`, with the same property values as input argument `LUT`. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

`LUT`

`visionhdl.LookupTable` System object

Output Arguments

`newLUT`

New `LookupTable` System object with the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.LookupTable
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(LUT)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(LUT)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `LookupTable` System object, `LUT`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.LookupTable
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(LUT)
```

Description

`release(LUT)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

`LUT`

`visionhdl.LookupTable` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.LookupTable
Package: visionhdl

Map input pixel to output pixel based on table contents

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(LUT,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(LUT,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` returns the pixel value, `pixelOut`, located in the table at the address specified by the input pixel value, `pixelIn`. The object passes the control signals, `ctrlIn`, through and aligns the output control signals, `ctrlOut`, with the output data.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time the `step` method is executed. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, you must first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`LUT`

`visionhdl.LookupTable` System object

`pixelIn`

Input pixel, specified as a scalar value. For unsigned fixed-point data types, the input word length must be less than or equal to 16.

Supported data types:

- `logical`
- `uint8` or `uint16`
- `fixdt()`

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Output pixel, returned as a scalar value. The data type of the output is the same as the data type of the entries you specify in the `Table` property.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.MedianFilter System object

Package: visionhdl

2-D median filtering

Description

`visionhdl.MedianFilter` performs 2-D median filtering on a pixel stream. The object replaces each pixel value with the median value of the adjacent pixels.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Construction

`MF = visionhdl.MedianFilter` returns a System object, `MF`, that performs two-dimensional median filtering of serial pixel data.

`MF = visionhdl.MedianFilter(Name,Value)` returns a median filter System object, `MF`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`' '`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

`MF = visionhdl.MedianFilter(size,Name,Value)` returns a median filter System object, `MF`, with the `NeighborhoodSize` property set to `size` and additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments.

Input Arguments

`size`

Size in pixels of the image region used to compute the median. This argument sets the `NeighborhoodSize` property value.

Output Arguments

`MF`

`visionhdl.MedianFilter` System object.

Properties

`NeighborhoodSize`

Neighborhood size, in pixels.

- '3×3' (default)
- '5×5'
- '7×7'

`LineBufferSize`

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of 2 that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the object uses the next largest power of two. The object allocates *N* - *1*-by-`LineBufferSize` memory locations to store the pixels used to compute the median value. *N* is the number of lines in the square region specified in **Neighborhood size**.

Default: 2048

`PaddingMethod`

Method for padding the boundary of the input image

- `'Constant'` — Pad input matrix with a constant value.
- `'Replicate'` — Repeat the value of pixels at the edge of the image.

- 'Symmetric' (default) — Pad image edge with its mirror image.

PaddingValue

Constant value used to pad the boundary of the input image. This property applies when you set PaddingMethod to 'Constant'. The object casts this value to the same data type as the input pixel.

Default: 0

Methods

clone	Create object with same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Median pixel value of neighborhood

Examples

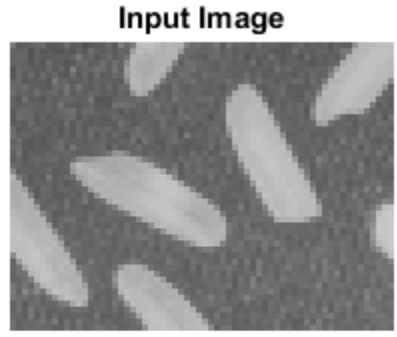
Median Filter on a Pixel-Stream

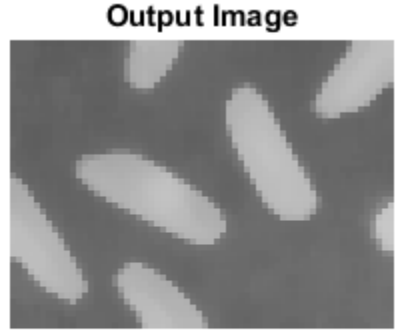
This example implements a 5×5 median filter on a thumbnail image.

```
% Set the dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load image source
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and define inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
```

```
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',6,...
      'FrontPorch',5);

% Create filter
 mfilt = visionhdl.MedianFilter(...
          'NeighborhoodSize','5x5');

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,1,'uint8');
ctrlOut  = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);

% For each pixel in the padded frame, compute the local median
% Monitor control signals to determine latency of the object
% The latency of a filter configuration depends on:
% * the number of active pixels in a line
% * the size of the neighbourhood
foundValIn = false;
foundValOut = false;
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    if (ctrlIn(p).valid && foundValIn==0)
        foundValIn = p;
    end
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(mfilt,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
    if (ctrlOut(p).valid && foundValOut==0)
        foundValOut = p;
    end
end
sprintf('object latency is %d cycles',foundValOut-foundValIn)

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
```

```
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput, 'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end


ans =

object latency is 177 cycles
```





Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Median Filter` block reference page.

See Also

`Median Filter` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | vision.MedianFilter | `medfilt2`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.MedianFilter
Package: visionhdl

Create object with same property values

Syntax

```
newF = clone(F)
```

Description

`newF = clone(F)` creates another instance of the `MedianFilter` System object, `F`, with the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

F

`visionhdl.MedianFilter` System object

Output Arguments

newF

New `MedianFilter` System object with the same property values as the original System object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.MedianFilter
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(F)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(F)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `MedianFilter` System object, `F`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.MedianFilter
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(F)
```

Description

`release(F)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

F

`visionhdl.MedianFilter` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.MedianFilter
Package: visionhdl

Median pixel value of neighborhood

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(F,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(F,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` returns the next pixel value, `pixelOut`, in the filtered pixel stream resulting from calculating the median of the neighborhood around each input pixel, `pixelIn`. Before filtering, the object pads image edges according to the `PaddingMethod` property.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time the `step` method is executed. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, you must first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

F

`visionhdl.MedianFilter` System object.

`pixelIn`

Single pixel, specified as a scalar value.

Supported data types:

- `uint` or `int`
- `fixdt(~,N,0)`
- `logical`
- `double` and `single` data types are supported for simulation but not for HDL code generation.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Single pixel value representing the median of its neighborhood, returned as a scalar value.

The data type is the same as the data type of `pixelIn`.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.Opening System object

Package: visionhdl

Morphological open

Description

`visionhdl.Opening` performs a morphological erosion operation, followed by a morphological dilation operation, using the same neighborhood for both calculations. The object operates on a stream of binary intensity values.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Construction

`O = visionhdl.Opening` returns a System object, `O`, that performs a morphological open operation on a binary pixel stream.

`O = visionhdl.Opening(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `O`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name`,`Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`Neighborhood`

Pixel neighborhood, specified as a matrix or vector of ones and zeros.

The object supports neighborhoods of up to 32×32 pixels. To use a structuring element, specify `Neighborhood` as `getnhood(strel(`*shape*`))`.

Default: `ones(3,3)`

`LineBufferSize`

Size of the line memory buffer, specified as a scalar integer.

Choose a power of two that accommodates the number of active pixels in a horizontal line. If you specify a value that is not a power of two, the object uses the next largest power of two. The object allocates *neighborhood lines - 1*-by-`LineBufferSize` memory locations to store the pixels.

Default: `2048`

Methods

clone	Create object having the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Report opened pixel value based on neighborhood

Examples

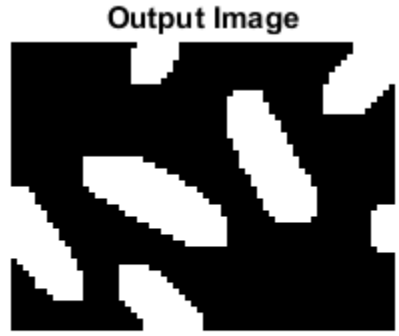
Morphological Open

This example performs morphological open on a thumbnail image.

```
% Set dimensions of test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load source image
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
```

```
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);

% Apply a threshold to convert uint8 input to binary values
frmInput = frmInput>128;
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and define inactive pixel regions.
% Make the # of inactive pixels following the active frame greater than the
% latency of the object.
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
      'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+20,...
      'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
      'StartingActiveLine',3,...
      'FrontPorch',10);

% Create filter
 mopen = visionhdl.Opening( ...
          'Neighborhood',ones(5,5));

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = false(numPixelsPerFrame,1);
ctrlOut  = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);


% For each pixel in the padded frame, compute the morphed value
% Monitor the control signals to determine latency of the object
% The latency of a configuration depends on:
% * the number of active pixels in a line
% * the size of the neighbourhood
foundValIn = false;
foundValOut = false;
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
```

```
    if (ctrlIn(p).valid && foundValIn==0)
        foundValIn = p;
    end
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(mopen,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
    if (ctrlOut(p).valid && foundValOut==0)
        foundValOut = p;
    end
end
sprintf('object latency is %d cycles',foundValOut-foundValIn)

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput, 'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end


ans =

object latency is 372 cycles
```



Algorithm

This object implements the algorithms described on the `Opening` block reference page.

See Also

visionhdl.Dilation | `Opening` | visionhdl.FrameToPixels | visionhdl.Erosion | vision.MorphologicalOpen | `imopen` | `strel` | `getnhood`

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.Opening
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newH = clone(O)
```

Description

`newH = clone(O)` creates another instance of the `Opening` System object, `O`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

O

`visionhdl.Opening` System object

Output Arguments

newO

New `Opening` System object that has the same property values as the original System object. The new unlocked object contains uninitialized states.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.Opening
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(O)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(O)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `DemosiacInterpolator` System object, `O`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.Opening
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(O)
```

Description

`release(O)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

O

`visionhdl.Opening` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.Opening
Package: visionhdl

Report opened pixel value based on neighborhood

Syntax

```
[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(O,pixelIn,ctrlIn)
```

Description

`[pixelOut,ctrlOut] = step(O,pixelIn,ctrlIn)` returns the next pixel value, `pixelOut`, resulting from a morphological open operation on the neighborhood around each input pixel, `pixelIn`.

This object uses a streaming pixel interface with a structure for synchronization control signals. This interface enables the object to operate independently of image size and format, and to connect easily with other Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The `step` method accepts and returns a scalar pixel value. The `step` method accepts and returns control signals as a structure containing five signals. These signals indicate the validity of each pixel and the location of each pixel in the frame.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`O`

`visionhdl.Opening` System object

`pixelIn`

Single pixel, specified as a scalar `logical` value.

`ctrlIn`

Control signals indicating the validity of the input pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, specified as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Output Arguments

`pixelOut`

Single pixel transformed by a morphological operation, returned as a scalar `logical` value.

`ctrlOut`

Control signals indicating the validity of the output pixel and the location of the pixel within the frame, returned as a structure containing five `logical` signals. See “Pixel Control Structure”.

Introduced in R2015a

visionhdl.PixelsToFrame System object

Package: visionhdl

Convert pixel stream to full-frame video

Description

`visionhdl.visionhdl.PixelsToFrame` converts a color or grayscale pixel stream and control structures into full-frame video. The control structure indicates the validity of each pixel and its location in the frame. The pixel stream format can include padding pixels around the active frame. You can configure the frame and padding dimensions by selecting a common video format or specifying custom dimensions. See "Streaming Pixel Interface" for details of the pixel stream format.

Use this object to convert the output of a function targeted for HDL code generation back to frames. This object does not support HDL code generation.

If your design converts frames to a pixel stream and later converts the stream back to frames, specify the same video format for the `FrameToPixels` object and the `PixelsToFrame` object.

Construction

`P2F = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame` returns a System object, `P2F`, that converts a 1080p pixel stream, with standard padding, to a grayscale 1080×1920 frame.

`P2F = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(Name,Value)` returns a System object, `P2F`, with additional options specified by one or more `Name,Value` pair arguments. `Name` is a property name and `Value` is the corresponding value. `Name` must appear inside single quotes (`''`). You can specify several name-value pair arguments in any order as `Name1,Value1,...,NameN,ValueN`. Properties not specified retain their default values.

Properties

`NumComponents`

Components of each pixel, specified as 1, 3, or 4. Set to 1 for grayscale video. Set to 3 for color video, for example, {R,G,B} or {Y,Cb,Cr}. Set to 4 to use color with an alpha channel for transparency. The `step` method expects a matrix of *P*-by-`NumComponents` values, where *P* is the total number of pixels. The default is 1.

`VideoFormat`

Dimensions of the active region of a video frame. To select a predefined format, specify the `VideoFormat` property as a string from the options in the first column of the table. For a custom format, set `VideoFormat` to `'Custom'`, and specify the dimensional properties as integers.

Video Format	Active Pixels Per Line	Active Video Lines
`240p`	320	240
`480p`	640	480
`480pH`	720	480
`576p`	720	576
`720p`	1280	720
`768p`	1024	768
`1024p`	1280	1024
`1080p` (default)	1920	1080
`1200p`	1600	1200
`2KCinema`	2048	1080
`4KUHDTV`	3840	2160
`8KUHDTV`	7680	4320
`Custom`	User-defined	User-defined

Methods

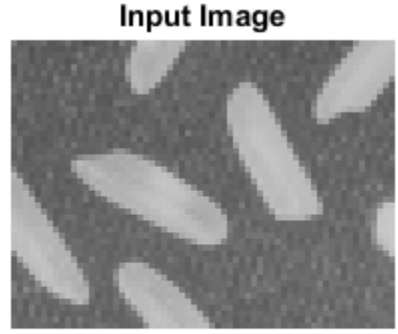
clone	Create object having the same property values
isLocked	Locked status (logical)
release	Allow changes to property values and input characteristics
step	Convert pixel stream to image frame

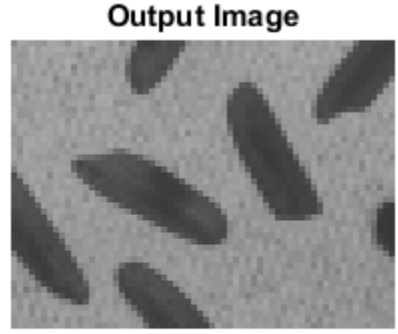
Examples

Convert Between Full-Frame and Pixel-Streaming Data

```
% This example converts a custom-size grayscale image to a pixel stream. It
% uses the visionhdl.LookupTable object to obtain the negative image. Then
% it converts the pixel-stream back to a full-frame image.

% Set the dimensions of the test image
frmActivePixels = 64;
frmActiveLines = 48;

% Load the source image
frmOrig = imread('rice.png');

% Select a portion of the image matching the desired test size
frmInput = frmOrig(1:frmActiveLines,1:frmActivePixels);
figure
imshow(frmInput,'InitialMagnification',300)
title 'Input Image'

% Create serializer and specify size of inactive pixel regions
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
       'NumComponents',1,...
       'VideoFormat','custom',...
       'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
       'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines,...
       'TotalPixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels+10,...
       'TotalVideoLines',frmActiveLines+10,...
       'StartingActiveLine',6,...
       'FrontPorch',5);
```

```
% Create LUT to generate the negative of the input image
tabledata = linspace(255,0,256);
inverter = visionhdl.LookupTable(tabledata);

% Serialize the test image
% pixIn is a vector of intensity values
% ctrlIn is a vector of control signal structures
[pixIn,ctrlIn] = step(frm2pix,frmInput);

% Prepare to process pixels
[~,~,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix);
pixOut = zeros(numPixelsPerFrame,1,'uint8');
ctrlOut = repmat(pixelcontrolstruct,numPixelsPerFrame,1);

% For each pixel in the stream, look up the negative of the pixel value
for p = 1:numPixelsPerFrame
    [pixOut(p),ctrlOut(p)] = step(inverter,pixIn(p),ctrlIn(p));
end

% Create deserializer with format matching that of the serializer
pix2frm = visionhdl.PixelsToFrame(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','custom',...
      'ActivePixelsPerLine',frmActivePixels,...
      'ActiveVideoLines',frmActiveLines);

% Convert the pixel stream to an image frame
[frmOutput,frmValid] = step(pix2frm,pixOut,ctrlOut);
if frmValid
    figure
    imshow(frmOutput,'InitialMagnification',300)
    title 'Output Image'
end
```





- “Pixel-Streaming Design in MATLAB”

See Also

visionhdl.FrameToPixels | `Pixels To Frame`

More About

- “Streaming Pixel Interface”

Introduced in R2015a

clone

System object: visionhdl.PixelsToFrame
Package: visionhdl

Create object having the same property values

Syntax

```
newP2F = clone(P2F)
```

Description

`newP2F = clone(P2F)` creates another instance of the `PixelsToFrame` System object, `P2F`, that has the same property values. The new object is unlocked and contains uninitialized states.

Input Arguments

`P2F`

`visionhdl.PixelsToFrame` System object

Output Arguments

`newP2F`

New `PixelsToFrame` System object that has the same property values as the original object.

Introduced in R2015a

isLocked

System object: visionhdl.PixelsToFrame
Package: visionhdl

Locked status (logical)

Syntax

```
TF = isLocked(P2F)
```

Description

`TF = isLocked(P2F)` returns the locked status, `TF`, of the `PixelsToFrame` System object, `P2F`.

Introduced in R2015a

release

System object: visionhdl.PixelsToFrame
Package: visionhdl

Allow changes to property values and input characteristics

Syntax

```
release(P2F)
```

Description

`release(P2F)` releases system resources (such as memory, file handles, or hardware connections), allowing you to change System object properties and input characteristics.

Input Arguments

P2F

`visionhdl.PixelsToFrame` System object

Introduced in R2015a

step

System object: visionhdl.PixelsToFrame
Package: visionhdl

Convert pixel stream to image frame

Syntax

```
[frm,validOut] = step(P2F,pixels,ctrlIn)
```

Description

```
[frm,validOut] = step(P2F,pixels,ctrlIn)
```

Converts a vector of pixel values representing a padded image, `pixels`, and an associated vector of control structures, `ctrlIn`, to an image matrix, `frm`. The control structure indicates the validity of each pixel and its location in the frame. The output image, `frm` is valid if `validOut` is `true`.

See “Streaming Pixel Interface” for details of the pixel stream format.

Note: The object performs an initialization the first time you call the `step` method. This initialization locks nontunable properties and input specifications, such as dimensions, complexity, and data type of the input data. If you change a nontunable property or an input specification, the System object issues an error. To change nontunable properties or inputs, first call the `release` method to unlock the object.

Input Arguments

`P2F`

`visionhdl.PixelsToFrame` System object

`pixels`

Pixel values, specified as a *P*-by-`NumComponents` matrix, where:

- P is the total number of pixels in the padded image, calculated as `TotalPixelsPerLine` × `TotalVideoLines`
- `NumComponents` is the number of components used to express a single pixel

Set the size of the padded image using the `VideoFormat` property. If the number of elements in `pixels` does not match that specified by `VideoFormat`, The object returns a warning.

Supported data types:

- `uint` or `int`
- `fixdt()`
- `logical`
- `double` or `single`

`ctrlIn`

Control structures associated with the input pixels, specified as a P-by-1 vector. P is the total number of pixels in the padded image, calculated as `TotalPixelsPerLine` × `TotalVideoLines`. Each structure contains five control signals indicating the validity of the pixel and its location in the frame. See "Pixel Control Structure". If the dimensions indicated by `ctrlIn` do not match that specified by `VideoFormat`, the object returns a warning.

Output Arguments

`frm`

Full-frame image, returned as an `ActiveVideoLines`-by-`ActivePixelsPerLine`-by-`NumComponents` matrix, where:

- `ActiveVideoLines` is the height of the active image
- `ActivePixelsPerLine` is the width of the active image
- `NumComponents` is the number of components used to express a single pixel

Set the size of the active image using the `VideoFormat` property. The data type of the pixel values is the same as `pixels`.

`validOut`

Frame status, returned as a logical value. When `validOut` is `true`, the frame is reassembled and ready for use.

Introduced in R2015a

Functions — Alphabetical List

getparamfromfrm2pix

Get frame format parameters

Syntax

```
[activePixelsPerLine,activeLines,numPixelsPerFrame] =
getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix)
```

Description

`[activePixelsPerLine,activeLines,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix)` returns video format parameters from a `visionhdl.FrameToPixels` System object.

Examples

Configure Pixel Stream Format

When you choose a standard video format for the `visionhdl.FrameToPixels` System object , the object computes the frame dimensions. To access these values, call the `getparamfromfrm2pix` function.

```
frm2pix = visionhdl.FrameToPixels(...
      'NumComponents',1,...
      'VideoFormat','240p');

[activePixels,activeLines,numPixelsPerFrame] = getparamfromfrm2pix(frm2pix)

activePixels =

  320
activeLines =

  240
numPixelsPerFrame =
```

```
130248
```

Note that `numPixelsPerFrame` includes both active and inactive regions of the frame.

Input Arguments

`frm2pix` — Video serializer

`visionhdl.FrameToPixels` System object

The `visionhdl.FrameToPixels` object converts framed video to a stream of pixel values and control signals. It contains useful parameters regarding the video format.

Output Arguments

`activePixelsPerLine` — Number of pixels in a horizontal line of the active video frame

positive integer

Number of pixels in a horizontal line of the active video frame, returned as a positive integer.

For custom video formats, this value corresponds to the `ActivePixelsPerLine` property of the `frm2pix` object.

`activeLines` — Number of horizontal lines in the active video frame

positive integer

Number of horizontal lines in the active video frame, returned as a positive integer.

For custom video formats, this value corresponds to the `ActiveVideoLines` property of the `frm2pix` object.

`numPixelsPerFrame` — Number of active and inactive pixels in the video frame

positive integer

Number of active and inactive pixels in the video frame, returned as a positive integer.

For custom video formats, this value corresponds to the product of the `TotalVideoLines` and `TotalPixelsPerLine` properties of the `frm2pix` object.

More About

- “Streaming Pixel Interface”

See Also

`Frame To Pixels` | `Pixels To Frame`

Introduced in R2015a

pixelcontrolbus

Create pixel-streaming control bus instance

Syntax

```
pixelcontrolbus
```

Description

`pixelcontrolbus` declares a bus instance in the workspace. This instance is required for HDL code generation. Call this function before you generate HDL code from Vision HDL Toolbox blocks.

Examples

Declare Bus in Base Workspace

In the `InitFcn` callback function of your Simulink model, include this line to declare a bus instance in the base workspace. If you create your model with the Vision HDL Toolbox model template, this is done for you.

```
evalin('base','pixelcontrolbus');
```

More About

- "Configure the Simulink Environment for HDL Video Processing"
- "Streaming Pixel Interface"

See Also

"Pixel Control Bus" | `Frame To Pixels` | `Pixels To Frame`

Introduced in R2015a

pixelcontrolsignals

Extract signals from pixel-streaming control signal structure

Syntax

```
hStart,hEnd,vStart,vEnd,valid] = pixelcontrolsignals(ctrl)
```

Description

`hStart,hEnd,vStart,vEnd,valid] = pixelcontrolsignals(ctrl)` extracts five scalar `logical` control signals from a structure.

Input Arguments

`ctrl` — Pixel control signals

structure containing five `logical` values

Pixel control signals, specified as a structure containing five `logical` values.

The pixel control structure is a specific format used by Vision HDL Toolbox objects. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Output Arguments

`hStart` — Control signal indicating the first pixel in a horizontal line

`logical`

Control signal indicating the first pixel in a horizontal line, specified as a `logical` scalar.

`hEnd` — Control signal indicating the last pixel in a horizontal line

`logical`

Control signal indicating the last pixel in a horizontal line, specified as a `logical` scalar.

`vStart` — Control signal indicating the first pixel in the first (top) line

`logical`

Control signal indicating the first pixel in the first (top) line, specified as a `logical` scalar.

`vEnd` — Control signal indicating the last pixel in the last (bottom) line

`logical`

Control signal indicating the last pixel in the last (bottom) line, specified as a `logical` scalar.

`valid` — Control signal indicating the validity of the pixel

`logical`

Control signal indicating the validity of the pixel, specified as a `logical` scalar.

More About

- "Streaming Pixel Interface"

See Also

visionhdl.FrameToPixels | visionhdl.PixelsToFrame | `pixelcontrolstruct`

Introduced in R2015a

pixelcontrolstruct

Create pixel-streaming control signal structure

Syntax

```
ctrl = pixelcontrolstruct(hStart,hEnd,vStart,vEnd,valid)
```

Description

`ctrl = pixelcontrolstruct(hStart,hEnd,vStart,vEnd,valid)` creates a structure containing the five control signals used by Vision HDL Toolbox objects. The input arguments must be five scalars of `logical` type. See "Pixel Control Structure".

Input Arguments

`hStart` — Control signal indicating the first pixel in a horizontal line

`logical`

Control signal indicating the first pixel in a horizontal line, specified as a `logical` scalar.

`hEnd` — Control signal indicating the last pixel in a horizontal line

`logical`

Control signal indicating the last pixel in a horizontal line, specified as a `logical` scalar.

`vStart` — Control signal indicating the first pixel in the first (top) line

`logical`

Control signal indicating the first pixel in the first (top) line, specified as a `logical` scalar.

`vEnd` — Control signal indicating the last pixel in the last (bottom) line

`logical`

Control signal indicating the last pixel in the last (bottom) line, specified as a `logical` scalar.

`valid` — Control signal indicating the validity of the pixel

`logical`

Control signal indicating the validity of the pixel, specified as a `logical` scalar.

Output Arguments

`ctrl` — Pixel control signals

structure containing five `logical` values

Pixel control signals, specified as a structure containing five `logical` values.

The pixel control structure is a specific format used by Vision HDL Toolbox objects. See "Pixel Control Structure".

More About

- "Streaming Pixel Interface"

See Also

visionhdl.FrameToPixels | visionhdl.PixelsToFrame | `pixelcontrolsignals`

Introduced in R2015a