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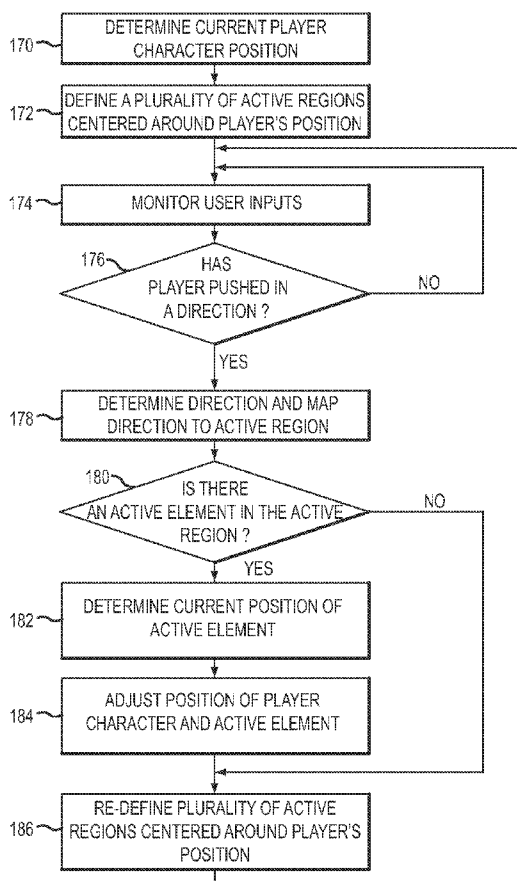
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(57) Abstract: An interactive animation environment. The interactive animation environment includes at least one user-controlled object [188], and the animation method for providing this environment includes determining a position of the user-controlled object [170], defining a plurality of regions about the position [172], detecting a user input to move the position of the user-controlled object [174], associating the detected user input to move the position of the user-controlled object with a region in the direction of movement [184], and providing an animation of the user-controlled object associated with the mapped region [216]. A system and controller for implementing the method is also disclosed. A computer program and computer program product for implementing the invention is further disclosed.

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