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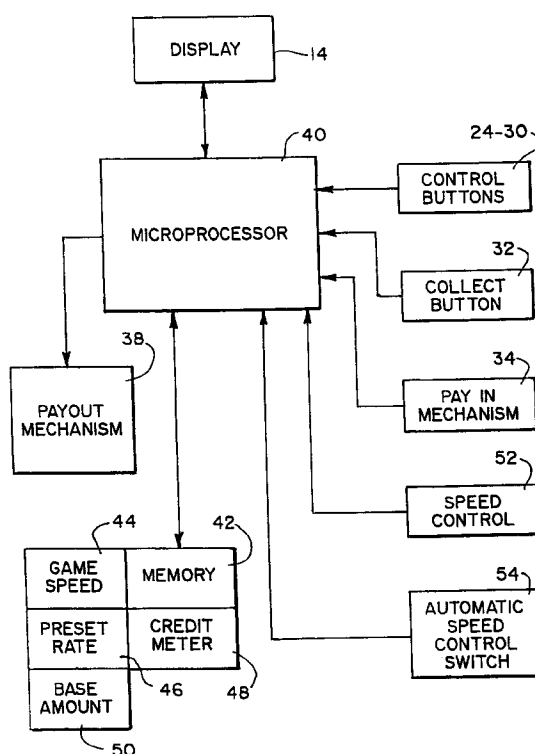
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(54) Gaming machine operation speed control

(57) To increase player appeal, an automatic speed control function is implemented on a gaming machine so as to increase or decrease the speed of operation of the machine in response to the perceived skill of the player. Criteria for modifying the speed of the machine includes the quantity of amounts won and the rate at which the gaming machine controls are operated by a player.

Fig. 2



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