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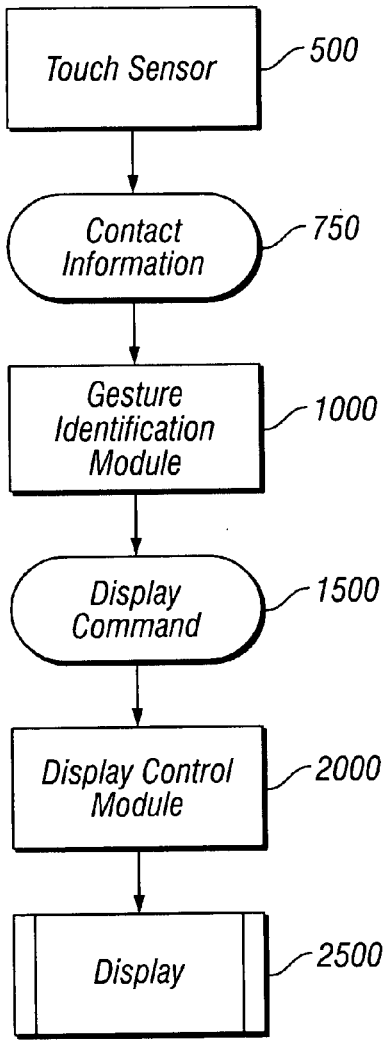
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus for identifying user gesture includes a touch sensor for determining contact information that describes locations at which a user contacts a touch sensitive surface corresponding to a display. The touch sensor provides the contact information to a gesture identification module which uses state information to identify a user gesture and, responsive thereto issues an associated display command to a display control module. The display control module updates the display based on display commands received from the gesture identification module.