

# Drawing robot playing Tic-Tac-Toe

## Project 3.1

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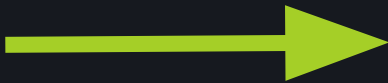
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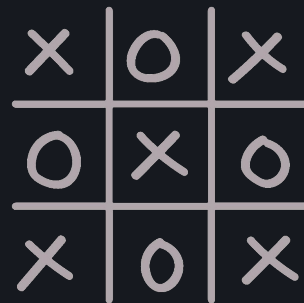
What we have:

- ROBOTIC ARM
- KNOWLEDGE OF KINEMATICS
- SETUP + CAMERA



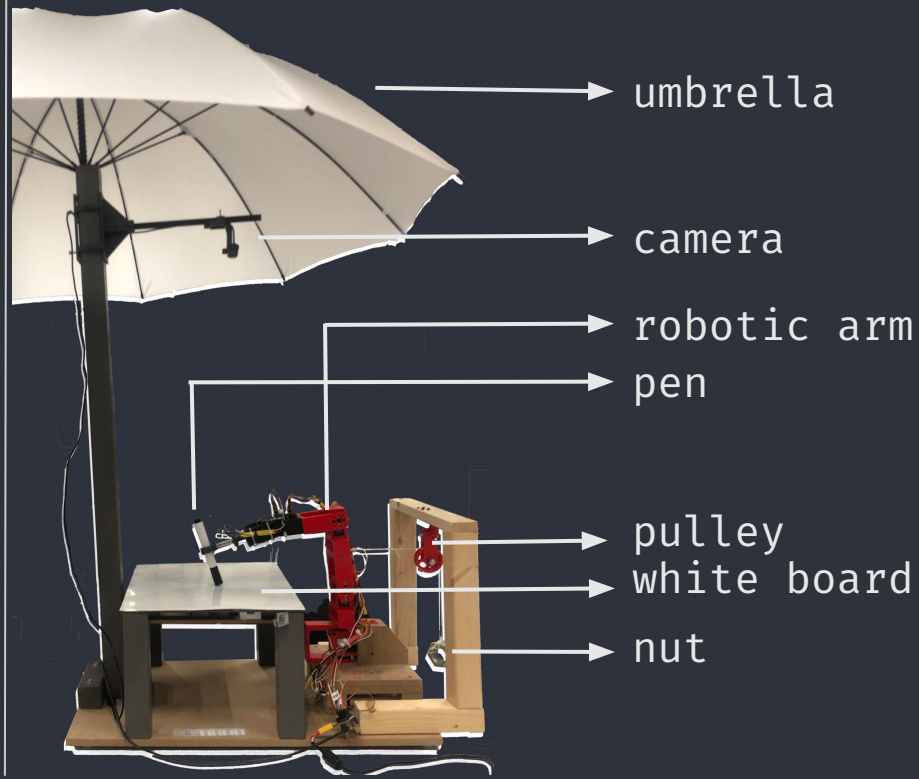
Our goal:

- ROBOTIC ARM ABLE TO SKETCH ACCURATELY
- ROBUST COMPUTER VISION



- **RQ1:** How accurate is the deep neural net described at categorizing cells compared to the base model CNN ?
- **RQ2:** For the computer vision, what is the optimal method for thresholding with regards to adaptive method and block size ?
- **RQ3:** How robust is the robotic arm at drawing lines ?

## ▼ Hardware &amp; setup

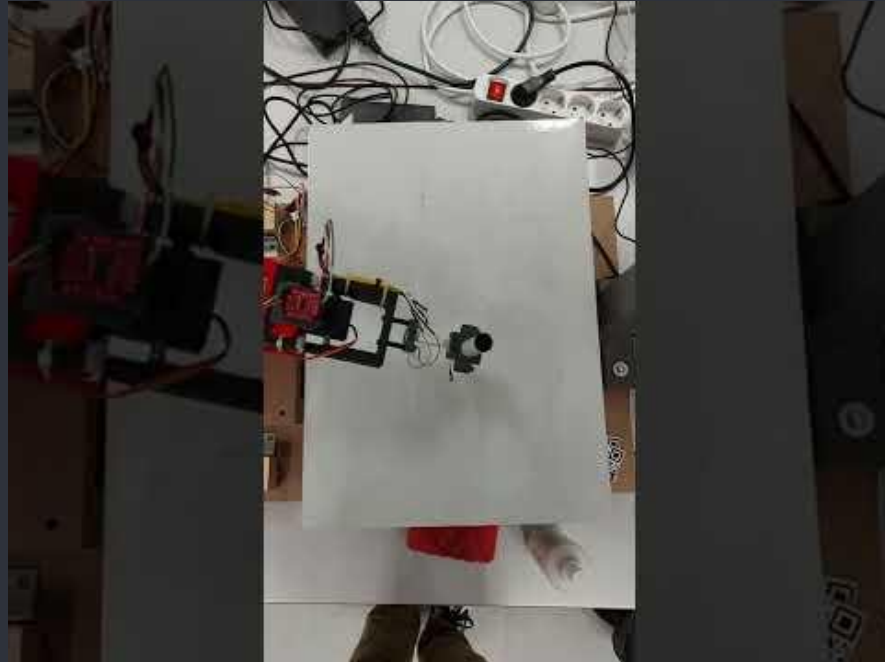


## Drawing a plus

### ▼ Kinematics

Forward kinematics

Inverse kinematics



## Drawing a box

### ▼ Kinematics

Forward kinematics

Inverse kinematics



## ▼ Kinematics

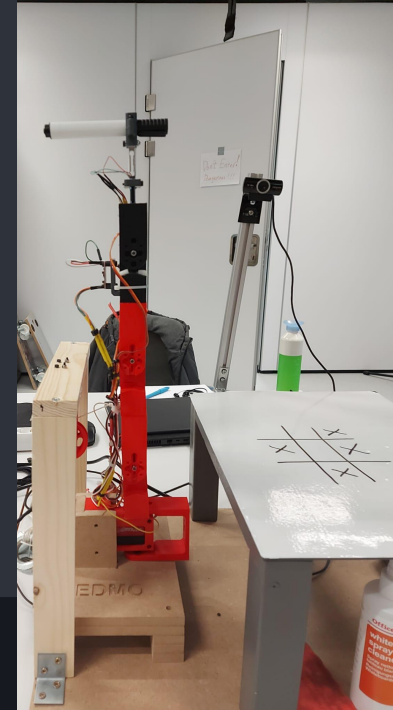
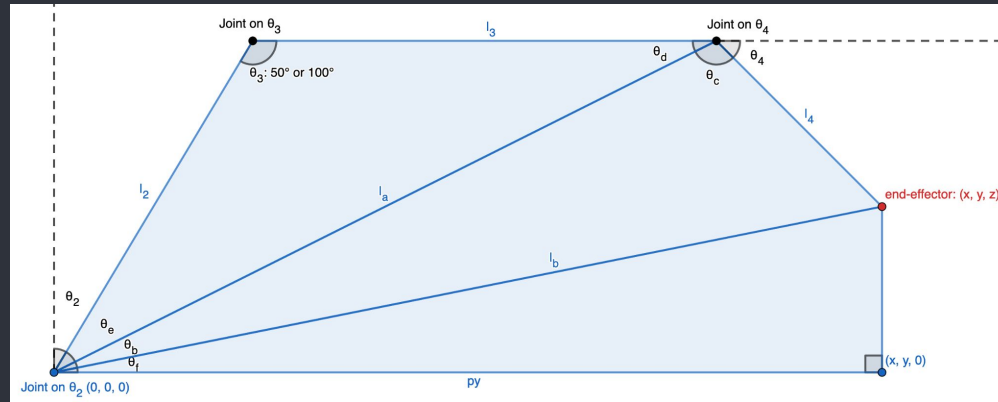
Forward kinematics

Inverse kinematics

# Forward Kinematics

$$z = l_2 \cos(\theta_2) + l_3 \cos(\theta_2 + \theta_3) + l_4 \cos(\theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4) + l_{pen} \cos(\theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4 + 90^\circ)$$

$$l_{xy} = l_2 \sin(\theta_2) + l_3 \sin(\theta_2 + \theta_3) + l_4 \sin(\theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4) + l_{pen} \sin(\theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4 + 90^\circ)$$





## ▼ Kinematics

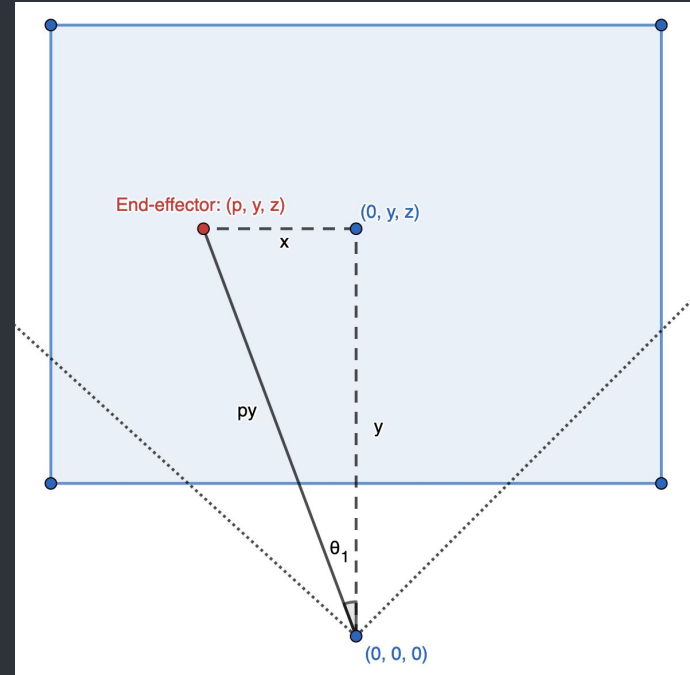
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## Forward Kinematics

$$x = l_{xy} \sin(\theta_1)$$

$$y = l_{xy} \cos(\theta_1)$$



## ▼ Kinematics

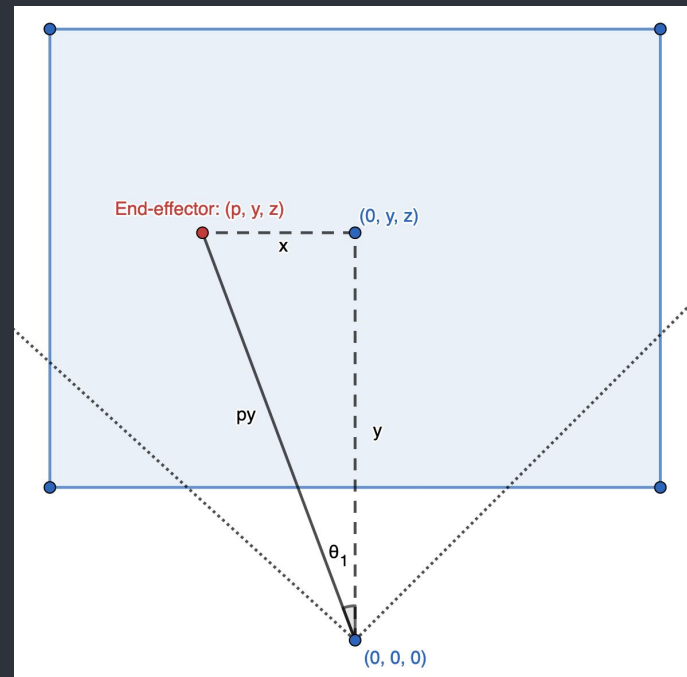
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## Inverse Kinematics: Top-down view

- $py = x^2 + y^2$
- $z = 1$
- Length of board in y-dimension = 30.5
- Width of board in x-dimension = 42.5

$$\theta_1 = \text{atan}^2(x, y)$$

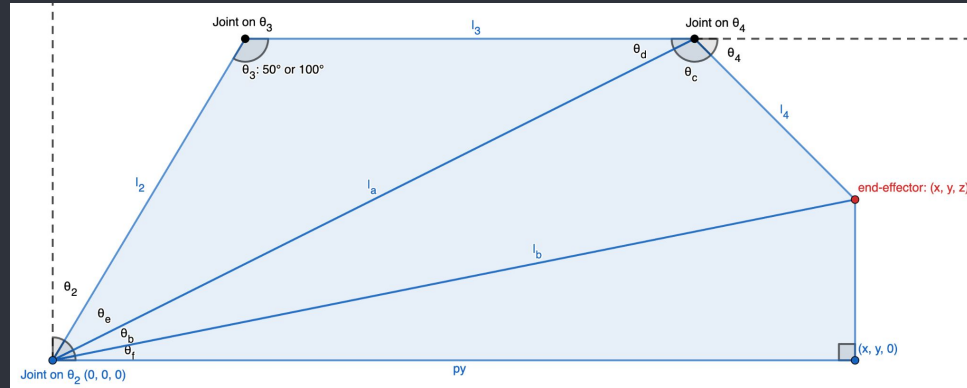


## ▼ Kinematics

Forward kinematics

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## Inverse Kinematics: Cosine Rule



$$\theta_c = \text{acos}((l_a^2 + l_b^2 - l_c^2)/(2l_al_b))$$

$$\theta_d = \text{acos}((l_a^2 + l_3^2 - l_2^2)/(2l_al_3))$$

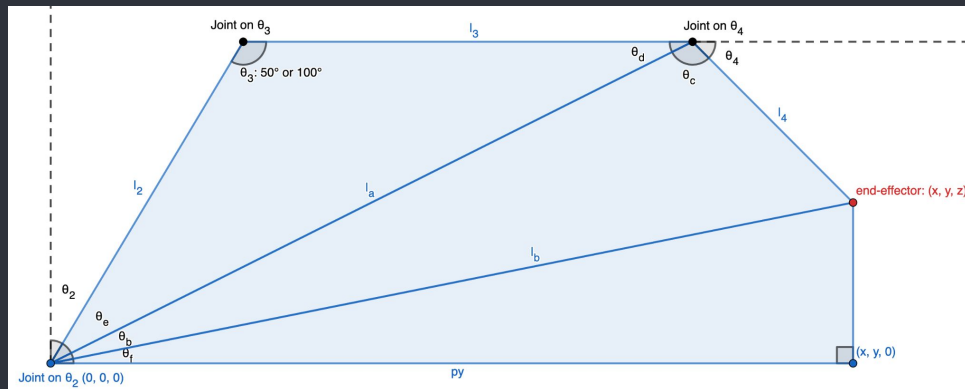
$$\theta_4 = 180 - (\theta_c + \theta_d)$$

## ▼ Kinematics

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## Inverse Kinematics: Cosine Rule



$$\theta_e = \text{acos}((l_2^2 + l_a^2 - l_3^2)/(2l_2l_a))$$

$$\theta_b = \text{acos}((l_a^2 + l_c^2 - l_4^2)/(2l_al_c))$$

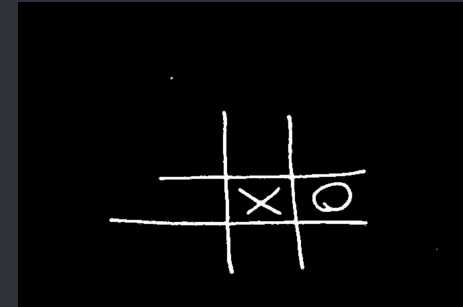
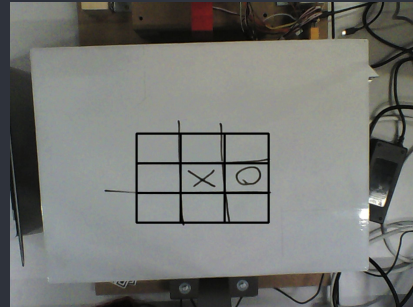
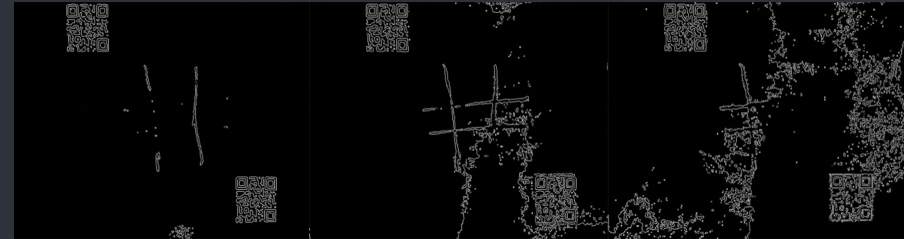
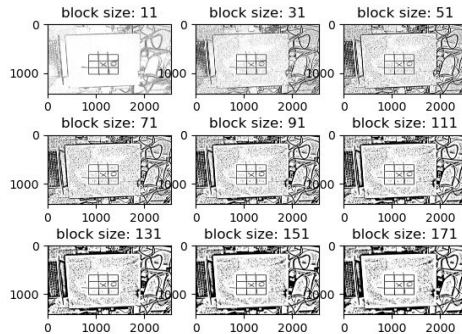
$$\theta_f = \text{atan}(z/py)$$

$$\theta_2 = 90 - (\theta_e + \theta_b + \theta_f)$$

- ▼ Computer vision
  - Image processing
  - Analysing game state
  - CNN

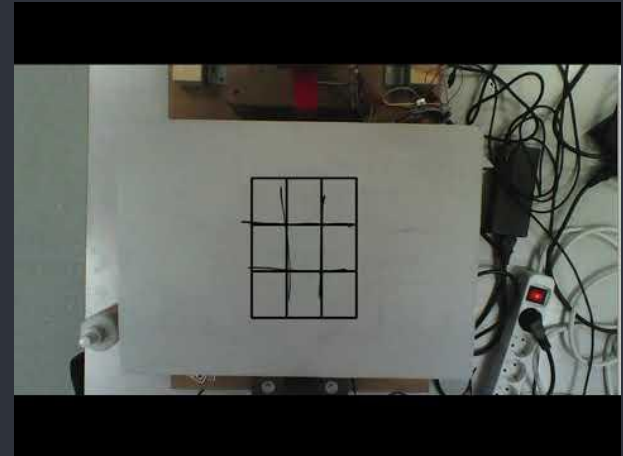
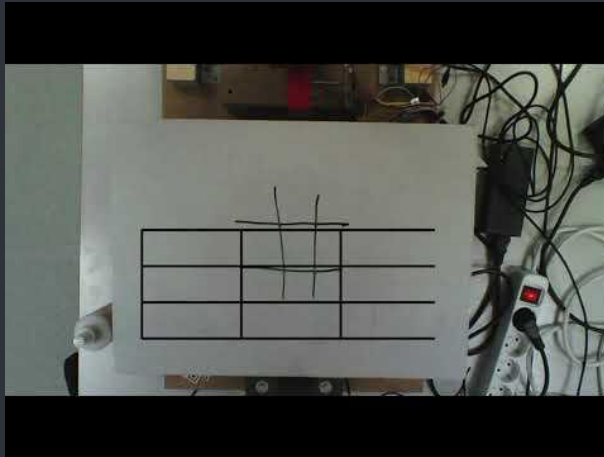
## Image processing

- increase in robustness
- simple threshold
- adaptive threshold



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  - Analysing game state
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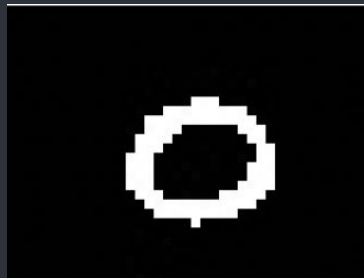
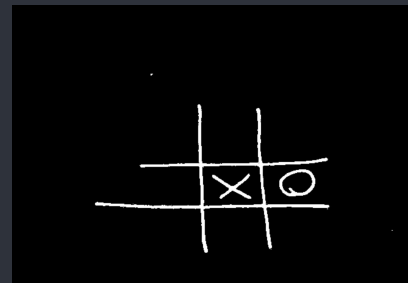
## Image processing



- ▼ Computer vision
  - Image processing
  - Analysing game state
  - CNN

## Analyzing Game-state

- isolate each cell
- CNN
  - the feature extraction front-end
  - the classifier back-end
  - VGG blocks



## ▼ Motion detection

Grayscale conversion

Noise removal

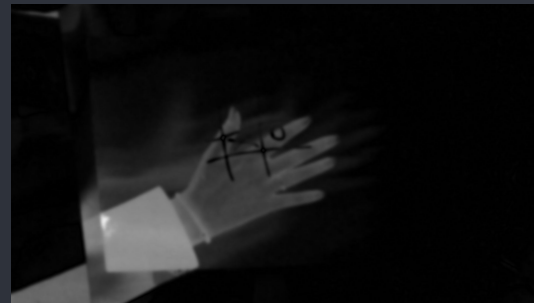
Background subtraction

Threshold application

Blob detection

## Motion Detection

- Grayscale conversion and noise removal
- Background subtraction
  - single background
  - weighted sum background
- Threshold application
- Blob detection

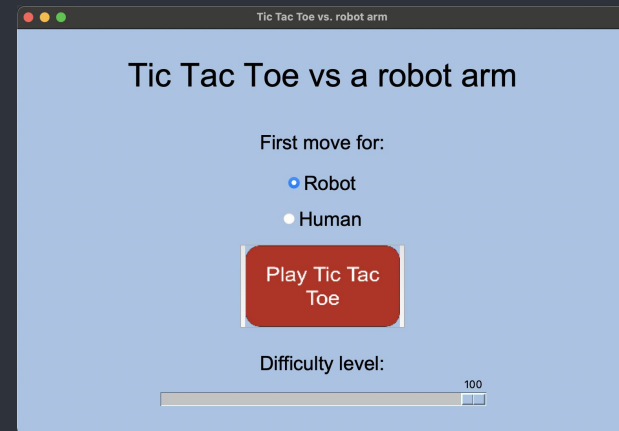
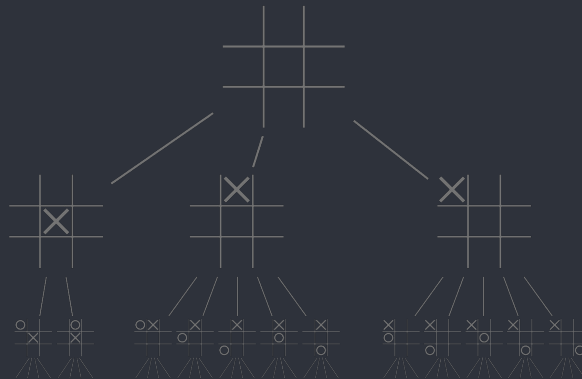




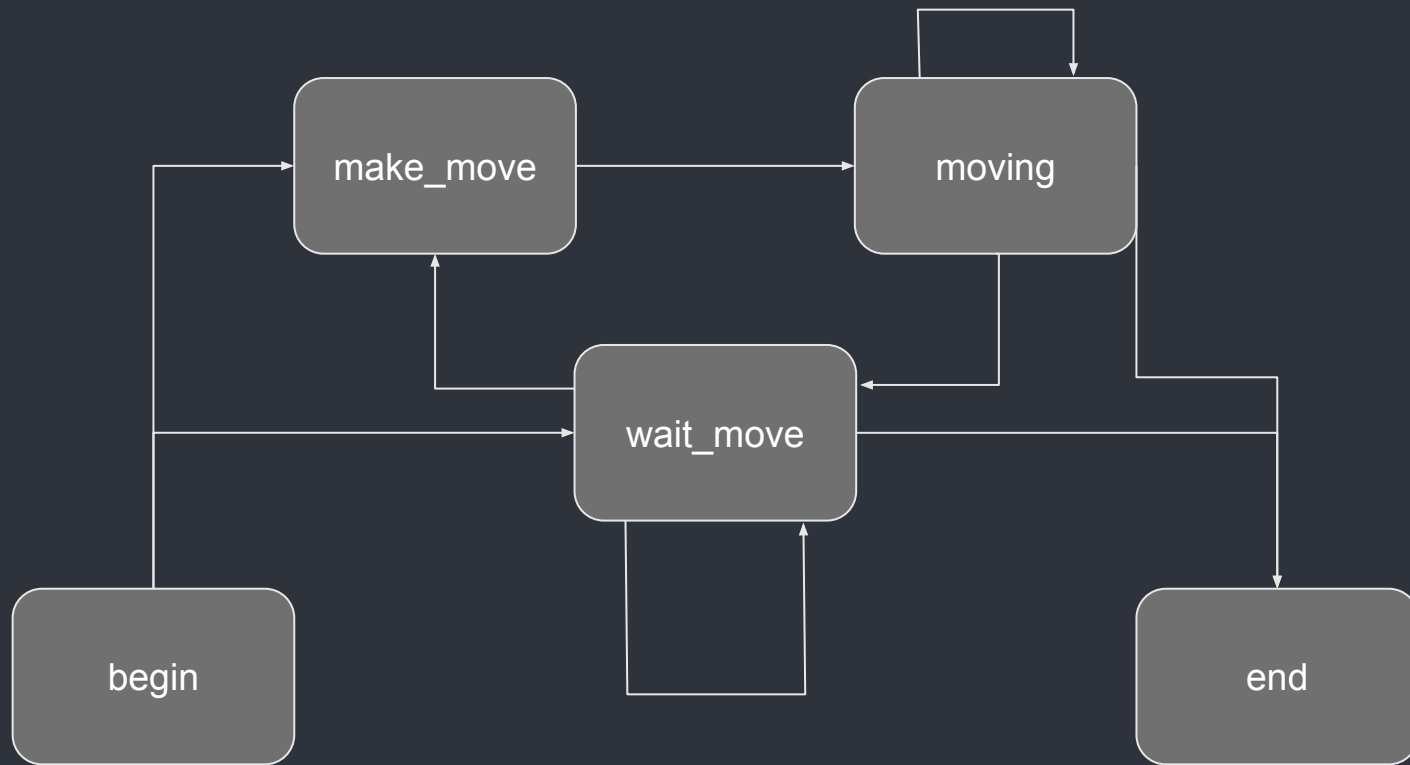
## ▼ Game AI

## Minimax algorithm

- best move
- level of difficulty slider



- ▼ State machine
  - begin
  - end
  - make\_move
  - moving
  - wait\_move



## ▼ Experiments

Research questions

Experiments

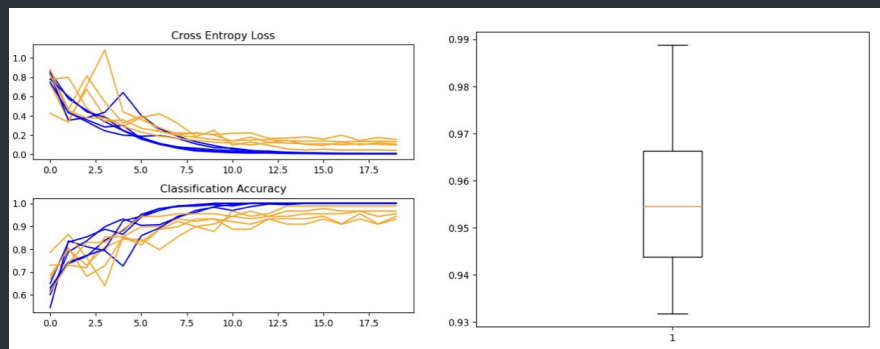
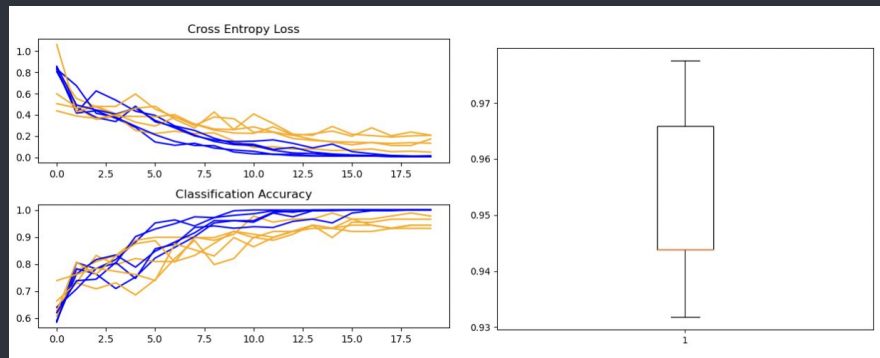
Results

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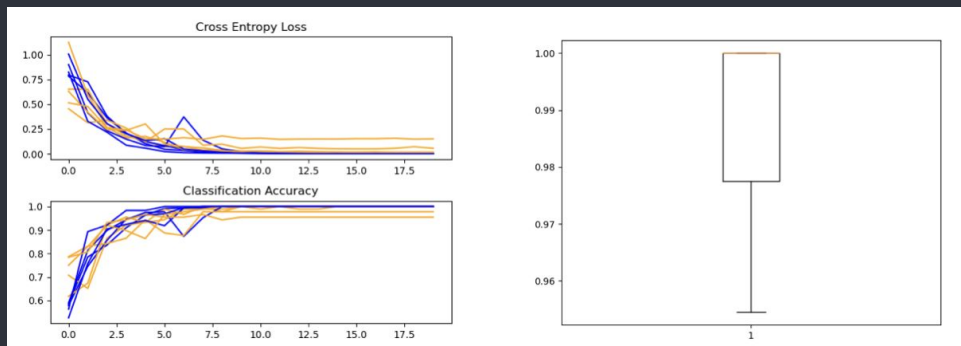
## **RQ1: How accurate is the deep neural net described at categorizing cells compared to the base model CNN ?**

Experiment 1: Determine how accurate the deep neural net is by measuring the level of distortion and size of crosses and circles that are detected.

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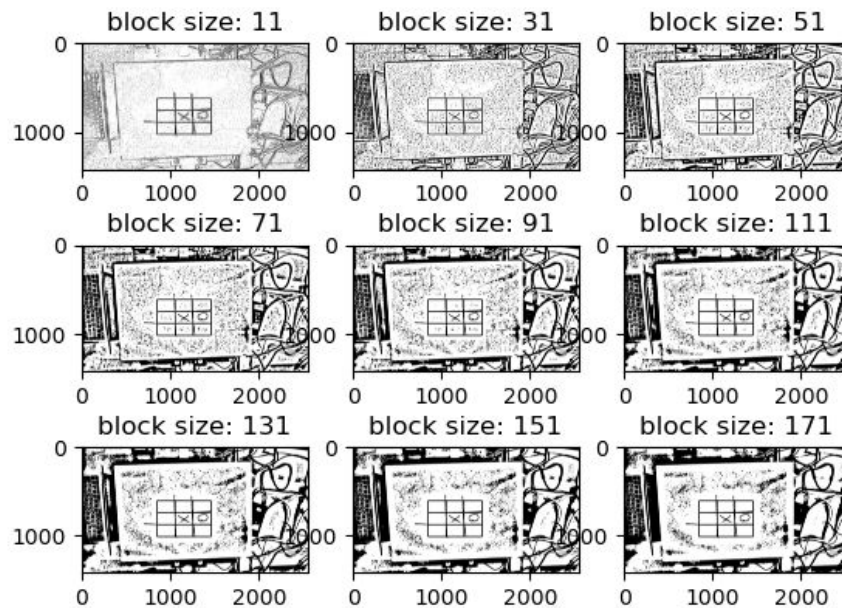
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## **RQ2: For the computer vision, what is the optimal method for thresholding with regards to adaptive method and blocksize ?**

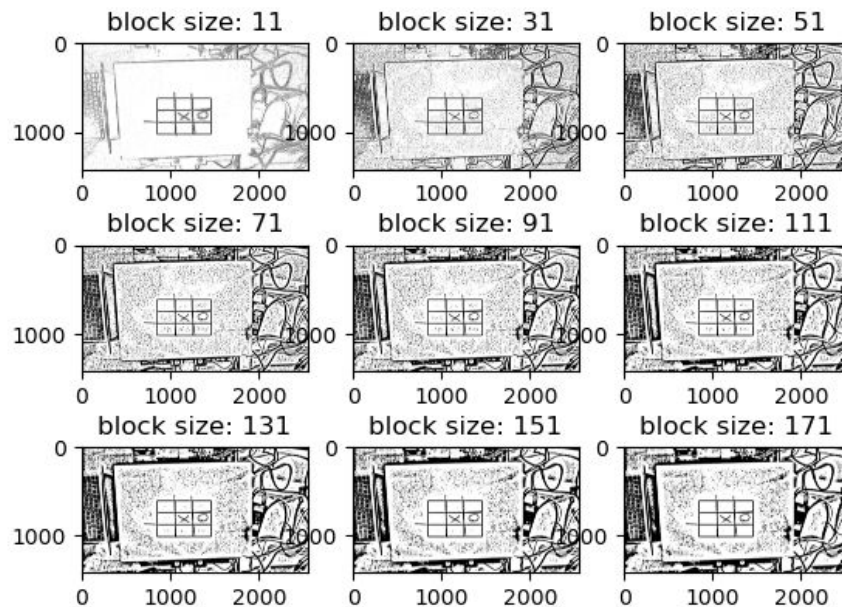
Experiment 2: Determine the optimal parameters used in the computer vision by changing the blocksize and adaptive method and see how it performs.

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Mean  
Threshold  
Test

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## Gaussian Threshold Test



## ▼ Experiments

Research questions

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Results

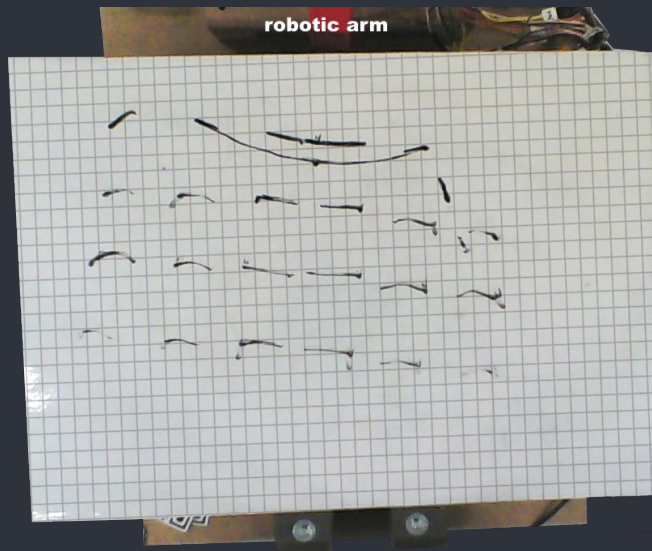
Discussion

## RQ3: How robust is the robotic arm at drawing lines ?

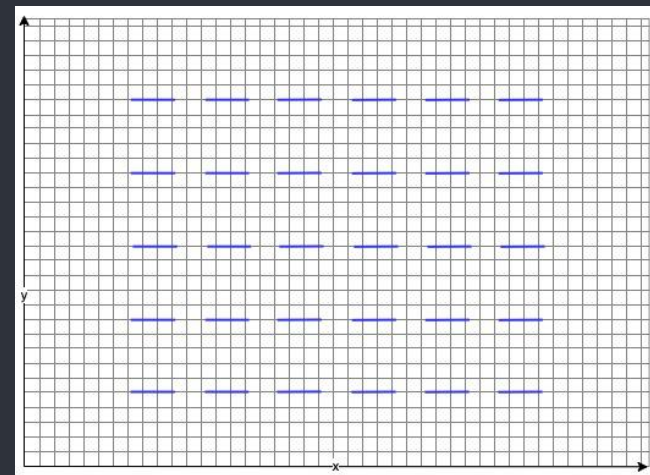
Experiment 3: Determine how robust the robotic arm is by making it draw several lines and see how it performs.

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reality

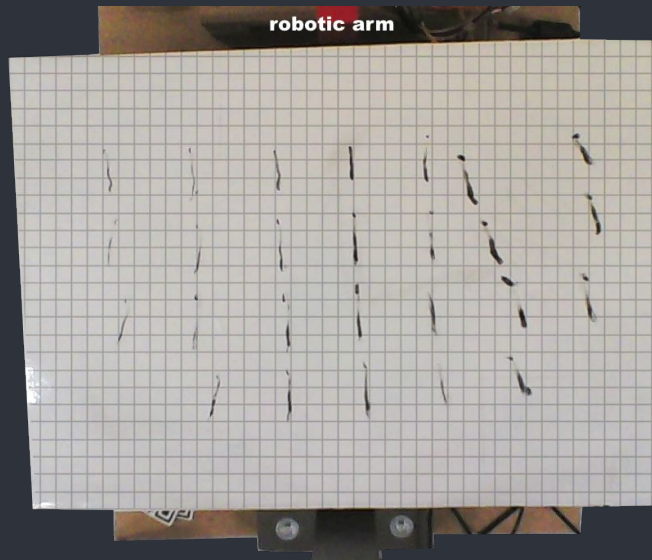


ideal case

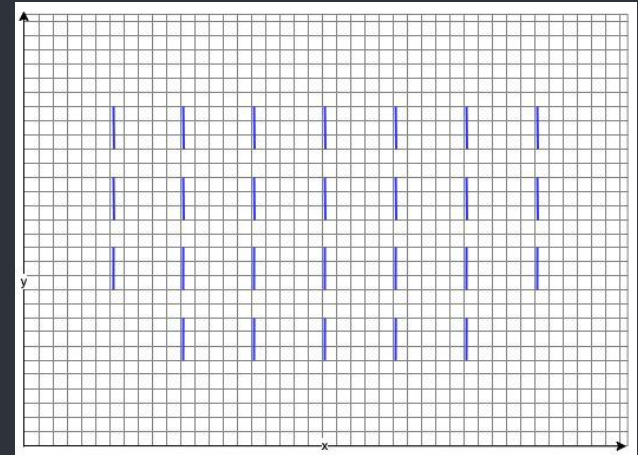


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ideal case



## Conclusion

- sketch + and ■
- robust computer vision: strong neural network, optimal method for thresholding

## Further work

- robotic arm more accurate at drawing + and ■
- robotic arm able to sketch X and 0
- object detection
- testing motion detection
- play an entire game (connecting everything together)