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Computer Vision

OpenCV

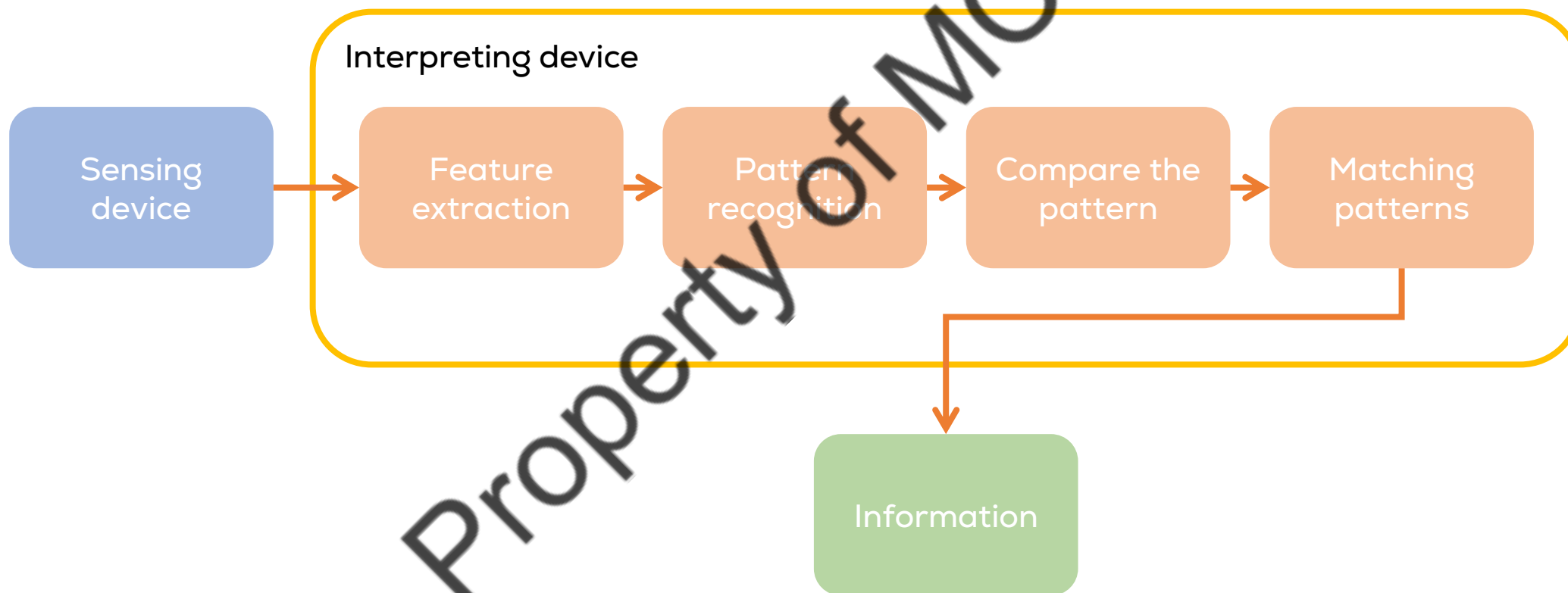


- A sub field in computer science and artificial intelligence dedicated to identify and understand features in an image or video.
- Artificial intelligence mimics the thinking process. Computer vision aims to reproduce human sight and inference.
- Many modern learning-based techniques use computer vision as an entry node to perform inference methods:
 - Artificial intelligence, machine learning, and deep learning





Computer Vision General Pipeline

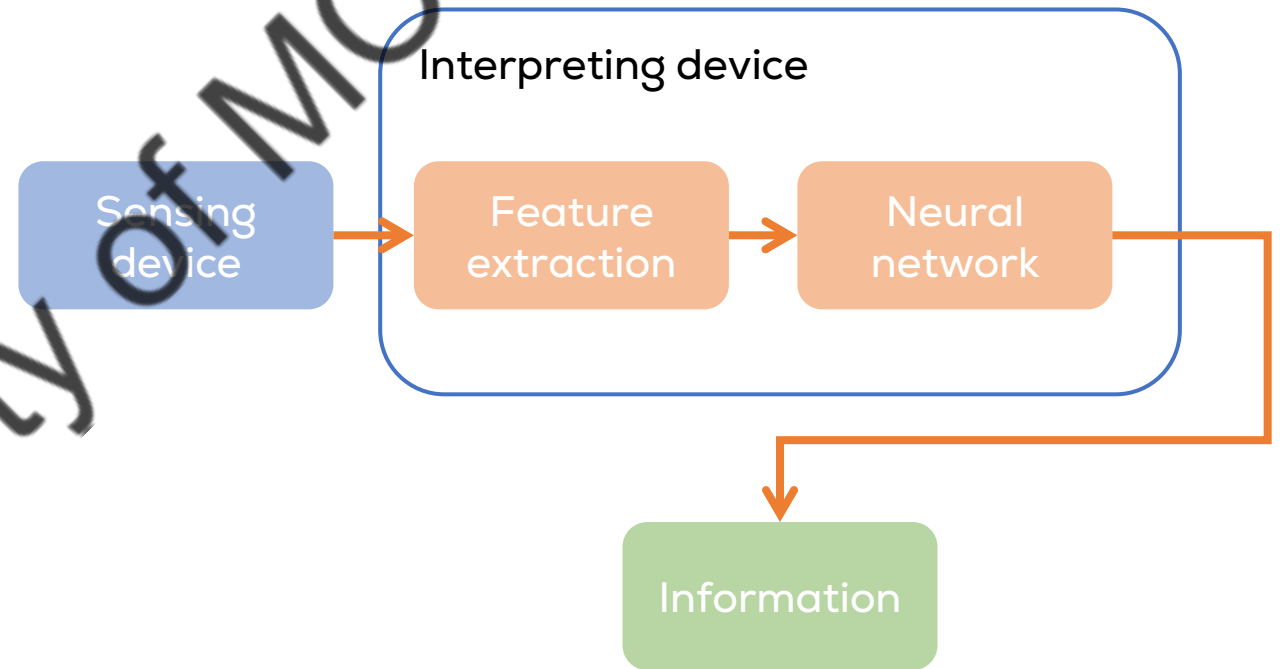




Computer vision with deep learning



- State-of-the-art techniques moving from statistical and mathematical transformations for analyzing images to pixel-by-pixel analysis.
- *Deep learning (DL)* requires large amounts of data for it to learn about the context of visual data.
 - After several iterations, the model “learns” to differentiate image features.
- *CNN* decomposes the image into pixels that are labeled.
 - It uses convolutions to predict the tag according to its input pixel.
 - The accuracy of the prediction should increase with time.



- Object classification

- Identifies/categorizes what is in the image (e.g., cat, dog).
- Output: A label or class for the entire image.
- Example: "This image contains a cat"
- Usage: Image search, simple classification, content tagging

- Object identification

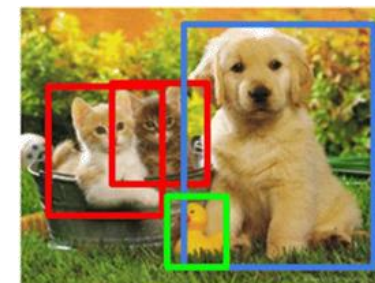
- Identifies characteristics and what and where objects are in the image.
- Outputs: Bounding boxes + labels for each object found
- Example: "There's a cat at (x1, y1, x2, y2) and a dog at..."
- Usage: Autonomous driving, security cameras, counting objects.

Classification

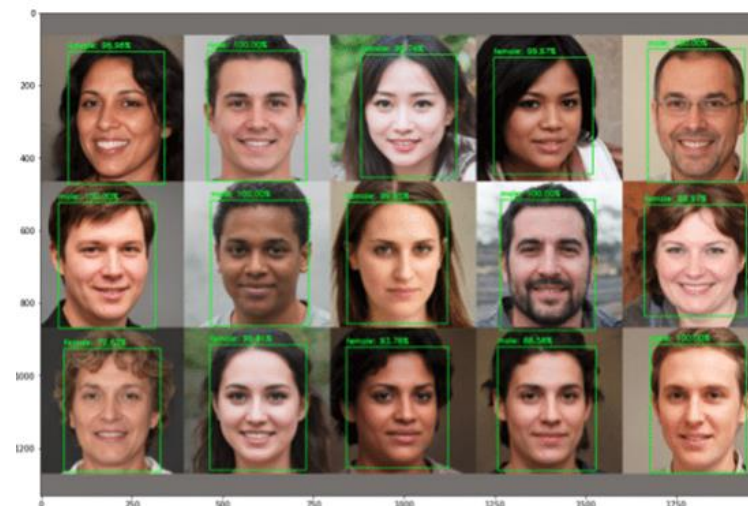


CAT

Object Detection

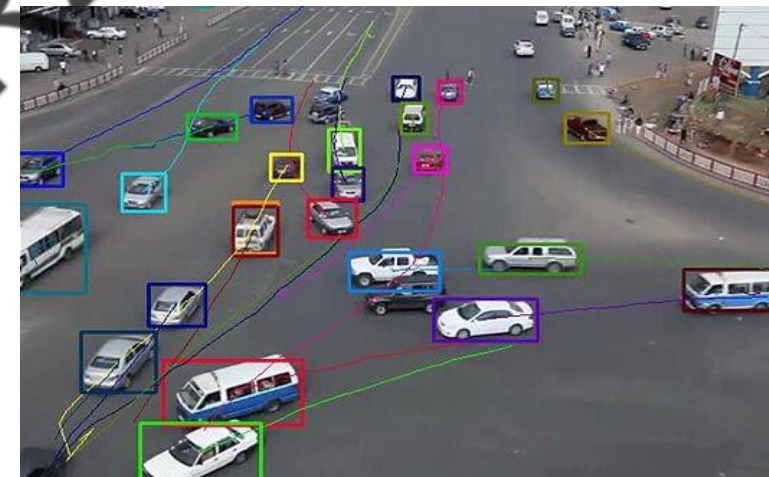


CAT, DOG, DUCK



- Object tracking

- Follows/ Process the location of a specific object across video frames
- Input: A video (or sequential frames) with moving objects
- Output: Path/coordinates of the object over time
- Example: Track a car across security camera footage
- Usage: Surveillance, sports analytics, autonomous vehicles



- Optical character recognition

- Letters and numbers identification to convert it into a set of machine-encoded text
- Input: Text extracted from the image
- Output: A photo, scanned document, or frame with text
- Example: Read the text from a street sign or a scanned book page
- Usage: Document digitization, license plate recognition, translations





OpenCV



- Open-Source Computer Vision Library
- Cross-platform, free to use
- Originally developed by Intel
- Aimed at real-time computer vision
- Contains a wealth of functions and routines for the real-time processing and analysis of images

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OpenCV Installation (Python)



- Windows
 - Open a cmd prompt and use the following command (make sure you have pip installed):

```
pip install opencv-python
```

- Ubuntu
 - Open a terminal and use the following command:

```
sudo apt update  
sudo apt install -y python3-opencv libopencv-dev
```

- Please be aware that this is just a basic installation of OpenCV. If you require CUDA or other OpenCV packages such as Aruco, you must install it from source (ubuntu) or using pip in Windows. More information [here](#) and [here](#)





OpenCV Basics



- Once installed OpenCV, it is possible to start programming in Windows or Ubuntu.
- In this section, only the basics of OpenCV will be shown.
- In the next section, the student will learn to use ROS 2 with OpenCV.
- For the following examples, download the following images and videos from GitHub.

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Colour Detection

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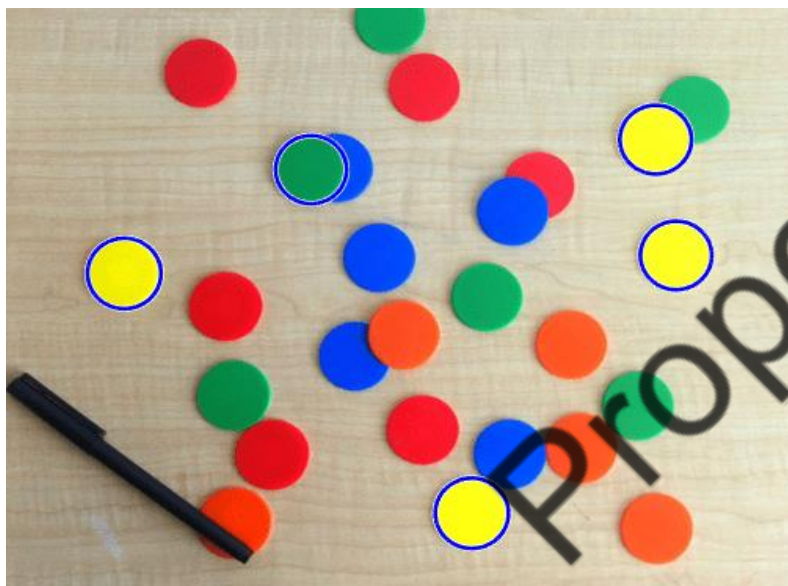
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Colour Detection: What is the problem?

- We aim to detect connected regions in the space with a characteristic shape and colour palette.



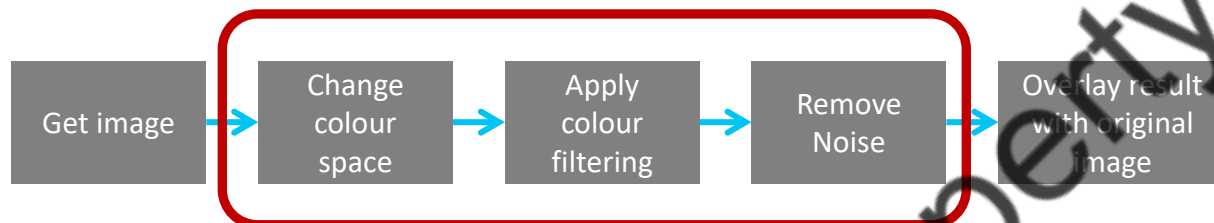
Example of the problem

Characteristics to exploit

1. We can look for patches of certain colours
2. We can use size to reject shapes
3. We can look for circular shapes in the image

- The following image, shows a simple colour detection pipeline that can be implemented in OpenCV.

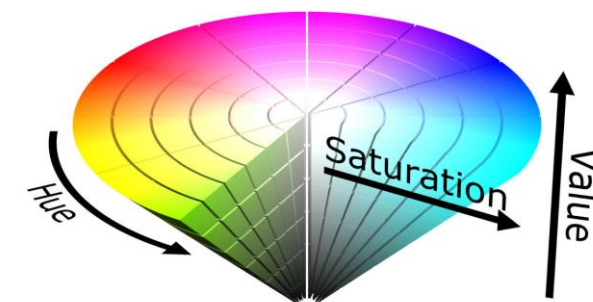
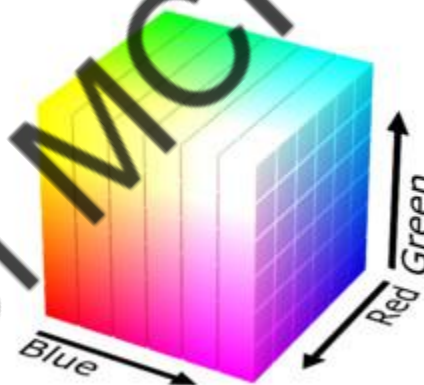
Image Analysis



Colour Spaces

- OpenCV manages different colour representations (more than 150), called colour spaces.
- The most widely used are BGR (Blue, Green, Red), HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value) and Gray (Grayscale)
- OpenCV offers conversions amongst these spaces i.e., BGR ↔ Gray and BGR ↔ HSV, etc.
- More information [here](#).

- BGR (Blue, Green, Red):
 - Default colour format in OpenCV.
 - It is not ideal for colour detection due to the mixing of colour intensities.
- HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value):
 - Hue (H): Represents colour type (0 to 179 degrees in OpenCV).
 - Saturation (S): Concentration/diluting of colour. Unsaturated to represent shades of grey and fully saturated (no white component). (0 to 255).
 - Value (V): Brightness or intensity of colour (0 to 255).
- Why HSV?
 - More intuitive way to define/describe colours.
 - Used to perform colour-based segmentation



```
img_gray = cv.cvtColor(img,cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
hsv_image = cv.cvtColor(image, cv.COLOR_BGR2HSV)
```

Colour Range Thresholding

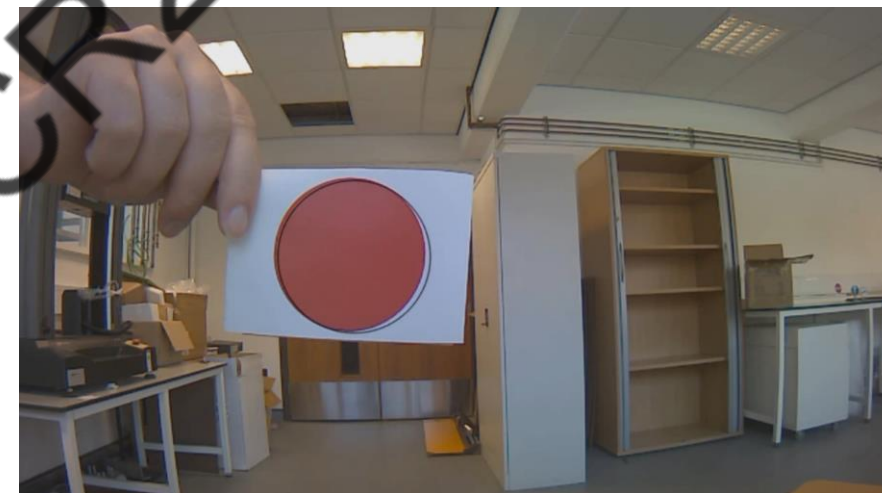
- Now that the colour is on a more practical scale, colours can be filtered by range using the “inRange” function.
- The output is a binary mask.

Basic Idea:

- Check if a pixel $[H, S, V]$ values are within a range i.e.,
$$[H_l, S_l, V_l] \leq [H, S, V] \leq [H_u, S_u, V_u]$$
- If the colour is in a range set the pixel to 255 (white)
- Else, set to 0.

```
#Blue Ranges
blue_lower_limit = np.array([90 90, 90])
blue_upper_limit = np.array([110,255,255])

#Blue Mask
blue_mask = cv.inRange(hsv_image, blue_lower_limit, blue_upper_limit)
```





Thresholding, Masks and Bitwise Operations



Masks

- A binary image (black & white) used to select parts of another image.
- Usually:
 - White (255): Areas to keep/process.
 - Black (0): Areas to ignore/mask out.
- Example Usage:
 - Focus operations on areas of interest.
 - Create effects and isolate objects.
 - Usually obtained by using the “inRange” function.





Thresholding, Masks and Bitwise Operations



Bitwise Operations: AND

- Takes two images (src1 and src2) and performs an AND operation between corresponding pixels.
- If both pixel values are non-zero (i.e., 1), the result is non-zero (i.e., 1). Otherwise, it's zero.
- AND Example:

Pixel A --> 11101010 (binary)

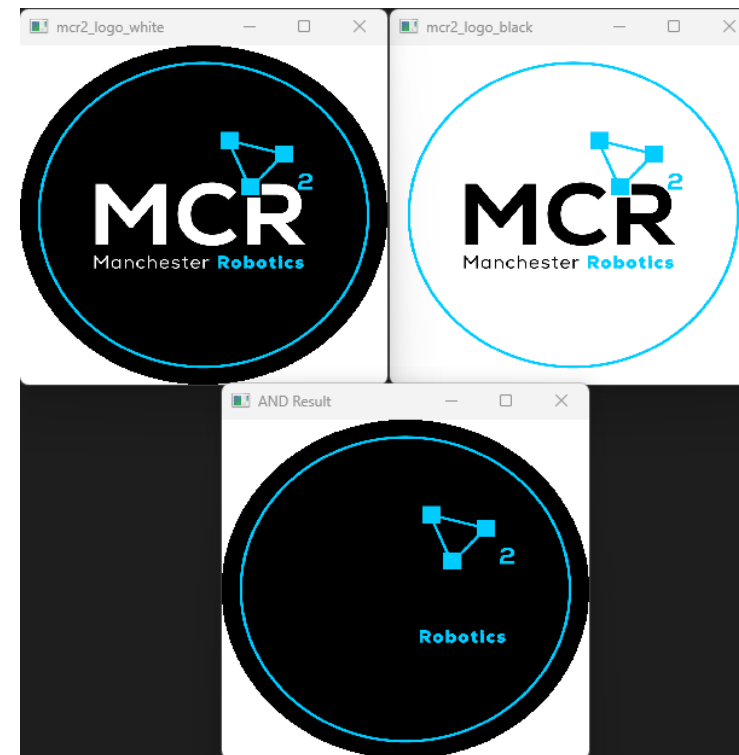
Pixel B --> 01010101 (binary)

Result --> 01000000

- In OpenCV, these operations are typically used to apply a mask to preserve specific areas of an image.
- Extract parts of an image that satisfy certain conditions.

```
result = cv2.bitwise_and(image, image, mask=mask)
```

```
## If mask used Only pixels where mask is white (255) will be  
visible in result. The black parts of the mask (0) hide pixels  
in the output..
```





Thresholding, Masks and Bitwise Operations



Bitwise Operations: OR

- Performs an OR operation between two images.
- If either pixel is non-zero, the result is non-zero.
- OR Example:

Pixel A --> 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 (binary)
Pixel B --> 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 (binary)

Result --> 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 0

- In OpenCV, these operations are typically used to Combine two images or regions.

```
result = cv2.bitwise_or(img1, img2)
```





Thresholding, Masks and Bitwise Operations



Bitwise Operations: XOR

- Performs an XOR operation. If only one of the pixels is non-zero, the result is non-zero.
- If both are zero or both are non-zero, the result is zero.
- XOR Example:

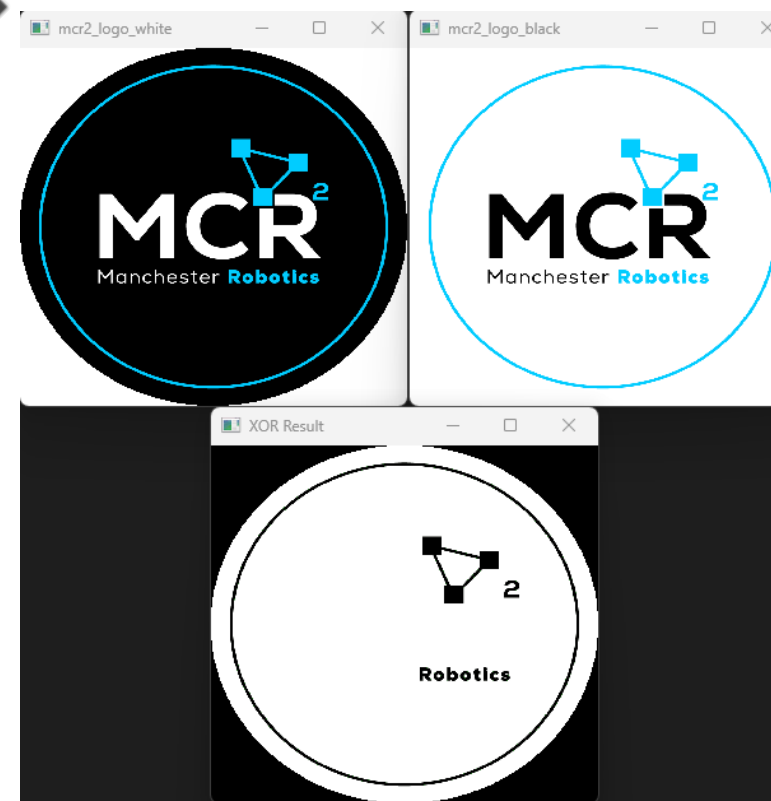
Pixel A --> 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 (binary)

Pixel B --> 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 (binary)

Result --> 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0

- In OpenCV, these operations are typically used to Highlight differences between two images or regions.

```
result = cv2.bitwise_xor(img1, img2)
```





Thresholding, Masks and Bitwise Operations



Bitwise Operations: NOT

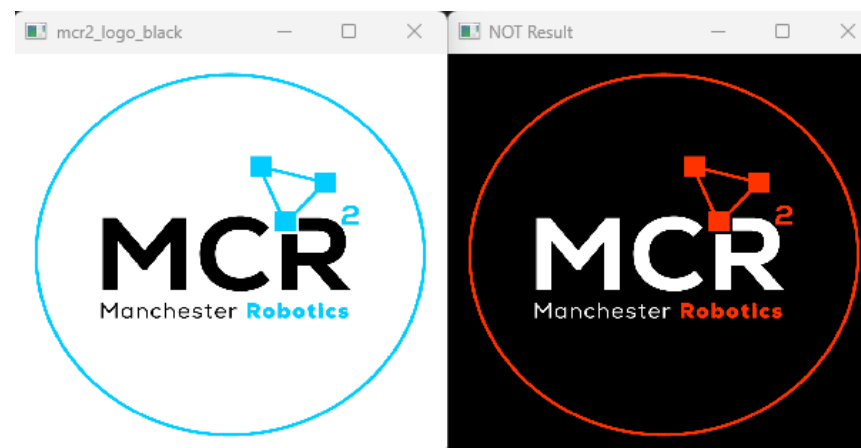
- Inverts every bit of the image.
- Converts white pixels (255) to black (0) and vice versa.
- NOT Example:

Pixel A --> 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 (binary)

Result --> 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1

- In OpenCV, these operations are typically used to invert a mask or an image.

```
result = cv2.bitwise_not(img1)
```

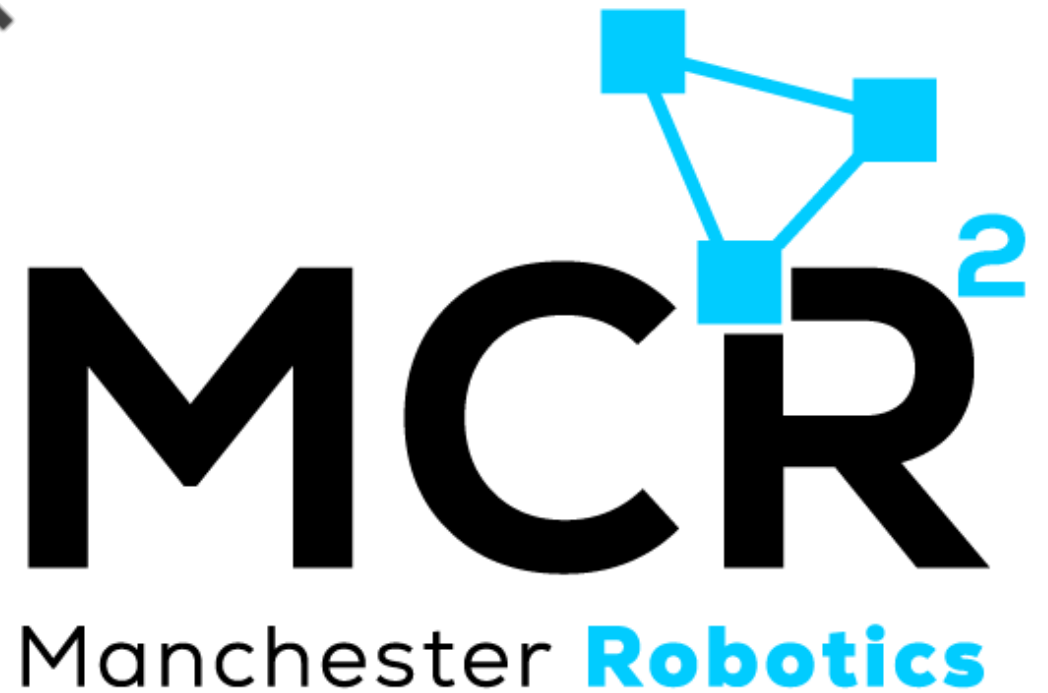


Activity 1

Colour Filtering

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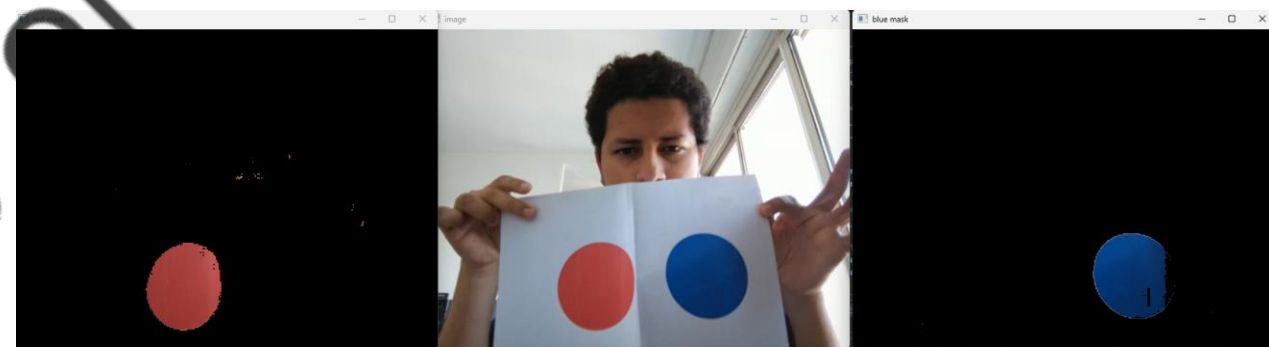
Colour Filtering Algorithm

The Following algorithm will Filter the blue and red colours from the video "sample_video.mp4" (you can use your own).

1. Convert the base image from RGB to the HSV space
2. Filter the image to remove all colours not defined as red or blue, storing the results in two separate images.
 1. Use OpenCV's `inRange` function
 2. Suggested values for the colours required

	Red	Blue
H	0-33	95-110
S	90-255	80-255
V	130-255	80-255

3. Apply a mask with a bitwise AND operation to view only the colour blue or red.





Colour Filtering



```
import cv2 as cv
import numpy as np
```

```
#HSV Values for Red Colour
```

```
H_red_low_limit = 0
S_red_low_limit = 95
V_red_low_limit = 130
```

```
H_red_up_limit = 5
S_red_up_limit = 255
V_red_up_limit = 255
```

```
#HSV Values for Blue Colour
```

```
H_blue_low_limit = 95
S_blue_low_limit = 90
V_blue_low_limit = 90
```

```
H_blue_up_limit = 110
S_blue_up_limit = 255
V_blue_up_limit = 255
```

```
if __name__=="__main__":
    #cap = cv.VideoCapture(2)
    video_path = 'videos/sample_video.mp4'
    cap = cv.VideoCapture(video_path)
```

```
    if not cap.isOpened():
        print("Cannot open camera")
```

```
#HSV Values for Green Colour
```

```
while True:
```

```
    # Reading frame from video or webcam
    ret, image = cap.read()
    # if frame is read correctly ret is True
```

```
    if not ret:
        print("Can't receive frame (stream end?). Exiting ...")
        break
```

```
    k = cv.waitKey(25) & 0xFF
```

```
    if k == 27:
        break
```

```
# Convert BGR to HSV
```

```
hsv_image = cv.cvtColor(image, cv.COLOR_BGR2HSV)
```

```
#Ranges
```

```
red_lower_limit = np.array([H_red_low_limit, S_red_low_limit, V_red_low_limit])
```

```
red_upper_limit = np.array([H_red_up_limit, S_red_up_limit, V_red_up_limit])
```

```
blue_lower_limit = np.array([H_blue_low_limit, S_blue_low_limit, V_blue_low_limit])
```

```
blue_upper_limit = np.array([H_blue_up_limit, S_blue_up_limit, V_blue_up_limit])
```

```
#Masks
```

```
red_mask = cv.inRange(hsv_image, red_lower_limit, red_upper_limit)
```

```
blue_mask = cv.inRange(hsv_image, blue_lower_limit, blue_upper_limit)
```

```
#Partial masks applied to the image (AND Function with the image)
```

```
red_img_result = cv.bitwise_and(image, image, mask=red_mask)
```

```
blue_img_result = cv.bitwise_and(image, image, mask=blue_mask)
```

```
#Full red mask applied to the image
```

```
cv.imshow('image', image)
```

```
cv.imshow('red mask', red_img_result)
```

```
cv.imshow('blue mask', blue_img_result)
```

```
cap.release()
```

```
cv.destroyAllWindows()
```

Noise Rejection

- It is common for noise, such as other objects with the same colour intensity, to appear in the images after applying certain operations.
- One of the most common techniques to deal with these artefacts is known as morphological operators.

Noisy image

After some initial operations to an original image, we can see some noise in the result that we want to remove





Thresholding, Masks and Bitwise Operations



Thresholding

Converts a grayscale image into a binary image. More information [here](#).

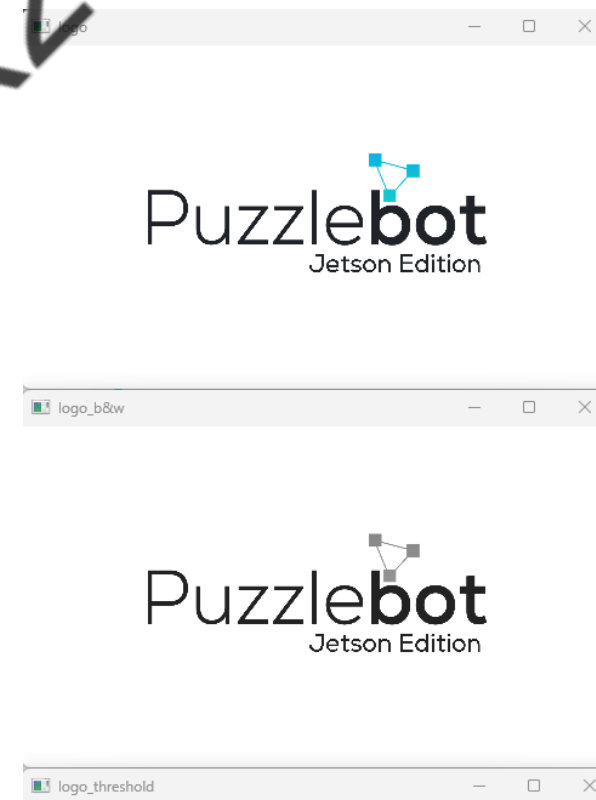
Basic Idea:

- If pixel intensity > threshold, set to max value (e.g., 255).
- Else, set to 0.
- Function: `cv2.threshold(source, threshold (0-255), max_value, threshold_type)`

```
img_gray = cv.cvtColor(img,cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

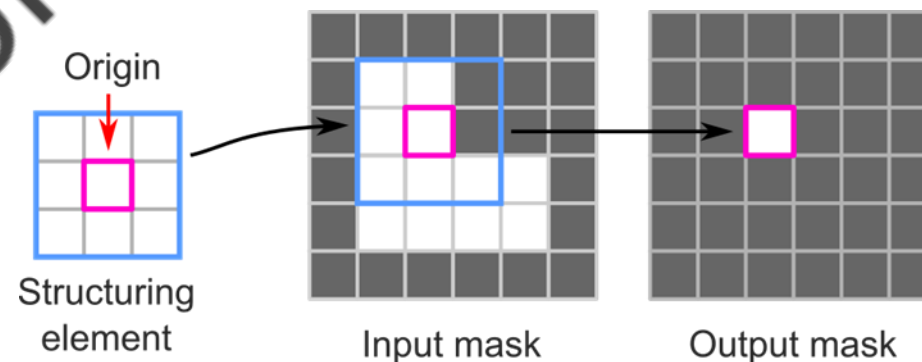
ret, mask = cv2.threshold(img_gray, 10, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY)

## ret: the threshold used.
## mask: binary image result.
```



Morphological Operators

- Morphological operators are defined as a combination between an image and a structuring element.
- The structuring element is usually called “kernel”.
- Some operations can be induced by convolving (convolution) the kernel with the original image.
- The most basic morphological operations are Erosion and Dilation.



Morphological Operators

Erosion

- It computes a local minimum over the area of a given kernel.
- Using a mask (kernel) , we compute the minimal value of a given area around a pixel, and we replace it with that value.
- The results of this technique are shrinking the larger regions and removing the smallest ones.



Dilation

- Analogous to the Erosion.
- It computes a local maximum over the area of a given kernel.
- Using a mask (kernel), we compute the maximum value of a given area around a pixel, and we replace it with that value.
- The results of this technique are in shapes becoming larger and smoothing their edges.

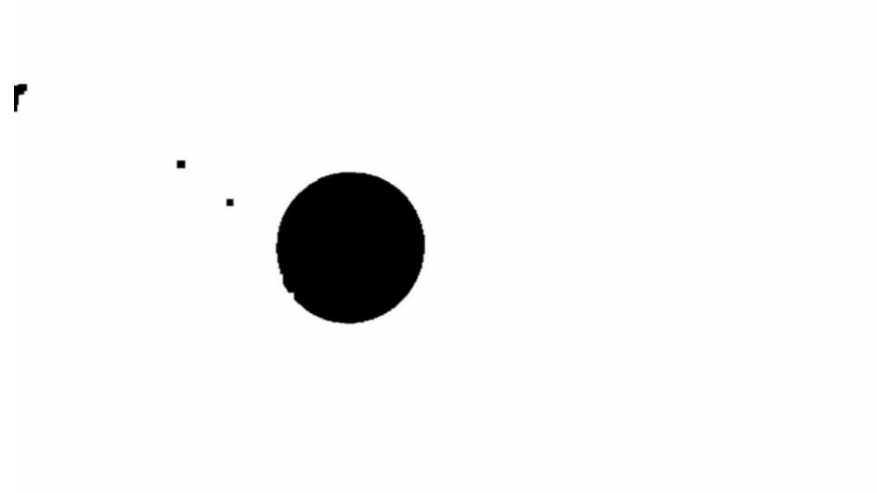
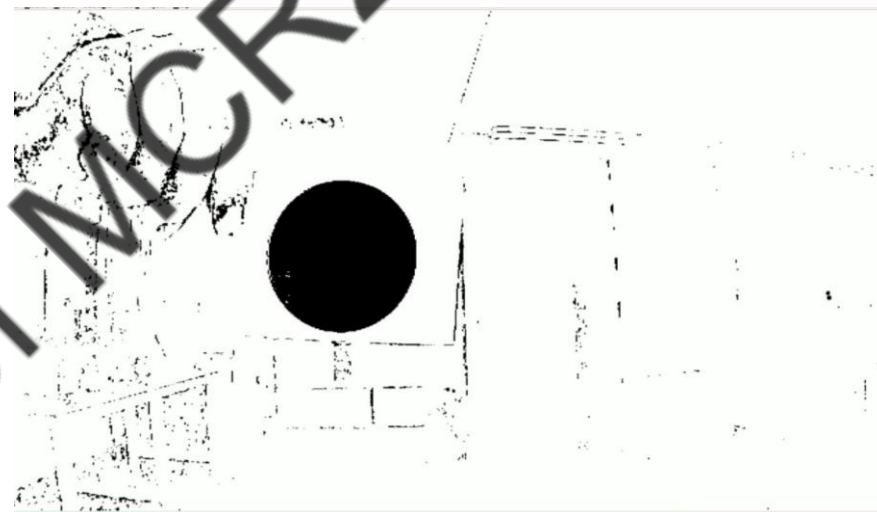


Using morphological operators in OpenCV

To apply any morphological operator, we will need to define 3 things.

- 1. The mask/kernel:* it will define the area of effect of our operation, for example in an erosion the bigger the mask the smaller will the final shape be.
- 2. Type of operation:* OpenCV has functions defining the most common operators, so it is a matter of selecting the suitable option
- 3. Number of iterations:* It is common to apply these operations recursively, so OpenCV allows setting the number of iterations that are going to be made.

More information can be found [here](#).

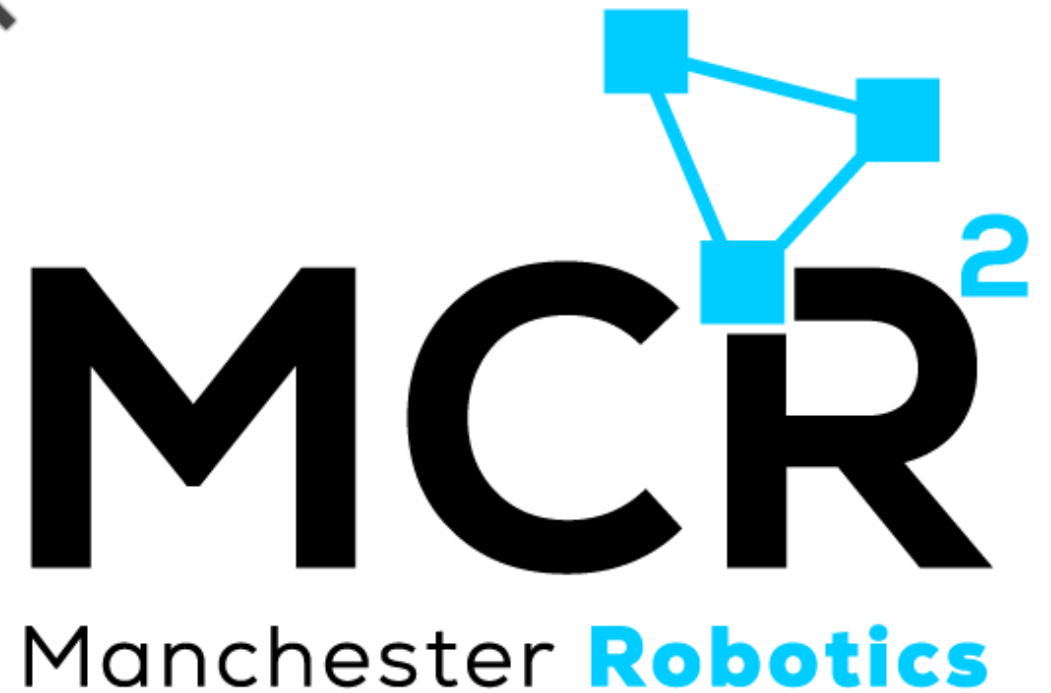


Activity 2

*Morphological
Operations*

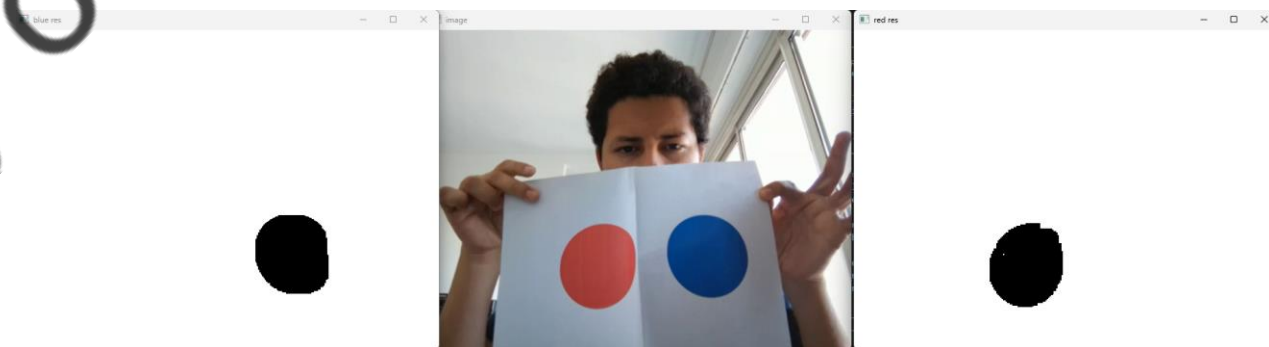
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Activity 2

- Using the code in Activity 3, morphological operations such as erosion and dilation will be implemented.
1. Transform the masked image to grayscale.
 2. Threshold the image to remove areas with low intensity.
 3. Erode the image to remove the noise.
 4. Dilate the image to smooth edges and enlarge the figures.





Colour Filtering



```
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```

```
#HSV Values for Red Colour
```

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```
#HSV Values for Blue Colour
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V_blue_low_limit = 90
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```
    k = cv.waitKey(25) & 0xFF
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```

```
# Convert BGR to HSV
```

```
hsv_image = cv.cvtColor(image, cv.COLOR_BGR2HSV)
```

```
#Ranges
```

```
red_lower_limit = np.array([H_red_low_limit, S_red_low_limit, V_red_low_limit])
red_upper_limit = np.array([H_red_up_limit, S_red_up_limit, V_red_up_limit])
blue_lower_limit = np.array([H_blue_low_limit, S_blue_low_limit, V_blue_low_limit])
blue_upper_limit = np.array([H_blue_up_limit, S_blue_up_limit, V_blue_up_limit])
```

```
#Masks
```

```
red_mask = cv.inRange(hsv_image, red_lower_limit, red_upper_limit)
blue_mask = cv.inRange(hsv_image, blue_lower_limit, blue_upper_limit)
```

```
#Partial masks applied to the image (AND Function with the image)
```

```
red_img_result = cv.bitwise_and(image, image, mask=red_mask)
blue_img_result = cv.bitwise_and(image, image, mask=blue_mask)
```



Colour Filtering



```
#Transform to Grayscale
bw_blue_res = cv.cvtColor(blue_img_result, cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
bw_red_res = cv.cvtColor(red_img_result, cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

_, red_res = cv.threshold(bw_red_res, 30, 255, cv.THRESH_BINARY_INV)
_, blue_res = cv.threshold(bw_blue_res, 33, 255, cv.THRESH_BINARY_INV)

kernel = np.ones((5, 5), np.uint8)
red_res = cv.dilate(red_res, kernel, iterations=3)
red_res = cv.erode(red_res, kernel, iterations=3)

blue_res = cv.dilate(blue_res, kernel, iterations=8)
blue_res = cv.erode(blue_res, kernel, iterations=8)

cv.imshow('image', image)
cv.imshow('red mask', red_img_result)
cv.imshow('blue mask', blue_img_result)
cv.imshow('blue res', blue_res)
cv.imshow('red res', red_res)

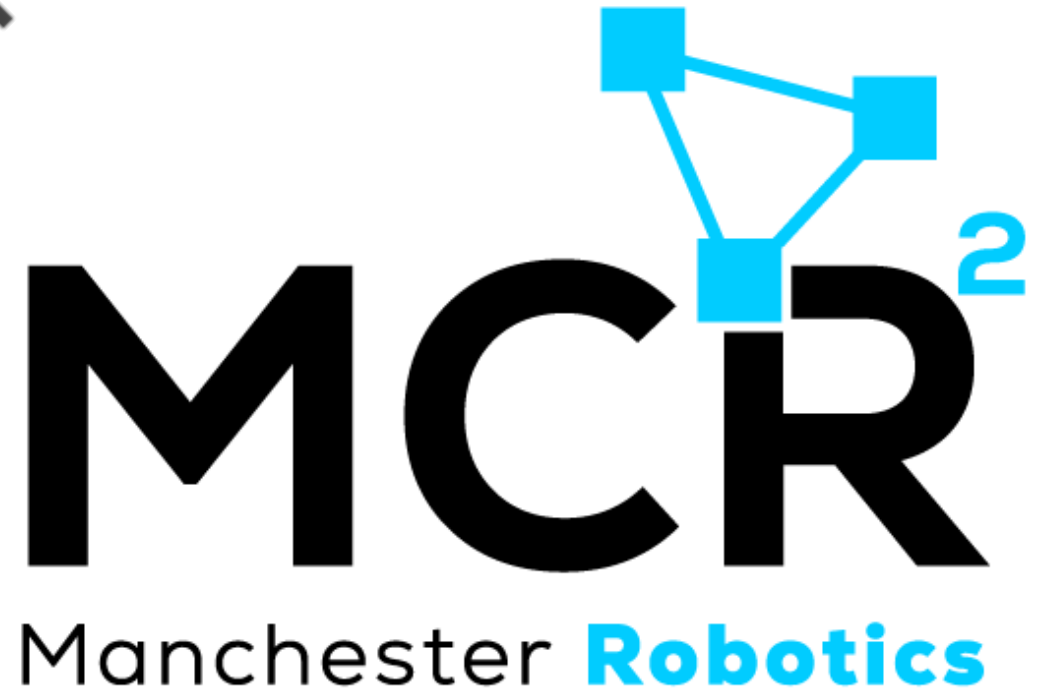
# When everything done, release the captured
cap.release()
cv.destroyAllWindows()
```


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Blob Detection

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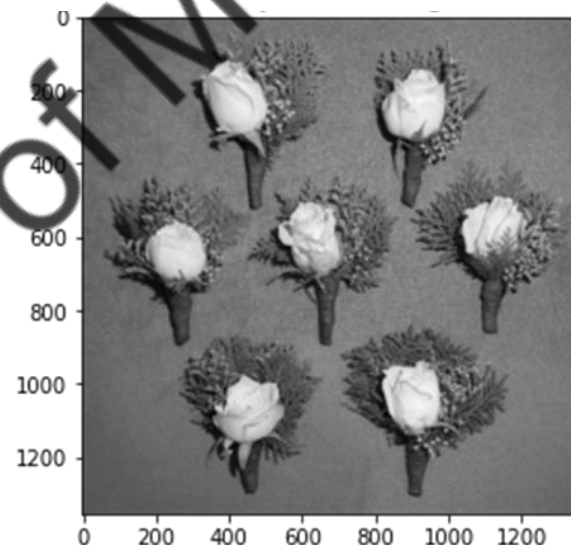
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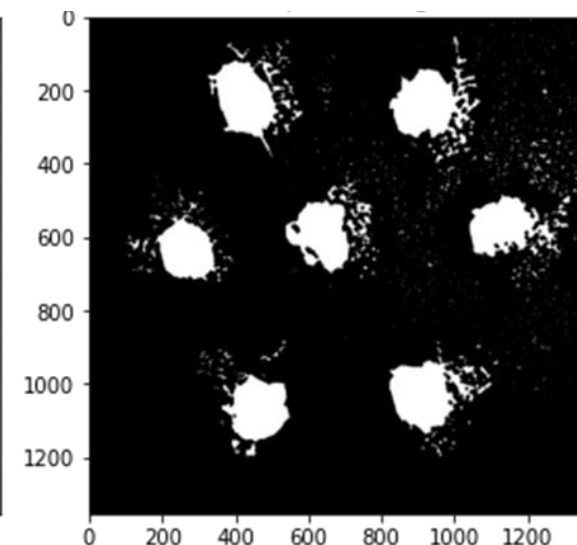
What is blob?

- A Blob is a group of connected pixels in an image that share some common property.
- Usually are areas in an image that are visually distinct, often brighter/darker.
- In the image, the dark connected regions are blobs, and the goal of blob detection is to identify and mark these regions.
- Useful to detect objects (balls, screws, parts).
- Tracking moving elements.
- Obstacle detection.

→ Blob = "Binary Large Object"



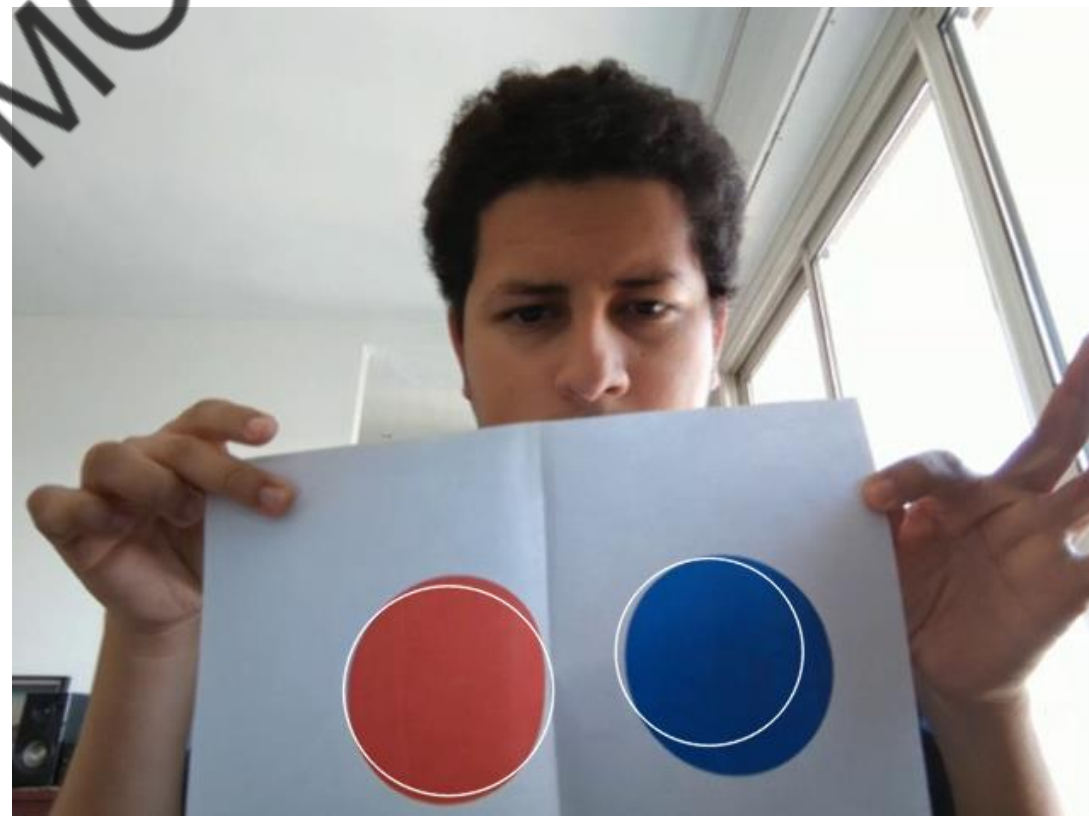
Grayscale image



Resulting blobs after processing

What is blob?

- Blob detection involves five steps:
 - **Thresholding:** convert the input image to a binary image through thresholding.
 - **Grouping:** Find and cluster connected pixels (regions), by making use of the “findContours” function. The centre is identified for each of the extracted groups of pixels and the value for the centres is computed.
 - **Merging:** Merges all nearby clusters.
 - **Radius and centres:** Compute radiuses and centres of the blobs.
 - **Filtering:** Keep blobs matching specific criteria:
 - Size
 - Circularity
 - Convexity
 - Inertia ratio (elongation), etc.

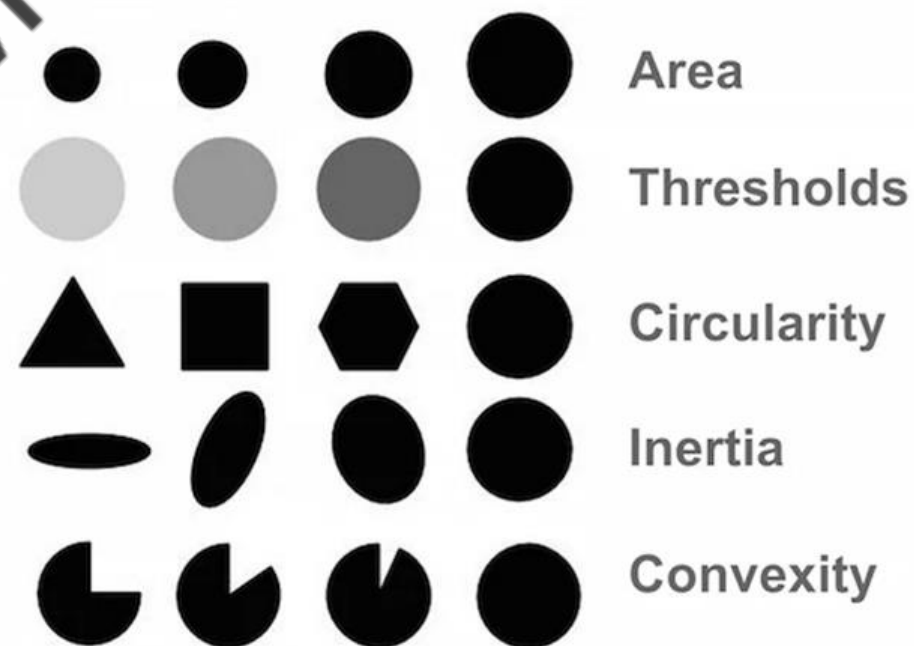




Blob Filtering



- **Color [0,255]:** Compares the intensity of a binary image at the center of a blob to the parameter *blobColor*.
 - *blobColor* [0,255] to extract dark blobs and light blobs respectively.
- **Area [0, maxArea]:** Extracted blobs have an area between *minArea* and *maxArea* parameters.
- **Circularity [0,1]:** Extracted blobs have circularity between *minCircularity* and *maxCircularity* (Circularity of the Circle is 1).
- **Ratio [0,1]:** Measures the inertia (elongation) of the blob. Extracted blobs have this ratio between *minInertiaRatio* and *maxInertiaRatio*.
- **Convexity [0,1]:** Extracted blobs have convexity (area / area of blob convex hull) between *minConvexity* and *maxConvexity*.





Tuning Parameters



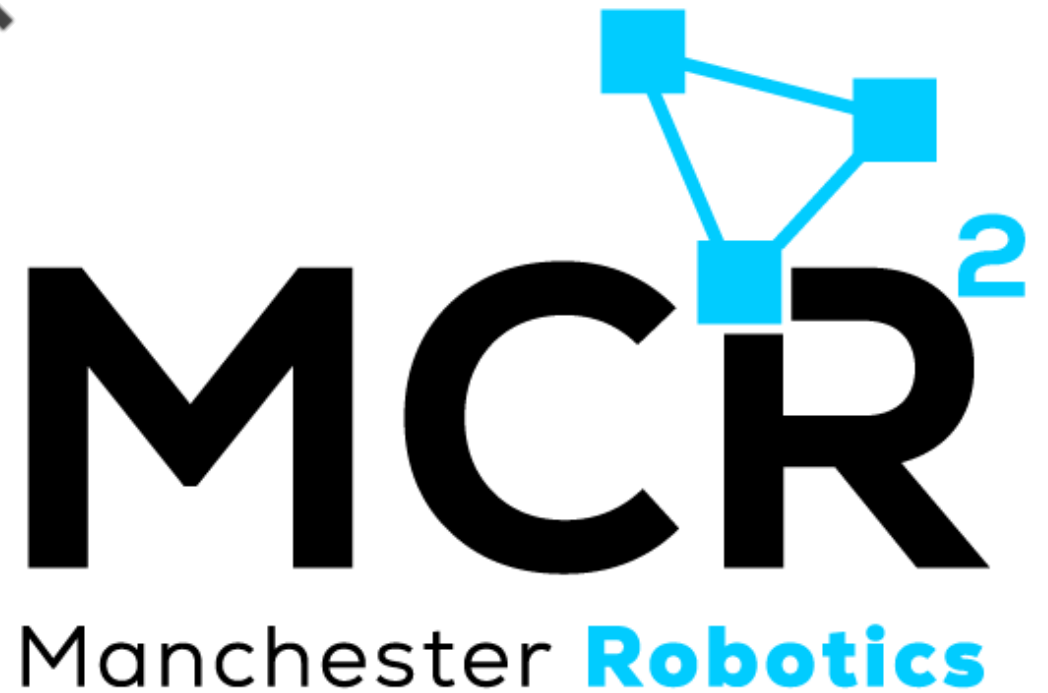
Parameter	What it Does	Typical Use
Threshold	Minimum grayscale intensity for detection.	Lower limit
filterByArea	Only blobs within specific area.	Filter noise
filterByCircularity	Select blobs close to circular shape.	Detect more specific shapes such as circles
filterByConvexity	How convex the blob shape is.	Avoid hollow shapes
filterByInertia	Measures blob elongation.	Exclude thin blobs
filterByColor	Check colour of the blob	Exclude blobs of different colours.

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Simple Blob Detection

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Activity 3

Using the code in Activity 4, blob detection will be used to detect the blue blob in a video.

For this activity "sample_video.mp4" must be inside the folder "videos"

1. Transform the masked image to grayscale.
2. Threshold the image to remove areas with low intensity.
3. Erode the image to remove the noise.
4. Dilate the image to smooth edges and enlarge the figures.
5. Detect blobs
6. Print centres and blobs.




```
import cv2 as cv
import numpy as np

# HSV Ranges for detecting BLUE color
H_blue_low_limit = 95
S_blue_low_limit = 90
V_blue_low_limit = 90
H_blue_up_limit = 110
S_blue_up_limit = 255
V_blue_up_limit = 255

# Configuration of OpenCV SimpleBlobDetector Parameters
blob_detec_params = cv.SimpleBlobDetector_Params()

# Thresholds for intensity difference (pixel brightness) during detection
blob_detec_params.minThreshold = 30
blob_detec_params.maxThreshold = 255

# Filter blobs by color (white blobs if 255)
blob_detec_params.filterByColor = True
blob_detec_params.blobColor = 255

# Filter blobs by area (size in pixels)
blob_detec_params.filterByArea = True
blob_detec_params.minArea = 30          # Minimum blob area
blob_detec_params.maxArea = 10000000    # Maximum blob area

# Filter blobs by convexity (how convex the shape is)
blob_detec_params.filterByConvexity = True
blob_detec_params.minConvexity = 0.1
blob_detec_params.maxConvexity = 1

# Filter blobs by circularity (how circular the blob is)
blob_detec_params.filterByCircularity = True
blob_detec_params.minCircularity = 0.5
blob_detec_params.maxCircularity = 1

# Filter blobs by inertia (how elongated the blob is)
blob_detec_params.filterByInertia = True
blob_detec_params.minInertiaRatio = 0.5
blob_detec_params.maxInertiaRatio = 1
```

```
# Main Code Execution Starts Here
if __name__ == "__main__":

    # Start video capture
    # You can switch to a webcam by using cv.VideoCapture(0)
    video_path = 'videos/sample_video.mp4'
    cap = cv.VideoCapture(video_path)

    if not cap.isOpened():
        print("Cannot open camera or video file")

    # Create the blob detector object with configured parameters
    detector = cv.SimpleBlobDetector_create(blob_detec_params)

    # Main loop to process each frame
    while True:

        # Capture frame from video
        ret, image = cap.read()

        # Exit the loop if no frames are returned (end of video)
        if not ret:
            print("Can't receive frame (stream end?). Exiting ...")
            break

        # Check for ESC key press to exit early
        k = cv.waitKey(25) & 0xFF
        if k == 27:
            break
```



```
# Step 1: Convert image from BGR to HSV color space
hsv_image = cv.cvtColor(image, cv.COLOR_BGR2HSV)

# Step 2: Create masks for red and blue colors
# Blue mask: a single range
blue_lower_limit = np.array([H_blue_low_limit,
S_blue_low_limit, V_blue_low_limit])
blue_upper_limit = np.array([H_blue_up_limit, S_blue_up_limit,
V_blue_up_limit])

# Apply color thresholds to create binary masks
blue_mask = cv.inRange(hsv_image, blue_lower_limit,
blue_upper_limit)

# Step 3: Apply masks to the original image for
visualization
# Apply blue mask
blue_img_result = cv.bitwise_and(image, image, mask=blue_mask)

# Step 4: Convert the masked images to grayscale for
further processing
bw_blue_res = cv.cvtColor(blue_img_result, cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

# Step 5: Apply binary thresholding to highlight blobs
in binary images
_, blue_res = cv.threshold(bw_blue_res, 33, 255,
cv.THRESH_BINARY)
```

```
# Step 6: Perform morphological operations to clean up noise
# Create a kernel for morphological operations
kernel = np.ones((5, 5), np.uint8)

# Clean blue mask: more aggressive clean-up
blue_res = cv.erode(blue_res, kernel, iterations=8)
blue_res = cv.dilate(blue_res, kernel, iterations=8)

# Step 7: Detect blobs in the cleaned binary images
bluekeypoints = detector.detect(blue_res)

# Step 9: Draw keypoints (blobs) on the original image
view_blobs = cv.drawKeypoints(image, bluekeypoints,
np.array([]),
(255, 255, 255),
cv.DRAW_MATCHES_FLAGS_DRAW_RICH_KEYPOINTS)

# Step 10: Display the images for
visualization/debugging
#cv.imshow('Original Image', image)
#cv.imshow('Blue Mask Applied', blue_img_result)
#cv.imshow('Blue Binary Mask', blue_res)
cv.imshow('Detected Blobs', view_blobs)

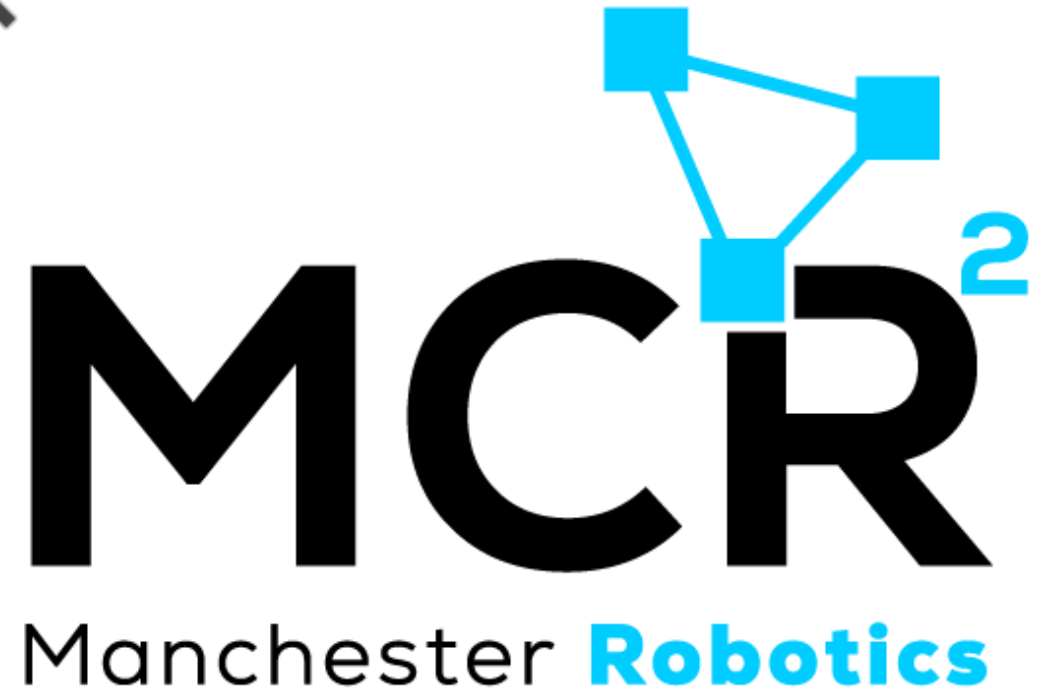
# Step 11: Release resources and close windows when done
cap.release()
cv.destroyAllWindows()
```

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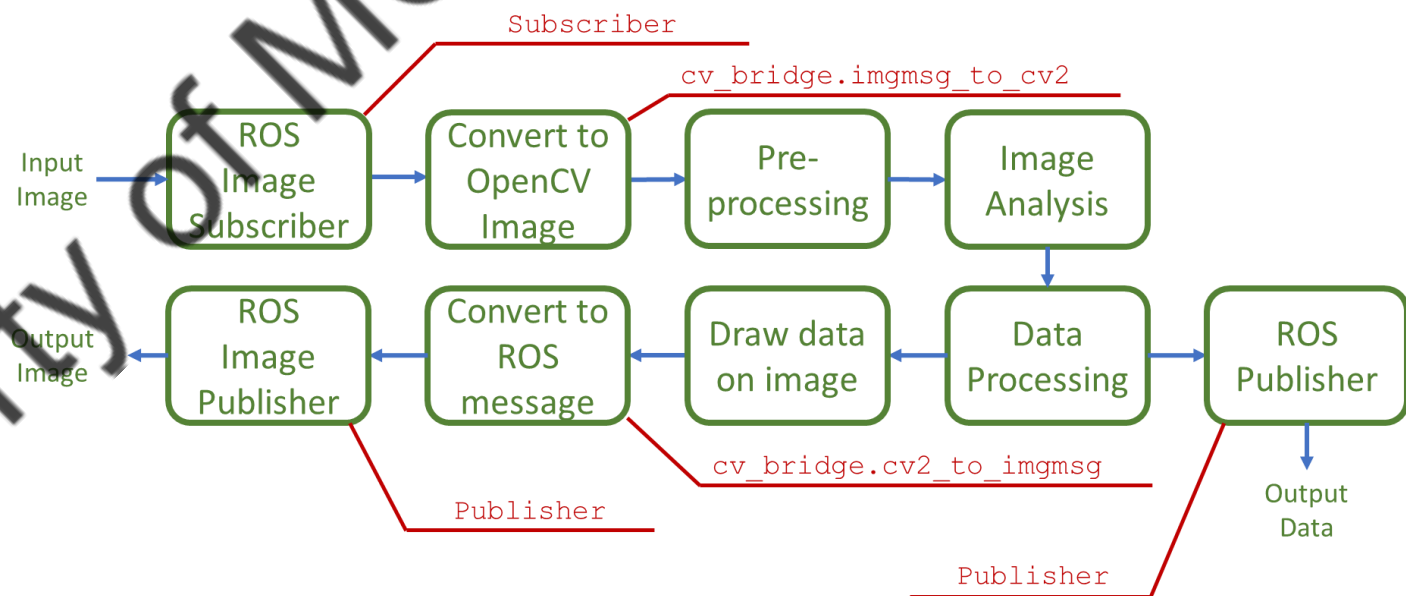
Interfacing with ROS



- ROS uses a package called CV Bridge to interface with OpenCV:

```
$ sudo apt install ros-humble-cv-bridge
```

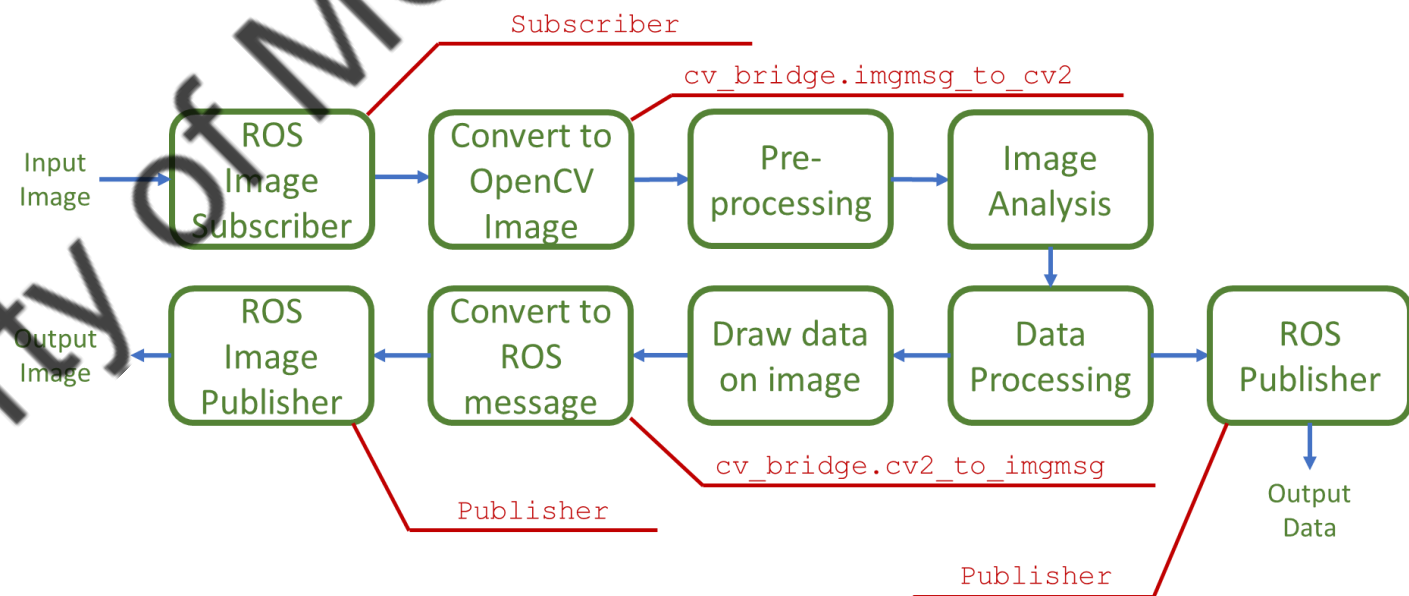
- This package, converts between ROS Image messages and OpenCV images.
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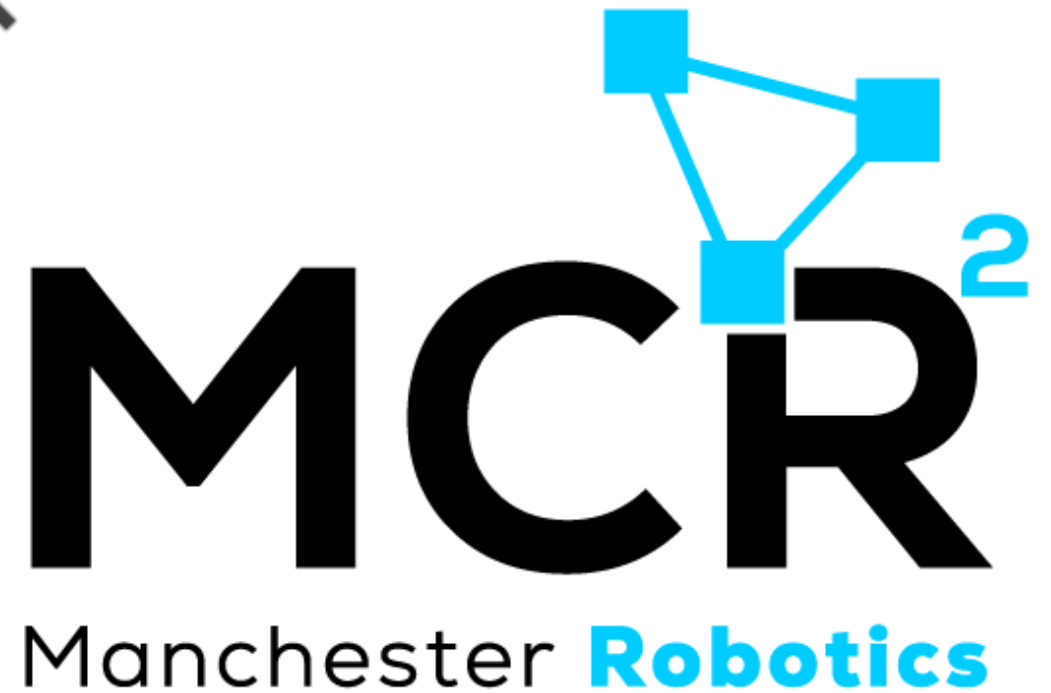


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OpenCV and ROS



Objective

- The objective of this activity is to show the user how ROS and OpenCV can be used together.
- In this activity, some simple feature extraction techniques will be used.

Requirements

- The following “usb_cam” node must be installed by the user.

```
$ sudo apt install ros-humble-usb-cam
```

- The node can be run using the following command

```
$ ros2 run usb_cam usb_cam_node_exe
```

- This node will access the camera and publish the image into the topic “/image_raw”

Puzzlebot (not necessary)

- If using the Puzzlebot, the user can follow the instruction manual or the presentation “MCR2_Puzzlebot_Jetson_Ed” to activate the camera using the command

```
$ ros2 launch ros_deep_learning video_source.ros2.launch
```

- The same node can be easily launched from a (launch file) using the following command

```
$ ros2 launch puzzlebot_ros camera_jetson.launch.py
```

- This node will access the camera and publish the image into the topic “/video_source/raw”



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Instructions

- Create a new package

```
ros2 pkg create --build-type ament_python open_cv_examples  
--license Apache-2.0 --dependencies rclpy sensor_msgs  
opencv-python cv_bridge ros2launch std_msgs python3-numpy  
--node-name opencv_act1 --maintainer-name 'Mario Martinez'  
--maintainer-email 'mario.mtz@manchester-robotics.com' --  
description 'OpenCV Examples'
```

- Give executable permission to the file

```
$ cd ~/src/open_cv_examples/open_cv_examples/  
$ sudo chmod +x opencv_act1.py
```

- Edit the *opencv_act1.py* file.

```
open_cv_examples/  
├── LICENSE  
├── open_cv_examples  
│   ├── __init__.py  
│   └── opencv_act1.py  
├── package.xml  
├── resource  
│   └── open_cv_examples  
├── setup.cfg  
├── setup.py  
└── test  
    ├── test_copyright.py  
    ├── test_flake8.py  
    └── test_pep257.py
```

```

import rclpy
from rclpy.node import Node
from sensor_msgs.msg import Image
import cv2 as cv
from cv_bridge import CvBridge
import numpy as np

class ColorDetectionNode(Node):

    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__('color_detection_node')

        # Initialize variables
        self.img = None
        self.bridge = CvBridge()

        # Define HSV range for blue color detection
        self.blue_lower = np.array([110, 60, 60], np.uint8)
        self.blue_upper = np.array([160, 255, 255], np.uint8)

        # ROS2 Subscriber for raw camera images
        self.subscription = self.create_subscription(
            Image,
            '/image_raw',
            self.camera_callback,
            10
        )

        # ROS2 Publisher for processed images
        self.image_pub = self.create_publisher(
            Image,
            '/image_processing/image',
            10
        )

        # Timer setup for regular processing
        self.timer = self.create_timer(0.1, self.timer_callback)

        self.get_logger().info('Color Detection Node has started!')

```

```

def camera_callback(self, msg):
    """Callback to receive image from the camera and convert to CV2
    format."""
    try:
        self.img = self.bridge.imgmsg_to_cv2(msg, "bgr8")
    except Exception as e:
        self.get_logger().error(f'Conversion error: {e}')

def timer_callback(self):
    """Timer callback for processing the image."""

    # Check if image has been received
    if self.img is None:
        self.get_logger().info('Waiting for image data...')
        return

    # Step 1: Reduce noise with Gaussian blur
    blurred_img = cv.GaussianBlur(self.img, (9, 9), 2)
    # Step 2: Convert from BGR to HSV color space
    hsv_img = cv.cvtColor(blurred_img, cv.COLOR_BGR2HSV)
    # Step 3: Create binary mask for blue color
    blue_mask = cv.inRange(hsv_img, self.blue_lower, self.blue_upper)
    # Step 4: Apply mask to extract blue regions from original image
    blue_extracted_img = cv.bitwise_and(self.img, self.img, mask=blue_mask)
    # Step 5: Convert extracted blue regions to grayscale
    gray_blue_img = cv.cvtColor(blue_extracted_img, cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
    # Step 6: Threshold grayscale image to binary image
    _, binary_blue_img = cv.threshold(gray_blue_img, 5, 255,
cv.THRESH_BINARY)

    # Step 7: Apply morphological operations to clean noise
    kernel = np.ones((3, 3), np.uint8)
    cleaned_img = cv.erode(binary_blue_img, kernel, iterations=8)
    cleaned_img = cv.dilate(cleaned_img, kernel, iterations=8)

    # Publish the cleaned binary image
    processed_img_msg = self.bridge.cv2_to_imgmsg(cleaned_img,
encoding='mono8')
    self.image_pub.publish(processed_img_msg)

```




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```
def main(args=None):
    rclpy.init(args=args)
    color_detection_node = ColorDetectionNode()

    try:
        rclpy.spin(color_detection_node)
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        pass
    finally:
        color_detection_node.destroy_node()
        if rclpy.ok():
            rclpy.shutdown()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

- In a new terminal build the new package, source it, and run it

```
cd ~/ros2_ws/
colcon build
source install/setup.bash
```

- Start the camera

```
$ ros2 run usb_cam usb_cam_node_exe
```

- Run the node

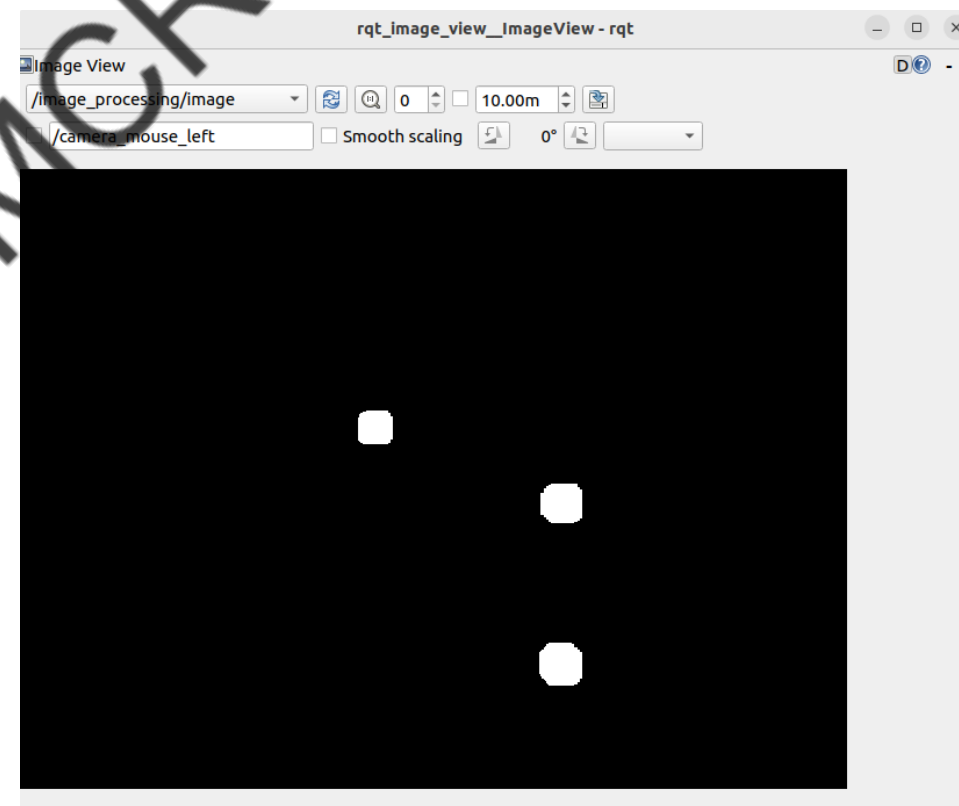
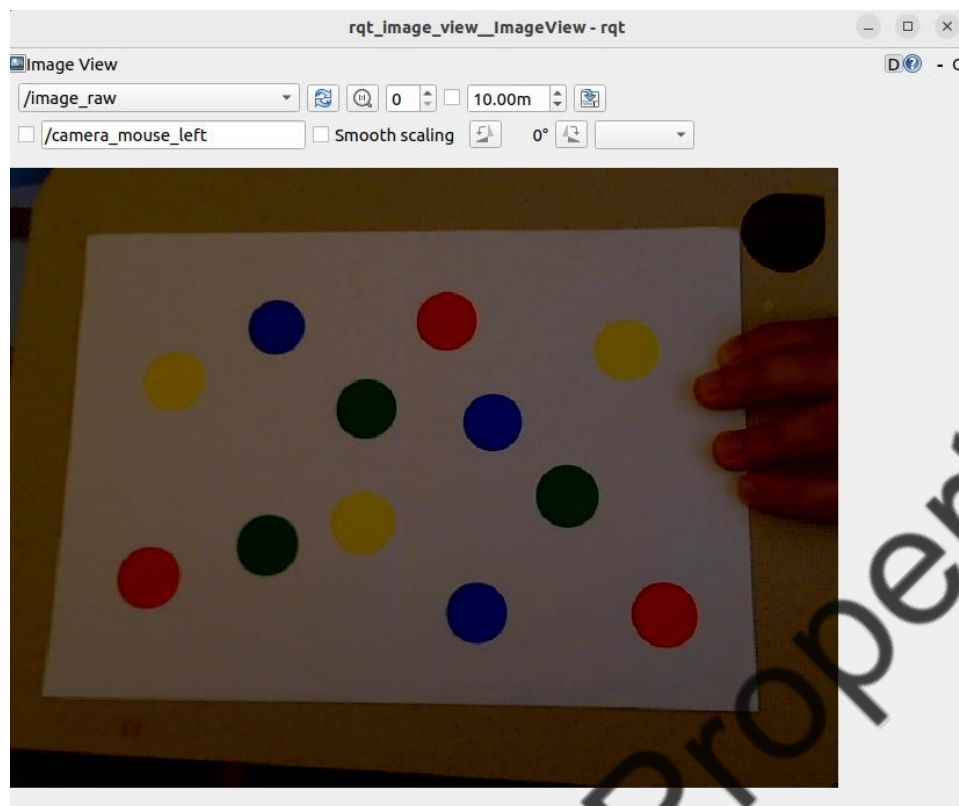
```
$ ros2 run open_cv_examples opencv_act1
```

- Open RVIZ, or rqt_image_view to view the results

```
$ ros2 run rqt_image_view rqt_image_view
```



OpenCV and ROS

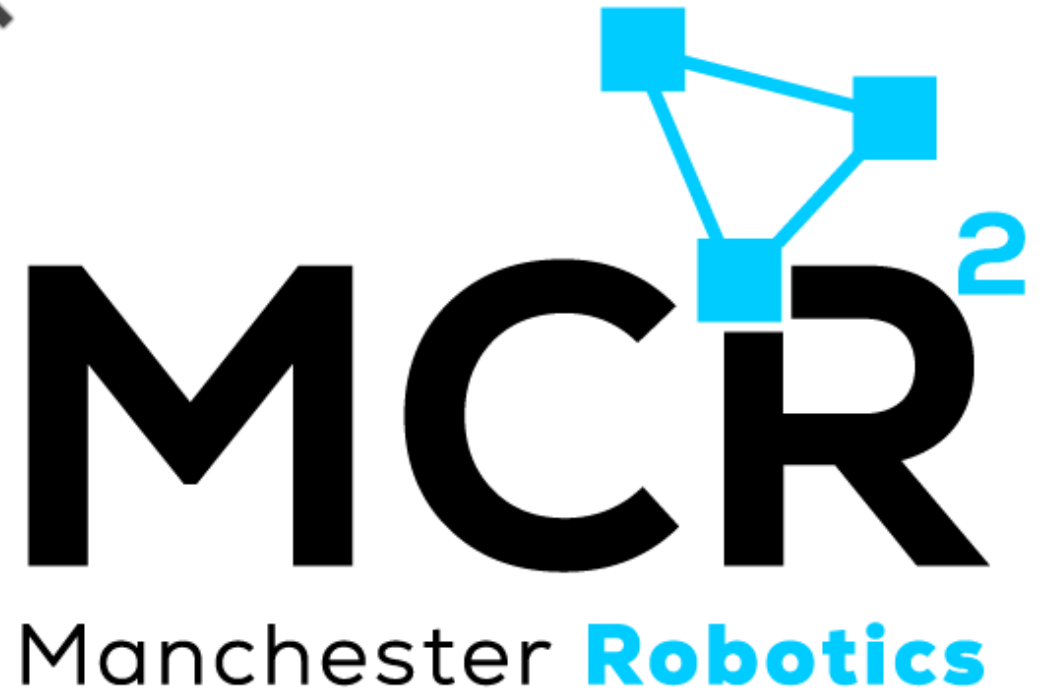


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OpenCV in Puzzlebot
- No ROS

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OpenCV in Puzzlebot - No ROS



- In the Puzzlebot, the access to the camera used in OpenCV differs from that of a regular camera.
- The Puzzlebot contains an IMX19 Camera module (Raspberry Pi camera) to access such a camera, the user must declare it at the top of the OpenCV Script as stated in the right image.
- The following code shows a simple masking activity on the Puzzlebot. The activity shows a correct way to activate the camera on the Puzzlebot and use it in an OpenCV script.

```
def gstreamer_pipeline(
    sensor_id=0,
    capture_width=1920,
    capture_height=1080,
    display_width=960,
    display_height=540,
    framerate=30,
    flip_method=0,
):
    return (
        "nvarguscamerasrc sensor-id=%d ! "
        "video/x-raw(memory:NVMM), width=(int)%d, height=(int)%d, framerate=(fraction)%d/1 ! "
        "nvvidconv flip-method=%d ! "
        "video/x-raw, width=(int)%d, height=(int)%d, format=(string)BGRx ! "
        "videoconvert ! "
        "video/x-raw, format=(string)BGR ! appsink"
        % (
            sensor_id,
            capture_width,
            capture_height,
            framerate,
            flip_method,
            display_width,
            display_height,
        )
    )

print(gstreamer_pipeline(flip_method=2))
cap = cv.VideoCapture(gstreamer_pipeline(flip_method=2), cv.CAP_GSTREAMER)
```

```
import cv2 as cv
import numpy as np
```

```
def gstreamer_pipeline(
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    capture_height=1080,
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    flip_method=0,
):
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        "video/x-raw(memory:NVMM), width=(int)%d, height=(int)%d, "
        "framerate=(fraction)%d/1 ! "
        "nvvidconv flip-method=%d ! "
        "video/x-raw, width=(int)%d, height=(int)%d, format=(string)BGRx ! "
        "videoconvert ! "
        "video/x-raw, format=(string)BGR ! appsink"
        % (
            sensor_id,
            capture_width,
            capture_height,
            framerate,
            flip_method,
            display_width,
            display_height,
        )
    )
```

```
#HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value) in OpenCV
#The values are in the ranges of H /in [0,180] deg, S /in [0,255] and V /in [0,255]
```

```
#HSV Values for Red Colour
```

```
#Red is on the 180 degrees limit in thr HSV so two ranges must be done
#from 160 to 0 and from 0 to 20
```

```
H_red_low_limit = 150
```

```
S_red_low_limit = 120
```

```
V_red_low_limit = 100
```

```
H_red_up_limit = 5
```

```
S_red_up_limit = 120
```

```
V_red_up_limit = 100
```

```
#HSV Values for Blue Colour
```

```
H_blue_low_limit = 90
```

```
S_blue_low_limit = 100
```

```
V_blue_low_limit = 70
```

```
H_blue_up_limit = 150
```

```
S_blue_up_limit = 180
```

```
V_blue_up_limit = 100
```

```

if __name__=="__main__":

    print(gstreamer_pipeline(flip_method=2))
    cap = cv.VideoCapture(gstreamer_pipeline(flip_method=2), cv.CAP_GSTREAMER)
    #window_handle = cv.namedWindow('CSI Camera', cv.WINDOW_AUTOSIZE)

    if cap.isOpened():
        try:
            #HSV Values for Green Colour
            while True:

                # Reading frame from video or webcam
                # and resizing to match when combining them
                ret, image = cap.read()

                # if frame is read correctly ret is True
                if not ret:
                    print("Can't receive frame (stream end?). Exiting ...")
                    break

                k = cv.waitKey(25) & 0xFF
                if k == 27:
                    break

                # Convert BGR to HSV
                hsv_image = cv.cvtColor(image, cv.COLOR_BGR2HSV)

                #Red Ranges
                #Red colour requires 2 ranges because its on the limits of the angles [min_H, 179] to
[0, max_H]

                red_lower_limit1 = np.array([H_red_low_limit, S_red_low_limit, V_red_low_limit])
                red_upper_limit1 = np.array([179, 255, 255])

                red_lower_limit2 = np.array([0, S_red_up_limit, V_red_up_limit])
                red_upper_limit2 = np.array([H_red_up_limit, 255, 255])

                #Blue Ranges
                blue_lower_limit = np.array([H_blue_low_limit, S_blue_low_limit, V_blue_low_limit])
                blue_upper_limit = np.array([H_blue_up_limit, S_blue_up_limit, V_blue_up_limit])

                #Red Masks
                red_mask1 = cv.inRange(hsv_image, red_lower_limit1, red_upper_limit1)
                red_mask2 = cv.inRange(hsv_image, red_lower_limit2, red_upper_limit2)

```

```

                #Blue Mask
                blue_mask = cv.inRange(hsv_image, blue_lower_limit,
blue_upper_limit)

                #Partial masks applied to the image (AND Function with the
image)

                masked_red1 = cv.bitwise_and(image,image,mask=red_mask1)
                masked_red2 = cv.bitwise_and(image,image,mask=red_mask2)

                #Full red mask applied to te image
                red_img_result = cv.bitwise_or(masked_red1, masked_red2)

                #Full blue mask applied to te image
                blue_img_result = cv.bitwise_and(image,image,mask=blue_mask)

                #Transform to Grayscale
                bw_blue_res = cv.cvtColor(blue_img_result, cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
                bw_red_res = cv.cvtColor(red_img_result, cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

                _ , red_res = cv.threshold(bw_red_res, 20, 255,
cv.THRESH_BINARY)
                _ , blue_res = cv.threshold(bw_blue_res, 20, 255,
cv.THRESH_BINARY)

                kernel = np.ones((3, 3), np.uint8)
                red_res = cv.erode(red_res, kernel, iterations=1)
                red_res = cv.dilate(red_res, kernel, iterations=3)

                blue_res = cv.erode(blue_res, kernel, iterations=1)
                blue_res = cv.dilate(blue_res, kernel, iterations=3)

                cv.imshow('image', image)
                cv.imshow('red mask', red_img_result)
                cv.imshow('blue mask', blue_img_result)
                cv.imshow('blue res', blue_res)
                cv.imshow('red res', red_res)

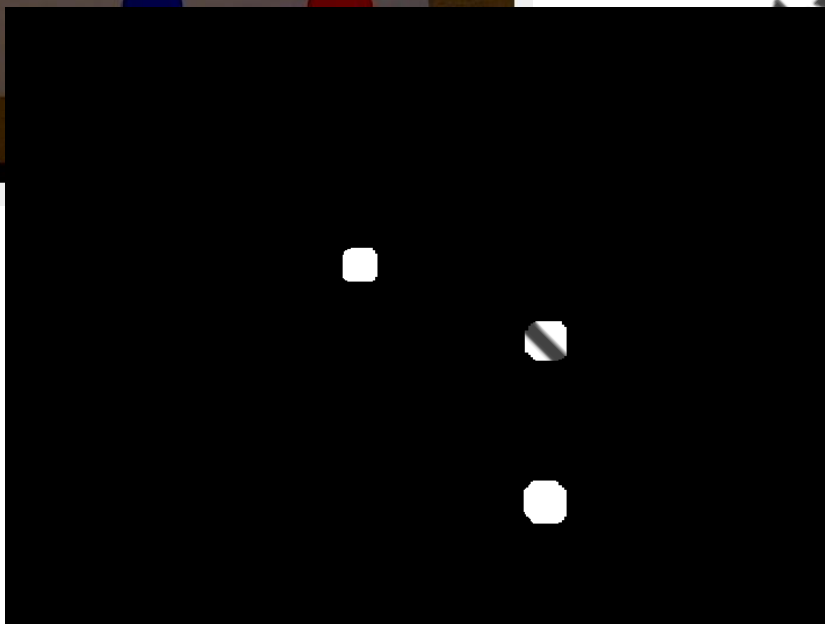
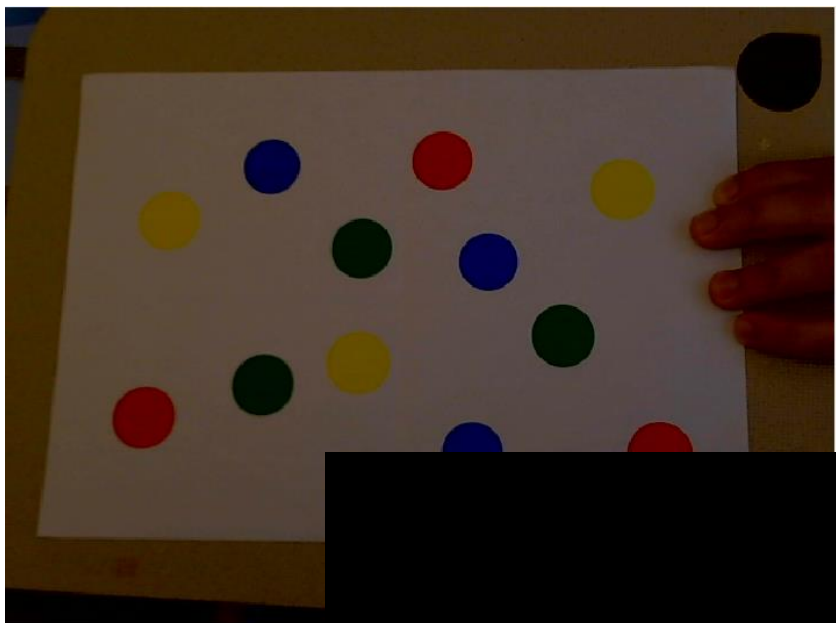
            finally:
                # When everything done, release the captureq
                cap.release()
                cv.destroyAllWindows()

        else:
            print("Error: Unable to open camera")

```



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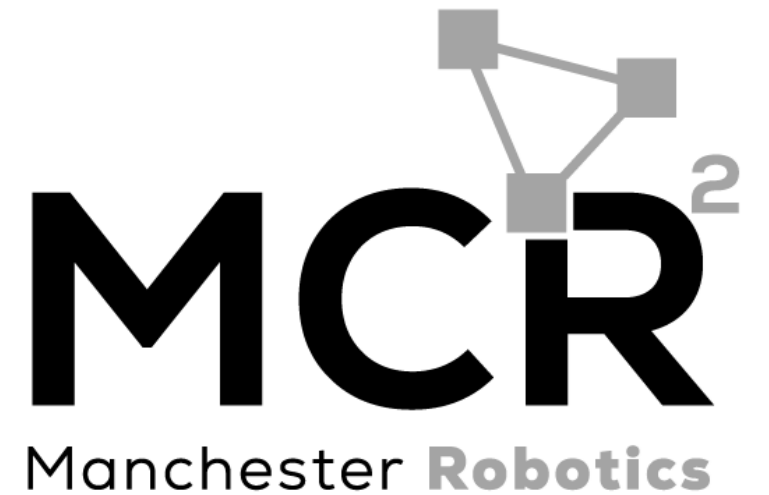
- Run the previous code from a terminal.
- Go to your "opencv_ws" (if applicable)
- In a new terminal build the new package, source it, and run it

```
$ python3 activity.py
```

Thank you

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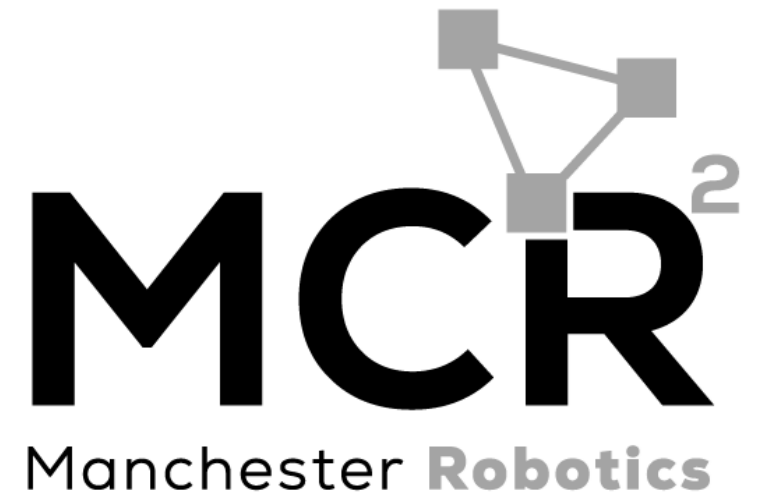


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