Memorandum

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For Lab 0x03, our task was to generate an HPGL file using Inkscape, save the file as a text file, and parse the contents of the text file. Our implementation began by separating the large string within the text file by semi-colons using split (';'). This resulted in a list of lists containing the strings of instructions and coordinates.

Figure 1. Data split by semi colons

To interpret the instructions (pen up or pen down) we iterated through, looking at the first two characters of each element. By doing this we could interpret the instructions generated by Inkscape. We then stripped these instruction characters to generate an array of all the coordinates to be processed through our Newton Raphson code from HW2.

```
with open(file, 'r') as f:
    for item in f:
    command = item.split(';')
    for i in command:
        f2 = i[0:2]
if f2 == 'PU':
             print("pen up")
             if len(i) > 2:
                 penDown = False
                 shapes.append(draw(penDown, i))
        elif f2 == 'PD':
            print("pen d")
             if len(i) > 2:
                 penDown = True
                 shapes.append(draw(penDown, i))
        elif f2 == 'IN':
#print("init")
         elif f2 == 'SP':
             # print("pen choose")
```

Figure 2. Instruction interpretation code snippet

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51    def draw(penStat, ind):
52        bufx = []
53        bufy = []
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55        val = ind.strip('PUD').split(',')
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57        for n in range(len(val)>>1):
             bufx.append(int(val[2*n]))#/dpi)
59             bufy.append(int(val[2*n + 1]))#/dpi)
60
61        drawsOut = np.array([bufx, bufy]).transpose()
62        print(drawsOut)
63        return drawsOut
```

Figure 3. Instruction character stripping and coordinate array creation code snippet
The Newton Raphson code generated an array of coordinates that we plotted and put together as a GIF.

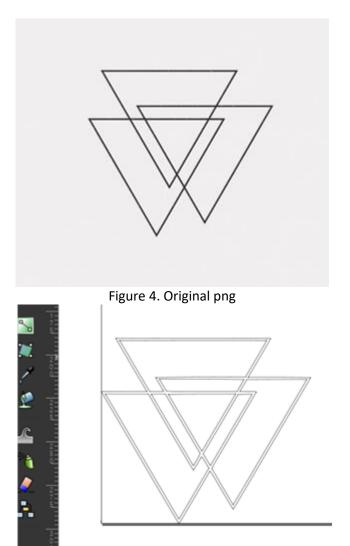


Figure 5. Inkscape generated plot

Newton Rhapson Approximated Points From Desired Points

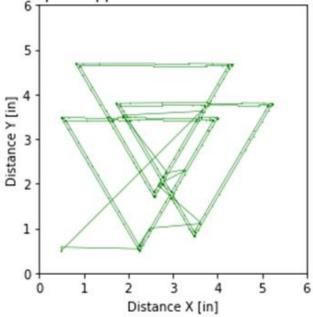


Figure 6. Plot generated from Newton Raphson code. NOTE: this plot and GIF shows the position of the end effector and doesn't show the pen lifting or going down