Lecture 04 - Component Segmentation

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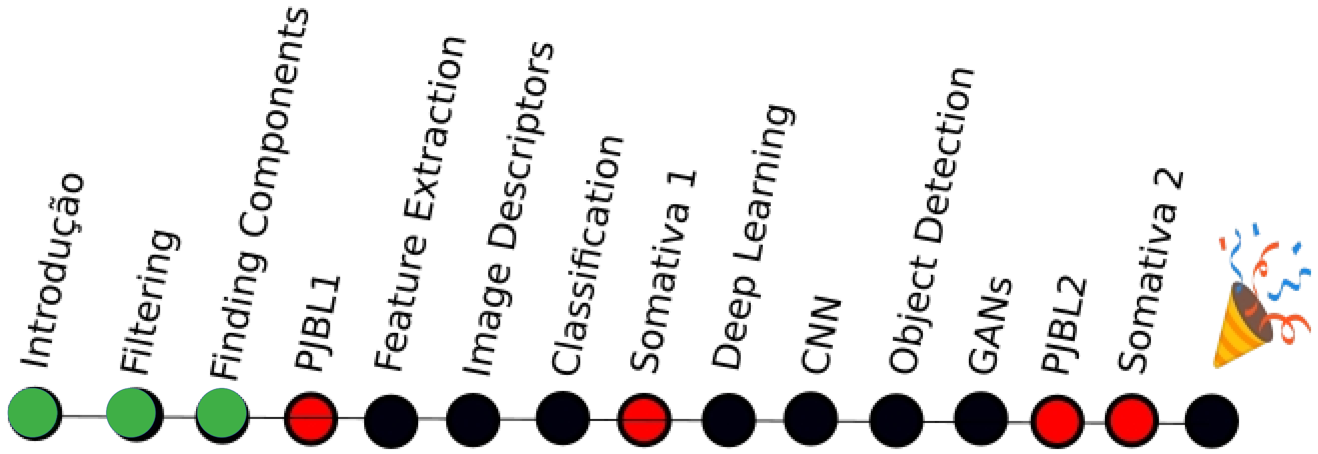
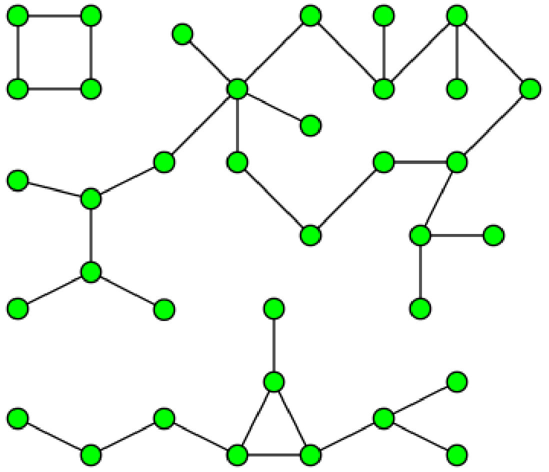
Topics

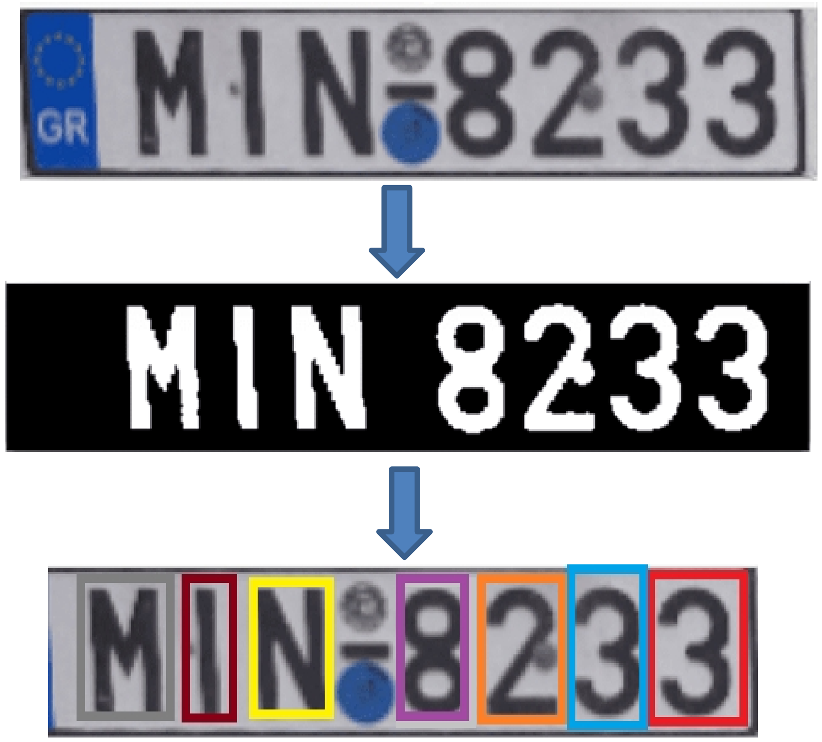
- Discussion of Practice 03
- Component Segmentation
  - Finding Connected Components
  - Filtering Components
- Practice
  - License Plate Characters Segmentation



Component Segmentation

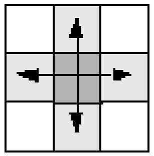
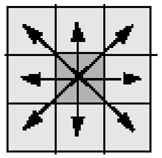
- A.K.A Connected Component Extraction, Blob Extraction, …..
- Its application comes from Graph Theory
  - Social Networks
  - Biology
  - Pattern Recognition





Connected Component Labelling

- Analyzes the non-zero pixel's neighborhood (foreground)
- Label each connected pixel with a label (1,2,3,4....)

- Kernels:  

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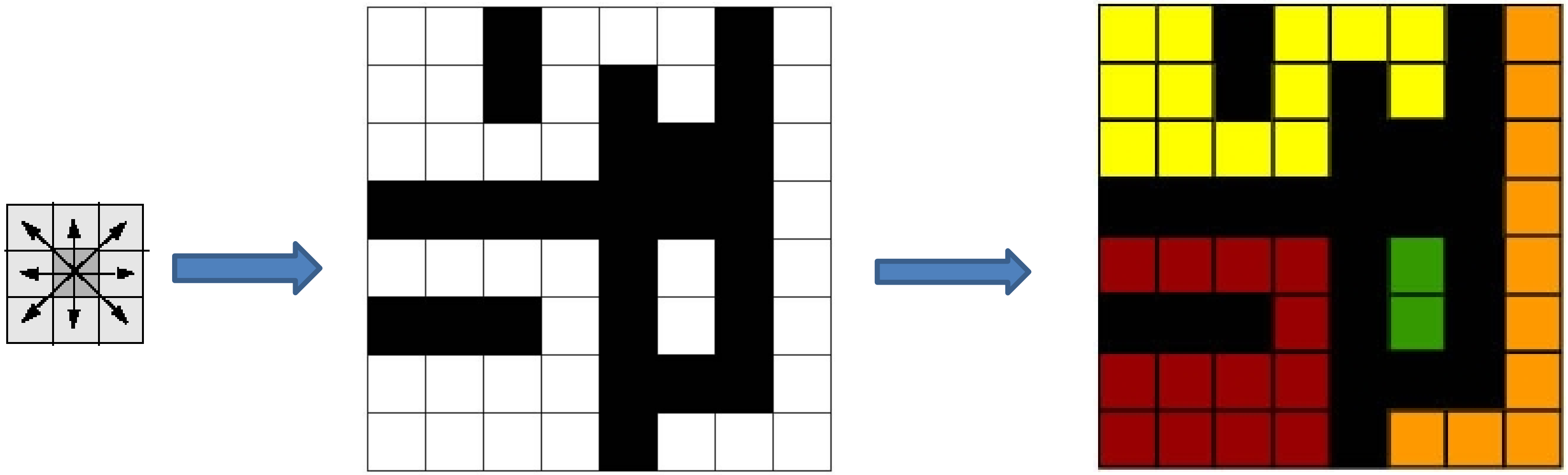

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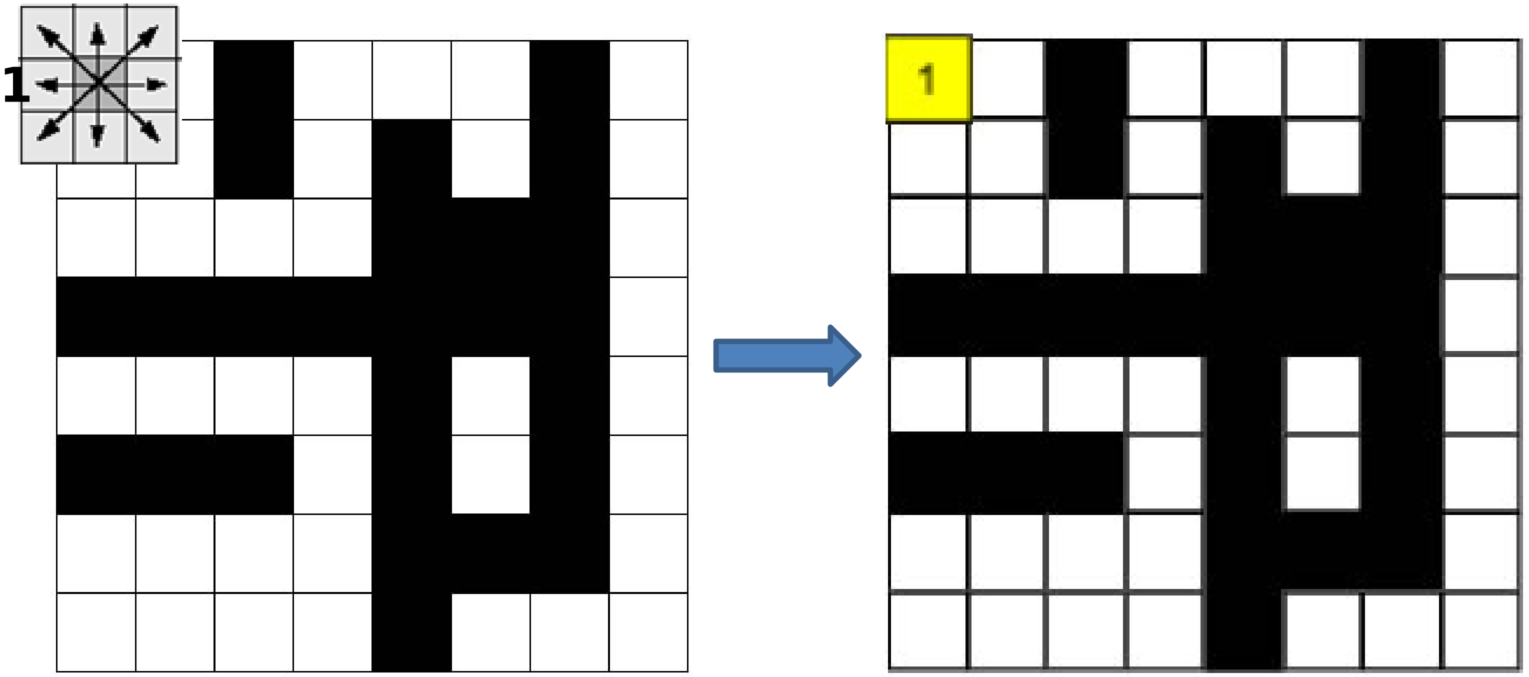

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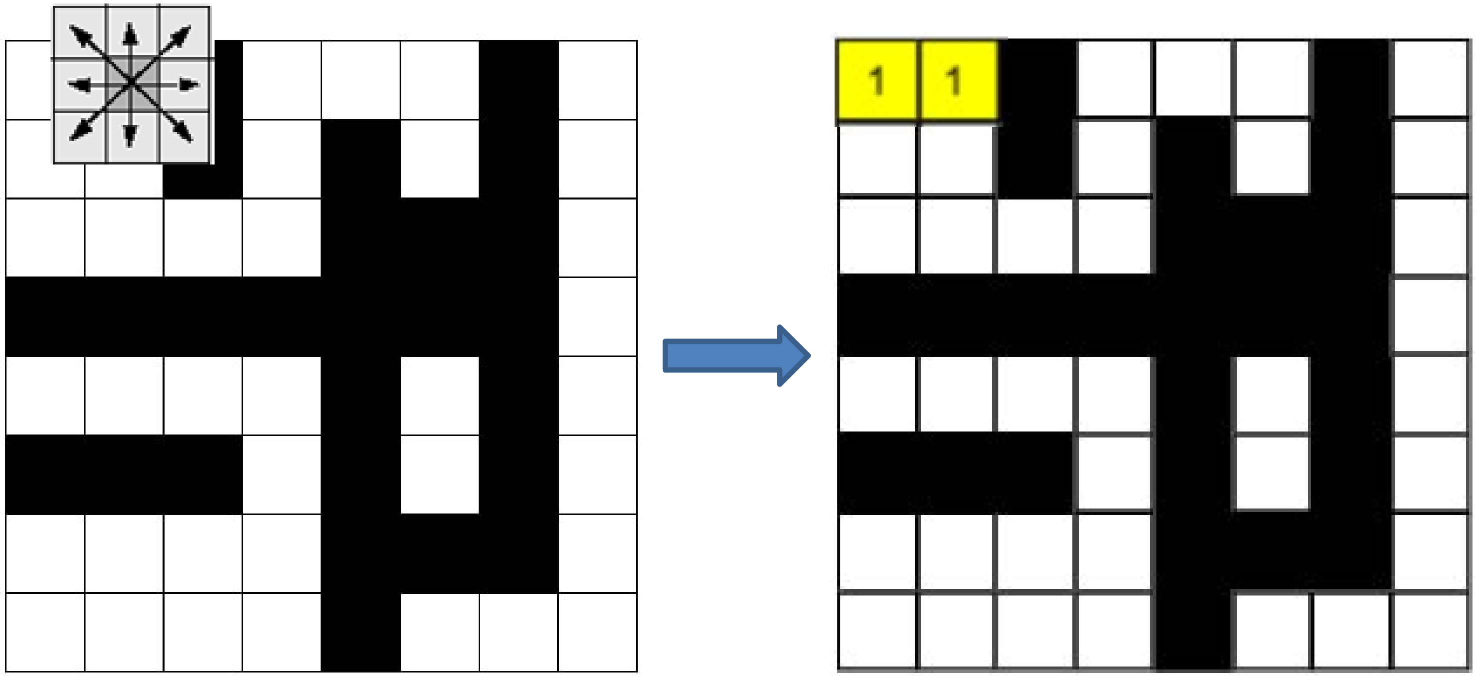

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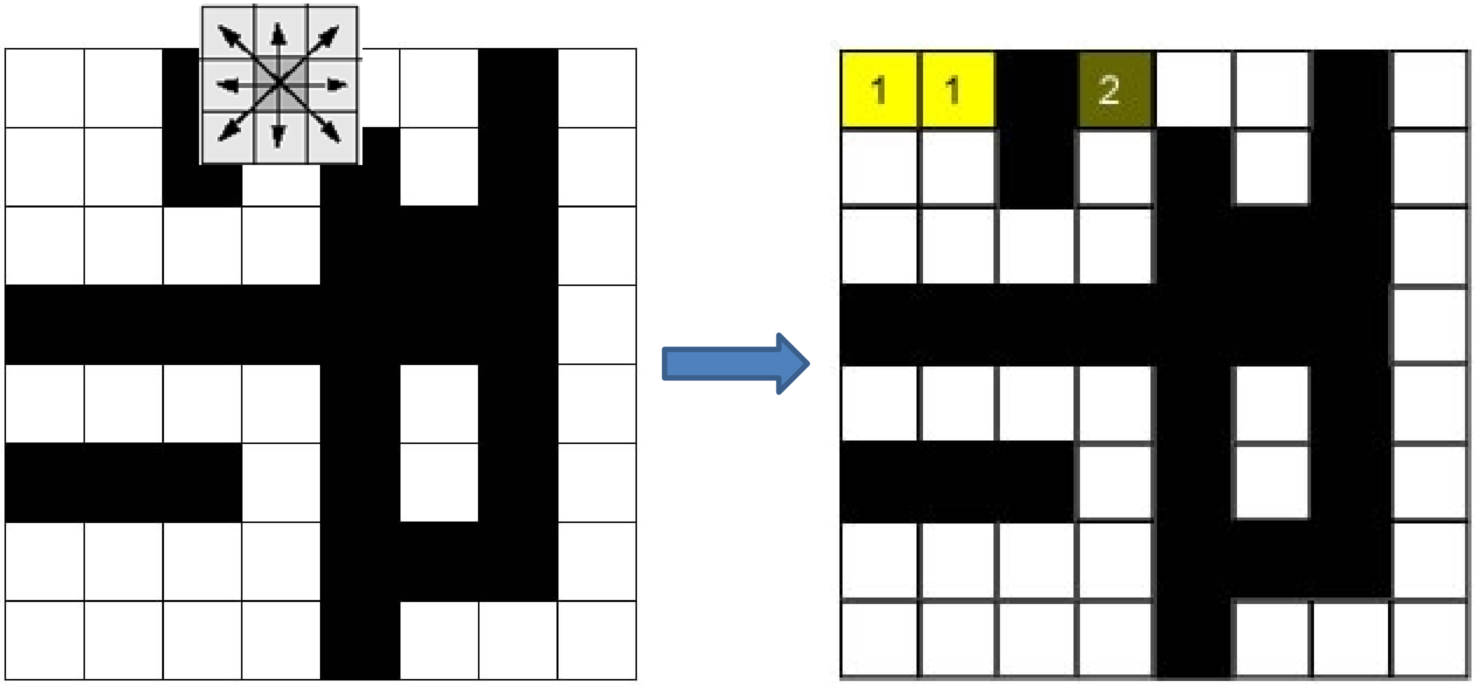

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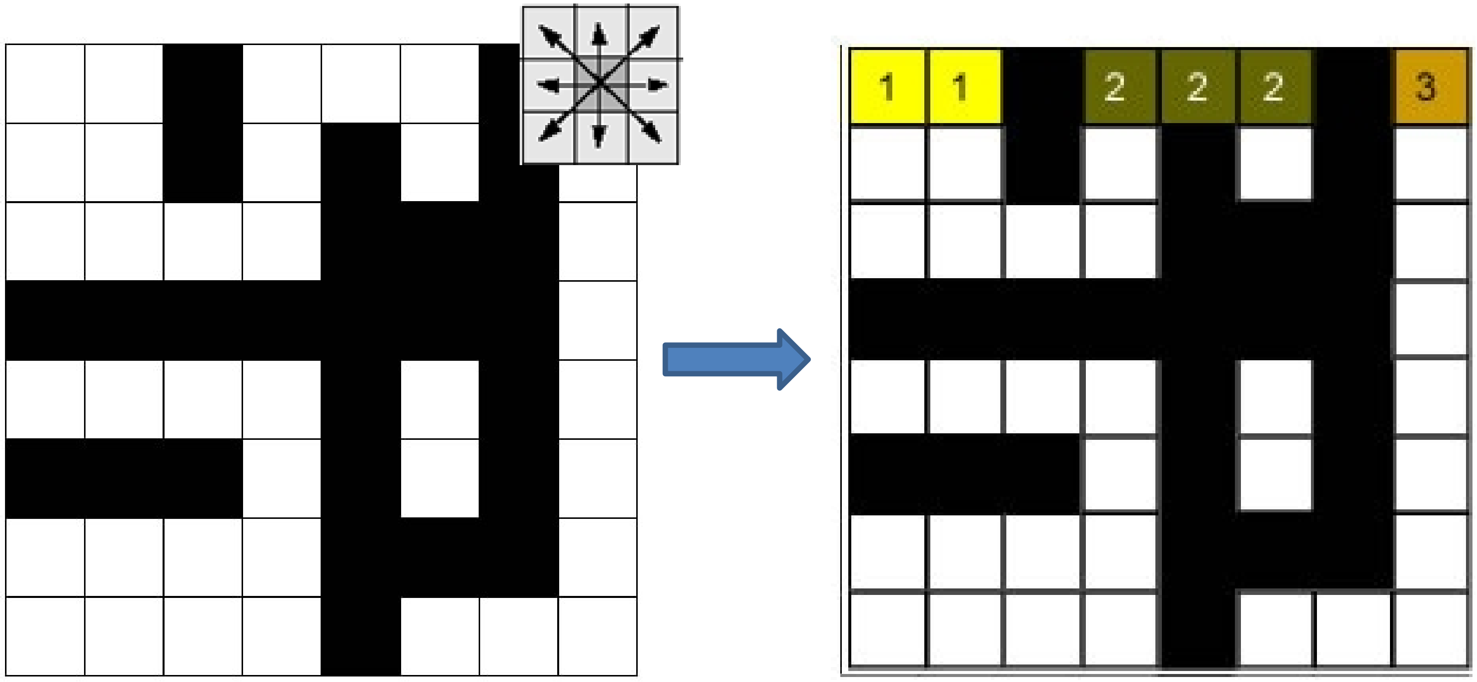

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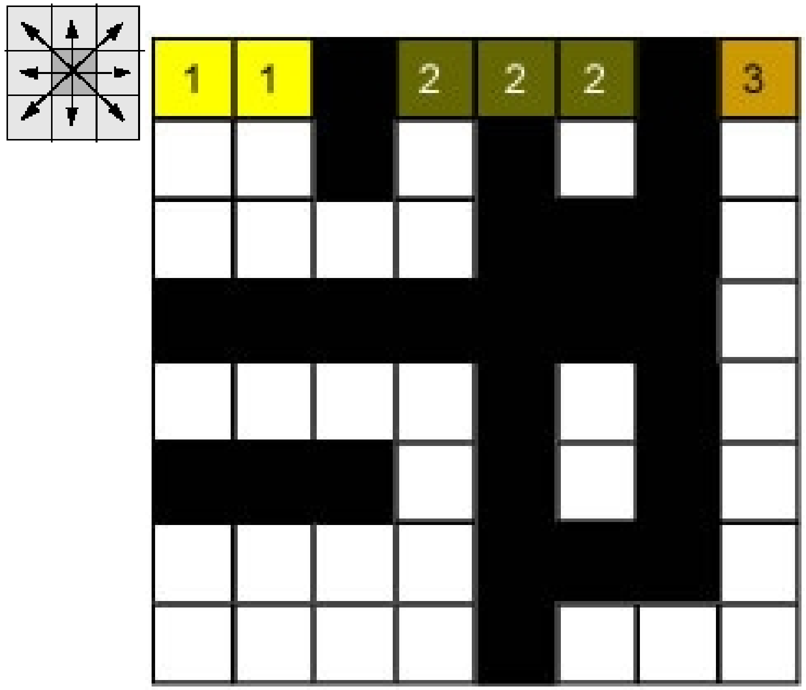

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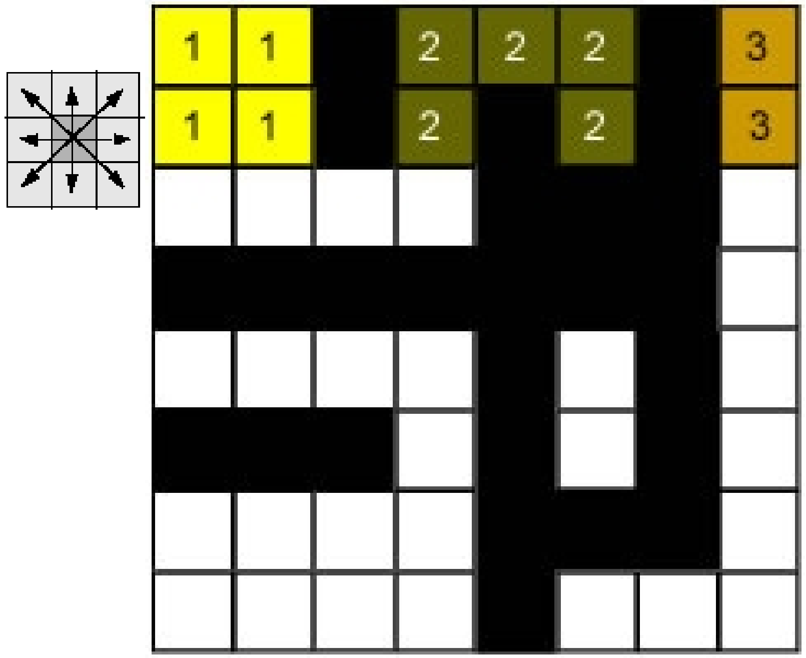

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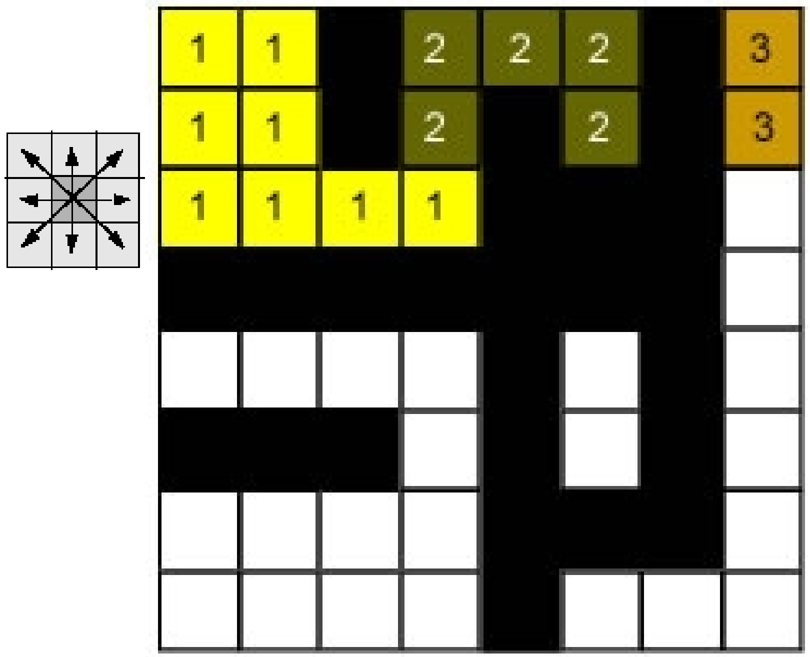

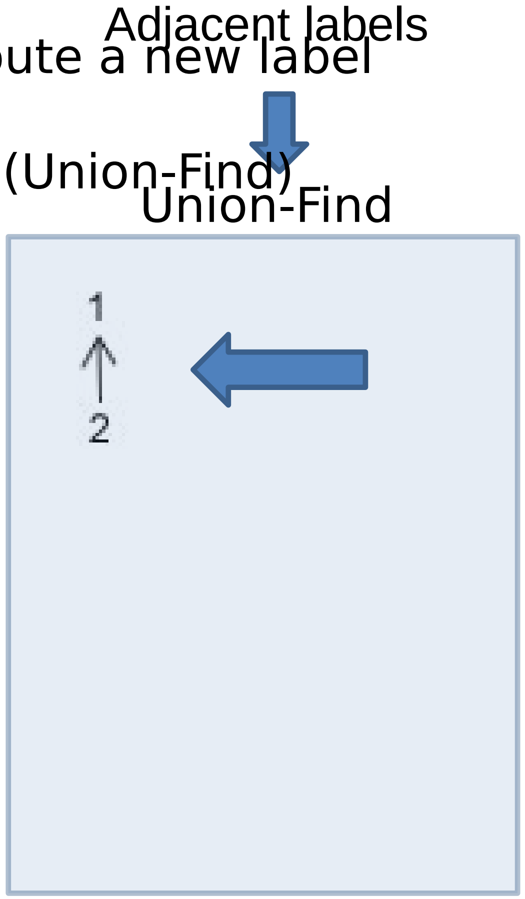

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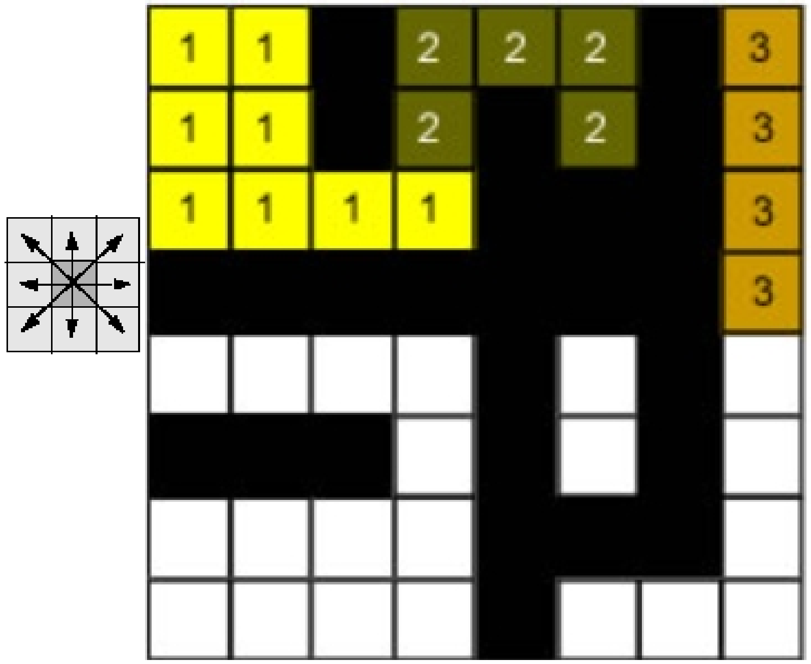
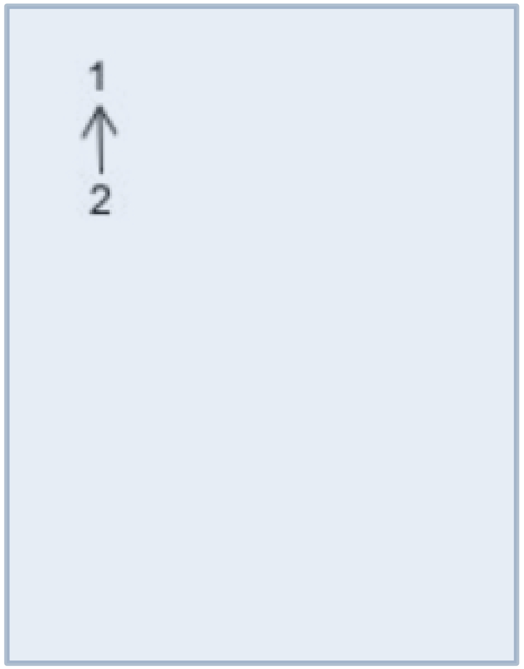


Union-Find



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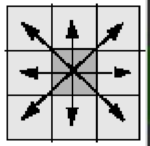
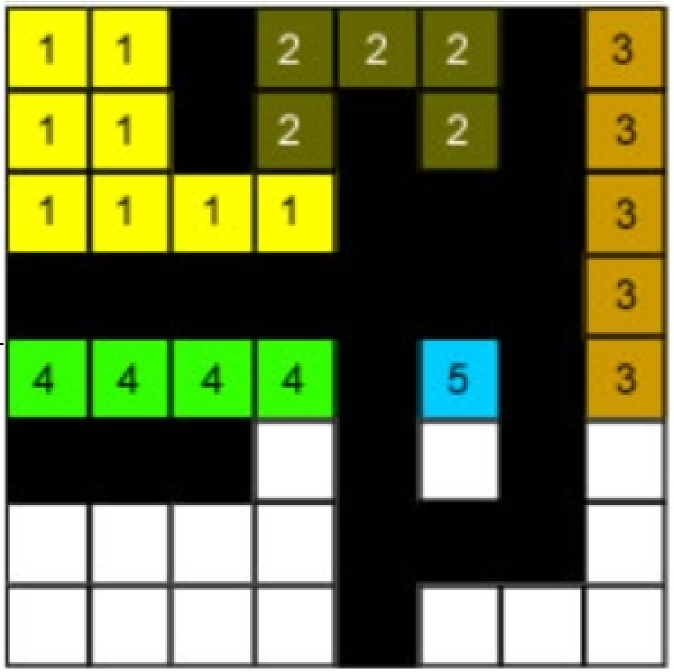
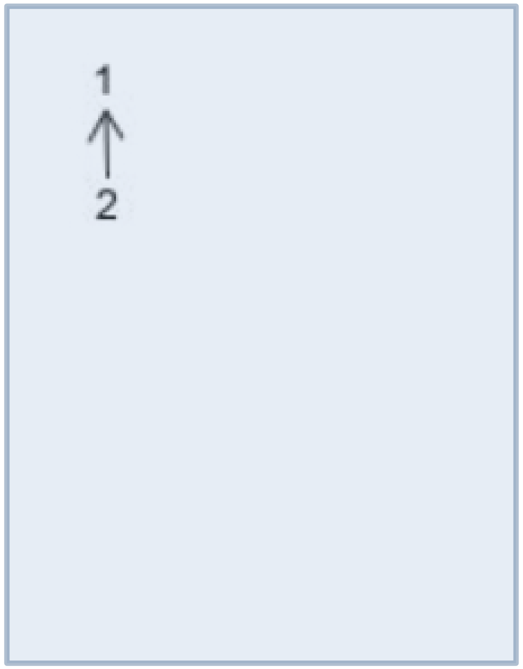




Union-Find



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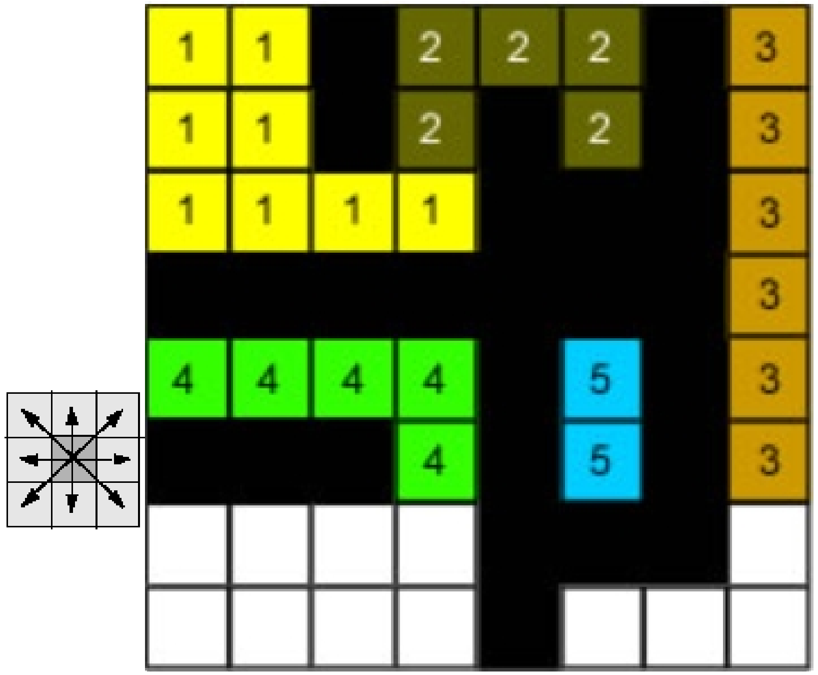
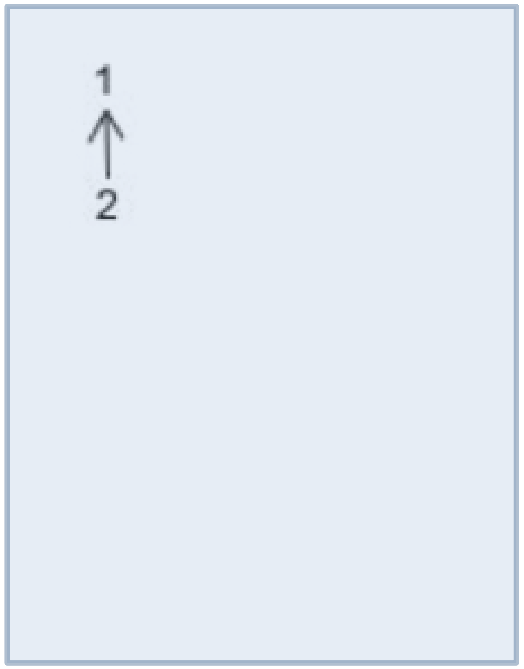


Union-Find



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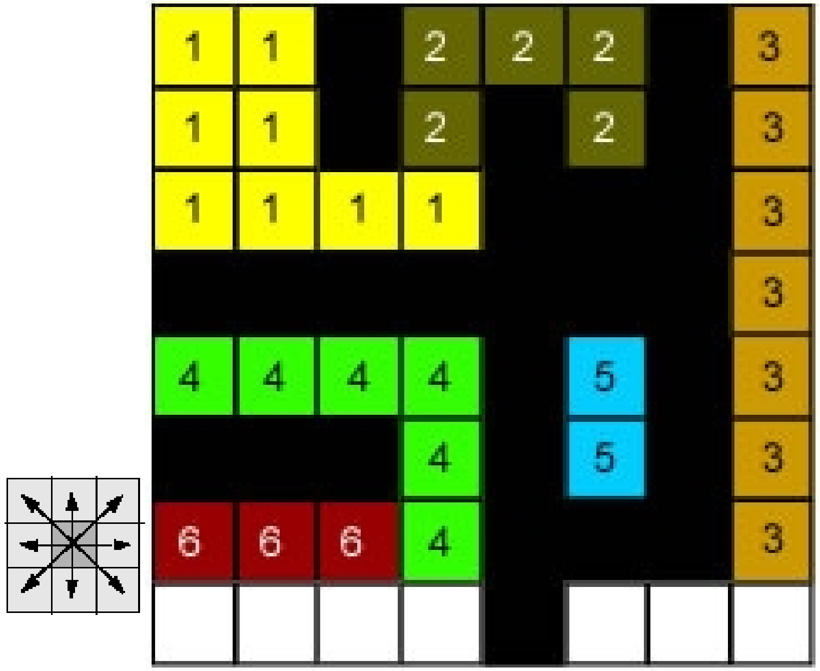
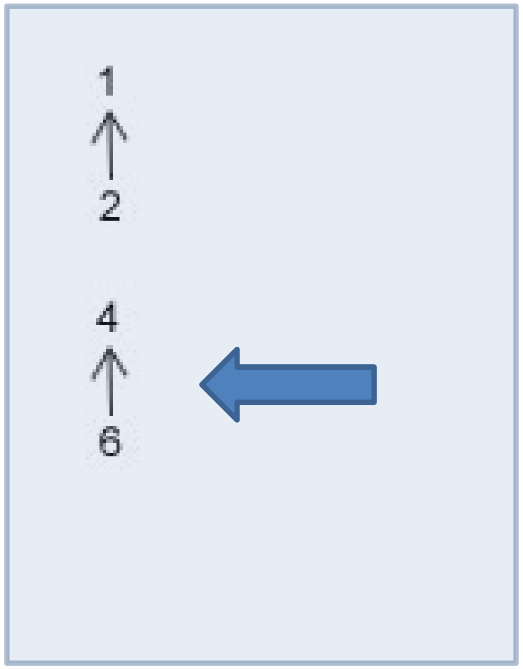


Union-Find



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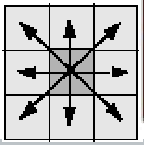
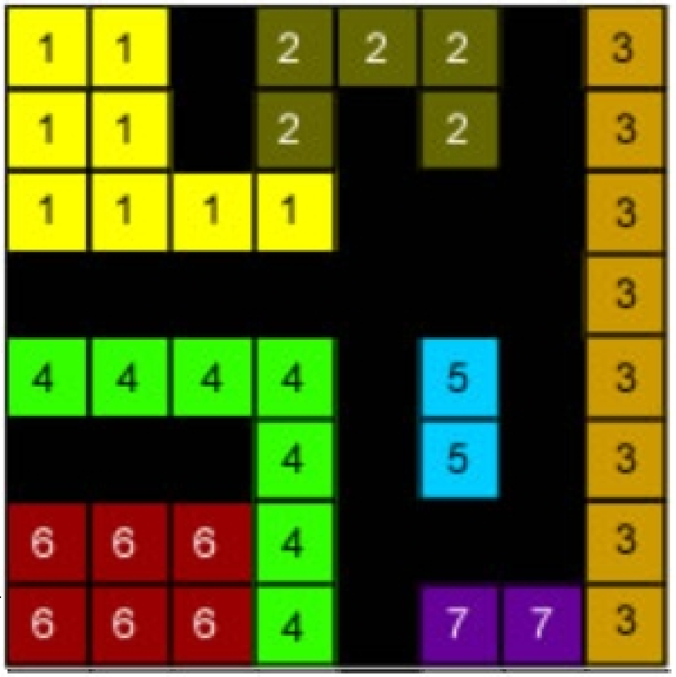
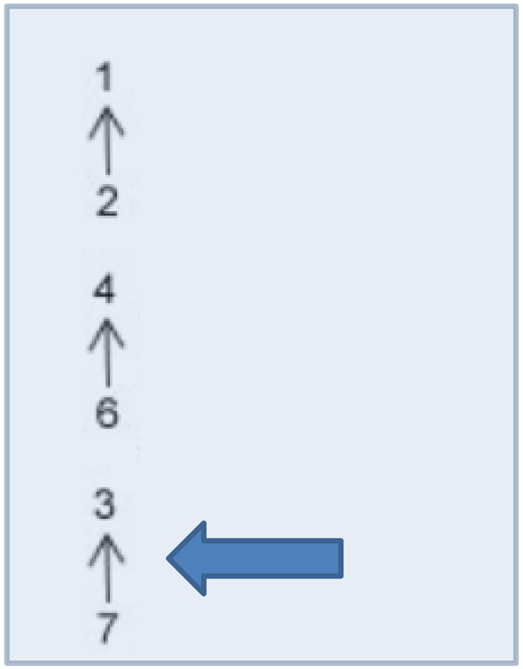




Union-Find



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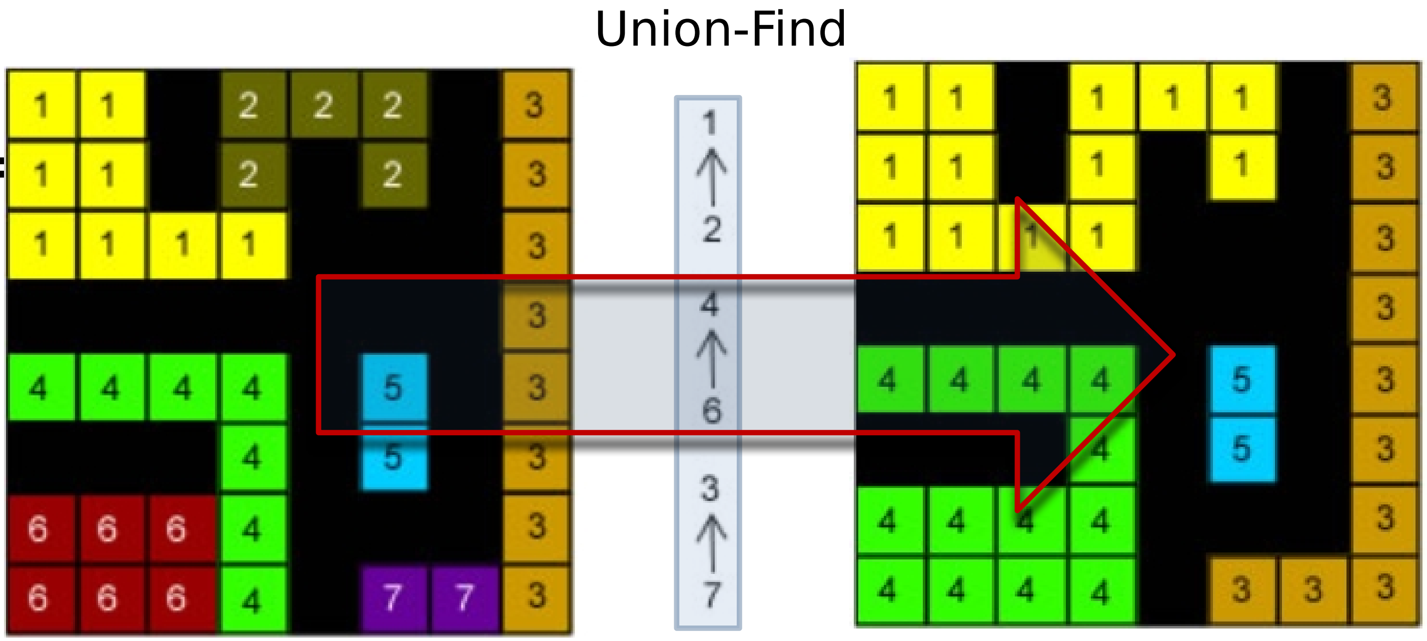
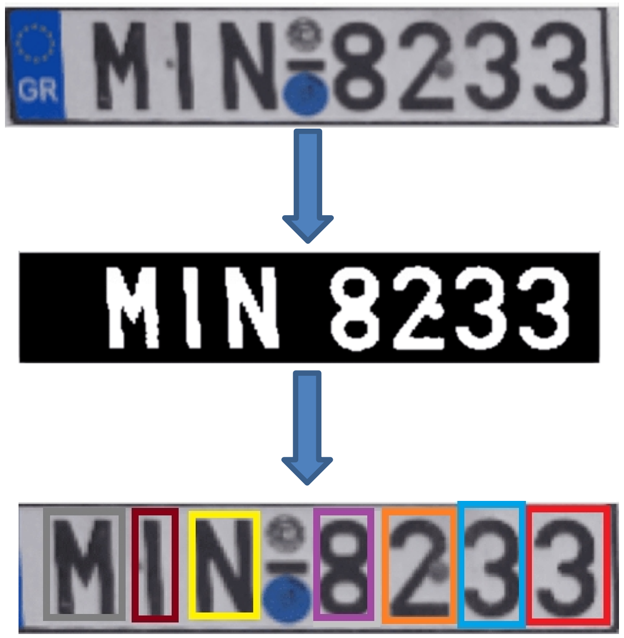
- **Pass #2:**

- **Resolve Union-F**



Let’s Code!

- In our pratice, we will implement an algorithm to segment characters in a license plate.



- Besides, we will introduce the cv2.connectedComponent() that implements the component labeling method

- Checkout it here: [Lecture 04 - Finding Components.ipynb]