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## **Computer vision aided 3D printer :**

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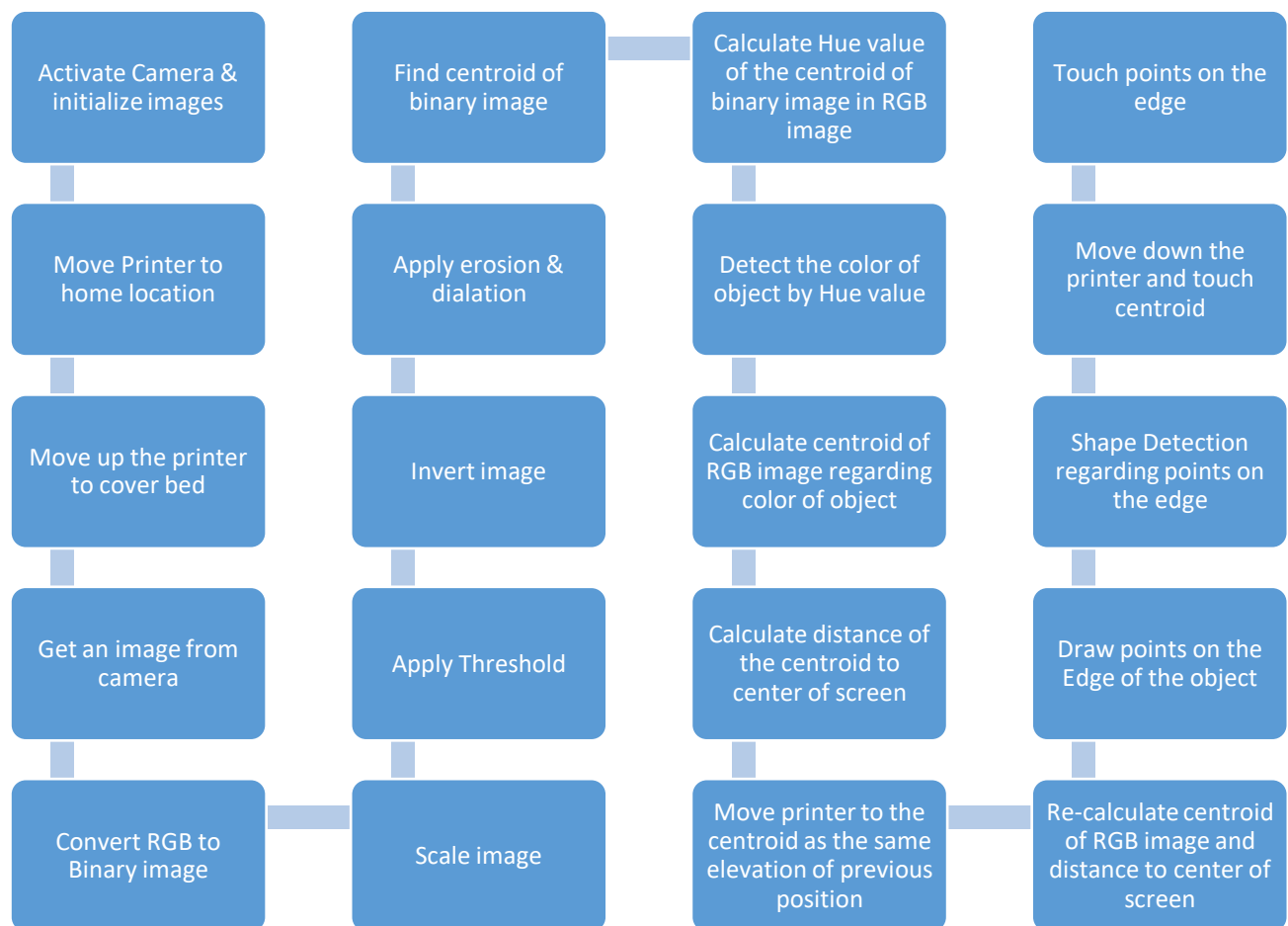
## Introduction

This report summarizes our project “VisionBot” and provides highlights the process flow of the program. The main aim of the project is to use camera feedback to analysis shape,colour size,location and center of an object placed on the 3d printer’s bed and send commands the 3d printer to move to the location of the object and trace it’s cerumference

We started the project using OpenCV for 3 months before knowing we are not allowed to use external packages

Also this project was executed by 3 members only who’s names are on the cover page

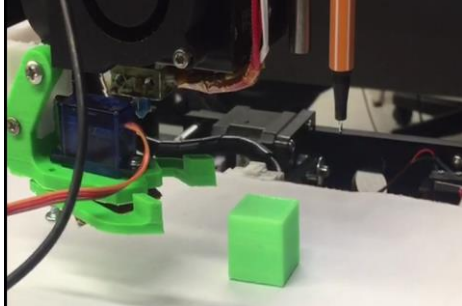
## Program Flow Chart



## small sections of program (the original and interesting parts)

### Original Part Gripper ([Code Appendix Link](#))

A gripper has been attached to the 3d printer, that will grip the object and put it somewhere else



### Interesting part # 0

Program is able to trace any object not just square or circle. RGB trace([Code Appendix link](#))

### Interesting part # 1

Due to shadows, binary thresholding and gray scale image processing did not perform well, we replaced it with RGB image processing

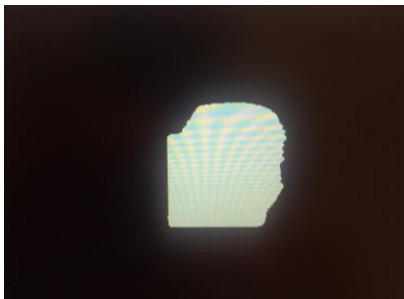


Figure 1 Shadow detected as Object

### [Code Snippet \(Appendix link\)](#)

### Interesting part # 2

In RGB image detection, using one color indicator didn't perform well if the object had color variation due to light intensity on one side and not the other. To fix it we made composite filters that detect color difference. In case of orange  $\text{Orangness} = R - G$  and  $\text{Difference} = \text{Red} - \text{Green}$

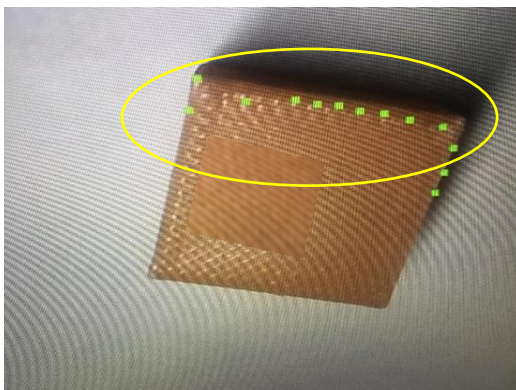


Figure 2 RGB regular color detection

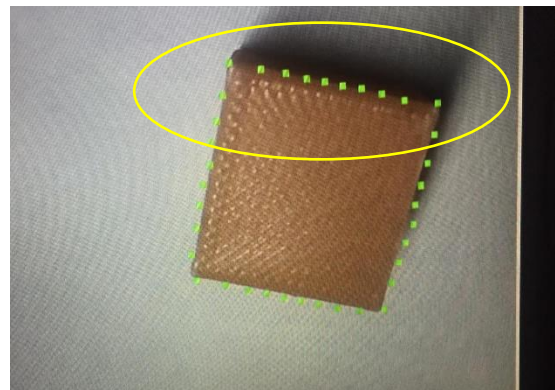


Figure 3 RGB composite filter detection

Code Snippet ([Appendix link](#))

```
if (colorName == "red")
{
    int difference = r - b;
    int orangeness = r - g;
if (r > 100 && orangeness < 70 && difference > 25 && b < 110)
    //orange detection && g < 110//if (r > 120 && g < 110 && b < 100)
    {
        n++;
        int i = q % 640;
        Si += i; Sj += (q - i) / 640; }}

```

### Interesting part # 3

we decided to go an extra step and do shape detection relying on radius measurement to make decisions on the object in question. By using radius measurement from 8 different angle starting with the maximum radius and then incrementing 45degrees

Note: a perfect square has maxium distance from centroid to one of it's corners =  $r$  , distance to the shortest size =  $\sin 45^\circ r$

Below is a histogram showing radius distribution over 360degrees or 6.28 rad. Difference between expected and actual was added as error margin in the code

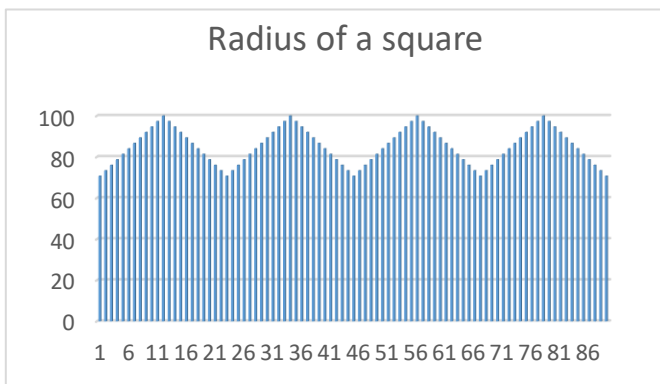


Figure 5 Perfect Square radii

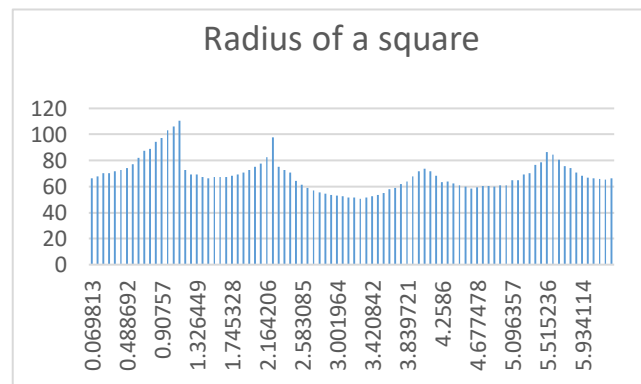


Figure 4 detected squar radii

Code Snippet ([Appendix Link](#))

```
if (r_max*.90 < r_120 && r_120 < r_max*1.10 && shape_detected == 0)
{if (r_max*.90 < r_240 && r_240 < r_max*1.10)
    // circle shape detection
    if (r_max*.90 < r_45 && r_45 < r_max*1.10 && shape_detected == 0)
        {if (r_max*.90 < r_90 && r_90 < r_max*1.10)
            {if (r_max*.90 < r_180 && r_180 < r_max*1.10)
                {if (r_max*.90 < r_225 && r_225 < r_max*1.10)
                    {if (r_max*.90 < r_270 && r_270 < r_max*1.10)
                        {if (r_max*.90 < r_315 && r_315 < r_max*1.10)
                            {printf("\nshape is circle");
                                shape_detected = 1;
                            }
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

### nteresting part # 4

becuase of different lighting conditions sometimes light reflection appearsd as white color on the object to resolve this condition we used a method of processing 5 pixel in a row to ensure that we reached to the edge(edge detection function)

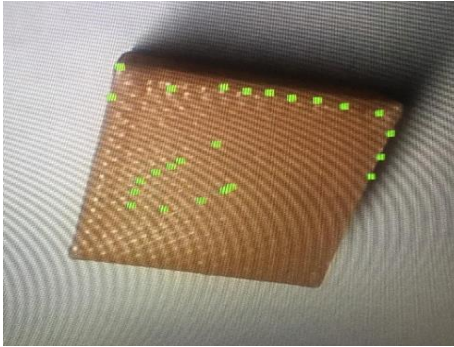


Figure 8 five Pixel color consideration

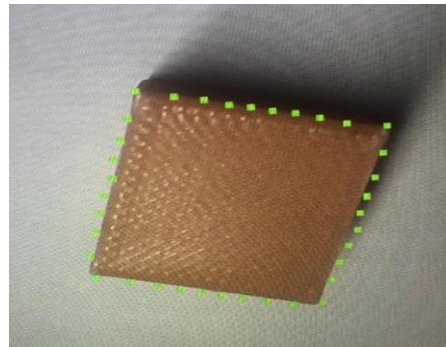


Figure 7 after 5 pixel processing

### Code Snippet ([Appendix Link](#))

```
if (R > 110 && orangeness < 60 && difference > 25 && B < 110)
{
    rTemp = r;
    pn = 0; }
else
{
    if (pn > 5)
    {
        r = rTemp;
        break; }
    else{ pn++;}}}
```

Figure 6 Single Pixel color consideration

### Interesting part # 5

To remove some dark shadow we defined a new threshold function. This function applies different thresholds to different ranges of colors

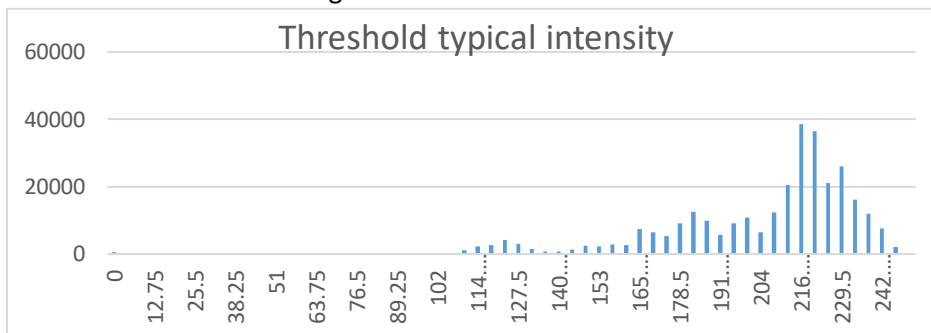


Figure 9 color Intensity histogram

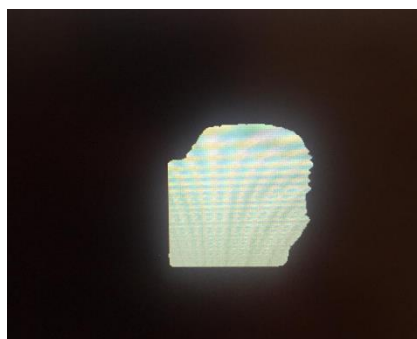


Figure 11 Regular thresholding

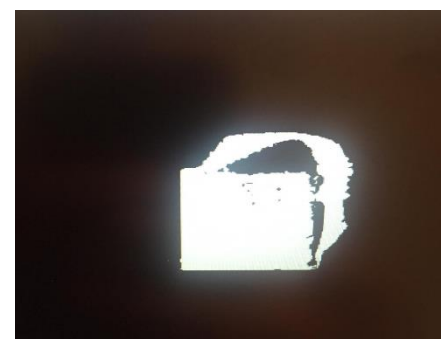


Figure 10 Multiple Ranged thresholding

### Code Snippet ([Appendix Link](#))

```
// threshold operation
for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {
    if (pa[i] < maxtvalue && pa[i] > mintvalue) pb[i] = 0;
    else pb[i] = 255;}
return 0;}
```

## Appendix

### Shape Detection code

```
r_45 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, th_max + 0.78535, colorName, rgb);
r_90 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, th_max + 1.5707, colorName, rgb);
r_120 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, th_max + 2.0942, colorName, rgb);
r_135 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, th_max + 2.35605, colorName, rgb);
r_180 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, th_max + 3.1414, colorName, rgb);
r_225 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, th_max + 3.92675, colorName, rgb);
r_240 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, th_max + 4.18853, colorName, rgb);
r_270 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, th_max + 4.7121, colorName, rgb);
r_315 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, th_max + 5.49745, colorName, rgb);
// triangle shape detection
if (r_max*.90 < r_120 && r_120 < r_max*1.10 && shape_detected == 0)
{if (r_max*.90 < r_240 && r_240 < r_max*1.10)
    {// circle shape detection
        if (r_max*.90 < r_45 && r_45 < r_max*1.10 && shape_detected == 0)
        {if (r_max*.90 < r_90 && r_90 < r_max*1.10)
            {if (r_max*.90 < r_180 && r_180 < r_max*1.10)
                {if (r_max*.90 < r_225 && r_225 < r_max*1.10)
                    {if (r_max*.90 < r_270 && r_270 < r_max*1.10)
                        {if (r_max*.90 < r_315 && r_315 < r_max*1.10)
                            {printf("\nshape is circle");
                                shape_detected = 1;
                            }
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        if (shape_detected == 0)
        {printf("\nshape is triangle");
            shape_detected = 1;
        }
    }
}
// square shape detection
if (r_max*.90 < r_90 && r_90 < r_max*1.10 && shape_detected == 0)
{if (r_max*.90 < r_180 && r_180 < r_max*1.10)
    {if (r_max*.90 < r_270 && r_270 < r_max*1.10)
        {printf("\nshape is square");
            shape_detected = 1;
        }
    }
}
if (shape_detected == 0)
{printf("\n unknown shape");
}
```

### Composite colour filter implmentation

```
if (colorName == "red")
{
    int difference = r - b;
    int orangeness = r - g;
}
if (r > 100 && orangeness < 70 && difference > 25 && b < 110) //orange detection && g < 110
{
    n++;
    int i = q % 640;
    Si += i;
    Sj += (q - i) / 640;
}
else if (colorName == "green")
{
    int difference = g - r;
    int greenness = g - b;
}
if (r < 60 && greenness > 30 && difference > 25 && g > 50 && b < 100)
{
    n++;
}
```



```

        int i = q % 640;
        Si += i;
        Sj += (q - i) / 640;
    }

```

## RGB Centroid

```

int RGBcentroid(image &rgb, double &ic, double &jc, string colorName){
    int q = 0;
    int k = 0;
    int n = 0;
    int Si = 0;
    int Sj = 0;
    ibyte r, g, b;
    ic = 0;
    jc = 0;
    // number of pixels in image
    int size = rgb.height * rgb.width * 3;
    for (k = 0; k < size; k += 3) {
        // components are stored in the order B-G-R
        // B0 G0 R0 B1 G1 R1 .... Bsize-1 Gsize-1 Rsize-1
        b = rgb.pdata[k];
        g = rgb.pdata[k + 1];
        r = rgb.pdata[k + 2];
        if (colorName == "red")
        {
            int difference = r - b;
            int orangeness = r - g;
            if (r > 100 && orangeness < 70 && difference > 25 && b < 110) //orange
detection && g < 110
            {
                n++;
                int i = q % 640;
                Si += i;
                Sj += (q - i) / 640;
            }
        }
    }
}

```

## RGB five point

```

double object_radiusRGB5points(double ic,double jc,double beta,string colorName,image &rgb)
{
    double r = 0.0, dr, r_max, rTemp;
    int i, j, k, width, height, q, pn = 0;
    ibyte *pa;
    width = rgb.width;
    height = rgb.height;
    pa = rgb.pdata;
    dr = 0.5; // use 0.5 pixels just to be sure
    r_max = 180; // limit the max object radius size to something reasonable
    for (r = dr; r < r_max; r += dr) {
        i = ic + r*cos(beta);
        j = jc + r*sin(beta);
        //cout << "\n I = " << i << "\nJ = " << j;
        // limit i and j in case it gets out of bounds -> wild pointer
        if (i < 0) i = 0;
        if (i >= width) i = width;
        if (j < 0) j = 0;
        if (j >= height) j = height;
        // convert i,j to image coord k
        int B = pa[3 * (width*(int)(j)+(int)(i))];
        int G = pa[3 * (width*(int)(j)+(int)(i)) + 1];
        int R = pa[3 * (width*(int)(j)+(int)(i)) + 2];
        if (colorName == "red")
        {
            int difference = R - B;

```

```

int orangeness = R - G;
//R > 100 && orangeness < 70 && difference > 25 && B < 110
if (R > 110 && orangeness < 60 && difference > 25 && B < 110)
{
    rTemp = r;
    pn = 0; }
else
{
    if (pn > 5)
    {
        r = rTemp;
        break; }
    else
    {
        pn++;
    }
}
}
}
}

```

## Multi-range thresholding

```

int threshold_new(image &a, image &b, int maxtvalue, int mintvalue)
// binary threshold operation
// a - greyscale image
// b - binary image
// tvalue - threshold value
{
    i4byte size, i;
    ibyte *pa, *pb;
    // initialize pointers
    pa = a.pdata;
    pb = b.pdata;
    // check for compatibility of a, b
    if (a.height != b.height || a.width != b.width) {
        printf("\nerror in threshold: sizes of a, b are not the same!");
        return 1;}
    if (a.type != GREY_IMAGE || b.type != GREY_IMAGE) {
        printf("\nerror in threshold: input types are not valid!");
        return 1;}
    // number of bytes
    size = (i4byte)a.width * a.height;
    // threshold operation
    for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {
        if (pa[i] < maxtvalue && pa[i] > mintvalue) pb[i] = 0;
        else pb[i] = 255;}
    return 0;}

```

## RGB trace

```

void perimeter2(image &rgb, double &ic, double &jc, string colorName, float GeometricRatio,
double PerimeterDistance[36][2])
{
    double X0distance = 0.0;
    double Y0distance = 0.0;
    double X1distance = 0.0;
    double Y1distance = 0.0;
    //double r1 = object_radius(ic, jc, 0, 1, label, rgb0);
    double r0 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, 0, colorName, rgb);
    //cout << "\nradius 1=" << r1 / GeometricRatio;
    // x and y direction actual distance from centroid
    PerimeterDistance[0][0] = r0*cos(3.14159 * 0 / 180) / GeometricRatio; // r1 in this
case since angle is zero
    PerimeterDistance[0][1] = r0*sin(3.14159 * 0 / 180) / GeometricRatio; // 0 in this
case since angle is zero
    X0distance = PerimeterDistance[0][0];
    Y0distance = PerimeterDistance[0][1];
    int n = 0;
    for (int i = 10; i < 351; i += 10)
    {
        n++;
        double r1 = object_radiusRGB5points(ic, jc, 3.14159 * i / 180, colorName, rgb);
    }
}

```

```

X1distance = r1*cos(3.14159 * i / 180) / GeometricRatio;
Y1distance = r1*sin(3.14159 * i / 180) / GeometricRatio;
PerimeterDistance[n][0] = X1distance;
PerimeterDistance[n][1] = Y1distance;}}

```

### Gripper close code

```

void closeGripper(HANDLE &h2)
{
    char buffer[64];
    char s1[1000];
    // declare an output string stream of max NMAX charaters
    ostream sout2(buffer, 64);
    // declare an input string stream of max SMAX charaters
    istream sin2(s1, 1000);
    // set sout position to beginning so we can use it again
    sout2.seekp(0);
    sout2 << "2"; // move without extrusion
    sout2 << '\0'; // terminate the string so strlen can function
    // note the C++ compiler seems to hate "\0"
    n = strlen(buffer); // number of bytes to send (excludes \0)
    // for debugging
    cout << "\nn = " << n;
    cout << "\nbuffer = " << buffer;
    // send the close command to the gripper
    serial_send(buffer, n, h2);
    Sleep(100);}

```