- 1. The write\_bounding\_boxes\_to\_csv function is defined, which takes a file path and a list of bounding boxes as input. It opens a CSV file, writes the bounding box data to the file row by row, and saves it.
- 2. The find\_max\_votes function is defined, which takes an HSV image, detected Hough circles, and HSV threshold values as input. It iterates over the Hough circles and checks each region within the circle for the maximum number of votes (pixels that pass the HSV threshold). It returns the maximum votes, the region of interest (ROI), its center coordinates, and radius.
- 3. The ball\_tracking\_traditional function is the main ball tracking algorithm. It takes the lower and upper threshold values, video source path, CSV output path, and video output path as input. Inside the function:
  - A video stream is opened using VideoCapture from OpenCV.
  - Variables for storing frame-related information, such as frame ID, bounding boxes, and frames, are initialized.
  - The main tracking loop begins, where each frame is processed until the end of the video or until the 'q' key is pressed.
  - The current frame is grabbed from the video stream and preprocessed by blurring and converting it to grayscale.
  - Hough circles are detected in the grayscale frame to identify potential ball positions.
  - The frame is converted to the HSV color space, and a mask is created to isolate regions within the specified HSV threshold range.
  - After creating a binary mask using HSV thresholding, the mask is eroded using cv2.erode to reduce the size of small foreground regions. This eliminates noise and helps separate closely connected objects. Then, cv2.dilate is applied to the eroded mask to expand the remaining regions and restore the size of the largest blob, which is presumed to be the
  - Contours are extracted from the mask, and the largest contour (presumed to be the ball) is identified.
  - If Hough circles are detected, the region with the maximum number of votes within the HSV range is found using find\_max\_votes.
  - Depending on the presence of circles and the number of votes, the bounding box for the ball is determined.
  - If Hough circles are detected, it compares the HSV region with the bounding box generated from HSV filtering(green box). If the green box has a higher number of votes, it uses the green box as the bounding box; otherwise, it uses the HSV region as the bounding box.
  - Bounding box information is added to the bounding\_boxes list, and the frame is annotated with the bounding box and circle center.
  - The annotated frame is added to the frame\_arr list for video output.
  - The frame ID is incremented, and the loop continues to the next frame.
  - Once the tracking loop ends, the bounding box information is written to a CSV file using the write\_bounding\_boxes\_to\_csv function.
  - The video stream is released, and all windows are closed.
  - Finally, the annotated frames are written to a video file using VideoWriter from OpenCV.
- 4. The main function is defined as the entry point of the script. It sets the necessary parameters for ball tracking (e.g., video source, output paths, HSV thresholds) and calls the ball\_tracking\_traditional function.

The code combines several computer vision techniques, such as Hough circles, HSV thresholding, and contour detection, to track a ball in a video. It also saves the bounding box coordinates to a CSV file and generates an annotated video with bounding boxes.