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 - We will be creating a program that can detect a hand, segment the hand, and count the number of fingers being held up!
 - Let's take a peek at what the finished project will look like!

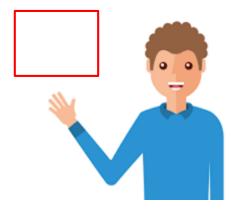
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Part One - Variables and Background

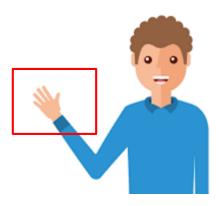
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 - First let's define some global variables.
 - Afterwards, we'll set up a function that updates a running average of the background values in an ROI.
 - This will later on allow us to detect new objects (hand) in the ROI

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 - Grab an ROI
 - Calculate a running average background value for 60 frames of video
 - Once avg value is found, then the hand can enter the ROI.

 Set an ROI and calculate the average running value for some amount of frames.



 Then once a hand enters, we can detect a change and apply thresholding.



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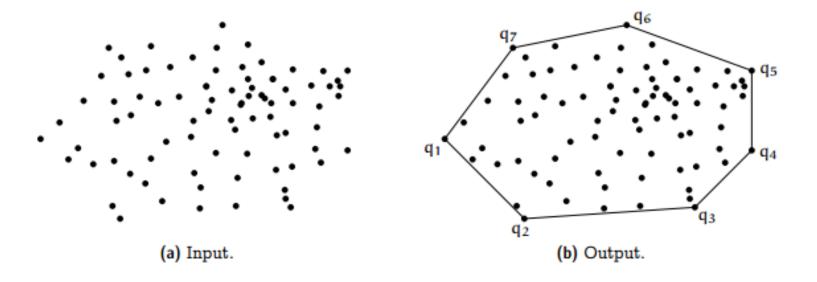
Part Two - Segmenting the Hand in ROI

- The next step is to use thresholding to grab the hand segment from the ROI.
- Let's create a function that can do this!

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Part Three - Finger Counting with Convex Hull

- Now that we have the hand segment, the next step is to actually count the fingers being held up.
- We can do this by utilizing a Convex Hull.
- A convex hull draws a polygon by connecting points around the most external points in a frame.



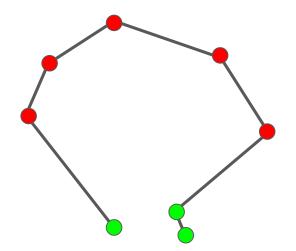
 In our case, this set of points is actually just our thresholded image of a hand (and the external contour information)



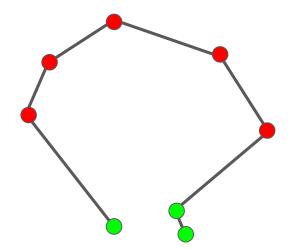
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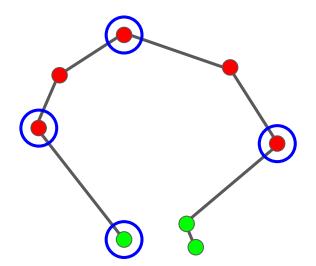
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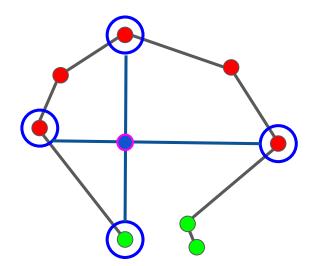
 Notice that we'll need to account for lines from the wrist.



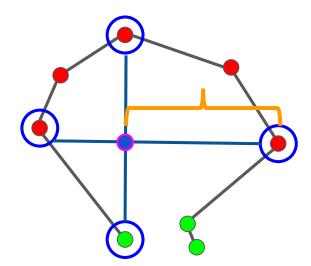
• First we will calculate the most extreme points (top, bottom, left, and right).



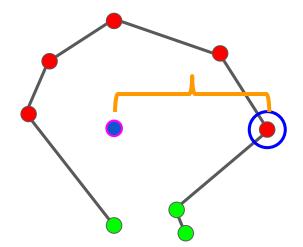
 We can then calculate their intersection and estimate that as the center of the hand



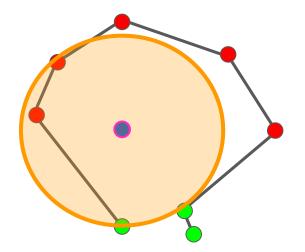
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 Then using a ratio of that distance we create a circle



 Any points outside of this circle and far away enough from the bottom, should be extended fingers!

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Part Four - Bringing it all Together