

ECEN5623, Real-Time Embedded Systems  
Exercise #4- Real-Time Continuous Media

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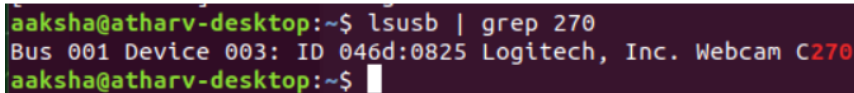
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## Exercise 4: Real-Time Continuous Media

- 1) [10 points] Obtain a Logitech C200 camera or equivalent and verify that is detected by the DE1-SoC, Raspberry Pi or Jetson Board USB driver. You can check the camera out from the TA's or purchase one of your own, or use another camera that has a compliant UVC driver. Use `lsusb`, `lsmod` and `dmesg` kernel driver configuration tool to make sure your Logitech C200 USB camera is plugged in and recognized by your DE1-SoC, Raspberry Pi or Jetson (note that on the Jetson, it does not use driver modules, but rather a monolithic kernel image, so `lsmod` will not look the same as other Linux systems – see what you can find by exploring `/cat/proc` on you Jetson to find the camera USB device). For the Jetson, do `lsusb | grep C200` and prove to the TA (and more importantly yourself) with that output (screenshot) that your camera is recognized. For systems other than a Jetson, do `lsmod | grep video` and verify that the UVC driver is loaded as well (<http://www.ideasonboard.org/uvc/>). To further verify, or debug if you don't see the UVC driver loaded in response to plugging in the USB camera, do `dmesg | grep video` or just `dmesg` and scroll through the log messages to see if your USB device was found. Capture all output and annotate what you see with descriptions to the best of your understanding

### Solution:

- ➔ For this project, We interfaced Jetson Nano with Logitech Camera C270. The below screenshot shows that the camera was recognized by the Jetson Nano



```
aaksha@atharv-desktop:~$ lsusb | grep 270
Bus 001 Device 003: ID 046d:0825 Logitech, Inc. Webcam C270
aaksha@atharv-desktop:~$
```

Figure 1: `lsusb` command to show camera interfacing

- ➔ The camera is interfaced at Bus 001 and Device Number assigned is 003.
- ➔ The '`lsusb | grep 270`' command can be used to search the camera and show it on the terminal.

```
aaksha@atharv-desktop:~$ lsusb
Bus 002 Device 002: ID 0bda:0411 Realtek Semiconductor Corp.
Bus 002 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0003 Linux Foundation 3.0 root hub
Bus 001 Device 005: ID 413c:2107 Dell Computer Corp.
Bus 001 Device 004: ID 046d:c063 Logitech, Inc. DELL Laser Mouse
Bus 001 Device 003: ID 046d:0825 Logitech, Inc. Webcam C270
Bus 001 Device 009: ID 2a70:f00e
Bus 001 Device 002: ID 0bda:5411 Realtek Semiconductor Corp.
Bus 001 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub
aaksha@atharv-desktop:~$ dmesg | grep video
[ 0.000000] Kernel command line: tegraid=21.1.2.0.0 ddr_die=4096M@2048M section=512M mentype=0 vpr_resize usb_port_owner_info=0 la
ne_owner_info=0 emc_max_dvfs=0 touch_id=0@63 vvideo=tegrafb no_console_suspend=1 console=ttyS0,115200n8 debug_uartport=lsport,0 earlyp
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names=0 quiet
[ 0.610385] Linux vvideo capture interface: v2.00
[ 6.376926] uvcvvideo: Found UVC 1.00 device <unnamed> (046d:0825)
[ 6.392236] uvcvvideo 1-2.2:1.0: Entity type for entity Extension 4 was not initialized!
[ 6.401361] uvcvvideo 1-2.2:1.0: Entity type for entity Extension 6 was not initialized!
[ 6.412515] uvcvvideo 1-2.2:1.0: Entity type for entity Extension 7 was not initialized!
[ 6.421978] uvcvvideo 1-2.2:1.0: Entity type for entity Processing 2 was not initialized!
[ 6.431684] uvcvvideo 1-2.2:1.0: Entity type for entity Extension 3 was not initialized!
[ 6.445176] uvcvvideo 1-2.2:1.0: Entity type for entity Camera 1 was not initialized!
[ 6.455538] usbcore: registered new interface driver uvcvvideo
aaksha@atharv-desktop:~$
```

Figure 2: dmesg command to see UVC Driver Loading

➔ On dmesg command, v2 linux video capture was used and UVC device

```
aaksha@atharv-desktop:~$ lsmod
Module                  Size  Used by
rndis_host              10756  0
bnep                    16562  2
fuse                    103841  2
uvcvvideo               88565  0
zram                    26166  4
overlay                 48691  0
spidev                  13282  0
nvgpu                   1575721  39
bluedroid_pm            13912  0
ip_tables               19441  0
x_tables                28951  1 ip_tables
aaksha@atharv-desktop:~$
```

Figure 3: Lsmod command to see UVC module size

➔ The Lsmod command was executed to show the size of UVCVideo module which was 88565.

2) [10 points] Option 1: Camorama If you do not have camorama, do apt-get install camorama on your DE1-SoC, Raspberry Pi, or Jetson board [you may need to first do sudo add-apt-repository universe; sudo apt-get update]. This should not only install nice camera capture GUI tools, but also the V4L2 API (described well in this series of Linux articles - <http://lwn.net/Articles/203924/> ). Running

camorama should provide an interactive camera control session for your Logitech C2xx camera – if you have issues connecting to your camera do a “man camorama” and specify your camera device file entry point (e.g. /dev/video0). Run camorama and play with Hue, Color, Brightness, White Balance and Contrast, take an example image and take a screen shot of the tool and provide both in your report

### Solution:

- ➔ For taking a single snapshot capture, we had to install either camorama or cheese tool.
- ➔ There are different linux camera softwares like Motion, Zoneminder, Cheese, Ekiga.
- ➔ We used camorama tool. Attached below are the screenshots of camorama tool which is GNOME2 Video4Linux Viewer and has features like contrast, hue, white balance.

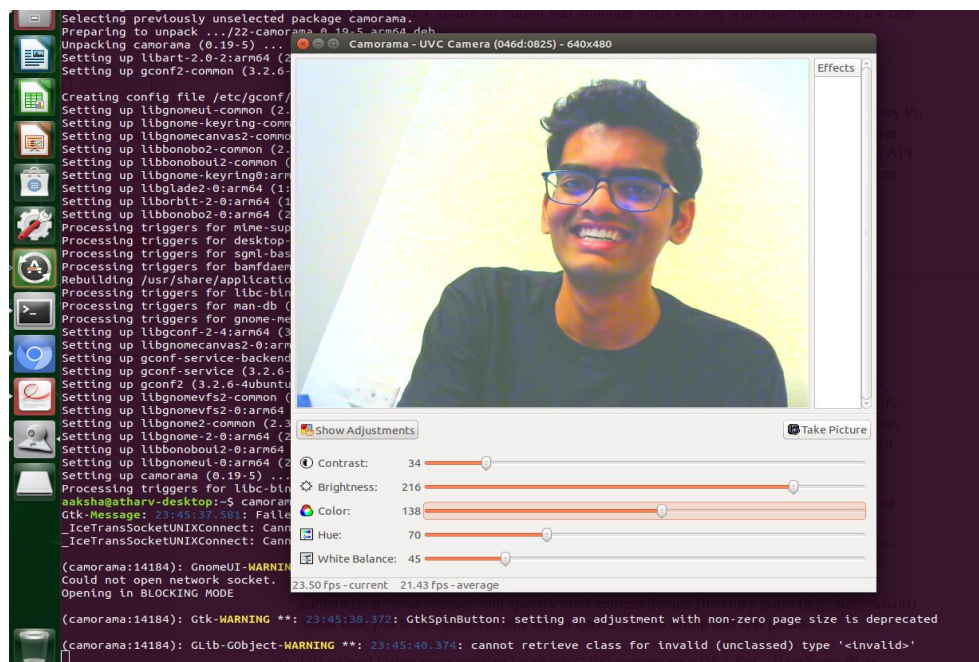


Figure 4: Camorama functionality on Jetson

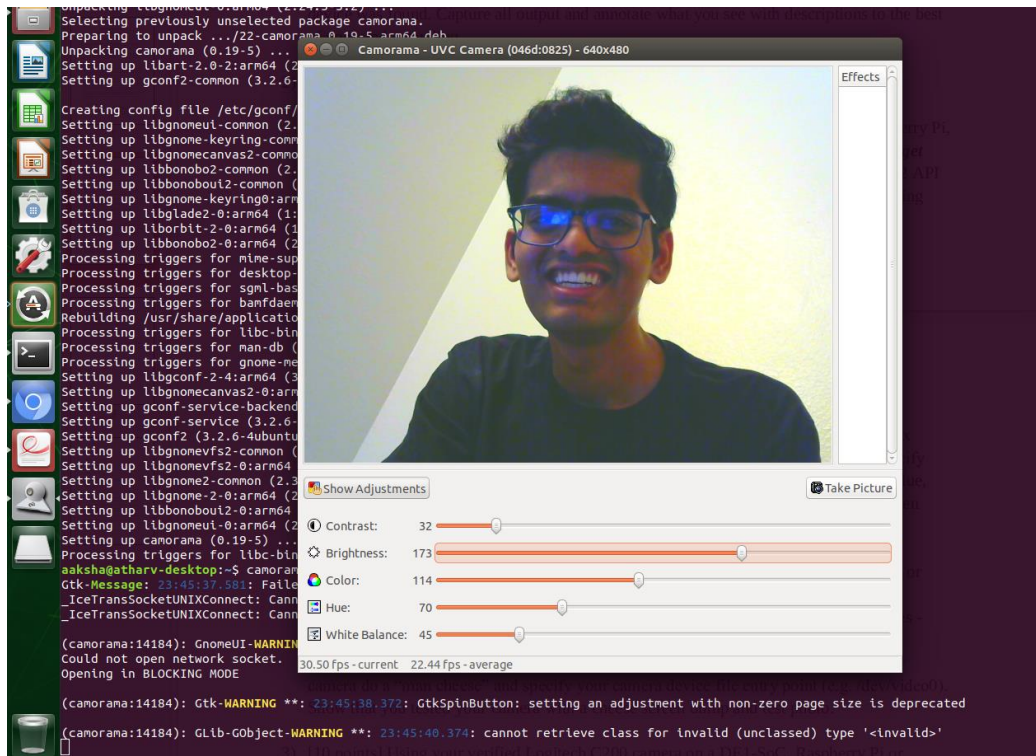


Figure 5: Camorama features variation for obtaining desired features

3) [10 points] Using your verified Logitech C200 camera on a DE1-SoC, Raspberry Pi or Jetson, verify that it can stream continuously using to a raw image buffer for transformation and processing using example code from the computer-vision or computer\_vision\_cv3\_tested folder such as simple-capture, simpler-capture, or simpler-capture-2. Read the code and modify the device that is opened if necessary to get this to work. Provide a screen shot to prove that you got continuous capture to work. Note that simpler capture requires installation of OpenCV on your DE1-SoC, Raspberry Pi, Jetson, or native Linux system. For the Jetson this will likely already be available on your board, but if not, please follow simple instructions found here to install openCV [the “Option 2, Building the public OpenCV library from source” is the recommended approach with `-DWITH_CUDA=OFF`. Don’t install CUDA and please leave it off when you build OpenCV. For the DE1-SoC please find the files `soc_system.rbf` and `SettingUp.pdf` on Canvas. They contain instructions for setting up board and installing OpenCV. The TAs have set up using these and are able to complete exercise 4 requirements. The cmake command for opencv installation has been changed so that it works on the board too. Alternatively, you can use OpenCV port found here: <http://rocketboards.org/foswiki/view/Projects/OpenCVPort>. If you have trouble getting



OpenCV to work on your board, try running it on your laptop under Linux first. You can use OpenCV install, OpenCV with Python bindings for 2.x and 3.x for this.

Solution:

- ➔ Below screenshots are for simpler-capture and simpler-capture-2. The second screenshot shows a stream of images being stored in the disk.

a) Simpler Capture :

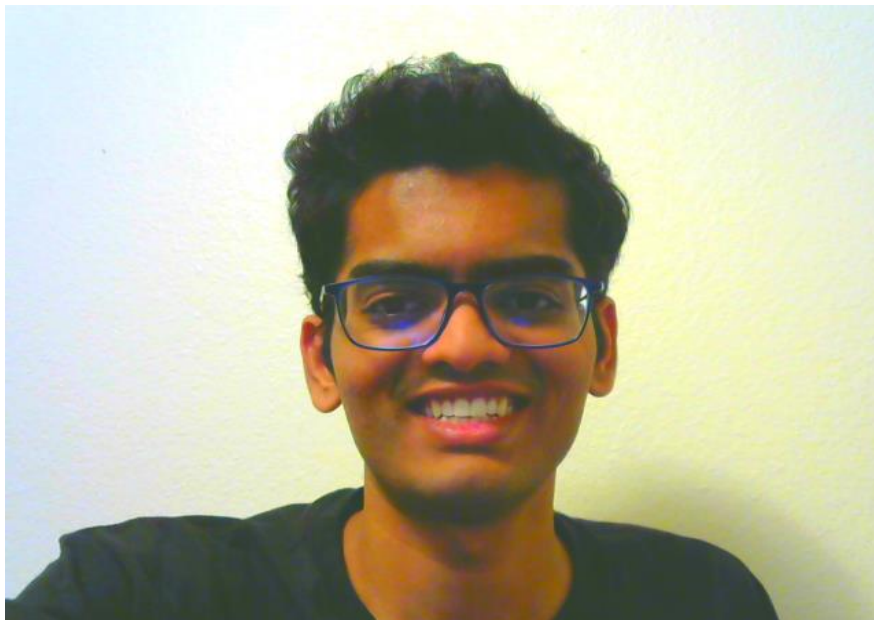


Figure 6: Simple Capture screenshot

- ➔ `cvNamedWindow` function in the code is used to create a window that is used as a placeholder for images as well as trackbars.
- ➔ `cvtColor` function is implemented to display the image in this named window.
- ➔ `cvDestroyWindow` can be used to close the window and deallocate the used memory.
- ➔ When we execute `./capture`, it allocates the buffers and then generates frames of images.

b) Simple-capture-2:

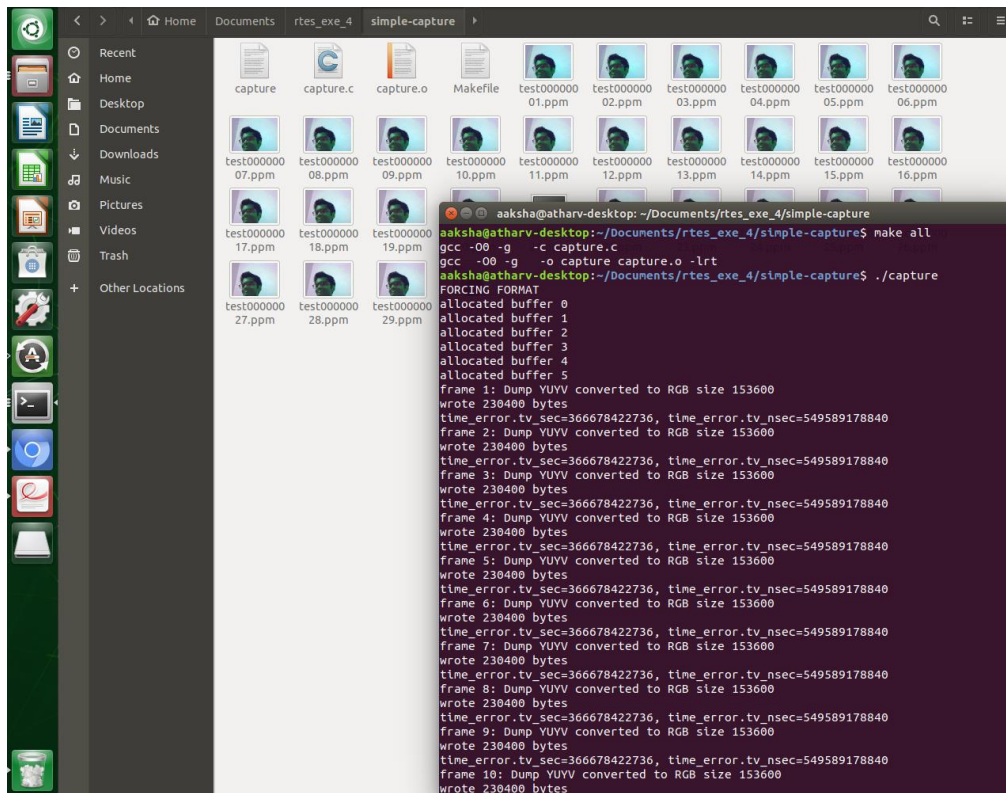


Figure 7: Stream of frames and no. of bytes written for them

- ➔ Here, a stream of images are being captured and as soon as the captured image is shown as NULL, then the algorithm stops capturing the images.
- ➔ cvSetCapture method is used to set the height and width of the image frames.
- ➔ cvNamedWindow is used to create simpler capture 2 window

4) [20 points] Choose a continuous transformation OpenCV example from computer-vision such as the canny-interactive, hough-interactive, hough-elliptical-interactive, or stereotransform-improved or the from the same 4 transforms in computer vision cv3 tested. Show a screen shot to prove you built and ran the code. Provide a detailed explanation of the code and research uses for the continuous transformation by looking up API functions in the

OpenCV manual (<http://docs.opencv.org>) and for stereo-transform-improved either implement or explain how you could make this work continuously rather than snapshot only.

### Solution :

In this question, we have undertaken three transforms named as follows

#### a) Canny Interactive:

- ➔ The Canny edge detector detects a range of edges in images using a multi-stage algorithm.
- ➔ The Process of Canny edge detection algorithm can be broken down to 5 different steps:
  - i. Implementing Gaussian filter - smooths the image for noise cancellation
  - ii. Evaluating image intensity gradients.
  - iii. Intermediate suppression to avoid edges' spurious response.
  - iv. Double threshold - determine potential edges
  - v. Hysteresis to track edge.
- ➔ Following are the screenshots of image output for the executed canny interactive code.
- ➔ The canny interactive follows edge detection algorithm and there is an interactive bar in the window to set the threshold for the edges.
- ➔ The createTrackbar API is used to execute the canny algorithm and set the threshold for it and also the global variables are referenced using this function.
- ➔ cvCreateCameraCapture is used to capture image from the particular device which is by default set as 0.

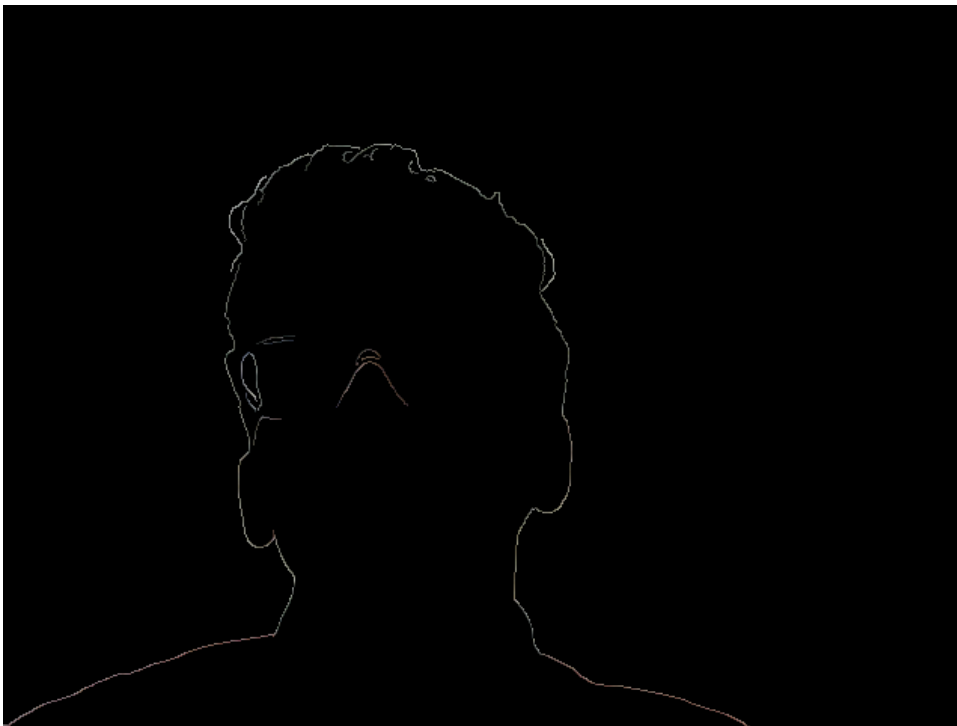


Figure 8: Simple Canny Interactive Execution





Figure 9: Simple Canny Interactive Execution with varied edge detection threshold

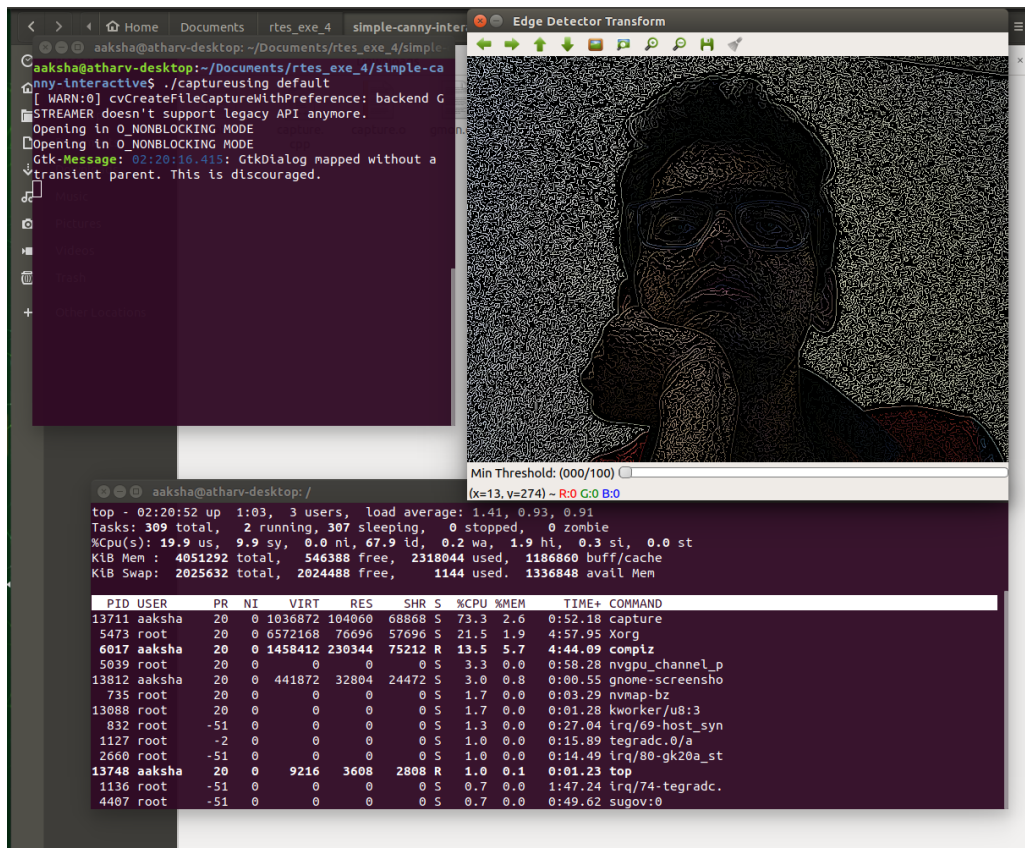


Figure 10: Simple Canny Interactive Execution CPU Loading with 73.3 %

b) Simple Hough Interactive Transform :

- ➔ The Hough transform technique is implemented for isolating the particular shapes within an image.
- ➔ The Hough transform can be used to identify the parameter(s) of a curve which best fits a set of given edge points.
- ➔ It can be useful in many places like calculating the number of trunks in plant trees since plant leaves can make it difficult to give the head count.
- ➔ Also, it can be used to detect the wall edges in the blurred images due to smoke.
- ➔ In the code, HoughLinesP are used to detect the lines and mat\_frames function is also included to initialize the image window.

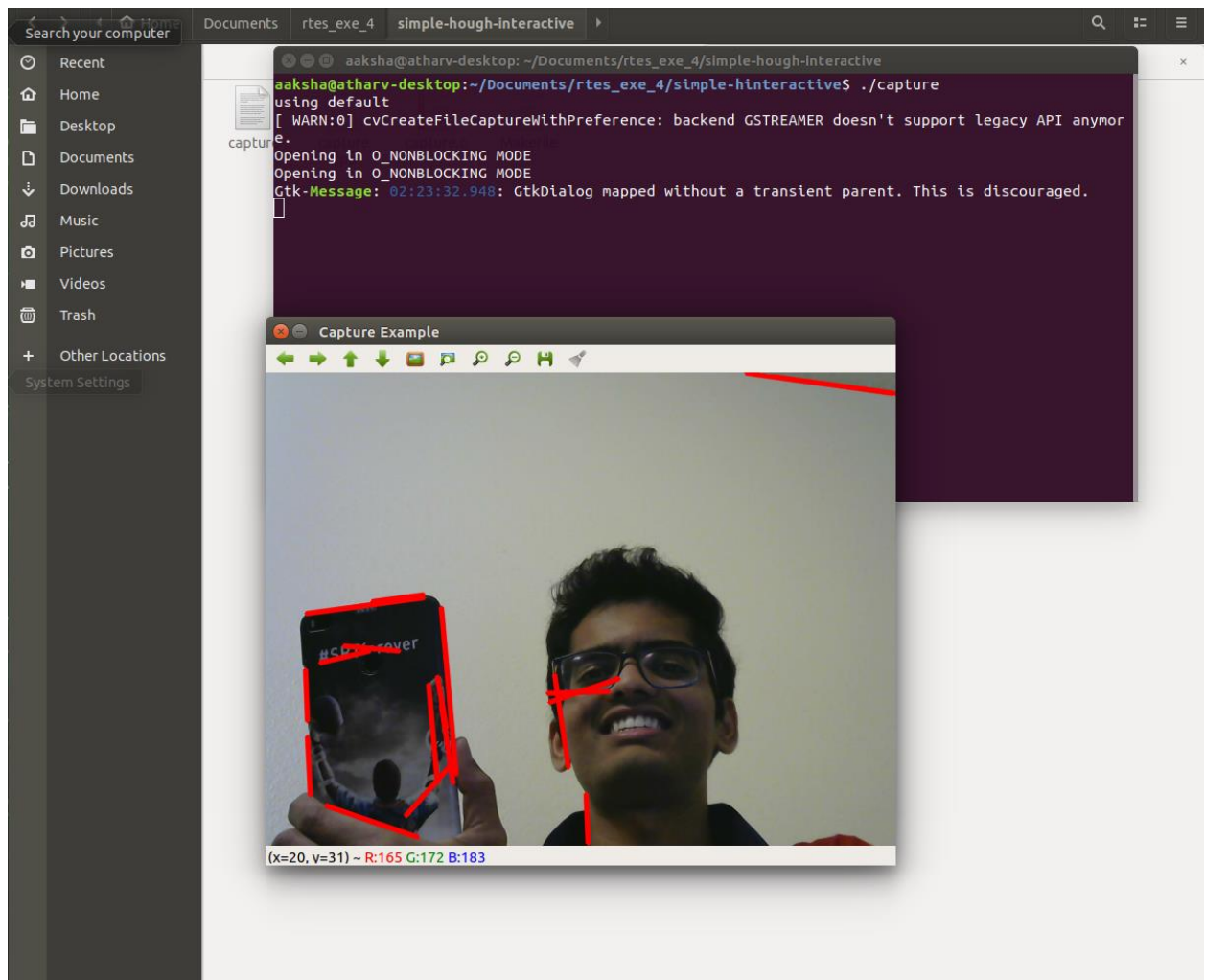
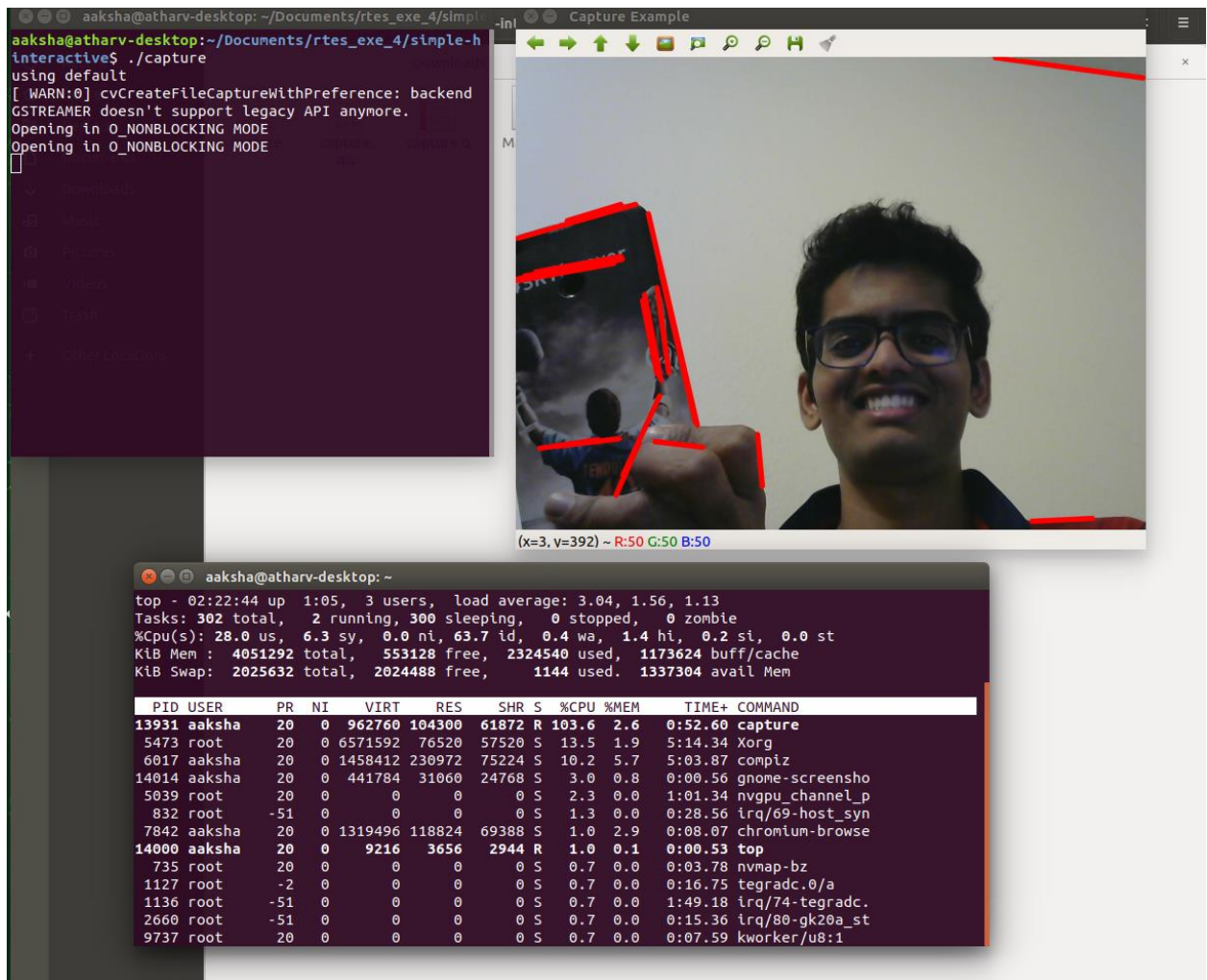


Figure 11: Simple Hough Interactive Execution with line detection

- ➔ Simple Hough Interactive transform takes comparatively higher CPU Loading than the Simple Canny Interactive.
- ➔ Simple Hough interactive transform requires CPU loading of 103.6%



### c) Hough Elliptical Transform

- ➔ Shown below is the hough elliptical transform with circles detected in the image along with their size

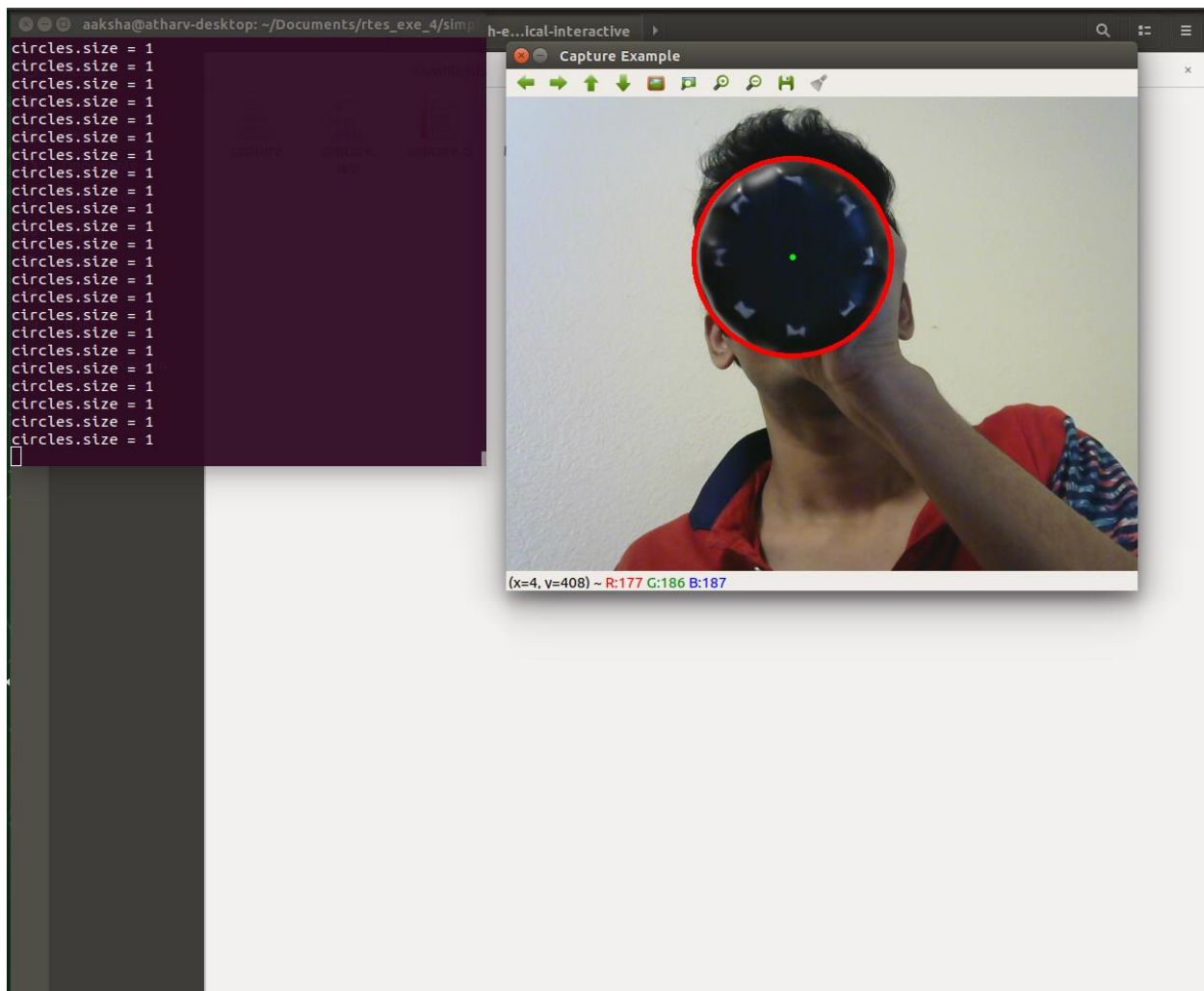


Figure 13: Hough Elliptical Execution with circle detection

- ➔ Hough Elliptical Transform consumes the maximum CPU power of 180.6% compared to simple canny interactive and simple hough interactive transform.



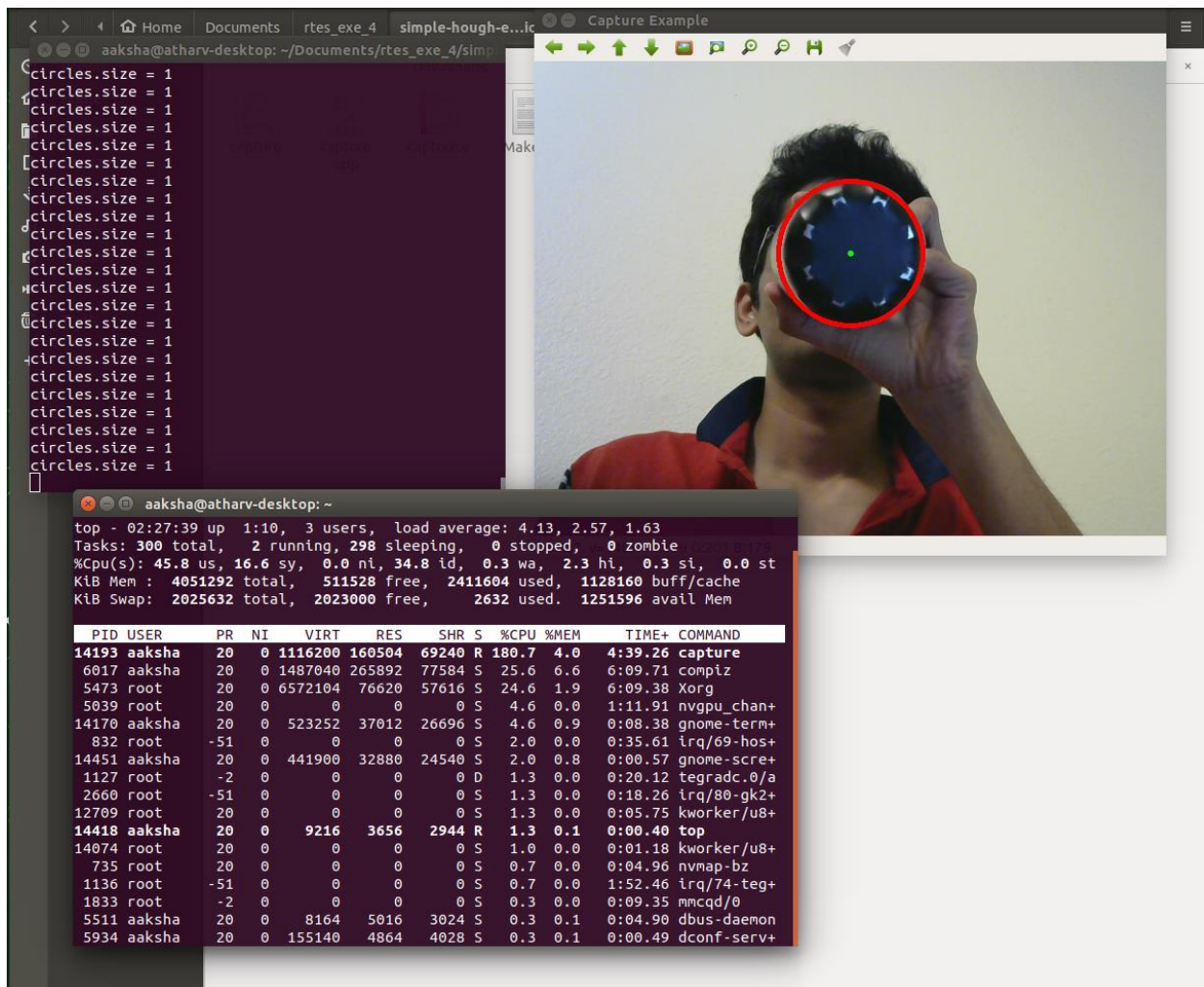


Figure 14: Simple Hough Elliptical Execution CPU loading

5) [50 points] Using a Logitech C200, choose 3 real-time interactive transformations to compare in terms of average frame rate at a given resolution for a range of at least 3 resolutions in a common aspect ratio (e.g. 4:3 for 1280x960, 640x480, 320x240, 160x120, 80x60) by adding time-stamps (there should be a logging thread) to analyze the potential throughput. You should get at least 9 separate datasets running 1 transformation at time. Based on average analysis, pick a reasonable soft real-time deadline (e.g. if average frame rate is 12 Hz, choose a deadline of 100 milliseconds to provide some margin) and convert the processing to SCHED\_FIFO and determine if you can meet deadlines with predictability and measure statistical jitter in the frame rate relative to your deadline for both the default scheduler and SCHED\_FIFO in each case.

Solution:



### Design Concepts

- ➔ The code uses the first half of the data set for calculating the deadline. The deadline is determined by calculating the maximum execution time and adding an extra 20% to increase the margin.
- ➔ The rest of the samples of the data set are used for jitter analysis. Jitter is calculated relative to the deadline.
- ➔ The execution time is calculated by using `clock_gettime` function for executing the transform
- ➔ The data for jitter analysis is dumped into a CSV file using `file io` which is then used to plot a graph.
- ➔ The code has 5 macros to control the execution, `VRES` `HRES` for changing resolution and 3 others for applying different transforms. The code has one thread that applies the selected transform through macros.

### Algorithm and Prototype Analysis

The following table shows average frame rate for different resolutions for different transforms over 100 samples

Transform	1280x960	640x480	320x240	800x600	960x720
Canny	9 fps	18 fps	21 fps	17 fps	12 fps
Hough	3 fps	5 fps	17 fps	3 fps	4 fps
Hough Elliptical	2 fps	14 fps	19 fps	5 fps	4 fps

The following table shows the dynamically determined deadline over 50 samples for different transforms at different resolutions.

Transform	1280x960	640x480	320x240	800x600	960x720
Canny	115 ms	67 ms	67 ms	67 ms	89 ms
Hough	271 ms	203 ms	65 ms	235 ms	300 ms
Hough Elliptical	356 ms	82 ms	67 ms	217 ms	237 ms

The following table shows the average jitter over 50 samples for different transforms at different resolutions. The average jitter is calculated for FIFO scheduling.

Transform	1280x960	640x480	320x240	800x600	960x720
Canny	19.21	12.28	12.08	12.22	12.38
Hough	52.87	35.34	11.73	37.13	38.57
Hough Elliptical	73.78	15.22	12.763	43.90	47.53

The following table shows missed deadlines for FIFO scheduling.

Transform	1280x960	640x480	320x240	800x600	960x720
Canny	0	0	0	0	0
Hough	0	0	0	0	0
Hough Elliptical	0	0	0	0	0

The following table shows missed deadline CFS scheduling

Transform	1280x960	640x480	320x240	800x600	960x720
Canny	1	3	0	1	0
Hough	0	0	0	0	0
Hough Elliptical	29	2	2	4	19

#### Analysis from above Results

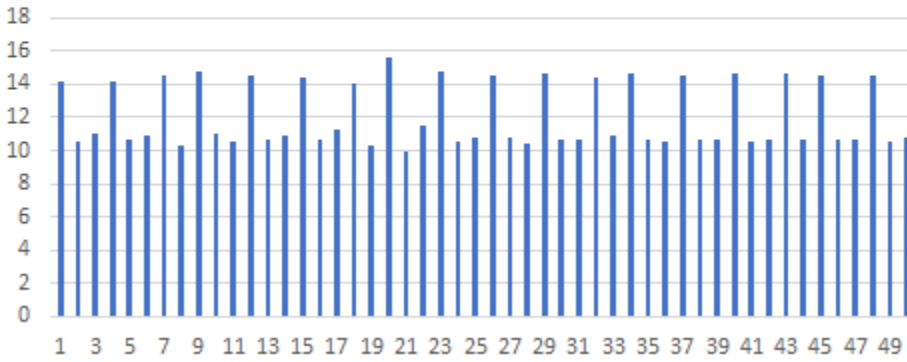
- ➔ The frame rate increases as the resolution decrease. The transforms act on each pixel so as the resolution decreases the number of frames processed will increase.
- ➔ The deadline is increasing with the increase in resolution as more time would be needed to process the frames.
- ➔ The Average jitter is calculated with FIFO Scheduling policy so it is always positive and increases with an increase in resolution as no deadline is missed with FIFO policy.
- ➔ No deadlines are missed when the FIFO scheduler is used so it is indeed best of the two schedulers used. It can be used for Hard real-time systems as meeting the deadlines is guaranteed.

- ➔ CFS is not as useful here because it is missing deadlines in some cases. It is particularly proven worse with the Hough elliptical transform as it misses the most deadlines at all resolutions. Though canny transform performs a bit better at lower resolution and hough does not miss any deadlines. One can conclude that completely fair scheduler is unreliable and should not be used for a hard real-time system design

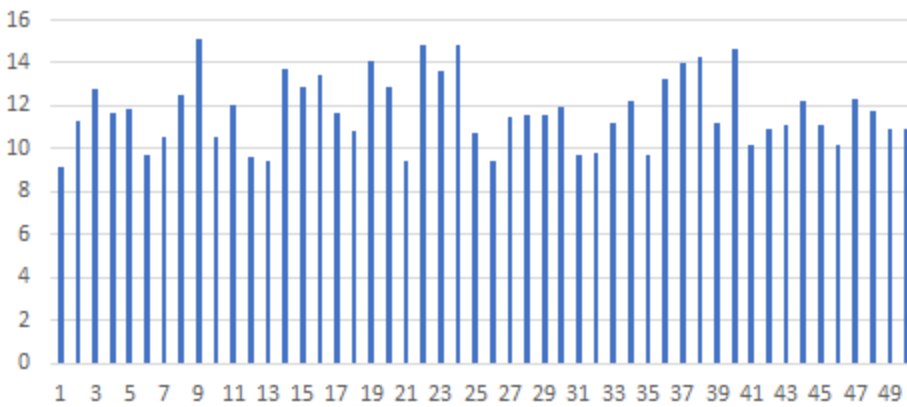
#### Jitter analysis

- ➔ The jitter values are dumped into a CSV file using file operations and they are used to plot a graph.
- ➔ The jitter is an undesirable quality of any signal and with stable timer services jitter should be reduced to increase the stability.
- ➔ In this particular case, the jitter is positive so no deadlines are missed hence even it is undesirable it is not showing a negative impact on the system.
- ➔ If the CFS scheduler is used then we would have seen negative jitter which would mean that deadlines are missed and that would have affected the system enough to render it useless for real-time purposes.
- ➔ The graphs are plotted for jitter in every case as shown below.

Jitter for 320x240 Resolution for  
Canny Transform

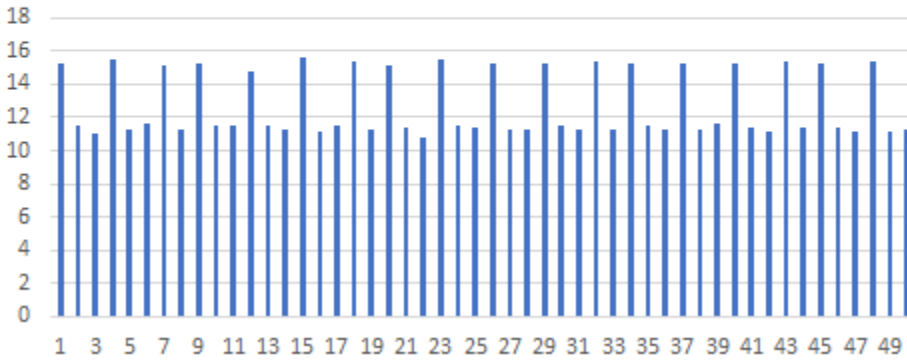


Jitter for 320x240 Resolution for  
Hough Transform

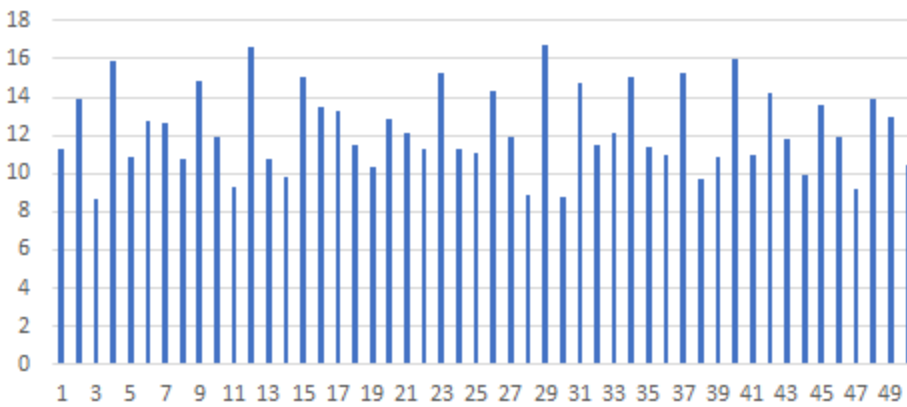




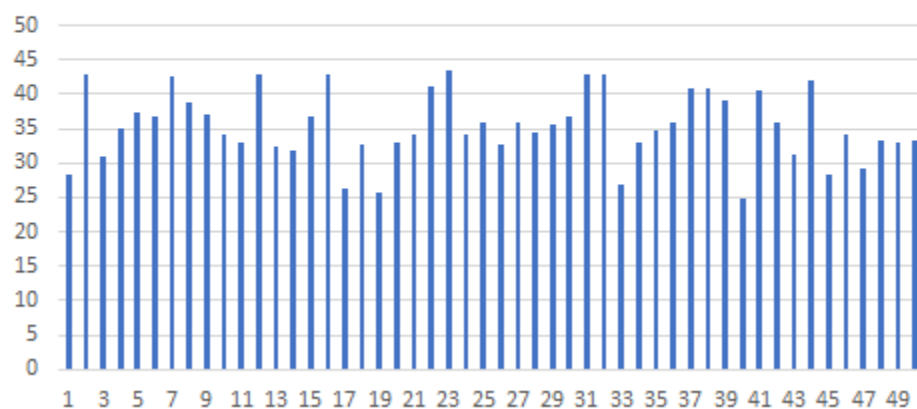
### Jitter for 320x240 Resolution for Hough Elliptical Transform



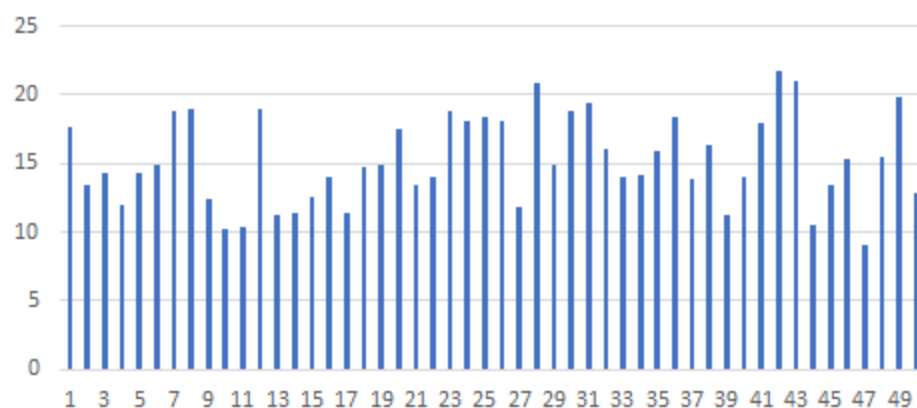
### Jitter for 640x480 Resolution for canny Transform



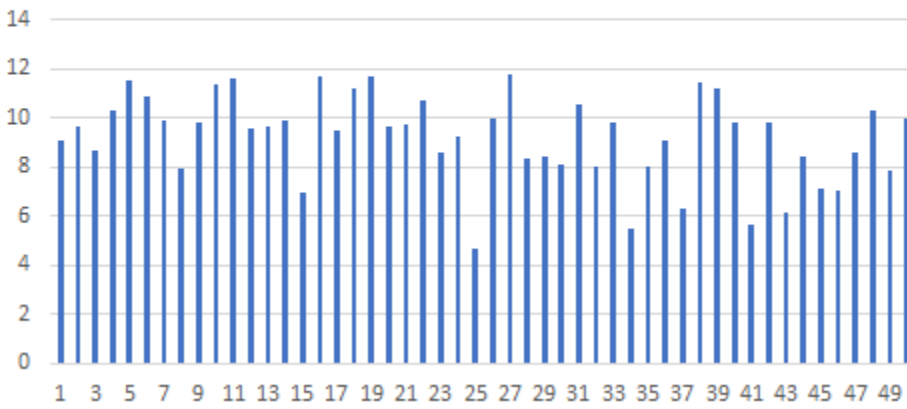
### Jitter for 640x480 Resolution for Hough Transform



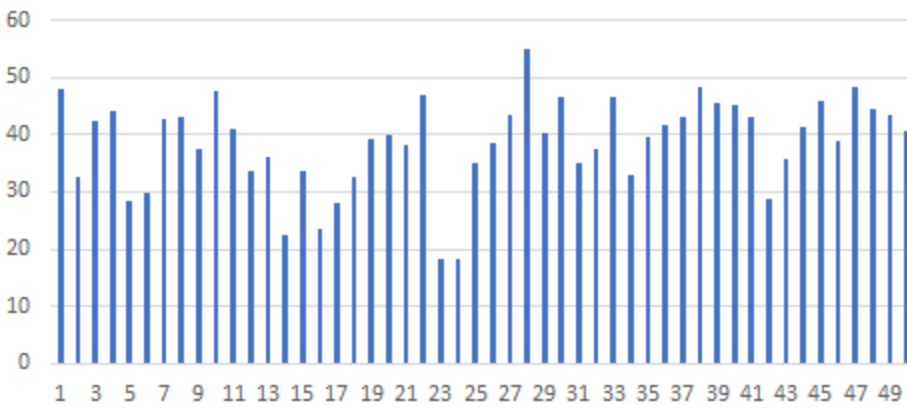
### Jitter for 640x480 Resolution for Hough Elliptical Transform



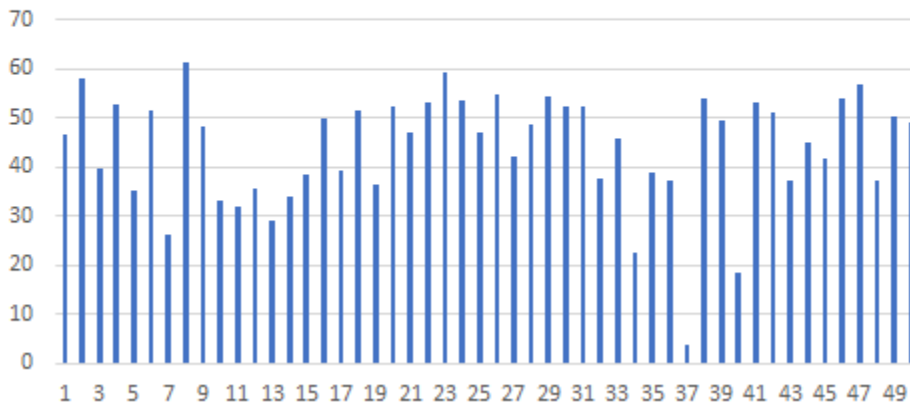
Jitter for 800x600 Resolution for  
Canny Transform



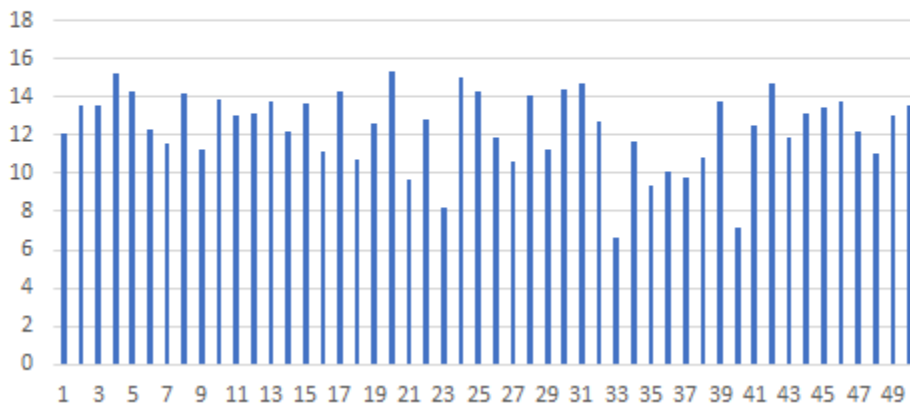
Jitter for 800x600 Resolution for  
Hough Transform



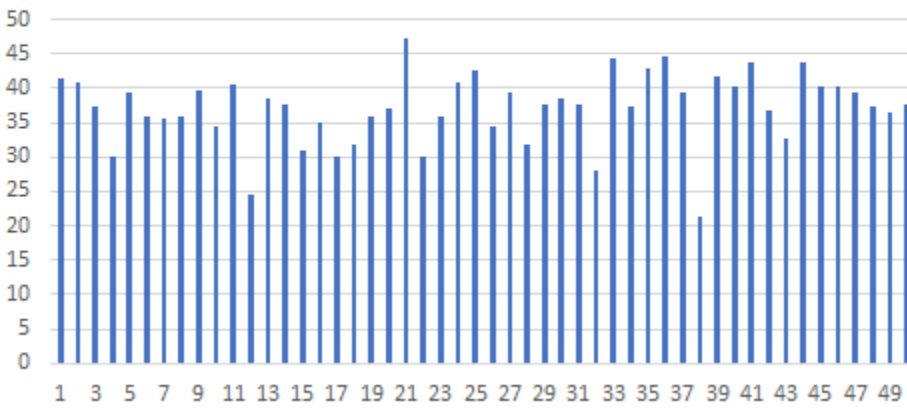
Jitter for 800x600 Resolution for  
Hough Elliptical Transform



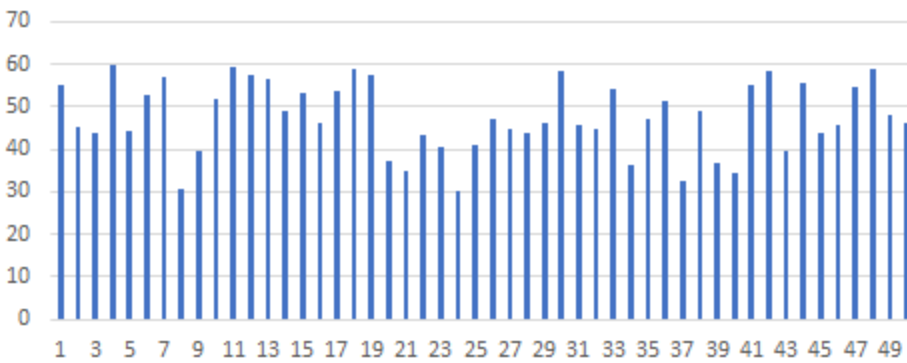
Jitter for 960x720 Resolution for  
Canny Transform



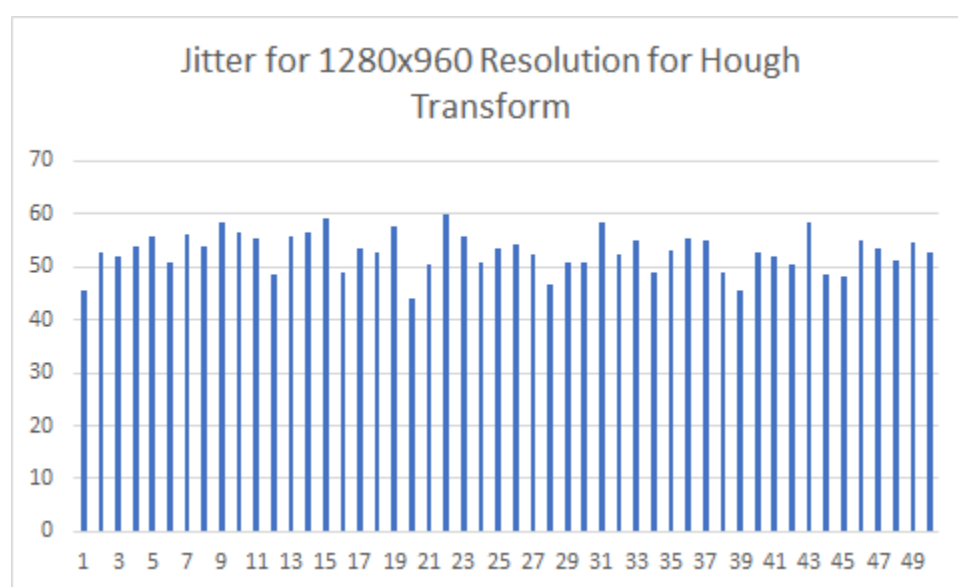
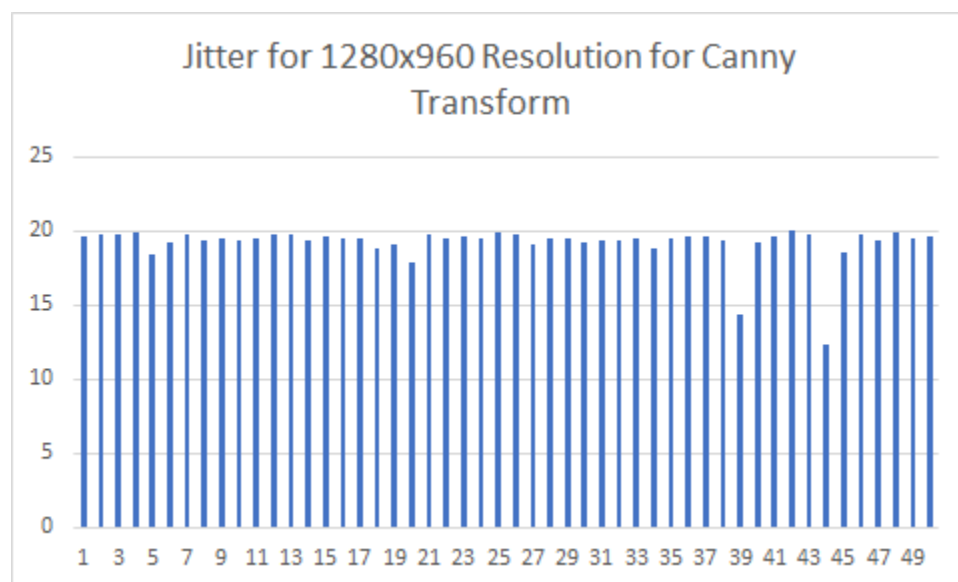
Jitter for 960x720 Resolution for  
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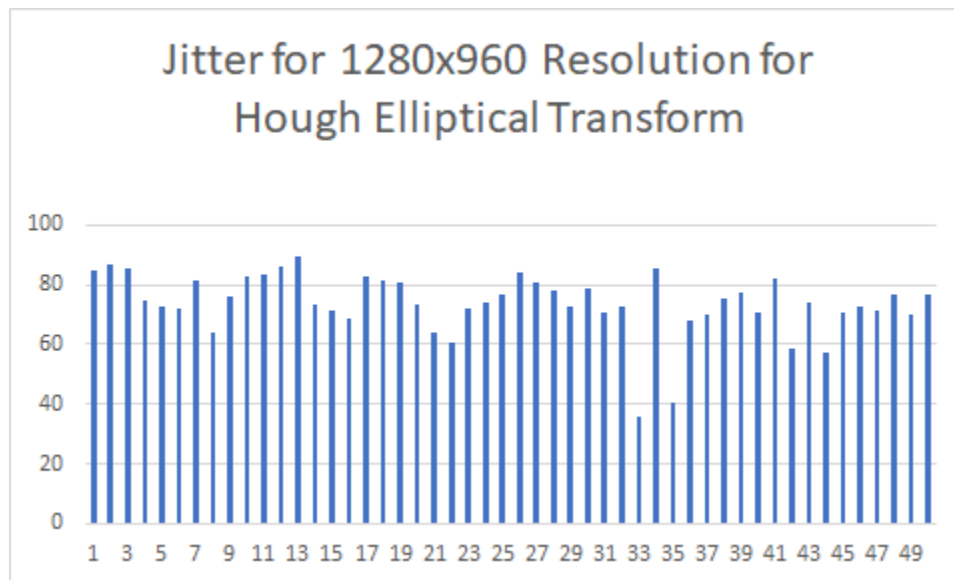


Jitter for 960x720 Resolution for  
Hough Elliptical Transform









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- 2) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canny\\_edge\\_detector](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canny_edge_detector)
- 3) <https://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/rbf/HIPR2/hough.htm>

#### Note:

1. Question 5 is done on my roommate's board instead of my partner's due to current COVID-19 situation as her board was available easily.
2. Question 1-4 are done on Jetson Nano shared with my Exercise 1 and final project partner Aaksha Jaywant.