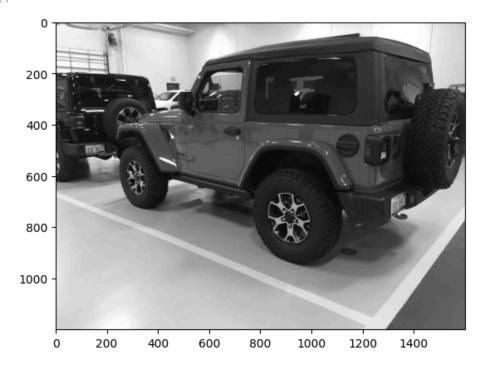
```
In [161... import cv2
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import imutils
import easyocr
```

1. Read in Image, Grayscale

```
img = cv2.imread('../data/poor3.jpg')
gray = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(gray,cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB))
```

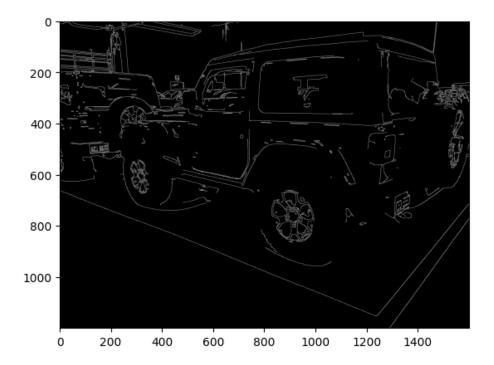
Out[162]. <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x30920b140>



2. Apply filter and find edges for localization

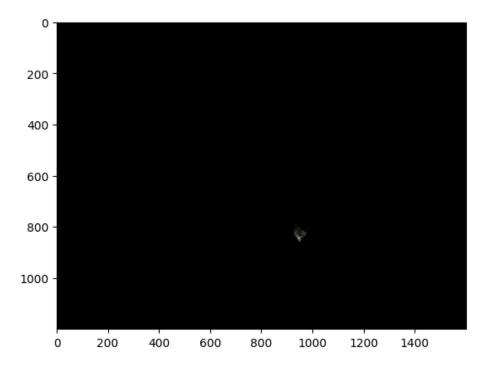
```
In [163...
bfilter = cv2.bilateralFilter(gray, 11, 17, 17) #Noise reduction
edged = cv2.Canny(bfilter, 10, 200) #Edge detection
plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(edged, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB))
```

Out[163]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x309224e30>



3. Find contours and apply masks

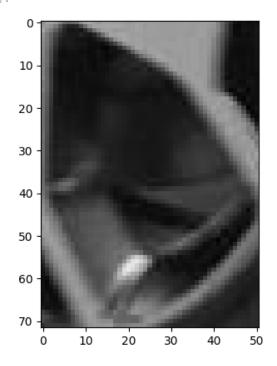
```
In [164...
         keypoints = cv2.findContours(edged.copy(), cv2.RETR_TREE, cv2.CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE)
          contours = imutils.grab_contours(keypoints)
         contours = sorted(contours, key=cv2.contourArea, reverse=True)[:10]
In [165...
         location = None
          for contour in contours:
              approx = cv2.approxPolyDP(contour, 10, True)
              if len(approx) == 4:
                  location = approx
                  break
         location
In [166...
          array([[[932, 788]],
Out[166]:
                 [[927, 828]],
                  [[948, 859]],
                  [[977, 827]]], dtype=int32)
In [167... mask = np.zeros(gray.shape, np.uint8)
         new_image = cv2.drawContours(mask, [location], 0, 255, -1)
         new_image = cv2.bitwise_and(img, img, mask=mask)
         plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(new_image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB))
          <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x301ae43e0>
Out[167]:
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In [168... (x,y) = np.where(mask==255)
    (x1, y1) = (np.min(x), np.min(y))
    (x2, y2) = (np.max(x), np.max(y))
    cropped_image = gray[x1:x2+1, y1:y2+1]
```

In [169... plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(cropped_image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB))

Out[169]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x30cbba240>



4. Use Easy OCR to Read Text

```
In [170... reader = easyocr.Reader(['en'])
    result = reader.readtext(cropped_image)
    result
Out[170]: []
```

5. Render Result