

# Identification of hand mudras for Indian classical dance forms

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# Problem Statement

Given an image depicting a hand mudra for an Indian classical dance form, identify the mudra and provide a short description explaining its significance.

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# Datasets

Type I



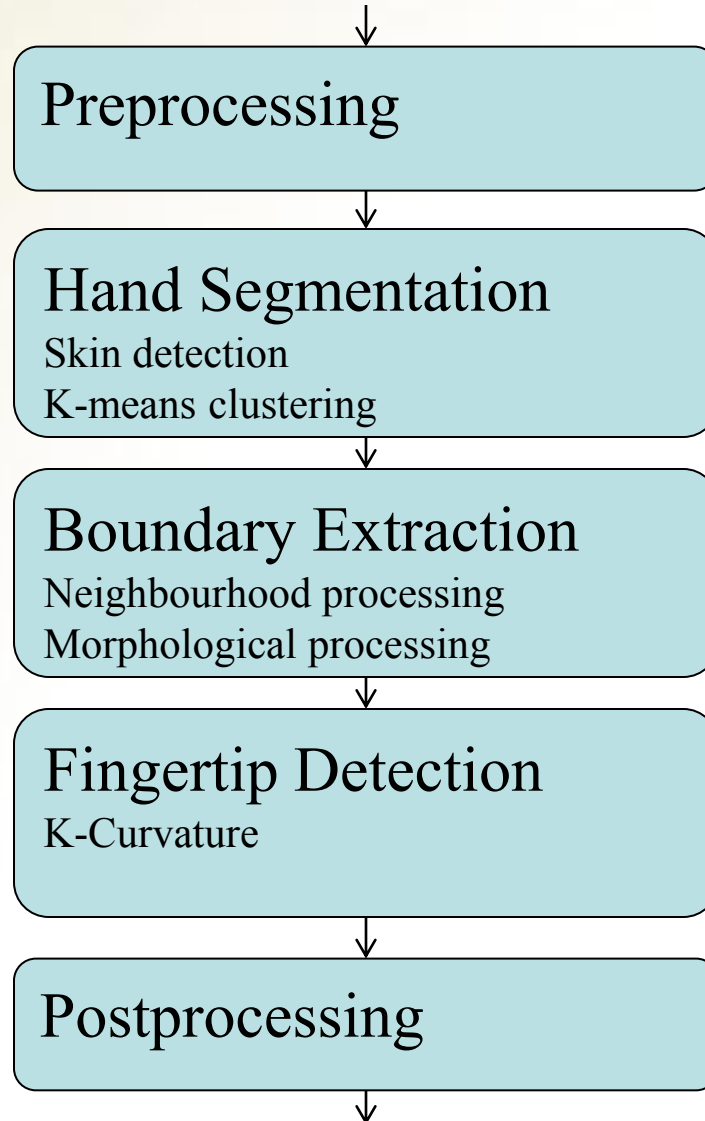
Type II



Type III



# Image Processing Pipeline



# Hand Segmentation

- Skin detection : YCbCr, HSV and RGB planes
- K-means clustering

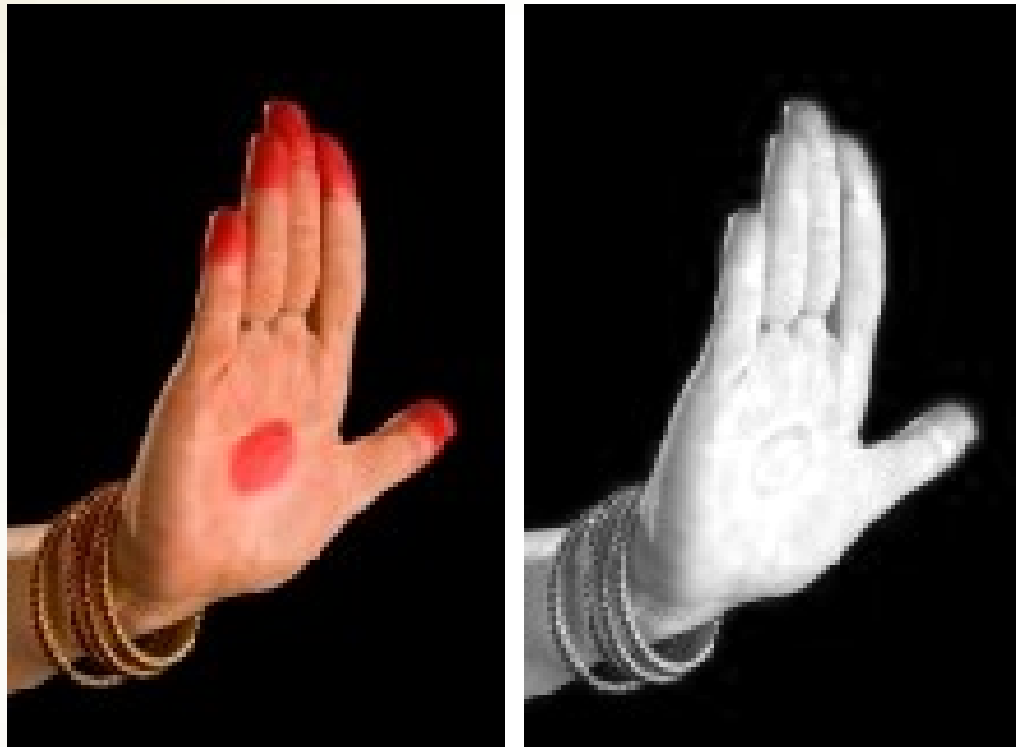
## Challenges :

For Type II dataset, removal of mehendi.

For Type III dataset, additional objects in the background with similar color values are detected.

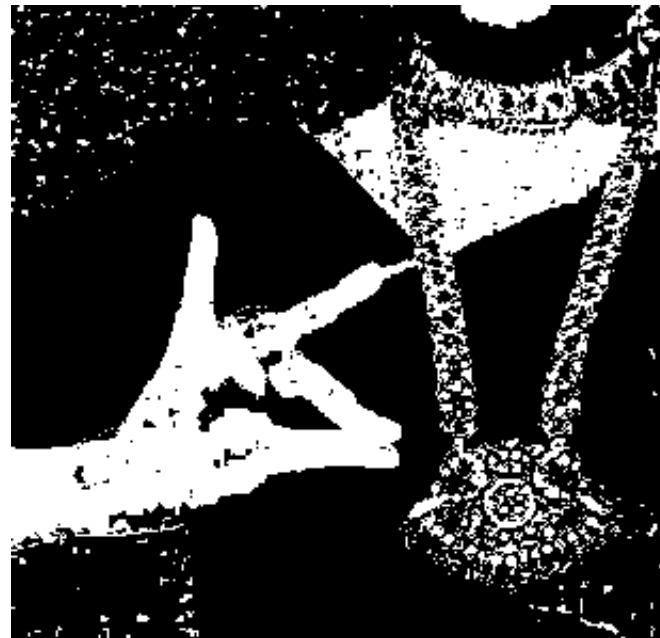
# Hand Segmentation : Challenges

Type II dataset : Removal of mehendi



# Hand Segmentation : Challenges

Type III dataset : Undesired objects detected



# Boundary Extraction

- Neighbourhood processing

## Challenges :

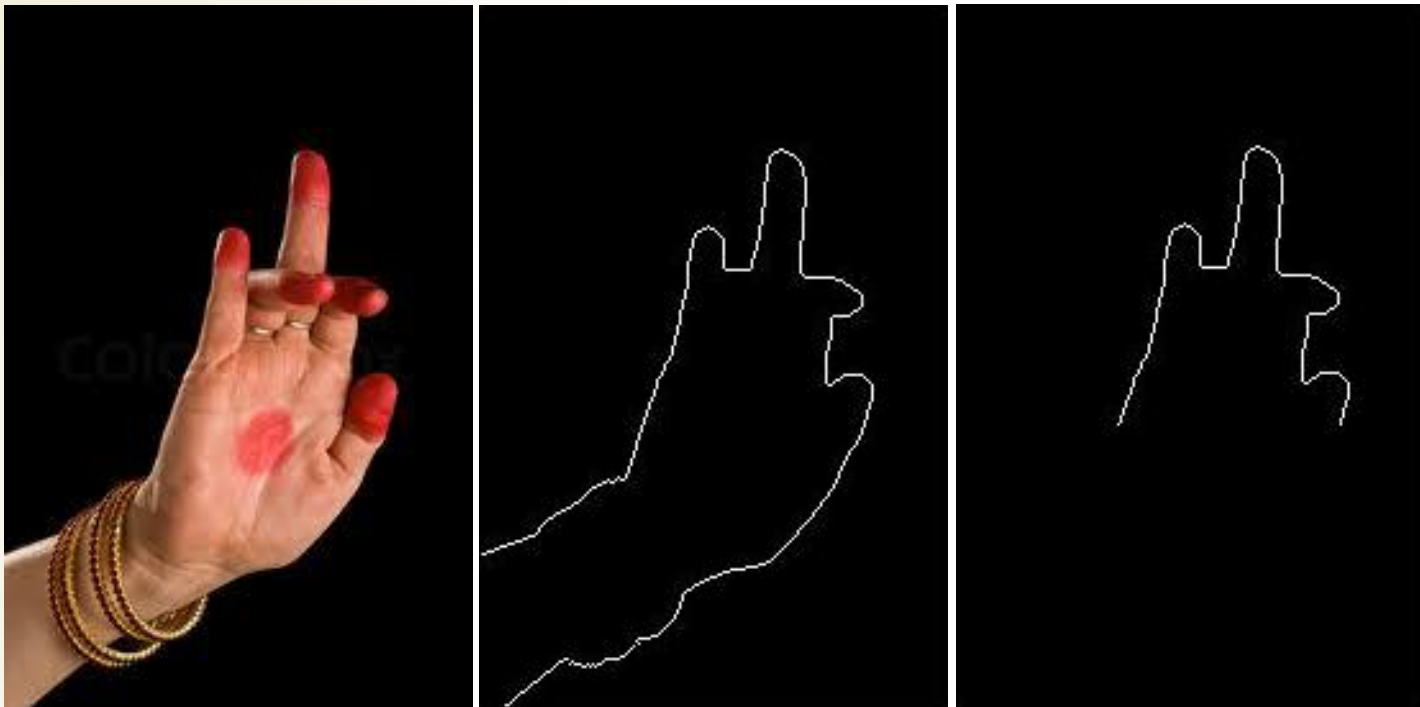
For both Type II and Type III dataset, bangles distort the boundary.

For Type III dataset, background objects to be removed.



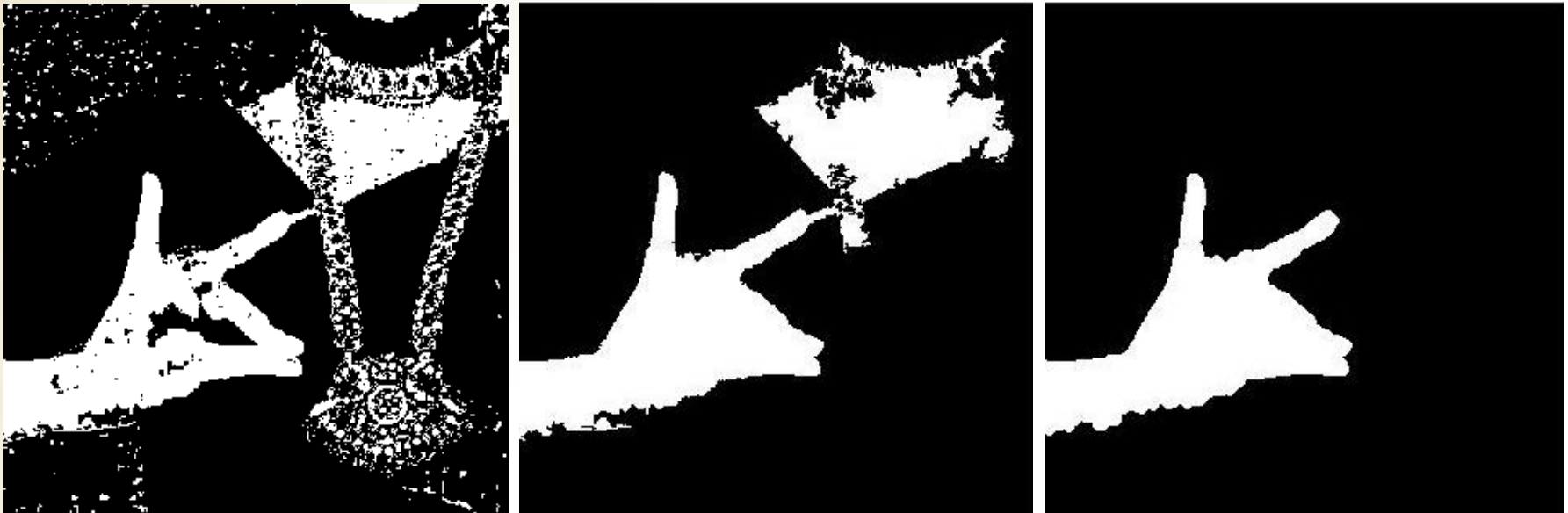
# Boundary Extraction : Challenges

Bangles cause boundary distortion



# Boundary Extraction : Challenges

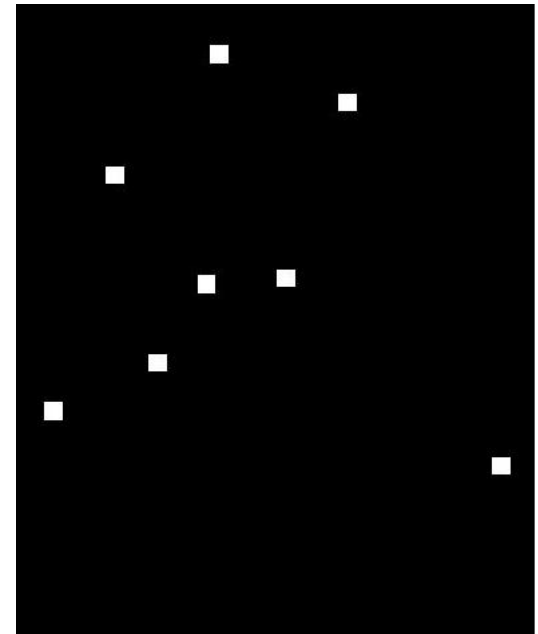
## Undesired object removal



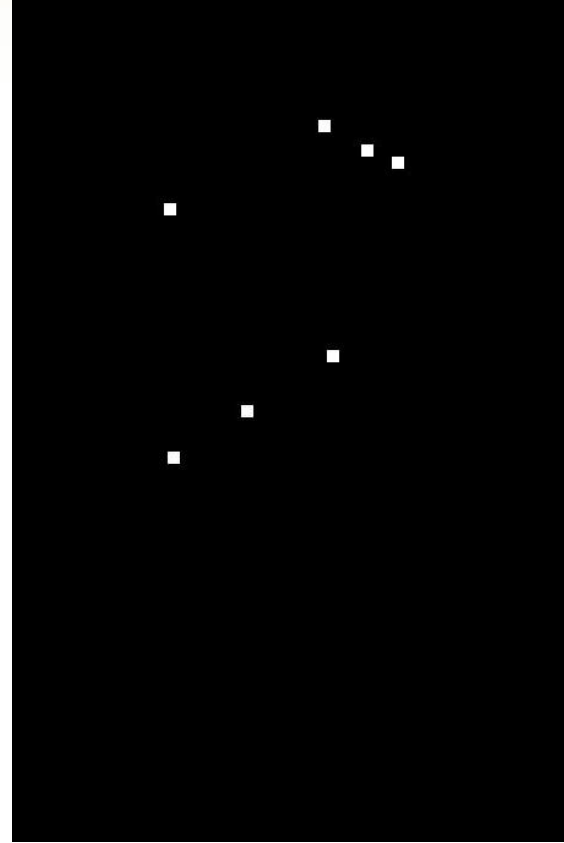
# Fingertip Detection

## K – Curvature

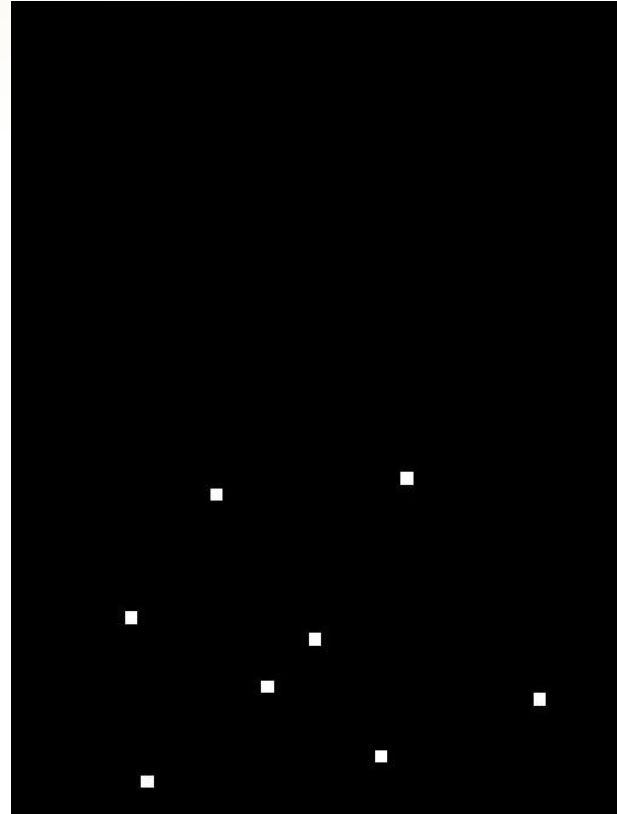
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## Type II

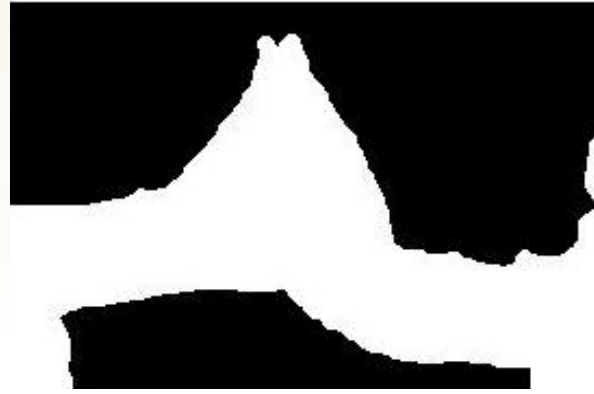


## Type III



# Two hands





## Further work

- ✓ Two hand segmentation with discernible hands.
  - ✓ Edge detection
  - ✓ Watershed Transform
- ✓ More embellishments
- ✓ Identification of best approach for recognition

## Work Division

Interim 1 :

Varsha : Dataset Identification, basic thresholding, Skin detection

Prateek : Fingertip Detection (Distance metrics)

Aditya : Boundary Extraction (Morphological Operations)

Interim 2 :

Varsha : Dataset Identification, K-means clustering, two hands – edge detection and Watershed transform

Prateek : Fingertip detection (K-curvature), Type II dataset challenges

Aditya : Boundary Extraction (Neighbourhood processing), Type III dataset challenges



Thank You!