

# how to count non-zero pixels inside a contour opencv

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I am developing OMR scanner android application using opencv library. I have detected my circles inside the sheet as contours and now I want to get filled circle contours from all the obtains contours Since java support for opencv is very less I couldnt figure out anything, please suggest some method for the same.

```
//paramview is my image
Utils.bitmapToMat(paramView, localMat1);
Mat localMat2 = new Mat();
double[] lo;
Imgproc.GaussianBlur(localMat1, localMat2, new Size(5.0D, 5.0D), 7.0D,
6.5D);
Object localObject = new Mat();
Imgproc.cvtColor(localMat2, (Mat) localObject, COLOR_RGB2GRAY);
Mat cloneMat= ((Mat) localObject).clone();
localMat2 = localMat1.clone();
bitwise_not(cloneMat, cloneMat);
Imgproc.threshold(cloneMat, localMat2, 127, 255, Imgproc.THRESH_OTSU);
Mat thresh=localMat2.clone();

List<MatOfPoint> contours = new ArrayList<MatOfPoint>();
List<MatOfPoint> questions = new ArrayList<MatOfPoint>();
List<MatOfPoint> sorted = new ArrayList<MatOfPoint>();

//All contours detected
Mat hierarchy = new Mat();
Imgproc.findContours(localMat2, contours, hierarchy,
Imgproc.RETR_EXTERNAL, Imgproc.CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE);
```

[Image of Detected circles here](#)

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Can you add your code to find the circles' contours. Also, add your current image output and the desired result. Finally, please have a look at the [Help Center](#). – Elouarn Laine Jul 12 '17 at 10:01

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I reworked my own code and found this solution. Hope it might help.

```
for (int contourIdx = 0; contourIdx < questionSortedR.size(); contourIdx++) {
    //creating rectangle around identified contour
    Rect rectCrop = boundingRect(questionSortedR.get(contourIdx));
    //creating crop of that contour from actual image
    Mat imageROI= thresh.submat(rectCrop);
    //apply countnonzero method to that crop
    int total = countNonZero(imageROI);
```



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double pixel =total/contourArea(questionSortedR.get(contourIdx))*100;
//pixel is in percentage of area that is filled
if(pixel>=100 && pixel<=130){
    //counting filled circles
    count++;
}
}

```

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I propose an alternative to the accepted answer: instead of counting pixels inside a bounding rectangle, paint the contour into a mask, then mask the original image and count the pixels inside it. I was counting black pixels on a white background, where the contour kept several pixels on the edge, so your mileage may vary. Here is my code in Python:

```

mask = np.zeros(bw_image.shape, np.uint8)
cv.drawContours(mask, [contour], 0, 255, -1)
inverted = cv.bitwise_not(bw_image)
masked = cv.bitwise_not(cv.bitwise_and(inverted, inverted, mask = mask))

# Grab masked image inside contour
x, y, w, h = cv.boundingRect(contour)
pixels = masked[y:y+h, x:x+w]

# Check if black is only a line, in which case whiteness is 1
kernel = np.ones((3, 3), np.uint8)
dilated = cv.dilate(pixels, kernel, iterations = 1)
whiteness = np.sum(dilated) / (255 * w * h)

```

answered Aug 2 '19 at 8:17



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