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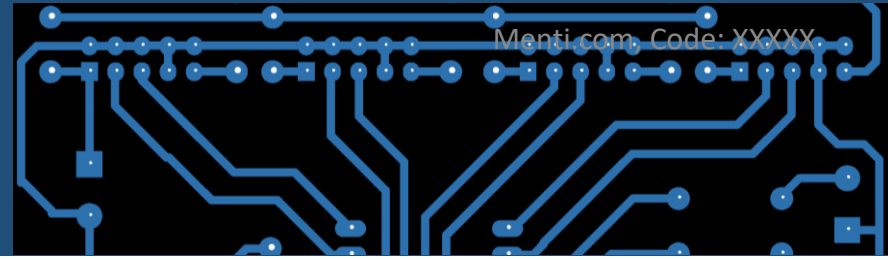
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- General

- Components and System

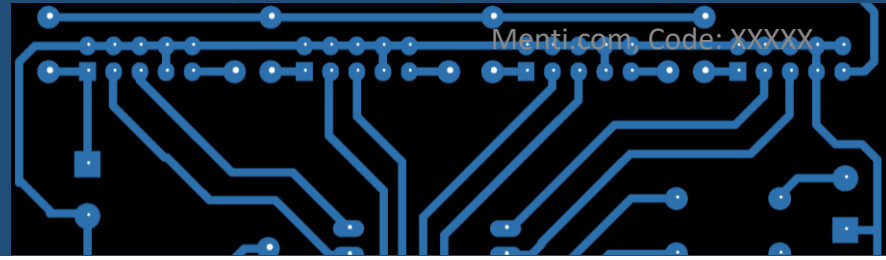
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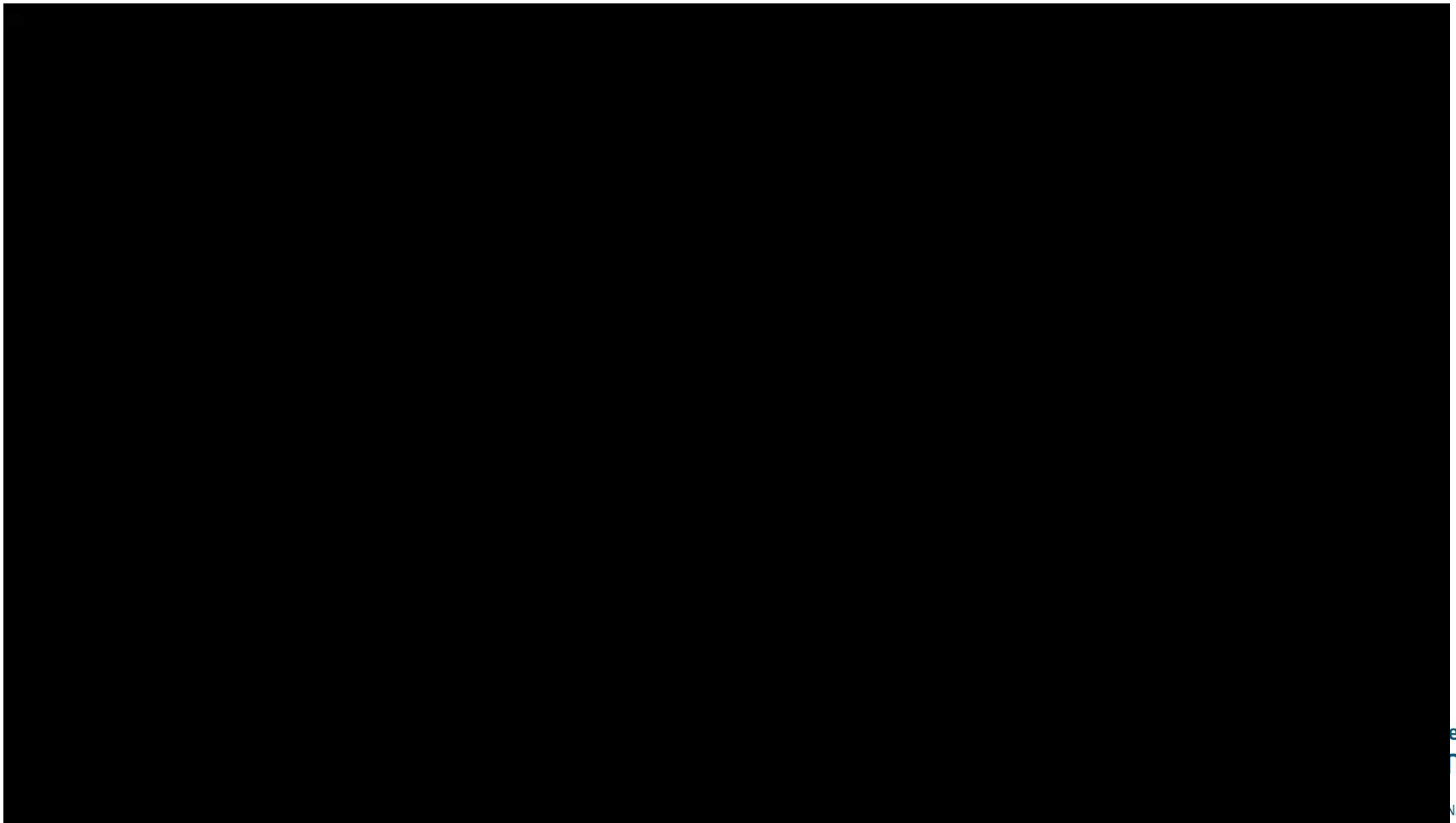
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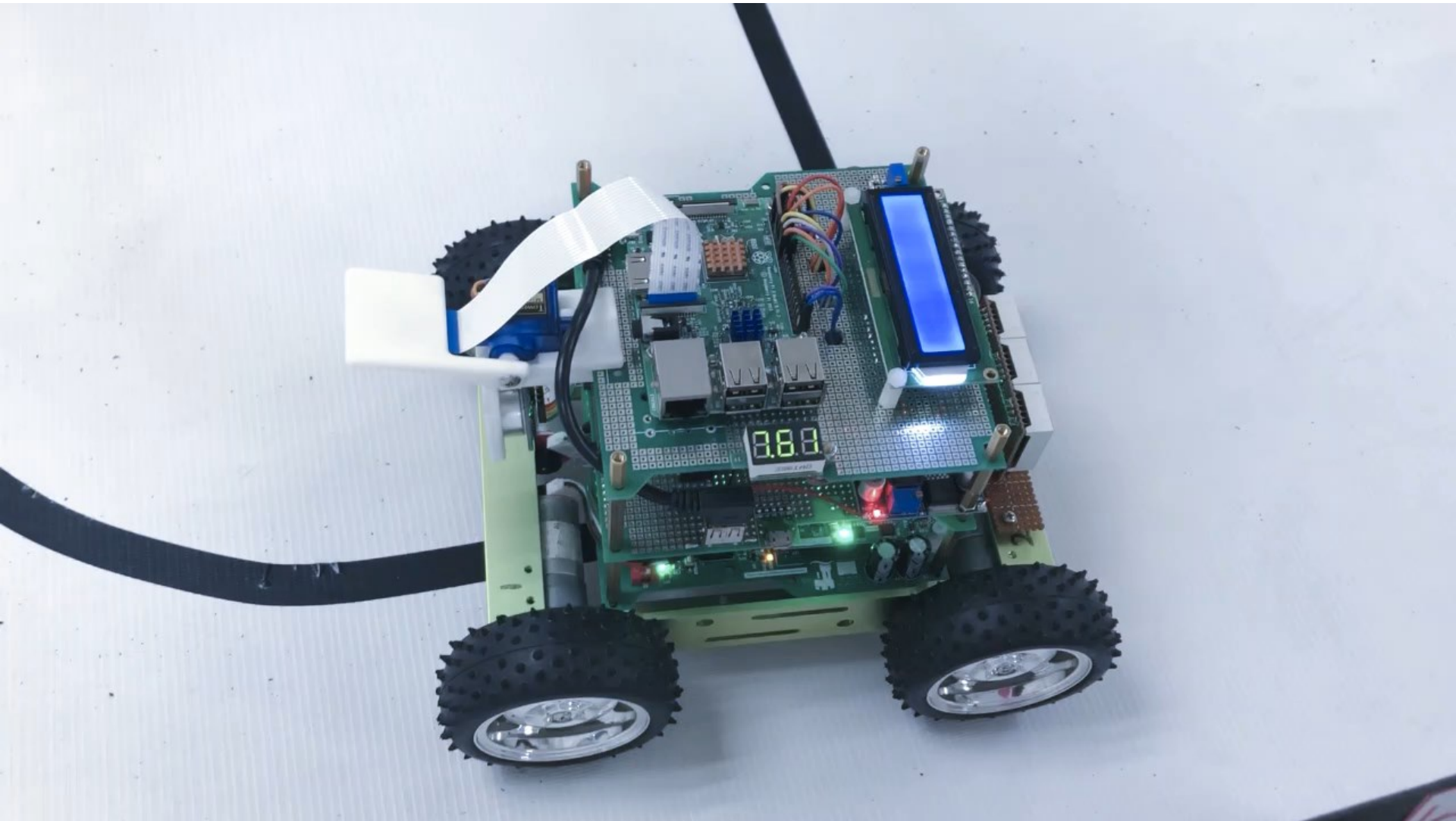
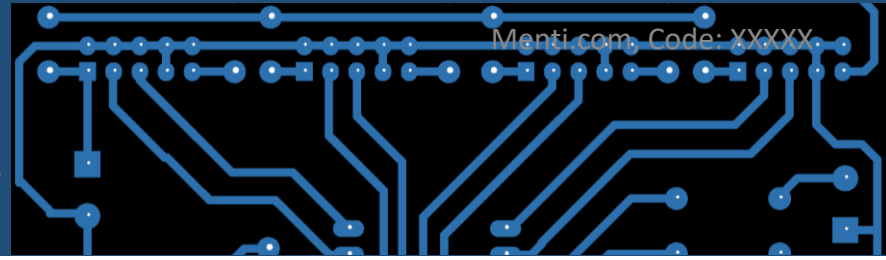
Video from previous year...

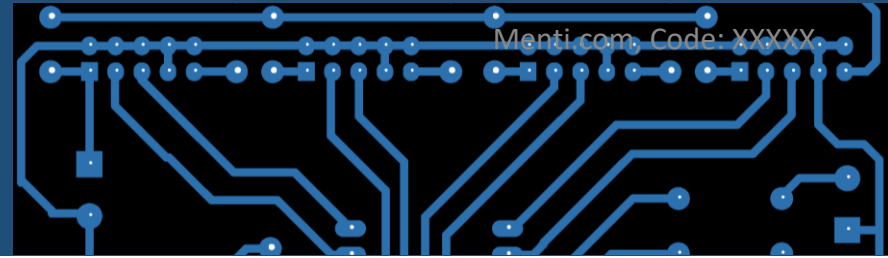
- Short cuts, Kick football, Traffic light



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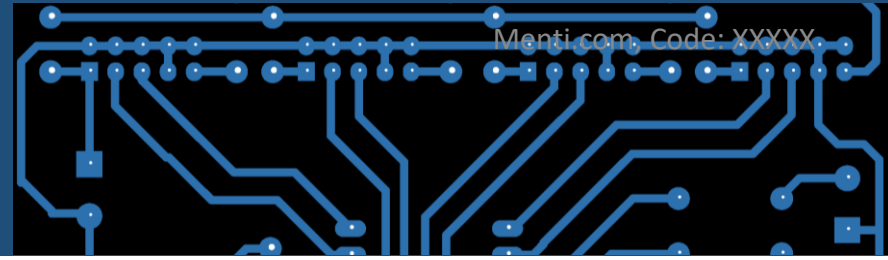
Advanced line following with Object recognition and reaction! Image Processing Required!

- Use C/C++ function libraries: **OpenCV**
- Object recognition
 - Object Tracking: Follow the lead <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BJFxn timer=0AI>
 - Object colour recognition <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQ-bpfdWQh8>
 - Template matching https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUU_kNI55Ak
- Ultimately to follow a line – a single line, dual line, black on white, white on black, colour... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBwEF6WBUQs>



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Project 6 & 7 – Tasks



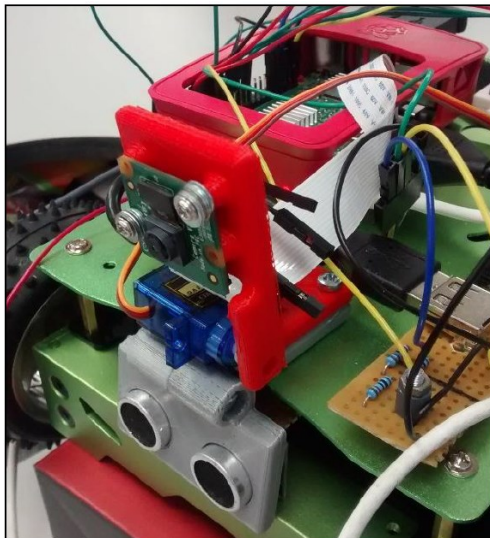
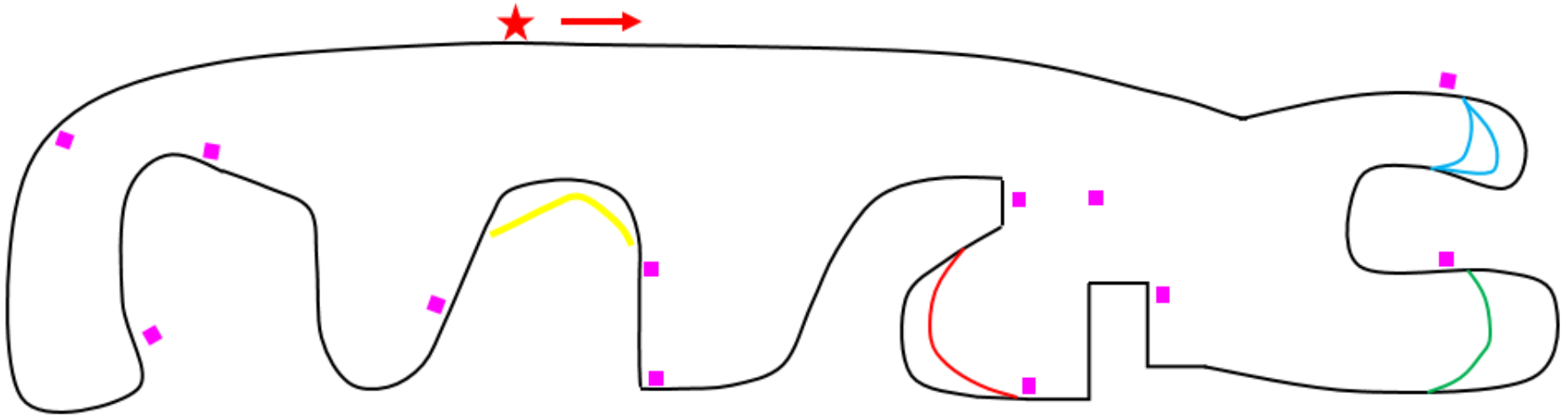
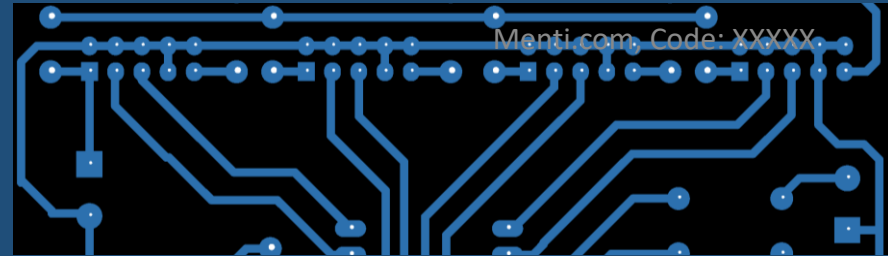
- Set up Raspberry Pi with the car
- Set up hardware with Raspberry Pi
- Assemble and test whole system
- OpenCV tasks
- Demo

- **Line following**
- Count Shapes
- Short cuts
- Play music
- Alarm flash
- Approach and stop
- Bonus: traffic light
- Bonus: kick football
- Bonus: multiple tasks

- LCD
- HC-SR04 distance sensor
 - Level shifter
- Pi power connector
 - Camera
- SG-90 servo motor
- Audio power amplifier



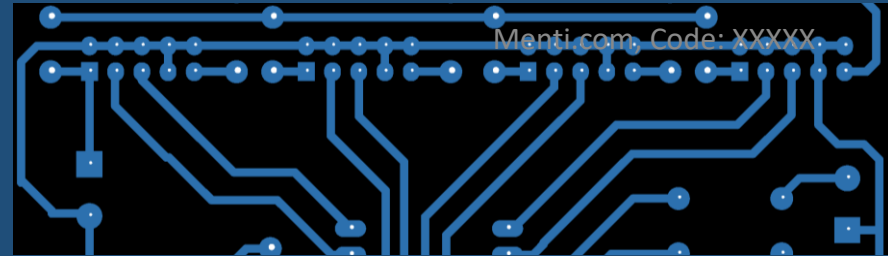
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The track is only a schematic and will be updated depending on actual layout.

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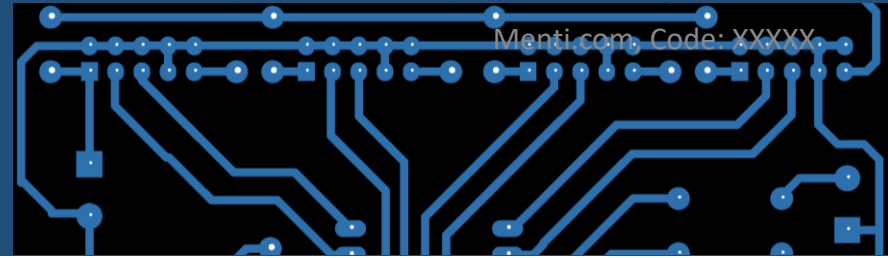
Components – what you already know

- Raspberry Pi 3B
- LCD1602
- HC-SR04 distance sensor
- Level shifter (4-channel)
- Pi power connector
- Camera
- Audio power amplifier
- SG-90 servo motor

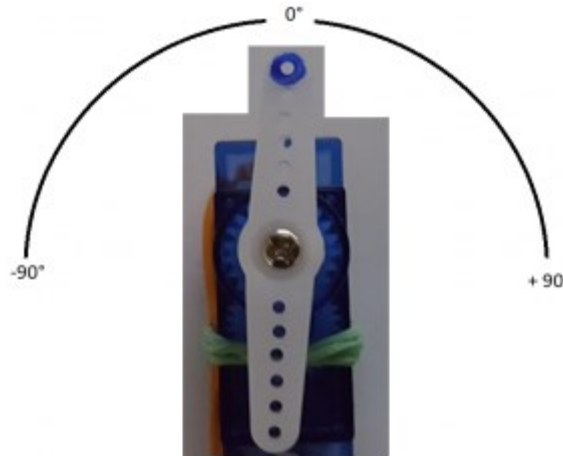


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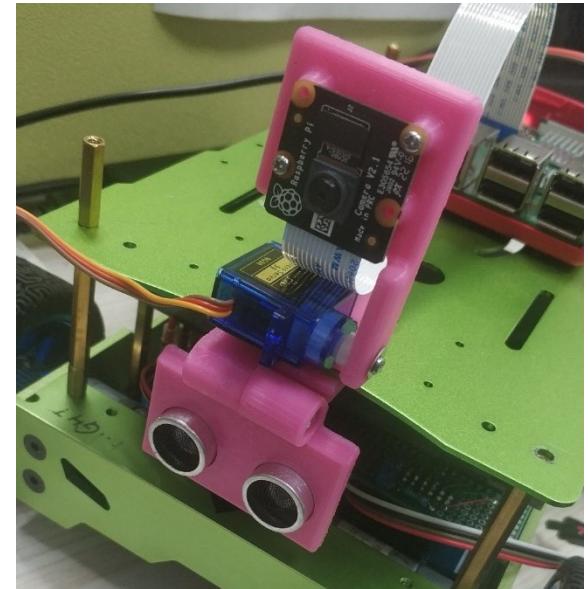
Components – Servo motor



- Motorized angle control for the camera
 - You may need to move your camera to in between the line following task and the symbol recognition task



SG90 Micro servo



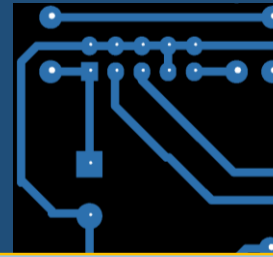
Motorized angle control for the camera

- SG90 specs
 - Rotational Range: 180°
 - Analog Modulation: `#include <softPwm.h>`
 - Operational Speed: $0.1\text{sec}/60^\circ$ (at 4.8V)

<http://wiki.jmoon.co/sg90/>

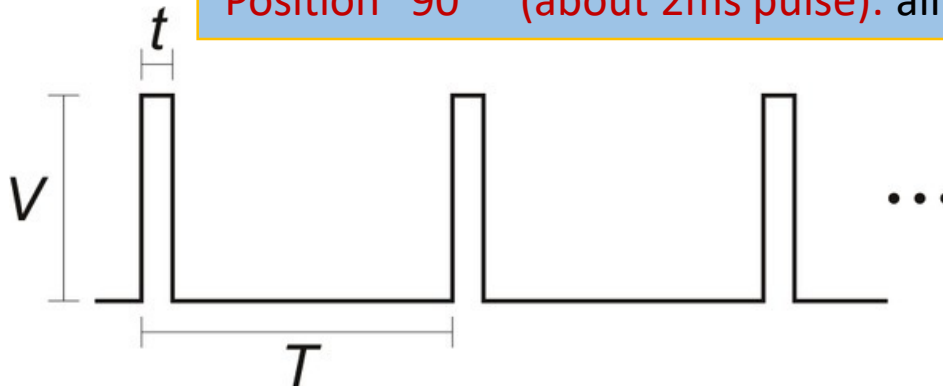
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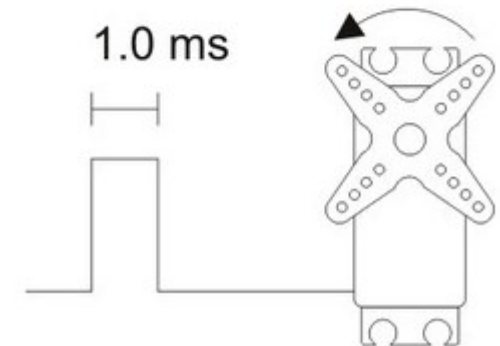
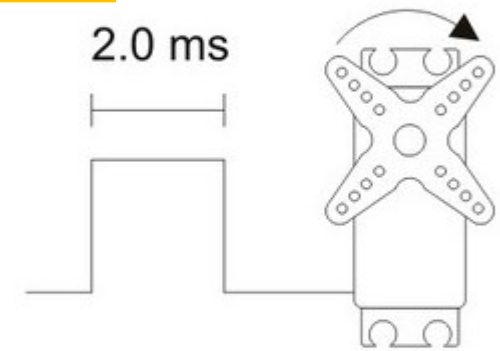
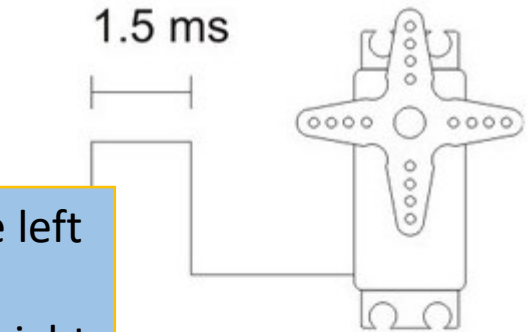
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Position "-90°" (about 1ms pulse): all the way to the left
Position "0°" (1.5 ms pulse): middle position
Position "90°" (about 2ms pulse): all the way to the right



- Pulse voltage, V
 - Pulse width, t
 - Pulse period, T
- Pulse wave for the position control of SG90

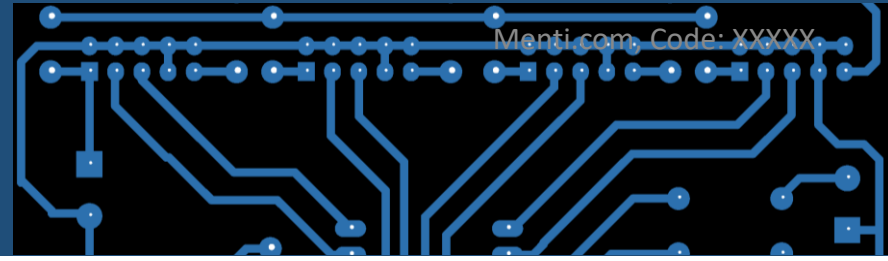
- $T = 20\text{ms}$
- t is from 1.0ms to 2.0ms



Motorized angle
control for the camera

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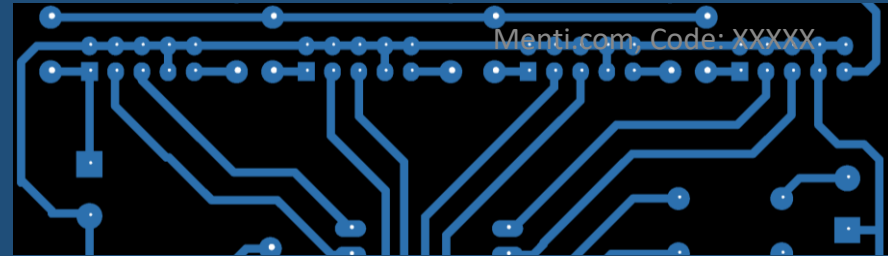
The whole system



Assemble the whole system and enhance the hardware

Raspberry Pi 26 GPIO, besides VCC and GND:

- 2 for Vehicle, UART
- 6 for LCD1602
- 2 for HC-SR04
- 1 for SG-90
- Voltage level shifters
- Pi Camera
- Audio power amplifier



- Project 6 & 7 Introduction

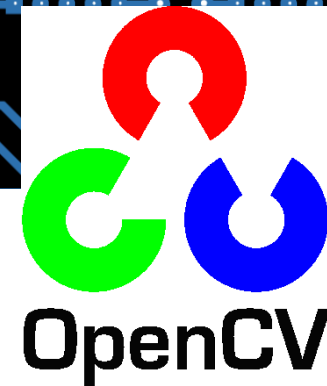
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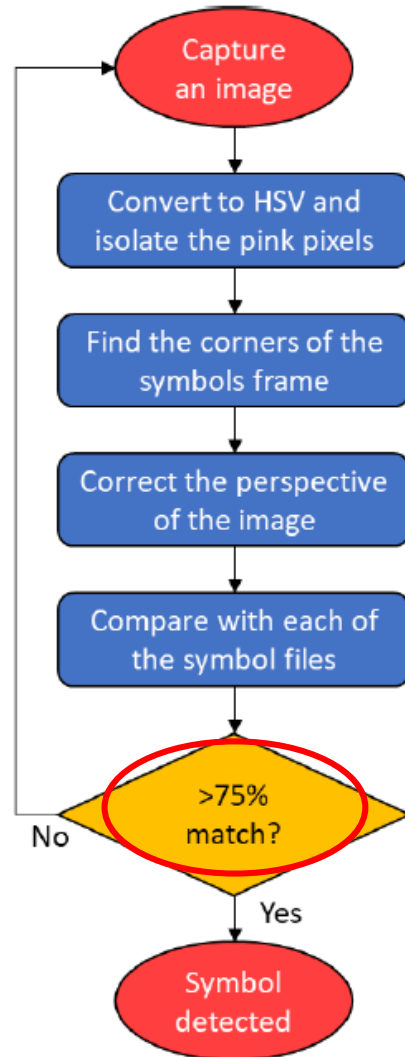
OpenCV



- You know it by now!
- Example code and user-defined libraries are provided in the image under “**OpenCV-AEE**”
- Algorithm: **Template Matching only**
- Different from the coursework: instead of processing a recorded video, process the Pi camera live frames in real time
- General image processing techniques have been introduced in the coursework introduction, refer to it

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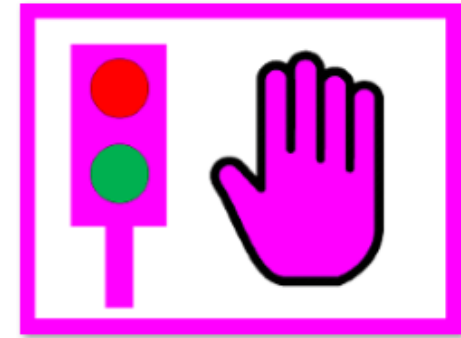
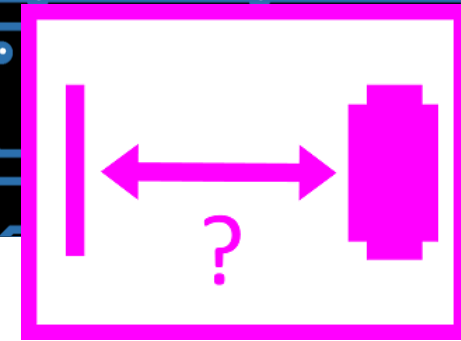
Open CV – Template Matching



We can use `findContours()` here, but we may need to simplify the contour to get four corners

This is achieved with `transformPerspective()`

The symbol and image must be black and white, then `compareImages()` can be used



Sample symbols

Color model:	RGB
Red:	255
Green:	0
Blue:	125
Color model:	HSL
Hue:	234
Sat:	255
Lum:	128

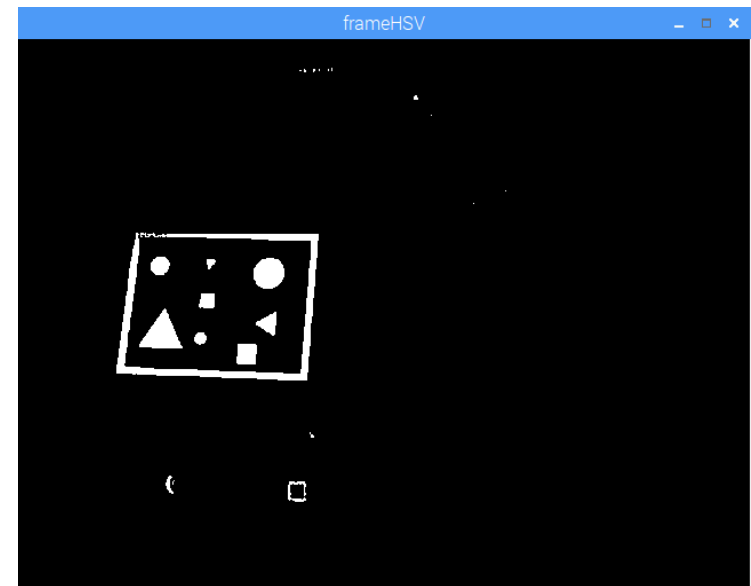
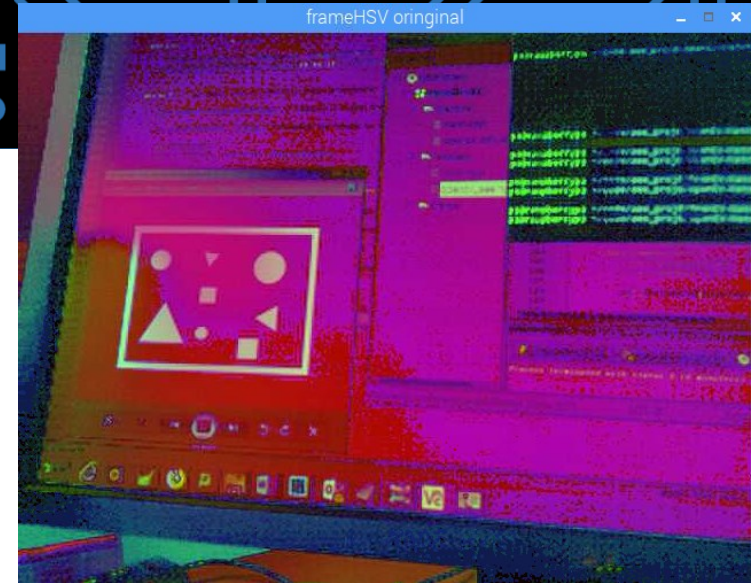
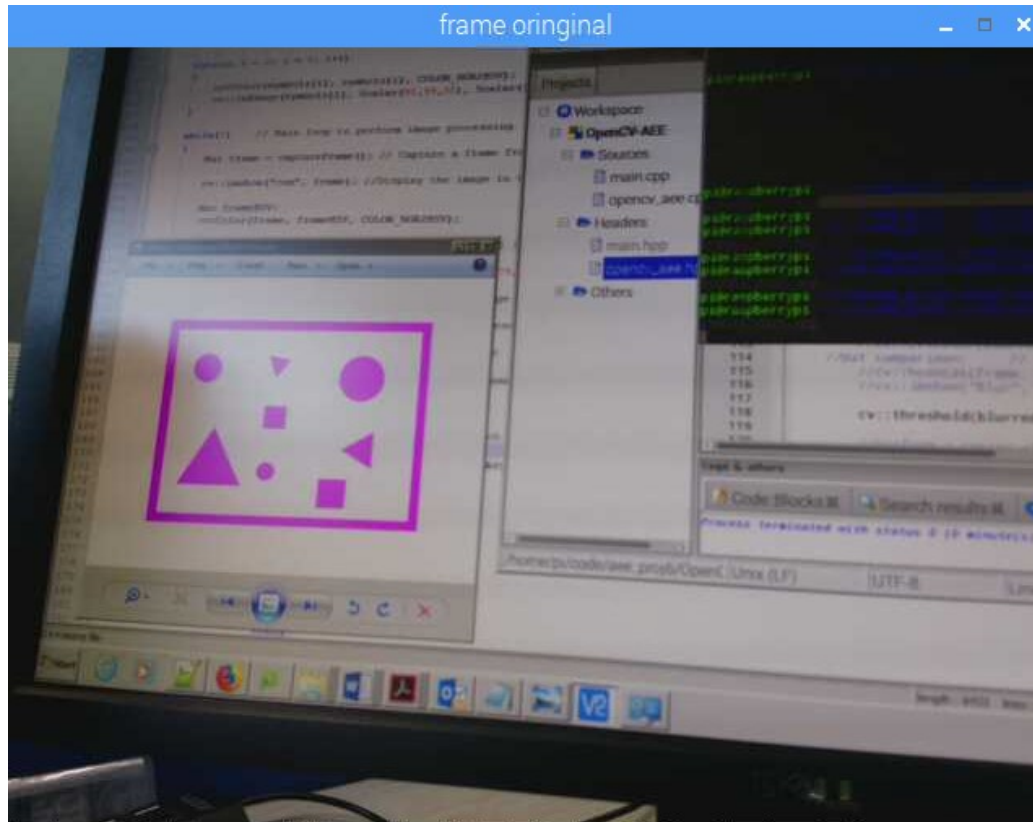
Flow chart for symbol identification

Let's go through an example of
template matching very quickly



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Due to the perspective of the camera
Rectangle -> Parallelogram

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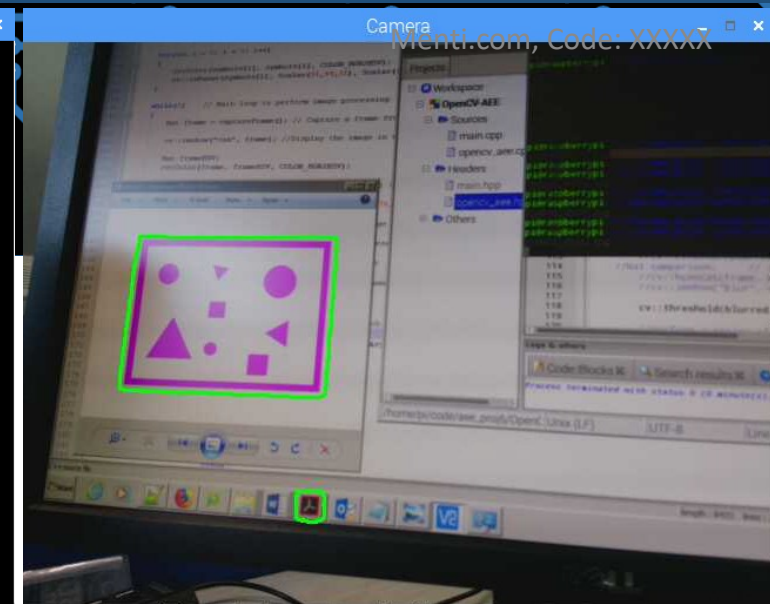
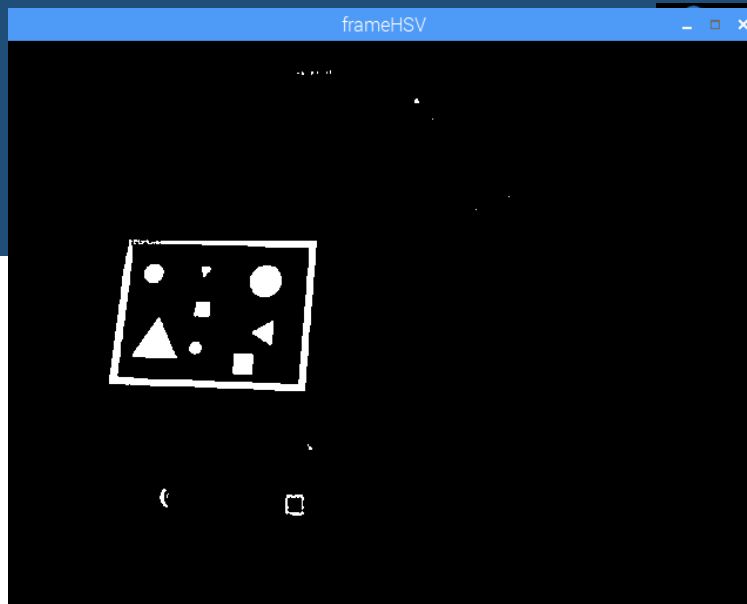
Contour

- Find Contour

```
void cv::findContours ( InputOutputArray image,  
                        OutputArrayOfArrays contours,  
                        OutputArray hierarchy,  
                        int mode,  
                        int method,  
                        Point offset = Point()  
                      )
```

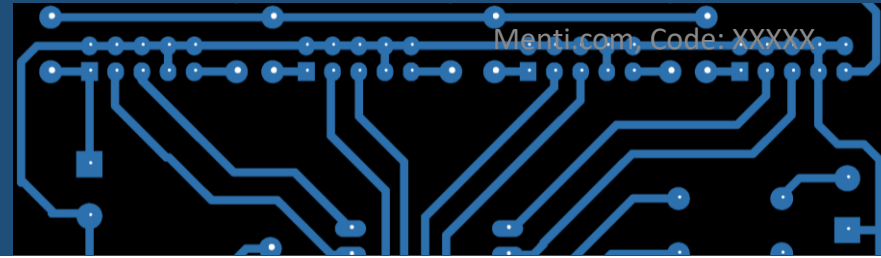
```
std::vector< std::vector<cv::Point> > contours;  
std::vector<Vec4i> hierarchy;  
cv::findContours(dilated, contours, hierarchy, RETR_TREE, CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE,...  
                Point(0, 0));
```

Image source is an 8-bit single-channel binary image.
Each detected contour is stored as a vector of points.
Information about the image topology
RETR_TREE: retrieve all contours and their hierarchy
CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE: end points only



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OpenCV – Contour

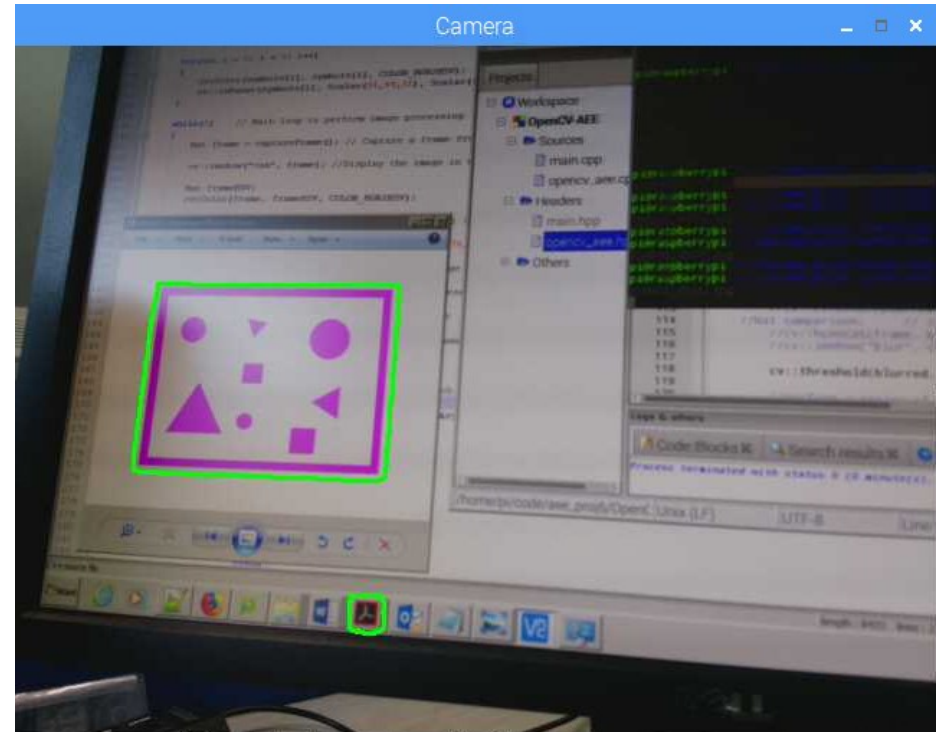


Contour

- Area of a contour
 - Useful in finding the largest contour in the image
 - The frame of the template

```
double cv::contourArea ( InputArray contour,  
                        bool oriented = false  
                        )
```

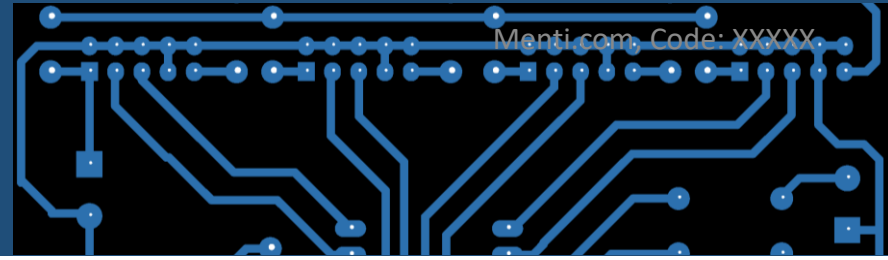
- Centre of a contour
 - Useful in finding the relative position in the image
 - Move the camera
 - Crop the image
 - Perspective transform



```
Point regionCentre = findContourCentre(contours[i]);  
printf("Contour centre: x = %dpx, y = %dpx\n", regionCentre.x, regionCentre.y);
```

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OpenCV – Contour



Contour

- Contour Approximation
 - Approximates a polygonal curve(s) with the specified precision.

```
void cv::approxPolyDP ( InputArray  curve,  
                        OutputArray approxCurve,  
                        double      epsilon,  
                        bool        closed  
                      )
```



Approximated contours in green lines with bigger epsilon and smaller epsilon

- We need to approximate the symbol frame contour to a Parallelogram to do the perspective transform

Find more info here!

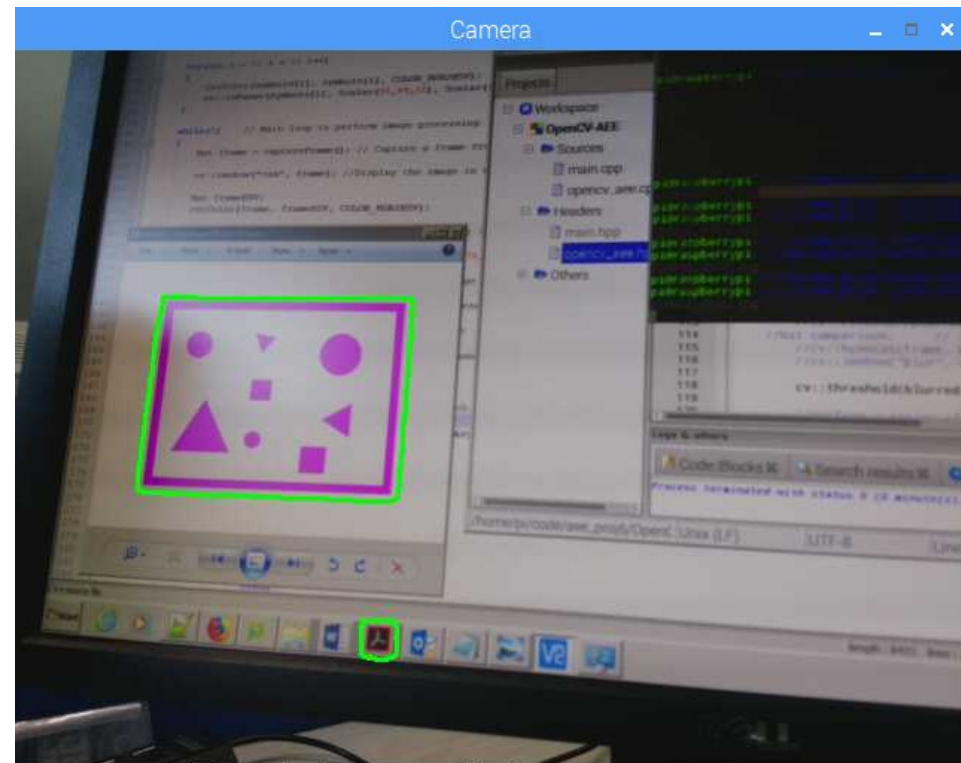
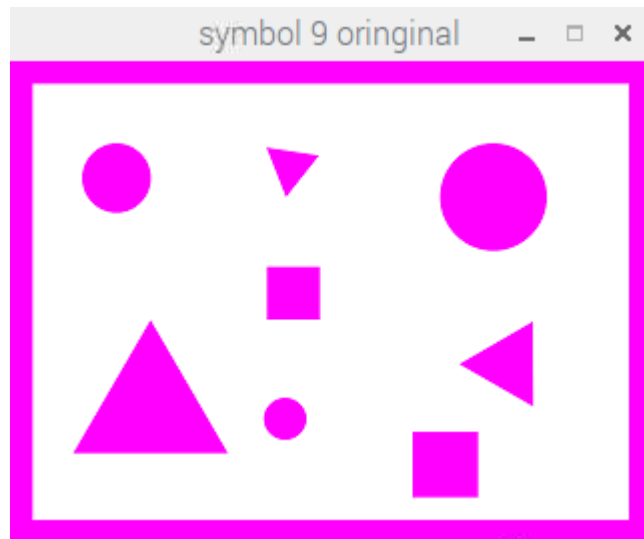
https://docs.opencv.org/3.1.0/dd/d49/tutorial_py_contour_features.html

Template Matching

OpenCV – Template Matching

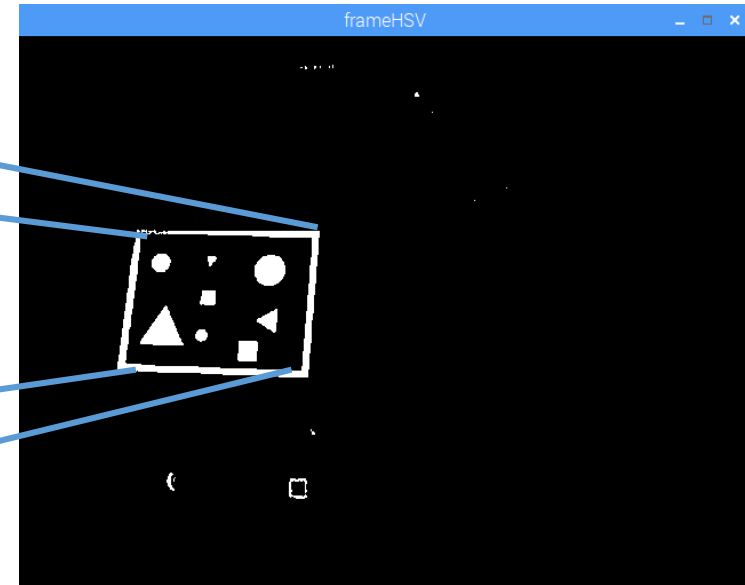
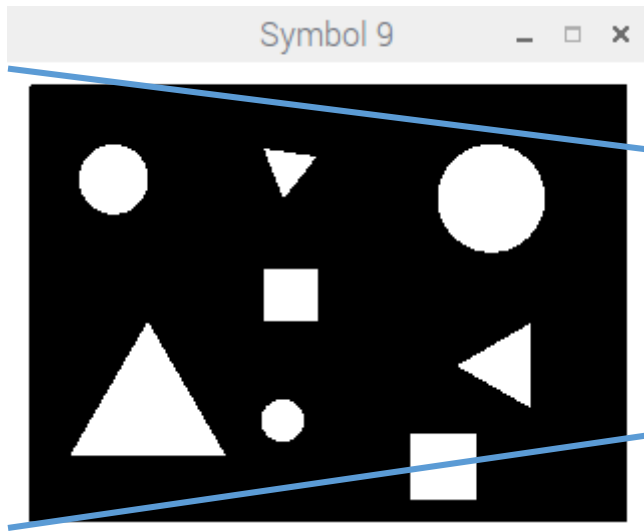
Template matching

after identify a region of interest (ROI)

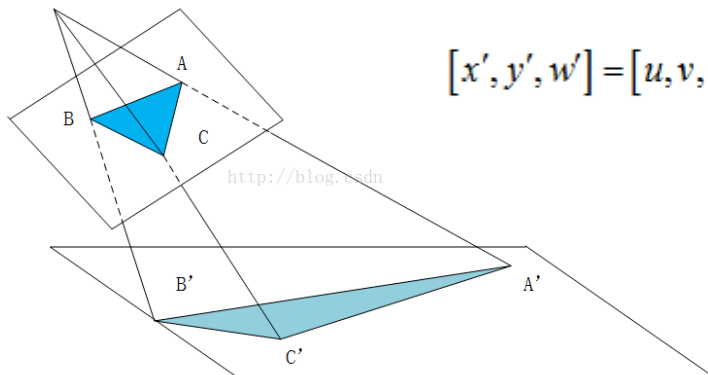


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Perspective transfer



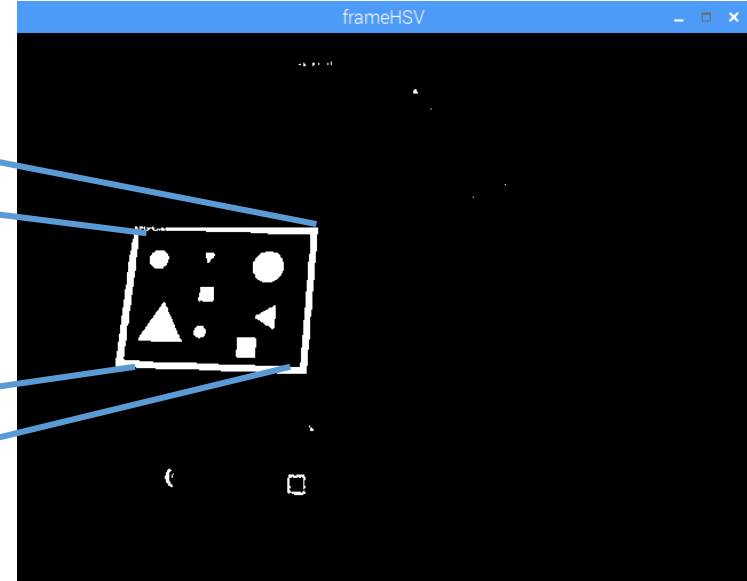
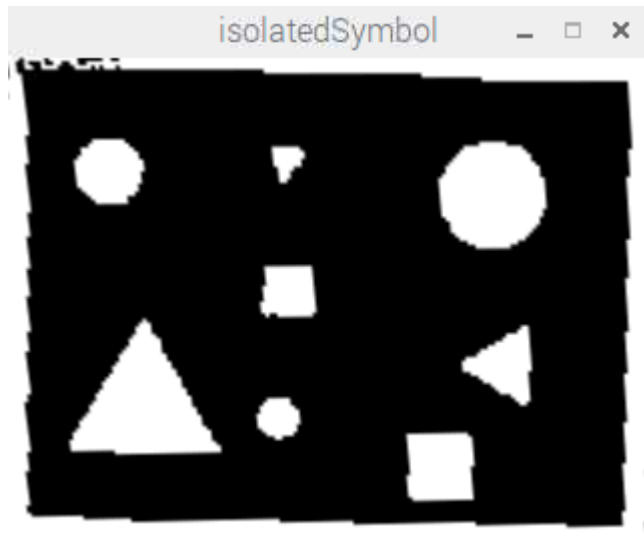
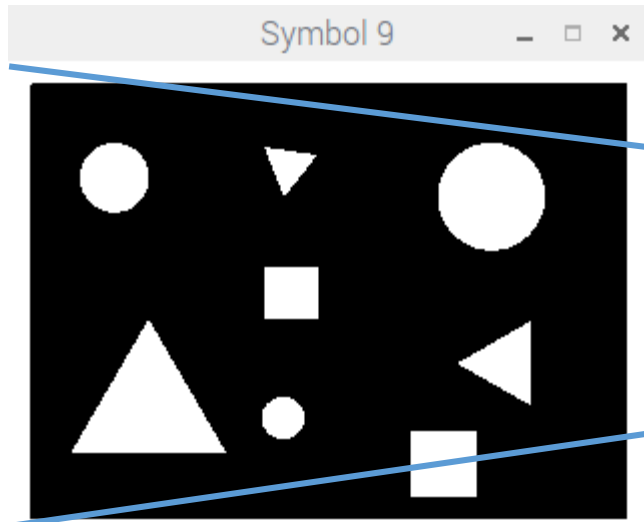
$$[x', y', w'] = [u, v, w]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

To get the transformation matrix

```
Mat cv::getPerspectiveTransform ( InputArray src,  
                                  InputArray dst  
                                  )
```


Perspective transfer



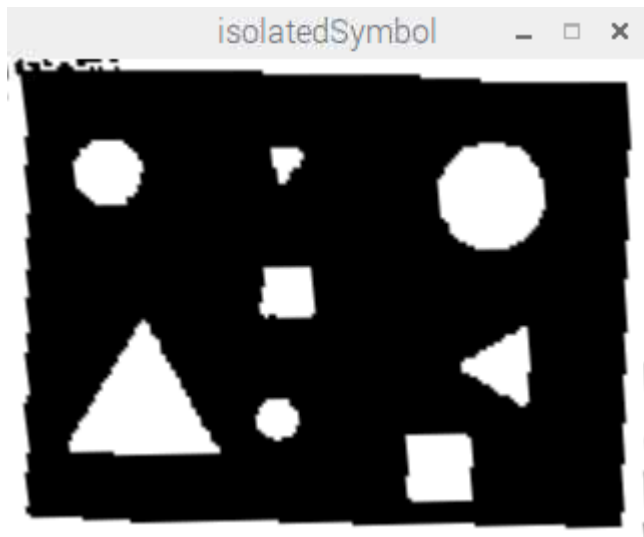
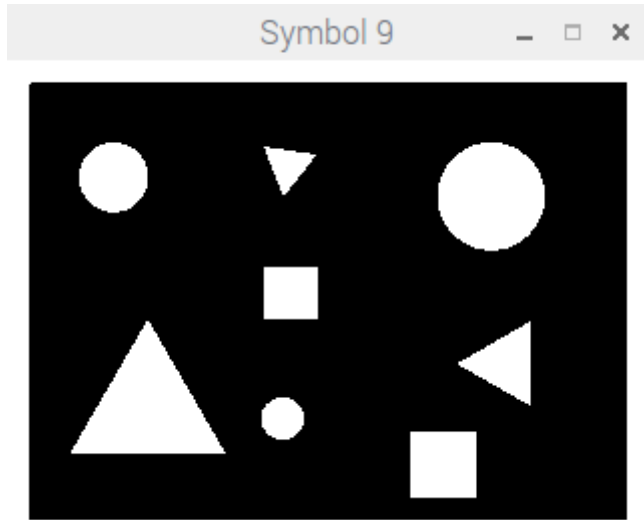
```
void cv::perspectiveTransform ( InputArray  src,  
                                OutputArray dst,  
                                InputArray  m  
                                )
```

Or use the **transformPerspective()** function
given in the AEE library



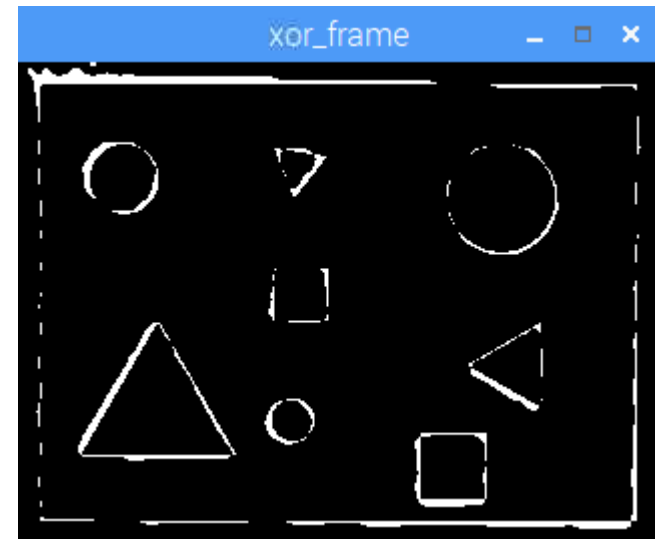
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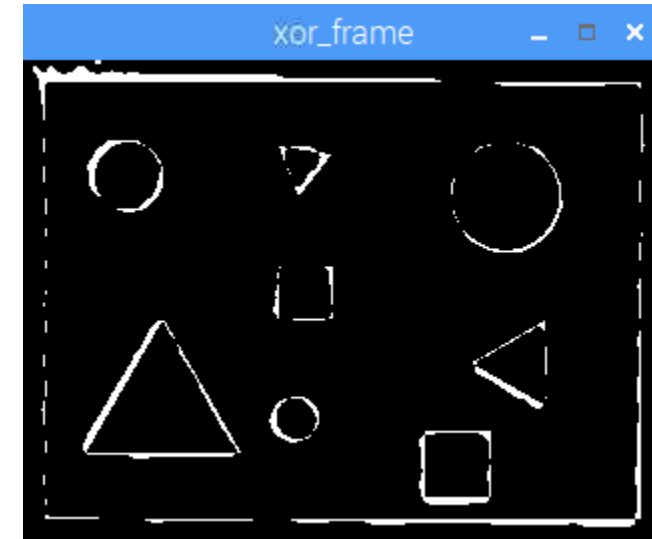
XOR

Similarity



- XOR the isolated image with symbol
- Non-Zero Pixels Indicate the difference

```
OpenCV-AEE
symbol size is 320 x 240
Number of contours is 18.
maxcontour=4, countours area=23037
approxMaxContour size =4
matchPercent=91.255211
total symbol counts 76800
nonzero counts in xor frame is 3358
Shapes - 91.26
Symbol 9 matched!
```

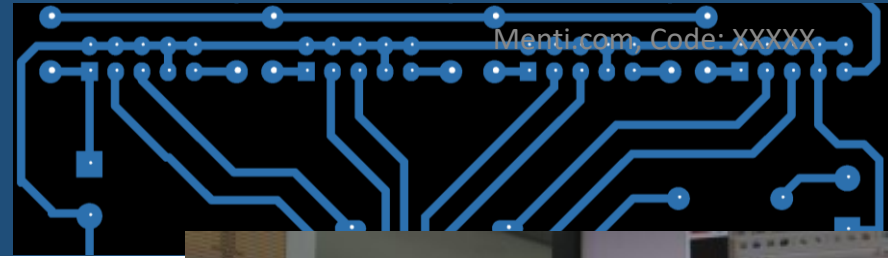


- Count Non-Zero Pixels in the XOR-ed frame
- Calculate the match rate

```
int cv::countNonZero ( InputArray src )
```

Take *traffic light* as an example...





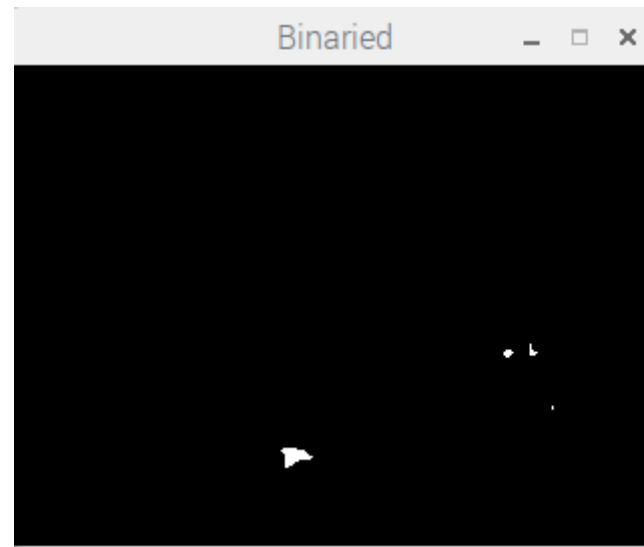
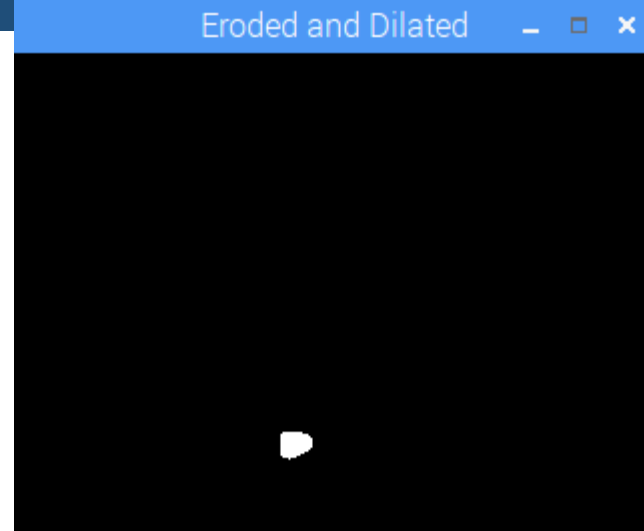
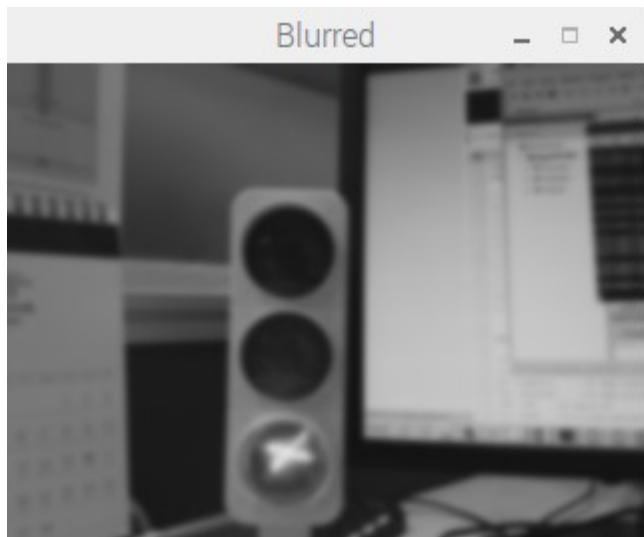
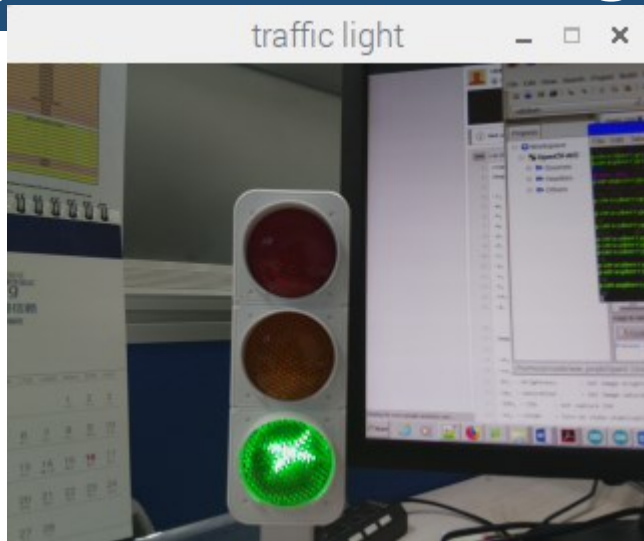
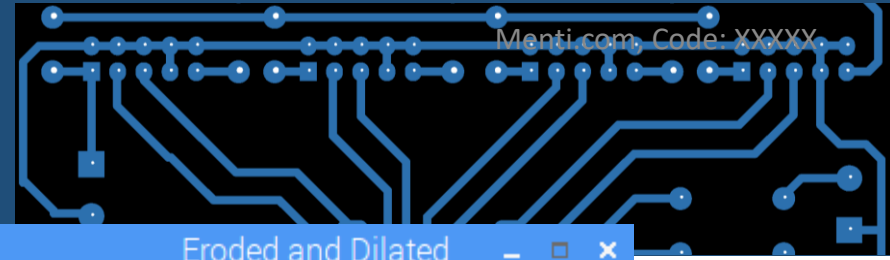
One way of doing it

- Capture an image
 - Generate the contour of the brightest spot
 - Find the coordinate of the contour centre
 - Compare RGB color of the contour centre pixel to determine which light is on
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- Of course you are highly recommended to develop your own algorithm...



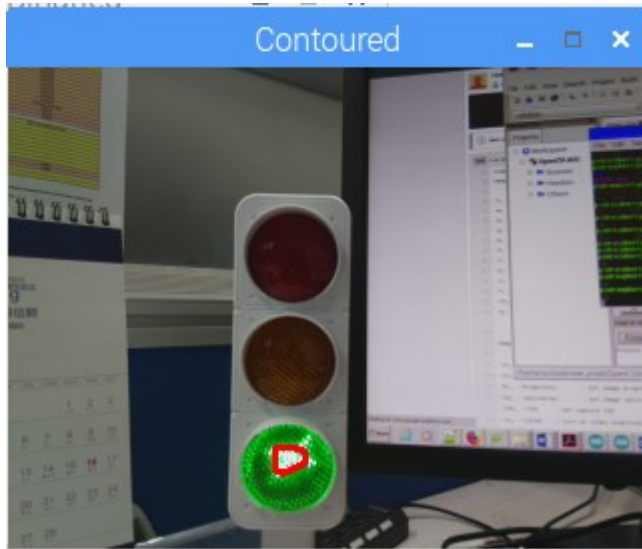
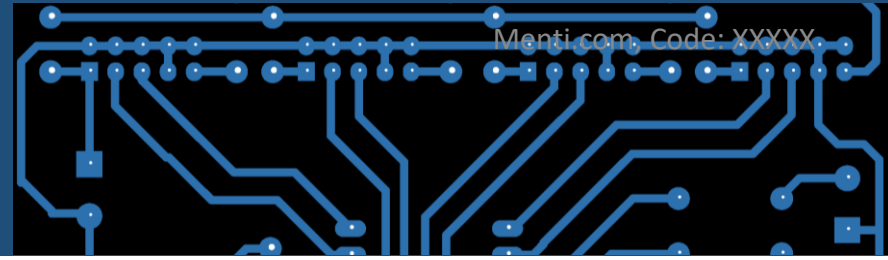
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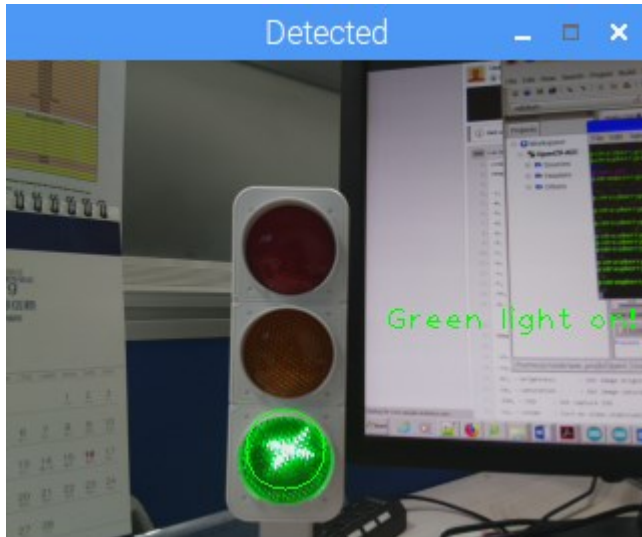
OpenCV – Traffic Light



```
countours size is 1  
Max countours index=0, area=155  
Contour centre: x = 139px, y = 194px  
Contour centre color is 211, 226, 212  
□
```

Contour centre RGB color (211,226,212)

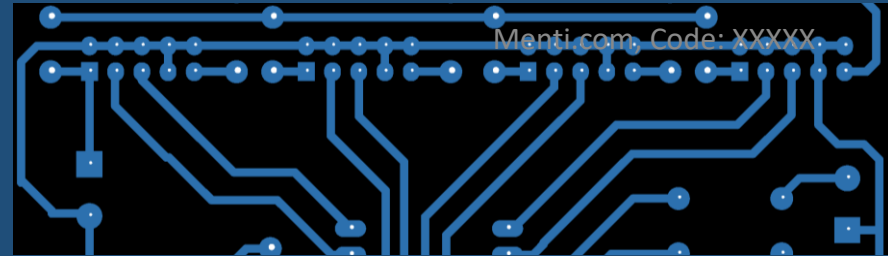
-> Green light on!



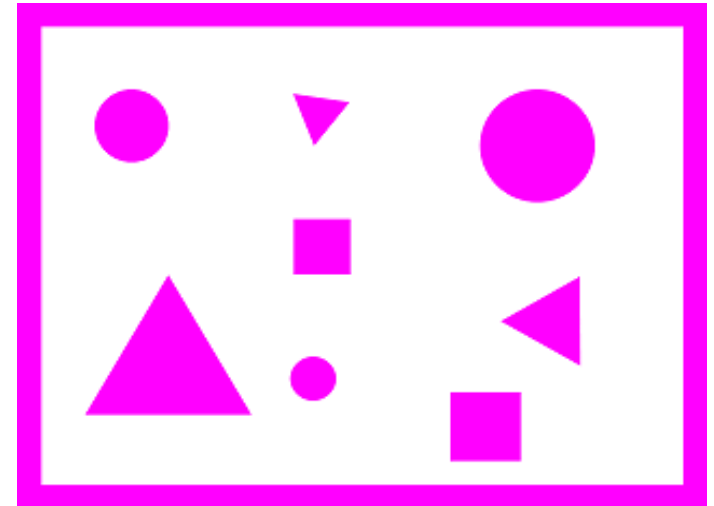
Take *counting shapes* as an example...

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OpenCV – Counting shapes



- Take a sample photo to work on
- Identify key features of the image:
 - Colours
 - Borders
 - Corners
- Isolate these features
- Process the resulting images



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OpenCV – Counting shapes

Good practise

- Start with a flowchart
 - Include how the image should change at each stage
- When testing, display the image at each stage
 - Does it look correct?
 - Which bits are highlighted?
 - Does the lighting condition affect the result?
 - Etc...

Isolate the border

Find the corners

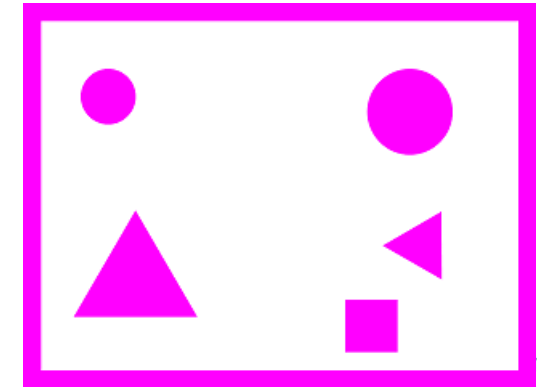
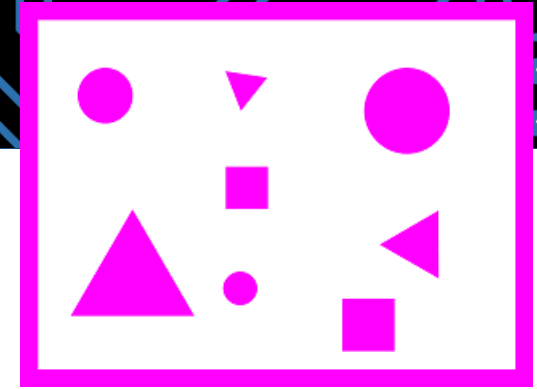
Reshape the image so it's square

Isolate the pink shapes

Find the corners **in each closed shape**

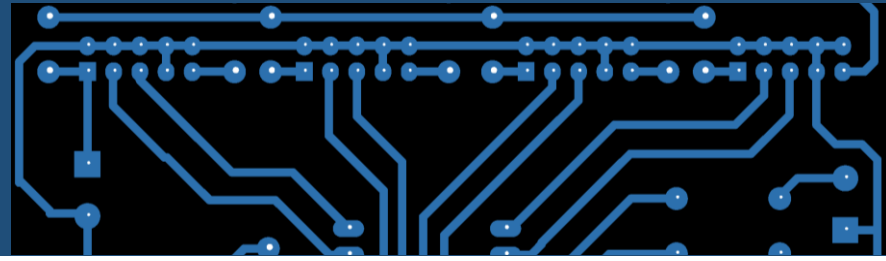
Increment shape count based on number of corners

- Only 3 templates for “Counting Shape”.
- Simplify the algorithm through an easier way.



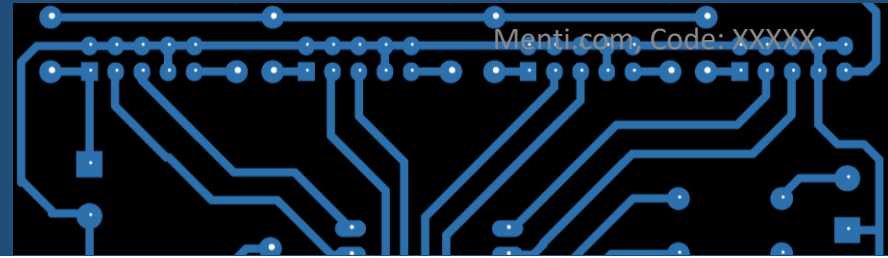
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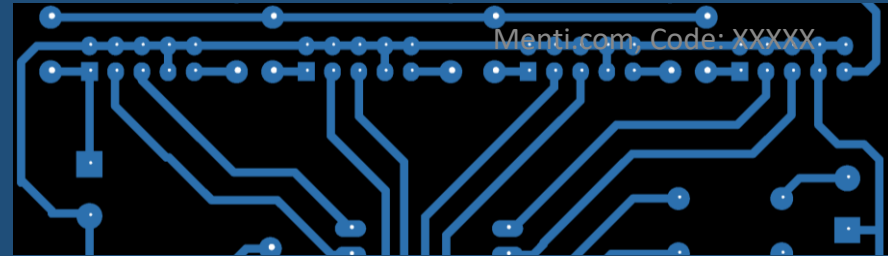


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Assessment	Description	Semester	Weighting (%)
Demo 5	Demo of Session 5	Spring	2
Coursework 1	Coursework regarding OpenCV	Spring	5
Showcase	EEE & PDM showcase, demo, Q&A	Spring	5
Report 3	Report on Session 5 to 7 + PDM collaboration	Spring	15
Management 2	Planning 5-7, Logbook	Spring	5
CPD 2	Report + Reflection	Spring	5
Viva + Q&A	Viva voce + Q&A	Autumn + Spring	10
Finale	Final demonstration	Spring	10

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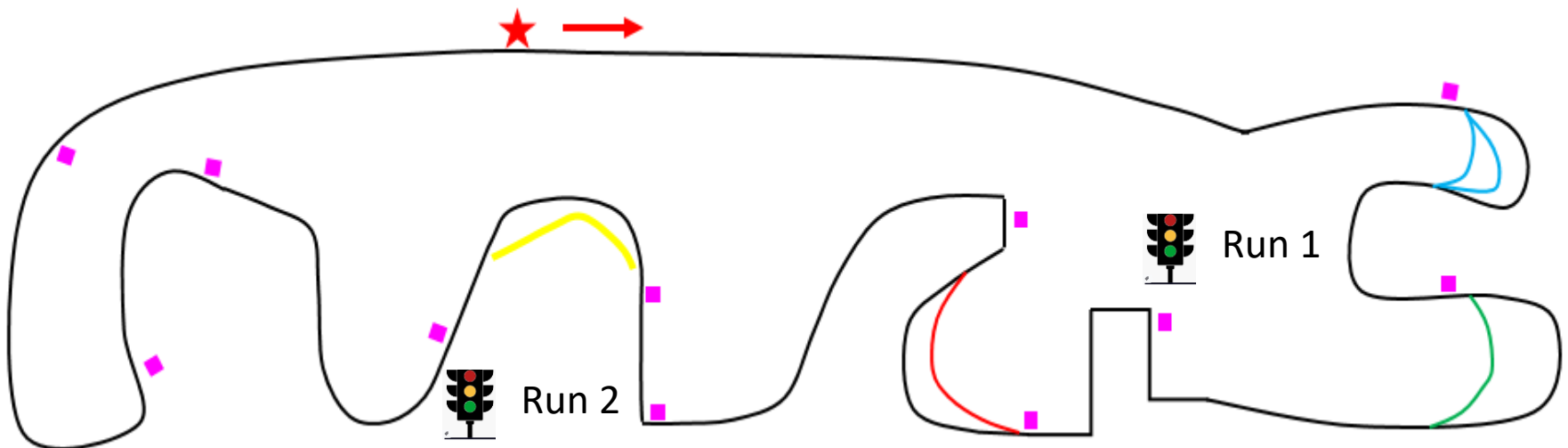
Assessment – Final demo

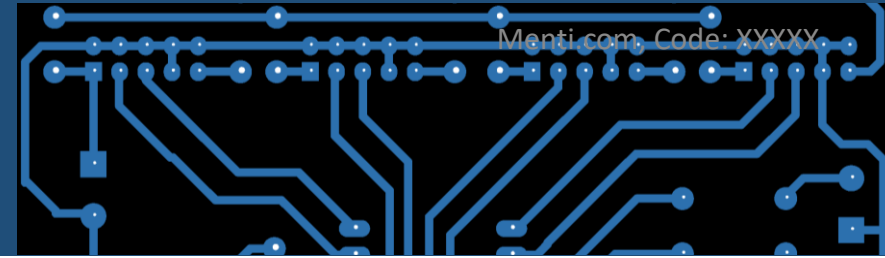


All tasks need to be completed **in two runs successively**, to be considered as task completed.

Finish @ 6pm sharp on Friday in Project Week 7. No time extension!

The CodeBlocks code for the final demonstration should be submitted before **8pm on Friday in Project Week 7**, i.e. the demo day.

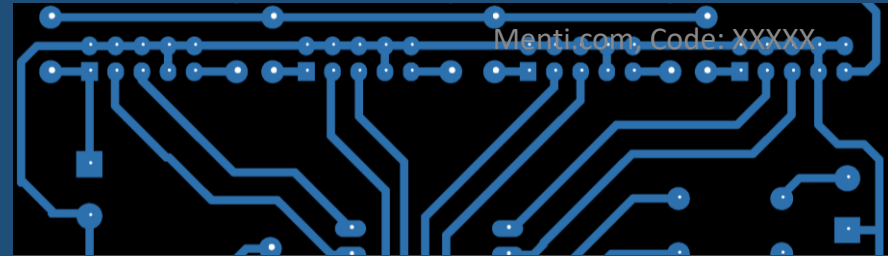




No.	Task	Mark	Description
1	Line following	4	Run the track twice successively
2	Count shapes	1	Count the number of each shape, and display on LCD
3	Short cut – blue	0.5	Run between split path
4	Short cut – green	0.5	Run with higher speed
5	Short cut – red	0.5	Run with lower speed
6	Short cut - yellow	0.5	Run with normal speed
7	Play music	1	Play a music or any audio
8	Alarm flash	1	Flash the red and blue LED alternatively
9	Approach and stop	1	Approach to the template then stop at 5cm distance
10	Kick football	1	Bonus! Kick the football to gate
11	Traffic light	1	Bonus! Stop for red light, and wait until green light shows
12	Multiple tasks	1.5	Bonus! Successfully complete task 1-9

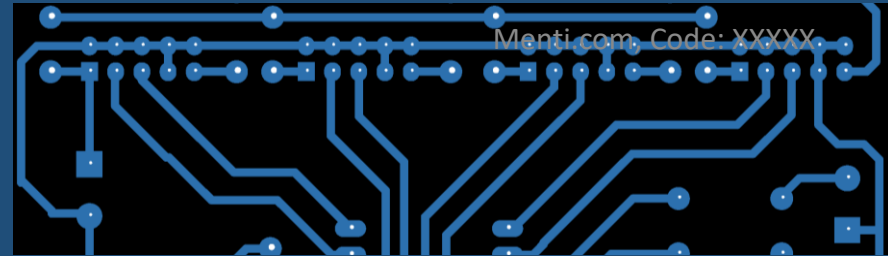
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Assessment – Final demo



- Enjoy the project & challenges and **be nice to your teammates!!!!**
- **Minimum speed limit: $\geq 20\%$**
- **LCD displays recognized task in real time** (only for template matching, not for line following)
- Shortcut – if your vehicle can recognize the shortcut color, can just go ahead and no need to lift up the camera for symbol recognition
- Can request for demo anytime during project week 6 & 7 for either task(s), as long as your group is ready
- Can demo either task(s) you want
- Can demo as many times as you want until success
- **Cannot** remove or cover any pink square, short cuts or templates for demo

- Only components provided by this module are allowed to be used for demonstrations.
- LED lighting for demonstration is allowed. Again, LED provided by this module is allowed. Other lighting component/device is not allowed.
- Power bank is not allowed for demonstration.
- No human interference is allowed during demonstration.
- Be patient! Marks are far less important than the soft skills you will develop during this process, as long as you keep trying.



Requirements:

- Run the black track twice successively
- No need to recognize the pink squares

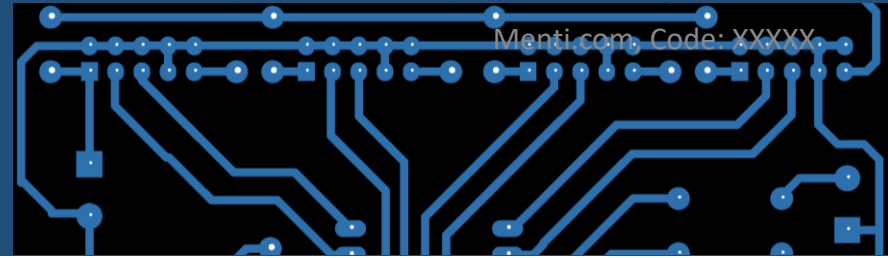
Tips:

- Try to adjust the resolution for video capture of the Raspberry Pi camera, and observe how the resolution would affect the performance of the vehicle.
- Similar tip for template matching challenges. Try to adjust the camera resolution for template matching, observe how that would affect the accuracy in recognizing a template.



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Demo – Count Shapes

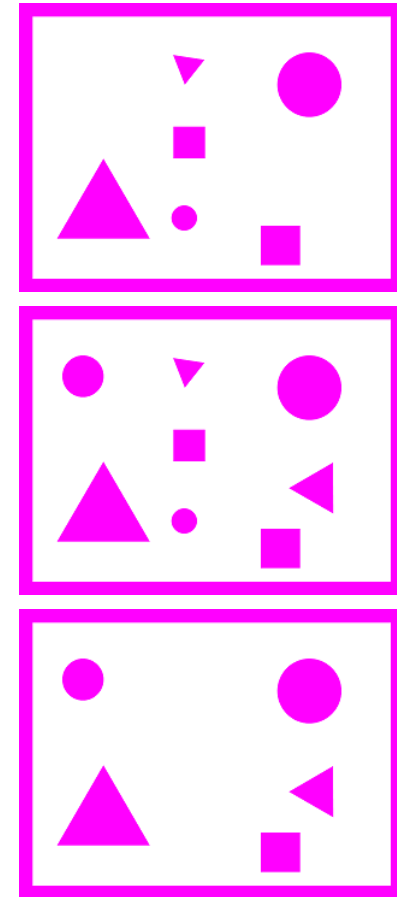


Requirements:

- Recognize the template, display on LCD **Count Shapes** for 5 seconds
- Recognize the numbers of circle, triangle and square, respectively.
- Display the number of each shape on LCD for 5 seconds, e.g.
C: 2 T: 2 S: 1

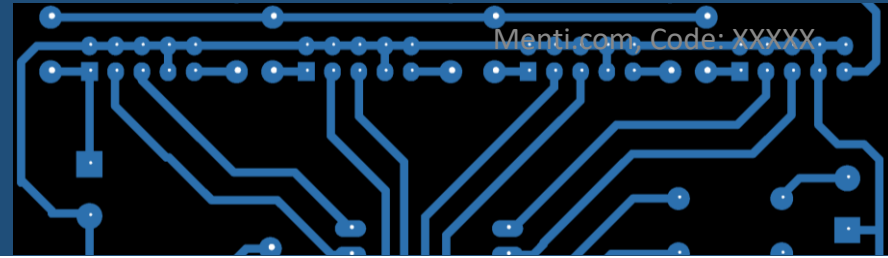
Note:

- The outer-most pink rectangle which encloses all the shapes should **NOT** be included in shape counting.



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Demo – Short Cuts

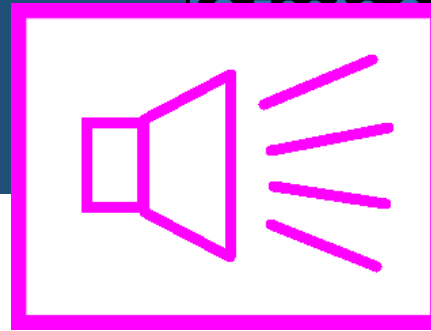


Requirements:

- Recognize the template, display on LCD **Short Cut - Color** for 5 seconds
- Yellow:** normal speed, **red:** lower speed, **green:** higher speed, **blue:** through middle of two blue cuts
- OK:** keep finding designated color(s) during line following routine, without lifting up the camera + recognizing templates, LCD shall display the recognized task while going through the short cuts.

Tips: After short cuts challenge, decision making to get back to the line following routine.





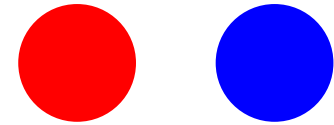
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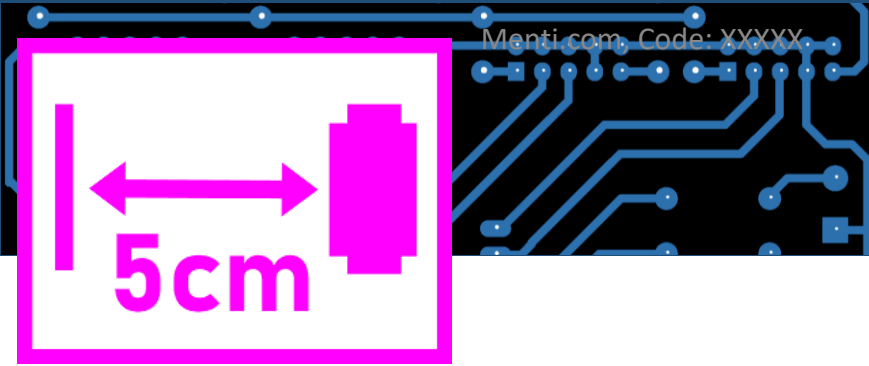
- Recognize the template, display on LCD **Play Music** for 5 seconds.
- The vehicle keeps still.
- Play a piece of music or any audio which is **loud, clear** and **long** enough to be heard in the lab.
- After the music/audio play is done, the vehicle gets back to the line following routine.



Requirements:

- Recognize the template, display on LCD **Alarm Flash** for 5 seconds.
- The vehicle keeps still.
- Raspberry Pi signals one **red** LED and one **blue** LED to blink alternatively for 10 seconds, while the blinking of each LED lasts for 1 second.
- Turn off both LEDs, then the vehicle gets back to the line following routine.





Requirements:

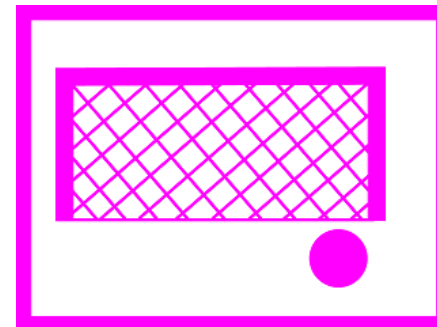
- Recognize the template, display on LCD **Approach and Stop** for 5 seconds.
- The vehicle runs forward towards the template placed in the front, then stops at a distance of **$5 \pm 2\text{cm}$** in front of the template.
- Display the distance measured by HC-SR04 with a precision of one decimal point on LCD for 5 seconds, e.g. **Distance: 5.2cm**
- The vehicle retreats back to the track, and continue with the line following routine.

Requirements:

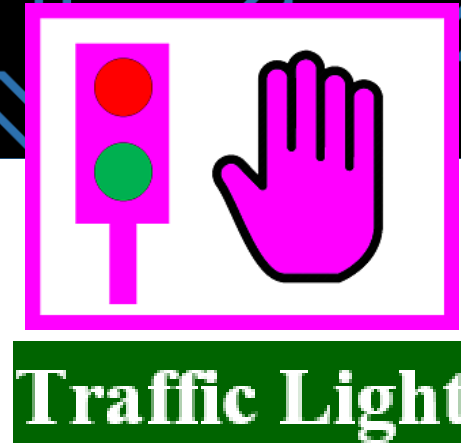
- Recognize the template, display on LCD **Kick Football** for 5 seconds.
- The vehicle should turn to the football, kick the football into the gate, then gets back to the line following routine.

Tips:

- Turn a fixed angle
- Recognize the football



BONUS



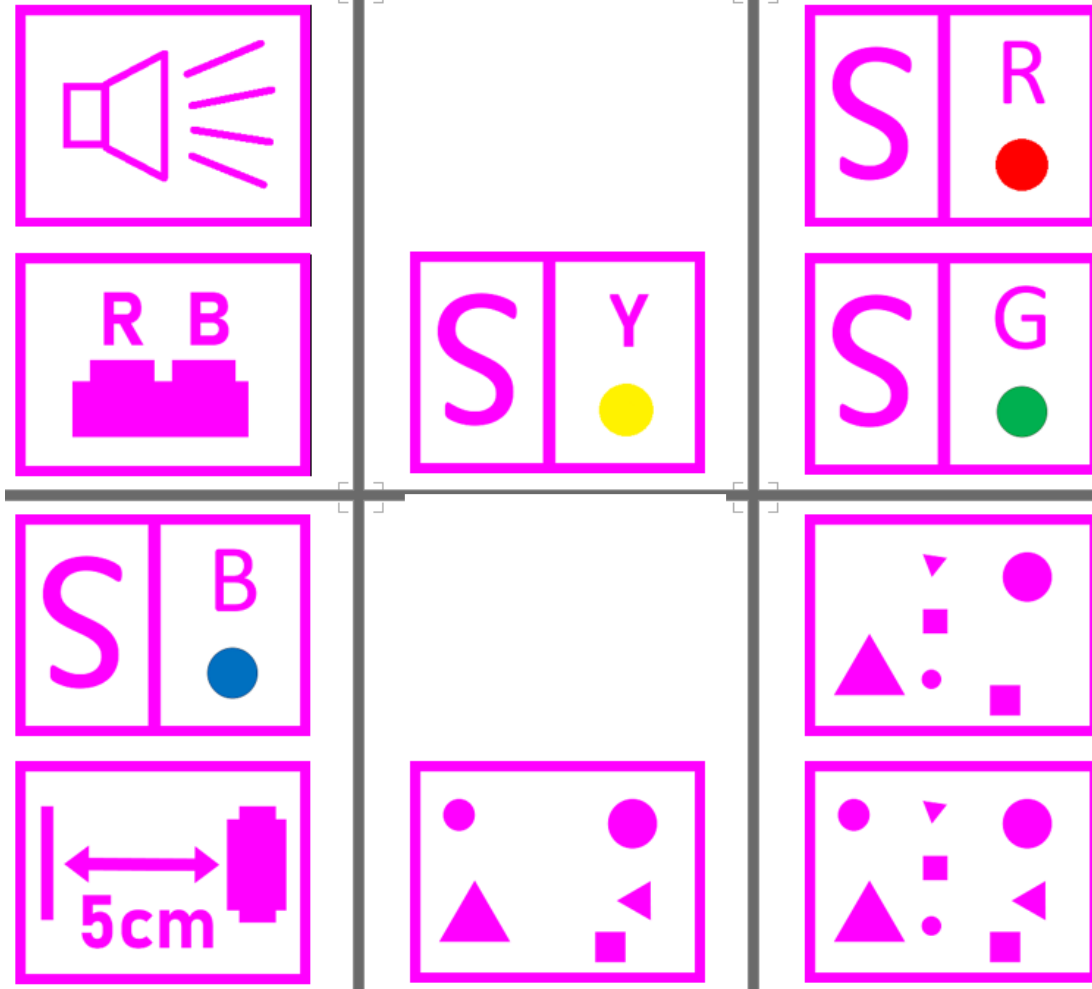
- Requirements:
- Recognize the template, display on LCD for 5 seconds.
- The vehicle should keep still, and wait for the green light to be on, then can get back to the line following routine.
- The time duration before the green light on is random.

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Demo – Multiple Tasks

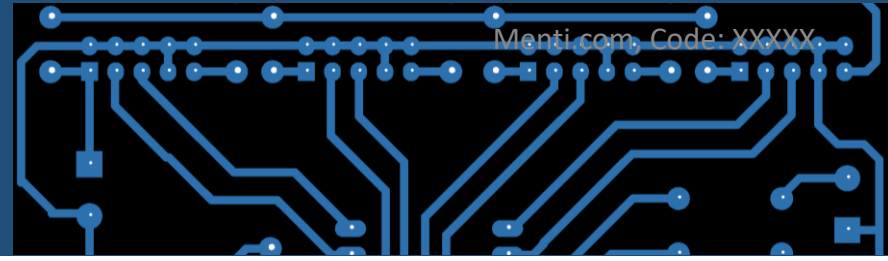
BONUS**Requirements:**

- In both successive runs, complete tasks on the right - requirements of each task are fulfilled
- Traffic light and football challenges are not included
- Short cuts: complete 4 colors

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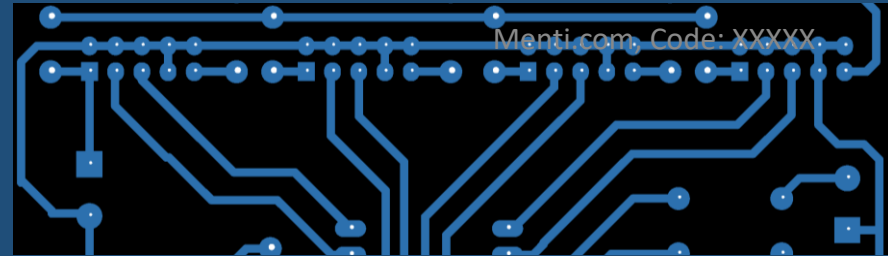


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- Details are introduced in lecture 1 in spring semester.

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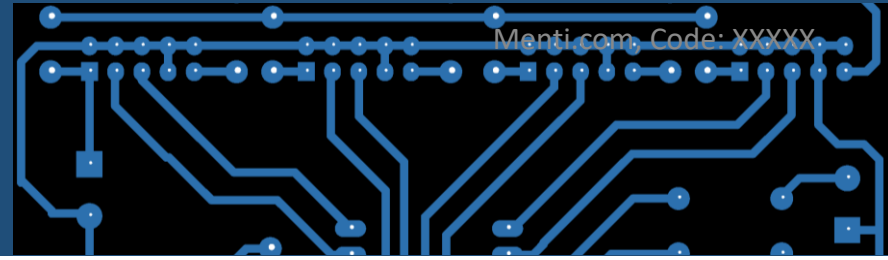
Assessment – Lab report III



- Submission deadline: **3 pm, 3 April 2025**
- Individual report, ≤ 15 pages
- Content to be covered: project 5, 6, 7
- Codes will be submitted after the final demo, so **don't** put codes in the appendix, unless different and necessary
- Flow chart or pseudo code should be included in the main body
- A marking scheme for report No. 3 will be released on Moodle soon

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Assessment – Log book



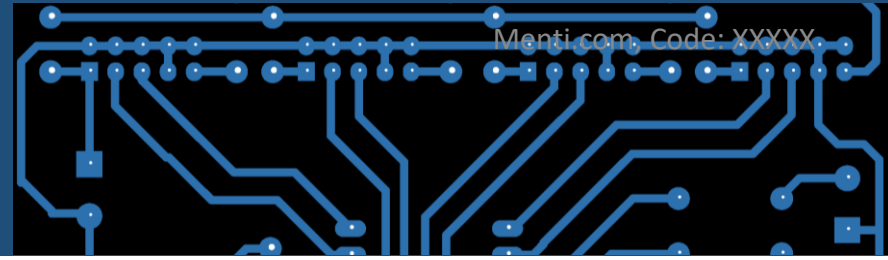
- Submission deadline: **3 pm, 11/25 March 2024**
- Upload the scanned copy to Moodle, hard copy is not accepted
- Will be assessed by your personal tutors
- Refer to the requirement in log book – “Keep a laboratory log book” on Moodle

- Project planning (group) + CPD II (individual) should be submitted on time. Refer to “EEEE1039 Timetable 2024 Spring” on Moodle for deadlines
- Missing or delay in submitting project planning induces ZERO mark for management of that project week
- Planning must be approved by personal tutors to be considered as valid
- Planning should be detailed both in task assignments and person in charge
- Requirement on CPD is available on Moodle, same as autumn semester.



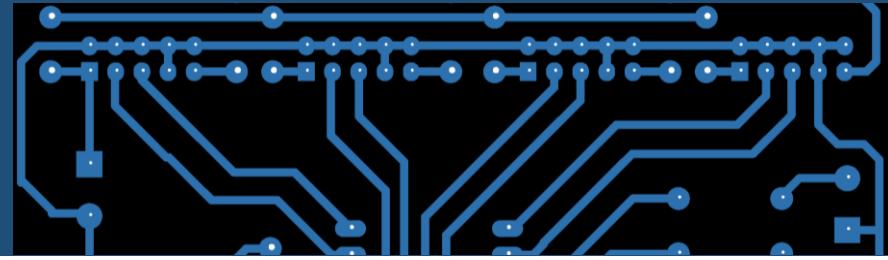
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Assessment - Viva

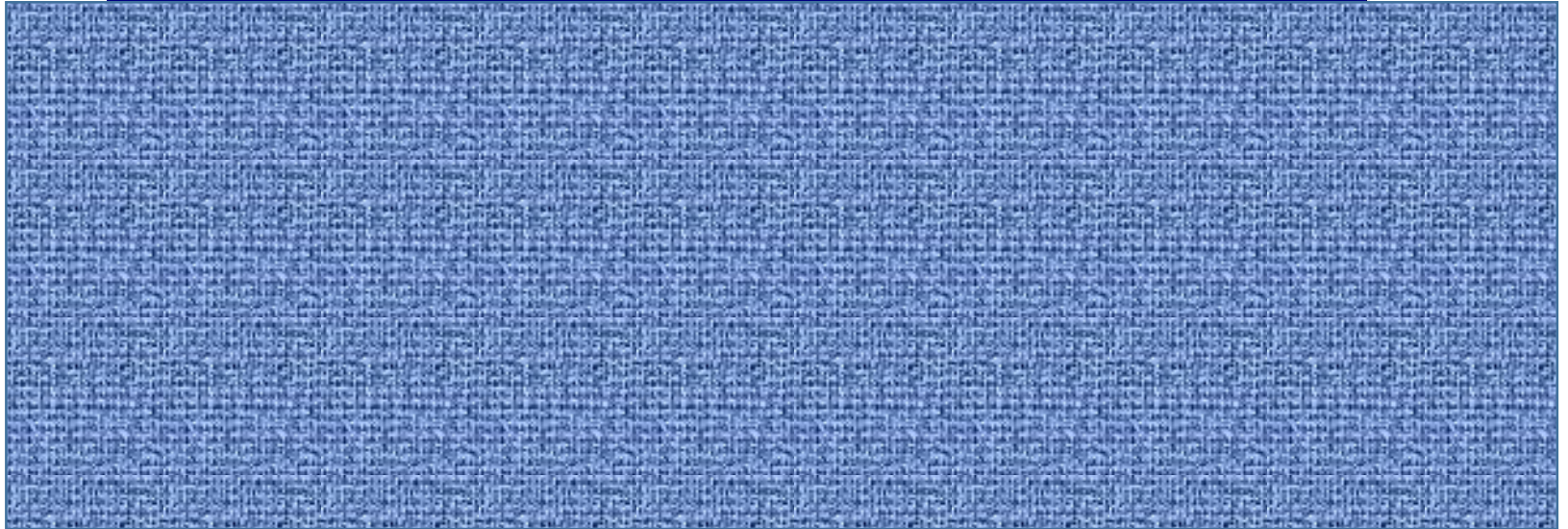


- Group viva, **11 April 2025**
- Location & viva schedule will be released one week before
- Content: **all 7 project weeks** in both autumn and spring semester
- Group presentation + individual Q&A + **ppt slides submission**
- Duration: 25 min = 15min pre + 10min Q&A
- Dress code: *Business Casual*

EEEE1039: Viva Q&A



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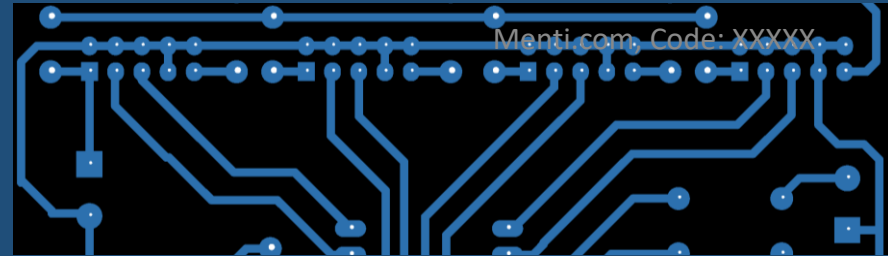


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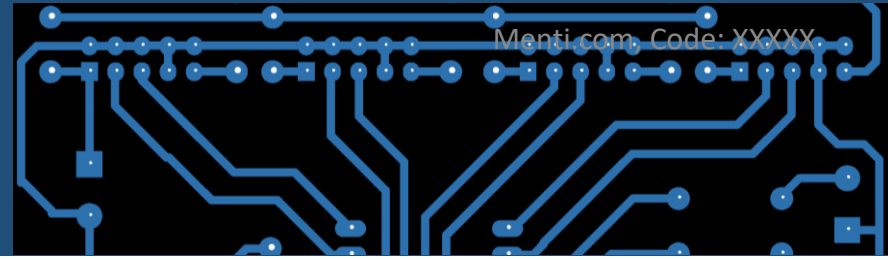
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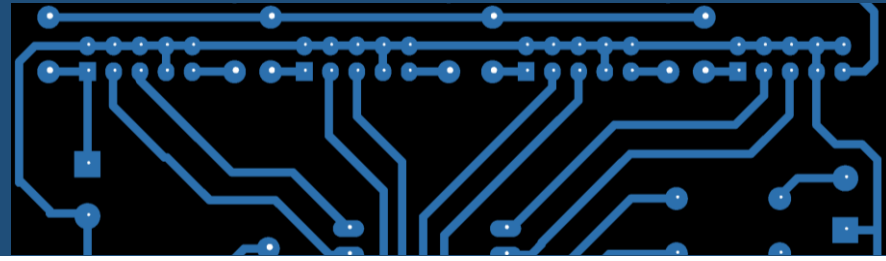
- Project 6 & 7 Introduction
 - General
 - Components and System
 - OpenCV
- Assessments
 - Component recycle

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Component Recycle



- The list of components to be recycled:
 - Autumn components: Already indicated in the components lists
 - Spring components: Available on Moodle
- 2 time slots scheduled on **17 April 2025**
 - 9:30 am – 12 noon
 - 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
 - Any special circumstance, email me
- Venue: PMB207
- **Keep the vehicle as what it looks like on Friday in Project Week 7**
- Report to Ms. Gigi Lu in PMB207 if any requested recycle component is missing



Thanks!

