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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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<b>S No.</b>	<b>Abbreviations</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	IDE	Integrated Development Environment
2	D2D	Device to Device
3	D2S	Device to Server
4	HCI	Human Computer Interaction
5	CAM Shift	Continuous Adapted Mean shift
6	RGB	Red Green Blue
7	HSV	Hue Saturation Value
8	YCbCr	Luma component, blue difference, red difference

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## ABSTRACT

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Signal Acknowledgment is the most supported and practicable answer for recover human connection with PCs and has been generally acknowledged as of late gratitude to its training in gaming gadgets, for example, Xbox, PS4,etc just as different gadgets, for example, workstations, Cell phone, and so forth of motions and especially the acknowledgment of hand motions is used in different applications, for example, openness support, emergency the board, drug and so on. This report delineates our fourth-year venture "Affirmation of motions", portraying the various bearings and techniques that are used for hand signal acknowledgment. Furthermore, it depicts numerous strategies used for advancement and its exact portrayal, demonstrates the yield accumulated and the tests executed to test the refined programming ancient rarity. Since hand motion acknowledgment is connected to two fundamental AI and picture handling fields, the report further depicts distinctive APIs and instruments that can be used to execute various methodologies and techniques in such territories.



# ***CHAPTER I***

## **INTRODUCTION**

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## **1.1 INTRODUCTION TO GESTURE RECOGNITION**

### **1.1.1 GESTURE**

A gesture is a movement of a body part which can be a hand, head, neck or any other to express any symbolic representation of data. It is basically a way of interacting in a non-verbal manner using our body parts to communicate the desired message. It includes various movements such as head movements, hand movements or other body parts movements. It is the use of hand gestures that can be used to express the non-verbal communication with the computer interface.

### **1.1.2 GESTURE RECOGNITION**

Gesture Recognition is defined as the process to identify the various motions designed by the user and are fed to the machine which can be a PC, Tablet or any other machine. Gesture Recognition can be studied using two methods. The first is static gesture recognition and the second is dynamic gesture recognition. Using Static gesture recognition, the predefined gestures stored in database can be identified whereas Dynamic gesture recognition is more based on practical situations. With more practicality comes more difficulty.

### 1.1.3 THE GESTURES CAN BE CLASSIFIED INTO TWO SUB – CLASSES

- Static Gestures
- Dynamic Gestures

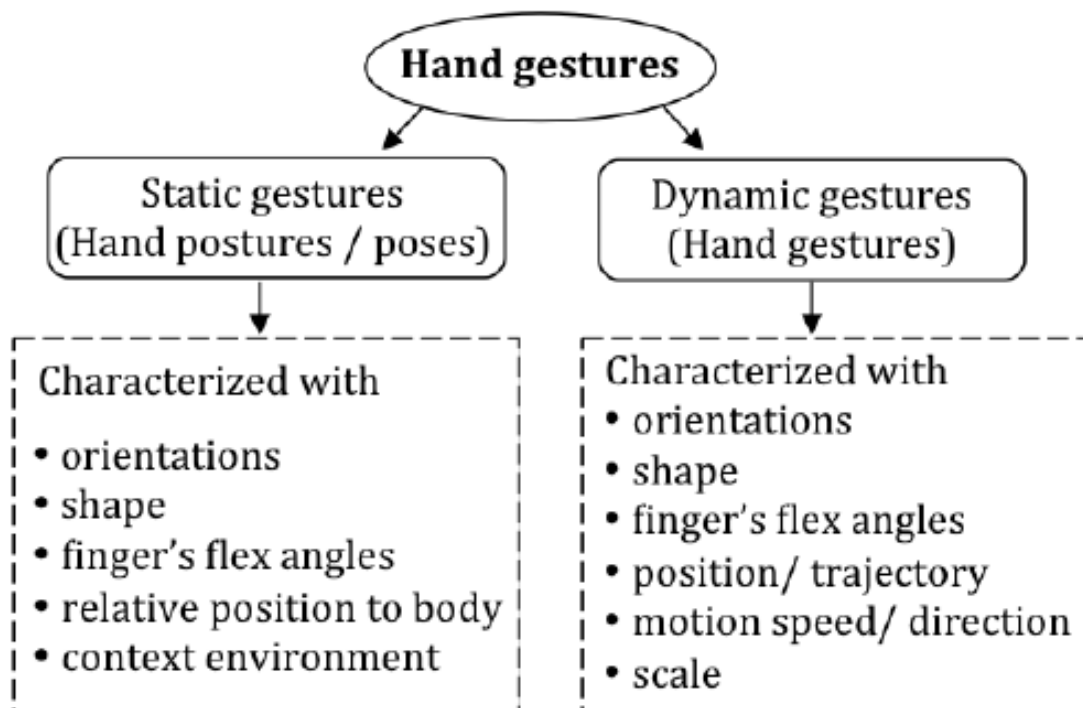


Figure 1. 1: Gestures Classification <sup>[24]</sup>

### 1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

With the growth and development in computing, user interaction with keyboard, mouse and other input devices are not sufficient. These devices have certain limitations and henceforth the usable commands that can be directed to the machine have also become limited. Moreover, it has become quite difficult for the blind and deaf to communicate

with others. Gesture Recognition allows to solve these problems by having a predefined data set.

The gesture fed to the devices is used as the input to invoke the command stored in the database and the corresponding output is displayed on the screen.

The primary step is to discover and track the hands, which includes to get the required picture or video and pre-process it to recognize the hand by applying different procedures attributes to determine the signal generated by the hand. Handling pictures, retrieval of information, recreating the picture can be utilized to generate the hand gesture.

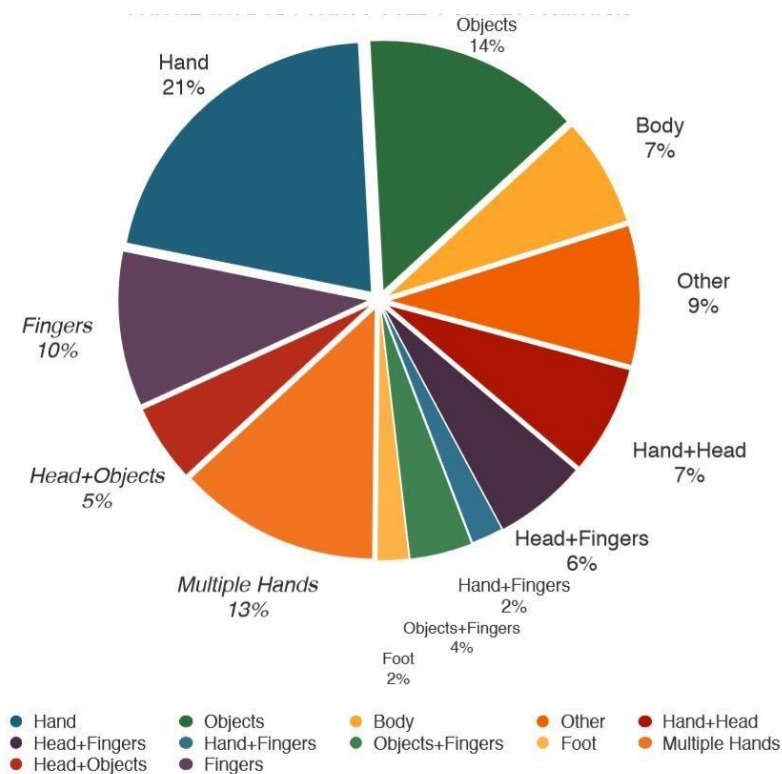
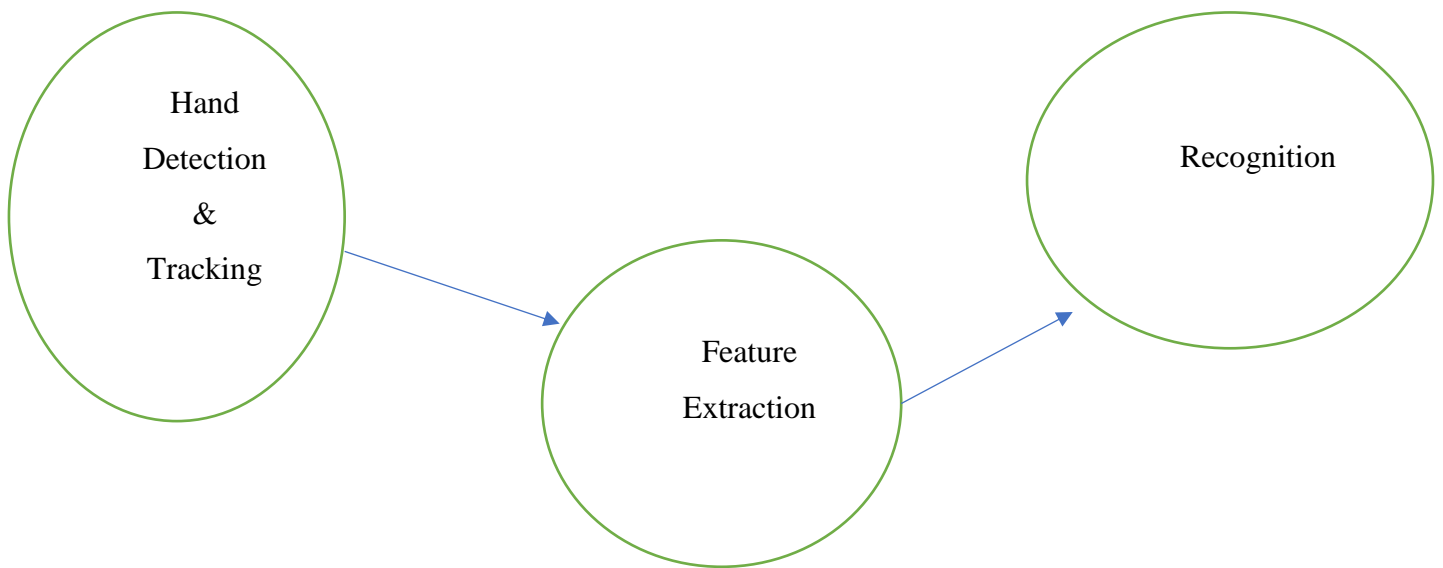


Figure 1. 2: Body parts used for Gesturing. [25]

### 1.3 GESTURE RECOGNITION OBJECTIVES

The various objectives are shown in Figure1. **Error! Reference source not found.**

- Tracking the hand signal
- Extracting the desired features
- Identification of gesture
- Applying the methodology



*Figure1. 3:Steps for Hand Gesture Recognition Figure.*

### **1.3.1 TRACKING THE HAND SIGNAL**

This phase focuses to find and observe the various hand patterns by analysing the video frames to determine the hands of various skins color in different environment and lighting conditions.

### **1.3.2 EXTRACTING THE DESIRED FEATURES**

The second phase includes separating the critical features from the unwanted features and discovering the highlights in order to shape the gesture with its required properties.

### **1.3.3 IDENTIFICATION OF GESTURE**

This phase includes two phases: The first phase is to compare the filtered signal with the predefined dataset. The second phase is to get the recognized gesture in highest precision for better comparisons and error avoidance.

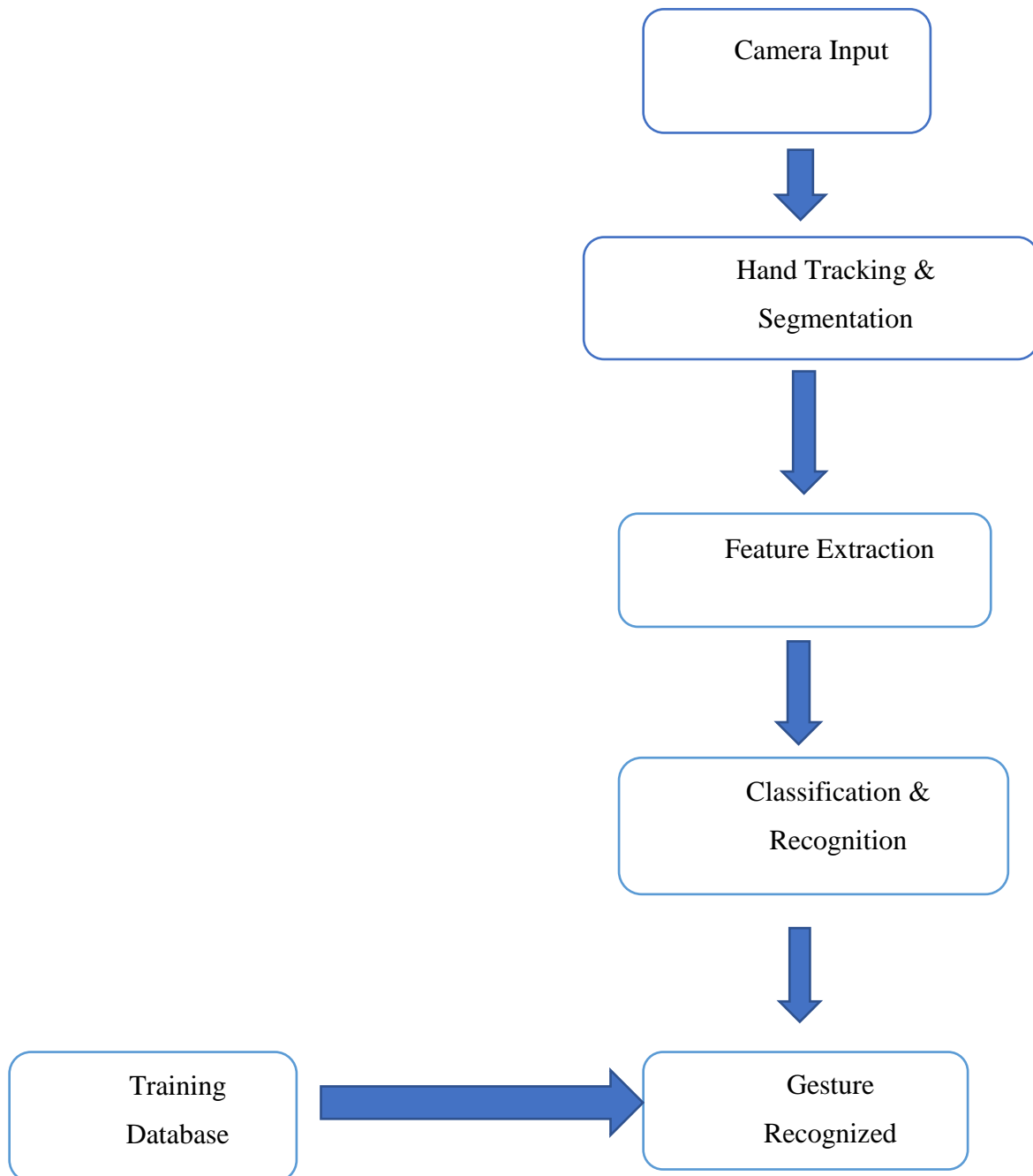


Figure1. 4: The above figures depict the flowchart for gesture recognition.

## **1.4 METHODOLOGY**

There are various methods to detect a static gesture, but the main scenario is to deal with dynamic gestures that shows dynamic changes with time. The methodology to opt depend on the user and the scenarios used as priority to determine the gesture.

## **1.5 ORGANIZATION**

The report contains of various sections. The first section contains the introduction to the gesture recognition and gives an overview to it. The second section contains the various trending technologies used for gesture recognition. The third section talks about the various data sets and inputs. The fourth section talks about the implemented algorithms. The fifth section talks about the various interpreted and generated results, the sixth gives a reflection the work and the scopes in future.



# ***CHAPTER II***

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## **LITERATURE SURVEY**

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## 2.1 CONTEXT

The literature survey conducted provides an insight into the different methods that can be adopted and implemented to achieve hand gesture recognition. Also helps in understanding the advantages and disadvantages associated with the various techniques.

The commonly used methods of capturing input that has been observed are data gloves, hand belts and cameras.

## 2.2 DIGITAL GLOVES DESIGN

Here we have to design a circuit or any alternative method to generate a digital pattern corresponding hand gesture as shown in methodology. Initially we would with different methods to design digital gloves which are mentioned below:

- Using CMOS Camera
- Leaf switches-based glove
- Flex sensors-based glove

### 2.2.1 USING CMOS CAMERA

At first hand motion picture is caught by CMOS camera as appeared in figure then we get limit of hand motion by identified by edge recognition rule in Figure2. 1.



*Figure2. 1:CMOS Camera <sup>[26]</sup>*

### **Drawbacks:**

- It takes roughly 8 sec to catch picture exceptionally costly.
- Each picture involves about 50kb memory.
- Software design difficulty.

### **2.2.2 FLEX SENSORS BASED GLOVES**

Sensor refers to a transducer which converts physical energy into electrical energy. Flex means ‘bend’ or ‘curve’ as in Figure2. 2. Flex sensor acts as a resistive sensor which changes its resistance as per the change in bend or curvature of it into analog voltage. Resistance changes from 45k to 75k by increasing the curvature from 0 degree to 90 degree.



*Figure2. 2:Flex Sensors [26]*

### **Drawbacks:**

- We go through destroy resistors so as to become solid justification levels, strong logic levels are not obtained.
- Low scope of simple yield from flex sensor.
- Less correct analog output from flex sensors.
- Extra circuits.
- Luxurious.

### **2.2.3. LEAF SWITCHES BASED GLOVES**

Like ordinary switches yet when these are planned so that when weight is connected on the switch, the two closures come into contact and the switch will be shut as in Figure2. 3. At the point when these leaf switches end come into contact; the switch will be shut. These switches are set on the fingers on the glove with the end goal that two terminals of the switch come into contact when the finger is twisted.



*Figure2. 3:Leaf Switches [26]*

**Drawback:**

The disadvantage related with the Leaf switches is that after drawn out use, the switch as opposed to being open when the finger is straight, it will be shut bringing about ill-advised transmission of signal.

# ***CHAPTER III***

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## **SYSTEM DESCRIPTION**

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## 3.1: PROPOSED ALGORITHM VIA SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

### 3.1.1 USE OF CAMERA

The primary function of this system is to recognize hand gesture. Here, gesture image is taken using the camera, the image will be processed using methods of contours and after identifying the gesture, an output will be provided on the display screen as shown in Figure3. 1.

### 3.1.2 PREPROCESSING STAGE

- Input Stage
- Processing Stage
- Output Stage

#### 3.1.2.1 INPUT STAGE

- A high definition camera is used to capture images.
- The image captured must be as clear as possible to lower the occurrence of error.
- The input image is transferred to the raspberry pi module for further processing.

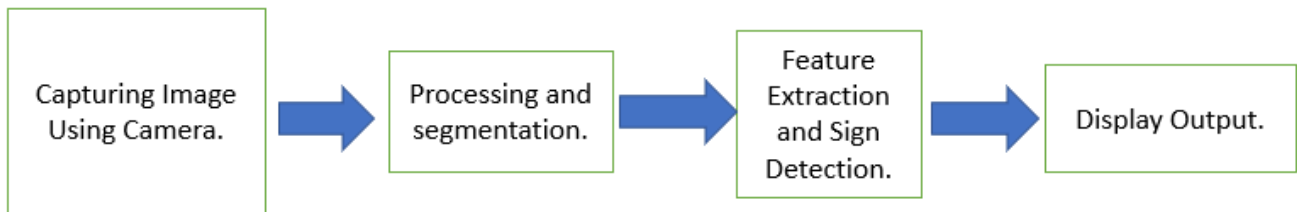
#### 3.1.2.2 PROCESSING STAGE

- It has the main role in gesture recognition.
- Major steps performed in this stage include:
  1. The background of the image is removed.
  2. The RGB image is converted to grey scale image.

3. The contour of image is recorded.
4. The contour is compared with the already fed input.
5. The corresponding result of the recorded gesture is transferred to the display for output.

### 3.1.2.3 OUTPUT STAGE

- The output is displayed on the screen.



*Figure3. 1:Stages for Proposed Algorithm.*

## 3.2 DATA SET

The most important part of the entire report revolves around the predefined dataset which includes the gestures to be recognized via input signal. The data set has been taken from the CAMBRIDGE HAND FLAG LIST as shown in Figure3. 2.





*Figure3. 2:Data Set.*

In this endeavour, we use four classes for seeing manual flags, that are showed up in Figure3. 3. We use the important, the fourth, the sixth and the ninth signal as showed up in Figure3. 2.



*Figure3. 3:Selected hand gestures for recognition.*

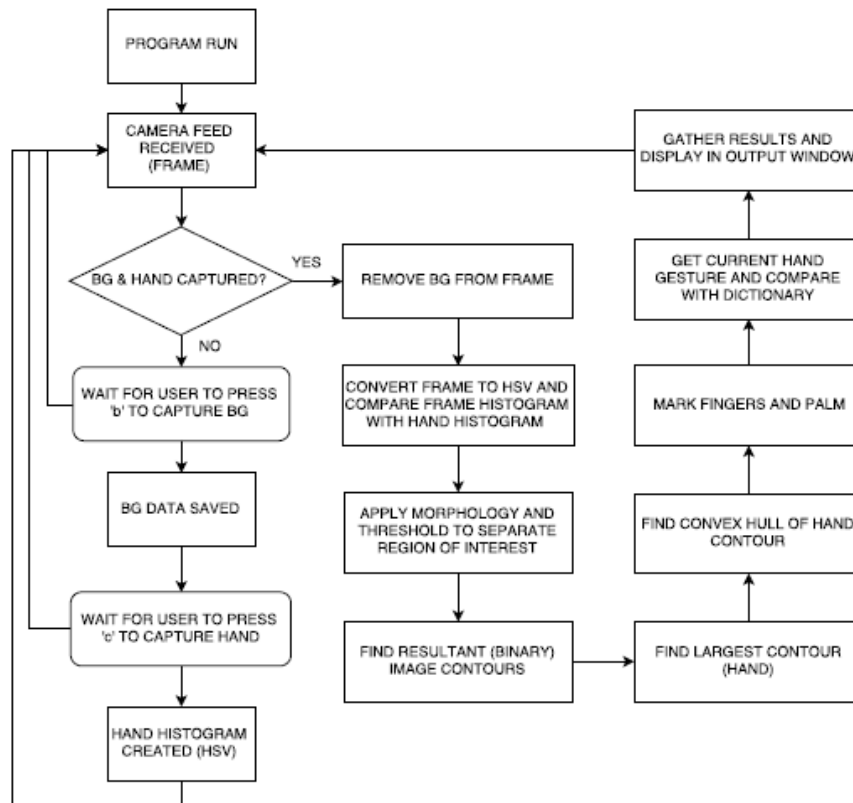


Figure3. 4:Detailed Flowchart for Proposed Algorithm.

### 3.3 OPEN CV

OpenCV (Open Source PC Vision Library: <http://opencv.org>) is an open-source BSD-authorized library that incorporates a few several PC vision calculations. The archive portrays the alleged OpenCV 2.x Programming interface, which is basically a C++ Programming interface, as inverse to the C-based OpenCV 1.x Programming interface. The last is portrayed in `opencv1x.pdf`.

OpenCV has a particular structure, which implies that the bundle incorporates a few shared or static libraries. The accompanying modules are accessible:

- **Core** - a reduced module characterizing fundamental information structures, including the thick multi-dimensional exhibit Tangle and essential capacities utilized by every single other module.
- **imgproc** - a picture preparing module that incorporates straight and non-direct picture separating, geometrical picture changes (resize, relative and point of view distorting, nonexclusive table-based remapping), shading space transformation, histograms, etc.
- **video** - a video examination module that incorporates movement estimation, foundation subtraction, and item following calculations.
- **calib3d** - essential numerous view geometry calculations, single and stereo camera alignment, object present estimation, stereo correspondence calculations, and components of 3D reproduction.
- **features2d** - salient feature detectors, descriptors, and descriptor matchers.

### 3.4 IMAGE FILTERING USING HISTOGRAM

A histogram is a chart or a plan that speaks to the conveyance of the pixel forces in a representation. In this post we're going to concentrate on the RGB shading space (see here on the off chance that you need a clarification about the contrast between some shading spaces, for example, RGB and Lab), thus the force of a pixel is in the range [0, 255].

A histogram can be determined both for the grayscale picture and for the shaded picture. In the main case we have a solitary channel, henceforth a solo histogram.



*Figure3. 5:Example Picture.*

### 3.4.1 TYPES OF IMAGE FILTERING:

- **Grayscale histogram**

How about we begin by considering the histogram of the grayscale adaptation of the above example pictures in Figure3. 5. We can compose the accompanying partner capacity to show utilizing matplotlib the histogram of the grayscale rendition of a picture:

```
1 import cv2
2 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
3
4 def show_grayscale_histogram(image):
5     grayscale_image = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
6     draw_image_histogram(grayscale_image, [0])
7     plt.show()
```

In the event that we execute this capacity for the example pictures we get the resulting histograms as shown in below Figure3. 6.

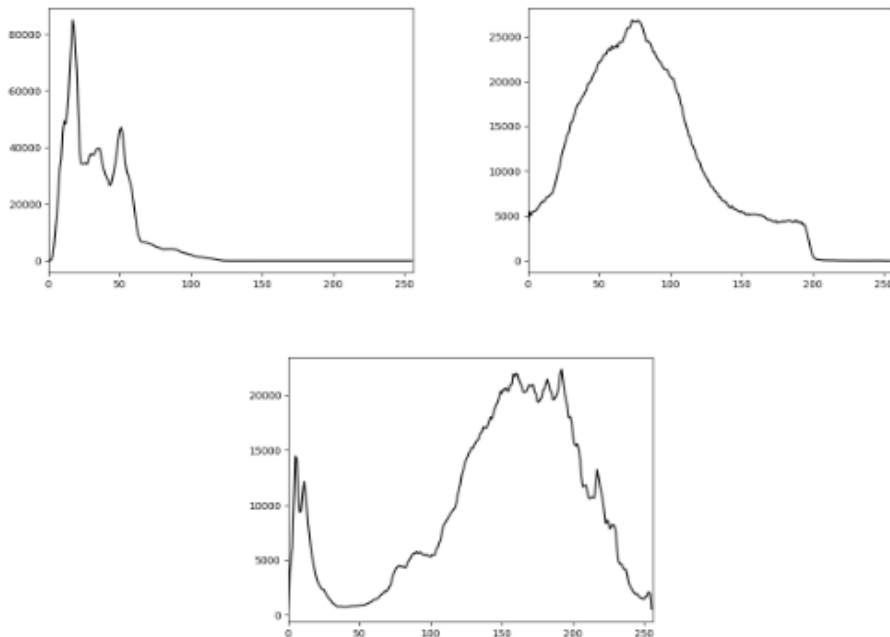


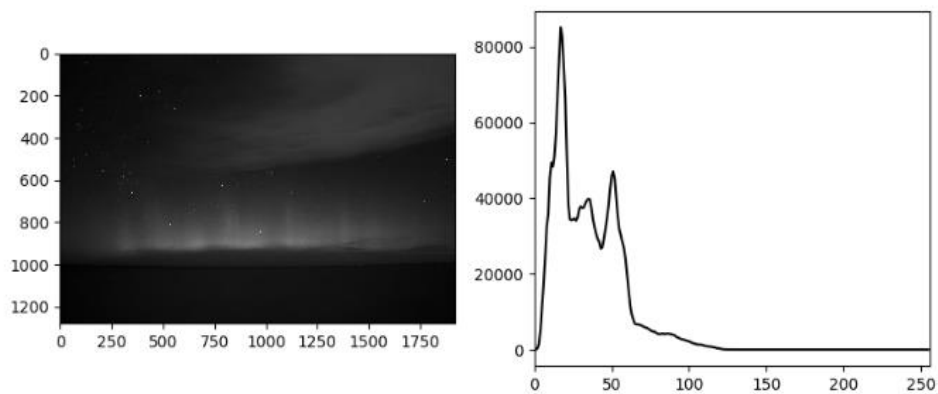
Figure3. 6:Grayscale Graph Results.

We should now examine this plot and see what sort of information's we can extract from them as shown in Figure3. 7.

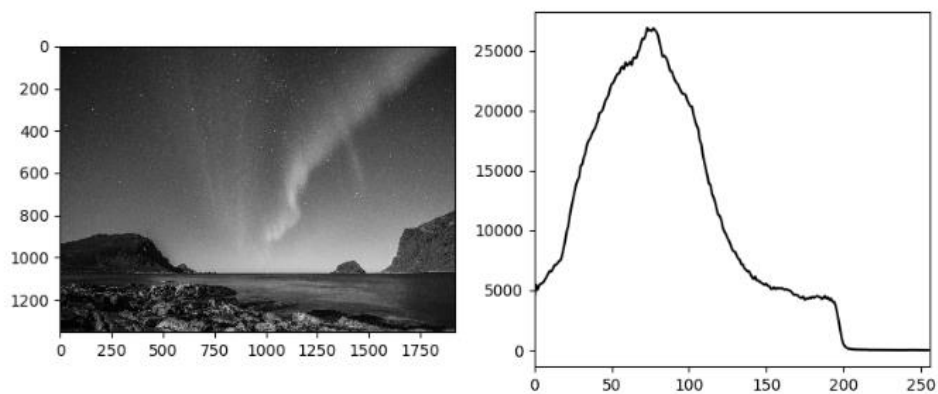
From the first we can surmise that the every one of the pixels of the relating picture have low force as their practically all in the [0, 60] area around. From the second one we can see that the conveyance of the pixel powers is still increasingly twisted over the darker side as the middle esteem is around 80, however the difference is a lot bigger.

At that point from the last one we can gather that the relating picture is a lot lighter generally speaking, yet in addition have some dim areas.

Sample image with dark tones and histogram



Sample image with mid tones and histogram



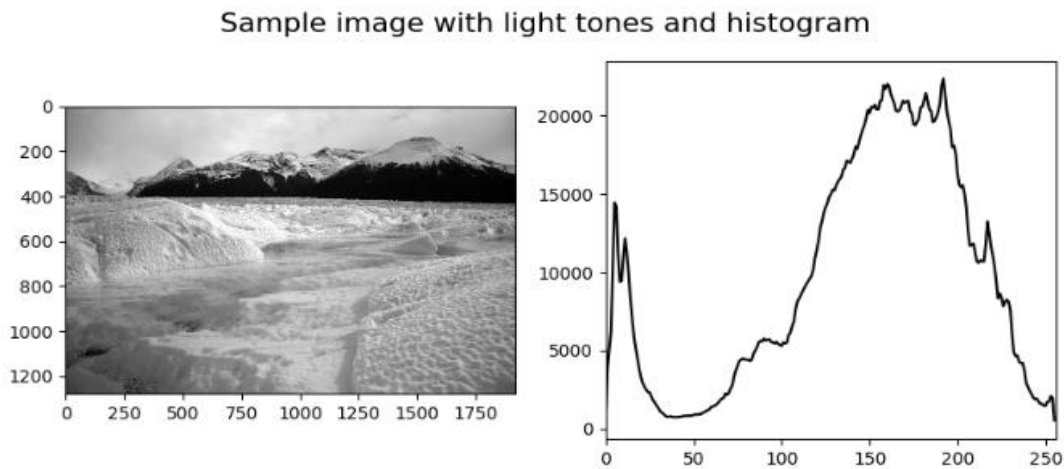


Figure3. 7: Different Grayscale Results.

- **Color histogram**

How about we currently move onto the histograms of the shaded example pictures in Figure3. 5. Indeed, even for this situation we can compose the accompanying assistant capacity to show utilizing matplotlib the histogram a picture:

```

1 import cv2
2 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
3
4 def show_color_histogram(image):
5     for i, col in enumerate(['b', 'g', 'r']):
6         draw_image_histogram(image, [i], color=col)
7     plt.show()

```

In the event that we execute this capacity for the example pictures we get the resulting histograms as shown in below Figure3. 8.

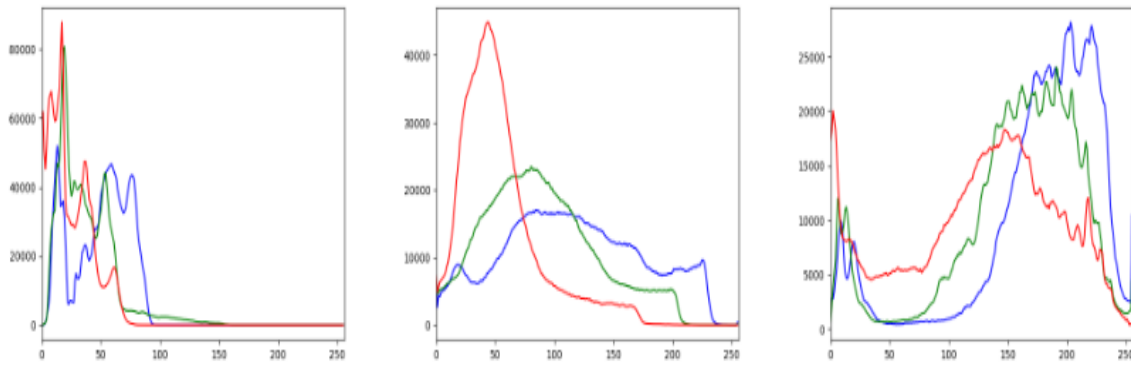
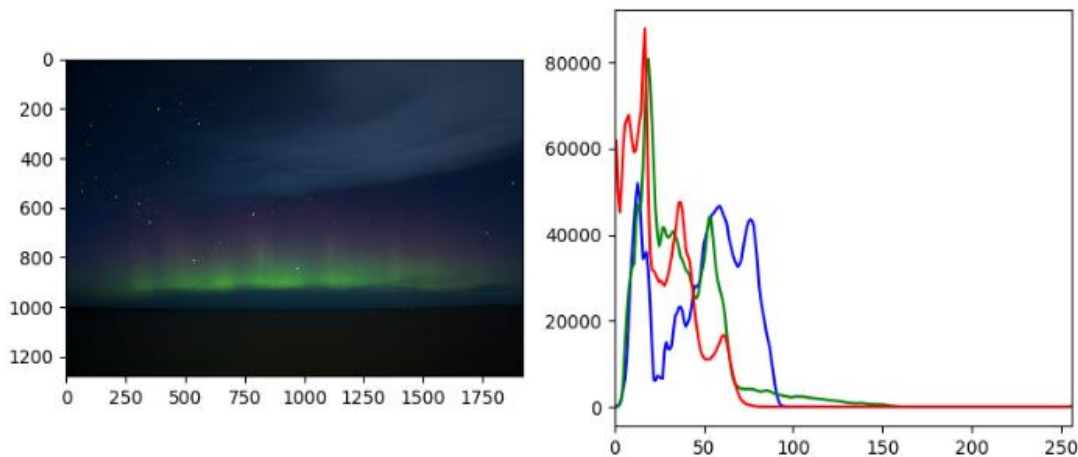


Figure3. 8:Color Graph Results.

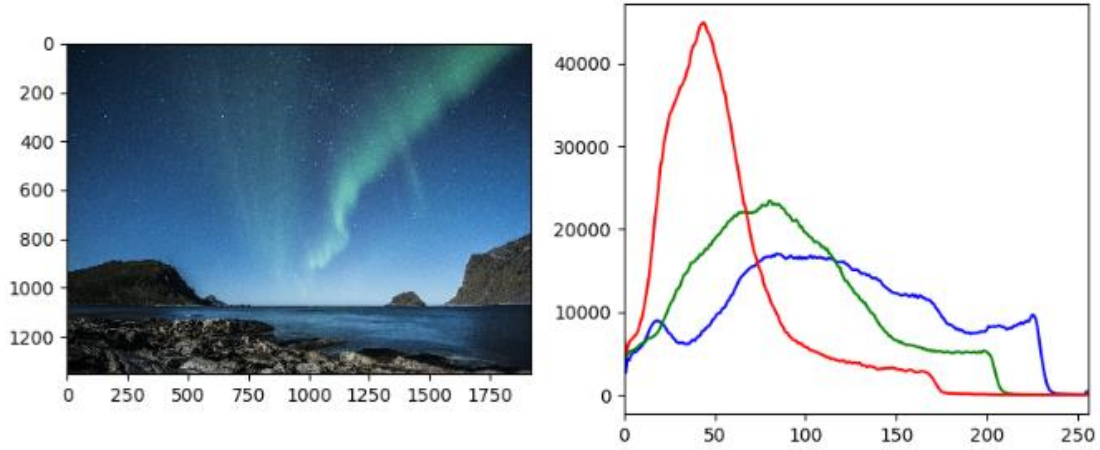
The plots are in a similar request of the example pictures. As we could have anticipated from the main plot, we can see that every one of the channels have low powers relating to exceptionally dim red, green and blue. We likewise need to think about that the shading dark, which is given by (0, 0, 0) in RGB, is bounteous in the comparing picture and that may clarify why every one of the diverts have tops in the lower some portion of the X pivot as shown in Figure3. 9.

Sample image with dark tones and histogram (colored)





Sample image with mid tones and histogram (colored)



Sample image with light tones and histogram (colored)

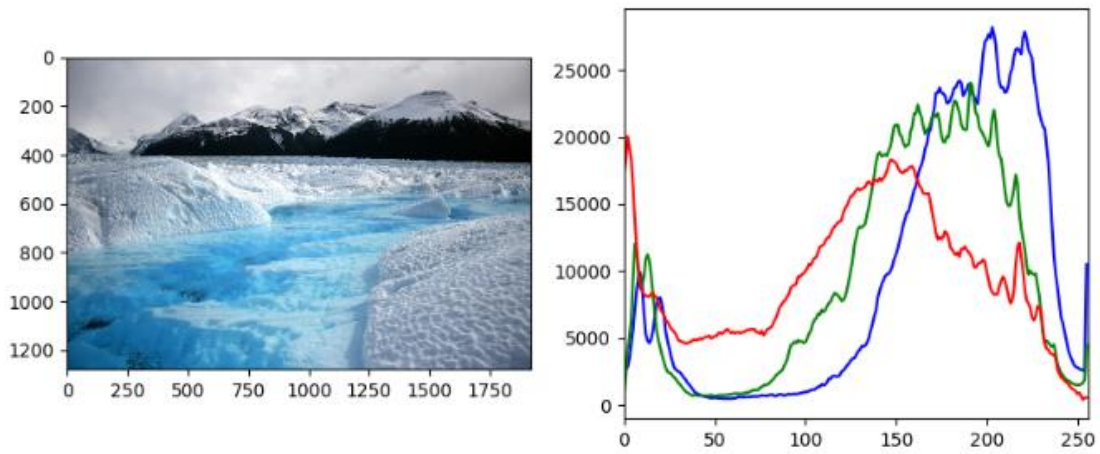


Figure3. 9:Different Results for color Histogram.

# ***CHAPTER IV***

## **PROPOSED SYSTEM DESIGN WITH DETAILED ALGORITHM**

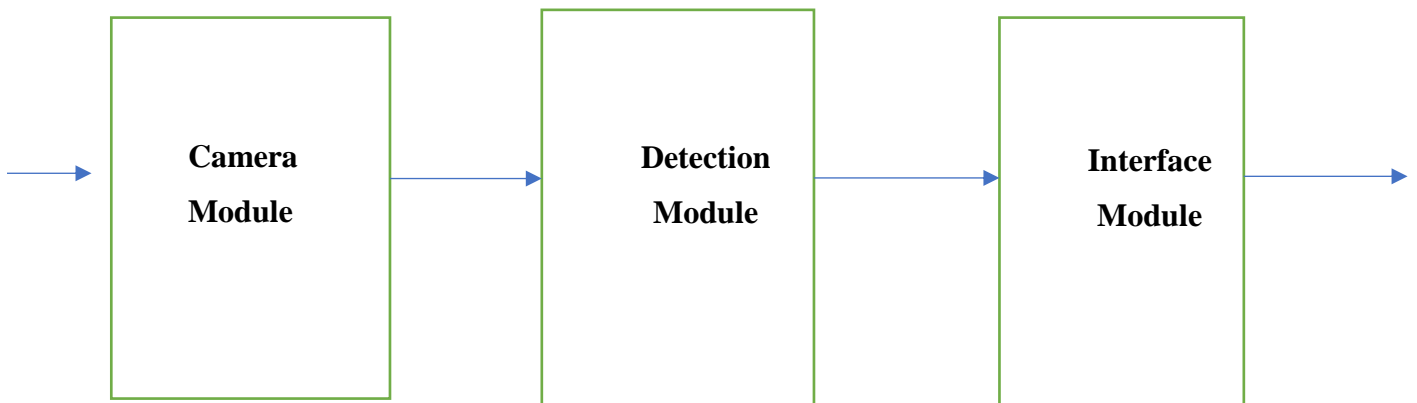
# PROPOSED SYSTEM DESIGN WITH DETAILED ALGORITHM

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## 4. Proposed Hand Motion Acknowledgment Framework:

The structure comprises of two main ends: the front-end and the back-end. The back-end comprises of three modules as shown in Figure4. 1:

- Camera.
- Detection.
- Interface.



*Figure4. 1:Back End Architecture.*

### 4.1.1. Module of Camera

In order to capture the input received from various image detectors and then transmitting the data to the Module of detection for further pre-processing, Module of camera is used. Some of the available methods that can be used to capture the input data are available in the market. They are data gloves, camera etc. In our project, we have used an inbuilt webcam camera that is cost effective and can detect static gestures easily. USB based cameras are also available at higher cost.

### 4.1.2. Module of Detection

The input received from the module of camera is processed through various stages such as conversion of colour, removal of unwanted noise, changing frequencies, extraction of various RGB frames etc. This may result in two scenarios: Image with Defect and Image with no Defect. If the gesture is dynamic in nature, then frames with five continuous movements come into play.

```
averageLuminosity = 0.299*Red + 0.587*Green + 0.114*Blue
threshold = 0.2*averageLuminosity
imageDifference = cv2.cvtColor(image,cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
                - cv2.cvtColor(nextimage,cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
ret,thresh = cv2.threshold(imageDifference,threshold,255,cv2.THRESH_BINARY)
```

Utilizing this strategy, we get the accompanying outcome, as found in Figure4. 2 and Figure4. 3, the discovery isn't exceptionally precise, we attempted particular qualities for edge yet the outcomes were not exact, this might be because of the interaction of tracker which considerably variations the foundation, likewise the entire hand isn't in movement assembly it difficult to remember it, subsequently we took a decision of not utilizing this strategy in the item.



*Figure4. 2:Motion based detection of different gestures in different light.:*



*Figure4. 3:Motion based detection of a gesture.*

The extra methodology we utilized was skin division, as indicated in section 3.1 we used the Lab Shading space to as opposed to RGB shading space for skin acknowledgment.

```

image = cv2.cvtColor(image,cv2.COLOR_BGR2LAB)
blur1 = image[:, :, 1]
blur2 = image[:, :, 2]
ret1, thresh1 = cv2.threshold(blur1, 124, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY + cv2.THRESH_OTSU)
ret2, thresh2 = cv2.threshold(blur2, 128, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY + cv2.THRESH_OTSU)
thresh = thresh1 & thresh2

```

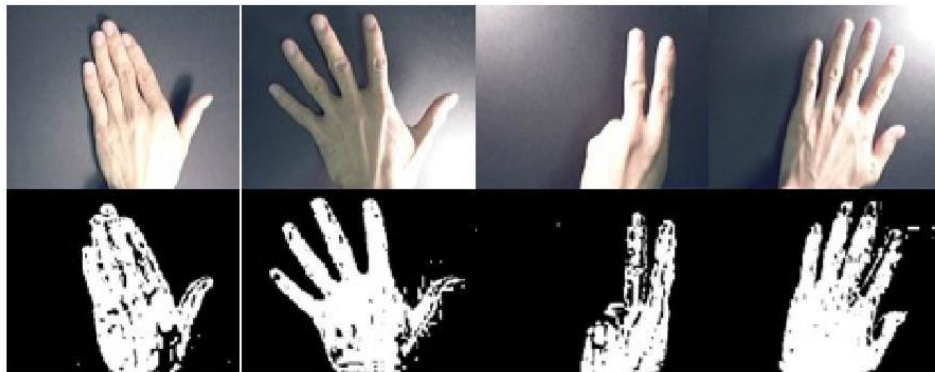
We start by modifying the screening space of the picture to Lab using OpenCV and afterward use the estimations of pathway a and b which are 8 bit divert and as such have a motivating force from 0 to 255, as far as likely qualities to use for thresholding the picture and convey distributed picture exhibiting the fingers as showed as tracks.

Register these edge esteems in light of the for the most part used characteristics for representing skin shading in Lab shading space and on investigation. Figure4. 4 and

Figure4. 5 displays results assembled from this methodology. Later we procure incredible results, likewise we use the skin shading detachment system in the item.



Figure4. 4:Skin division hand identification of a motion in same light.

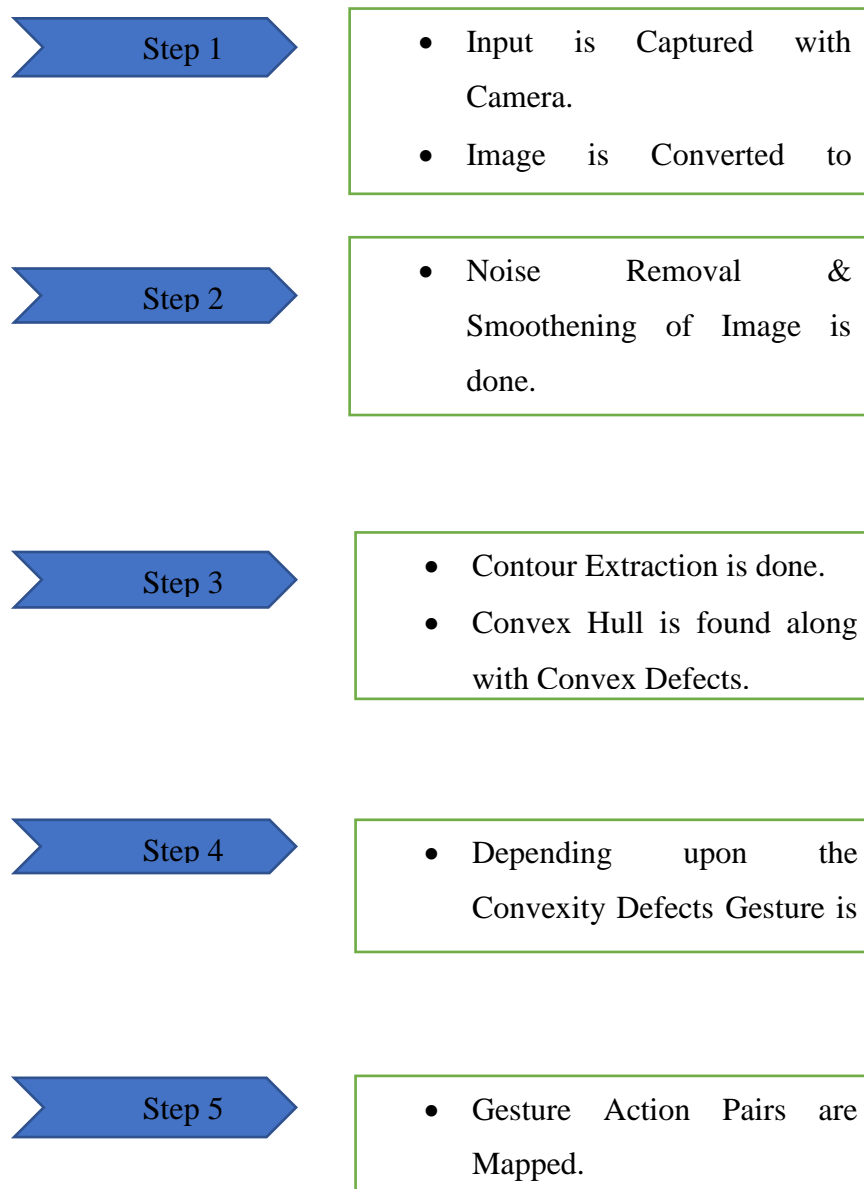


*Figure4. 5:Skin division hand location of signal in various light.*

### **4.1.3. Module of Interface**

The activities must be passed to the proper application. This module is in charge of mapping the recognized hand motions to their related activities. The front end comprises of three windows.

The main window comprises of the video input that is caught from the camera with the relating name of the motion recognized. The second shows the forms found inside the information pictures. What's more, the 1<sup>st</sup> window shows the smooth thresholder variant of the picture. The edge and form window are as a piece of the Graphical UI as a result of the including them the client mindful of the foundation irregularities that would influence the contribution to the framework and accordingly, they can alter their workstation or work area web camera so as to maintain a strategic distance from them. This would result in better execution.



*Figure4. 6:Proposed Method for Our Gesture Recognition.*



# ***CHAPTER V***

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## **RESULTS AND PERFORMANCE**

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## 5.1 CAPTURE CAMERA INPUT

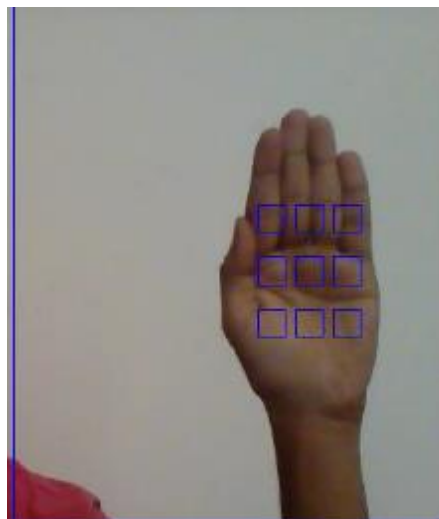
To capture the input camera, we have used the following code.

```
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
```

```
ret, frame = cap.read()
```

The program will first detect the background which will avoid the detection of any objects kept at rest. The objects around the hand histogram are avoided.

In order to apply histogram, the user has to remove his or her hand or any body part from the desired box and then has to click the required key on keyboard in order to detect any unwanted objects. To apply histogram the user then places the hand in the histogram box and then press the required key.



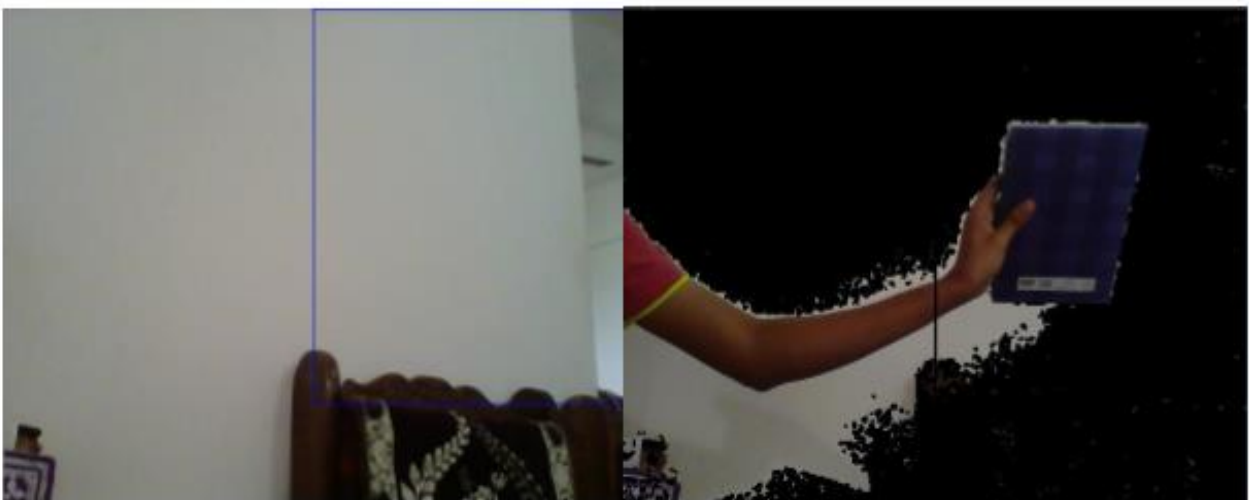
*Figure5. 1:Histogram Box.*

## 5.2 STORE IMAGE INPUT

```
hsv = cv2.cvtColor(roi, cv2.COLOR_BGR2HSV)
```

Camera feed contribution is taken and put away in a NumPy exhibit named 'outline'. Foundation is ejected from the picture by taking the foundation model we just made and running the accompanying line:

```
frame = cv2.flip(frame, 1)  
kernel = np.ones((3, 3), np.uint8)
```



## 5.3 DEFINE RANGE

Currently, 'outline' contains a casing without background.

A client characterized 'hand threshold' work does the accompanying assignments:

- Foggy spots the information casing to diminish commotion.

- Convert edge to HSV.

```
lower_skin = np.array([0, 20, 70], dtype=np.uint8)
upper_skin = np.array([20, 255, 255], dtype=np.uint8)
```

Apply edge to produce a paired picture from the back projection. This edge is utilized as a veil to isolate out the hand from the remainder of the casing.

- Separate out the part contained in the square shape catch region and dispose of the rest.

```
# extract skin colour image
mask = cv2.inRange(hsv, lower_skin, upper_skin)

# extrapolate the hand to fill dark spots within
mask = cv2.dilate(mask, kernel, iterations=4)
```

## 5.4 APPLY GAUSSIAN AND FIND CONTOURS

- Apply morphology and smoothening procedures (Gaussian and Middle haze) to the back projection created.

```
# blur the image
mask = cv2.GaussianBlur(mask, (5, 5), 100)
```

- First discover all shapes of the picture and after that approve the biggest form to check on the off chance that it coordinates the profile of a hand or not.

```
contours, hierarchy = cv2.findContours(mask, cv2.RETR_TREE, cv2.CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE)
print(contours)
print(hierarchy)
# find contour of max area (hand)
cnt = max(contours, key=lambda x: cv2.contourArea(x))
```

- Dispose of all arched frame focuses excessively far or too close to the hand focus got above.

```
# make convex hull around hand
hull = cv2.convexHull(cnt)

# define area of hull and area of hand
areahull = cv2.contourArea(hull)
areacnt = cv2.contourArea(cnt)
```

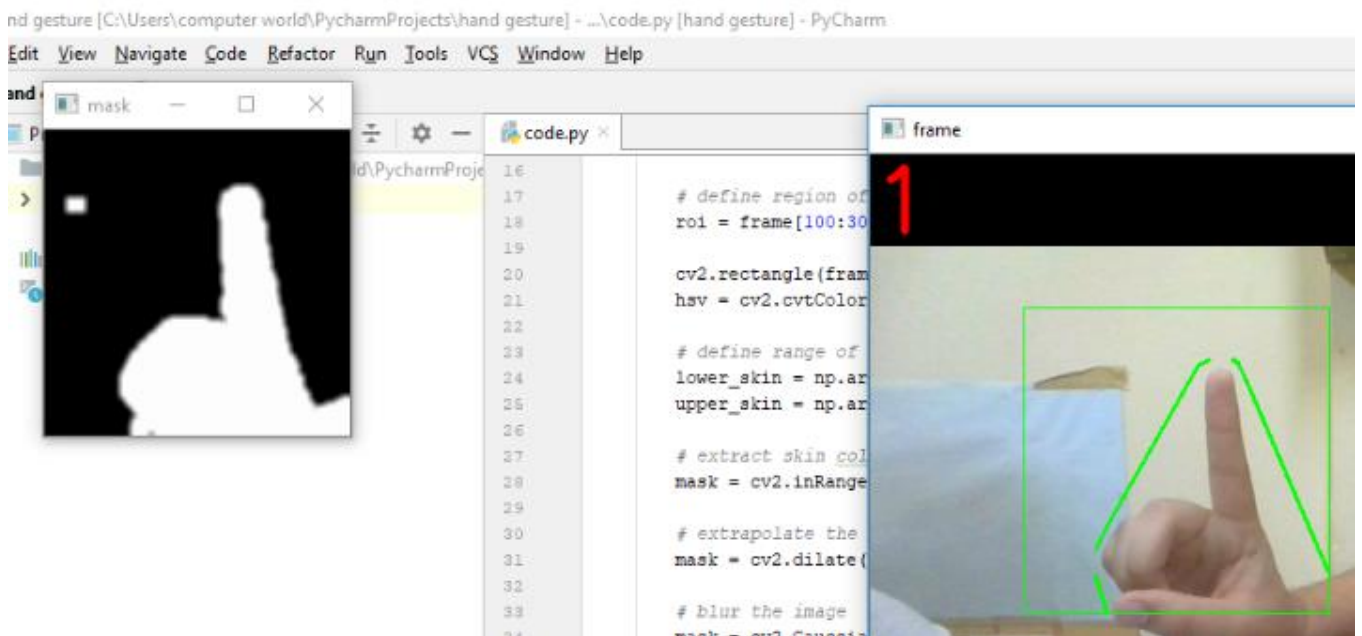
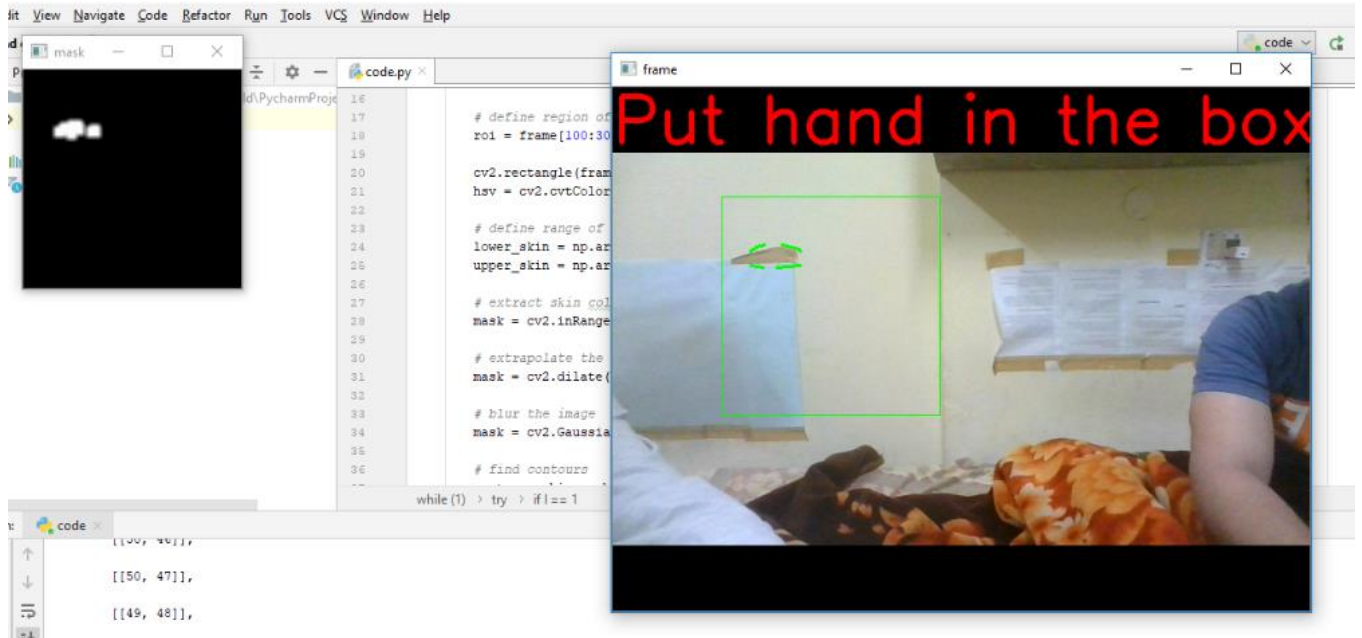
- Find the percentage of area not covered by hand in convex hull.

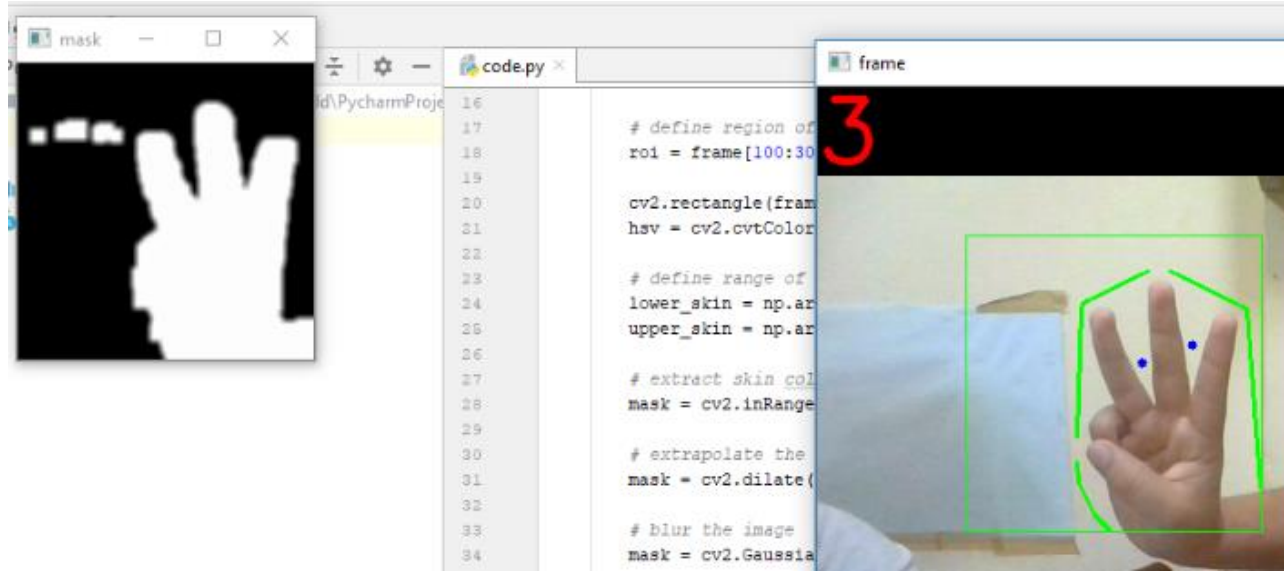
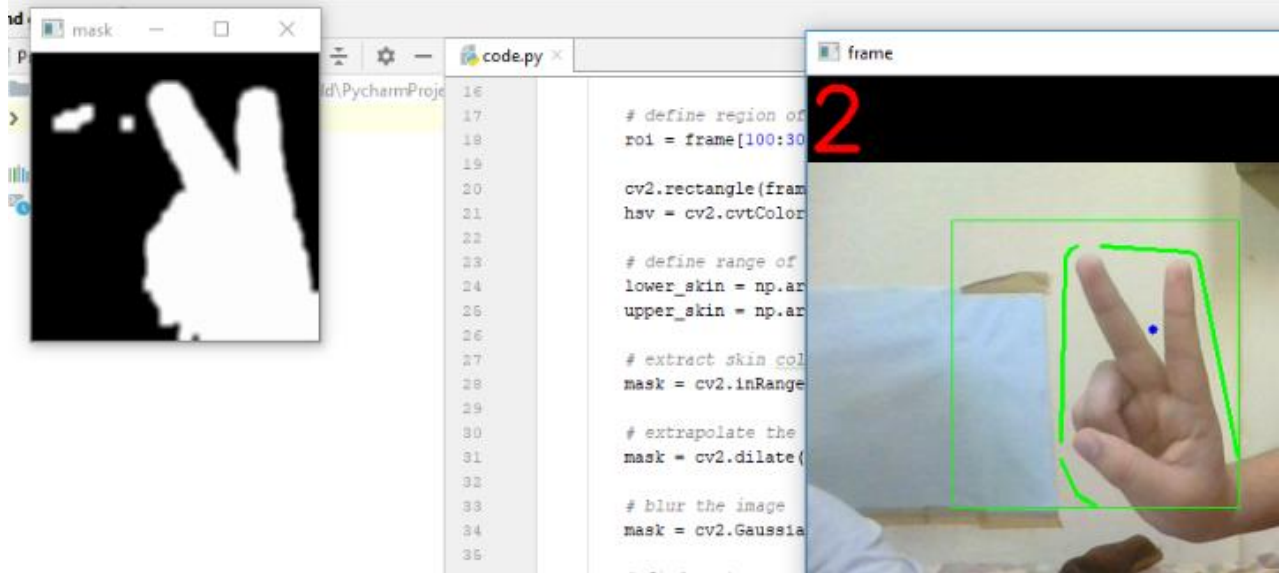
## 5.5 FINDING DEFECTS

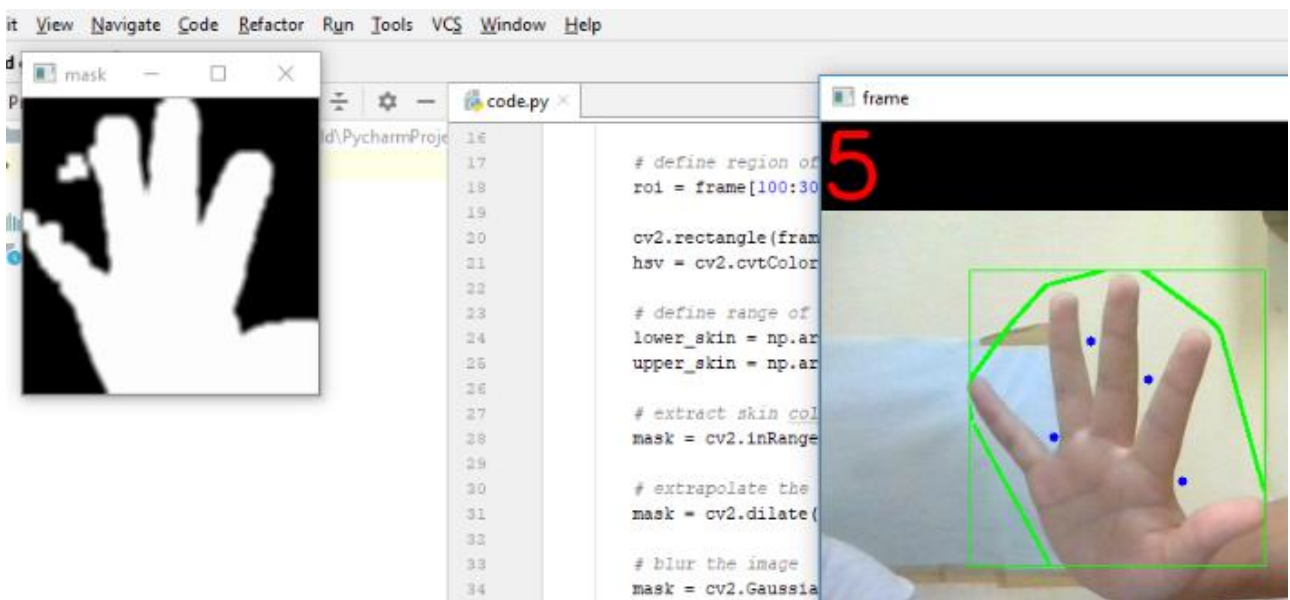
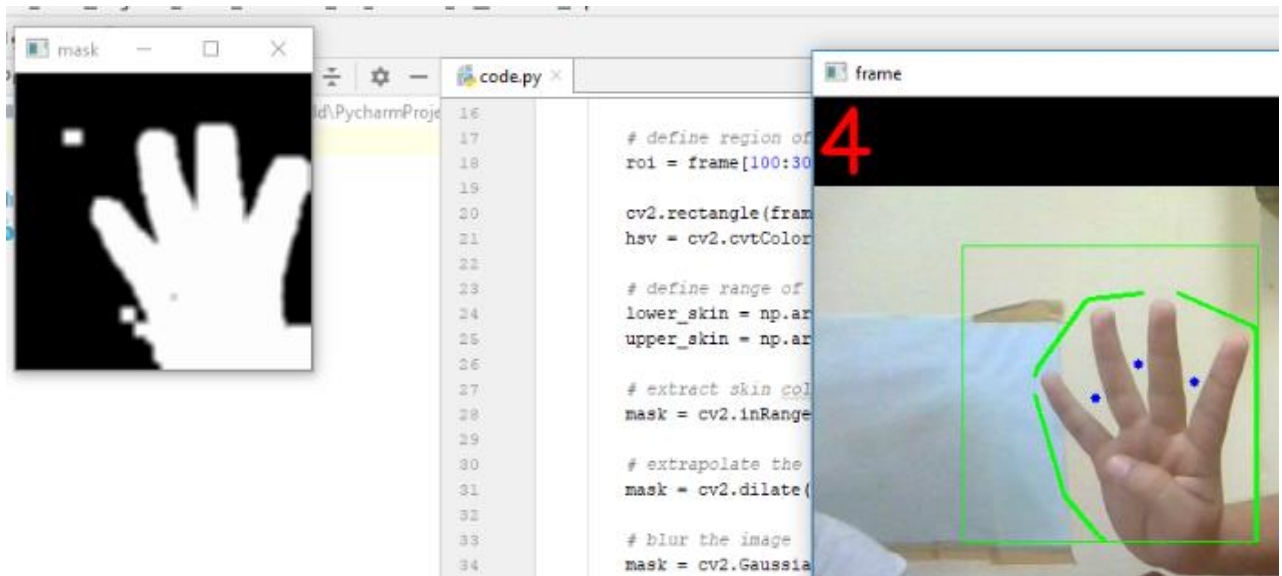
- Find the defects in convex hull with respect to hand.

```
# find the defects in convex hull with respect to hand
hull = cv2.convexHull(approx, returnPoints=False)
defects = cv2.convexityDefects(approx, hull)
```

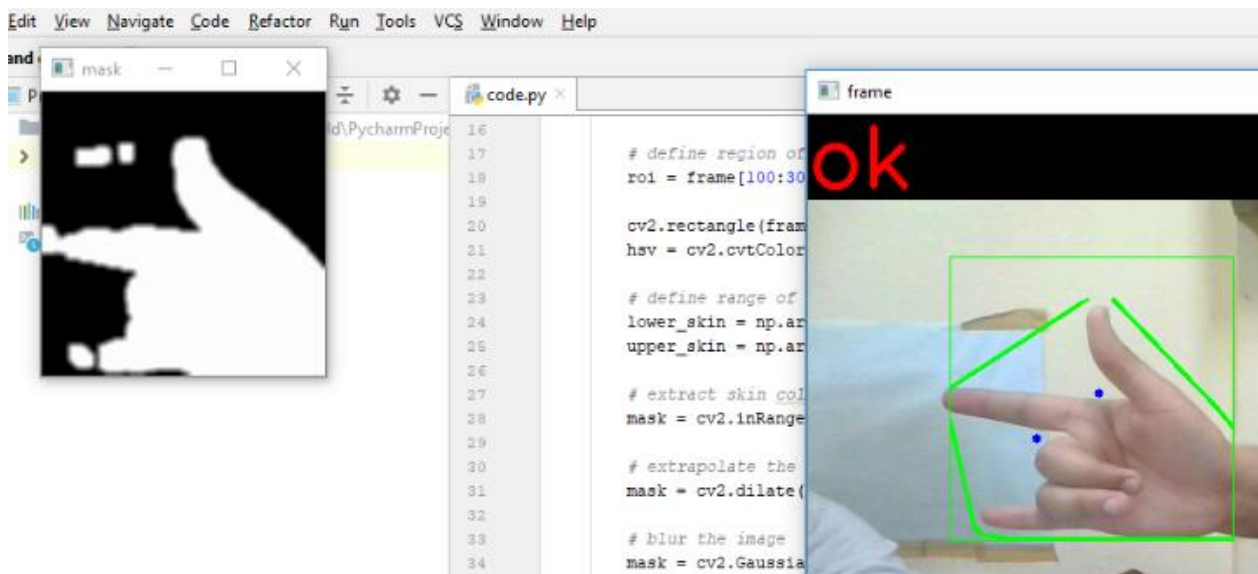
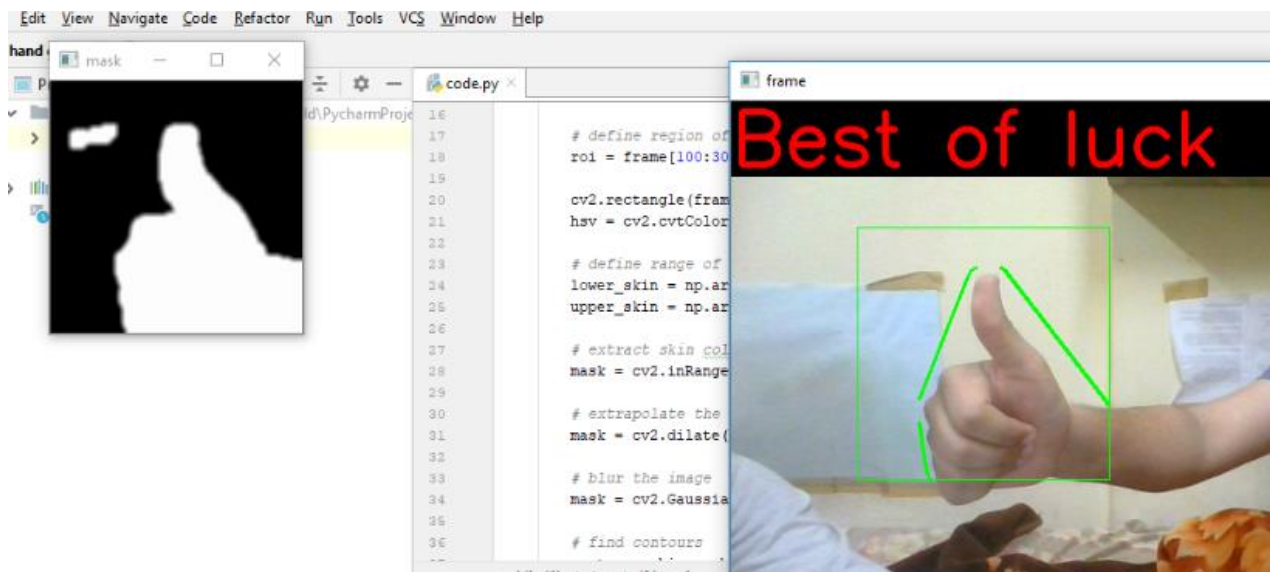
# RESULTS











**SOME CAPTURED GESTURES USING OPENCV.**

# ***CHAPTER VI***

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## **CONCLUSIONS**

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## 6. CONCLUSION

Sign language is the only medium of communication for physically impaired people like deaf and dumb. But they face difficulty in communicating with those who do not understand sign language. It involves development of an electronic device that can translate sign language and display it on the screen in order to make the communication, between the mute communities and the general public, possible.

HCI is one of the advanced techniques for direct interfacing with computers as compared to keyboard and mouse. Hand gestures are communicated through dynamic movement like hand waving or through static poses like victory sign.

### 6.1 REFLECTION

As indicated in Background region, Signal acknowledgment talked about in the paper are abnormal in their own particular manner with every one of them having their advantages and disadvantages. Vision-based approach is extra content and comprehensible whereas sensor-based methodology being increasingly overwhelming regarding equipment and limitations on characteristic hand movement. Vision based is further divided into appearance based and model-based approach. To the extent picture taking care of we found out about the unmistakable principal methodology for expelling basic information from representation and procedures similar adaptable thresholding, thinking structure and moment, we also found out around particular shading spaces and their fittingness for particular functionalities and with and explicit ultimate objective these and diverse frameworks we found out about OpenCV and the unmistakable limit it gives.

## **6.2 PROJECT CONCLUSION**

Gesture based communication can be actualized to impart, the objective individual must have a thought of the communication through signing which is unimaginable dependably. Gesture based communication is one of the helpful gadgets to facilitate the correspondence between the hard of hearing and quiet networks and ordinary society. Consequently, our task brings down such boundaries. This undertaking was intended to be a prototype to check the possibility of perceiving gesture-based communication. With this venture, hard of hearing and unable to speak networks can utilize the gloves to shape signals to frame motions as per communication through signing and the motions will be changed over to discourse.

### **6.2.1 LIMITATION**

As assessed over couple of presumption were made for the endeavour, at any rate the framework has couple of obstructions not withstanding that, similar to its weakness to recognise and track hand if the foundation is in a general sense proportionate to the skin shading, to see and track submit insane light conditions. Also, the assertion compose requires client obstruction as decided already.

## **6.3 FORTHCOMING SCOPE**

The endeavour further can be united with a GUI in setting of python with talk office. By build-up the structure later on to refresh ID and following to vanquish the requirements, for example as opposed to using skin shading for zone, we can use various frameworks for following and especially we can wear out affecting the request to deal with increasingly autonomous and see the developments constantly alongside.

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