

# ASL Fingerspelling Interpretation

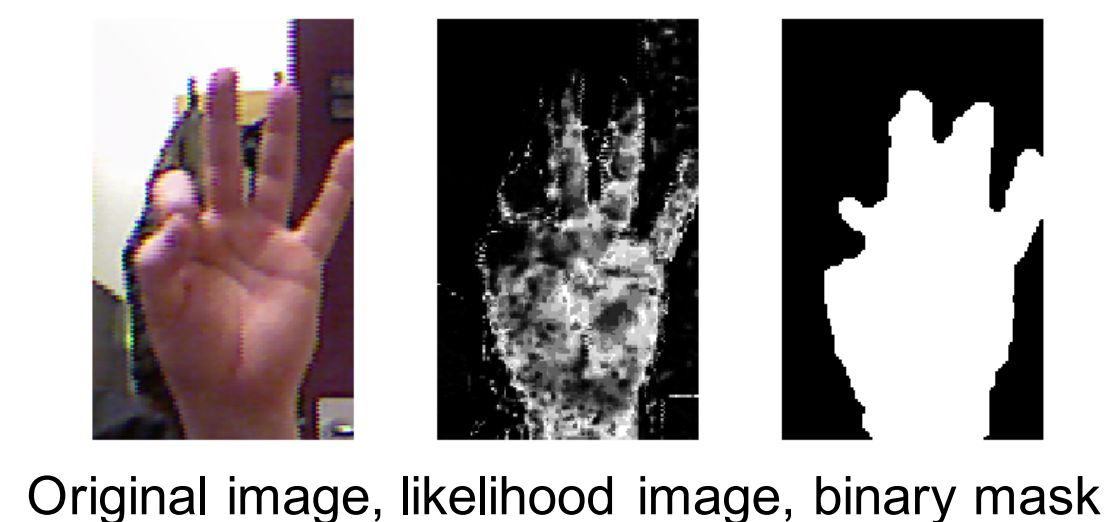
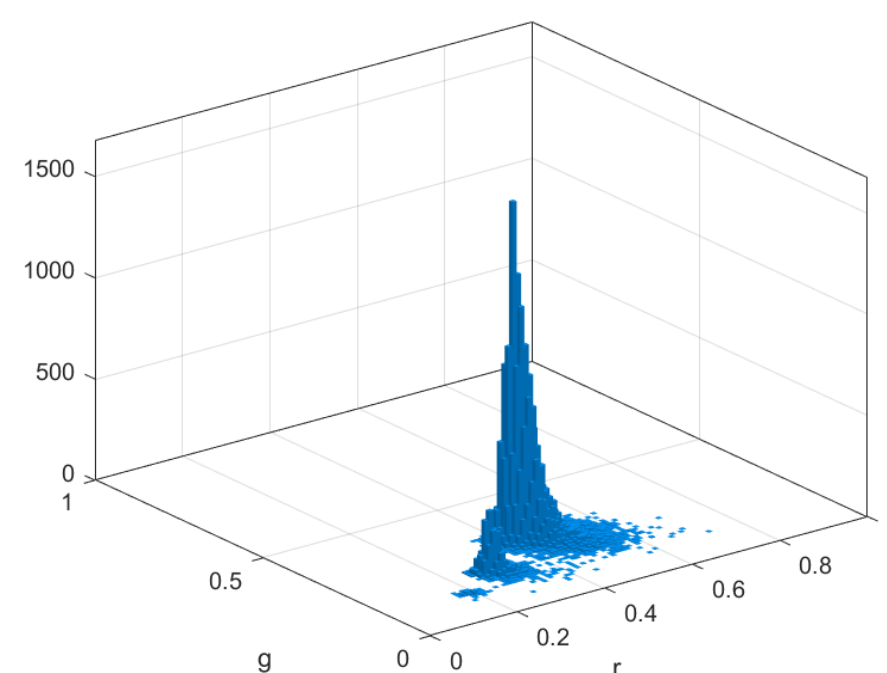
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## Motivation and Goals

- Develop modern and mobile method of sign language interpretation
- Concepts can be expanded to real-time gesture recognition
- Goal: Real-time implementation on Android app

## Future Work - Skin Segmentation

- Use to expand project to cluttered backgrounds
- Likelihood model of rg chromaticity of skin pixels
- Morphological processing on likelihood image

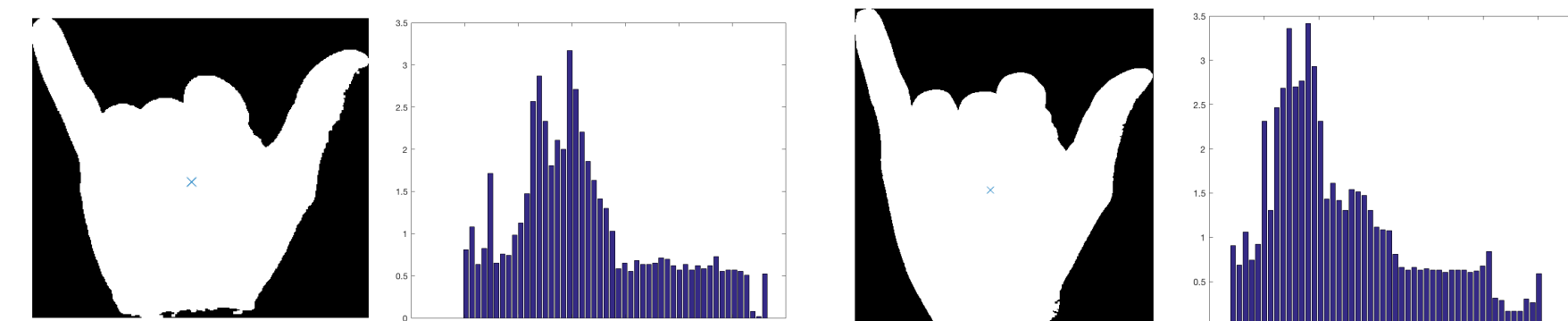


Original image, likelihood image, binary mask

## Feature Extraction and Classification

### Histogram of Centroid Distances (HOCD)

- Construct a histogram of edge to centroid distances for the morphologically segmented hand image.

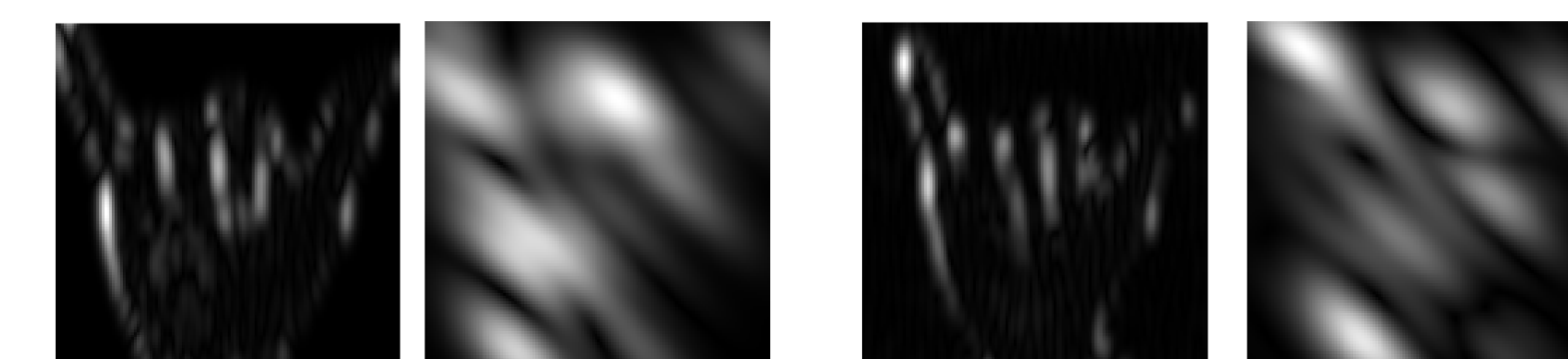


Dataset 'Y'

Test Image 'Y'

### Gabor Filters

- Flexible gradient operator(scale, orientation)
- Reflect shape of the segmented hand



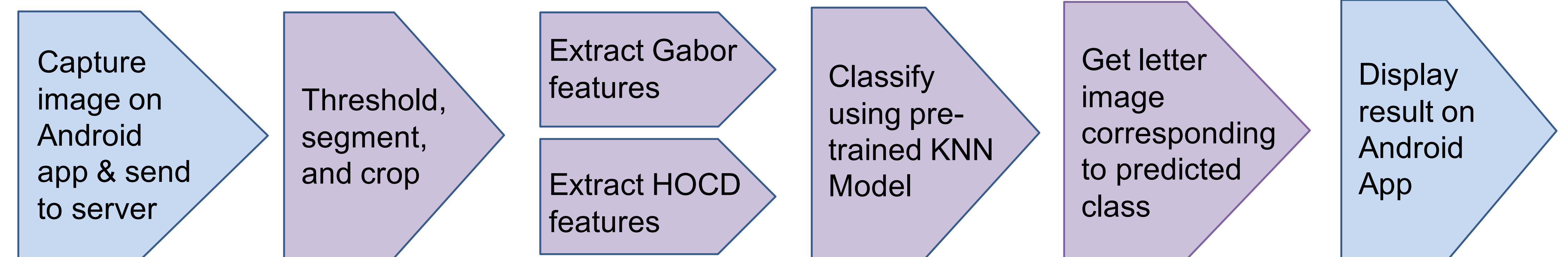
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### KNN Classifier

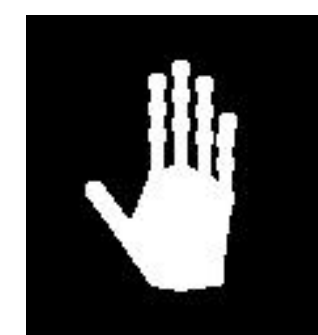
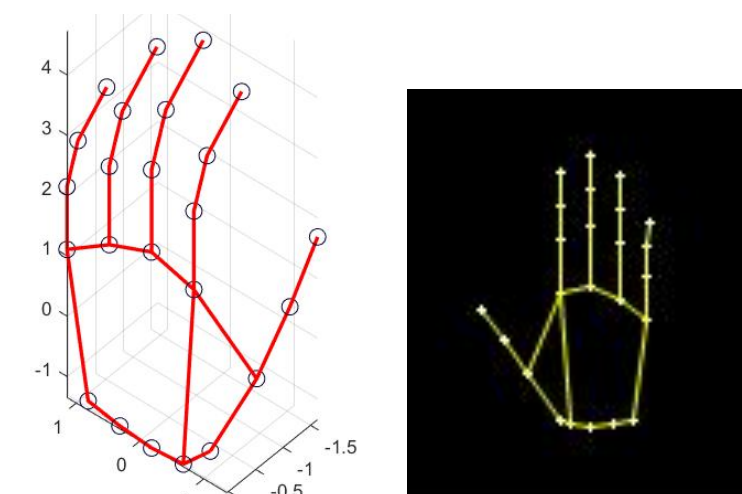
- Multiclass classification in MATLAB
- Using the non-parametric K-nearest neighbors algorithm.

## Prediction Pipeline



## Future Work - Hand Model

- Ambitious feature extraction using 20-DoF hand model
- Model extraction with a gradient descent method
- Symbol Classification in the model parameter space



Status:  
Model extraction in development

## Results

- Best generalization error achieved with combination of HOCD + Gabor filter features
- Confusion matrix generated for cross-validated dataset using KNN classification model

Feature Extraction Method(s)	Generalization Error (5-fold cross-validation)	Test Error
Histogram of Centroid Distances	0.1940	0.6
Gabor Filter	0.009	0.5
Histogram of Centroid Distances + Gabor Filter	0.0107	<b>0.2</b>

