COMPUTER VISION - LAB 5

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Topics: Keypoints, Descriptors and Matching

Goal: Create a panoramic image given a sequence of unstitched images.

Write a C++ class (PanoramicImage) which includes methods that / for:

- 1. Load a set of images
- 1. Project the images on a cylinder surface using the provided static method cylindricalProj() of the PanoramicUtils class. The method requires as a parameter an angle value (in degrees) which is half of the FoV of the camera used to take the photos. The FoV of the camera is 66° (half FoV=33°) for all the provided datasets excluding the "dolomites" one for which it is 54° (half FoV=27°).
- 2. Extract ORB or SIFT features from the images (SIFT features requires the *xfeatures2d* module that is part of the *contrib* package of OpenCV available only with installation from sources).
- 2. For each (consecutive) couples of images
 - a. Compute the match between the different features extracted in (3). For this, OpenCV offers you the cv::BFMatcher class. Remember to use L2 distance for SIFT and the Hamming distance for ORB.
 - b. Refine the matches found above by selecting the matches with distance less than *ratio* * *min_distance*, where *ratio* is a user-defined threshold and *min_distance* is the minimum distance found among the matches.
 - c. By the fact that in the cylinder the images are linked together by a simple translation, using the refined matches, find the translation between the images. To this end, you can use the RANSAC algorithm. While OpenCV does not provide a direct RANSAC function, the set of inliers can be computed by using the findHomography() function, with CV_RANSAC as the third parameter (hint: the inliers can be retrieved by using the mask argument). Otherwise, you can implement a simplified RANSAC following the trace on the slide.
- 3. Using the set of translations found in (4.c). compute the final panorama merging together the input images.

Write a program to test the previous class. The program should:

- 1. Create an instance of the PanoramicImage class with the images in the data folder
- 2. Display the result

SAMPLE OUTPUT:

