Mini-project: A visual odometry pipeline!

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ABSTRACT

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1. Intialization Module

- (a) Define/Specify the logic or argument to pick specific initialization frames for each dataset.
- (b) Identify features in both frames with one of the following techniques:
 - Corner detection: Harris, Shi-Tomasi, FastCorner
 - · Sift Features
 - · Bonus: Lift
- (c) Match the keypoints between frames to find keypoint correspondences between different views (between frames or between multiple cameras).
 - Choose a type of distance/similarity metric
 - Choose to do matching with either pairwise comparison or KLT
- (d) Estimate the point cloud of the landmarks.
- (e) Estimate relative pose of the next frame by calculating the fundamental matrix.
 - Use 8 point ransac (estimateFundamentalMatrix)
 - Bonus: 5 point ransac
 - Bonus: 1 point ransac + 5 point ransac
- (f) Refine the estimated pose with Bundle Correction.

2. Continous VO Module

- (a) Create functions that iterates over all subsequent states, always using the keypoints in frame i and compare/match them to those of frame i+1 to estimate the pose of frame i+1. (practically following the same pipeline as initialization).
- (b) Persist the the estimated poses at each step.
- (c) Choose error metrics and create function that calculates global and local error in pose estimation:
 - Figure out how to obtain the ground truth of poses at the local and global level
 - Create function that computes the metric for both

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