

Project 4 The ImageMosaic Project

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Description

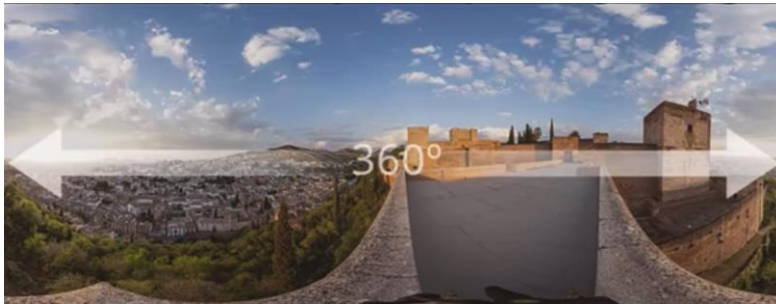
Description

- Goal: a panoramic picture
- Two ways of panorama
- Project we chose to finish

Goal: a panoramic picture

➤ Definition

A panorama is the result of stitching multiple photos to get one single image that covers a wide field of view of up to 360 degrees horizontally and 180 degrees vertically.



360 degrees horizontally



180 degrees vertically

Two ways of panorama

➤ Normal One: Flat or Unfolded

Display a panorama in a plane like a flat photo

➤ Optional One: Spherical

Display a panorama in a spherical format



flat panorama



spherical panorama

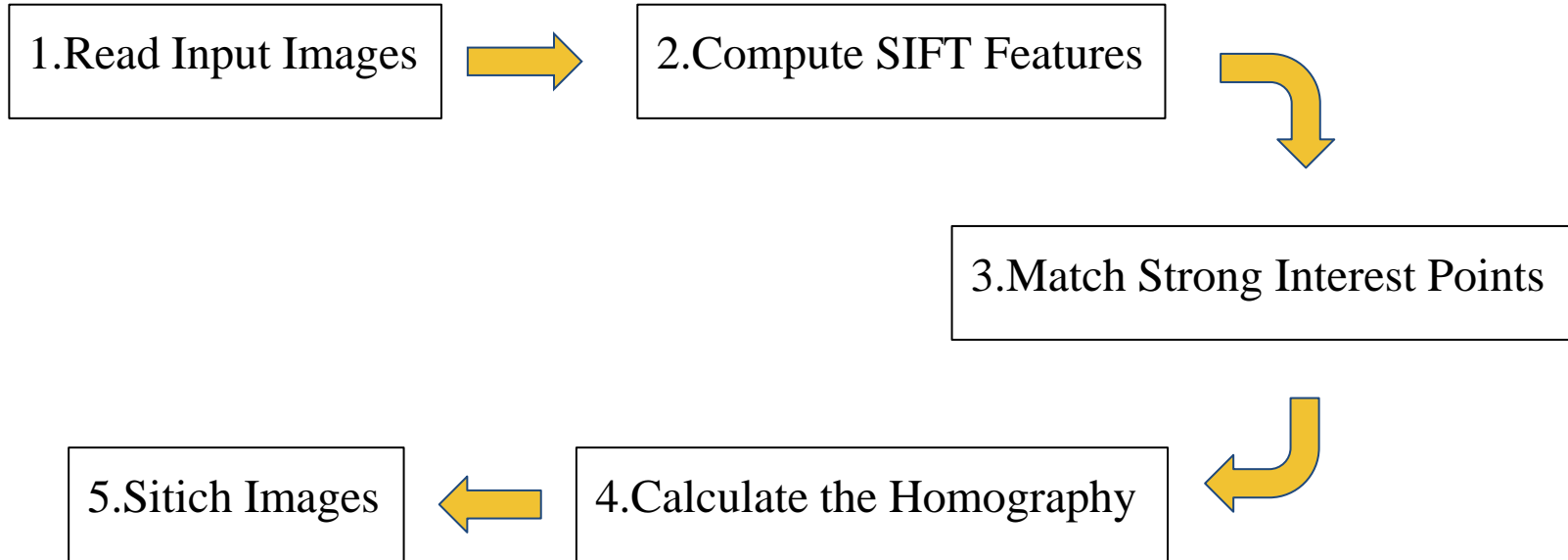
Project we have done

- Flat Panorama: Multi-image Panoram Stitching
- Example of Results



Algorithm

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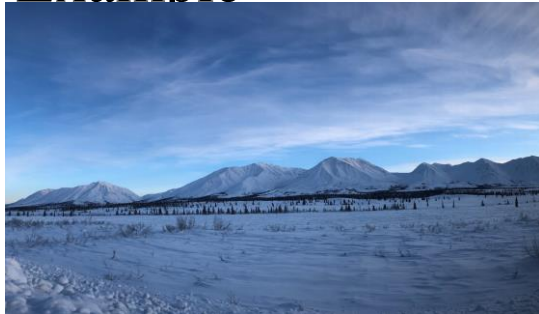


Algorithm: Read Input Images

➤ Key Points

- Do not change camera properties
- Do not take many similar structures in the frame

➤ Example



Left Image



Right Image

Algorithm: Compute SIFT Features

➤ Detect Features(markers) with SIFI

- Theory behind SIFT
 - Use a pyramidal approach using DOG(difference of gaussian)
 - Obtained features are invariant to scale
 - [Details](#)
- With SIFI, images have features variations in rotations, scale, lighting which are good for panorama
- Other options: SURF, HOG

Algorithm: Compute SIFT Features

➤ Example



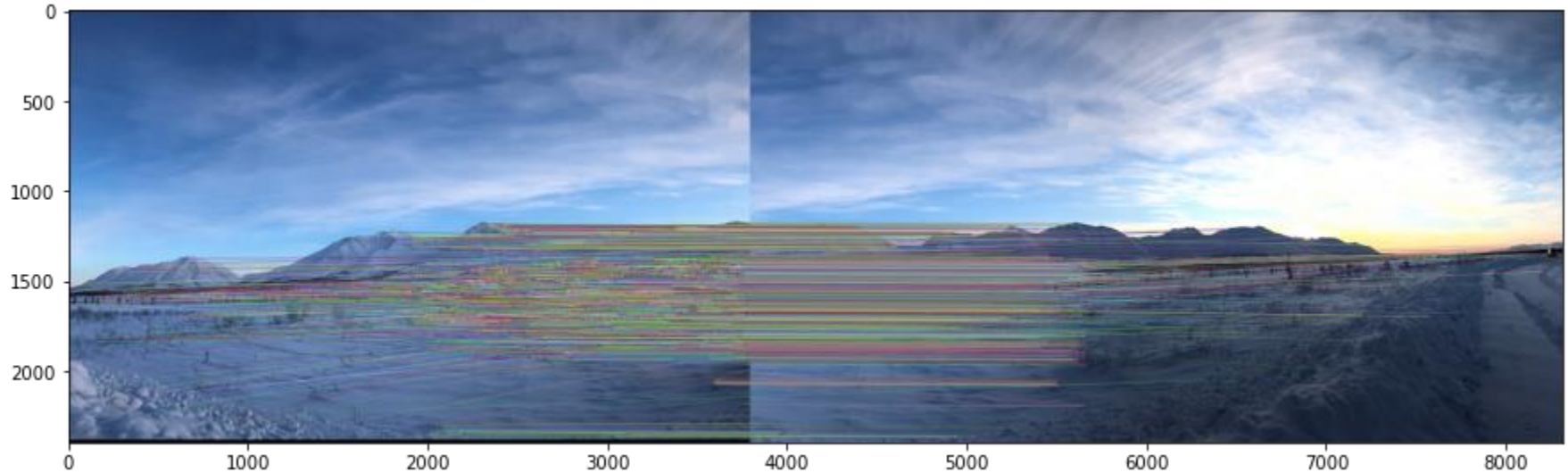
Algorithm: Match Strong Interest Points

➤ Key Points



- Based on vector representation
- A certain threshold for deciding whether two points are near or not
- Inbuilt brute-force Matcher in OpenCV
 - Compute distance for two points described in SIFT feature space
 - [Details](#)

Algorithm: Match Strong Interest Points

➤ Example



Algorithm: Calculate the Homography

- **Purpose**
Identified Matching Points
(from last step)  Generic Relationship between Images  Homography (matrix)
- **Process**
 - Transform one image into another image's space with homography matrix
 - Keep consistent while passing points to homography
- **Method**
 - Use RANSAC to get homography

Algorithm: Stitch & Blend

➤ Transformed Images in the Same Space

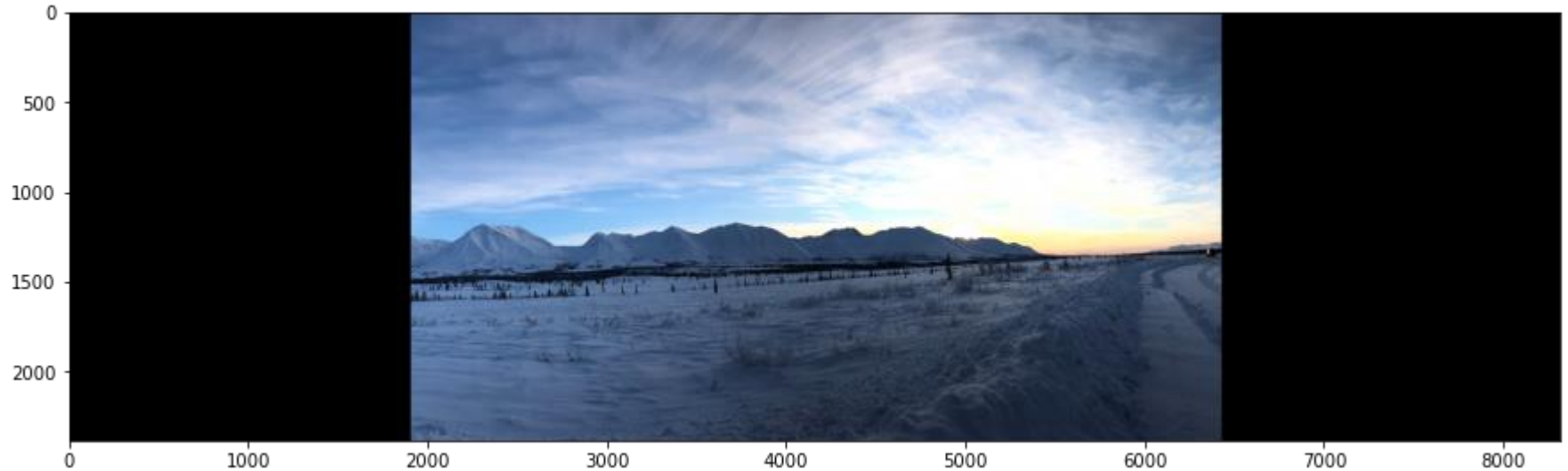
- Each Image has some information separated and some common with respond to other
- Separated part - zero intensity value at the corresponding location

➤ Fuse Images

- Pixel level operation
- Loop based approach to choose the maximum pixel from the corresponding input pixels

Algorithm: Stitch & Blend

➤ Example of Warped Images



Algorithm: Stitch & Blend

➤ Example of Stitched Images



Algorithm

➤ Two Image Only

We assume that the two images under consideration do have certain features common.

➤ Multiple Images

When we have multiple images to combine, the approach we followed is to pairwise add 2 images each time. The output of last addition is used as an input for the next image.

Results

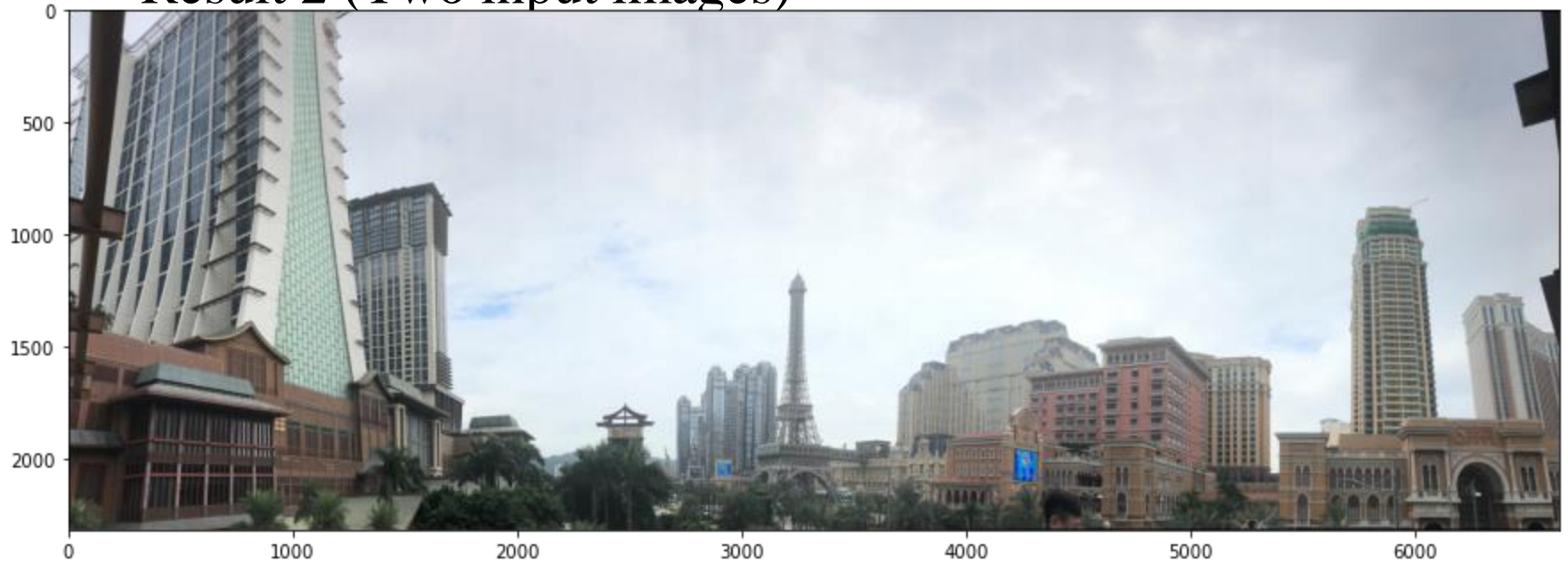
Results

➤ Result 1 (Two input images)



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➤ Result 2 (Two input images)



Results

➤ Result 3 (Two input images)



Results

➤ Result 4 (Three input images)



Future Work

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- Spherical Panorama
- Optimize the mask algorithm for mutiple-images case



- Left image is from our algorithm, right image is from built-in function in OpenCV. From the results, the image on the left is stretched horizontally. Instead, the image on the right has less distortions than the left one.

Q & A