

Computer Vision 2021 Assignment 2: Image matching and retrieval

In this prac you will experiment with image feature detectors, descriptors and matching. There are 3 main parts to the prac:

- matching an object in a pair of images
- searching for an object in a collection of images
- analysis and discussion of results

General instructions

As before you will write the notebook for your code and display your results and analysis. Again we will use a Jupyter notebook, referring to your code, if necessary, so you should ensure your code output is formatted neatly.

When converting to PDF, include the outputs and analysis only, not your code. You can do this from the command line using the `nbconvert` command (installed as part of Jupyter) as follows:

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jupyter nbconvert Assignment2.ipynb --to pdf --no-input --TagReno
vePreprocessor.remove_cell_tags 'remove-cell'
```

This will also remove the preamble text from each question. We will use the 'scikit-image' library again to complete the prac. It has several built in functions that will be useful. You are expected to consult documentation and use them appropriately. If you are experienced and want to use functions from other libraries (e.g. OpenCV) that is OK too, but the prac is designed to work with skimage functions so I recommend starting with those.

This being the second assignment, we have provided less strict direction this time and you have more flexibility to choose how you answer each question. However you must still ensure the outputs and report are clear and easy to read. This includes:

- sizing, arranging and captioning image outputs appropriately
- explaining what you have done clearly and concisely
- clearly separating answers to each question

Data

We have provided some example images for this assignment, available through a link on the MyUni assignment page. The images are organised by subject matter, with one folder containing images of book covers, one of museum exhibits, and another of urban landmarks. Within each category, there is a 'Reference' folder containing a clean image of each object and a 'Query' folder containing images taken on a mobile device. Within each category, images with the same name contain the same object (so 000.jpg in the Reference folder contains the same book as 000.jpg in the Query folder). The data is a subset of the Stanford Mobile Visual Search Dataset which is available at

<http://webcs.wpi.edu/~cswgpool/mvss/dataset2011/StanfordIndex.html>

The full data set contains more image categories and more query images of the objects we have provided, which may be useful for your testing!

Do not submit your own copy of the data or rename any files or folders! For marking, we will assume that the data is available in subfolders of the working directory using the same folder names provided.

Here is some general setup code, which you can edit to suit your needs.

```
In [207]: # Numpy is the main package for scientific computing with Python.
import numpy as np

# Matplotlib is a useful plotting library for python
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# This code is to make matplotlib figures appear inline in the
# notebook rather than in a new window.
%matplotlib inline

plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (10.0, 8.0) # set default size of plot
s, can be changed
plt.rcParams['image.interpolation'] = 'nearest'
plt.rcParams['image.cmap'] = 'gray'

# Some more magic so that the notebook will reload external python modul
es;
# see http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1987993/autoreload-of-modules-i
n-jupyter
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2
%reload_ext autoreload

The autoreload extension is already loaded. To reload it, use:
%reload_ext autoreload
```

```
In [2]: def draw_outline(ref, query, model):
    """ Draw outline of reference image in the query image.
    This is just an example to show the steps involved.
    You can modify to suit your needs.
    Inputs:
        ref: reference image
        query: query image
        model: estimated transformation from query to reference image
    """
    r, c = ref.shape[:2]

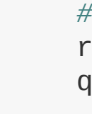
    # Note that transformations take coordinates in
    # (x, y) format, not (row, column),
    corners = np.array([[0, 0],
                        [r, 0],
                        [r, c],
                        [0, c]])

    # Warp the image corners to their new positions.
    wc = model(corners)

    # Display the image outline superimposed on the query image
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    ax.imshow(query)
    ax.plot(wc[:, :2], wc[:, 2], 'r-', linewidth=2.0)
    ax.set_xlabel('Query')
```

Question 1: Matching an object in a pair of images (60%)

In this question, the aim is to accurately locate a reference object in a query image, for example:



1. Download and read through the paper [ORB: an efficient alternative to SIFT or SURF](#) by Rublee et al. You don't need to understand all the details, but try to get an idea of how it works. ORB combines the FAST corner detector (covered in week 3) and the BRIEF descriptor. BRIEF is based on simple ideas to the SIFT descriptor we covered week 3, but with some changes for efficiency.
2. Load the first reference, query image pair from the 'book_covers' category. Calculate ORB features in each image using 'skimage.feature.ORB()' and match the features using 'skimage.feature.match_descriptors()'.
3. Try changing the parameters for the ORB feature and descriptor matching to improve the matching results. You can use 'skimage.feature.plot_matches()' to see the matches visually, in addition to checking the output of 'match_descriptors'. At this point, you are not expected to measure matching accuracy numerically. Instead, it is enough to point out errors or differences in performance that you notice by changing settings.

a. Hint 1: read the documentation for `ORB()` and `match_descriptors()` carefully to understand what the parameters do. More detail on the ORB feature is also available in the [original paper](#).

- B. Hint 2: Display your results so that the changes you discuss are clearly visible.
- C. Hint 3: Does `match_descriptors(ref, query)` give the same result as `match_descriptors(query, ref)`?

```
In [24]: # Your code for descriptor matching tests
from skimage.io import *
from PIL import image
from skimage.color import *
from skimage.feature import *
# from skimage.color import rgb2gray

#read in and convert to grayscale image
ref = rgb2gray.imread("A2_svms/book_covers/Reference/000.jpg")
que = rgb2gray.imread("A2_svms/book_covers/Query/000.jpg")

#the size of que is 600x800 which is larger than ref, therefore I decide
d to scale up ref
# ref.resize(600,800)
# size ref row size ref_col = ref.shape
# print(size_ref_row, size_ref_col)

def match_ORB(ref, que, keys):
    ref_ORB = ORB(n_keypoints = keys, fast_threshold=0.06) #output list
    que_ORB = ORB(n_keypoints = keys, fast_threshold=0.06) #fast_thresho
ld should be lower if more corners are desired and vice-versa.

#Detect oriented FAST keypoints and extract rBRIEF descriptors.
#detect_and_extract() is a method built on ORB()
ref_ORB.detect_and_extract(ref)
que_ORB.detect_and_extract(que)

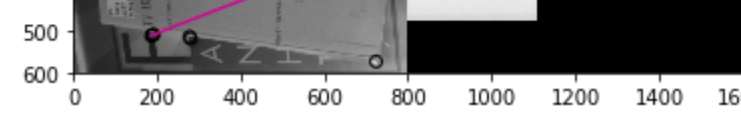
matches = match_descriptors(ref_ORB.descriptors, que_ORB.descriptors,
cross_check = True, max_ratio=1.00)

#show the image
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
plot_matches(ax, ref, que, ref_ORB.keypoints, que_ORB.keypoints, matches)
# ax.axis('off')
# ax.set_title('Ref Image vs. Que Image')

return ref_ORB.keypoints[matches[:, 0]], que_ORB.keypoints[matches[:, 1]]
#this returns matching points
```

```
In [25]: match_ORB(ref, que, 50)
match_ORB(que, ref, 50)

Out[25]: (array([[178.      , 433.      ],
                [212.4167, 328.8167],
                [251.      , 458.      ],
                [194.4167, 387.2167],
                [284.      , 346.      ],
                [197.      , 463.      ],
                [512.3948544, 186.3254616],
                [251.      , 449.      ],
                [237.6167, 387.36167],
                [216.      , 462.      ],
                [326.88167, 476.64167],
                [198.72167, 311.64167],
                [297.      , 475.      ],
                [135.6167, 318.8167],
                [293.      , 363.      ],
                [93.      , 436.      ],
                [154.      , 489.      ],
                [238.738167, 387.672167],
                [198.72167, 311.64167],
                [114.      , 427.      ],
                [149.      , 457.      ]]), array([[223.      , 153.      ],
                [269.      , 288.      ],
                [195.      , 260.      ],
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                [173.      , 255.      ],
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                [218.      , 186.      ],
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                [198.      , 255.      ],
                [249.      , 165.      ],
                [194.      , 237.      ],
                [217.      , 220.      ],
                [252.      , 190.8],
                [198.      , 214.8],
                [275.      , 269.      ],
                [309.      , 120.      ]]))
```



Your explanation of what you have done, and your results, here

match_descriptors(ref, query) does NOT give the same results as match_descriptors(query, ref), this is probably due to the image size. By increasing the number of keypoints, it shows more connections between two images.

1. Estimate an affine transformation based on the matches. using `skimage.transform.estimate_tps()`. Display the transformed outline of the first reference book cover image on the query image, to see how well they match. Repeat for a 2D projective transformation. Explain your results.

- We provide a function `draw_outline()` to help with the display, but you may need to edit it for your needs.
- Again, you don't need to compare results numerically at this stage. Comment on what you observe visually.

```
In [5]: # Your code to display book location here:
from skimage.transform import *
from skimage.io import *
# from skimage.color import *
ref = rgb2gray.imread("A2_svms/book_covers/Reference/010.jpg")
que = rgb2gray.imread("A2_svms/book_covers/Query/010.jpg")

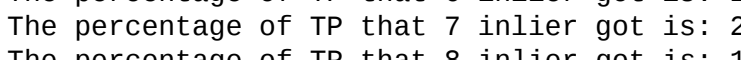
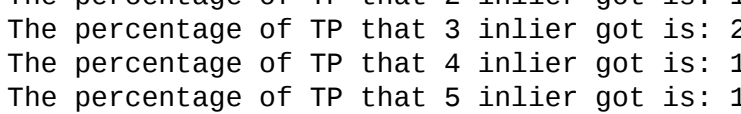
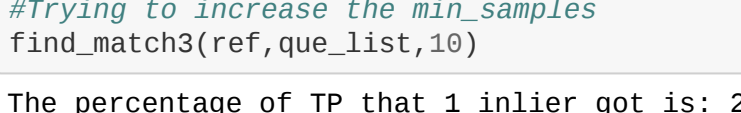
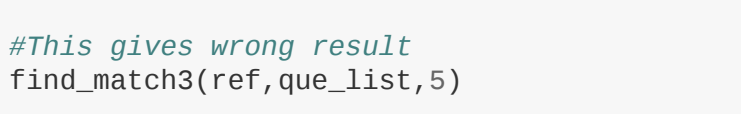
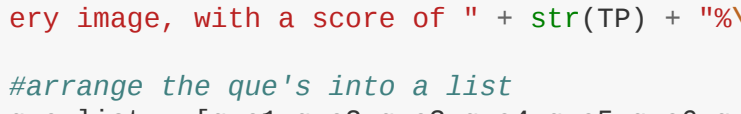
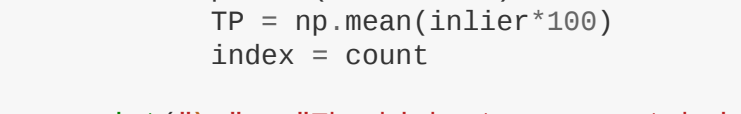
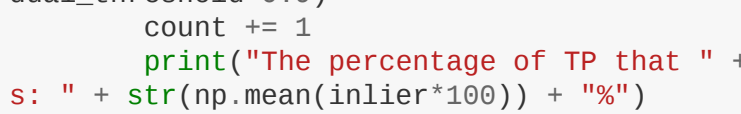
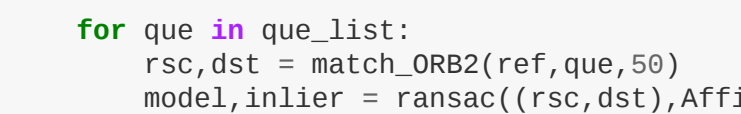
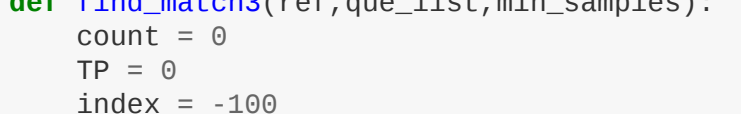
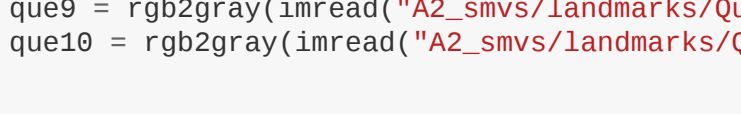
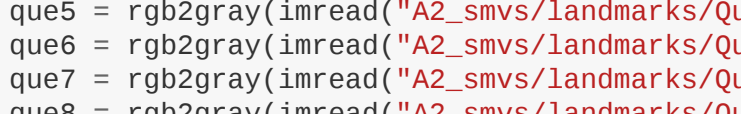
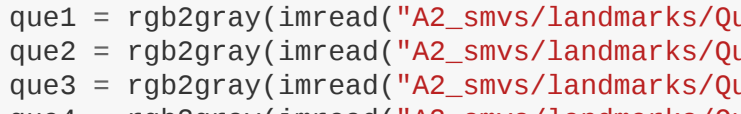
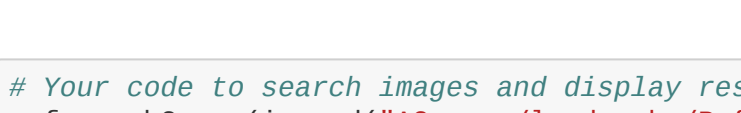
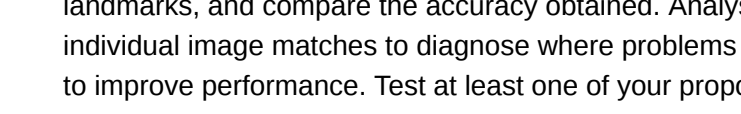
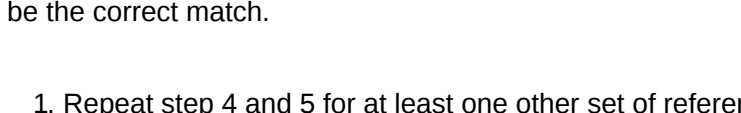
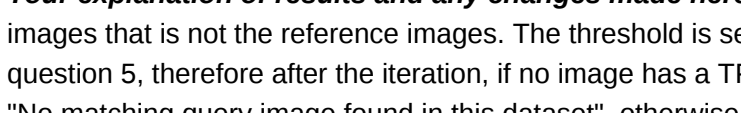
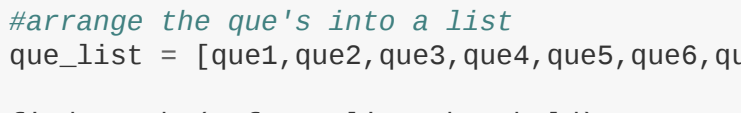
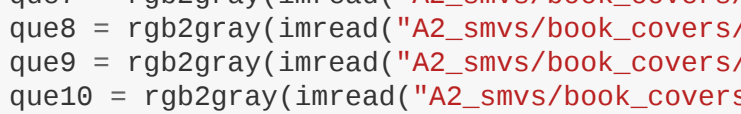
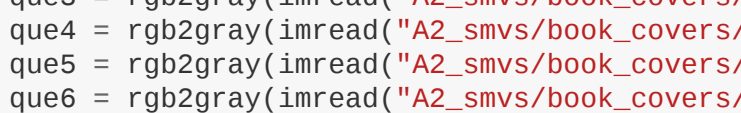
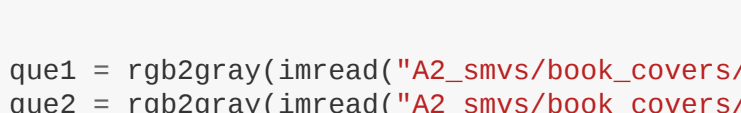
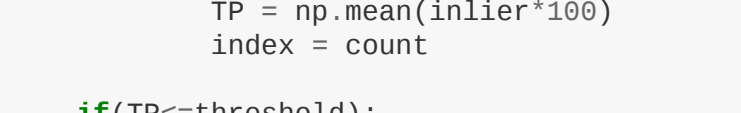
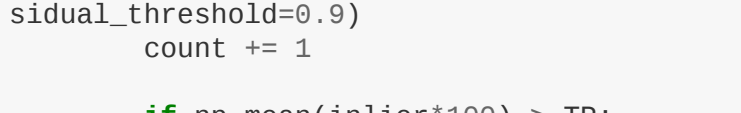
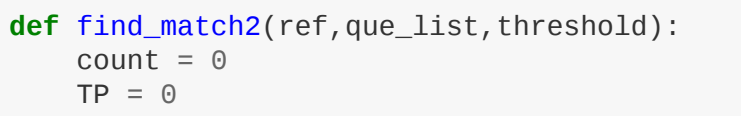
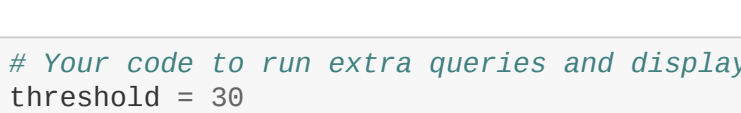
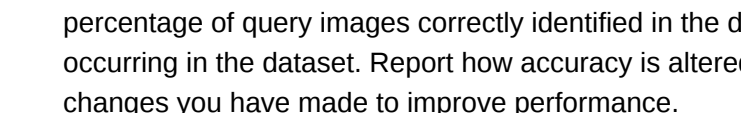
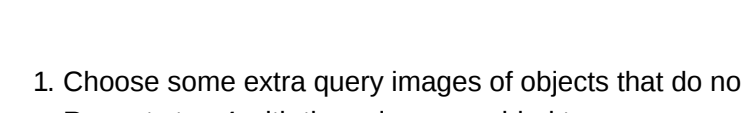
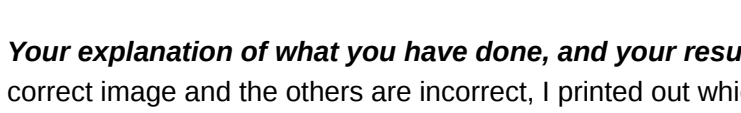
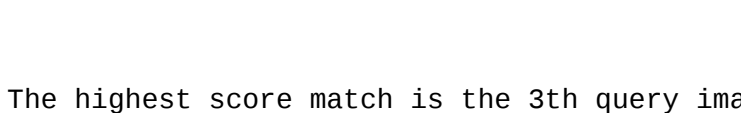
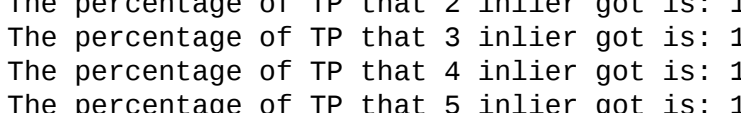
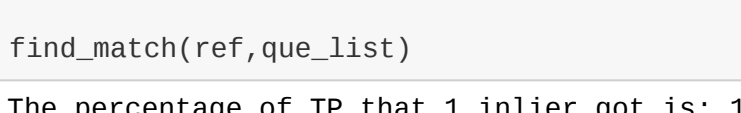
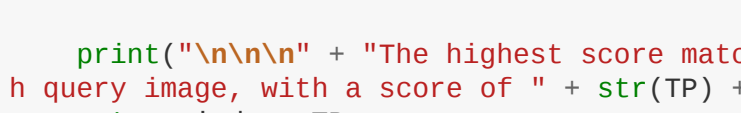
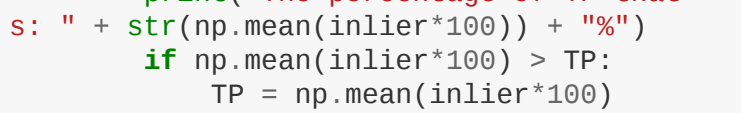
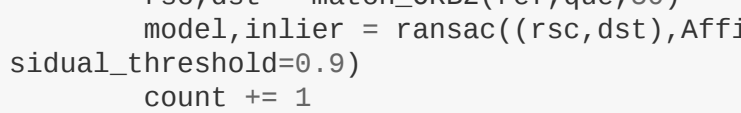
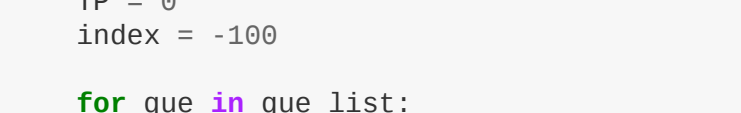
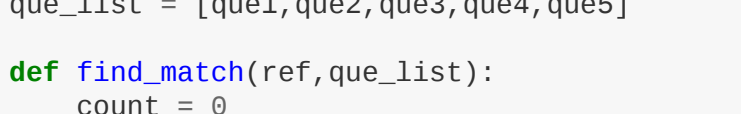
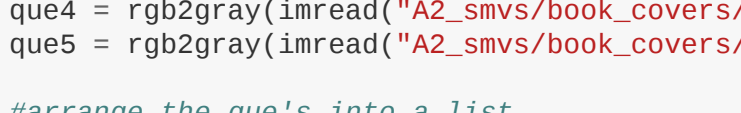
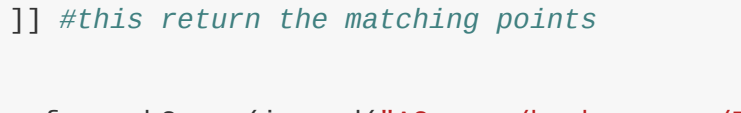
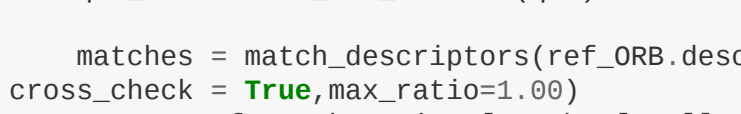
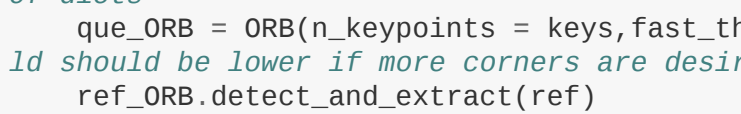
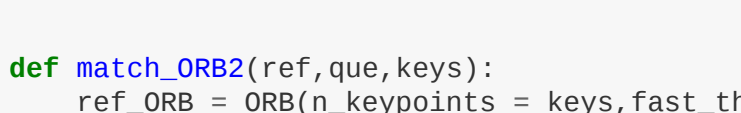
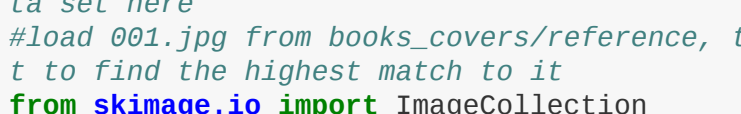
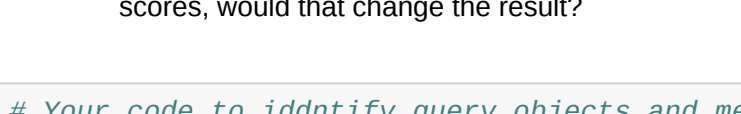
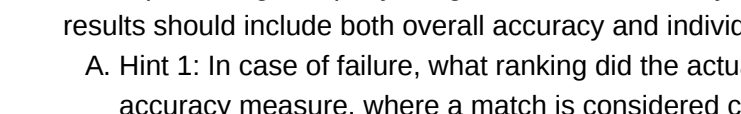
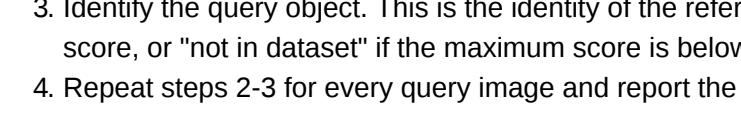
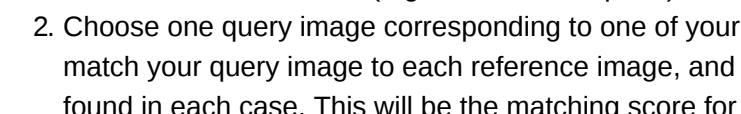
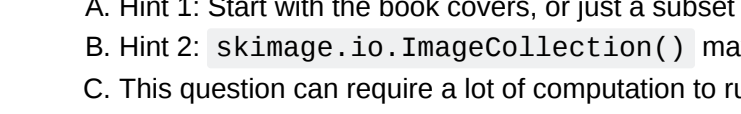
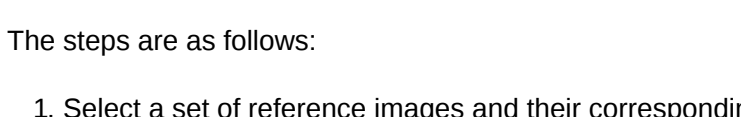
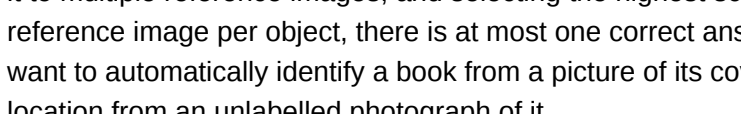
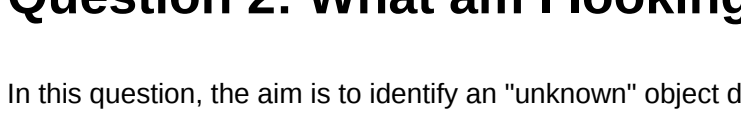
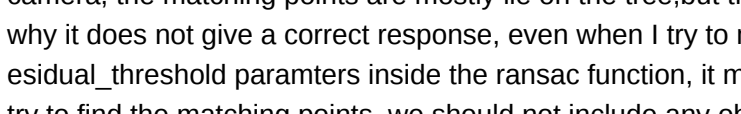
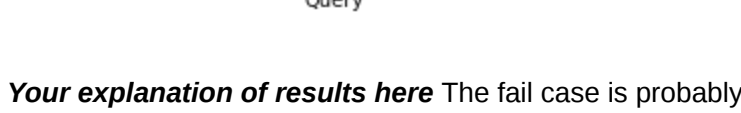
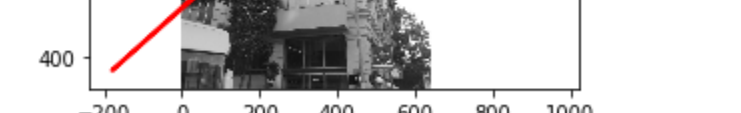
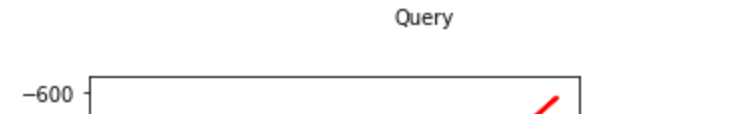
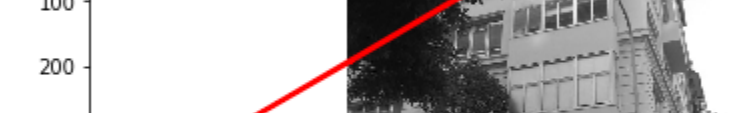
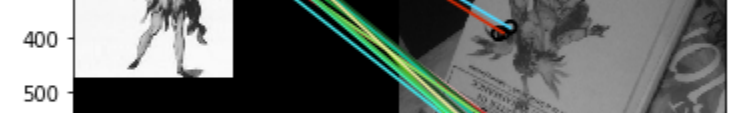
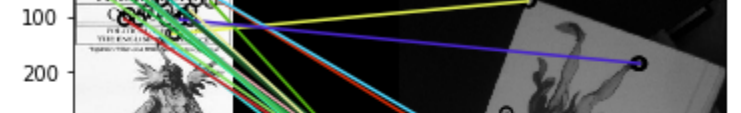
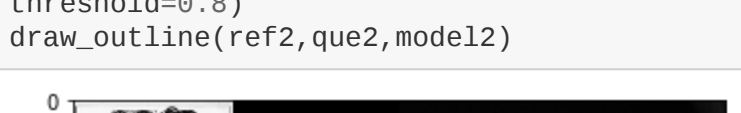
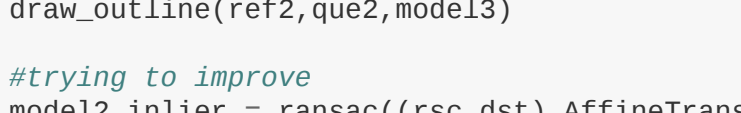
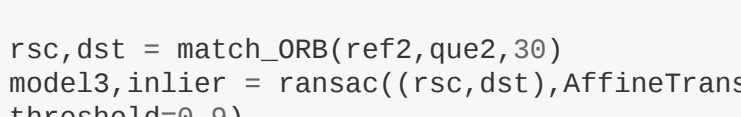
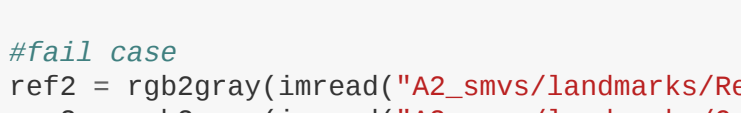
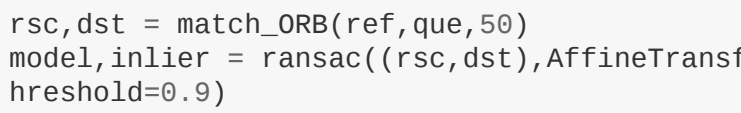
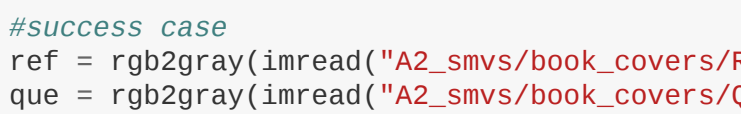
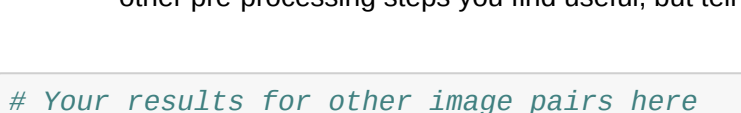
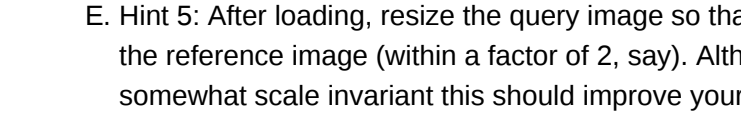
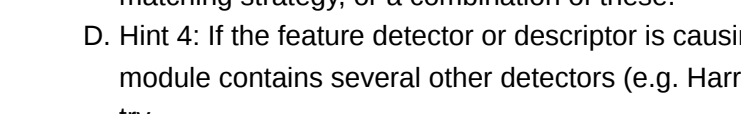
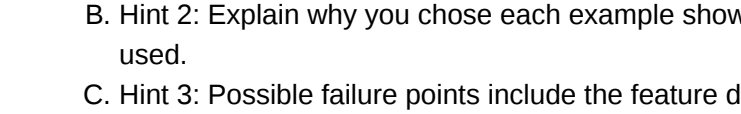
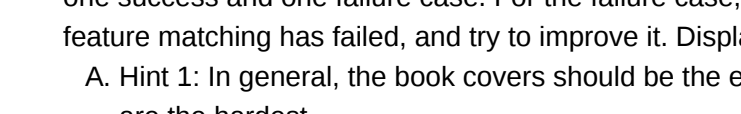
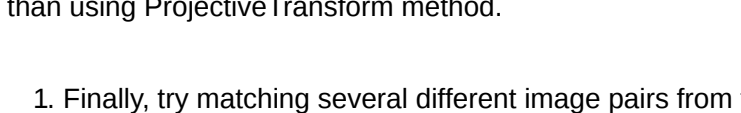
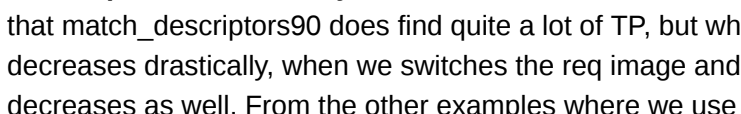
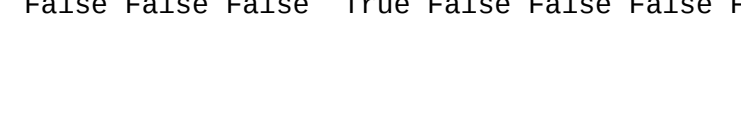
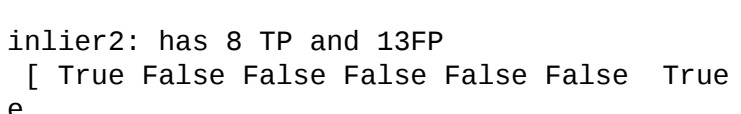
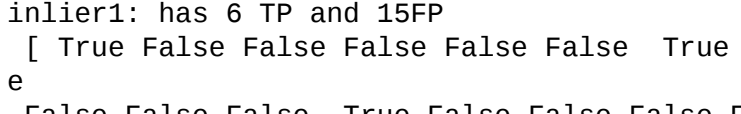
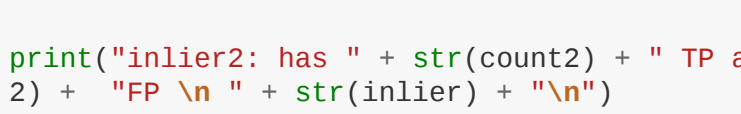
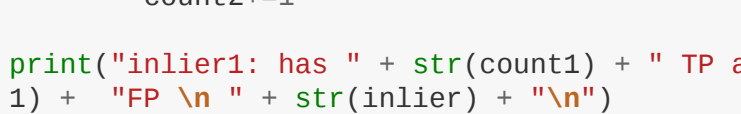
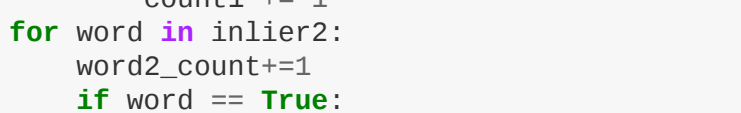
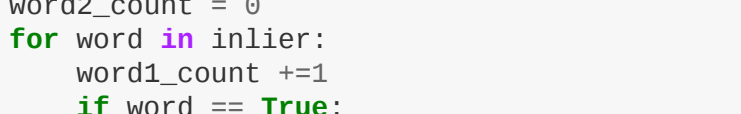
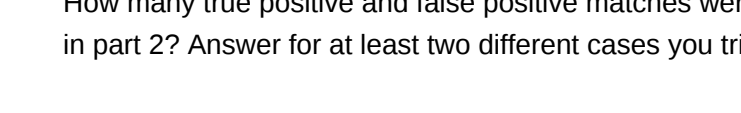
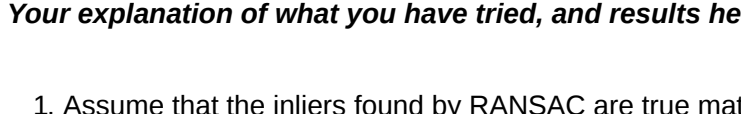
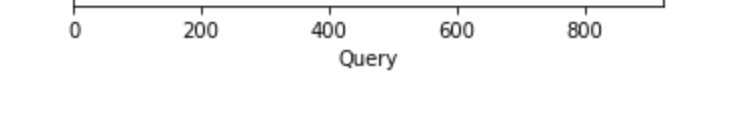
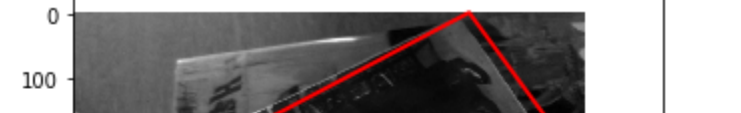
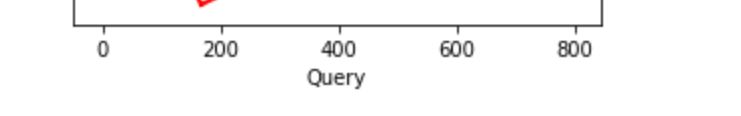
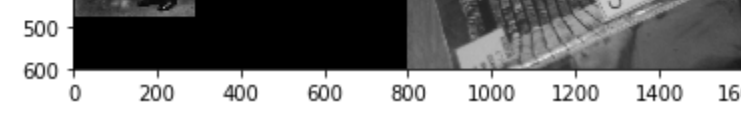
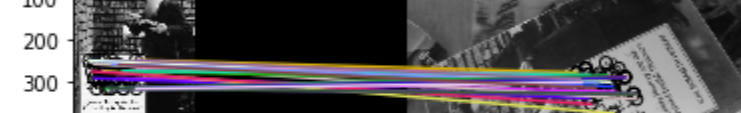
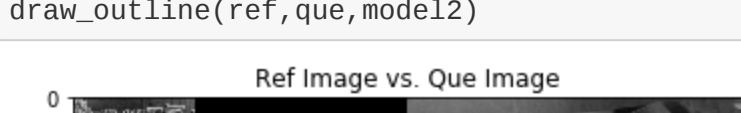
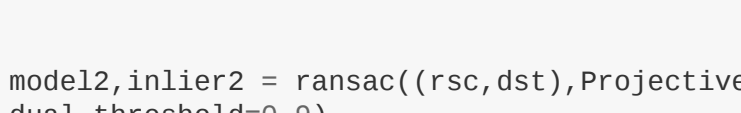
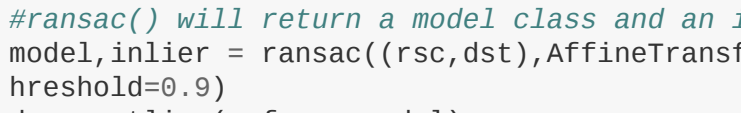
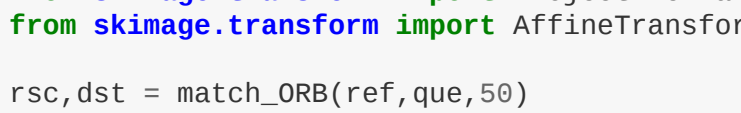
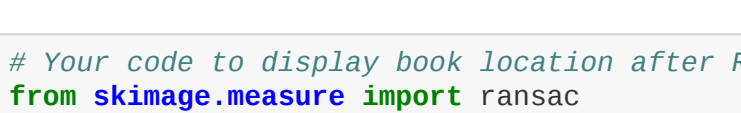
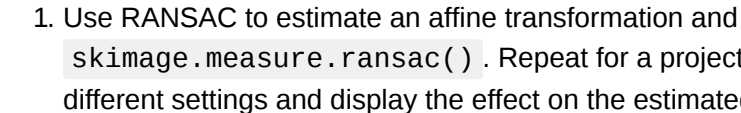
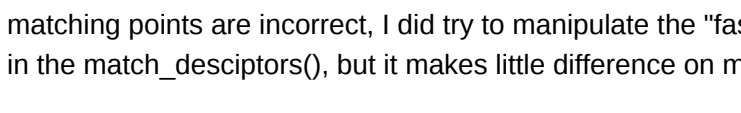
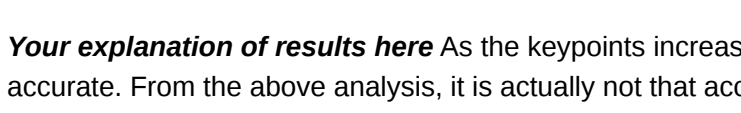
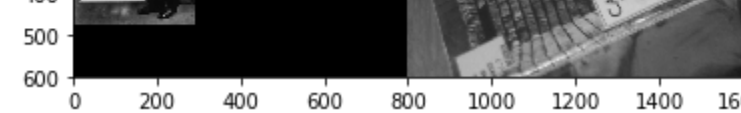
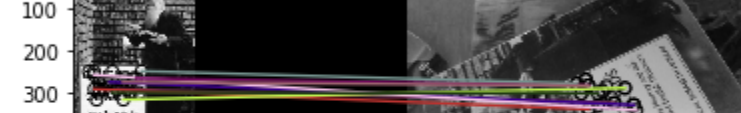
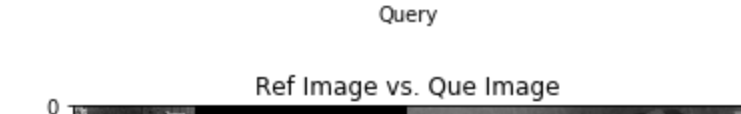
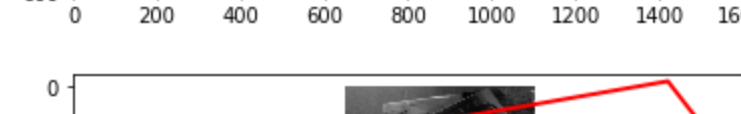
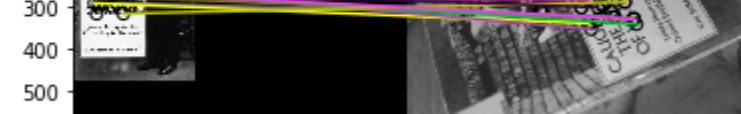
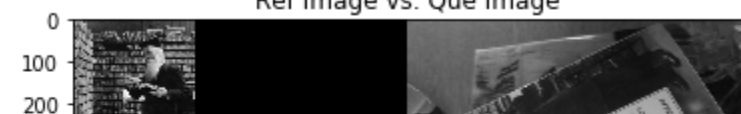
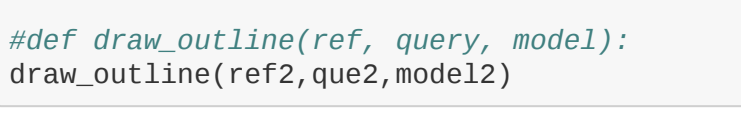
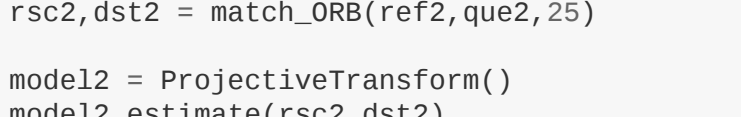
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model = AffineTransform()
model.estimate(rsc, dst)

def draw_outline(ref, query, model):
    draw_outline(ref, que, model1)

ref2 = rgb2gray.imread("A2_svms/book_covers/Reference/010.jpg")
que2 = rgb2gray.imread("A2_svms/book_covers/Query/010.jpg")

rsc2, dst2 = match_ORB(ref2, que2, 25)
model2 = ProjectiveTransform()
model2.estimate(rsc2, dst2)

def draw_outline(ref, query, model):
    draw_outline(ref2, que2, model2)
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The percentage of TP that 9 inlier got is: 15.0%
The percentage of TP that 10 inlier got is: 25.0%

The highest score match is the 10th query image, with a score of 25.0%

The percentage of TP that 1 inlier got is: 0.0%
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The percentage of TP that 9 inlier got is: 0.0%
The percentage of TP that 10 inlier got is: 6.25%

The highest score match is the 10th query image, with a score of 6.25%

Your description of what you have done, and explanation of results, here By using a min_samples of 5, even though it gives the correct result, but we can notice that some other scores from query images are also close to the actual score. Therefore, I decided to increase the min_samples to 10, it now shows 0 score for other wrong query images, but also reduce the TP score in the correct image.

Question 3 (Postgraduate only, 10%)

In Question 1, you counted true positive and false positive matches, assuming that RANSAC inliers were true matches. How would you determine false negative matches (a matching pair of features exists but was not found)? How about true negative matches (no match exists in the reference image, and none was found)? Note you do not need to implement your method, just describe the steps you would take.

Your method here