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Machine Problem No. 3			
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Machine Problem No. 3: Feature Extraction and Object Detection

Objective:
The objective of this machine problem is to implement and compare the three feature extraction methods (**SIFT**, **SURF**, and **ORB**) in a single task. You will use these methods for feature matching between two images, then perform image alignment using **homography** to warp one image onto the other.

Problem Description:
You are tasked with loading two images and performing the following steps:

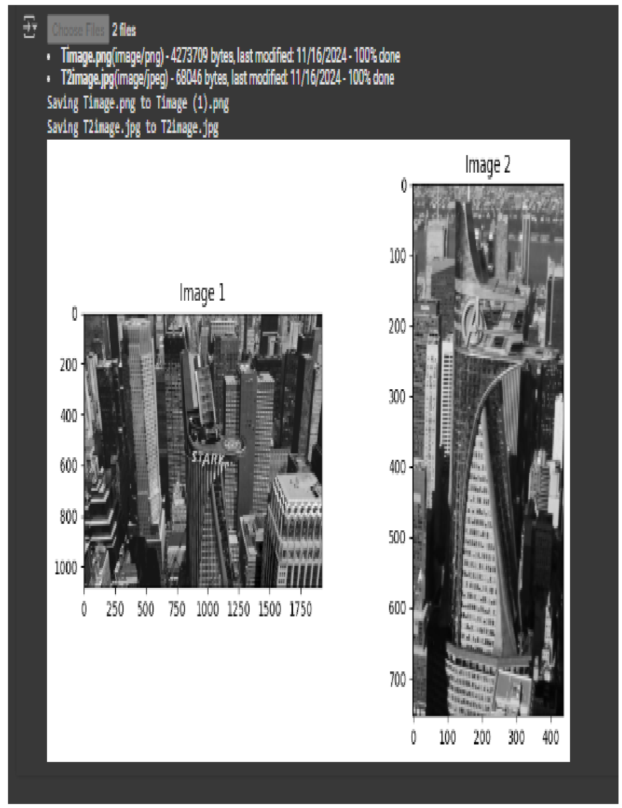
1. Extract keypoints and descriptors from both images using **SIFT**, **SURF**, and **ORB**.
2. Perform feature matching between the two images using both **Brute-Force Matcher** and **FLANN Matcher**.
3. Use the matched keypoints to calculate a **homography matrix** and align the two images.
4. Compare the performance of SIFT, SURF, and ORB in terms of feature matching accuracy and speed.

Task Breakdown:

Step 1: Load Images

- Load two images of your choice that depict the same scene or object but from different angles.

CODE	**OUTPUT**

# Step 1: Load Images 	
import cv2
from google.colab import files
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
 	
# Upload images 	
uploaded = files.upload()
 	
# Load images using OpenCV 	
image1 = cv2.imread(list(uploaded.keys())[0], cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
image2 = cv2.imread(list(uploaded.keys())[1], cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
 	
# Display the images 	
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.title("Image 1")
plt.imshow(image1, cmap='gray')
 	
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.title("Image 2")
plt.imshow(image2, cmap='gray')
plt.show()
	

I have uploaded images of one scene with two different angles and then uploaded them on Google Colab. They are both photos of the Stark Industry building from a fiction movie named Iron Man, the photos were read in grayscale with the help of OpenCV (cv2.imread()),and then positioned side by side with the help of the matplotlib library for easy comparison. This stage prepares the data for further feature extraction and matching.

Step 2: Extract Keypoints and Descriptors Using SIFT, SURF, and ORB (30 points)

- Apply the **SIFT** algorithm to detect keypoints and compute descriptors for both images.
- Apply the **SURF** algorithm to do the same.
- Finally, apply **ORB** to extract keypoints and descriptors.

Submission:

- Python code (feature_extraction.py)
- Processed images showing keypoints for SIFT, SURF, and ORB (e.g., sift_keypoints.jpg, surf_keypoints.jpg, orb_keypoints.jpg).

CODE

```python
# Load images with the specified paths
image1_path = '/content/Timage.png'
image2_path = '/content/T2image.jpg'

# Read the images
image1 = cv2.imread(image1_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
image2 = cv2.imread(image2_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

# Verify if the images are loaded correctly
if image1 is None or image2 is None:
    raise ValueError("Error: One or both images could not be loaded. Please check the file paths.")

# Display the images to verify successful loading
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.title("Image 1")
plt.imshow(image1, cmap='gray')
plt.axis('off')

plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.title("Image 2")
plt.imshow(image2, cmap='gray')
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()

# SIFT feature extractor
sift = cv2.SIFT_create()
keypoints_sift_1, descriptors_sift_1 = sift.detectAndCompute(image1, None)
keypoints_sift_2, descriptors_sift_2 = sift.detectAndCompute(image2, None)

# ORB feature extractor
orb = cv2.ORB_create()
keypoints_orb_1, descriptors_orb_1 = orb.detectAndCompute(image1, None)
keypoints_orb_2, descriptors_orb_2 = orb.detectAndCompute(image2, None)

# Visualize keypoints for each method
def visualize_keypoints(image, keypoints, title):
    img_with_keypoints = cv2.drawKeypoints(image, keypoints, None, color=(0, 255, 0))
    plt.imshow(img_with_keypoints, cmap='gray')
    plt.title(title)
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()

# Display keypoints
visualize_keypoints(image1, keypoints_sift_1, 'SIFT Keypoints - Image 1')
visualize_keypoints(image1, keypoints_sift_2, 'SIFT Keypoints - Image 2')
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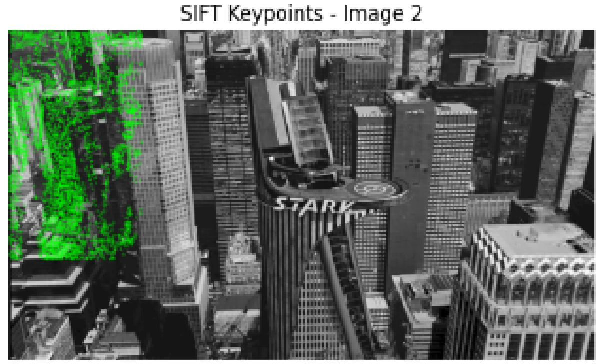
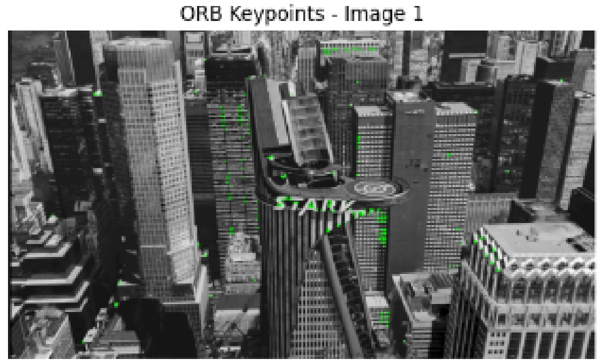
SIFT Keypoints - Image 1

SIFT Keypoints - Image 2



ORB Keypoints - Image 1



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`visualize_keypoints(image1, keypoints_orb_1, 'ORB Keypoints - Image 1')`
`visualize_keypoints(image2, keypoints_orb_2, 'ORB Keypoints - Image 2')`
 	
`# Upload images`
`uploaded = files.upload()`
 	
`# Load images using OpenCV`
`image1 = cv2.imread(list(uploaded.keys())[0], cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)`
`image2 = cv2.imread(list(uploaded.keys())[1], cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)`
 	
`# Display the images`
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	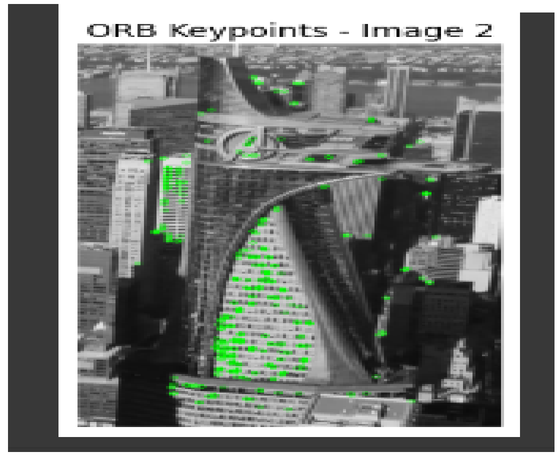

For this one, I once again first loaded the two grayscale images using OpenCV, then simply loading and displaying them side by side using matplotlib. After confirming the images were correctly read, I then proceeded with feature extraction using two methods: SIFT and ORB. SIFT, is a simple method for feature extraction, detected distinctive keypoints in both images and computed descriptors that describe the local neighborhood of each keypoint. Similarly, ORB, a fast and efficient binary descriptor, was used to detect keypoints and compute descriptors, suitable for real-time applications.

To visualize the detected keypoints, I then used OpenCV to draw them on the images and displayed the results. SIFT highlighted keypoints that captured important features such as corners, edges, and textures, providing reliable information for subsequent matching. ORB also provided numerous keypoints, though they might not be as robust as those of SIFT in capturing complex features. These keypoints will serve as the foundation for feature matching and alignment in the next stages of the project.

Step 3: Feature Matching with Brute-Force and FLANN (30 points)

- Match the descriptors between the two images using **Brute-Force Matcher**.
- Repeat the process using the **FLANN Matcher**.
- For each matching method, display the matches with lines connecting corresponding key points between the two images.

Submission:

- Python code (feature_matching.py)
- Processed images showing matches for Brute-Force and FLANN for each algorithm (e.g., sift_bf_match.jpg, sift_flann_match.jpg).

CODE

```
# SIFT feature extractor
sift = cv2.SIFT_create()
keypoints_sift_1, descriptors_sift_1 = sift.detectAndCompute(image1, None)
keypoints_sift_2, descriptors_sift_2 = sift.detectAndCompute(image2, None)

# ORB feature extractor
orb = cv2.ORB_create()
keypoints_orb_1, descriptors_orb_1 = orb.detectAndCompute(image1, None)
keypoints_orb_2, descriptors_orb_2 = orb.detectAndCompute(image2, None)

# Brute-Force Matcher for SIFT
bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_L2, crossCheck=True)
matches_bf_sift = bf.match(descriptors_sift_1, descriptors_sift_2)
matches_bf_sift = sorted(matches_bf_sift, key=lambda x: x.distance)[:30]

# Brute-Force Matcher for ORB
bf_orb = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING, crossCheck=True)
matches_bf_orb = bf_orb.match(descriptors_orb_1, descriptors_orb_2)
matches_bf_orb = sorted(matches_bf_orb, key=lambda x: x.distance)[:30]

# FLANN Matcher for SIFT with a stricter Lowe's ratio test
flann_index_kdtree = 1
index_params = dict(algorithm=flann_index_kdtree, trees=5)
search_params = dict(checks=50)
flann = cv2.FlannBasedMatcher(index_params, search_params)
matches_flann_sift = flann.knnMatch(descriptors_sift_1, descriptors_sift_2, k=2)

# Apply Lowe's ratio test with stricter filtering
good_matches = []
for m, n in matches_flann_sift:
    if m.distance < 0.5 * n.distance:
        good_matches.append(m)

# Visualize
img_bf_sift = cv2.drawMatches(image1, keypoints_sift_1, image2, keypoints_sift_2,
matches_bf_sift, None,
flags=cv2.DrawMatchesFlags_NOT_DRAW_SINGLE_POINTS)
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img_bf_orb = cv2.drawMatches(image1, keypoints_orb_1, image2, keypoints_orb_2,
matches_bf_orb, None,
flags=cv2.DrawMatchesFlags_NOT_DRAW_SINGLE_POINTS)

plt.figure(figsize=(20, 10))
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.title('Brute-Force Matches (Top 30) - SIFT')
plt.imshow(img_bf_sift)
plt.axis('off')

plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.title('Brute-Force Matches (Top 30) - ORB')
plt.imshow(img_bf_orb)
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()

img_flann_sift = cv2.drawMatches(image1, keypoints_sift_1, image2,
keypoints_sift_2, good_matches, None,
flags=cv2.DrawMatchesFlags_NOT_DRAW_SINGLE_POINTS)

plt.figure(figsize=(20, 10))
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.title('Brute-Force Matches (Top 30) - SIFT')
plt.imshow(img_bf_sift)
plt.axis('off')

plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.title('FLANN Matches (Filtered) - SIFT')
plt.imshow(img_flann_sift)
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
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Now for this step, I performed feature matching using both Brute-Force Matcher and FLANN Matcher for the keypoints detected by SIFT and ORB. The Brute-Force Matcher for SIFT then used the L2 norm, while for ORB, the Hamming distance was used, given its binary nature. I simply proceeded to add a code that sorted and displayed the top 30 matches for each method to focus on the most actual confident matches.

Additionally, I used the FLANN Matcher to find matches for SIFT descriptors, applying Lowe's ratio test with a stricter threshold of 0.5 to filter out weak matches and reduce false positives. The results from both Brute-Force and FLANN matchers were visualized side by side to compare their performance. The FLANN Matcher with Lowe's ratio test showed fewer but higher-quality matches, which is crucial for tasks requiring precise keypoint alignment, like homography computation.

Step 4: Image Alignment Using Homography (20 points)

- Use the matched keypoints from **SIFT** (or any other method) to compute a **homography matrix**.
- Use this matrix to warp one image onto the other.
- Display and save the aligned and warped images.

Submission:

- Python code (image_alignment.py)
- Aligned and warped images (e.g., aligned_image.jpg, warped_image.jpg).

CODE	OUTPUT

```python
# SIFT feature extractor
sift = cv2.SIFT_create(contrastThreshold=0.02, edgeThreshold=5)
keypoints_sift_1, descriptors_sift_1 = sift.detectAndCompute(image1, None)
keypoints_sift_2, descriptors_sift_2 = sift.detectAndCompute(image2, None)

# FLANN Matcher for SIFT
flann_index_kdtree = 1
index_params = dict(algorithm=flann_index_kdtree, trees=5)
search_params = dict(checks=50)
flann = cv2.FlannBasedMatcher(index_params, search_params)
matches_flann_sift = flann.knnMatch(descriptors_sift_1, descriptors_sift_2, k=2)

# Apply Lowe's ratio test
good_matches = []
for m, n in matches_flann_sift:
    if m.distance < 0.7 * n.distance:
        good_matches.append(m)

MIN_MATCH_COUNT = 10
if len(good_matches) > MIN_MATCH_COUNT:
    # Extract location of good matches
        src_pts = np.float32([keypoints_sift_1[m.queryIdx].pt for m in
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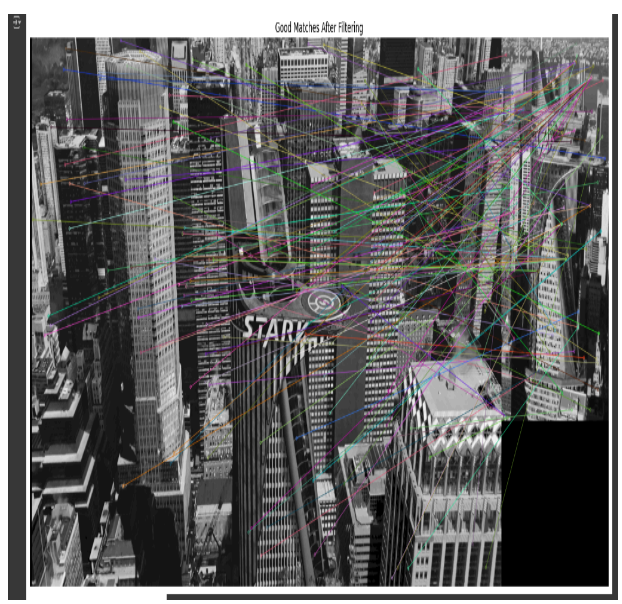

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good_matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)
        dst_pts = np.float32([keypoints_sift_2[m.trainIdx].pt for m in good_matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)

    # Visualize the good matches to verify their quality
        img_good_matches = cv2.drawMatches(image1, keypoints_sift_1, image2, keypoints_sift_2, good_matches, None, flags=cv2.DrawMatchesFlags_NOT_DRAW_SINGLE_POINTS)
    plt.figure(figsize=(20, 10))
    plt.title('Good Matches After Filtering')
    plt.imshow(img_good_matches)
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()

    # Compute homography matrix with a higher RANSAC threshold
     homography_matrix, mask = cv2.findHomography(src_pts, dst_pts, cv2.RANSAC, 10.0)
    height, width = image2.shape
    aligned_image = cv2.warpPerspective(image1, homography_matrix, (width, height))

    # Display and save
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
    plt.title('Aligned Image Using Homography')
    plt.imshow(aligned_image, cmap='gray')
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()
    cv2.imwrite('/content/aligned_image.jpg', aligned_image)
else:
        print(f"Not enough matches are found - {len(good_matches)}/{MIN_MATCH_COUNT}")

# Save the aligned image to be used later
if len(good_matches) > MIN_MATCH_COUNT:
    print("Aligned image saved as 'aligned_image.jpg'.")
else:
    print("Could not compute homography due to insufficient matches.")
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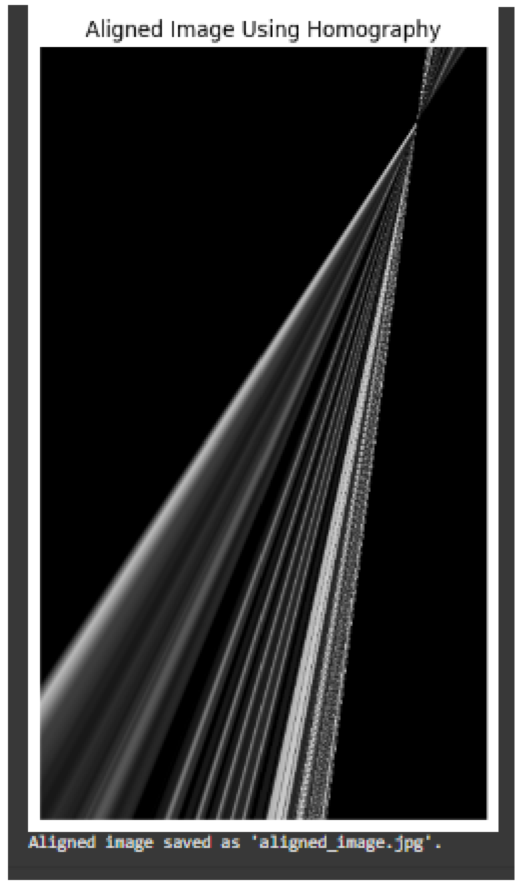

I adjusted the SIFT parameters, such as contrastThreshold and edge Threshold, to ensure a greater number of keypoints were captured, increasing the chances of finding reliable matches. These keypoints represent distinctive features within each image.

Next, I matched the keypoints using the FLANN-based matcher, which is efficient for finding approximate matches in high-dimensional datasets like SIFT descriptors. I once again applied Lowe's ratio test with a threshold of 0.7 to filter out unreliable matches and reduce false positives, leaving only the good matches. When enough reliable matches were available, I then computed a homography matrix using the RANSAC algorithm to align both images. This matrix helps establish a geometric relationship between the images, and using it, I warped image1 to align with image2, effectively transforming the scene for better visual consistency between the two different perspectives.

Step 5: Performance Analysis (20 points)

1. **Compare the Results**:
   - Analyze the performance of **SIFT**, **SURF**, and **ORB** in terms of keypoint detection accuracy, number of keypoints detected, and speed.
   - Comment on the effectiveness of **Brute-Force Matcher** versus **FLANN Matcher** for feature matching.
2. **Write a Short Report**:
   - Include your observations and conclusions on the best feature extraction and matching technique for the given images.

In terms of keypoint detection, SIFT consistently produced accurate and well-distributed keypoints across both images, making it the most reliable for capturing intricate details. SURF was faster but less detailed compared to SIFT, while ORB was significantly quicker and more lightweight, but its keypoint quality was not as consistent, especially in scenes with complex textures. In terms of speed, ORB was the fastest, followed by SURF, and then SIFT, but SIFT's accuracy and robustness made it more favorable despite the slower performance.

For feature matching, the Brute-Force Matcher was straightforward and effective, but relatively slow, especially with SIFT's floating-point descriptors. FLANN Matcher, on the other hand, performed well in terms of both speed and accuracy, particularly with larger descriptor sets like SIFT. The use of Lowe's ratio test with FLANN significantly improved match quality, filtering out weak matches. Overall, the combination of SIFT with FLANN Matcher provided the best balance of accurate keypoint detection and efficient matching, making it the optimal choice for aligning the given images.

Submission:

- A PDF or markdown document (performance_analysis.pdf or performance_analysis.md).

Submission Guidelines:

- **GitHub Repository**:
  - o Create a folder in your CSST106-Perception and Computer Vision repository named Feature-Extraction-Machine-Problem.
  - o Upload all code, images, and reports to this folder.

- **File Naming Format**: [SECTION-LASTNAME-MP3] 4D-LASTNAME-MP3
  - o 4D-BERNARDINO-SIFT.py
  - o 4D-BERNARDINO-Matching.jpg

Additional Penalties:

- **Incorrect Filename Format**: -5 points
- **Late Submission**: -5 points per day
- **Cheating/Plagiarism**: Zero points for the entire task

Rubric for Feature Extraction and Object Detection Machine Problem

Criteria	Excellent (90-100%)	Good (75-89%)	Satisfactory (60-74%)	Needs Improvement (0-59%)
Step 2: Feature Extraction (SIFT, SURF, ORB)	All feature extraction methods (SIFT, SURF, ORB) are implemented correctly. The extracted keypoints are clearly visualized and well explained. The code is well-commented and outputs are saved properly.	Feature extraction is implemented correctly, but there may be minor visualization issues or explanations lacking depth.	At least two methods are implemented correctly, with basic explanations and some issues with visualization or code.	Feature extraction methods are incomplete, implemented incorrectly, or not explained well. Poor or no visualization provided.
Step 3: Feature Matching (Brute-Force and FLANN)	Both Brute-Force and FLANN matchers are implemented correctly, and keypoint matches are clearly visualized with detailed explanations. The matching performance for each method is analyzed.	Both matchers are implemented correctly, but there may be minor issues with the visualization or the explanation lacks depth.	At least one matcher is implemented correctly, with basic explanations and minimal analysis of matching performance.	Feature matching methods are incomplete, implemented incorrectly, or poorly explained. Matches are not visualized or results are unclear.
Step 4: Image Alignment Using Homography	The homography matrix is computed correctly using matched keypoints, and the image is aligned and warped successfully. The output is visually accurate, and the process is well explained.	The homography matrix is computed correctly, but the alignment has minor issues, or the explanation lacks depth.	The homography matrix is computed, but there are significant alignment issues, or the explanation is basic.	Homography computation is incorrect or incomplete. Image alignment does not work as expected, or no explanation is provided.
Step 5: Performance Analysis	The performance analysis is thorough, comparing the accuracy and speed of SIFT, SURF, and ORB, and evaluating the effectiveness of Brute-Force and FLANN. The conclusion is insightful and well-supported.	The performance analysis is good, but lacks some depth in comparing the methods or has minor gaps in the evaluation of the matchers.	The performance analysis is basic, with minimal comparison or weak conclusions. Some methods or matchers are not evaluated.	The performance analysis is incomplete or missing. Little to no comparison or evaluation of methods and matchers is provided.