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1 Introduction

In this document we present an implementation of the BRIEF descriptor described by Michael Calonder, Vincent Lepetit, Christoph Strecha, and Pascal Fua in their work "BRIEF: Binary Robust Independent Elementary Features" [1]. The goal of this work is understanding the methodology's underlying principles along with its advantages and limitations. The work done follows the Local Descriptors Practice proposed by the Advanced Topics in Computer Vision course at the Universitat Politécnica de Catalunya.

We first begin by presenting a brief introduction to the methodology described in [1] in section 2. We then continue our work by presenting our implementation and characterizing BRIEF's descriptive power for image key-points in section 3. Finally, in section 5, we evaluate the BRIEF descriptor as a general patch descriptor.

2 Background: BRIEF Descriptor

Feature point descriptors have become essential in many computer vision technologies due to their capacity of uniquely and successfully describing key-points in an image. Applications such as image retrieval, object recognition, 3D reconstruction and camera localization leverage the power of descriptors to achieve their goals. With the ever growing amount of data that these application are expected to process, along with the desire to port these application to devices with more limited power and to run them in real time; academics in the computer vision community have noted the growing need for local descriptors that are fast to compute, fast to match, and that are memory efficient.

Binary Robust Independent Elementary Features, or BRIEF, are binary strings used as efficient feature point descriptors. Presented by Calonder et al in [1], BRIEF descriptors are highly discriminative and can be computed using simple intensity difference tests. In the remainder of these section, we will briefly discuss the key aspects of this methodology

2.1 Method

The approach followed by Calonder et al [1] is inspired by earlier work referenced in [2] and [3]. Calonder et al's method leverages a bit vector as a descriptor generated from an intensity test, which is computed after smoothing the image patch, by the following test τ on a patch \mathbf{p} of size $S \times S$:

$$\tau(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}) < \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{y}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (1)

Where $\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x})$ is the pixel intensity in a smoothed version of \mathbf{p} at $\mathbf{x} = (u, v)^{\top}$.

The BRIEF descriptor is then the n_d -dimensional bitstring:

$$f_{n_d}(\mathbf{p}) := \sum_{1 \le i \le n_d} 2^{i-1} \tau\left(\mathbf{p}; \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\right)$$
(2)

In this work, we will follow Calonder et al [1] recommendations and consider $n_d = 128$, 256, and 512. These yield good compromises between speed, storage efficiency, and recognition rate [1]. When creating these descriptors, the only choices we have to make are those relating to the kernels used to smooth the image, and the spatial arrangement of the (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) -pairs of the test in (1).

2.1.1 Smoothing Kernels

As previously mentioned, with the goal of reducing noise sensitivity, and to increase stability and repeatability of the descriptors, the images will be first smoothed with a Gaussian filter of $\sigma = 2$ and a corresponding discrete kernel window of size 9×9 pixels (As recommended in [1]).

2.1.2 Spatial Arrangement of the Binary Tests

Beyond the parameters chosen for the smoothing kernels, the only open choices we have in designing a BRIEF descriptor is the spatial arrangements of the binary tests. This can be achieved with an ordered and/or symmetric arrangement of pair points, e. g. a randomly sampled pairs from discrete locations of a coarse polar grid with a spatial quantization, or it can be created from random sampling form the patch. As it is observed in ??, and supported by our results, unordered random sampling yields stronger discriminative power.

2.1.3 Hamming Distance

In addition to the ease of calculation of BRIEF descriptors, another factor that improves the speed of this method is how descriptor similarity is evaluated. In non-binary descriptor implementations the distance between to descriptors is often determined by the sum of square distance, or something to that end. BRIEF descriptors, being binary vectors, allow us to evaluate their distance to each other, or similarity, by simply applying the efficient and simple XOR operation with the two descriptors and adding the amount of ones in the resulting vector. Using this hamming distance allows satisfying real time constraints on computer vision applications.

3 BRIEF Arrangements as a Key-point Descriptor

In this exercise, we implemented the BRIEF descriptor to identify the some points in a set of known images of the same structure (a wall).

3.1 Methodology

The methodology will consist in the selection of some interesting points in one of the images and the posterior identification of those in the following images. The BRIEF descriptor should be able to identify and match most of the points of the first image with the same points in the others, despite the change of orientation and perspective.

Once the points are chosen, we have to select a window which will contain the points that describe the point. Then we will generate a random pattern for the pairs that we are going to compare and finally make the descriptor of each point that we selected from the image that we can.

The matching algorithm will consist in looking for the Hamming distance between the descriptor of one point to each point of a second image. The one of the latter image that has the lowest distance will be considered the descriptor's prediction and marked as a True positive or a False positive depending on what we previously know. I we proceed in this way for each one of the points in the first image, we will obtain the distribution of the True positive and False positive's distance.

3.1.1 Wall Dataset

The wall dataset is conformed by a set of 6 images of the same wall from different perspectives. The first image is taken from the front of the wall, and will be taken as reference to obtain the key points that we are going to match. The other 5 images are pictures taken with progressively change in the perspective, and they come with the homography transformation matrix from the first image. This is useful to know the exact position where one given keypoint from the first image falls in each one of the others, and also to know if they even belong to the latter one.

The knowledge of the exact position of the correspondent points between images will allow us to evaluate the quality of the descriptors, as we only need to prove that the descriptor match the points that we previously know that are the same.

3.1.2 Key-point Extraction

Firstly, we have to obtain the keypoints in the first wall image. To do so, we are going to utilize the Matlab detectHarrisFeatures() function, then we have to filter the points that lies near the edges of the image, as we will not be able to perform a BRIEF descriptor around those points. And finally we will take the one thousand Stronger points as keypoints that we are going to test 1.

Once we obtained the keypoints, we can obtain the position of the same points in each one of the other images, as long as they belong to the same plane, with the homography matrix.

The homography matrix is a 3 by 3 matrix that contains the information not only for rotations and translations of the real points inside the image, but also codifies the perspective in which the picture is taken. We can use it to transform points of the first image to points of the second one by multiplying the matrix to the point extended in the projective space (adding a one as third dimension):

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ n \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{H} \times \begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ y^1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{3}$$

where the \mathcal{H} represents the holographic matrix, (x^1, y^1) are the coordinates of the point in the first image and (x', y', n) is a non normalized point in the projective space that represent the coordinates of the point in the second image. To obtain the position of the point in the second image, we have to



Figure 1: Selection of keypoints form the front view of the wall



Figure 2: The same keypoints in the third photo of the wall

normalize the vector —divide the three coordinates by the third component to obtain a one in this last position, it is called a reprojection to the affine plane, and note that we are never going to obtain a zero in this last dimension as they only corresponds to points in the infinite in the projective space.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x'/n \\ y'/n \end{bmatrix},\tag{4}$$

This will finally return the position of the same key points in each one of the other pictures of the wall, for example the third one

3.1.3 Gaussian Filtering

Once we have chosen the keypoints of the first picture and localized them in the other images, we can start to perform the BRIEF descriptor. As stated in the section 2.1.1, we have to perform a Gaussian filtering before performing the BRIEF descriptor. We have to decide wether we improve the sensitivity to the noise with a greater variance of the Gaussian filter or we prefer to preserve the pixel information with a smaller variance.

In the BRIEF paper[1], they proposed a $\sigma = 2$, and we also checked that increasing this value will progressively throw worse results (lower hit rate) in the identification of the points of the first image

Gaussian σ	2	3	4	1.5	1
$hit_rate\%$	95.08	95.58	94.68	95.08	91.97

Table 1: Hit rate with the same descriptor(pairs of points, and number of them) and different Gaussian variance.

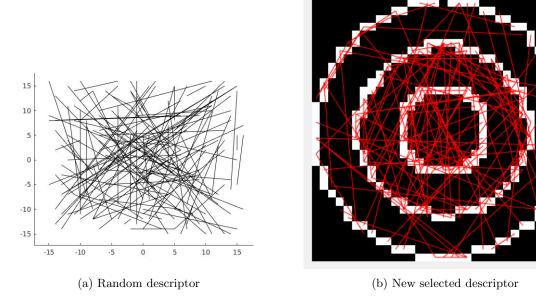


Figure 3: Descriptors

with respect to the second one.

As we can see in the Table 1, the proposed σ lies next to the sweet spot for maximum acuracy – note that the higher value in one single example does not mean that $\sigma = 3$ could be a better value in the general case.

3.1.4 BRIEF Descriptor Definition

For this exercise, we have chosen a random generated pattern of pairs with a uniform distribution along all the patch like the first proposal of the BRIEF authors [1], and the second pattern proposal will be given by choosing some random points in three different concentric circles.

The outer circle will have the radius of a half of the patch size and one third of the points, the middle circle is of a radius of a third of the patch size and half of the points (as we consider it the best circle), and the inner circle with a radius of a sixth of the patch size and the rest of the points.

We can see here the two descriptors' pairs 3.

We hypothesize that if we compare points with the same distance to the center, we can obtain a better robustness to rotations and therefore a pretty good descriptor.

3.1.5 BRIEF Descriptor Evaluation

Once we have chose the pattern of the descriptor (a number of points pairs in a patch around a given keypoint), we compare for each pair if the first pixel is brighter than the second (or equivalently the opposite). This set of booleans will be the feature BRIEF descriptor of the particular keypoint in the image.

3.1.6 Descriptor Similarity and Recognition Rate Testing

After obtaining the descriptor of each valid point, we can compare the distances between them with the Hamming distance, that computes the number of differences between two sets of booleans as distance.

Which point of the second image matches with on point of the first image, we are going to compute the hamming distance of the descriptor of this particular point to each one of the points of the second picture and pair this point to the first one. I the prediction is correct, we are going to consider it a True positive and otherwise a False positive.

If we perform this algorithm for each point of the chosen keypoints in the first image to each one of the other images, we are going to obtain the measure of all the True positive and False positive predictions and therefore compute the hit/cognition rate = TP/N where N stand for the number of possible total matches.

4 Results

BRIEF descriptor	1 to 2	1 to 3	1 to 4	1 to 5	1 to 6
Correct hits	947	919	623	337	92
Correct hits	49	74	348	630	846
Hit rate %	95.08	92.55	64.16	34.85	09.81
Roc curve	120 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 9	30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 3	30 30 30 30 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31	10 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Table 2: New descriptor's performance

New descriptor	1 to 2	1 to 3	1 to 4	1 to 5	1 to 6
Correct hits	933	886	572	283	71
Correct hits	63	107	399	684	867
Hit rate %	93.67	89.22	58.91	29.27	07.57
Roc curve	900 900 900 900 900 900 900 900 900 900	90 90 90 90 90 100 100 100 100 100 100 1	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1

Table 3: New descriptor's performance

In the Tables 2 and 1, we can observe that the given distribution also gives a pretty good hit rate, but falls always behind the uniform random distribution. As we expected, the greater the change of perspective, the lower the hit rate.

The Roc curves that we have presented are not very representative due to the lack of True positives in the lower precision examples and the lack of False negatives in the higher precision image. This lack of statistics along side with the scaling factor makes difficult to see correctly the distribution of the matching points, but we can observe in the distribution of the distances of True positives are smaller than the False positives 4.

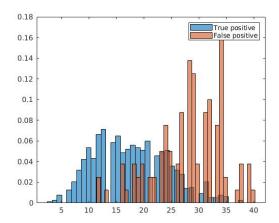


Figure 4: Distribution of distances of the descriptors by True and False positives of the random descriptor between the first and the third wall image.

5 BRIEF Arrangements as a General Patch Descriptor

We would now like to evaluate the descriptive power of BRIEF arrangements as a general patch descriptors. To this end, we will compute associated BRIEF descriptors of different test models and evaluate the similarity of the descriptors across models.

5.1 Methodology

5.1.1 Traffic Sign Models

For this test, we will use the set of traffic model patterns shown in fig [?]. We will then use BRIEF descriptors to evaluate how these descriptors would work for describing and discriminate between such model. As in section 3, we will also study how the descriptor size and the spatial arrangement of our pair points fair in the overall descriptor performance.



Figure 5: Traffic sign models.

Note that a handful of the original models were not the 100x100 pixels size most models are, but instead 88x199 or 87x100 pixels in size. These models were resized to 100x100 for convenience.

5.1.2 Gaussian Filtering

As in the previous section, the models were smoothed with a Gaussian filter with the goal of reducing noise sensitivity, and to increase stability and repeatability of the descriptors. The models were smoothed with a Gaussian filter of $\sigma = 2$ and a corresponding discrete kernel window of size 9×9 pixels (As recommended in [1]).

5.1.3 BRIEF Descriptor Definition

As mentioned before, the design aspects of a BRIEF descriptor that are flexible, are the spatial arrangement of the pair points and the size of the descriptor. With this in mind, we will evaluate the BRIEF arrangements according to their size and pair point selection. In particular we will evaluate the distance between the model descriptors for descriptor sizes of 128, 256, 512, 1024 with a random ordered pair points, and with pair points sampled from $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \sim \text{i.i.d.}$ Gaussian $(0, \frac{1}{25}S^2)$. The random ordered pair points consist on pair of points that lie in the same line and include the model center. Examples of the obtained set of pair points can be visualized in figure ??.

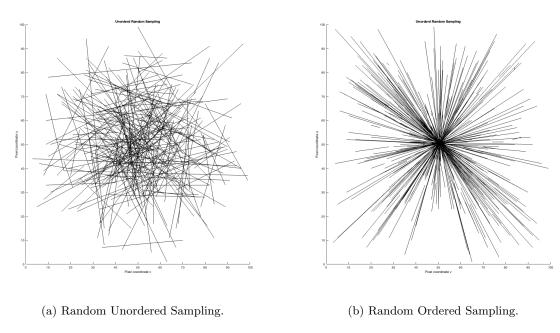


Figure 6: Examples of the two distributions sampled to select the pair points of a BRIEF-256 descriptor.

5.1.4 Model BRIEF Descriptor Evaluation

After having designed our descriptor, i.e selected the descriptor size and the spatial arrangement of the (\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) -pairs of the test in (1), we next calculate the descriptor (bit vector) for each model in fig 5. After having done this, we can evaluate the hamming distance among model descriptors and draw conclusions on the efficacy of the BRIEF descriptor for model characterization, at least with this test data set. Results are presented in the next subsection.

5.2 Results

We now present the results obtained after performing the steps discussed in the previous subsection. We would like to evaluate the discriminitave/classification power of the BRIEF descriptor for characterizing entire image patches.

5.2.1 Hamming Distance Matrix

A good way of evaluating the utility of BRIEF arrangements as a general patch descriptor is to create a hamming distance matrix among the traffic sign models in fig 5. This way, we can evaluate BRIEF's discriminative power among different models of traffic signs. An example of a distance matrix is given in figure 7 for a BRIEF-512 descriptor with an unordered Gaussian sample for the pair points.

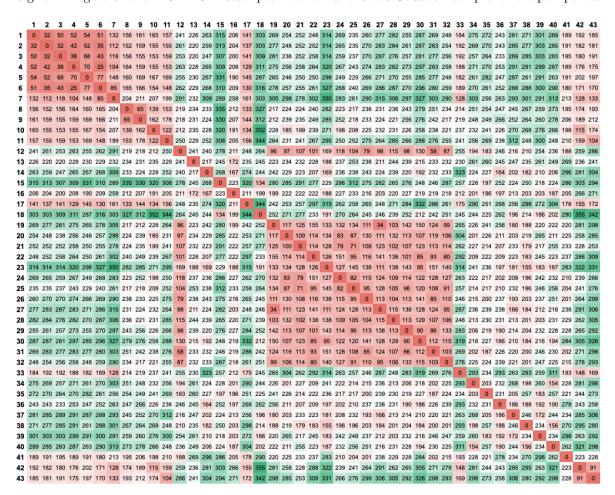


Figure 7: BRIEF descriptor distance matrix for the traffic sign models in fig 5.

From this matrix we can see the BRIEF descriptor has acceptable results when models are not too similar to each other. For example, among the circular speed signs, the discriminative power is not as good as we can see low descriptor hamming distance among models (shown in red). Of course, an optimized classifier would try to balance the threshold as to achieve higher precision among similar models.

5.2.2 BRIEF Descriptors Comparison

With the goal of studying the effect of the descriptor's size and an ordered vs unordered distribution when sampling the pair points, a simulation consisting on 1000 trials was performed and the highest and lowest distances among model descriptor obtained. This distance was later normalized as a percentage of the size of the descriptor, e.g. If the descriptor size is 512, and the hamming distance was 256, we would obtain a value of 50.

	Ordered Random Samling								Unordered Random Sampling							
	Randor		Random polar pairs - 256 pairs - 512		Random polar i.i.d.			i.d. Gaussian - i.i.d. Gaussi					i.i.d. Gaussian - 1024			
	pairs				pairs		•			28	25			12		
0	MIN 6.20	MAX 63.92	MIN 6.27	MAX 62.43	MIN 6.29	MAX 61.50	MIN 6.32	MAX 61.01	MIN 6.35	MAX 65.36	MIN 6.49	MAX 64.30	MIN 6.52	MAX 63.61	MIN 6.50	MAX 63.35
1	5.11	64.46	5.48	62.89	5.72	61.93	5.91	61.47	4.96	65.59	5.40	64.55	5.73	63.89	5.87	63.69
2	5.69	64.86	5.86	63.34	6.03	62.32	6.14	61.88	5.86	65.07	6.22	64.07	6.42	63.35	6.59	63.12
3	4.72	65.46	4.82	63.89	5.00	63.06	5.11	62.65	4.79	65.48	5.04	64.39	5.11	63.74	5.14	63.42
4	10.79	64.48	10.86	63.62	10.90	63.38	11.02	63.32	10.72	67.26	10.93	67.09	10.99	66.94	11.09	66.94
5	4.48	65.69	4.79	64.24	4.97	63.41	5.10	62.96	4.48	65.87	4.81	64.71	4.99	64.04	5.09	63.78
6	16.18	71.84	16.85	70.69	17.24	69.99	17.46	69.86	16.09	67.87	16.23	66.60	16.33	66.12	16.33	66.20
7	16.96	60.59	16.96	59.39	16.99	58.68	17.12	58.39	11.92	65.67	11.85	65.08	11.81	64.61	11.92	64.51
8	17.06	63.82	16.97	63.07	16.99	62.77	17.12	62.59	11.93	65.07	11.85	64.55	11.81	64.45	11.92	64.44
9	20.57	64.60	21.77	63.64	22.25	63.34	22.58	63.37	20.42	70.14	21.46	69.99	21.90	70.04	22.27	70.08
10	19.32	65.44	20.24	64.37	20.59	63.95	20.87	63.75	18.60	67.52	19.05	66.96	19.29	66.99	19.39	67.00
11 12	9.92 24.23	60.62 57.80	10.55 24.34	59.48 55.90	10.88 24.34	58.83 54.64	11.02 24.45	58.61 53.93	12.30 29.58	58.51 55.93	12.84 29.87	56.55 53.97	13.03 30.03	55.49 52.70	13.04 29.99	54.70 52.00
13	22.97	67.61	23.58	66.91	24.02	66.23	24.45	66.15	28.81	63.67	29.85	62.27	30.46	61.66	30.71	61.18
14	29.04	66.49	29.61	65.16	29.54	64.42	29.48	63.95	26.02	69.29	25.94	68.14	25.79	67.47	25.87	67.17
15	22.23	56.91	22.97	56.18	23.53	55.51	23.87	55.52	28.13	55.65	29.13	54.60	29.70	54.14	29.87	53.89
16	21.63	73.02	22.79	72.20	23.61	72.03	24.03	72.05	20.64	71.15	21.78	70.63	22.38	70.43	22.70	70.46
17	22.50	75.55	23.89	75.17	24.57	74.84	24.96	74.83	25.81	73.57	25.93	72.72	25.79	72.18	25.87	71.84
18	9.81	60.59	10.35	59.67	10.52	59.10	10.72	59.10	7.31	59.01	7.41	57.27	7.44	56.21	7.49	55.61
19	11.85	59.89	12.38	58.34	12.78	57.59	13.00	57.27	15.17	59.55	15.91	58.06	16.42	56.97	16.72	56.33
20	10.72	58.82	11.37	57.47	11.90	56.38	12.18	55.93	13.71	57.89	14.34	56.18	14.70	55.31	14.97	54.74
21	12.07	64.46	12.23	63.63	12.31	63.47	12.26	63.58	14.36	60.73	14.83	59.37	15.14	58.58	15.20	58.19
22	15.97	71.60	16.17	70.74	16.27	70.14	16.27	69.96	18.18	67.94	18.38	66.93	18.38	66.39	18.46	66.35
23	11.58	59.25	12.02	57.61	12.24	56.58	12.36	55.93	14.90	58.20	15.35	56.68	15.73	55.71	15.98	55.13
24 25	13.69 12.83	58.38 58.90	14.20 13.38	56.87 57.34	14.49 13.64	55.95 56.27	14.58 13.78	55.49 55.62	13.83 15.70	58.21 58.71	14.57 16.75	56.76 56.78	14.92 17.15	55.95 55.75	15.13 17.49	55.58 55.26
26	10.68	59.74	10.76	58.25	10.61	57.43	10.74	57.07	7.31	59.78	7.41	58.37	7.44	57.73	7.49	57.72
27	13.67	59.42	14.26	57.90	14.55	56.77	14.70	56.21	17.25	59.59	18.04	58.12	18.42	57.51	18.63	57.19
28	15.74	60.93	16.48	59.81	16.83	59.14	17.12	58.90	15.83	58.87	16.59	57.44	16.78	56.71	16.90	56.35
29	11.78	68.58	12.14	67.84	12.29	67.43	12.26	67.51	14.32	64.19	14.77	63.11	15.10	62.43	15.19	62.11
30	11.01	59.51	11.14	57.66	11.06	56.50	11.08	55.80	12.55	59.96	12.89	58.56	13.03	57.88	13.04	57.46
31	13.30	57.82	13.82	56.08	14.18	55.01	14.36	54.44	15.32	58.23	16.46	56.54	17.15	55.60	17.65	54.97
32	22.40	65.53	22.91	64.13	23.23	63.42	23.50	62.88	25.45	65.38	25.91	64.00	26.19	63.50	26.20	63.20
33	28.55	59.48	28.81	58.01	28.70	56.88	28.79	56.32	30.38	61.22	31.08	59.79	31.47	59.10	31.50	58.60
34	28.60	60.04	28.84	58.54	28.70	57.76	28.79	57.50	31.91	60.15	33.04	58.92	33.63	58.17	34.02	57.67
35	23.42	68.55	24.11	67.43	24.58	66.85	24.83	66.57	30.96	60.02	32.47	58.24	33.04	57.67	33.30	57.30
36 37	29.22 29.39	68.34 66.84	30.46 30.39	67.38 65.78	30.99 31.02	67.00 65.44	31.30 31.34	66.90 65.25	30.47 29.97	63.37 63.58	31.81 30.89	62.13 62.54	32.50 31.41	61.56 61.94	32.90 31.69	61.34 61.63
38	23.95	68.67	24.93	67.34	25.32	66.83	25.58	66.66	30.86	62.65	31.86	61.00	31.41	60.23	32.95	59.74
39	23.66	69.17	24.93	68.24	24.68	67.66	24.91	67.37	29.14	66.30	29.87	65.03	30.49	64.44	30.86	63.90
40	28.47	63.46	28.83	62.07	29.16	61.19	29.05	60.77	30.07	62.30	31.41	60.80	31.94	60.02	32.25	59.46
41	15.00	74.93	15.30	74.85	15.37	74.70	15.38	74.80	19.77	71.79	20.42	71.49	20.76	71.54	20.97	71.52
42	15.10	72.17	15.40	71.41	15.39	71.04	15.38	71.19	18.21	68.42	18.73	67.57	19.07	67.57	19.24	67.37

Figure 8: Average normalized maximum and minimum hamming distance between models' BRIEF descriptors.

As we can see from the figure above, increasing the descriptor size does increase the normalized minimum hamming distance for the models. Nonetheless, the increase is not substantial indicating that a small descriptor can perform relatively more efficiently as it requires less memory and computation time. Moreover, the unordered random sampling yielded better results for all sizes tested with a couple of exceptions. For example, models 18 and 26 benefit from the polar pairs, indicating it somehow leverages the symmetrical properties of said models. The models in green benefit from a stronger discriminative power from this BRIEF descriptor, of course this can be a result of the circular speed sign having more similar models in the set.

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Appendix A BRIEF Arrangements as a Key-point Descriptor Code

Listing 1: BRIEF Arrangements as a Key-point Descriptor Code

```
clear; clc; close all;
2
                                 % patch size
3
   Ims = {};
                        % library for imaes
5
   for i = 1:6
       Im = imread(strcat("wall/img", int2str(i), ".ppm"));
       Ims{i} = rgb2gray(Im);
9
   end
10
11
   A_mat = {};
                        % library of homographic matrices
   for i = 2:6
12
13
       FileName = strcat('wall/H1to', int2str(i), 'p');
       fid = fopen(FileName, 'r');
14
       C = textscan(fid, '%s');
15
       C = C\{1\};
16
       A = zeros(3,3);
17
        for j = 1:9
18
           A(floor((j-1)/3)+1, mod(j-1,3)+1) = str2num(C{j});
19
20
21
       A_mat{i} = A;
   end
22
23
   %% select points
24
25
   N_{points} = 1000;
                                 % Number of corners selected
26
27
   points1 = detectHarrisFeatures(Ims{1});
28
29
30
   valid_points1 = and(and(points1.Location(:,1) > S/2+1, points1.Location(:,2) > ...
31
                and (points1.Location(:,1) < size(Ims\{1\},2)-S/2, points1.Location(:,2) < ...
32
                    size(Ims{1},1)-S/2));
   % valid points are those that have some distance to the edge
34
   points1 = points1(valid_points1);
                                                      % subset of valid points
35
36
   points1 = points1.selectStrongest(N_points);
                                                     % choose the strongest
37
   points_matrix = zeros(6,2,N_points);
                                                      % dimensions are (which_im, (x,y), ...
       Points)
  points_matrix(1,:,:) = points1.Location';
                                                      % save the ones from the first image
                                                      % valid points for (which_im, ...
   valid_points_mat = zeros(6,N_points);
        which_point)
   valid_points_mat(1,:) = ones(1,N_points);
                                                      % we have already made sure that the ...
       first image where valid
42
   p_use = ones(3, N_points);
43
   p_{use}(1:2,:) = points_{matrix}(1,:,:);
                                                      % p_use are the points (x,y,1)' in a ...
44
       matrix
   for i = 2:6
45
       p_{aux} = A_{mat}\{i\}*p_{use};
                                                      % hom transf for the image i
46
       points_matrix(i,1,:) = p_aux(1,:)./p_aux(3,:);
47
       points_matrix(i,2,:) = p_aux(2,:)./p_aux(3,:);
48
       valid_points_mat(i,:) = and(and(points_matrix(i,1,:) > S/2+1, ...
49
           points_matrix(i,2,:) > S/2+1),
50
                and (points_matrix(i,1,:) < size(Ims\{i\},2)-S/2, points_matrix(i,2,:) < ...
                    size(Ims{i},1)-S/2));
51
        % check which are valid in the image i
52
   end
53
   % r_ind = randi(N_points);
55
56
57 figure()
```

```
58 imshow(Ims{1})
59
   hold on
   plot( squeeze(points_matrix(1,1,:)), squeeze(points_matrix(1,2,:)), '+g' )
   % plot(points_matrix(1, 1, r_ind), points_matrix(1, 2, r_ind), 'ro')
63
65 figure()
66 imshow(Ims{3})
67 hold on
   plot( squeeze(points_matrix(3,1,:)), squeeze(points_matrix(3,2,:)), '+g' )
    % plot(points_matrix(3, 1, r_ind), points_matrix(3, 2, r_ind), 'ro')
70
   hold off
72
    %% start exercise
73
74
   n = 128:
                                     % number of descriptors pairs
75
   X_{escriptor_points} = randi(S, [2,n]) - S/2; % each column [p1(1), p1(2)]'
   Y_{ext} = randi(S, [2,n]) - S/2; % each column [p2(1), p2(2)]'
77
78
    % from [-S/2, +S/2]
79
   figure; hold on;
80
    for i = 1:n
        plot( [X_descriptor_points(1,i);Y_descriptor_points(1,i)], ...
82
            [X_descriptor_points(2,i);Y_descriptor_points(2,i)], '-k')
83
    end
    응응
84
85
   % First filter the image
86
87
    for i = 1:6
        Im = imread(strcat("wall/img", int2str(i), ".ppm"));
88
        Ims{i} = rgb2gray(Im);
89
90
        Ims\{i\} = imgaussfilt(Ims\{i\}, 2);
   end
91
   % Obtain the desciptors of each valid point in each image
93
   Im1_descriptor_points = zeros(6, N_points, n); % (Im, point, description)
    for i = 1:6
        for j = 1:N_points
96
            if(valid_points_mat(i,j))
97
                 c-point = round(squeeze(points_matrix(i,:,j)));
98
                idx1 = sub2ind(size(Ims{i}), c_point(2)+X_descriptor_points(2,:), ...
99
                     c_point(1)+X_descriptor_points(1,:));
                idx2 = sub2ind(size(Ims{i}), c_point(2)+Y_descriptor_points(2,:), ...
100
                     c_point(1)+Y_descriptor_points(1,:));
                Im1\_descriptor\_points(i,j,:) = Ims\{i\}(idx1) > Ims\{i\}(idx2);
101
                Im1\_descriptor\_points(i, j, :) = -1;
103
104
            end
105
        end
   end
106
   % descriptor comparison
    predictions_correct = zeros(6,N_points);
                                                           % save in a matrix if it hited ...
108
        right
    predictions_distance = zeros(6, N_points);
                                                          % save in a matrix the distances
109
    for j = 1:N_points % for all points in the first image
110
        xor_dist = sum(xor(Im1_descriptor_points(1,j,:), Im1_descriptor_points( ...
111
            logical(valid_points_mat(:,j)),:,:)), 3);
112
                                                           % xor=> matrix of size ...
                 (valid_points, 1, n) thend add third dimension
113
        [m, m\_ind] = min(xor\_dist ,[],2);
                                                             % find the minimum
        predictions_correct(logical(valid_points_mat(:,j)),j) = (m_ind == j); % did it hit?
114
        idx1 = sub2ind(size(xor_dist), [1:size(xor_dist, 1)], m_ind');
                                                                                 % indices ...
115
            of the descriptor
116
        predictions_distance(logical(valid_points_mat(:,j)),j) = xor_dist(idx1); % ...
            compute distance
117 end
118
   %% results
119
120
_{121} which image = 3:
```

```
122
123
   True_pos_dist = ...
        predictions_distance(which_image, and(logical(predictions_correct(which_image,:)), ...
        logical(valid_points_mat(which_image,:))) ;
   False_pos_dist = predictions_distance(which_image, and(\sigma...
        logical(predictions_correct(which_image,:)), ...
        logical(valid_points_mat(which_image,:))) ;
125
126
127 figure;
   h1 = histogram(True_pos_dist, 40, 'Normalization', 'pdf')
128
   hold on
130 h2 = histogram(False_pos_dist, 40, 'Normalization', 'pdf')
   legend('True positive', 'False positive')
132 hold off
133
    correct_hits = sum( and(logical(predictions_correct(which_image,:)), ...
        logical(valid_points_mat(which_image,:))) )
   bad_hits = sum( and(¬logical(predictions_correct(which_image,:)), ...
135
        logical(valid_points_mat(which_image,:))) )
136
137 TPR = hist(True_pos_dist , 40, 'Normalization', 'pdf');
138 FPR = hist(False_pos_dist , 40, 'Normalization', 'pdf');
140 hit_rate = correct_hits/(correct_hits+bad_hits)
141
142 figure()
143 title('Roc curve')
144 plot(cumsum(FPR), cumsum(TPR))
145
146
147
148
149
150
    %% new descriptor proposed
151
152
theta = linspace(0,2*pi, 100);
154 circle_matrix = zeros(33,33);
155
   circle_points = [r*cos(theta);r*sin(theta)];
                                                              % radius S/2 outer circle
157
   circle_points = unique( round(circle_points)', 'rows' )';% round and eliminate the ...
158
        repeated points
159
     \texttt{circle\_matrix( sub2ind([33,33] , circle\_points(1,:)+S/2+1, circle\_points(2,:)+S/2+1 \dots } 
160
        ) ) = 1:
n_{left} = n_{round(n/3)};
162 X_descriptor_points_new = circle_points(:,randi(size(circle_points,2),round(n/3),1));
163 Y_descriptor_points_new = ...
        circle_points(:,randi(size(circle_points,2),round(n/3),1)); % one third to the ...
        outer circle
164
165 % midle circle
166 r = S/3;
                                                              % radius S/3 outer circle
167
   circle_points = [r*cos(theta);r*sin(theta)];
   circle_points = unique( round(circle_points)', 'rows')';% round and eliminate the ...
168
        repeated points
169
170 circle_matrix( sub2ind([33,33] , circle_points(1,:)+S/2+1 , ...
        circle_points(2,:)+S/2+1) ) = 1;
n_{\text{left}} = n_{\text{left}} - \text{round}(n/2);
   X_descriptor_points_new = [X_descriptor_points_new, ...
        circle\_points(:, randi(size(circle\_points, 2), round(n/2), 1))];
    Y_descriptor_points_new = [Y_descriptor_points_new, ...
        circle_points(:,randi(size(circle_points,2),round(n/2),1))]; % one half to the \dots
        middle circle
174
175 % inner circle
176 r = S/6;
177 circle_points = [r*cos(theta);r*sin(theta)];
                                                              % radius S/3 outer circle
```

```
circle_points = unique( round(circle_points)', 'rows')';% round and eliminate the ...
178
        repeated points
179
    circle_matrix(sub2ind([33,33],circle_points(1,:)+S/2+1,circle_points(2,:)+S/2+1...
180
        ) = 1;
   X_descriptor_points_new = [ X_descriptor_points_new, ...
181
        circle_points(:,randi(size(circle_points,2),n_left,1) ) ];
   Y_descriptor_points_new = [ Y_descriptor_points_new, ...
182
        circle_points(:,randi(size(circle_points,2),n_left,1) ) ]; % one half to the ...
        middle circle
183
184
185
   figure
   imshow(circle_matrix)
186
187 hold on
    for i = 1:n
188
        plot( [X_descriptor_points_new(1,i);Y_descriptor_points_new(1,i)]+S/2+1, ...
            [X_descriptor_points_new(2,i);Y_descriptor_points_new(2,i)]+S/2+1, '-r')
190
191
   응응
192
    % First filter the image
193
   for i = 1:6
194
        Im = imread(strcat("wall/img", int2str(i), ".ppm"));
        Ims{i} = rgb2gray(Im);
196
197
        Ims{i} = imgaussfilt(Ims{i}, 2);
198
   end
199
   % Obtain the desciptors of each valid point in each image
200
   201
    for i = 1:6
202
        for j = 1:N_points
203
            if(valid_points_mat(i,j))
204
205
                c-point = round(squeeze(points_matrix(i,:,j)));
                idx1 = sub2ind(size(Ims{i}), c_point(2)+X_descriptor_points_new(2,:), ...
206
                    c_point(1)+X_descriptor_points_new(1,:));
                idx2 = sub2ind(size(Ims{i}), c_point(2)+Y_descriptor_points_new(2,:), ...
207
                    c_point(1)+Y_descriptor_points_new(1,:));
                Iml_descriptor_points(i, j, :) = Ims\{i\}(idx1) > Ims\{i\}(idx2);
208
            else
209
210
                Im1\_descriptor\_points(i, j, :) = -1;
211
            end
212
        end
213
   end
    % descriptor comparison
214
   predictions_correct = zeros(6, N_points);
                                                          % save in a matrix if it hited ...
   predictions_distance = zeros(6, N_points);
                                                         % save in a matrix the distances
    for j = 1:N_points % for all points in the first image
217
        xor_dist = sum(xor(Im1_descriptor_points(1,j,:), Im1_descriptor_points( ...
218
219
            logical(valid_points_mat(:,j)),:,:)), 3);
                                                            % xor=> matrix of size ...
                (valid_points, 1, n) thend add third dimension
        [m, m\_ind] = min(xor\_dist ,[],2);
                                                            % find the minimum
220
        predictions\_correct(logical(valid\_points\_mat(:,j)),j) = (m\_ind == j); % did it hit?
221
        idx1 = sub2ind(size(xor_dist), [1:size(xor_dist, 1)], m_ind');
222
            of the descriptor
        predictions_distance(logical(valid_points_mat(:,j)),j) = xor_dist(idx1); % ...
223
            compute distance
224
   end
225
226
    %% results
227
   which_image = 2;
228
229
230
    True_pos_dist = ...
        predictions_distance(which_image, and(logical(predictions_correct(which_image,:)), ...
        logical(valid_points_mat(which_image,:))) ;
False_pos_dist = predictions_distance(which_image,and(\neg \dots
        logical(predictions_correct(which_image,:)), ...
        logical(valid_points_mat(which_image,:)))
232
```

```
233
234
   figure;
235 h1 = histogram(True_pos_dist, 40, 'Normalization', 'pdf')
236 hold on
237 h2 = histogram(False_pos_dist, 40, 'Normalization', 'pdf')
   legend('True positive', 'False positive')
238
239
   hold off
240
   correct_hits = sum( and(logical(predictions_correct(which_image,:)), ...
241
        logical(valid_points_mat(which_image,:))) )
   bad_hits = sum( and(¬logical(predictions_correct(which_image,:)), ...
242
        logical(valid_points_mat(which_image,:))) )
243
   TPR = hist(True_pos_dist , 33, 'Normalization', 'pdf');
244
245 FPR = hist(False_pos_dist , 33, 'Normalization', 'pdf');
246
247 hit_rate = correct_hits/(correct_hits+bad_hits)
248
249 figure()
250 title('Roc curve')
plot(cumsum(FPR), cumsum(TPR))
```

Appendix B BRIEF Arrangements as a General Patch Descriptor Code

Listing 2: BRIEF Arrangements as a General Patch Descriptor Code

```
1 %% DOUBTS AND OBSERVATIONSforma
  % No key Points detection, using whole patch...
3
  %% SET UP ____
5 clear; clc;
6 displaying
              = 1;
  currentPath = pwd;
7
             = filesep;
8
  ImagesPath = strcat(currentPath, f, "traffic models/Meta/", f);
9
10
11 % Load Traffic Images
nImages = 43;
   Ims = cell(1, nImages);
                                  % library for images
  for i = 1:nImages
14
      Im = imread(strcat(ImagesPath,int2str(i-1), ".png"));
      Ims{i} = Im;
16
17
18
  %% RESIZE IMAGES TO 100x100 PIXELS
19
21 for i = 1:nImages
      Ims{i} = imresize(Ims{i}, [100 100]);
22
23
24
  %% SMOOTH - GAUSSIAN FILTER
  % Parameters
26
  sigma = 2; %(Filter Size is then 9x9)
28
  % Gaussian Filter Images
29
30
  Ims_G = cell(1, nImages);
31
  for i = 1:nImages
      Ims_G\{i\} = imgaussfilt(rgb2gray(Ims\{i\}), sigma);
33
  %% HERE FOR TESTING AND AVERAGING ACROSS RANDOM PATTERNS FOR EVALUATION
35
36
  clc
  nTrials = 1000;
  displaying = 0;
  DISTminmax_norm_mean = zeros(nImages, 2);
40 for i =1:nTrials
   %% BRIEF PATTERN SELECTION/CREATION _____
42
  % Parameters
43
  nBits = 512; %128,256,512,1024
  im\_center = 50;
45
46
  S = 100;
                 % Entire Image is our patch
48 %% (A) i.i.d. Gaussian(0, 1/25*S^2) (From paper: sigma = 1/5*S)
49 POINTS = zeros(nBits, 4);
  nCoord = 4*nBits; % For each bite in the descriptor, 2 points of 2 coordinates are ...
      used
  count = 1;
  pointMin = 1;
                     % Select points inside image
  pointMax = 100;
                      % Smallest image dimension, could have also resized images
54
  while count<nCoord
      point = im_center + round(randn(1)*1/5*S);
55
      if point ≥ pointMin && point ≤ pointMax
56
          POINTS(count) = point;
57
          count = count +1;
      end
59
  end
61 % Change from coordinates (u,v) to linear index. New Point MTX is then nBits by 2
62 POINTS_lin = zeros(nBits,2);
```

```
for pair = 1:nBits
63
        POINTS_lin(pair,1) = sub2ind([S S],POINTS(pair,1),POINTS(pair,2));
64
        POINTS_lin(pair,2) = sub2ind([S S],POINTS(pair,3),POINTS(pair,4));
65
   end
66
67
68
69
   %% (B) Random polar pairs
70
71 nBits = 256; %128,256,512,1024
72 Psize = 100;
   POINTS = zeros(nBits, 4);
73
    for i=1:nBits
                    = rand()*360;
75
        theta
                    = rand() *100-50;
76
77
        r2
                    = rand()*100-50;
        POINTS(i,1) = ceil(50+cosd(theta)*r1); % x1
78
79
        POINTS(i,2) = ceil(50+sind(theta)*r1); % y1
        POINTS(i,3) = ceil(50+cosd(theta)*r2); % x2
80
81
        POINTS(i,4) = ceil(50+sind(theta)*r2); % y2
82
   end
83
    % Change from coordinates (u,v) to linear index. New Point MTX is then nBits by 2
84
   POINTS_lin = zeros(nBits,2);
85
    for pair = 1:nBits
        POINTS.lin(pair,1) = sub2ind([Psize Psize],POINTS(pair,1),POINTS(pair,2));
87
        POINTS_lin(pair, 2) = sub2ind([Psize Psize], POINTS(pair, 3), POINTS(pair, 4));
88
89
    end
90
    응
91
   close all;
92
93
    if displaying
        figure; hold on;
94
        for i = 1:nBits
95
            plot( [POINTS(i,1); POINTS(i,2)], [POINTS(i,3); POINTS(i,4)], '-k')
        end
97
        title('Unorderd Random Sampling')
98
       % title('Orderd Random Sampling')
99
100
        xlabel('Pixel coordinate v')
101
        ylabel('Pixel coordinate u')
   end
102
103
104
    %% IMAGE DESCRIPTORS _____
105
106
    Ims_D = zeros(nImages,nBits); % Descriptor Array: Row for Image, Columns for bits
107
    for i = 1:nImages
108
        Ims_D(i,:) = Ims_G\{i\}(POINTS_lin(:,1)) > Ims_G\{i\}(POINTS_lin(:,2));
109
110
111
112
113
    %% EVALUATION _____
114
   DistanceMTX = zeros(nImages, nImages);
116
    for i= 1:nImages
117
        % Image Descriptor = Ims_D(i,:)
118
                         = repmat(Ims_D(i,:),nImages,1);
119
        DescriptorMTX
        ComparisonMTX
                         = xor(Ims_D, DescriptorMTX);
120
                         = sum(ComparisonMTX,2)';
121
        DistanceVec
        DistanceMTX(i,:) = DistanceVec;
122
123
   end
   DistanceMTX_norm
                         = round(DistanceMTX./nBits*100);
124
    if displaying
125
        % Display compactly (Taken from google)
126
127
        fprintf([repmat(sprintf('%% %dd', max(floor(log10(abs(DistanceMTX(:))))) ...
        +2+any(DistanceMTX(:)<0)), 1, size(DistanceMTX, 2)) '\n'], DistanceMTX');
128
129
        fprintf([repmat(sprintf('%% %dd', max(floor(log10(abs(DistanceMTX_norm(:))))) ...
            ... +2+any(DistanceMTX_norm(:)<0)),1,size(DistanceMTX_norm,2)) '\n'], ...
        DistanceMTX_norm');
130
   end
   %% RESULTS _____
132
```

```
133
134
   DISTminmax = zeros(nImages,2); % Rows: model, Columns: Min Dist, Max Dist
135
    for i = 1:nImages
136
        tempResult
                      = DistanceMTX(i,:);
137
        % Convert 0 into NaN, hard fix to avoid selecting same image
138
139
        tempResult(tempResult==0) = NaN;
        [closesDist, closestIm]
                                  = min(tempResult);
140
        [furthestDist, furthestIm] = max(tempResult);
141
142
        DISTminmax(i,:) = [closesDist, furthestDist];
        if displaying
143
144
            disp(['Image ', num2str(i-1), ':'])
145
            disp(['Closest classification is image ', num2str(closestIm-1), ...
146
                ', with a hamming distance of ', num2str(closesDist)])
147
            disp(['Furthest classification is image ', num2str(furthestIm-1), ...
148
                ', with a hamming distance of ', num2str(furthestDist)])
149
            disp(' ')
150
151
152 end
   DISTminmax_norm = round(DISTminmax./ nBits*100,2);
153
154
155
   DISTminmax_norm_mean = DISTminmax_norm_mean + DISTminmax_norm;
157
158
   %% END of TESTING
159 end
160 DISTminmax_norm_mean = DISTminmax_norm_mean./nTrials;
161 nBits
162 DISTminmax_norm_mean
```