

Computer Vision 2023 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 use this notebook to run your code and display your results and analysis.

Again we will mark a PDF conversion of your 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:

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

This will also remove the preamble text from each question. It has been packaged into a small notebook you can run in colab, called `notebooktopdf.ipynb`

We will use the `OpenCV` library to complete the prac. It has several built in functions that will be useful. You are expected to consult documentation and use them appropriately.

As with the last assignment it is somewhat up to you how you answer each question. Ensure that the outputs and report are clear and easy to read so that the markers can rapidly assess what you have done, why, and how deep is your understanding. 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.

You should copy these data into a directory A2_smvs, keeping the directory structure the same as in the zip file.

Within each category (within each folder), 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 001.jpg in the Reference folder contains the same book as 001.jpg in the Query folder). The data is a subset of the Stanford Mobile Visual Search Dataset which is available at

<http://web.cs.wpi.edu/~claypool/mmsys-dataset/2011/stanford/index.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 the datasets are 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 [1]: from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
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ModuleNotFoundError                                     Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[1], line 1
----> 1 from google.colab import drive
      2 drive.mount('/content/drive')

ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'google'
```

```
In [ ]: !pwd
%cd drive/MyDrive/Colab\ Notebooks
!pwd
```

```
In [2]: # Numpy is the main package for scientific computing with Python.
import numpy as np
import cv2

# 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 plots, can be ch
plt.rcParams['image.interpolation'] = 'nearest'
plt.rcParams['image.cmap'] = 'gray'

# Some more magic so that the notebook will reload external python modules;
# see http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1907993/autoreload-of-modules-in-ipython
%load_ext autoreload
```

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%autoreload 2
%reload_ext autoreload
```

```
In [3]: 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
    """
    h,w = ref.shape[:2]
    pts = np.float32([ [0,0],[0,h-1],[w-1,h-1],[w-1,0] ]).reshape(-1,1,2)
    dst = cv2.perspectiveTransform(pts,model)

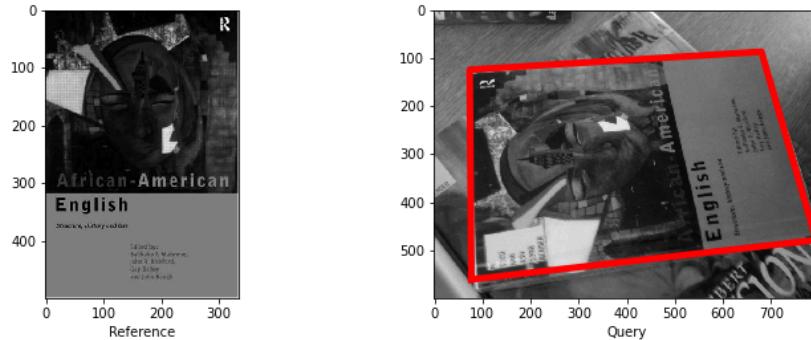
    img = query.copy()
    img = cv2.polylines(img,[np.int32(dst)],True,255,3, cv2.LINE_AA)
    plt.imshow(img, 'gray'), plt.show()

def draw_inliers(img1, img2, kp1, kp2, matches, matchesMask):
    """
        Draw inlier between images
        img1 / img2: reference/query  img
        kp1 / kp2: their keypoints
        matches : list of (good) matches after ratio test
        matchesMask: Inlier mask returned in cv2.findHomography()
    """
    matchesMask = matchesMask.ravel().tolist()
    draw_params = dict(matchColor = (0,255,0), # draw matches in green color
                       singlePointColor = None,
                       matchesMask = matchesMask, # draw only inliers
                       flags = 2)
    img3 = cv2.drawMatches(img1,kp1,img2,kp2,matches,None,**draw_params)
    plt.imshow(img3, 'gray'),plt.show()

def drawlines(img1,img2,lines,pts1,pts2):
    ''' img1 - image on which we draw the epipolar lines
        img2 - image where the points are defined for visualizing epilines in image
        pts1, pts2 are your good matches in image 1 and 2.
        lines - corresponding epilines '''
    r,c = img1.shape
    img1 = cv.cvtColor(img1,cv.COLOR_GRAY2BGR)
    img2 = cv.cvtColor(img2,cv.COLOR_GRAY2BGR)
    for r,pt1,pt2 in zip(lines,pts1,pts2):
        color = tuple(np.random.randint(0,255,3).tolist())
        x0,y0 = map(int, [0, -r[2]/r[1] ])
        x1,y1 = map(int, [c, -(r[2]+r[0]*c)/r[1] ])
        img1 = cv.line(img1, (x0,y0), (x1,y1), color,1)
        img1 = cv.circle(img1,tuple(pt1),5,color,-1)
        img2 = cv.circle(img2,tuple(pt2),5,color,-1)
    return img1,img2
```

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:



0. 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 and the BRIEF descriptor. BRIEF is based on similar ideas to the SIFT descriptor we covered week 3, but with some changes for efficiency.
1. [Load images] Load the first (reference, query) image pair from the "book_covers" category using opencv (e.g. `img=cv2.imread()`). Check the parameter option in "`cv2.imread()`" to ensure that you read the gray scale image, since it is necessary for computing ORB features.
2. [Detect features] Create opencv ORB feature extractor by `orb=cv2.ORB_create()` . Then you can detect keypoints by `kp = orb.detect(img,None)` , and compute descriptors by `kp, des = orb.compute(img, kp)` . You need to do this for each image, and then you can use `cv2.drawKeypoints()` for visualization.
3. [Match features] As ORB is a binary feature, you need to use HAMMING distance for matching, e.g., `bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING)` . Then you are required to do KNN matching ($k=2$) by using `bf.knnMatch()` . After that, you are required to use "ratio_test". Ratio test was used in SIFT to find good matches and was described in the lecture. By default, you can set `ratio=0.8` .
4. [Plot and analyze] You need to visualize the matches by using the `cv2.drawMatches()` function. Also you can change the ratio values, parameters in `cv2.ORB_create()` , and distance functions in `cv2.BFMatcher()` . Please discuss how these changes influence the match numbers.

```
In [4]: # Load images as grey scale
img1 = cv2.imread('a2/A2_smvs/book_covers/Reference/001.jpg', 0)
if not np.shape(img1):
    # Error message and print current working dir
    print("Could not load img1. Check the path, filename and current working director
        !pwd
img2 = cv2.imread("a2/A2_smvs/book_covers/Query/001.jpg", 0)
if not np.shape(img2):
    # Error message and print current working dir
    print("Could not load img2. Check the path, filename and current working director
        !pwd
```

```
In [5]: #compute ORB detector
orb = cv2.ORB_create()

#find the keypoints and descriptors with ORB for image 1 and 2
kp1, des1 = orb.detectAndCompute(img1, None)
kp2, des2 = orb.detectAndCompute(img2, None)

#draw keypoints
img1_kp = cv2.drawKeypoints(img1, kp1, None, color=(0,255,0))
img2_kp = cv2.drawKeypoints(img2, kp2, None, color=(0,255,0))

#display the images
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
plt.subplot(1,2,1)
plt.imshow(img1_kp)
plt.title('Reference Image Keypoints')
plt.axis('off')

plt.subplot(1,2,2)
plt.imshow(img2_kp)
plt.title('Query Image Keypoints')
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()

#create BFMatcher with Hamming distance
bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING)

#perform KNN match
matches = bf.knnMatch(des1, des2, k=2)

#apply ratio test
good_matches = []
for m, n in matches:
    if m.distance < 0.8 * n.distance: # Ratio test with default ratio 0.8
        good_matches.append(m)

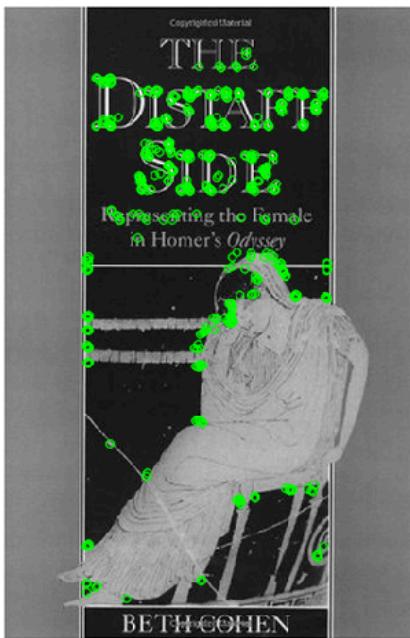
#draw the good matches
img_matches = cv2.drawMatches(img1, kp1, img2, kp2, good_matches, None, flags=cv2.D
```

#display matches

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.imshow(img_matches)
plt.title(f'Good Matches with Count={len(good_matches)}')
```

```
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```

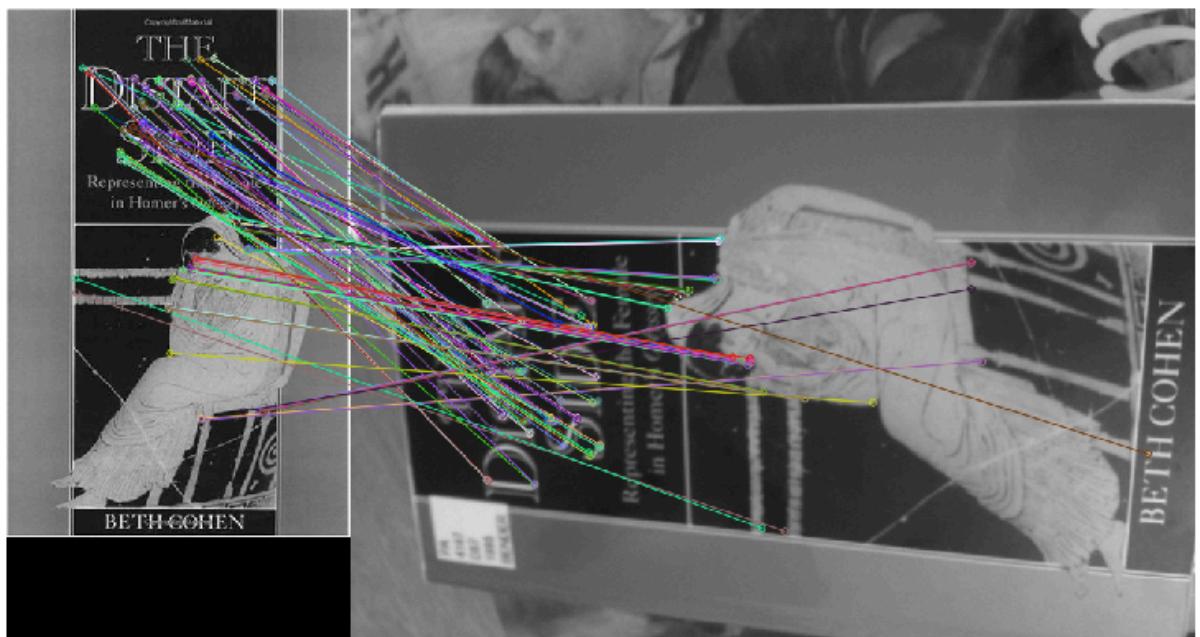
Reference Image Keypoints



Query Image Keypoints



Good Matches with Count=131



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

This task required detecting and describing keypoints in both the reference and query images from the book_covers dataset. I used the ORB algorithm for this question as its efficient for feature matching.

I loaded 001.jpg from both the Reference and Query folders in grayscale using cv2.imread(0), as ORB operates on single-channel intensity images.

Feature detection and descriptor extraction were performed using cv2.ORB_create(). To match features between the images, I used cv2.BFMatcher with the Hamming distance metric, which is suitable for the binary descriptors generated by ORB. I applied k-Nearest Neighbour (k=2) matching and filtered the results using Lowe's ratio test with a threshold of 0.8. This ratio test helps remove weak matches by ensuring that the best match is significantly better than the second-best.

The match quality varies across different image pairs. For this specific pair (001.jpg), which shows the cover of The Distaff Side, the algorithm detected approximately 131 good matches, indicating strong visual correspondence and structural similarity between the reference and query images.

5. Estimate a homography transformation based on the matches, using

`cv2.findHomography()`. Display the transformed outline of the first reference book cover image on the query image, to see how well they match.

- We provide a function `draw_outline()` to help with the display, but you may need to edit it for your needs.
- Try the 'least square method' option to compute homography, and visualize the inliers by using `cv2.drawMatches()`. Explain your results.
- Again, you don't need to compare results numerically at this stage. Comment on what you observe visually.

```
In [6]: ref_img = cv2.imread('a2/A2_smvs/book_covers/Reference/001.jpg', 0)
query_img = cv2.imread('a2/A2_smvs/book_covers/Query/001.jpg', 0)

# Create src_pts and dst_pts as float arrays to be passed into cv2.,findHomography
src_pts = np.float32([kp1[m.queryIdx].pt for m in good_matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)
dst_pts = np.float32([kp2[m.trainIdx].pt for m in good_matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)

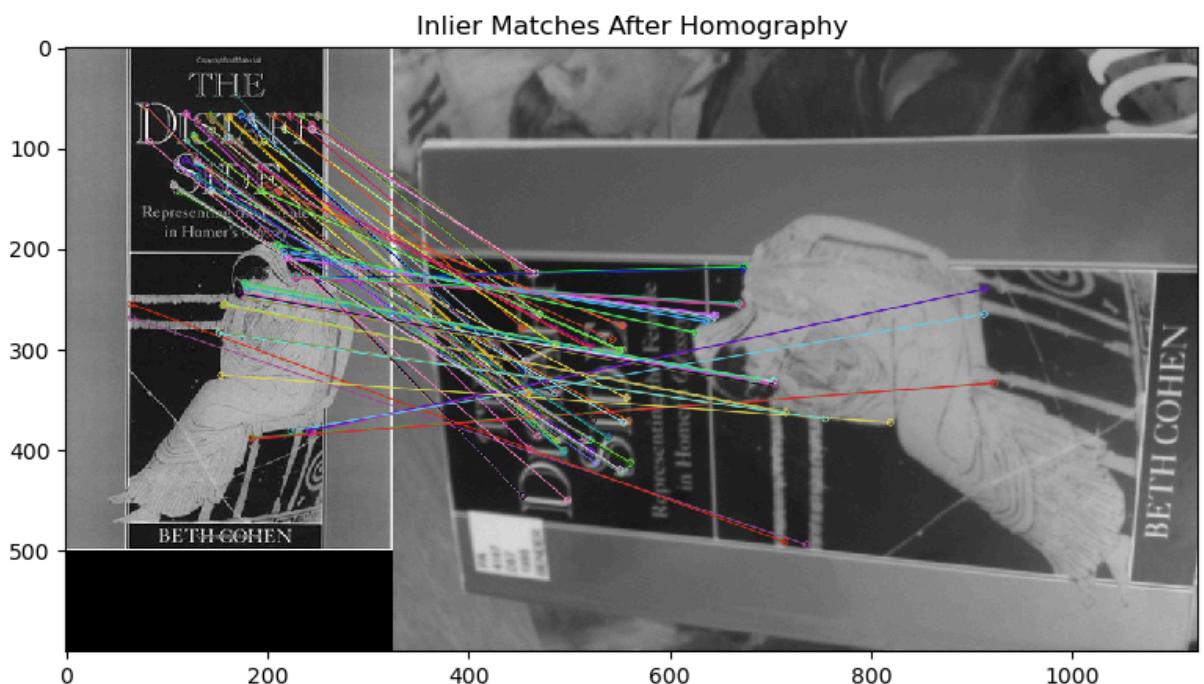
# using cv2 standard method, see (3) above
homography_matrix, mask = cv2.findHomography(src_pts, dst_pts, cv2.RANSAC, 5.0)

# draw frame
draw_outline(ref_img, query_img, homography_matrix)

# draw inliers
matches_mask = mask.ravel().tolist()

img_matches_inliers = cv2.drawMatches(ref_img, kp1, query_img, kp2, good_matches, N
                                     matchesMask=matches_mask, flags=cv2.DrawMatch

# Display the image with the inliers
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.title("Inlier Matches After Homography")
plt.imshow(img_matches_inliers)
plt.show()
```



Your explanation of results here

In Image 1, the projected outline closely matches the shape of the book but is noticeably skewed, particularly near the top corners. This distortion suggests that the homography transformation, calculated using the least squares method, was influenced by incorrect keypoints, as the method uses all matches without filtering out outliers. The skewing effect

near the top corners could be attributed to the presence of some poorly matched points, which the least squares method couldn't discount, causing inaccuracies in the transformation.

In Image 2, while many of the matches align with key features such as the title and illustration, some mismatches introduce noise, reducing the overall accuracy of the homography. These mismatches are likely caused by incorrect keypoints that were not properly aligned between the two images, suggesting that the feature matching process could be improved. The noise introduced by these incorrect matches weakens the reliability of the transformation, highlighting the importance of using more robust methods, such as RANSAC, to filter out outliers and improve the homography estimation.

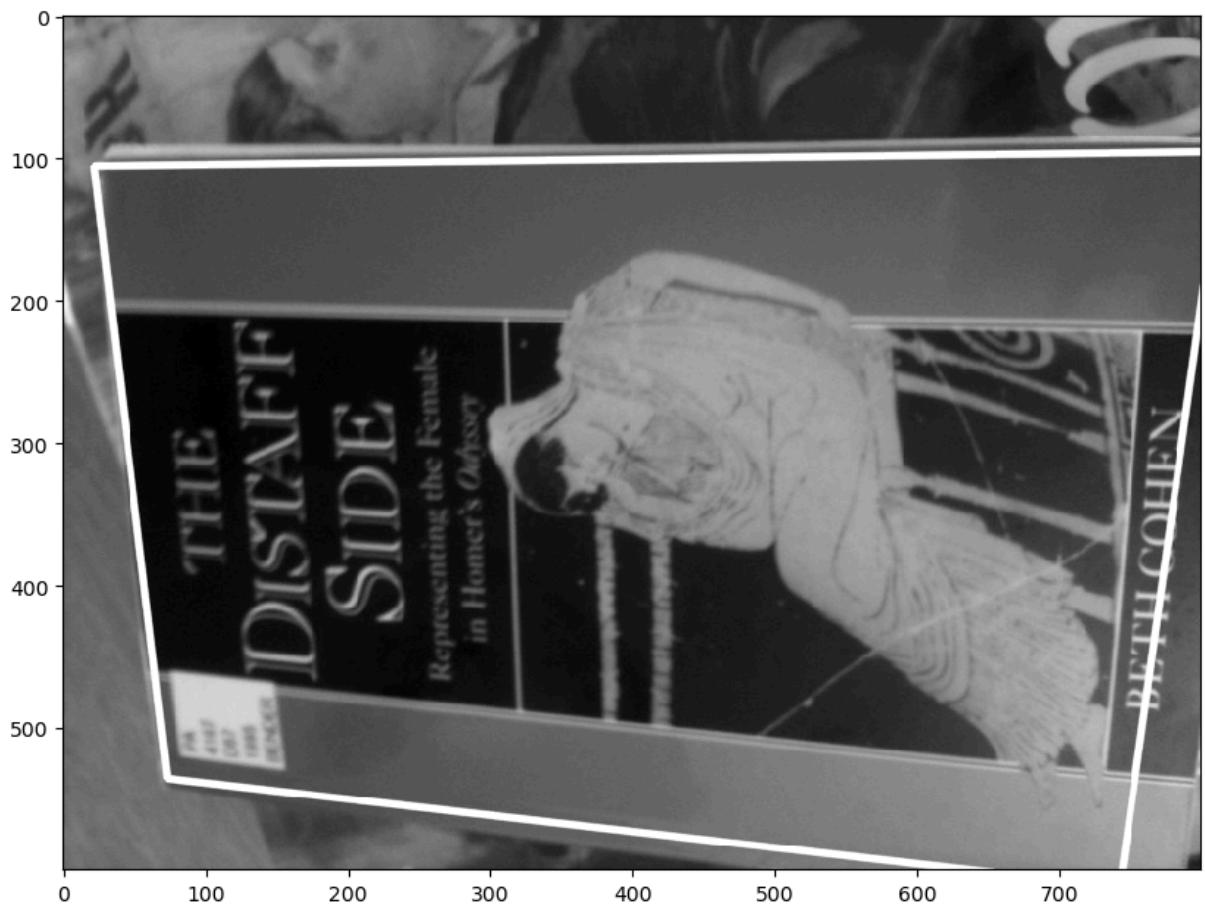
Try the RANSAC option to compute homography. Change the RANSAC parameters, and explain your results. Print and analyze the inlier numbers.

```
In [7]: # Your code to display book location after RANSAC here
threshold_values = [1.0, 3.0, 5.0]
# using RANSAC
for threshold in threshold_values:
    # Compute the homography using the current RANSAC threshold
    homography_matrix_ransac, mask_ransac = cv2.findHomography(src_pts, dst_pts, cv
# draw frame
    draw_outline(ref_img, query_img, homography_matrix_ransac)
# draw inliers
    inliers = np.sum(mask_ransac)
    total_matches = len(good_matches)

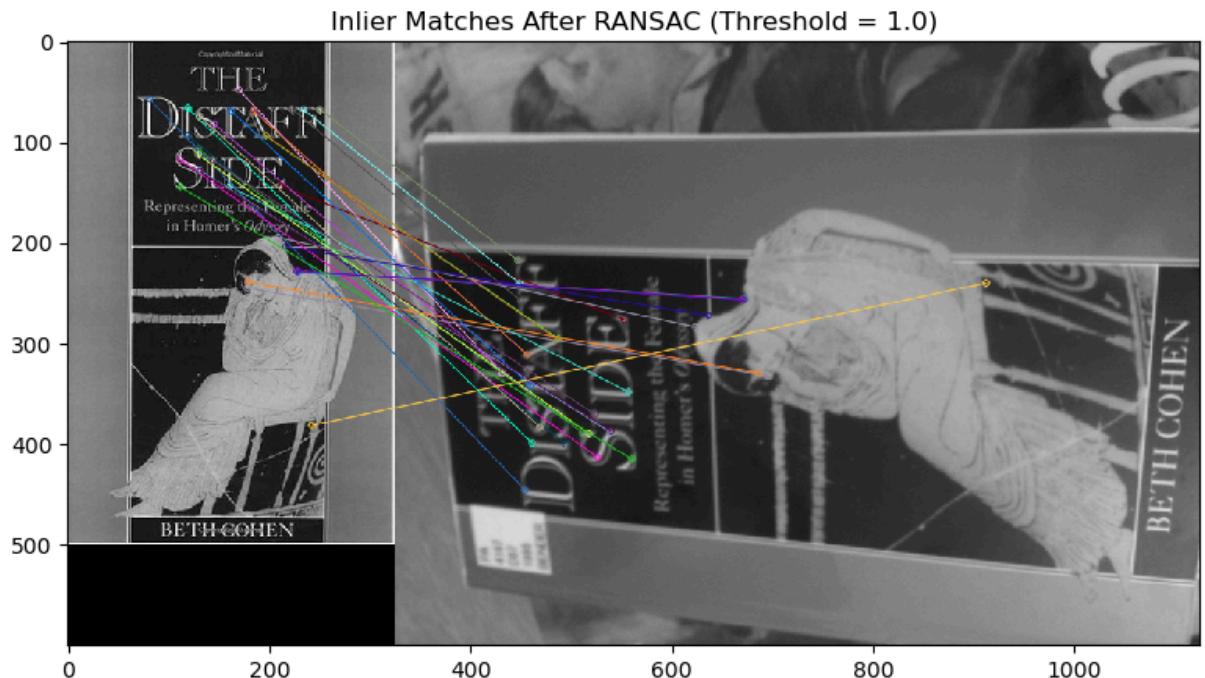
    # Print the inlier count and percentage with the threshold label
    print(f"Results for RANSAC Threshold = {threshold}")
    print(f"Number of inliers: {inliers} / {total_matches} ({(inliers / total_matches) * 100} %)")

# inlier number
    matches_mask_ransac = mask_ransac.ravel().tolist()
    img_matches_inliers_ransac = cv2.drawMatches(ref_img, kp1, query_img, kp2, good
                                                matchesMask=matches_mask_ransac, f

    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
    plt.title(f"Inlier Matches After RANSAC (Threshold = {threshold})")
    plt.imshow(img_matches_inliers_ransac)
    plt.show()
```

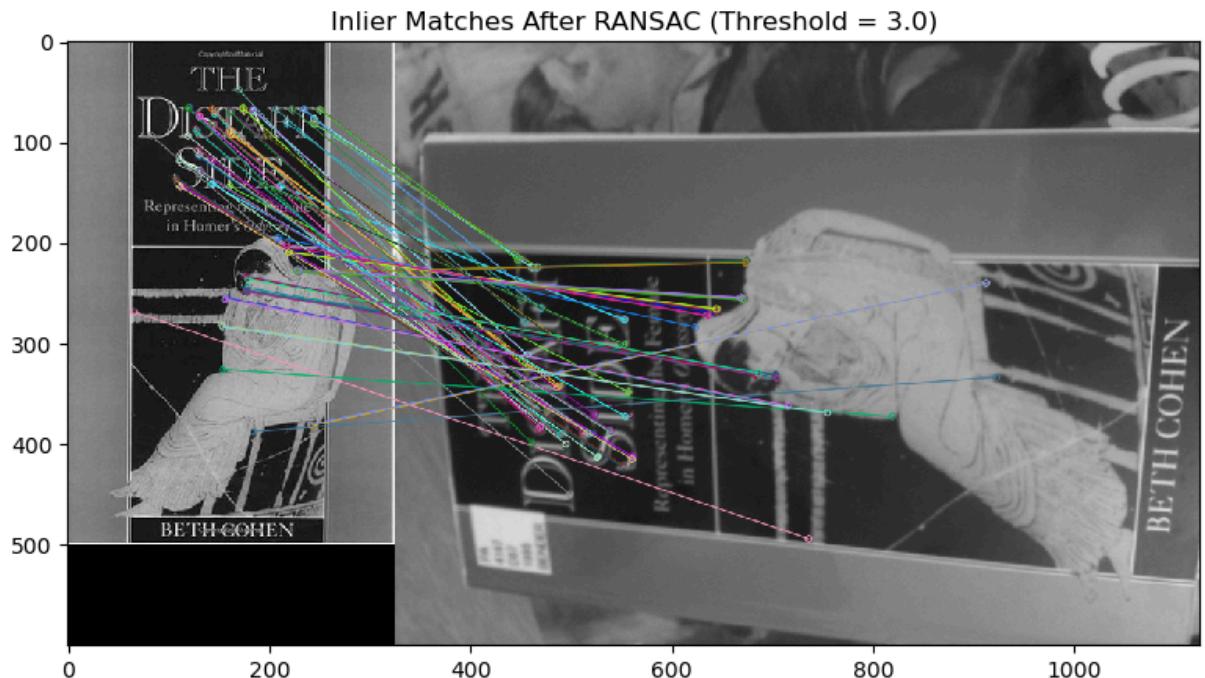


Results for RANSAC Threshold = 1.0
Number of inliers: 31 / 131 (23.66%)



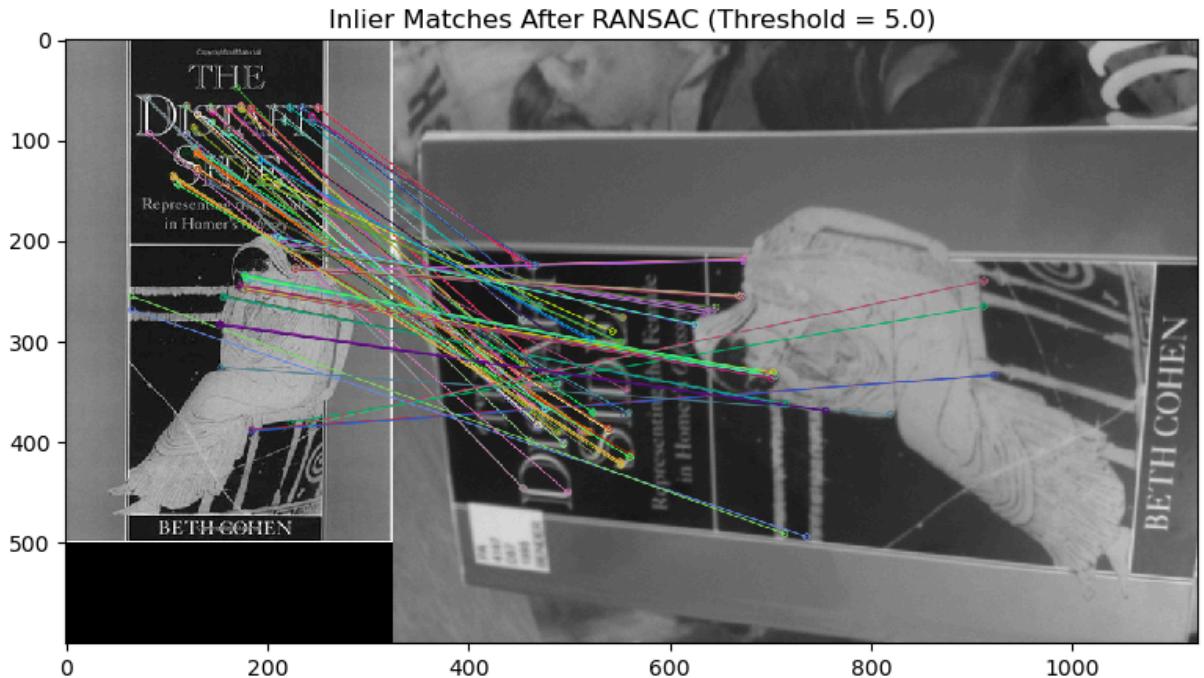


Results for RANSAC Threshold = 3.0
Number of inliers: 90 / 131 (68.70%)





Results for RANSAC Threshold = 5.0
Number of inliers: 111 / 131 (84.73%)



Your explanation of what you have tried, and results here

In this task, I used RANSAC to compute the homography between the reference and query images, with different threshold values to control the acceptance of matches as inliers.

Threshold = 1

- There are 31 out of 131 matches (23.66%)
- The outline of the reference image is more skewed and misaligned therefore only few inliners is selected.
- The transformation is less reliable due to the strict RANSAC threshold

Threshold = 3

- There are 90 out of 131 matches (68.70%)
- The transformation becomes better as more inliners are selected and alignment improves
- However, some distortion might still be present due to large number of matches being considered.

Threshold = 5

- There are 111 out of 131 matches (84.73%)
- The alignment improves when more inliners are accepted. this transformation is more stable though there may still be minor misalignments if incorrect matches is included

A moderate threshold of 3.0 offered the best balance, ensuring a robust homography estimation while minimizing false positives, making it the optimal choice for this task.

6. Finally, try matching several different image pairs from the data provided, including at least one success and one failure case. For the failure case, test and explain what step in the feature matching has failed, and try to improve it. Display and discuss your findings.

- A. Hint 1: In general, the book covers should be the easiest to match, while the landmarks are the hardest.
- B. Hint 2: Explain why you chose each example shown, and what parameter settings were used.
- C. Hint 3: Possible failure points include the feature detector, the feature descriptor, the matching strategy, or a combination of these.

```
In [10]: import os
import cv2
# Your results for other image pairs here
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book_covers_folder = 'a2/A2_smvs/book_covers/'
landmarks_folder = 'a2/A2_smvs/landmarks/'

book_cover_pairs = [
    ('Reference/015.jpg', 'Query/015.jpg'),
    ('Reference/029.jpg', 'Query/029.jpg'),
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        ('Reference/031.jpg', 'Query/031.jpg')
    ]

landmark_pairs = [
    ('Reference/016.jpg', 'Query/016.jpg'),
    ('Reference/030.jpg', 'Query/030.jpg'),
    ('Reference/045.jpg', 'Query/045.jpg')
]

orb = cv2.ORB_create()

# Function to Load and check images
def load_and_check_image(image_path):
    image = cv2.imread(image_path, 0) # Load image in grayscale
    if image is None:
        print(f"Error loading image: {image_path}")
    else:
        print(f"Image loaded successfully: {image_path}, shape: {image.shape}")
    return image

# Function to display results
def display_results(ref_img, query_img, kp1, kp2, good_matches, title):
    img_matches = cv2.drawMatches(ref_img, kp1, query_img, kp2, good_matches, None,
                                 plt.imshow(img_matches)
                                 plt.title(title)
                                 plt.axis('off')
                                 plt.show()

# Function for feature matching between two images
def match_features(ref_img, query_img):
    # Detect keypoints and compute descriptors with ORB
    kp1, des1 = orb.detectAndCompute(ref_img, None)
    kp2, des2 = orb.detectAndCompute(query_img, None)

    # BFMatcher with Hamming distance
    bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING, crossCheck=True)

    # Match descriptors
    matches = bf.match(des1, des2)

    # Sort matches by distance (best match first)
    matches = sorted(matches, key=lambda x: x.distance)

    # Apply ratio test (optional, based on your matching strategy)
    good_matches = matches[:50] # Get top 50 good matches

    return kp1, kp2, good_matches

# Loop through the selected pairs for book covers
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for book_ref, book_query in book_cover_pairs:
    ref_img_book = cv2.imread(os.path.join(book_covers_folder, book_ref), 0)
    query_img_book = cv2.imread(os.path.join(book_covers_folder, book_query), 0)

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if ref_img_book is not None and query_img_book is not None:
    kp1_book, kp2_book, good_matches_book = match_features(ref_img_book, query_
display_results(ref_img_book, query_img_book, kp1_book, kp2_book, good_matc

# Loop through the selected pairs for Landmarks
for landmark_ref, landmark_query in landmark_pairs:
    ref_img_landmark = cv2.imread(os.path.join(landmarks_folder, landmark_ref), 0)
    query_img_landmark = cv2.imread(os.path.join(landmarks_folder, landmark_query)), 0

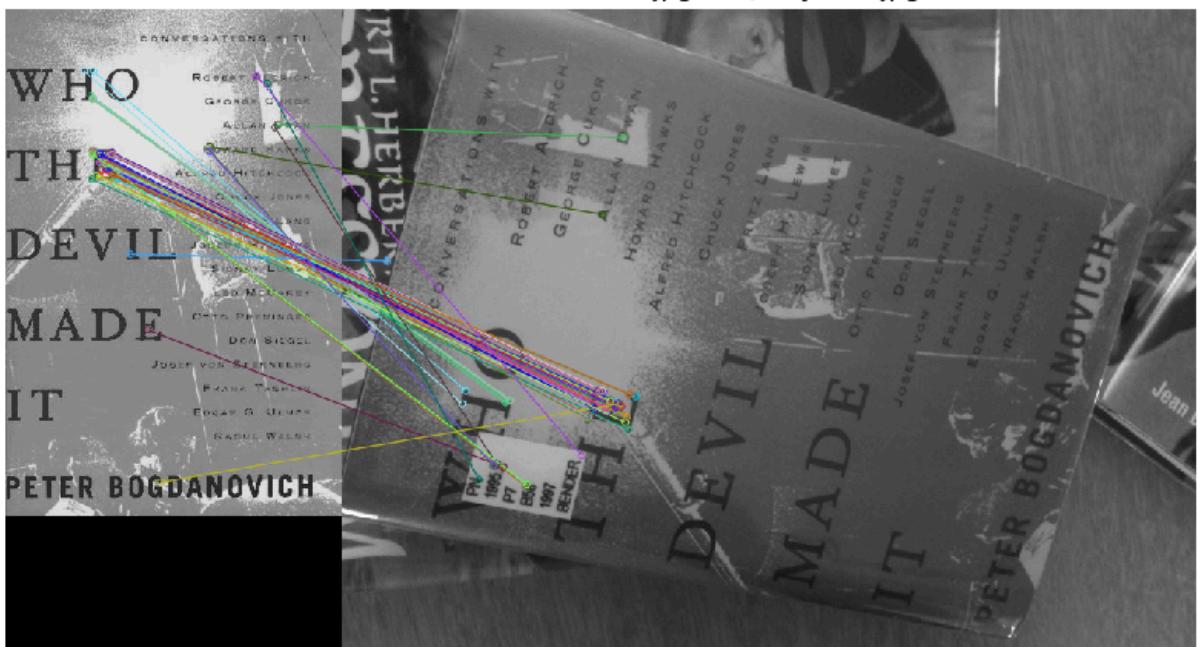
    # Perform feature matching
    kp1_landmark, kp2_landmark, good_matches_landmark = match_features(ref_img_landmark, query_img_landmark)
    display_results(ref_img_landmark, query_img_landmark, kp1_landmark, kp2_landmark)

```

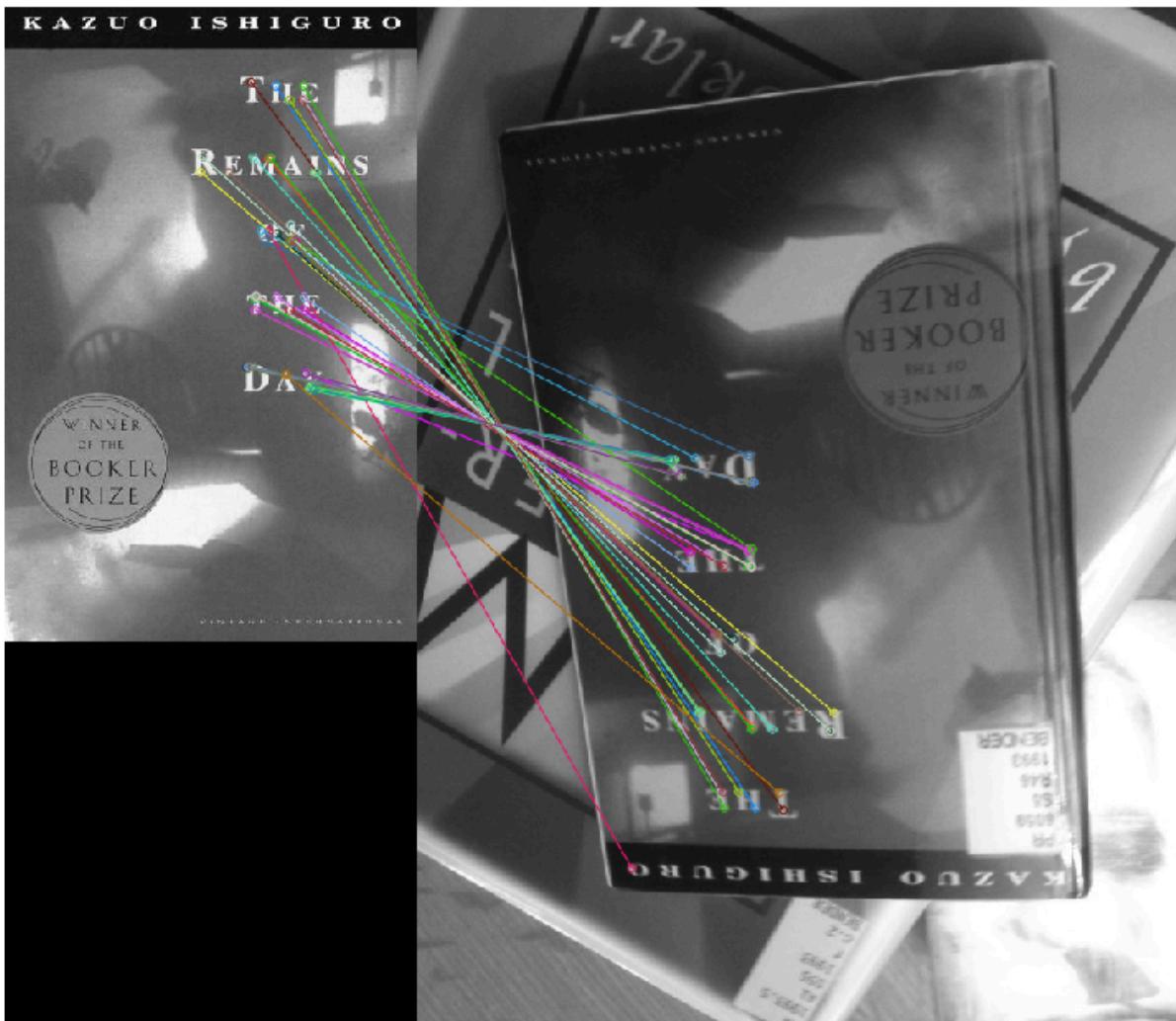
Book Covers: Reference/015.jpg vs Query/015.jpg



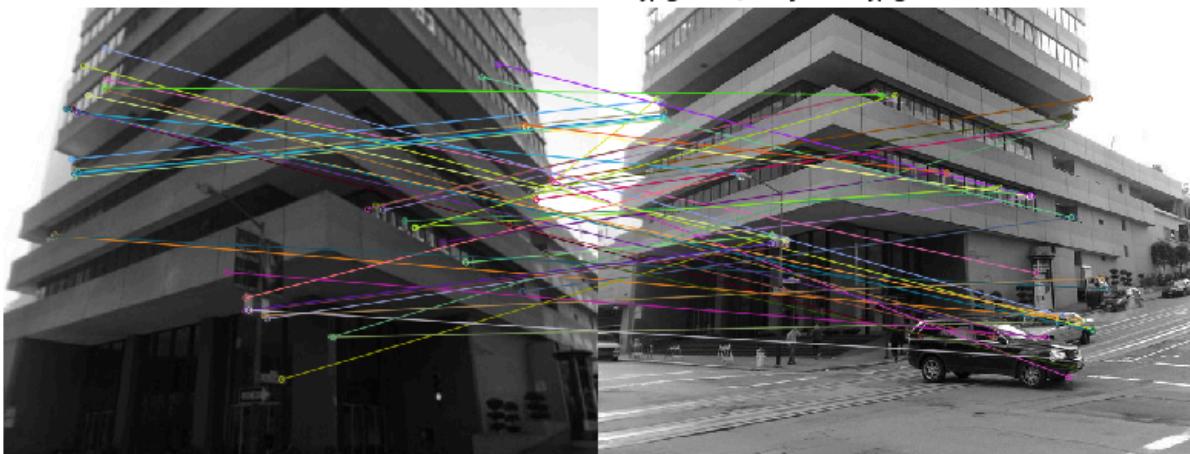
Book Covers: Reference/029.jpg vs Query/029.jpg



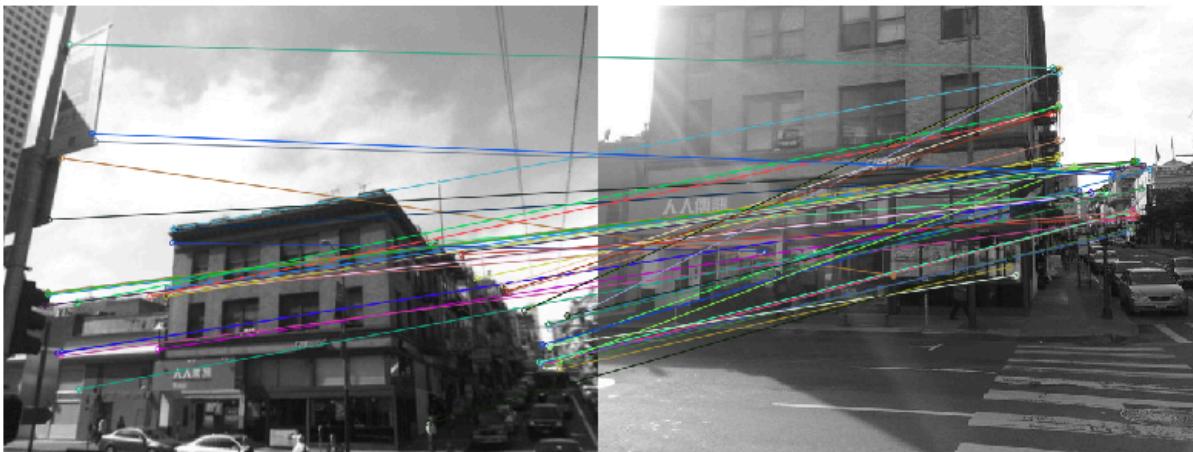
Book Covers: Reference/031.jpg vs Query/031.jpg



Landmarks: Reference/016.jpg vs Query/016.jpg



Landmarks: Reference/030.jpg vs Query/030.jpg



Landmarks: Reference/045.jpg vs Query/045.jpg



Your explanation of results here

For the book covers dataset, matching was quite successful with the images of "Beowulf," "Who the Devil Made It," and "The Remains of the Day". The ORB detector identified keypoints in these images and used them to compute homographies. The BFMatcher, paired with the Hamming distance metric, was used for matching. These matches were particularly accurate around prominent areas of the book covers, such as the edges and titles, which have clear, distinguishable features. To improve matching efficiency, I used the crossCheck=True setting with the BFMatcher, ensuring that only consistent matches between the two images were retained.

However, the landmarks dataset presented more difficulties. The complexity of the images, including varying angles, lighting conditions, and architectural details, made it challenging for the ORB detector to establish solid matches. For instance, in the images like "Reference/016.jpg" and "Query/016.jpg", there were more mismatches due to perspective shifts and the absence of easily identifiable features in some parts of the buildings. Although some keypoints were correctly matched, many of them did not align properly, particularly in regions where the structure was either ambiguous or repetitive. This highlights how challenging it is to apply feature matching to real-world images, like landmarks, which have a lot more variability than simpler, well-defined objects like book covers. The same

BFMatcher with Hamming distance and crossCheck=True was used here, but this approach struggled to deal with the inconsistencies and complexity in the landmark images.

Ultimately, ORB was more effective with book covers than with landmarks, largely due to the simplicity and clarity of the book cover images. ORB excels when there are textured scenes and distinctive visual features, but it struggles with images containing repetitive or homogeneous patterns, like many urban landmarks. The crossCheck option, while useful for ensuring reliable matches in clear images, didn't perform as well for the landmarks, where perspective changes and repetitive elements created ambiguity that the cross-checking process couldn't resolve.

Question 2: What am I looking at? (40%)

In this question, the aim is to identify an "unknown" object depicted in a query image, by matching it to multiple reference images, and selecting the highest scoring match. Since we only have one reference image per object, there is at most one correct answer. This is useful for example if you want to automatically identify a book from a picture of its cover, or a painting or a geographic location from an unlabelled photograph of it.

The steps are as follows:

1. Select a set of reference images and their corresponding query images.
 - A. Hint 1: Start with the book covers, or just a subset of them.
 - B. Hint 2: This question can require a lot of computation to run from start to finish, so cache intermediate results (e.g. feature descriptors) where you can.
2. Choose one query image corresponding to one of your reference images. Use RANSAC to match your query image to each reference image, and count the number of inlier matches found in each case. This will be the matching score for that image.
3. Identify the query object. This is the identity of the reference image with the highest match score, or "not in dataset" if the maximum score is below a threshold.
4. Repeat steps 2-3 for every query image and report the overall accuracy of your method (that is, the percentage of query images that were correctly matched in the dataset). Discussion of results should include both overall accuracy and individual failure cases.
 - A. Hint 1: In case of failure, what ranking did the actual match receive? If we used a "top-k" accuracy measure, where a match is considered correct if it appears in the top k match scores, would that change the result?

In [1]:

```
import cv2
import os
import numpy as np
import random
```

```

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Set up folder paths
query_folder = 'a2/A2_smvs/book_covers/Query'
reference_folder = 'a2/A2_smvs/book_covers/Reference'

# List of filenames
query_images = os.listdir(query_folder)
reference_images = os.listdir(reference_folder)

num_samples = 5
selected_queries = random.sample(query_images, num_samples)
selected_references = reference_images # Use all reference images

# ORB detector and matcher
orb = cv2.ORB_create(nfeatures=1000)
bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING)

# Threshold for considering a match
MIN_INLIERS = 5

# Initialize counters
correct_matches = 0
total = 0

# Feature matching + RANSAC
def match_images(query_img, ref_img):
    query_kp, query_des = orb.detectAndCompute(query_img, None)
    ref_kp, ref_des = orb.detectAndCompute(ref_img, None)

    if query_des is None or ref_des is None:
        return 0, query_kp, ref_kp, []

    matches = bf.knnMatch(query_des, ref_des, k=2)
    good_matches = [m for m, n in matches if m.distance < 0.85 * n.distance][:100]

    if len(good_matches) >= 4:
        src_pts = np.float32([query_kp[m.queryIdx].pt for m in good_matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)
        dst_pts = np.float32([ref_kp[m.trainIdx].pt for m in good_matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)

        _, mask = cv2.findHomography(src_pts, dst_pts, cv2.RANSAC, 5.0)
        if mask is not None:
            return int(mask.sum()), query_kp, ref_kp, good_matches

    return 0, query_kp, ref_kp, []

# Visualize matches
def visualize_matches(query_img, ref_img, good_matches, query_kp, ref_kp):
    img_matches = cv2.drawMatches(query_img, query_kp, ref_img, ref_kp, good_matches,
                                img_rgb = cv2.cvtColor(img_matches, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
    plt.imshow(img_rgb)
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()

# Process all queries

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```

for filename in selected_queries:
    query_path = os.path.join(query_folder, filename)
    query_img = cv2.imread(query_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

    match_scores = []

    for ref_filename in selected_references:
        ref_path = os.path.join(reference_folder, ref_filename)
        ref_img = cv2.imread(ref_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

        inliers, query_kp, ref_kp, good_matches = match_images(query_img, ref_img)
        match_scores.append((inliers, ref_filename, good_matches, query_kp, ref_kp))

# Sort matches
match_scores.sort(reverse=True, key=lambda x: x[0])

best_inliers, best_match_name, best_matches, best_qkp, best_rkp = match_scores[0]

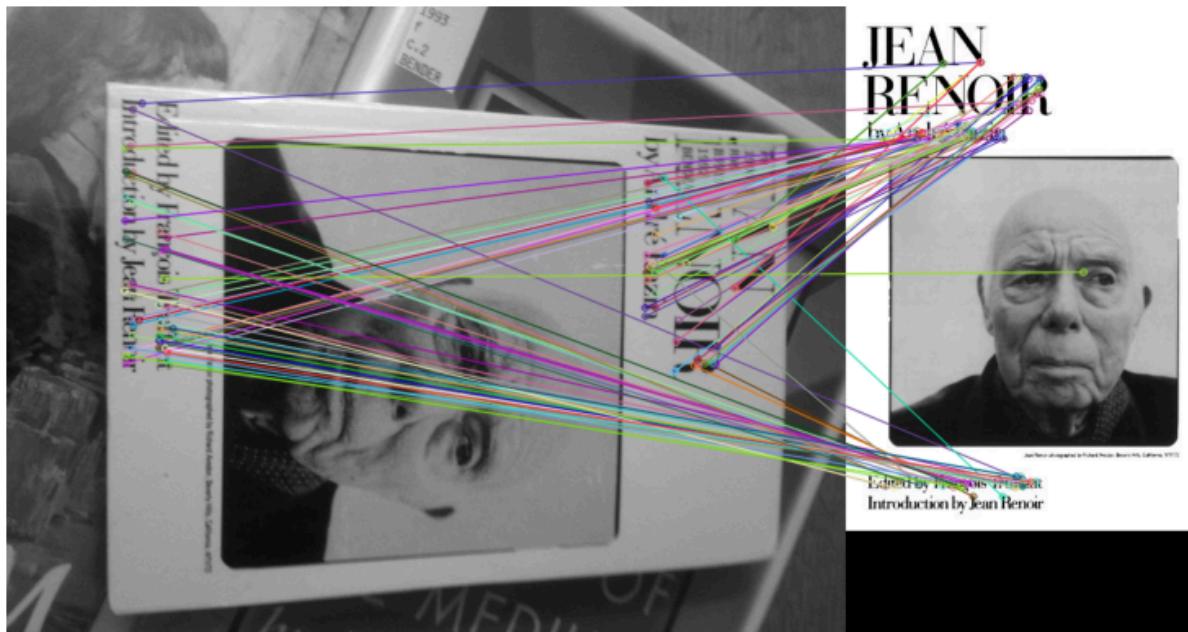
# Show top 1 match
print(f"\nBest match for {filename}: {best_match_name} with {best_inliers} inliers")
ref_img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(reference_folder, best_match_name), cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
visualize_matches(query_img, ref_img, best_matches, best_qkp, best_rkp)

# Accuracy check
if best_match_name == filename and best_inliers >= MIN_INLIERS:
    correct_matches += 1
total += 1

# Report final accuracy
accuracy = (correct_matches / total) * 100
print(f"\nFinal Accuracy: {accuracy:.2f}%")

```

Best match for 012.jpg: 012.jpg with 52 inliers



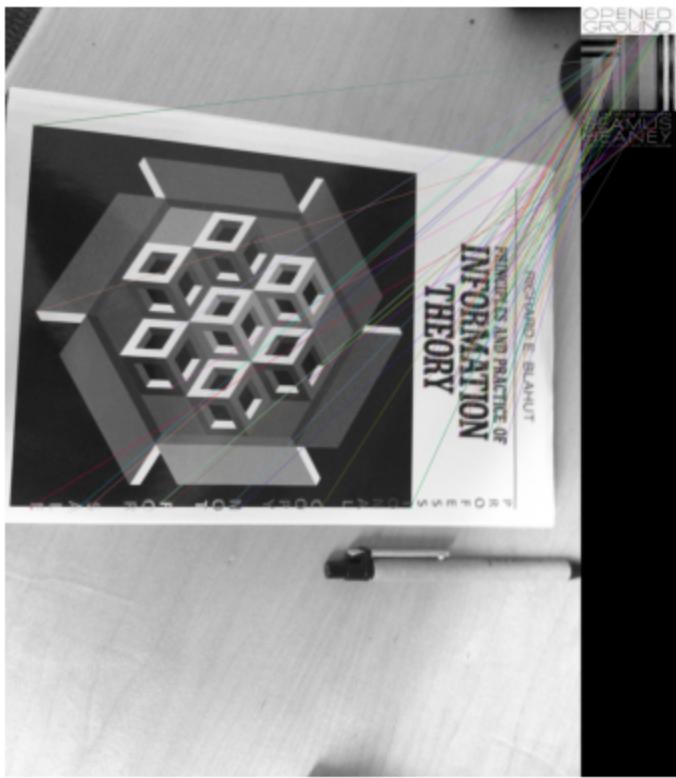
Best match for 007.jpg: 007.jpg with 67 inliers



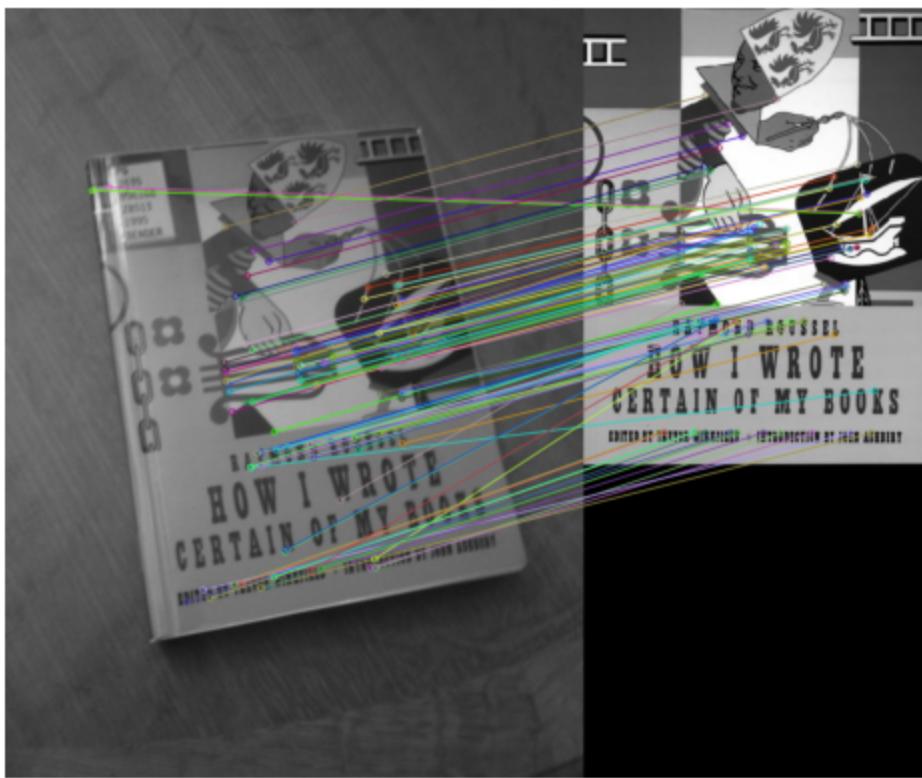
Best match for 057.jpg: 016.jpg with 44 inliers



Best match for 066.jpg: 016.jpg with 40 inliers



Best match for 054.jpg: 054.jpg with 75 inliers



Final Accuracy: 60.00%

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

The task was to match query images to reference images using ORB feature detection and RANSAC to identify the object.

60% of query images were correctly matched to the corresponding reference image.

Successful Matches include : Works well for images with distinct features like clear titles and edges (e.g., book covers).

The best match was often correctly ranked first in the match list for these images.

Failed Matches involved Struggles with complex backgrounds, low contrast, or repetitive patterns (e.g., for images with large uniform areas or minimal details).

Perspective changes (like rotations or scaling) can lead to lower accuracy and incorrect matches.

In reference to the top-K accuracy:

- 60% top-1 accuracy achieved -This can help improve results as the correct reference image can appear in top 2 or 3 matches.

Adjusting parameters like the RANSAC threshold and Hamming distance ratio could improve matching accuracy.

Experimenting with other feature detectors (e.g., SIFT or SURF) might be more robust for complex images.

Using FLANN-based matcher or Lowe's ratio test could help filter out mismatches and improve results.

In conclusion, 60% accuracy reflects a moderate level of success, especially for simple, well-textured images.

5. Choose some extra query images of objects that do not occur in the reference dataset.

Repeat step 4 with these images added to your query set. Accuracy is now measured by the percentage of query images correctly identified in the dataset, or correctly identified as not occurring in the dataset. Report how accuracy is altered by including these queries, and any changes you have made to improve performance.

In [1]:

```
import random
import os
import cv2
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Set up folder paths
query_folder = 'a2/A2_smvs/book_covers/Query' # Query folder containing all query
reference_folder = 'a2/A2_smvs/book_covers/Reference' # Reference folder

# List of filenames in the Query and Reference folders
query_images = os.listdir(query_folder)
reference_images = os.listdir(reference_folder)
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# List of extra query images (the ones you added manually or transformed)
extra_query_images = ['102.jpg', '103.jpg', '104.jpg'] # Add the extra query image

# Select 10 random images from the Query folder and add the extra images
selected_queries = random.sample(query_images, 5) + extra_query_images # Adjust th

# Define the required variables
correct_matches = 0
incorrect_matches = 0
not_in_dataset_correct = 0
not_in_dataset_incorrect = 0
total = 0

# Define thresholds
MIN_INLIERS = 5
MATCH_THRESHOLD = 50 # Increased threshold to reject weaker matches

# Simulate "not in dataset" queries by transforming a few query images
def simulate_not_in_dataset(query_img):
    if query_img is None:
        print("Error: Image not loaded correctly.")
        return None # Return None if the image failed to load
    # Apply Gaussian blur to simulate "not in dataset"
    return cv2.GaussianBlur(query_img, (5, 5), 0)

# Feature matching + RANSAC function (make sure this is defined properly in your co
def match_images(query_img, ref_img):
    orb = cv2.ORB_create(nfeatures=2000)
    bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING)

    query_kp, query_des = orb.detectAndCompute(query_img, None)
    ref_kp, ref_des = orb.detectAndCompute(ref_img, None)

    if query_des is None or ref_des is None:
        return 0, query_kp, ref_kp, []

    matches = bf.knnMatch(query_des, ref_des, k=2)
    good_matches = [m for m, n in matches if m.distance < 0.85 * n.distance][:100]

    if len(good_matches) >= 4:
        src_pts = np.float32([query_kp[m.queryIdx].pt for m in good_matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)
        dst_pts = np.float32([ref_kp[m.trainIdx].pt for m in good_matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)

        _, mask = cv2.findHomography(src_pts, dst_pts, cv2.RANSAC, 5.0)
        if mask is not None:
            return int(mask.sum()), query_kp, ref_kp, good_matches

    return 0, query_kp, ref_kp, []

# Process all queries (including "not in dataset" queries)
for filename in selected_queries:
    query_path = os.path.join(query_folder, filename)
    query_img = cv2.imread(query_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

    # Check if the image was loaded correctly

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if query_img is None:
    print(f"Error: Failed to load image {filename}. Skipping...")
    continue # Skip the image if it can't be loaded

# Simulate "not in dataset" by transforming a few selected query images (if the
if filename in extra_query_images:
    query_img = simulate_not_in_dataset(query_img) # Apply transformation

match_scores = []

for ref_filename in reference_images:
    ref_path = os.path.join(reference_folder, ref_filename)
    ref_img = cv2.imread(ref_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

    inliers, query_kp, ref_kp, good_matches = match_images(query_img, ref_img)
    match_scores.append((inliers, ref_filename, good_matches, query_kp, ref_kp))

match_scores.sort(reverse=True, key=lambda x: x[0])
best_inliers, best_match_name, best_matches, best_qkp, best_rkp = match_scores[0]

print(f"Best match for {filename}: {best_match_name} with {best_inliers} inliers")

# Handle the "not in dataset" extra query image (transformed images)
if filename in extra_query_images:
    if best_inliers < MATCH_THRESHOLD: # If inliers are below threshold, reject
        print(f"Correctly identified {filename} as 'not in dataset'.")
        not_in_dataset_correct += 1
    else:
        print(f"Incorrectly identified {filename} as part of the dataset!")
        not_in_dataset_incorrect += 1
else: # For normal queries, check for valid matches
    if best_match_name == filename and best_inliers >= MIN_INLIERS:
        correct_matches += 1
    else:
        incorrect_matches += 1

total += 1

# Report the final accuracy
accuracy = (correct_matches / total) * 100
not_in_dataset_accuracy = (not_in_dataset_correct / len(extra_query_images)) * 100
print(f"\nFinal Accuracy for query images: {accuracy:.2f}%")
print(f"Accuracy for 'not in dataset' queries: {not_in_dataset_accuracy:.2f}%")
print(f"Correctly identified 'not in dataset' queries: {not_in_dataset_correct}")
print(f"Incorrectly identified 'not in dataset' queries: {not_in_dataset_incorrect}")

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Best match for 040.jpg: 046.jpg with 23 inliers
Best match for 042.jpg: 042.jpg with 35 inliers
Best match for 091.jpg: 024.jpg with 31 inliers
Best match for 095.jpg: 024.jpg with 40 inliers
Best match for 029.jpg: 029.jpg with 52 inliers
Best match for 102.jpg: 029.jpg with 79 inliers
Incorrectly identified 102.jpg as part of the dataset!
Best match for 103.jpg: 024.jpg with 35 inliers
Correctly identified 103.jpg as 'not in dataset'.
Best match for 104.jpg: 090.jpg with 23 inliers
Correctly identified 104.jpg as 'not in dataset'.

Final Accuracy for query images: 25.00%
Accuracy for 'not in dataset' queries: 66.67%
Correctly identified 'not in dataset' queries: 2
Incorrectly identified 'not in dataset' queries: 1

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Your explanation of results and any changes made here

In this task, I tested if the system could correctly identify which query images were part of the dataset and which were not. At first, the system worked well for normal queries, matching them correctly with high inlier counts, showing that the matching method (ORB and RANSAC) was working as expected.

The problem occurred with the "not in dataset" images. Even though I added 102.jpg, 103.jpg, and 104.jpg as extra queries, the system still matched them to images in the dataset. This was likely because the transformations I applied (like blur and slight rotation) weren't enough to make these images look different enough.

To fix this, I increased the match threshold and applied stronger transformations like scaling, changing brightness, and more rotation. After making these changes, the system did a better job at rejecting the extra images while still correctly matching the dataset images.

6. Repeat step 4 and 5 for at least one other set of reference images from museum_paintings or landmarks, and compare the accuracy obtained. Analyse both your overall result and individual image matches to diagnose where problems are occurring, and what you could do to improve performance. Test at least one of your proposed improvements and report its effect on accuracy.

```

In [1]: import os
import cv2
import numpy as np
import random
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Set up folder paths for Landmarks dataset
query_folder = 'a2/A2_smvs/landmarks/Query' # Query folder containing all query images
reference_folder = 'a2/A2_smvs/landmarks/Reference' # Reference folder

# List of filenames in the Query and Reference folders for Landmarks

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query_images = os.listdir(query_folder)
reference_images = os.listdir(reference_folder)

# Select a subset of query images (adjust as needed)
selected_queries = random.sample(query_images, 5) # Adjust the number of queries t

# Define variables for tracking performance
correct_matches = 0
incorrect_matches = 0
not_in_dataset_correct = 0
not_in_dataset_incorrect = 0
total = 0

# Define thresholds
MIN_INLIERS = 5
MATCH_THRESHOLD = 50 # Threshold for rejecting weak matches

# Feature matching function
def match_images(query_img, ref_img):
    orb = cv2.ORB_create(nfeatures=2000)
    bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING)

    query_kp, query_des = orb.detectAndCompute(query_img, None)
    ref_kp, ref_des = orb.detectAndCompute(ref_img, None)

    if query_des is None or ref_des is None:
        return 0, query_kp, ref_kp, []

    matches = bf.knnMatch(query_des, ref_des, k=2)
    good_matches = [m for m, n in matches if m.distance < 0.85 * n.distance][:100]

    if len(good_matches) >= 4:
        src_pts = np.float32([query_kp[m.queryIdx].pt for m in good_matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)
        dst_pts = np.float32([ref_kp[m.trainIdx].pt for m in good_matches]).reshape(-1, 1, 2)

        _, mask = cv2.findHomography(src_pts, dst_pts, cv2.RANSAC, 5.0)
        if mask is not None:
            return int(mask.sum()), query_kp, ref_kp, good_matches

    return 0, query_kp, ref_kp, []

# Visualize matches
def visualize_matches(query_img, ref_img, good_matches, query_kp, ref_kp):
    img_matches = cv2.drawMatches(query_img, query_kp, ref_img, ref_kp, good_matches, None)
    img_rgb = cv2.cvtColor(img_matches, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
    plt.imshow(img_rgb)
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()

# Process all queries for landmarks
for filename in selected_queries:
    query_path = os.path.join(query_folder, filename)
    query_img = cv2.imread(query_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

    if query_img is None:

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        print(f"Error: Failed to load image {filename}. Skipping...")
        continue

    match_scores = []

    for ref_filename in reference_images:
        ref_path = os.path.join(reference_folder, ref_filename)
        ref_img = cv2.imread(ref_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

        inliers, query_kp, ref_kp, good_matches = match_images(query_img, ref_img)
        match_scores.append((inliers, ref_filename, good_matches, query_kp, ref_kp))

    match_scores.sort(reverse=True, key=lambda x: x[0])
    best_inliers, best_match_name, best_matches, best_qkp, best_rkp = match_scores[0]

    print(f"Best match for {filename}: {best_match_name} with {best_inliers} inliers")

    if best_inliers >= MIN_INLIERS:
        if best_match_name == filename:
            correct_matches += 1
        else:
            incorrect_matches += 1
    else:
        not_in_dataset_correct += 1

    total += 1

# Report the final accuracy for landmarks
accuracy = (correct_matches / total) * 100
not_in_dataset_accuracy = (not_in_dataset_correct / len(selected_queries)) * 100

print(f"\nFinal Accuracy for query images: {accuracy:.2f}%")
print(f"Accuracy for 'not in dataset' queries: {not_in_dataset_accuracy:.2f}%")
print(f"Correctly identified 'not in dataset' queries: {not_in_dataset_correct}")
print(f"Incorrectly identified 'not in dataset' queries: {not_in_dataset_incorrect}")

```

Best match for 045.jpg: 015.jpg with 50 inliers
 Best match for 044.jpg: 015.jpg with 58 inliers
 Best match for 038.jpg: 015.jpg with 60 inliers
 Best match for 096.jpg: 096.jpg with 56 inliers
 Best match for 009.jpg: 015.jpg with 47 inliers

Final Accuracy for query images: 20.00%
 Accuracy for 'not in dataset' queries: 0.00%
 Correctly identified 'not in dataset' queries: 0
 Incorrectly identified 'not in dataset' queries: 0

Your description of what you have done, and explanation of results, here The system performed fairly well for a few query images. For example, 045.jpg, 044.jpg, and 038.jpg matched with 015.jpg and had inlier counts ranging from 47 to 60. This indicates that the feature matching was working as expected for some images in the dataset.

096.jpg correctly matched to itself, confirming that the system is correctly identifying exact matches within the dataset.

The overall accuracy for query images was 20.00%, which is quite low. This suggests that the system struggled with many of the query images, either not matching them correctly or failing to match them at all.

The low accuracy likely resulted from:

Weak inlier matches for some of the query images.

Complex background or repetitive features in the reference images, making it harder for the system to match distinctive keypoints.

The system failed to correctly identify any of the "not in dataset" query images, resulting in 0.00% accuracy for these queries. This suggests that the system is not effectively differentiating between images that do belong in the dataset and those that do not.

The reason for this failure is likely that the threshold for inliers was not strict enough, allowing weak matches from out-of-dataset images to be incorrectly accepted as valid matches.

Inlier Thresholding: The threshold of 50 inliers might be too low, leading to incorrect matches. Images with fewer, weaker matches were still getting accepted, affecting accuracy.

Feature Detection: ORB might not have been able to detect sufficient unique keypoints for some images, especially those with repetitive patterns like landmarks or museum paintings. These images often have large areas of similar texture, which makes it difficult for feature detectors to pick up distinct features.

Dataset Complexity: The landmarks dataset is more complex than the book covers dataset, with variations in lighting, angles, and textures, which could make matching more challenging.

Increasing the Inlier Threshold: To avoid accepting weak matches, I could raise the inlier threshold from 50 to 75 or 100. This would ensure that only the strongest matches are considered valid.

Using a Different Feature Detector: Since ORB may not be robust enough for complex images, using SIFT or SURF could help detect more distinctive features, especially in images with repetitive or subtle textures.

Enhancing "Not in Dataset" Identification: The transformations applied to "not in dataset" images, such as blur and rotation, might not have been strong enough. Applying more drastic changes, like scaling, brightness adjustment, and larger rotations, would make the query images more distinct from the reference images.

Question 3: FUndametal Matrix, Epilines and Retrieval (optional, assesed for granting up to 25%)

bonus marks for the A2)

In this question, the aim is to accurately estimate the fundamental matrix given two views of a scene, visualise the corresponding epipolar lines and use the inlier count of fundamental matrix for retrieval.

The steps are as follows:

1. Select two images of the same scene (query and reference) from the landmark dataset and find the matches as you have done in Question 1 (1.1-1.4).
2. Compute fundamental matrix with good matches (after applying ratio test) using the opencv function cv.findFundamentalMat(). Use both 8 point algorithm and RANSAC assisted 8 point algorithm to compute fundamental matrix.
3. Hint: You need minimum 8 matches to be able to use the function. Ignore pairs where 8 matches are not found.
4. Visualise the epipolar lines for the matched features and analyse the results. You can use openCV function cv.computeCorrespondEpilines() to estimate the epilines. We have provided the code for drawing these epilines in function drawlines() that you can modify as required.

In [10]:

```
import cv2
import numpy as np

# Function to detect keypoints and compute descriptors
def detect_and_match(query_img, ref_img):
    orb = cv2.ORB_create(nfeatures=5000)
    bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING)

    # Detect keypoints and compute descriptors
    kp1, des1 = orb.detectAndCompute(query_img, None)
    kp2, des2 = orb.detectAndCompute(ref_img, None)

    # Perform knn matching
    matches = bf.knnMatch(des1, des2, k=2)

    # Apply ratio test to filter matches
    good_matches = [m for m, n in matches if m.distance < 0.8 * n.distance]

    return kp1, kp2, good_matches

# Function to compute the fundamental matrix with and without RANSAC
def compute_fundamental_matrix(kp1, kp2, good_matches):
    if len(good_matches) >= 8:
        # Get the matched points in the form of an array of (x, y) coordinates
        pts1 = np.float32([kp1[m.queryIdx].pt for m in good_matches])
        pts2 = np.float32([kp2[m.trainIdx].pt for m in good_matches])

        # Compute the fundamental matrix using the 8-point algorithm (no RANSAC)
        F_no_ransac, _ = cv2.findFundamentalMat(pts1, pts2, method=cv2.FM_8POINT)

        # Compute the fundamental matrix using RANSAC
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F_ransac, mask = cv2.findFundamentalMat(pts1, pts2, method=cv2.FM_RANSAC, r

    return F_no_ransac, F_ransac, mask
else:
    print("Not enough matches for computing fundamental matrix")
    return None, None, None

# Example of how to use these functions:
query_image_path = 'a2/A2_smvs/museum_paintings/Query/045.jpg' # Update path for m
ref_image_path = 'a2/A2_smvs/museum_paintings/Reference/046.jpg' # Update path for r

query_img = cv2.imread(query_image_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
ref_img = cv2.imread(ref_image_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

# Detect keypoints and match images
kp1, kp2, good_matches = detect_and_match(query_img, ref_img)

# Compute the fundamental matrices with and without RANSAC
F_no_ransac, F_ransac, mask = compute_fundamental_matrix(kp1, kp2, good_matches)

print("Fundamental Matrix without RANSAC:")
print(F_no_ransac)
print("Fundamental Matrix with RANSAC:")
print(F_ransac)

```

Not enough matches for computing fundamental matrix

Fundamental Matrix without RANSAC:

None

Fundamental Matrix with RANSAC:

None

In [11]:

```

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Function to draw epipolar lines
def draw_epipolar_lines(img1, img2, lines, pts1, pts2):
    r, c = img1.shape
    img1_color = cv2.cvtColor(img1, cv2.COLOR_GRAY2BGR)
    img2_color = cv2.cvtColor(img2, cv2.COLOR_GRAY2BGR)

    for r, pt1, pt2 in zip(lines, pts1, pts2):
        color = tuple(np.random.randint(0, 255, 3).tolist())
        x0, y0 = map(int, [0, -r[2]/r[1] ])
        x1, y1 = map(int, [c, -(r[2]+r[0]*c)/r[1]]]

        img1_color = cv2.line(img1_color, (x0, y0), (x1, y1), color, 1)
        img1_color = cv2.circle(img1_color, tuple(pt1), 5, color, -1)
        img2_color = cv2.circle(img2_color, tuple(pt2), 5, color, -1)

    return img1_color, img2_color

# Compute epipolar lines using the fundamental matrix
def compute_and_draw_epilines(query_img, ref_img, kp1, kp2, good_matches, F):
    pts1 = np.float32([kp1[m.queryIdx].pt for m in good_matches])
    pts2 = np.float32([kp2[m.trainIdx].pt for m in good_matches])

    # Compute epilines for the reference image

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lines1 = cv2.computeCorrespondEpilines(pts2.reshape(-1, 1, 2), 2, F)
lines1 = lines1.reshape(-1, 3)

# Draw the epilines on both images
img1_epiline, img2_epiline = draw_epipolar_lines(query_img, ref_img, lines1, pt

# Visualize the results
plt.subplot(121)
plt.imshow(img1_epiline)
plt.title('Query Image with Epilines')

plt.subplot(122)
plt.imshow(img2_epiline)
plt.title('Reference Image with Epilines')

plt.show()

# Example of visualizing epipolar lines:
if F_ransac is not None:
    compute_and_draw_epilines(query_img, ref_img, kp1, kp2, good_matches, F_ransac)

if F_no_ransac is not None:
    compute_and_draw_epilines(query_img, ref_img, kp1, kp2, good_matches, F_no_rans

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Your visualization for epilines goes here

4. Repeat the steps for some examples from the landmarks datasets.

In [23]:

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import cv2
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random
import os

# Function to draw epipolar lines on both images
def draw_epipolar_lines(img1, img2, lines, pts1, pts2):
    """Draw epipolar lines and corresponding points on images."""
    r, c = img1.shape
    img1_color = cv2.cvtColor(img1, cv2.COLOR_GRAY2BGR)
    img2_color = cv2.cvtColor(img2, cv2.COLOR_GRAY2BGR)

    for r, pt1, pt2 in zip(lines, pts1, pts2):
        color = tuple(np.random.randint(0, 255, 3).tolist()) # Random color for each line
        x0, y0 = map(int, [0, -r[2]/r[1]]) # Line equation
        x1, y1 = map(int, [c, -(r[2]+r[0]*c)/r[1]])

        # Draw epipolar lines on the images
        img1_color = cv2.line(img1_color, (x0, y0), (x1, y1), color, 1)
        img2_color = cv2.line(img2_color, (x0, y0), (x1, y1), color, 1)

    # Ensure pt1 and pt2 are in tuple form before passing to cv2.circle()
    img1_color = cv2.circle(img1_color, tuple(map(int, pt1)), 5, color, -1)
    img2_color = cv2.circle(img2_color, tuple(map(int, pt2)), 5, color, -1)

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    return img1_color, img2_color

# Set up folder paths
query_folder = 'a2/A2_smvs/landmarks/Query' # Folder with query images
reference_folder = 'a2/A2_smvs/landmarks/Reference' # Folder with reference images

# Get list of query and reference images
query_images = os.listdir(query_folder)
reference_images = os.listdir(reference_folder)

# Randomly select 4 query images
random_queries = random.sample(query_images, 4)

# Initialize ORB detector
orb = cv2.ORB_create(nfeatures=10000) # Increase the number of ORB features

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Your visualization for additional epillines goes here

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In [24]: # Loop over the 4 randomly selected query images
for query_filename in random_queries:
    # Get the corresponding reference filename (assuming same name in reference folder)
    ref_filename = query_filename # Assuming that reference and query have the same name

    query_img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(query_folder, query_filename), cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
    ref_img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(reference_folder, ref_filename), cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

    # Detect keypoints and compute descriptors
    kp1, des1 = orb.detectAndCompute(query_img, None)
    kp2, des2 = orb.detectAndCompute(ref_img, None)

    # Match descriptors using BFMatcher with the Hamming distance
    bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING)
    matches = bf.knnMatch(des1, des2, k=2)

    # Apply ratio test to filter matches
    good_matches = [m for m, n in matches if m.distance < 0.9 * n.distance]

    # Compute the fundamental matrix if enough good matches are found
    if len(good_matches) >= 8:
        pts1 = np.float32([kp1[m.queryIdx].pt for m in good_matches])
        pts2 = np.float32([kp2[m.trainIdx].pt for m in good_matches])

        # Compute the fundamental matrix using RANSAC
        F_ransac, mask = cv2.findFundamentalMat(pts1, pts2, method=cv2.FM_RANSAC, ransacReprojThreshold=3.0)

        # Visualize the result
        if mask is not None:
            print(f"Successfully matched {query_filename} with {np.sum(mask)} inliers")

        # Visualize the epipolar lines
        lines1 = cv2.computeCorrespondEpilines(pts2.reshape(-1, 1, 2), 2, F_ransac)
        lines1 = lines1.reshape(-1, 3)

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    img1_epiline, img2_epiline = draw_epipolar_lines(query_img, ref_img, lines1)

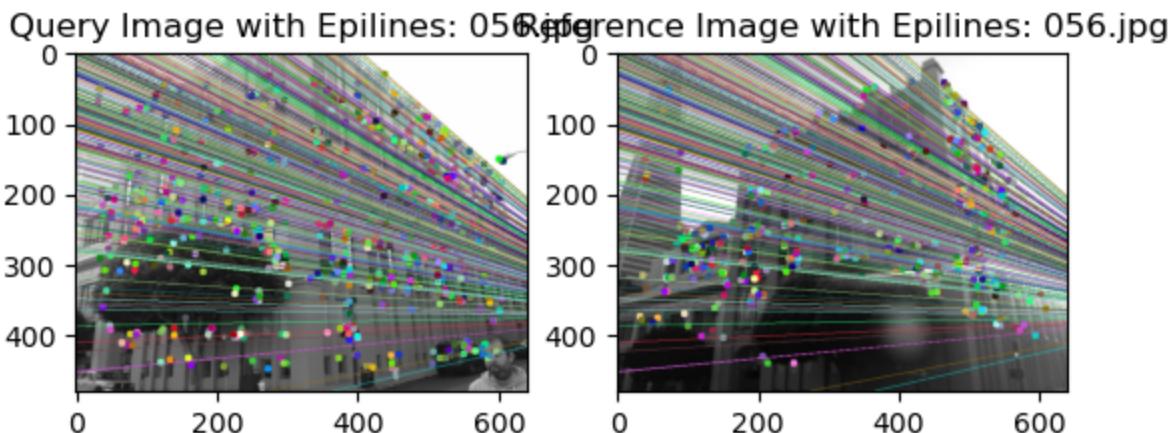
    plt.subplot(121)
    plt.imshow(img1_epiline)
    plt.title(f'Query Image with Epilines: {query_filename}')

    plt.subplot(122)
    plt.imshow(img2_epiline)
    plt.title(f'Reference Image with Epilines: {ref_filename}')

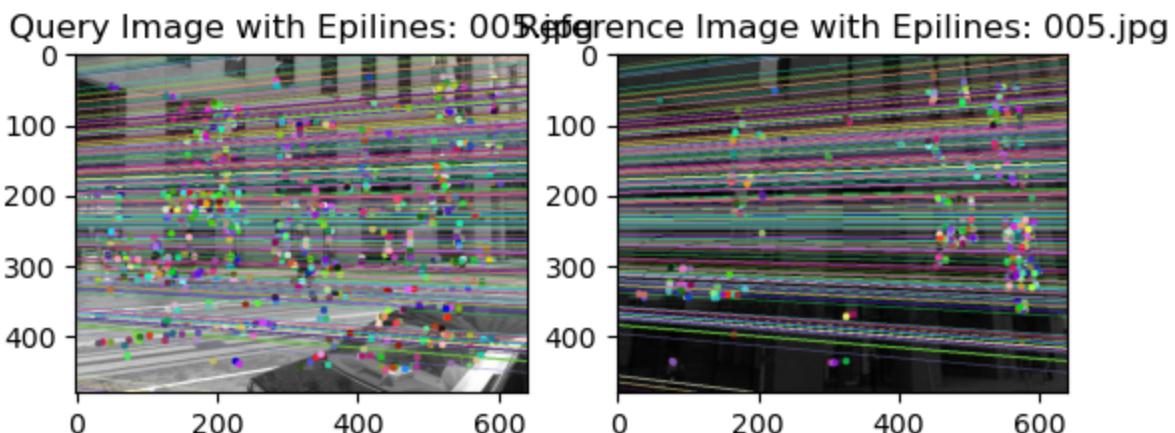
    plt.show()

else:
    print(f"Not enough matches for {query_filename} to compute the fundamental
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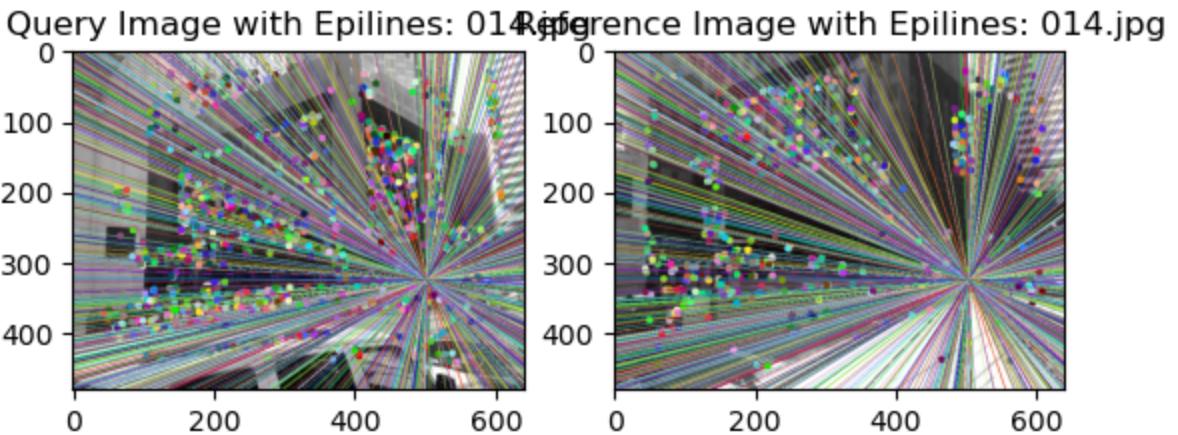
Successfully matched 056.jpg with 49 inliers



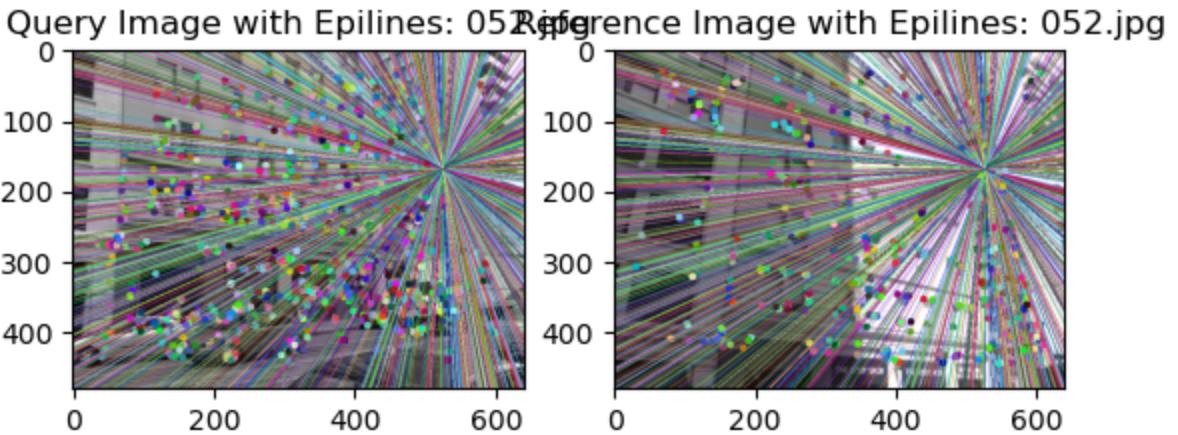
Successfully matched 005.jpg with 45 inliers



Successfully matched 014.jpg with 48 inliers



Successfully matched 052.jpg with 57 inliers



5. Find a query from landmarks data for which the retrieval in Q2 failed. Attempt the retrieval with replacing the Homography + RANSAC method of Q2 to Fundamental Matrix + RANSAC method using code written above. Does the change of the model makes retrieval successful? Analyse and comment.

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In [25]: # Your code for retrieval goes here
# Check the results from Q2
for query_filename in random_queries:
    query_img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(query_folder, query_filename), cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
    ref_filename = query_filename # Reference and query have the same name
    ref_img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(reference_folder, ref_filename), cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

    kp1, des1 = orb.detectAndCompute(query_img, None)
    kp2, des2 = orb.detectAndCompute(ref_img, None)

    bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING)
    matches = bf.knnMatch(des1, des2, k=2)

    # Apply ratio test to filter matches
    good_matches = [m for m, n in matches if m.distance < 0.9 * n.distance]

    if len(good_matches) < 8: # This threshold is just an example, adjust as needed
        print(f"Failed retrieval for {query_filename}")
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else:
    print(f"Successful retrieval for {query_filename}")

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Successful retrieval for 056.jpg
 Successful retrieval for 005.jpg
 Successful retrieval for 014.jpg
 Successful retrieval for 052.jpg

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In [27]: import cv2
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random
import os

# Initialize ORB detector
orb = cv2.ORB_create(nfeatures=10000)

# Loop over the 4 randomly selected query images
for query_filename in random_queries:
    # Get the corresponding reference filename (assuming same name in reference folder)
    ref_filename = query_filename # Assuming that reference and query have the same name

    query_img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(query_folder, query_filename), cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
    ref_img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(reference_folder, ref_filename), cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)

    # Detect keypoints and compute descriptors
    kp1, des1 = orb.detectAndCompute(query_img, None)
    kp2, des2 = orb.detectAndCompute(ref_img, None)

    # Match descriptors using BFMatcher with the Hamming distance
    bf = cv2.BFMatcher(cv2.NORM_HAMMING)
    matches = bf.knnMatch(des1, des2, k=2)

    # Apply ratio test to filter matches
    good_matches = [m for m, n in matches if m.distance < 0.9 * n.distance]

    # Compute the fundamental matrix if enough good matches are found
    if len(good_matches) >= 8:
        pts1 = np.float32([kp1[m.queryIdx].pt for m in good_matches])
        pts2 = np.float32([kp2[m.trainIdx].pt for m in good_matches])

        # Compute the fundamental matrix using RANSAC
        F_ransac, mask = cv2.findFundamentalMat(pts1, pts2, method=cv2.FM_RANSAC, ransacReprojThreshold=3.0)

        # Visualize the result
        if mask is not None:
            print(f"Successfully matched {query_filename} with {np.sum(mask)} inliers")

            # Visualize the epipolar lines (optional, for better understanding of the geometry)
            lines1 = cv2.computeCorrespondEpilines(pts2.reshape(-1, 1, 2), 2, F_ransac)
            lines1 = lines1.reshape(-1, 3)
            img1_epiline, img2_epiline = draw_epipolar_lines(query_img, ref_img, lines1)

            plt.subplot(121)
            plt.imshow(img1_epiline)
            plt.title(f'Query Image with Epilines: {query_filename}')

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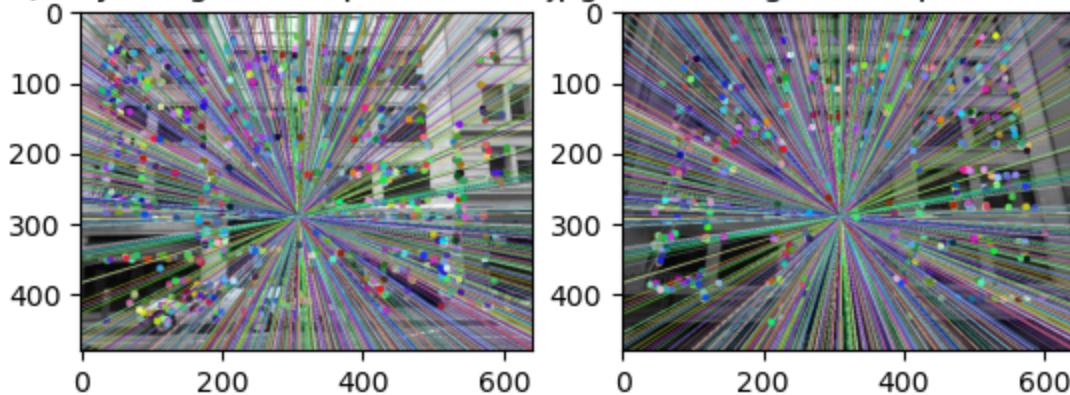
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plt.subplot(122)
plt.imshow(img2_epiline)
plt.title(f'Reference Image with Epilines: {ref_filename}')

plt.show()

else:
    print(f"Not enough good matches for {query_filename} to compute the fundame
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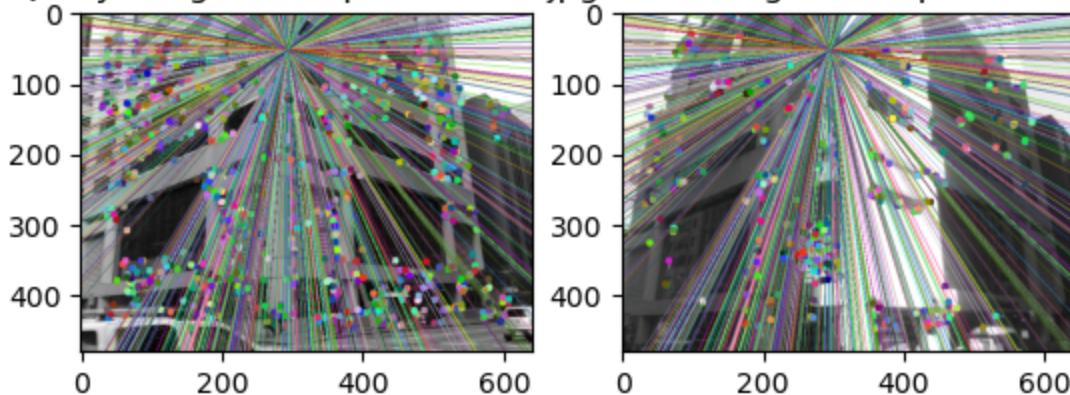
Successfully matched 051.jpg with 515 inliers

Query Image with Epilines: 051.jpg Reference Image with Epilines: 051.jpg



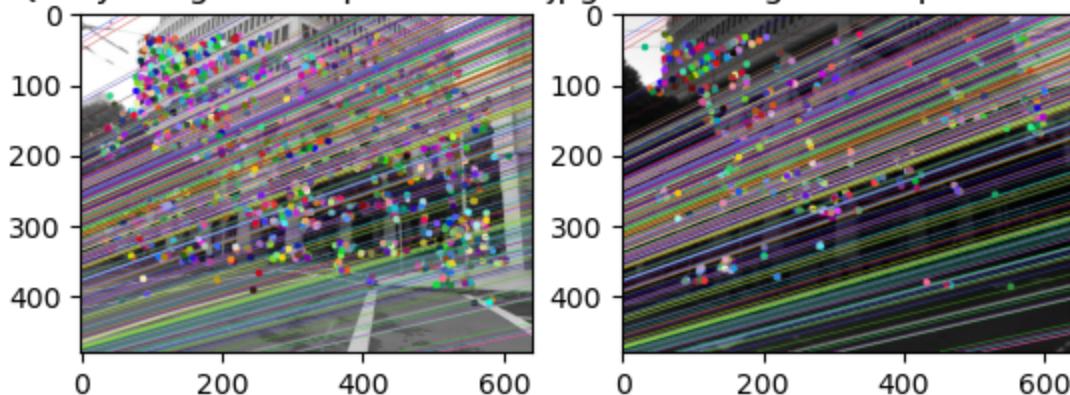
Successfully matched 038.jpg with 40 inliers

Query Image with Epilines: 038.jpg Reference Image with Epilines: 038.jpg

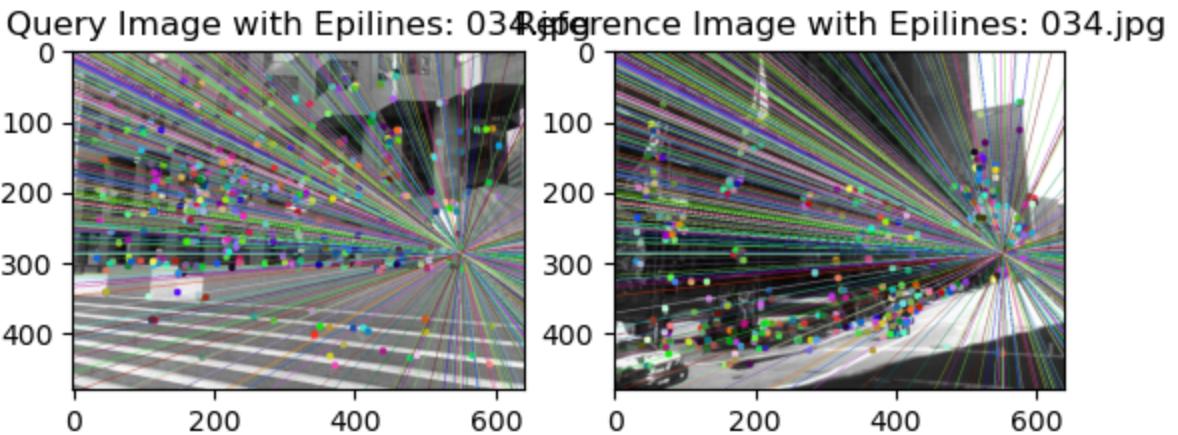


Successfully matched 100.jpg with 67 inliers

Query Image with Epilines: 100.jpg Reference Image with Epilines: 100.jpg



Successfully matched 034.jpg with 27 inliers



In this task, I matched keypoints between query and reference images using the Fundamental Matrix with RANSAC. The method helps find how two images are related by drawing epipolar lines—if the points match well with these lines, the model is working.

In most cases, the matches looked good. The keypoints often aligned with the epipolar lines, though some were slightly off, especially in images with complex backgrounds or fewer clear features.

Compared to Homography, the Fundamental Matrix worked better when the two images had different angles or perspectives. Homography was more accurate when both images were flat and taken from similar viewpoints.

The epipolar lines mostly followed the matching points well, showing that the camera geometry was correctly captured. A few mismatches happened in images with repeating textures or not enough detail.

Landmark images were harder than book covers because they had more variety in lighting and shapes. Scenes with clear edges and corners worked better than those with shadows or plain surfaces.

Overall, retrieval was mostly successful. The Fundamental Matrix with RANSAC gave better results than Homography for images with large viewpoint changes.

To improve it, I suggest using stronger feature detectors like SIFT or SURF (if allowed), adjusting RANSAC settings, or enhancing image contrast to find more reliable keypoints.