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- R. T. Azuma^[1] define an Augmented Reality (AR) system to have the following properties:
 - 1) Combines real and virtual
 - 2) Interactive in real time
 - 3) Registered in 3-D



[1] Azuma, Ronald T. "A survey of augmented reality." Presence 6.4 (1997): 355-385.



 Basic workflow of an AR application using fiducial marker tracking:





 Markerless augmented reality systems rely on natural features instead of fiducial marks.



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- Also known as interesting points, salient points or keypoints.
- Points that you can easily point out their correspondences in multiple images using only local information.





- Distinctive: a single feature can be correctly matched with high probability.
- Invariant: invariant to scale, rotation, affine, illumination and noise for robust matching across a substantial range of affine distortion, viewpoint change and so on. That is, it is <u>repeatable</u>.



- Feature detection locates where they are.
- Feature description describes what they are.
- Feature matching decides whether two are the same one.



Detectors & Descriptors

- Feature detector:
 - Harris, Hessian, MSER, SIFT, SURF, FAST, etc.
- Feature descriptor:
 - SIFT, SURF, DAISY, BRIEF, FREAK, etc.



 Complete registration with GPS, inertial sensors, and magnetic sensors.



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- We use a simple cardboard frame with a ruled grid of lines for the camera calibration.
 - Relationships between the camera screen coordinates and the camera coordinates can be known.





The relationships among the camera screen coordinates (*x_c*, *y_c*), the camera coordinates (*X_c*, *Y_c*, *Z_c*) and the marker coordinates (*X_m*, *Y_m*, *Z_m*) can be represented as below:





The relationships between the camera screen coordinates (x_c, y_c) and the camera coordinates (X_c, Y_c, Z_c) can be represented as below:



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The relationships between the camera coordinates

 (X_c, Y_c, Z_c) and the marker coordinates (X_m, Y_m, Z_m) can be represented as below:





• So the relationships between the camera screen coordinates (x_c, y_c) and the marker coordinates (X_m, Y_m, Z_m) can be represented as below:





- A scalar variable k is added into P because matrix C has 11 independent variables but matrices P and T_{cm} have 4 and 6 respectively.
- Since many pairs of (x_c, y_c) and (X_m, Y_m, Z_m) have been obtained by the procedure mentioned above, matrix C can be estimated.

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} X_{c} \\ Y_{c} \\ Z_{c} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{P} \begin{bmatrix} X_{c} \\ Y_{c} \\ Z_{c} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{cm} \begin{bmatrix} X_{m} \\ Y_{m} \\ Z_{m} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{C} \begin{bmatrix} X_{m} \\ Y_{m} \\ Z_{m} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} & C_{14} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} & C_{24} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{m} \\ Y_{m} \\ Z_{m} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{\chi} f & \mathbf{k} & x_{0} & 0 \\ 0 & s_{y} f & y_{0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{T}_{cm} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} & T_{\chi} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} & T_{y} \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} & T_{z} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- The tracking pipeline consists of four basic steps^[2]:
 - 1) Thresholding
 - 2) Fiducial Marker detection
 - 3) Rectangle fitting
 - 4) Pattern checking

[2] Schmalstieg, Dieter, and Daniel Wagner. "Experiences with handheld augmented reality." ISMAR 2007.



- The first step in the image processing pipeline is to convert the input image into a binary image to reliably detect the black and white portions of the fiducial markers.
- A heuristic that has proven effective is to use the median of all marker pixels extracted in the last frame as a threshold for current image.
- Vignetting compensation incorporates the radial brightness into the per-pixel threshold value.



Vignetting. Left: original camera image. Middle: constant thresholding. Right: thresholding with vignetting compensation.



- As a first step all scan-lines are searched left to right for edges. A sequence of white followed by black pixels is considered a candidate for a marker's border.
- The software then follows this edge until either a loop back to the start pixel is closed or until the border of the image is reached.
- All pixels that have been visited are marked as processed in order to prevent following edges more than once.



Left: Source image; Middle: Threshold image;
 Right: Three closed polygons as candidates for rectangle fitting.

Rectangle Fitting

- A first corner point c₀ is selected as the contour point that lies at the maximum distance to an arbitrary starting point x of the contour.
- The center of the rectangle is estimated as the center of mass of all contour points. A line is formed from the first corner point and the center.
- Further corner points c₁, c₂ are found on each side of the line by searching for those points that have the largest distance to this line. These three corners c₀, c₁, c₂ are used to construct more lines and recursively search for additional corners.
- An iterative process searches for corners until the whole contour has been searched or more than four corner points are detected.



Pattern Checking

- First a marker's interior region is resampled into a normalized arrays of pixels.
- For perspectively correct unprojection, the homography matrix is computed from the markers' corner points, which are assumed to form a rectangle.
- ARToolKit uses simple L2-norm template matching.
- There are several types of markers, and some are designed for efficiency.



 Marker types. Left: Template markers; Middle: BCHmarkers; Right: DataMatrix markers

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Introduction to PnP Problem

- The aim of the Perspective-n-Point (PnP) problem is to determine the position and orientation of a camera given its:
 - 1) intrinsic parameters
 - 2) a set of n correspondences between 3D points and their 2D projections.



Papers for Solving PnP Problem

- "Fast and Globally Convergent Pose Estimation from Video Images," TPAMI 2000. OI
- "Complete Solution Classification for the Perspective-Three-Point Problem," TPAMI 2003.
- "Linear Pose Estimation from Points or Lines," TPAMI 2003.
- "Robust Pose Estimation from a Planar Target," TPAMI 2006. RPP
- "Global Optimization through Searching Rotation Space and Optimal Estimation of the Essential Matrix," 2007 ICCV.
- "Globally Optimal O (n) Solution to the PnP Problem for General Camera Models," BMVC 2008.
- "EPnP An Accurate O(n) Solution to the PnP Problem," IJCV 2009. EPnP
- "Efficient lookup table based camera pose estimation for augmented reality, CAVW 2011.
- "A direct least-squares (DLS) method for PnP," ICCV 2011.
- "A Robust O(n) Solution to the Perspective-n-Point Problem," TPAMI 2012. RPnP
- "Revisiting the PnP Problem: A Fast, General and Optimal Solution," ICCV 2013. OPnP

Position Estimation of Markers (1/5)

 All variables in the transformation matrix are determined by substituting screen coordinates and marker coordinates of detected marker's four vertices for (x_c, y_c) and (X_m, Y_m) respectively^[3].

$$\begin{bmatrix} hx_c \\ hy_c \\ h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_{11} & N_{12} & N_{13} \\ N_{21} & N_{22} & N_{23} \\ N_{31} & N_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_m \\ Y_m \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
Perspective
Transformation Matrix

 When two parallel sides of a square marker are projected on the image, the equations of those line segments in the camera screen coordinates are the following

$$a_1 x_c + b_1 y_c + c_1 = 0$$

$$a_2 x_c + b_2 y_c + c_2 = 0$$



[3] Kato, Hirokazu, and Mark Billinghurst. "Marker tracking and hmd calibration for a video-based augmented reality conferencing system," IWAR 1999.



 Given the intrinsic matrix P that is obtained by the camera calibration, equations of the planes that include these two sides respectively can be represented in the camera coordinates.

$$\begin{bmatrix} hx_c \\ hy_c \\ h \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{P} \begin{bmatrix} X_c \\ Y_c \\ Z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} & 0 \\ 0 & P_{22} & P_{23} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_c \\ Y_c \\ Z_c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $a_{1}x_{c} + b_{1}y_{c} + c_{1} = 0$ $a_{2}x_{c} + b_{2}y_{c} + c_{2} = 0$ $a_{1}P_{11}X_{c} + (a_{1}P_{12} + b_{1}P_{22})Y_{c} + (a_{1}P_{13} + b_{1}P_{23} + c_{1})Z_{c} = 0$ $a_{2}P_{11}X_{c} + (a_{2}P_{12} + b_{2}P_{22})Y_{c} + (a_{2}P_{13} + b_{2}P_{23} + c_{2})Z_{c} = 0$





• Given that normal vectors of these planes are n_1 and n_2 respectively, the direction vector of parallel two sides of the square is given by the outer product $u_1 = n_1 \times n_2$.



 Given that two unit direction vectors that are obtained from two sets of two parallel sides of the square is u₁ and u₂, these vectors should be perpendicular.



However, image processing errors mean that the vectors won't be exactly perpendicular. To compensate for this two perpendicular unit, direction vectors are defined by r₁ and r₂ in the plane that includes u₁ and u₂.

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{c} \\ Y_{c} \\ Z_{c} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T_{cm}} \begin{bmatrix} X_{m} \\ Y_{m} \\ Z_{m} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} & T_{x} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} & T_{y} \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} & T_{z} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{m} \\ Y_{m} \\ Z_{m} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Given that the unit direction vector which is perpendicular to both r_1 and r_2 is r_3 , the rotation component $R_{3\times3}$ in the transformation matrix T_{cm} from marker coordinates to camera coordinates is $[r_1 \ r_2 \ r_3]$.



• The four vertices coordinates of the marker in the marker coordinate frame and those coordinates in the camera screen coordinate frame, eight equations including translation component $T_x T_y T_z$ are generated.

$$\begin{bmatrix} hx_c \\ hy_c \\ h \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x f & 0 & x_0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y f & y_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} & T_x \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} & T_y \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} & T_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_m \\ Y_m \\ Z_m \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• The vertex coordinates of the markers in the marker coordinate frame can be transformed to coordinates in the camera screen coordinate frame by using the transformation matrix obtained.

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- We propose a method for tracking fiducial markers and a calibration method for camera based on the marker tracking.
 - The most important thing is to get the intrinsic and extrinsic matrix.
- The rendering part can be implemented with the transformation matrix obtained.
 - Topics of GPU group.