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PREFACE

This research is sponsored by the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) and monitored by the U.S. Army Topographic Engineering Center (TEC) under Contract DACA76-92-C-0024, titled "Site Model Based Image Registration and Change Detection - First Annual Report on RADIUS Project". The ARPA Program Manager is Dr. Oscar Firschein, and the TEC Contracting Officer's Representative is Ms. Laurette Williams.

1. Introduction

The process of locating and identifying significant changes or new activities, known as change detection (CD), is one of the most important imagery exploitation tasks [5]. Previous research on CD has emphasized the development of general-purpose methods that can be employed to screen a wide variety of imagery and determine, without access to any sitespecific model information, whether any significant changes or events have occurred between the times of acquisition of the imagery. These methods have been found to be unreliable for two reasons: First, CD techniques based on more or less sophisticated differencing of images (possibly after attempted corrections for viewpoint and illumination differences) are extremely sensitive to errors in registration and in the photometric models (e.g. reflectance, illumination) that are used. Second, too many inconsequential changes occur in any natural environment. Even if general-purpose methods could be developed for screening out all changes due to variations in viewpoint, sensor and illumination, there would still be many differences between the images whose significance could only be determined by an image analyst (IA) using comprehensive site knowledge and the relevant intelligence agenda. Thus the goal of relieving the IA of the burden of screening large subsets of acquired imagery is unlikely to be achieved using such general-purpose methods.

We plan, instead, to develop a model-based vision system for CD, incorporating image understanding (IU) techniques whose primitives are specific to a particular site type. The system can be employed by the IA to use the IU techniques to conduct spatially constrained analyses whose outcomes may be indicative of occurrences of changes that have intelligence significance. The system is site model driven and will be based on three classes of primitives: *object primitives*, which correspond to the specific objects that occur in a particular site model and to the generic object classes supported by the IU system; *spatial primitives*, for the construction of search locales and the specification of constraints on the search for object types within locales; and *temporal primitives*, which can constrain or parameterize the analysis by factors such as time of day, day of week, time of year, etc. The system will assist the IA by highlighting areas on an image where there are relevant activities, new or upgraded facilities.

As reported in [5], IAs have identified two ways in which IU can be useful in CD: the "quick-look" (QL) and "final-look" (FL) modes. In the QL mode, small areas where any change would be considered significant are declared a priori, and when the system is presented with a series of images, only those that satisfy the conditions in the QL profile are marked. In the FL mode, a set of less important areas to be examined for change is specified. These areas are less important, but the IA wants to examine them to ensure complete coverage of the site. As the IA gains experience, both the QL and FL profiles can be modified. The CD system that we plan to build will primarily be guided by QL profiles.

The site models considered in the current phase of RADIUS encode only the spatial relationships between fixed objects of interest in a site, such as buildings, roads, etc. An important issue in training new analysts or reviewing infrequently analyzed sites is the coding of the temporal relationships which describe changes in the site such as movements of vehicles under normal or abnormal circumstances—i.e., a site activity model. The CD system described above will be a valuable step toward the development of a site activity modeling capability.

Generally the first step in a CD task is the registration of an image to an existing site model. Depending on the CD task, using the existing site model and camera parameters, regions of interest in the given image can be delineated. Subsequently, objects such as buildings and vehicles that are characteristically present in the site can be extracted and analyzed for CD purposes. Such object extraction algorithms cannot be purely bottom-up. For example, in extracting buildings [13], heuristics based on the expected shapes of roofs (site-specific information) are very useful for completing any partial roof hypotheses that result from imperfect bottom-up processing. Likewise, shadow analysis is very useful for obtaining height information [6, 7], or allowing the IU system to explain why some building features that are in the field of view cannot be identified in the image. Site models can also be very useful for providing geometric and photometric constraints that reduce matching ambiguities.

In addition to image-to-site-model registration, we are also interested in image-to-image registration where two images acquired from possibly severe off-nadir viewing conditions need to be registered prior to performing change detection. Image-to-image registration is useful for building site models, for developing automatic image-to-site model registration algorithms, and for performing the subtask of transforming a given image to a "favored orientation" [5]. The images to be analyzed as part of the RADIUS-related research program are high-resolution images of complicated sites. In many of the currently used image registration algorithms, tie points need to be manually selected. This can be a laborious task. Automatic registration of the two images is desirable. Given the variability of viewing directions, illumination conditions and resolution, the features used for matching may be poorly localized or occluded. Automatic image-to-image registration is accomplished using appropriate cues from site models and camera models.

It is evident that the IA must perform a crucial role in directing, manipulating and correcting the results of IU algorithms. An important part of our approach is the inclusion of early feedback, by users familiar with the final application, as to the usability of the algorithms developed under this program. These evaluations will provide valuable information with respect to the likely models and levels of interaction to be expected from IAs, the clarity and intuitive understandability of the IU algorithms, and whether the typical IA is able to tailor the responses of the algorithm to his/her needs.

2. Research Areas

2.1. Site Model Supported Monitoring

Our approach to image monitoring is based on the idea of QL profiles. QL profiles are the image exploitation recipes constructed by an IA for a given site; they characterize changes that are significant to the site. The tasks in a QL profile are related to each other both temporally and spatially. For example, if the interest of the IA in a given site concerns military activity, the first task to be performed depends on previous knowledge about the site (if it exists). If the reports from previous analyses indicate that armament was present in a training ground, the QL profile will call for vehicle detection in the training ground first.

If there are still many vehicles in the training ground, the QL profile will report "the exercise continues" and call for a vehicle pattern analysis task. On the other hand, if the first task reports that there are almost no vehicles in the training ground, then the QL profile will trigger vehicle detection on the roads and in the garage area. If many vehicles are found in the garage area, then the report "the training is finished and the armament is back in the camp" is sent. If the vehicles are not in the garage area, the QL profile will trigger pattern analysis on the road, send a report about the heading of the formation, etc. In another situation, if no previous information about troop formation is available or the reports from previous image analyses indicate that the armament was in the garage area, the first task to be called from the QL profile will be vehicle detection in the garage area; based on its results, further analysis of the road and the training ground may be called for.

In a typical site model supported monitoring task, given a new image, we first register the new image to the site model or the old images in the existing site folder. We then delineate the regions of interest according to the task. Next, 2-D templates of the objects to be monitored are formed based on their 3-D structure and information from the site model. Primitive features such as circles, ellipses, rectangles, and parallel lines are extracted, grouped and compared to the templates of the objects. Candidates with sufficient high scores of consistency with the object templates are further verified and reported to the IA. Figure 1 shows a general flowchart of our image monitoring system. For different monitoring tasks, the 2-D object models, primitive features to be extracted, and grouping mechanism are defined differently. For example, for vehicle detection from aerial images, a vehicle can be modeled as a rectangle of a certain size oriented along the road line. For detection of activities such as construction of chimneys, the needed model (for a cylindrical object) is a little more complicated. It should have an ellipse on top of two parallel lines; the minor axis of the ellipse should be parallel to the two supporting lines, which in turn are parallel to the camera viewing direction.

We have developed a preliminary design of an IU system for monitoring aerial images. The system is guided by an underlying site model, and by available knowledge of acquisition and illumination parameters, and performs task-specific image analyses for answering possible queries from an IA. We plan to extend the capabilities of our system by integrating collateral information about the various objects in the site, a user interface, and a more comprehensive set of QL profiles. Extensions to images acquired by synthetic aperture radar are also planned.

2.2. Registration Algorithms

We are investigating two types of registration processes, image-to-site-model registration and image-to-image registration. Depending on the particular CD task, e.g., if building or vehicle related activity is being monitored, we can use the site model and viewing direction of the new image to identify regions in the image that need further analysis. We can subsequently invoke the necessary IU algorithms related to detection of construction activities, vehicle location and counting (and road extraction, if construction of roads is monitored). For tasks such as these, the newly acquired image needs to be registered to the existing site model prior to any CD task.



Figure 1: A block diagram of the image monitoring system.

We have developed an image-to-site-model registration procedure which first transfers the given approximate camera model to RCDE format, then requires the IA to manually adjust the locations of some points whose 3-D coordinates are known, and finally uses the RCDE camera resection function to get an accurate camera model for the newly acquired image. Our final goal in image-to-site-model registration is to make the process totally automatic. Both the selection of control points and the search for their matches in the newly acquired image will be performed automatically.

In addition to image-to-site-model registration, which will be directly useful for CD, we are also developing a general-purpose image-to-image registration algorithm. Such an algorithm will be useful for building site models, orienting an image in a "favored position", and delineating regions of interest. The traditional stereo paradigm [14] for inferring 3-D structure is not applicable to images acquired from severe off-nadir viewing directions. Our goal is to develop a completely automatic registration algorithm using site models and any auxiliary information such as camera parameters. Site models will be useful for registering two severely off-nadir images, as we can predict the contrasts of features in both images, occlusions of features and shadow regions.

2.3. Region Delineation

Region delineation is an important step for outlining the regions to be exploited by IU algorithms and providing collateral information for IU algorithms. Two kinds of region delineation are useful for CD tasks: macro region delineation and micro region delineation. Macro region delineation labels the regions of interest to the IA, hence saving computation by not monitoring irrelevant areas. Two methods for macro region delineation have been developed in our system. When the region object is available from the site model, we directly project the region boundaries onto the image to be monitored and label the region(s) in the image domain. When the region of interest is given on a map or an old image, we use the image-to-image registration to transform the regions of interest into the new image. Both methods use camera model information available from the site model. Micro region delineation further labels regions of occlusion and shadow according to the camera model and local objects. Consider, for example, the problem of identifying the region in an aerial image corresponding to a given parking lot. While estimates of sensor and platform parameters are known, it is not sufficient to simply project the parking lot boundaries onto the image plane using these parameters, since these parameters are subject to errors. Furthermore, determining which parts of the parking lot are visible in the image (since parts of the parking lot can be occluded by other objects in the site) and the illumination conditions in the visible part of the parking lot (parts of which may be in shadow depending on sun angle and site model geometry) are critical to subsequently making a correct decision as to whether there is a significant difference between the numbers of observed and expected vehicles in the parking lot. In fact, the feasibility of performing a CD task depends on the IU system correctly modeling the relationship between a given image and the site model (for example, if we were interested in whether a large number of vehicles are parked near a certain building, it could be important to determine if that part of the parking lot is, in fact, visible in the image). We have working algorithms for macro region delineation and will develop a method for micro region delineation in the second year of the project.

2.4. Site Model Construction

An integral component of site model based registration and change detection is the availability of site models. We have made considerable progress on site model construction using RCDE. We are working on updating a site model on an ongoing basis. The solution to site model construction assumes that several overlapping coverage images are available. We have constructed a site model for model-board-2 images using RCDE. The recently developed site model-to-image registration algorithm (detailed in Section 3.2.) has been used to register model board 2 images to the site model. Using the model supported construction monitoring algorithms that we have developed, as well as others under development, we will be able to form hypotheses about objects in the site. When two or more images confirm the same hypotheses about the underlying object, the initial assertions about the object will be replaced by image-derived assertions. This will be done in an incremental fashion. During the early stages, the errors due to incomplete specification of site models may be handled by allowing more tolerance in the predicted positions of features and their computed attributes. As more images become available, the representation error will decrease.

2.5. Integration of RCDE

Since the RADIUS research team includes several institutions to enable efficient sharing of research results within the community and efficient transfer of technology to IAs, it is required that all developed software be integrated into RCDE. For the RADIUS project, a program is considered as being integrated into RCDE if it is either written in Lucid Common Lisp or is a foreign function executable from RCDE (preferably through an online menu). In the first year of the RADIUS project, we have been one of the RCDE test sites and have gained considerable experience in using RCDE. We have used RCDE to build a site model which includes all the images for model board 2. We have developed a method for delineating regions of interest using RCDE basic functions. We have also transferred some of our algorithms into RCDE and made them selectable from RCDE menus. In addition, the parameters can be specified through the RCDE environment and the results are represented as RCDE objects which can be easily used by RCDE functions. Many of these programs have been ported to the Martin Marietta Group, King of Prussia, PA and tested on real images.

3. Accomplishments to Date

During the first year under the contract, we have made considerable progress on several fronts:

- 1. We have installed RCDE on all of our SPARC-10 systems and built a site model for the model-board-2 images.
- 2. We have added new functions into RCDE.
- 3. We have developed a novel image-to-image registration algorithm that can automatically register two off-nadir images, when no information about the camera is available.

- 4. We have developed a simple image-to-site-model registration mechanism that uses available (approximate) information about camera parameters.
- 5. We have developed image delineation algorithms that outline regions of interest useful for change detection tasks.
- 6. We have developed site-model-supported change detection algorithms and illustrated them for monitoring new construction and detecting and counting vehicles.
- 7. We have integrated algorithms for image-to-site-model registration, image delineation, and monitoring into RCDE. Many of these algorithms have been ported to the Martin Marietta Group, King of Prussia, PA.

More details about the algorithms and experimental results obtained on model board images, as well as real images, are given in the remainder of this report.

3.1. Site Model Construction

A site model is a 3-D mathematical representation of the site [1]. As minimum requirements, it includes: (a) 2-D and 3-D geometric descriptions of site features such as areas, buildings and structures, roads, etc. (b) A set of images associated with the site and their imaging conditions such as camera position, camera orientation, focal length, illuminant direction, etc. (c) Object attributes such as name, type, and status (inactive, under construction, etc.) associated with each feature.

We use the following procedure to build a site model:

- 1. Display two or more input images.
- 2. Create a default world coordinate system.
 - 3. Create default camera models for the input images.
 - 4. Manually locate (at least) four control points for each input image; the 3-D coordinates of these control points in the world coordinate system are assumed known.
 - 5. Input the camera focal length and the location of the principal point (in the image plane) for each input image.
 - 6. Do camera resection [11] to get the correct camera model for each input image.
 - 7. Add objects to the site model interactively, using object templates such as box, cylinder, house, and their compositions, which are provided in RCDE.

Figure 2 shows an example of building a new site model for model board 2. (a) and (b) show two input images (M1 and M2) with control points marked. The 3-D coordinates and image plane indices of these control points are used to get an accurate camera model for each input image. After the new images are registered to the world coordinates, Figure 2(c) and (d) show an example of adding a building object to the site model. When adding a



(b) Input image-2 (M2)

Figure 2: Building a site model using RCDE.





(d) A new object shown in M2

Figure 2: (cont.) Building a site model using RCDE.



(f) Rendering of the site model on M2

Figure 2: (cont.) Building a site model using RCDE.

new object, the 3-D frame of the object is displayed in all the images in the site model, and the images are used as references in adjusting the size and orientation of the 3-D object. Figure 2(e) shows a partial site model superimposed on M1, and (f) shows a rendering of the site model according to the camera model for M2.

3.2. Image-to-Site-Model Registration

In order to use information from a site model, an image has to be registered first to the site model. To register an image to the site model, we first need to understand and unify the camera models. In many image exploitation tasks, the camera parameters are available in terms of camera position and orientation in a world coordinate system, while the camera model used in photogrammetry is represented by the conformal transformation [10] in which camera parameters are represented in a camera-centered coordinate system. Here we present an image-to-site-model registration algorithm. Assuming that approximate camera parameters are available (as in the RADIUS project), a method for computation of initial camera parameters from given imaging conditions is introduced. Next, the existing site model is projected onto the new image using the initial camera model. Finally, control points with known 3-D coordinates are manually adjusted to the correct locations in the new image domain and the RCDE resection operation [11] is employed to refine the camera parameters. Using the image-to-site-model registration algorithm, we have successfully built a site model for all forty images in the model board 2 data set, verified the given control points for model board 2, and refined the camera parameters for each model board image.

In the remainder of this section, first we briefly summarize the conformal transformation used in photogrammetry. Next, we study the camera representations given in our data base. The relationship between the two representations is pointed out, followed by an algorithm for image-to-site-model registration. Experimental results on initial camera parameter estimation, camera parameter refinement, and control point verification are presented at the end of the section.

3.2.1. Conformal Transformations

In conformal transformations, camera-centered coordinates are represented by first shifting the world coordinates by (x_o, y_o, z_o) , then rotating the resulting coordinates around the *x*-axis by ω , followed by a rotation by ϕ around the resulting *y*-axis, and finally, a rotation by κ around the resulting *z*-axis. A positive rotation is defined as a clockwise rotation when viewed from the origin in the direction of the positive axis. Assuming the coordinates of a point in the world coordinate system are (x_w, y_w, z_w) , and the coordinates of the point in the camera centered coordinate system are (x_c, y_c, z_c) , the transform from (x_w, y_w, z_w) to (x_c, y_c, z_c) is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z}}(\kappa) \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{y}}(\phi) \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}(\omega) \begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_o \\ y_w - y_o \\ z_w - z_o \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \kappa & \sin \kappa & 0 \\ -\sin \kappa & \cos \kappa & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & 0 & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \phi & 0 & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \omega & \sin \omega \\ 0 & -\sin \omega & \cos \omega \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_o \\ y_w - y_o \\ z_w - z_o \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \mathbf{R} \begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_o \\ y_w - y_o \\ z_w - z_o \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

where

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \kappa & \sin \kappa & 0 \\ -\sin \kappa & \cos \kappa & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & 0 & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \phi & 0 & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \omega & \sin \omega \\ 0 & -\sin \omega & \cos \omega \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \kappa & \sin \kappa & 0 \\ -\sin \kappa & \cos \kappa & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \sin \omega & -\sin \phi \cos \omega \\ 0 & \cos \omega & \sin \omega \\ \sin \phi & -\cos \phi \sin \omega & \cos \phi \cos \omega \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi \cos \kappa & \sin \omega \sin \phi \cos \kappa + \cos \omega \sin \kappa & -\cos \omega \sin \phi \cos \kappa + \sin \omega \sin \kappa \\ -\cos \phi \sin \kappa & -\sin \omega \sin \phi \sin \kappa + \cos \omega \cos \kappa & \cos \omega \sin \phi \sin \kappa + \sin \omega \cos \kappa \\ \sin \phi & -\sin \omega \cos \phi & \cos \omega \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$
(2)

Note that

$$\mathbf{R}_{x}^{-1}(\cdot) = \mathbf{R}_{x}^{t}(\cdot)$$
$$\mathbf{R}_{y}^{-1}(\cdot) = \mathbf{R}_{y}^{t}(\cdot)$$
$$\mathbf{R}_{z}^{-1}(\cdot) = \mathbf{R}_{z}^{t}(\cdot)$$

We have

$$\mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}_{x}^{-1} \mathbf{R}_{y}^{-1} \mathbf{R}_{z}^{-1}$$
$$= \mathbf{R}_{x}^{t} \mathbf{R}_{y}^{t} \mathbf{R}_{z}^{t}$$
$$= \mathbf{R}^{t}$$

so that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ z_w \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R}^t \begin{pmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_o \\ y_o \\ z_o \end{pmatrix}$$
(3)

3.2.2. Camera Specification in Model-Board Data

Although it is simple to represent a camera model in conformal form, the three rotation angles ω , ϕ and κ are not intuitive. Commonly available camera parameters are camera position and camera viewing direction with respect to the world coordinate system. Given the camera viewing direction, i.e. off-nadir angle α and azimuth angle β measured east of north (as shown in Figure 3), alignment of the world coordinates to the camera-centered coordinates can be achieved through the following four operations:

1. Translate the world coordinates by (x_o, y_o, z_o) ;



Figure 3: Camera orientation in the world coordinates.

- 2. Rotate around the resulting z-axis by $\hat{\beta} = N_w \frac{\pi}{2} \beta$ to align the y-axis with the camera azimuth direction (so that the camera is looking at the origin from the resulting positive y-axis), where N_w is the angle from the positive x-axis of the world coordinates to the north direction;
- 3. Rotate around the resulting x-axis by $-\alpha$, where α is the given camera elevation angle;
- 4. Rotate around the resulting z-axis by γ to let the north direction be N_i measured in the image domain; $\gamma = N_c N_i$ where N_c is the (predicted) angle for the north direction after Step 3.

The rotation matrices for steps 2-4 are

$$\mathbf{R}_{2} = \mathbf{R}_{z}(\hat{\beta}) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \hat{\beta} & \sin \hat{\beta} & 0\\ -\sin \hat{\beta} & \cos \hat{\beta} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(4)

$$\mathbf{R}_{3} = \mathbf{R}_{x}(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$
(5)

$$\mathbf{R}_{4} = \mathbf{R}_{z}(\gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma & 0\\ -\sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(6)

where

$$\hat{\beta} = N_w - \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta$$

$$\gamma = N_c - N_i$$

Thus, the total rotation matrix is

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_{4}\mathbf{R}_{3}\mathbf{R}_{2}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\gamma & \sin\gamma & 0\\ -\sin\gamma & \cos\gamma & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\hat{\beta} & \sin\hat{\beta} & 0\\ -\cos\alpha\sin\hat{\beta} & \cos\alpha\cos\hat{\beta} & -\sin\alpha\\ -\sin\alpha\sin\hat{\beta} & \sin\alpha\cos\hat{\beta} & \cos\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\gamma\cos\hat{\beta} - \sin\gamma\cos\alpha\sin\hat{\beta} & \cos\gamma\sin\hat{\beta} + \sin\gamma\cos\alpha\cos\alpha\hat{\beta} & -\sin\gamma\sin\alpha\\ -\sin\gamma\cos\hat{\beta} - \cos\gamma\cos\alpha\sin\hat{\beta} & -\sin\gamma\sin\hat{\beta} + \cos\gamma\cos\alpha\cos\hat{\beta} & -\cos\gamma\sin\alpha\\ -\sin\alpha\sin\hat{\beta} & \sin\alpha\cos\hat{\beta} & \cos\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$
(7)

When the distance from the camera to the stare point, r, is given, the initial camera translation is computed as

$$x_o = x_p + x_{or} \tag{8}$$

$$y_o = y_p + y_{or} \tag{9}$$

$$z_o = z_p + z_{or} \tag{10}$$

where (x_p, y_p, z_p) are the 3-D coordinates of the stare point, and

$$\mathbf{x}_{or} = \mathbf{r} \sin \alpha \cos(N_w - \beta) \tag{11}$$

$$y_{or} = \mathbf{r} \sin \alpha \sin(N_w - \beta) \tag{12}$$

$$z_{or} = \mathbf{r} \cos \alpha \tag{13}$$

3.2.3. Relationship Between the Two Representations

As the values of x_o , y_o , z_o and **R** are independent of the interpretation of how the camera is aligned, by comparing the corresponding terms in (2) and (7) we can convert the camera parameters from one representation to the other. Note that the camera is always above the horizon, so that

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \omega \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Hence

$$cos \omega \ge 0$$

$$cos \phi \ge 0$$

$$sin \alpha \ge 0$$

The relationship between the camera parameters in the two representations are

$$\omega = \arctan\left(\frac{-\sin\alpha\cos\beta}{\cos\alpha}\right) \tag{14}$$

$$\phi = \arcsin(-\sin\alpha\sin\hat{\beta}) \tag{15}$$

$$\kappa = \arctan\left(\frac{\sin\gamma\cos\hat{\beta} + \cos\gamma\cos\alpha\sin\hat{\beta}}{\cos\gamma\cos\beta - \sin\gamma\cos\alpha\sin\hat{\beta}}\right)$$
(16)

$$\alpha = \arccos(\cos\omega\cos\phi) \tag{17}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \arctan\left(\frac{-\sin\phi}{-\sin\omega\cos\phi}\right)$$
 (18)

$$\gamma = \arctan\left(\frac{-\sin\omega\sin\kappa + \cos\omega\sin\phi\cos\kappa}{-\sin\omega\cos\kappa - \cos\omega\sin\phi\sin\kappa}\right)$$
(19)

3.2.4. Camera Roll Estimation

Given the viewing direction of the camera, the camera can still rotate around its optical axis, leaving one degree of freedom undetermined. If the north direction is known in world coordinates, we can determine the orientation of the north vector in camera-centered coordinates which are free of camera roll; the angle between the predicted north direction, and the north direction in the image plane is equal to the camera roll angle. Since the camera azimuth angle β is measured east of north, after aligning the y-axis with the camera viewing direction, the angle from the x-axis to the north direction is $\frac{\pi}{2} + \beta$ where β is the azimuth angle of the (given) camera viewing direction. We then rotate the axes around the resulting x-axis by $-\alpha$ to align the z-axis with the camera viewing direction, the angle from the resulting x-axis to the north direction projected onto the x-y plane is

$$N_c = \arctan \frac{\cos \alpha \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} + \beta)}{\cos(\frac{\pi}{2} + \beta)} = \arctan \frac{\cos \alpha \cos \beta}{-\sin \beta}$$
(20)

In our work, we estimate the north direction in an image plane by hand picking two points along "access road 1", (X_1, Y_1) and (X_2, Y_2) , and computing

$$N_{i} = \arctan \frac{Y_{2} - Y_{1}}{X_{2} - X_{1}}$$
(21)

The camera roll angle is then computed as

$$\gamma = N_c - N_i = \arctan \frac{\cos \alpha \, \cos \beta}{-\sin \beta} - N_i \tag{22}$$

3.2.5. Stare Point Estimation

With the camera rotation angles determined, we still need the coordinates of camera center (in the world coordinate system) to register the camera coordinates to the world coordinates. The camera position is usually determined by giving the stare point and the distance between the stare point and the camera center. The stare point information is important for automatical camera model refinement. For model board 2 data the stare points are not available. We estimate the stare point by the difference between the coordinates of a known 3-D point in the approximated camera model and its correct coordinates. First assuming the stare points (x_p, y_p, z_p) is available, we have the transform from the world coordinates (x_w, y_w, z_w) to the camera centered coordinates (x_c, y_c, z_c) as

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R} \begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_{or} - x_p \\ y_w - y_{or} - y_p \\ z_w - z_{or} - z_p \end{pmatrix}$$
(23)

where (x_{or}, y_{or}, z_{or}) are determined by (11-13). Next consider the case that the stare point is either not available or not correct, assuming it be $(\hat{x}_p, \hat{y}_p, \hat{z}_p)$. The camera transformation becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_c \\ \hat{y}_c \\ \hat{z}_c \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R} \begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_{or} - \hat{x}_p \\ y_w - y_{or} - \hat{y}_p \\ z_w - z_{or} - \hat{z}_p \end{pmatrix}$$
(24)

Now, pick a point $(\check{x}_w, \check{y}_w, \check{z}_w)$ whose coordinates under transform (24) equal to (x_c, y_c, z_c) under (23) as

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R} \begin{pmatrix} \check{x}_w - x_{or} - \hat{x}_p \\ \check{y}_w - y_{or} - \hat{y}_p \\ \check{z}_w - z_{or} - \hat{z}_p \end{pmatrix}$$
(25)

By taking the difference between (23) and (25) we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_p - \check{x}_w + \hat{x}_p \\ y_w - y_p - \check{y}_w + \hat{y}_p \\ z_w - z_p - \check{z}_w + \hat{z}_p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(26)

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{p} - \hat{x}_{p} \\ y_{p} - \hat{y}_{p} \\ z_{p} - \hat{z}_{p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{w} - \check{x}_{w} \\ y_{w} - \check{y}_{w} \\ z_{w} - \check{z}_{w} \end{pmatrix}$$
(27)

If we select $(x_w, y_w, z_w) = (0, 0, 0)$ then the adjustment for the initial stare point estimation is $(\check{x}_w, \check{y}_w, \check{z}_w)$. The procedure for adjusting the stare point estimation is as follows

- 1. Project the site model to the new image domain using the given approximated camera model.
- 2. Determine the coordinates of the origin under the approximated camera model $(\check{x}_w, \check{y}_w, \check{z}_w)$.
- 3. The adjustment for the stare point estimation is $(-\check{x}_w, -\check{y}_w, -\check{z}_w)$.

3.2.6. Algorithm

We use the following procedure to register a new image to an existing site model:

- 1. Manually select two points along the north direction and compute N_i using (21).
- 2. Compute the camera roll angle γ using (22).
- 3. Compute the conformal camera parameters using (8-16). Set (x_p, y_p, z_p) to zero if they are unavailable.

- 4. Project the site model to the new image using the parameters obtained from step 3.
- 5. Adjust the estimation of the stare point if the offset in the initial projection is too large.
- 6. Manually adjust (at least) four control points to the correct locations in the image domain and do camera resection to get more accurate conformal camera parameters.
- 7. Compute the camera parameters in the world coordinate system using (18-19) and

$$\beta = N_w - \frac{\pi}{2} - \hat{\beta} \tag{28}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \frac{z_o}{\cos \alpha} \tag{29}$$

$$x_p = x_o - \mathbf{r} \sin \alpha \cos(N_w - \beta) \qquad (30)$$

$$y_p = y_o - \mathbf{r} \sin \alpha \sin(N_w - \beta) \tag{31}$$

where we have assumed $z_p = 0$.

3.2.7. Experiments

Camera Roll Estimation

For each of the forty model-board-2 images, we manually select two points along the north direction and compute N_i and γ using (21) and (22). The results are listed in Table 1.

Camera Parameter Calibration

Given the camera viewing direction (α, β) , the camera range **r**, and the camera roll angle estimated, we use (11-13) and (14-16) to compute the camera parameters for the conformal representation. The results are listed in Table 1.

We then apply camera resection, based on these initial camera parameters (assume $x_p = y_p = z_p = 0$) and correspondences of five control points, to obtain refined camera parameters $\tilde{x}_o, \tilde{y}_o, \tilde{z}_o, \tilde{\omega}, \tilde{\phi}$ and $\tilde{\kappa}$. We further compute the corresponding refined camera parameters in world coordinates, $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \mathbf{r}, x_p$ and y_p , using (18-19) and (28-31). Table 2 lists the refined camera parameters for all the model-board-2 images. Table 3 lists the differences between the given and refined camera parameters.

Figure 4 shows an example of registering a new image, M38, shown in (a), to the existing site model. The estimated camera roll angle for M38 is $\gamma = 90.1^{\circ}$. The given camera elevation and azimuth angles are $\alpha = 40^{\circ}$ and $\beta = 90^{\circ}$. The approximate range is $\mathbf{r} = 10850$ feet. From these we compute the initial camera parameters as $x_o = 6974$ feet, $y_o = 0$ feet, $z_o = 8311$ feet, $\omega = 0.0^{\circ}$, $\phi = 40.0^{\circ}$, and $\kappa = 0.1^{\circ}$. In computing x_o , y_o and z_o , we set the unknown parameters x_p , y_p and z_p to zero. Figure 4(b) shows the projection of the existing site model into the new image using the above approximate camera parameters. In many applications an approximate stare point is available. Figure 4(c) shows the projection of the existing site model into the new image domain when an approximate stare point is available.

image	N_i (°)	α (°)	β (°)	r (ft)	γ (°)	x_{or} (ft)	$y_{o\tau}$ (ft)	z_{or} (ft)	ω (°)	φ (°)	κ (°)
M1	226.2	30	340	10850	-158.9	-1855	5097	9396	-28.5	-9.8	-141.5
M2	28.7	45	54	10850	124.1	6206	4509	7672	-30.4	34.9	79.9
M3	1.0	0	34	10850	123.0	0	0	10850	0.0	0.0	89.0
M4	357.9	30	75	10850	-191.0	5240	1404	9396	-8.5	28.9	96.2
M5	357.3	30	255	10850	-10.4	-5240	-1404	9396	8.5	-28.9	96.8
M6	88.6	15	86	10850	87.5	2801	195	10480	-1.1	15.0	1.6
M7	9 <u>?</u> .2	15	333	10850	-30.0	-1274	2502	10480	-13.4	-6.7	-3.8
M8	285.0	45	352	10850	-206.2	-1067	7597	7672	-44.7	-5.6	159.4
M9	269.5	35	180	10850	0.5	0	-6223	8887	35.0	0.0	-179.5
M10	185.4	30	223	10850	-228.3	-3699	-3967	9396	22.9	-19.9	-87.2
M11	206.5	0	100	10850	-16.5	0	0	10850	0.0	0.0	-116.5
M12	356.8	45	317	10850	-319.6	-5232	5611	7672	-36.2	-28.8	73.8
M13	0.1	30	51	10850	144.9	4216	3414	9396	-20.0	22.9	98.0
M14	352.5	40	356	10850	-267.7	-486	6957	8311	-39.9	-2.6	95.4
M15	95.3	30	210	10850	-151.6	-2712	-4698	9396	26.6	-14.5	1.8
M16	287.2	45	29	10850	-159.1	3719	6710	7672	-41.2	20.0	179.5
M17	183.3	25	100	10850	5.8	4515	-796	9833	4.6	24.6	-95.2
M18	354.3	30	10	10850	-252.8	942	5342	9396	-29.6	5.0	98.5
M19	222.5	30	40	10850	-88.4	3487	4155	9396	-23.9	18.7	-124.4
M20	227.8	25	186	10850	-311.2	-479	-4560	9833	24.9	-2.5	-136.7
M21	358.7	30	75	10850	-191.7	5240	1404	9396	-8.5	28.9	95.4
M22	0.3	30	255	10850	-13.4	-5240	-1404	9396	8.5	-28.9	93.8
M23	261.4	45	317	10850	-224.2	-5232	5611	7672	-36.2	-28.8	169.2
M24	176.4	25	80	10850	-5.4	4515	796	9833	-4.6	24.6	-84.4
M25	174.5	30	146	10850	-302.4	3033	- 4497	9396	25.6	16.2	-92.1
M26	84.1	45	9	10850	18.5	1200	7577	7672	-44.6	6.4	12.1
M27	349.2	45	80	10850	-176.3	7555	1332	7672	-9.9	44.1	107.7
M28	113.8	15	15	10850	-8.3	726	2712	10480	-14.5	3.8	-22.8
M29	270.3	35	278	10850	-263.7	-6162	866	8887	-5.6	-34.6	176.6
M30	273.5	25	186	10850	3.1	-479	-4560	9833	24.9	-2.5	177.7
M31	351.1	30	350	10850	-272.6	-942	5342	9396	-29.6	-5.0	96.1
M32	79.5	45	115	10850	-241.2	6953	-3242	7672	22.9	39.9	-4.6
M33	186.0	30	40	10850	-51.9	3487	4155	9396	-23.9	18.7	-87.9
M34	359.1	15	55	10850	-213.2	2300	1610	10480	-8.7	12.2	92.7
M35	88.5	45	300	10850	-66.3	-6644	3836	7672	-26.6	-37.8	-15.6
M36	278.1	30	70	10850	-115.6	5097	1855	9396	-11.2	28.0	177.2
M37	12.4	30	115	10850	-170.4	4916	-2292	9396	13.7	26.9	71.3
M38	89.9	40	90	10850	-269.9	6974	0	8311	0.0	40.0	0.1
M39	269.4	30	165	10850	-16.6	1404	-5240	9396	29.1	7.4	176.5
M40	7.6	40	220	10850	-50.0	-4482	-5342	8311	32.7	-24.4	97.3

Table 1: Initial Camera Parameters

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image	α (°)	β (°)	r (ft)	γ (°)	x_o (ft)	y_o (ft)	z_o (ft)	ω (°)	φ (°)	κ (°)
M1	30.7	-20.8	10321	-162.4	-681	5751	8871	-29.1	-10.4	-144.3
M2	45.8	51.5	10586	123.7	6715	5350	7379	-32.6	34.1	82.5
M3	1.7	-103.0	10361	-15.5	788	177	10356	0.4	-1.7	87.4
M4	31.3	85.6	10208	176.8	6707	608	8719	-2.7	31.2	91.9
M5	29.9	-108.1	10536	-15.1	-3574	-1395	9133	10.1	-28.3	95.5
M6	20.1	94.6	10439	95.6	4219	194	9802	1.7	20.1	0.7
M7	15.9	3.6	10423	2.9	762	3448	10022	-15.9	1.0	-0.6
M8	44.8	-6.7	10384	150.1	74	7977	7368	-44.6	-4.7	154.8
M9	35.1	-177.7	10156	2.3	793	-5614	8306	35.1	-1.3	-179.5
M10	29.2	-144.1	10773	123.8	-2179	-3815	9404	24.3	-16.6	-88.6
M11	6.5	125.7	10764	7.7	1969	143	10694	3.8	5.3	-118.2
M12	45.7	-47.2	10636	32.8	-4762	5833	7431	-34.8	-31.7	69.9
M13	29.2	78.8	10791	168.0	6097	1496	9417	-6.2	28.6	90.8
M14	46.4	-3.2	10486	88.2	744	8505	7233	-46.3	-2.3	90.4
M15	30.7	-155.8	10541	-158.2	-1277	-4577	9067	28.4	-12.1	0.6
M16	47.0	36.3	10706	-154.1	5772	7219	7297	-40.9	25.7	179.2
M17	24.1	121.1	11061	24.2	4782	-1702	10095	13.0	20.5	-99.3
M18	29.0	-27.3	10873	61.6	-1396	5551	9511	-26.2	-12.8	85.9
M19	33.0	33.5	10285	-97.1	4237	5309	8623	-28.5	17.5	-126.1
M20	26.0	-173.0	10307	48.6	484	-4068	9265	25.8	-3.1	-137.8
M21	31.7	92.0	10313	-178.1	6641	727	8774	1.3	31.7	89.5
M22	29.9	-107.2	10646	-16.3	-3561	-694	9225	9.7	-28.5	93.4
M23	45.0	-50.7	10359	125.4	-4844	5352	7327	-32.3	-33.2	166.2
M24	24.6	90.2	10396	2.2	5305	209	9454	0.1	24.6	-88.0
M25	29.0	165.5	10322	78.3	2125	-4583	9027	28.2	7.0	-88.9
M26	45.8	9.2	10705	14.2	2385	8350	7467	-45.4	6.6	7.8
M27	45.1	81.3	10670	-176.9	8585	1762	7529	-8.7	44.5	105.4
M28	15.8	25.1	10856	0.0	1959	3154	10445	-14.4	6.6	-24.3
M29	34.9	-90.8	10768	88.1	-5293	620	8828	0.6	-34.9	179.1
M30	24.4	-164.6	10630	12.7	-266	-3592	9678	23.7	-6.3	178.6
M31	34.3	-11.4	10583	80.2	-382	6755	8742	-33.8	-6.4	89.7
M32	45.0	129.2	10747	129.4	7079	-4306	7592	32.4	33.2	-9.8
M33	33.6	36.9	10818	-57.1	4719	5597	9011	-28.0	19.4	-89.1
M34	15.3	69.4	10985	158.6	3830	1539	10596	-5.5	14.3	89.9
M35	45.6	-69.5	10962	-75.9	-6414	3280	7664	-19.7	-42.1	-14.0
M36	31.8	58.5	10756	-127.6	6077	3260	9146	-17.9	26.7	178.1
M37	31.4	133.7	10347	-154.5	5106	-3041	8835	22.8	22.1	67.3
M38	42.6	93.3	10563	91.9	7977	309	7776	3.0	42.5	-2.6
M39	33.0	159.5	10649	-24.3	3062	-4889	8935	31.3	11.0	173.1
M40	44.7	-105.7	10805	-19.9	-6508	-1440	7679	15.0	-42.6	91.6

Table 2: Camera Parameters after Camera Resection

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image	δα	δβ	δr	δγ	δx_{or}	δy_{or}	δz _{or}	δω	δφ	δκ	x_p	y _p
M1	0.7	-0.8	-529	-3.5	-14	-164	-525	-0.6	-0.6	-2.8	1187	818
M2	0.8	-2.5	-264	-0.4	-267	216	-293	-2.2	-0.8	2.6	776	625
M3	1.7	-137.0	-489	-138.5	-302	-69	-494	0.4	-1.7	-1.6	1091	246
M4	1.3	10.6	-642	7.8	53	-996	-677	5.8	2.3	-4.3	1414	200
M5	-0.1	-3.1	-314	-4.7	247	-225	-263	1.6	0.6	-1.3	1419	234
M6	5.1	8.6	-411	8.1	779	-484	-678	2.8	5.1	-0.9	63 8	483
M7	0.9	30.6	-427	32.9	1455	353	-458	-2.5	7.7	3.2	581	593
M8	-0.2	1.3	-466	-3.7	217	-331	-304	0.1	0.9	-4.6	924	710
M9	0.1	2.3	-694	1.8	-230	384	-581	0.1	-1.3	6.0	1024	224
M10	-0.8	-7.1	-77	-7.9	615	-289	8	1.4	3.3	-1.4	904	440
M11	6.5	25.7	-86	24.2	995	-715	-156	3.8	5.3	-1.7	974	859
M12	0.7	-4.2	-214	-7.6	-350	-439	-241	1.4	-2.9	-3.9	819	661
M13	-0.8	27.8	-59	23.1	952	-2389	21	13.8	5.7	-7.2	929	471
M14	6.4	0.8	-364	-4.1	67	624	-1078	-6.4	0.3	-5.0	1164	923
M15	0.7	-5.8	-309	-6.6	504	-205	-329	1.8	2.4	-1.2	930	325
M16	2.0	7.3	-144	5.0	921	-398	-375	0.3	5.7	-0.3	1131	907
M17	-0.9	21.1	211	18.4	-647	-1542	262	8.4	-4.1	-4.1	913	635
M18	-1.0	-37.3	23	-45.6	-3356	-659	115	3.4	-17.8	-12.6	1018	867
M19	3.0	-6.5	-565	-8.7	-392	518	-773	-4.6	-1.2	-1.7	1141	635
M20	1.0	1.0	-543	-0.2	-73	80	-568	0.9	-0.6	-1.1	1036	411
M21	1.7	17.0	-537	13.6	175	-1597	-622	9.8	2.8	-5.9	1225	920
M22	-0.1	-2.2	-204	-2.9	164	-167	-171	1.2	0.4	-0.4	1514	877
M23	0.0	-7.7	-491	-10.4	-436	-975	-345	3.9	-4.4	-3.0	824	715
M24	-0.4	10.2	-454	7.6	-191	-811	-379	4.7	0.0	-3.6	981	224
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M26	0.8	0.2	-145	-4.3	25	-5	-205	-0.8	0.2	-4.3	1159	778
M27	0.1	1.3	-180	-0.6	-82	-186	-143	1.2	0.4	-2.3	1112	616
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M29	-0.1	-8.8	-82	-8.2	-3	-951	-59	6.2	-0.3	2.5	871	706
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Table 3: Corrections for Camera Parameters after Camera Resection



(b) Initial projection of the site model into the new image

Figure 4: Registering a new image to the site model.



(d) Site model projection after camera resection

Figure 4: (cont.) Registering a new image to the site model.

For each of the cases shown in (b) and (c), we then manually select five control points, adjust them to the correct positions in the new image domain, and do camera resection to get more accurate camera parameters. Figure 4(d) shows the projection of the site model into the new image after camera resection. The refined camera parameters are: $x_o = 7977$ feet, $y_o = 309$ feet, $z_o = 7776$ feet, $\omega = 3.0^\circ$, $\phi = 42.5^\circ$, $\kappa = -2.6^\circ$. Accordingly, we have $\alpha = 42.6^\circ$, $\beta = 93.3^\circ$, $\gamma = 91.9^\circ$, $x_p = 839$, $y_p = 719$, and r = 10563.

The following observations about the given camera parameters can be made from Table 3:

- 1. The initial camera elevation angles are relatively accurate, with a maximum error of 6.4° .
- 2. The errors in the camera azimuth angles are relatively large, but except for image M3, which is viewed from the nadir direction ($\alpha = 1.7^{\circ}$), the errors in camera azimuth angle are within $\pm 38^{\circ}$. The camera azimuth error for M3 is -137.0° .
- 3. It would be useful to know the camera stare point.
- 4. Overall, the initial camera parameters obtained by (11-13) and (14-16) give a good initial set of parameters for camera resection.

Control Point Verification

Using the refined camera parameters obtained above, we further evaluated the control points provided with the model board 2 data. It was found that except for point #265, the east intersection of the curved and straight tracks, and some typographical errors, the 3-D coordinates of the control points are quite accurate. The following errors were found and corrected in our experiments.

- 1. The minus signs of the y coordinates of points #20, #22, and #220 are missing.
- 2. Point #38 is not marked. It should be added next to point #17.
- 3. Point #78 is not given; its mark, on building B9, should be removed.
- 4. The marks for points #231, #234 and #238 are not correct; the control points are located along the junction of the wall and the roof.
- 5. Point #237 is not correct; it should be on the ground just under the apex of the dormer window.

Based on our camera resection results, we found that the correct y value for point #265 should be about 2.9626 inch.¹ We also computed the correspondences (image domain indices) of the control points on each image:

$$X = \frac{f}{\epsilon} \frac{r_{11}(x-x_o) + r_{12}(y-y_o) + r_{13}(z-z_o)}{r_{31}(x-x_o) + r_{32}(y-y_o) + r_{33}(z-z_o)}$$
(32)

$$Y = \frac{f}{\epsilon} \frac{r_{21}(x-x_o) + r_{22}(y-y_o) + r_{23}(z-z_o)}{r_{31}(x-x_o) + r_{32}(y-y_o) + r_{33}(z-z_o)}$$
(33)

¹The y-value for point #265 was not adjusted in computing the correspondences listed in Table 4.

where f is the camera focal length, ϵ is the pixel spacing in image plane, x_o , y_o and z_o are the camera shift parameters obtained from camera resection, and r_{11}, \ldots, r_{33} are computed using either (2) or (7). The results are listed in Table 4. Points which are out of the frame board are printed in Table 4, as dashes, and points which are invisible (blocked by other buildings) are bracketed.

3.3. Region Delineation

Given an image to be exploited, quickly locating the regions of interest according to the tasks in the QL profile, and hence, narrowing the search area and reducing computation and false alarms is an important step in site model supported image monitoring. We have developed two algorithms for quickly delineating regions of interest. When 3-D features for the regions of interest are available from the site model, we can quickly compute the "valid" portion(s) of the regions in the current image domain, and fill the regions of interest with appropriate labels. For regions such as roads and parking lots, we further compute their directions, which are useful for vehicle detection. When the region of interest is available from another image, we use the image-to-image transform equations (60-61) in Section 3.7. to quickly transform the corresponding region to the new image domain. Two examples are presented to illustrate the region delineation step.

In Figure 5 the delineation of regions of interest (roads) from corresponding features stored in the site model is shown: (a) an image to be monitored; (b) regions corresponding to roads in the site model; (c) direction maps for the road region; and (d) shows the image of the region of interest.

In Figure 6 the delineation of the region of interest (a storing garage) from a region map associated with an earlier image is shown: (a) and (b) the earlier image and its region map; (c) the region of the storing garage in the old image; (d) the new image to be exploited; (e) the region of the storing garage in the new image delineated using our algorithm; and (f) shows the image of the region of interest.

3.4. Integration into RCDE

In the past year we have spent a considerable amount of effort on mastering the RCDE. As of the time of preparation of this report, we have made following progress on integration into RCDE:

- 1. We have successfully installed the latest version of RCDE on all our SPARC-10 work stations, including the latest upgrades from SRI.
- 2. Using our recently developed image-to-site-model registration algorithm, we have built a site model for model board 2 which includes all forty images.
- 3. We have added new IU functions into RCDE which can be invoked from augmented menus. Figure 7 shows several new functions that we have added into RCDE:
 - SNF filter,

Table 4: Correspondences from given world coordinates

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(b) Road regions delineated using site model

Figure 5: Region delineation using a site model



(d) Image to be monitored

Figure 5: (cont.) Region delineation using a site model



Figure 6: Image delineation using an associated map



(d) Image to be monitored

Figure 6: (cont.) Image delineation using an associated map



(f) Image of the region of interest

Figure 6: (cont.) Image delineation using an associated map





- Load raw formatted image,
- Save image in various formats,
- UM-Canny edge detector,
- Vehicle detection
- 4. We have detected and corrected several minor bugs in the RCDE source code. We have been in contact with the RCDE developers at Martin Marietta, King of Prussia, PA.

3.5. Monitoring Construction Activities

Two site model supported monitoring tasks have been considered in our system. The first is monitoring new construction activities using cylindrical structure as an example. The second is detecting and counting vehicles in a garage area, on roads, and in a training ground. In this section we discuss the subsystem for monitoring construction activities, details of low level features used, the representation of target objects in terms of the low level features, feature extraction scheme, hypothesis generation, and hypothesis verification. An experimental result on monitoring of new cylindrical structure from model board images is presented.

3.5.1. Low Level Feature Extraction:

Edge detection: A Canny edge detector [3] is first used to get an edge map and a gradient direction for each edge pixel. We have found that the edge map is more reliable than region segmentation output, especially when they are used to search for objects in a cluttered image.

Line linking: We apply a line linking program [15] to the edge detector output. In doing this, we first scan the edge map and group the edge pixels according to some predefined templates. We then merge small collinear line fragments into long straight lines.

3.5.2. Object Representation for Cylinders

We use a hierarchically parameterized object model to incorporate knowledge from the site model and the image acquisition conditions into the low level processes. For example, a 3-D model is designed to accommodate prior information about a 3-D cylinder on the ground plane as follows:

- (a) height of the cylinder, $h_{3d} \in (h_{\min}, h_{\max})$
- (b) radius of its cross-section, $r_{3d} \in (r_{\min}, r_{\max})$
- (c) center of its base $(x_w, y_w, 0)$
- (d) center of its apex (x_w, y_w, h_{3d})

In the above object model definition, the constraints on a 3-D cylindrical object become part of the object model and independent of camera pose. (h_{\min}, h_{\max}) is the range of the height of a candidate cylinder, and (r_{\min}, r_{\max}) is the range of the radius of its cross-section. We further model the contour of a cylinder as an ellipse, a pair of parallel lines, and some geometric relations between them. In doing this, we transfer the 3-D object model onto the following 2-D object model, which depends on the camera parameters, and use it as a working template for detecting cylinders.

1. Ellipse:

- (a) center $c = (x_0, y_0) \in \mathbf{A}$, where \mathbf{A} is the area of projection of the set of 3-D points of the forms (x_w, y_w, h_{3d}) on the image plane.
- (b) length of the semi-major axis, $a = r_{3d} \times s_c$.
- (c) length of the semi-minor axis, $b = r_{3d} \times s_c \times \cos \alpha$.
- (d) orientation = γ .
- 2. Pairs of parallel lines:
 - (a) symmetry axis, VL;
 - (b) length, $h_{3d} \times s_c \times \sin \alpha$.
 - (c) separation, $r_{3d} \times s_c$.
 - (d) orientation, $\frac{\pi}{2} + \gamma$.
- 3. Geometric constraint(s).

The center of the ellipse should be close to the symmetry axis of the parallel lines.

 s_c is a scale factor derived from the camera focal length and image resolution.

3.5.3. Primitive Feature Detection

Primitive features are building blocks used to describe the objects. They are useful for locating possible objects. A robust primitive feature extractor is crucial for successful target detection. The following three primitive feature extractors have been implemented for cylindrical object detection.

Circle detection: A circle is of the form

$$(X - x_0)^2 + (Y - y_0)^2 = r^2$$

where (x_0, y_0) is the center of the circle and r is its radius. A traditional approach to circle direction is the generalized Hough transform [2, 12], which requires a huge amount of memory. We have defined a two-stage template matching scheme for circle detection. In the first stage, edge templates are used to determine possible candidate centers. In the second stage, gradient direction templates are used to re-inspect the selected candidate center points. The details are as follows:

Edge template matching: For each r, we form a search space, QA, by quantizing the angular range $[0^{\circ}, 360^{\circ}]$ into $10 \times r$ levels. The radius vector, $V(\psi)$, in the Cartesian coordinate system is

$$V(\psi) = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r \times \cos \psi \\ r \times \sin \psi \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \psi \in QA;$$
(34)

it is used as the edge template for a circle. We then apply this template to the edge map and obtain candidate centers which have sufficient numbers of supporting pixels around them.

Gradient direction template matching: The gradient direction of a boundary pixel is the direction from the center to the pixel. We apply both the edge and gradient direction templates to each candidate circle, allowing a three pixel wide tolerance band on the edge template to accommodate slightly misplaced pixels. For an edge pixel to be a supporting pixel, the pixel must fall within the tolerance band and have a gradient direction consistent with the gradient template. We accept those candidates whose consistency scores are above the high threshold for a circle. For candidates whose consistency scores fall between the high and low thresholds, we further apply a radius histogram test: if we plot a histogram of intensity as a function of distance from the candidate center, there should be a steep slope around the radius of the circle. The center and the radius of the k^{th} successful candidate are then stored as Cir_k .

Ellipse detection: An ellipse is of the form

$$\frac{(X-x_0)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(Y-y_0)^2}{b^2} = 1$$
(35)

The scheme we use for detection of an ellipse is similar to the scheme used for circle detection. The difference lies in the way we generate edge templates and gradient direction templates. To simplify the discussion, assuming that the major axis of the ellipse is parallel to the x-axis $(\gamma = 0)$, we define the following templates:

Edge templates: The edge pixels for an ellipse satisfy

$$V(\psi) = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \times \cos \psi \\ b \times \sin \psi \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \psi \in QA.$$
(36)

Note that the definition of ψ in (36), shown in Figure 8, is different from the definition of ψ in (34).

Gradient direction template: As shown in Figure 8, for an ellipse, $V(\psi)$ corresponds to point *n* (instead of *m*). The gradient orientation is determined by

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{a}{b} \times \tan \psi.$$
(37)

We define the gradient direction template as

$$G(\psi) = \arctan\left(\frac{a}{b} \times \tan\psi\right) \qquad \psi \in QA.$$
 (38)



Figure 8: Ellipse

When the camera roll angle is non-zero ($\gamma \neq 0$), (36) and (38) become

$$V(\psi) = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \times \cos \psi \\ b \times \sin \psi \end{pmatrix} \qquad \psi \in QA,$$
(39)

$$G(\psi) = \arctan\left(\frac{a}{b} \times \tan\psi\right) + \gamma \qquad \psi \in QA.$$
 (40)

Line grouping: For line grouping, we use the constraints from the camera model to check candidate parallel lines. Since the silhouette of a cylinder is always projected along the camera viewing direction, we ignore lines which are oriented far away from the expected direction. As shown in Figure 9, two lines, L_i and L_j , form a parallel line pair, $Para_{i,j}$, if they satisfy the following constraints:



Figure 9: Line grouping

^{1.} parallelism: $|\theta_i - \theta_j| \leq \epsilon_{\theta}$

2. distance: $dist(L_i, L_j) \in (r_{\min}, r_{\max})$

where

$$dist(L_i, L_j) = \frac{1}{2} \left[pl_dist(M_i, L_j) + pl_dist(M_j, L_i) \right]$$

 θ_i is the orientation of the *i*th line, ϵ_{θ} is the angle deviation threshold, and *pl_dist*(M_p, L_q) is the distance from point M_p to line L_q . For each pair of parallel lines, we further compute their axis of symmetry $VL(\theta_{ij}, M_{ij})$, which satisfies

$$\theta_{ij} = \frac{l_i \times \theta_i + l_j \times \theta_j}{l_i + l_j}$$
(41)

$$M_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(M_i + M_j)$$
 (42)

where $\theta_{i,j}$ is the orientation of the symmetry axis, M_{ij} is a point on the symmetry axis, and l_i is the length of the i^{th} line segment. We then define the overlap between L_i and L_j as

$$Overlap(L_i, L_j) = \frac{l_i + l_j}{2.0 \times l_{i,j}}$$
(43)

where $l_{i,j}$ is the distance between p_1 and p_4 in Figure 9. In our implementation, only line pairs with overlaps greater than 0.5 are retained as valid parallel line pairs.

3.5.4. Perceptual Grouping and Hypothesis Generation

With primitive features extracted, we detect possible locations of the target. For each primary feature (ellipse candidate, C_k), the following constraints are used to search for supporting secondary features (parallel line pairs, $Para_{i,j}$'s):

- 1. $\max(pp_dist(O_k, P_s), pp_dist(O_k, P_e)) \in (\sin \alpha \times s_c \times h_{\min}, \sin \alpha \times s_c \times h_{\max})$?
- 2. $mod(|\theta(\overline{M_{ij}O_k}) (\frac{\pi}{2} + \gamma)|, 2\pi) < \epsilon_{\theta}$?

where $\theta(\overline{M_{ij}O_k})$ is the direction from M_{ij} in (42) to the center of C_k , as shown in Figure 10, and $pp_dist(P_1, P_2)$ is the distance between points P_1 and P_2 . If a grouping passes the tests, we evaluate the quality of the grouping by computing

$$H(C_k, Para_{i,j}) = \sum_{l=1}^{3} w_l \times H_l(C_k, Para_{i,j})$$
(44)

where

$$w_1 = w_2 = w_3 = \frac{1}{3} \tag{45}$$

$$H_1(C_k, Para_{i,j}) = \frac{pl_dist(O_k, VL_{i,j})}{R_k}$$

$$\tag{46}$$

$$H_2(C_k, Para_{i,j}) = \frac{|R_k - dist(L_i, L_j)/2|}{\epsilon_{width}}$$
(47)

$$H_3(C_k, Para_{i,j}) = \frac{\min(pp_dist(O_k, P_e), pp_dist(O_k, P_s))}{\max(pp_dist(O_k, P_e), pp_dist(O_k, P_s))}$$
(48)

If $H(C_k, Para_{i,j})$ is less than a threshold, an hypothesis is formed that there is a cylindrical object located at the corresponding position.



Figure 10: Perceptual grouping

3.5.5. Hypothesis Verification

The hypotheses are then verified by checking for more support from the original edge map, shadow information, and intensity distribution. The following three tests are used in cylindrical object detection.

- 1. Model inversion test: For each candidate cylinder, we fit a model and check its consistency with the original edge map. If the support is above a threshold, we accept it as a valid cylinder. Otherwise, we continue with additional tests.
- 2. Shadow test: Since the illumination direction is available from the site model, we delineate a region where the shadow of the proposed cylinder might appear. If we find a supporting shadow (a homogeneously dark region) bounded by a pair of parallel lines within the region, the hypothesis is accepted.
- 3. Homogeneity test: We can also check the intensity variations within the ellipse and the region bounded by the parallel lines. If these variations are much smaller than the intensity variation in the image, we accept the hypothesis.

Once a hypothesis passes the above tests, the detected cylinder is reported to the IA.

3.5.6. An Example: Chimney Detection

In Figure 11 an example of cylindrical object detection is shown: (a) a new image; (b) the region of interest delineated using the site model; (c) the results of edge detection; (d) the edge map after line linking; (e) cylinders detected in the new image; (f) an earlier image of the same site (the old image has been registered to the coordinates of the new image); (g) the results of cylindrical object detection when the same procedure is applied to the earlier image; and (h) the registration of the cylindrical objects detected in both images.



Figure 11: New construction detection



Figure 11: (cont.) New construction detection

Three cylinders are detected in the new image and two in the earlier image. A report that there is a new cylindrical object (the middle one in (e)) built since the last time the site was investigated is sent to the IA. The location of the new cylindrical object can be highlighted (not shown here).

3.6. Detecting and Counting Vehicles

The subsystem for carrying out another site model supported image monitoring task, detecting and counting vehicles, is reported in this section. In our implementation, vehicles are modeled as 3-D boxes with width, length and height specifications. Figure 12 shows the block diagram of the subsystem for detecting and counting vehicles. As shown in Figure 12, 3-D object model and site information (camera model, illuminant, etc.) are used through out the procedure. Details of the implementation are discussed as follows.

3.6.1. Edge Detection:

The modified Canny edge detector [15] is used for detection of edges and their gradient directions. Let **H** be a mask and define its inner product with an image **U** at location (m, n) as

$$\langle \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{H} \rangle = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} h(i,j) u(i+m,j+n) = u(m,n) \bigotimes h(-m,-n)$$

Two mutually orthogonal masks, H_1 and H_2 , are used in our implementation. Let

$$egin{array}{rcl} g_1(m,n) &=& < {f U}, {f H}_1 > \ g_2(m,n) &=& < {f U}, {f H}_2 > \end{array}$$

then the magnitude and direction of the gradient vector are

$$g(m,n) = \sqrt{g_1^2(m,n) + g_2^2(m,n)}$$

 $heta_g(m,n) = \arctan \frac{g_2(m,n)}{g_1(m,n)}$

3.6.2. Vehicle Representation

A vehicle is modeled as a 3-D box characterized by the following parameters:

- Width: w_{3d} ;
- Length: l_{3d} ;
- Height: h_{3d} ;
- Center: $(x_c, y_c, z_c);$
- Rotation Matrix: a 3×3 matrix describes the orientation of the local coordinate frame.



Figure 12: Flowchart for vehicle detection

With the camera model given, we compute the 2-D projection of the 3-D model. Since the height of a vehicle is normally shorter than its length and width, in addition, images are taken from above, the vertical contour of the vehicle is neglegible and the vehicle can be very well approximated by a 2-D rectangle. In our implementation, we search for rectangles to locate candidate vehicles.

3.6.3. Search Scheme

A modified Generalized Hough transform (GHT) is used to locate possible vehicles (by extracting the centers of candidate rectangles). The basic idea is to vote the possible loci of reference points from the detected edge points.

In our case, the reference point is the center of the rectangle. For each edge point, we also computed its gradient direction. The location of the reference point is represented as a function of the gradient direction. All such locations, indexed by gradient direction, are precomputed to form a table, see Table 5. The relevant geometry used to form the table is showed in Figure 13. The searching algorithm is described as follows.

Gradient direction	Set of radii r^k where
of edge points	$\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{r}, \alpha)$
ϕ_1	$r_1^1, r_2^1, \ldots, r_{m_1}^1$
φ2	$r_1^2, r_2^2, \ldots, r_{m_2}^2$
<i>\$</i> 3	$r_1^3, r_2^3, \ldots, r_{m_3}^3$
•	•
•	•
•	•
ϕ_{n-1}	$r_1^{n-1}, r_2^{n-1}, \ldots, r_{m_{n-1}}^{n-1}$
ϕ_n	$r_1^n, r_2^n, \ldots, r_{m_n}^n$

 Table 5: Indexed table for reference points

- Step 1 Make a table for the rectangle to be located.
- Step 2 Create an accumulator array of possible reference points, $A(x_{\min} : x_{\max}; y_{\min} : y_{\max})$, and initialize it to zero.
- Step 3 Compute $\phi(x)$ for each edge pixel and vote for possible center of an associated rectangle at

$$x_c = x + r(\phi) \cos[\alpha(\phi)]$$

$$y_c = y + r(\phi) \cos[\alpha(\phi)]$$

Step 4 – A candidate vehicle is formed for each candidate center whose vote is above a threshold.



Figure 13: Geometry used to computed reference point

3.6.4. Hypothesis Generation

For each candidate rectangle obtained, we generate a 3-D vehicle and compute its contours in the image. We then compare the contours with the local edge map. If the match is above a threshold, a hypothesis that there is a vehicle at the corresponding location is formed. In our implementation, a rubber-band rectangle template is used to evaluate the matching. A rubber-band rectangle template is similar to a rectangle template with a tolerance band but guarantees that each pixel on the template can get no more than one vote from the pixels on the edge map along the perpendicular direction. We check not only the overall matching, but also the degree of matching on the boundaries in directions along and perpendicular to the vehicle direction. Therefore, to be qualified as a vehicle, the candidate rectangle has to have (almost) complete boundaries on both parallel sides.

3.6.5. Hypothesis Verification

The image of a 3-D vehicle is different from a 2-D rectangle in that there should be a shadow associated with the detected rectangle. Using the illuminant model available from the site model, we can form a hypothesis about the associated shadow region, which includes constraints on the position, size, intensity, and shape of the shadow region. We then detect a shadow next to the candidate vehicle. If the detected shadow is consistent with the prediction from the illuminant model, the candidate vehicle is confirmed. This hypothesis verification method is still under development. With improvements in image resolution and availability of more accurate vehicle models, we plan to develop a more sophisticated verification mechanism. The vehicle detection results presented in this section are obtained before verification.

3.6.6. Experiments

Vehicle detection in a parking area: In Figure 14, an example of vehicle detection in a parking area is shown: (a) an image to be exploited; (b) the area corresponding to the garage of interest, delineated from the region information in the site model; (c) a zoom-in view of the region of interest; (d) the detected vehicles. For vehicle detection in the parking area, we used information about the garage orientation to constrain the possible vehicle parking direction. In this case, a report of "the garage is about half full" was sent to the IA.

Vehicle detection on roads: In Figure 15, an example of monitoring vehicles on roads specified by the IA (through a QL profile) is shown: (a) an input image, (b) a window to be monitored, (c) the area corresponding to roads of interest. Since vehicles drive along the road direction, the directions of the roads are also generated and used as an additional constraint for vehicle detection. In the algorithm, only candidates whose orientations are approximately along the road direction are considered to be valid vehicles on the roads. Finally, in (d) the detected vehicles are shown.

Vehicle detection on a training ground: In Figure 16, an example of vehicle detection in a training ground is shown: (a) an input image; (b) a window to be monitored; (c) the area corresponding to the training ground which is of intelligent interest; and (d) the detected vehicles. For vehicle detection in a training ground (since vehicles can be oriented in any direction), we have to detect possible vehicles in all directions.

3.7. Ground Plane Image-to-Image Registration

Image-to-image registration is required in the following situations: (1) It is important for setup of an initial site model, especially when no ground control points are available. Imageto-image registration can provide 3-D coordinates of some control points through triangulation. (2) It is critical for automatic registration of new images into an existing site model. From the site model we may have 3-D coordinates of some feature points; to locate the image plane positions of these feature points we need an image-to-image registration algorithm. (3) For generating 2-D region delineations corresponding to arbitrary viewing directions. In [18], Zheng and Chellappa developed an automatic image-to-image registration technique for nadir images. The work was later extended to automatic registration of oblique images [4]. On the RADIUS project, partial knowledge about the cameras is available. We have developed algorithms which use the partially known camera parameters to perform image registration efficiently. Details of the image-to-image registration technique are reported in this section.



Figure 14: Vehicle detection in a parking area



(c) Region of interest

(d) Vehicle detection

Figure 15: Vehicle detection on communication roads



(a) A new image



(b) The window to be monitored



(c) Region of interest



3.7.1. Relationship between Two Images

Assuming we have two sets of camera parameters, a point $(x_w, y_w, z_w)^t$ in the world coordinates is represented in the two camera centered coordinate systems by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R}_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_{1o} \\ y_w - y_{1o} \\ z_w - z_{1o} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11}^1 & r_{12}^1 & r_{13}^1 \\ r_{21}^1 & r_{22}^1 & r_{23}^1 \\ r_{31}^1 & r_{32}^1 & r_{33}^1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_{1o} \\ y_w - y_{1o} \\ z_w - z_{1o} \end{pmatrix}$$
(49)

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R}_2 \begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_{2o} \\ y_w - y_{2o} \\ z_w - z_{2o} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11}^2 & r_{12}^2 & r_{13}^2 \\ r_{21}^2 & r_{22}^2 & r_{23}^2 \\ r_{31}^2 & r_{32}^2 & r_{33}^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_{2o} \\ y_w - y_{2o} \\ z_w - z_{2o} \end{pmatrix}$$
(50)

respectively. So the transform from $(x_1, y_1, z_1)^t$ to $(x_2, y_2, z_2)^t$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R}_2 \begin{pmatrix} x_w - x_{2o} \\ y_w - y_{2o} \\ z_w - z_{2o} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{R}_1^t \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{R}_2 \begin{pmatrix} x_{1o} - x_{2o} \\ y_{1o} - y_{2o} \\ z_{1o} - z_{2o} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{R}_{21} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \delta x_o \\ \delta y_o \\ \delta z_o \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(51)$$

where

$$\mathbf{R}_{21} = \mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{R}_1^t \tag{52}$$

$$=\begin{pmatrix} r_{11}^{2} & r_{12}^{2} & r_{13}^{2} \\ r_{21}^{2} & r_{22}^{2} & r_{23}^{2} \\ r_{31}^{2} & r_{32}^{2} & r_{33}^{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_{11}^{1} & r_{21}^{1} & r_{31}^{1} \\ r_{12}^{1} & r_{22}^{1} & r_{32}^{1} \\ r_{13}^{1} & r_{23}^{1} & r_{33}^{1} \end{pmatrix}$$
(53)

$$=\begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$
(54)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta x_o \\ \delta y_o \\ \delta z_o \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R}_2 \begin{pmatrix} x_{1o} - x_{2o} \\ y_{1o} - y_{2o} \\ z_{1o} - z_{2o} \end{pmatrix}$$
(55)

Note that for points on the ground plane we have $z_w = D$, a constant, so that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_w \\ y_w \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R}_1^t \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_{1o} \\ y_{1o} \\ z_{1o} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = r_{13}^1 x_1 + r_{23}^1 y_1 + r_{33}^1 z_1 + z_{1o}$$
(56)

$$\frac{D-z_{1o}}{z_1}=r_{13}^1\frac{x_1}{z_1}+r_{23}^1\frac{y_1}{z_1}+r_{33}^1$$

Assume f_1 and f_2 are the focal lengths of camera-1 and camera-2, ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 are the pixel spacings for image-1 and image-2, and $(X_1, Y_1)^t$ and $(X_2, Y_2)^t$ are the image plane coordinates for image-1 and image-2, respectively; then using central projection we have

 $\frac{D - z_{1o}}{z_1} = r_{13}^1 \frac{\epsilon_1}{f_1} X_1 + r_{23}^1 \frac{\epsilon_1}{f_1} Y_1 + r_{33}^1$ $\frac{f_1}{\epsilon_1 z_1} (D - z_{1o}) = r_{13}^1 X_1 + r_{23}^1 Y_1 + r_{33}^1 \frac{f_1}{\epsilon_1}$ (57)

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$$\frac{\epsilon_2}{f_2} X_2 = \frac{x_2}{z_2}
= \frac{r_{11}x_1 + r_{12}y_1 + r_{13}z_1 + \delta x_o}{r_{31}x_1 + r_{32}y_1 + r_{33}z_1 + \delta z_o}
= \frac{r_{11}\frac{\epsilon_1}{f_1} X_1 + r_{12}\frac{\epsilon_1}{f_1} Y_1 + r_{13} + \frac{\delta x_o}{z_1}}{r_{31}\frac{\epsilon_1}{f_1} X_1 + r_{32}\frac{\epsilon_1}{f_1} Y_1 + r_{33} + \frac{\delta x_o}{z_1}}
f_2 r_{11}X_1 + r_{12}Y_1 + \frac{f_1}{\epsilon_1}r_{13} + \frac{\delta x_o}{D - z_1} (r_{13}^1 X_1 + r_{13}^2 Y_1 + r_{13}^3 \frac{f_1}{f_1})$$
(50)

$$X_{2} = \frac{f_{2}}{\epsilon_{2}} \cdot \frac{r_{11}X_{1} + r_{12}Y_{1} + \frac{f_{1}}{\epsilon_{1}}r_{13} + \frac{\delta x_{o}}{D - z_{1o}}(r_{13}^{1}X_{1} + r_{23}^{1}Y_{1} + r_{33}^{1}\frac{f_{1}}{\epsilon_{1}})}{r_{31}X_{1} + r_{32}Y_{1} + \frac{f_{1}}{\epsilon_{1}}r_{33} + \frac{\delta z_{o}}{D - z_{1o}}(r_{13}^{1}X_{1} + r_{23}^{1}Y_{1} + r_{33}^{1}\frac{f_{1}}{\epsilon_{1}})}$$
(58)

Similarly,

$$Y_{2} = \frac{f_{2}}{\epsilon_{2}} \cdot \frac{r_{21}X_{1} + r_{22}Y_{1} + \frac{f_{1}}{\epsilon_{1}}r_{23} + \frac{\delta_{y_{0}}}{D - z_{1o}}(r_{13}^{1}X_{1} + r_{23}^{1}Y_{1} + r_{33}^{1}\frac{f_{1}}{\epsilon_{1}})}{r_{31}X_{1} + r_{32}Y_{1} + \frac{f_{1}}{\epsilon_{1}}r_{33} + \frac{\delta_{z_{0}}}{D - z_{1o}}(r_{13}^{1}X_{1} + r_{23}^{1}Y_{1} + r_{33}^{1}\frac{f_{1}}{\epsilon_{1}})}$$
(59)

So the ground plane transform from a pixel (X_1, Y_1) in image-1 to image-2 is given by

$$X_2 = \frac{A X_1 + B Y_1 + C}{E X_1 + F Y_1 + G}$$
(60)

$$Y_2 = \frac{H X_1 + I Y_1 + J}{E X_1 + F Y_1 + G}$$
(61)

where A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I and J are constants:

$$A = \frac{f_2}{\epsilon_2} \left(r_{11} + \frac{\delta x_o}{D - z_{1o}} r_{13}^1 \right)$$
(62)

$$B = \frac{f_2}{\epsilon_2} \left(r_{12} + \frac{\delta x_o}{D - z_{1o}} r_{23}^1 \right)$$
(63)

$$C = \frac{f_2 f_1}{\epsilon_2 \epsilon_1} \left(r_{13} + \frac{\delta x_o}{D - z_{1o}} r_{33}^1 \right)$$
(64)

$$E = r_{31} + \frac{\delta z_o}{D - z_{1o}} r_{13}^1 \tag{65}$$

$$F = r_{32} + \frac{\delta z_o}{D - z_{1o}} r_{23}^1 \tag{66}$$

$$G = \frac{f_1}{\epsilon_1} \left(r_{33} + \frac{\delta z_o}{D - z_{1o}} r_{33}^1 \right)$$
(67)

$$H = \frac{f_2}{\epsilon_2} \left(r_{21} + \frac{\delta y_o}{D - z_{1o}} r_{13}^1 \right)$$
(68)

$$I = \frac{f_2}{\epsilon_2} \left(r_{22} + \frac{\delta y_o}{D - z_{1o}} r_{23}^1 \right)$$
(69)

$$J = \frac{f_2 f_1}{\epsilon_2 \epsilon_1} \left(r_{23} + \frac{\delta y_o}{D - z_{1o}} r_{33}^1 \right)$$
(70)

3.7.2. Registration Using Known Camera Parameters

When the camera parameters are available, we can register the ground planes of any two images using (60-70). In Figure 17, the registration of two oblique images of different resolution is shown: (a) a high resolution model board image, M1, with Ground Space Distance (GSD) equal to 15 inch, $\alpha = 30.7^{\circ}$, $\beta = 339.2^{\circ}$, and $\gamma = 197.6^{\circ}$; (b) a low resolution model board image, M40, with GSD=26 inch, $\alpha = 44.7^{\circ}$, $\beta = 254.8^{\circ}$, and $\gamma = 340.4^{\circ}$; (c) the registration of M40 to M1; and (d) the registration of M1 to M40.

3.7.3. Registration with Unknown Camera Parameters

When no information about the camera is available, we still can register two oblique images by automatically matching (at least) four corresponding points and solving for the transform parameters in (60-61). For the principal point of image-1 we have $(X_1, Y_1) = (0,0)$; its corresponding location in the coordinates of image-2 is $(X_2, Y_2) = (\frac{C}{G}, \frac{J}{G})$. As long as the two cameras are well above the ground, the principal point of image-1 must be a well-defined point (finite) in the coordinates of image-2. Hence $G \neq 0$. The ground plane transformation of image-1 to image-2 can be determined in terms of eight parameters a_i , $i = 1, \ldots, 8$ as

$$X_2 = \frac{a_3 X_1 + a_5 Y_1 + a_1}{-a_7 X_1 - a_8 Y_1 + 1}$$
(71)

$$Y_2 = \frac{a_4 X_1 + a_6 Y_1 + a_2}{-a_7 X_1 - a_8 Y_1 + 1}$$
(72)

where

$$a_{1} = \frac{C}{G} = \frac{f_{2}}{\epsilon_{2}} \frac{\left(r_{13} + \frac{\delta x_{o}}{D - z_{1o}} r_{13}^{1}\right)}{\left(r_{33} + \frac{\delta z_{o}}{D - z_{1o}} r_{13}^{1}\right)}$$

$$a_{2} = \frac{J}{G} = \frac{f_{2}}{\epsilon_{2}} \frac{\left(r_{23} + \frac{\delta y_{o}}{D - z_{1o}} r_{13}^{1}\right)}{\left(r_{33} + \frac{\delta z_{o}}{D - z_{1o}} r_{13}^{1}\right)}$$

$$a_{3} = \frac{A}{G} = \frac{f_{2}\epsilon_{1}}{f_{1}\epsilon_{2}} \frac{\left(r_{11} + \frac{\delta x_{o}}{D - z_{1o}} r_{13}^{1}\right)}{\left(r_{33} + \frac{\delta z_{o}}{D - z_{1o}} r_{13}^{1}\right)}$$



(b) Input image-2 (M40)





(d) M1 registered to M40



$$a_{4} = \frac{H}{G} = \frac{f_{2}\epsilon_{1}}{f_{1}\epsilon_{2}} \frac{\left(r_{21} + \frac{\delta y_{0}}{D - z_{10}}r_{13}^{1}\right)}{\left(r_{33} + \frac{\delta z_{0}}{D - z_{10}}r_{33}^{1}\right)}$$

$$a_{5} = \frac{B}{G} = \frac{f_{2}\epsilon_{1}}{f_{1}\epsilon_{2}} \frac{\left(r_{12} + \frac{\delta x_{0}}{D - z_{10}}r_{13}^{1}\right)}{\left(r_{33} + \frac{\delta z_{0}}{D - z_{10}}r_{13}^{1}\right)}$$

$$a_{6} = \frac{I}{G} = \frac{f_{2}\epsilon_{1}}{f_{1}\epsilon_{2}} \frac{\left(r_{22} + \frac{\delta y_{0}}{D - z_{10}}r_{13}^{1}\right)}{\left(r_{33} + \frac{\delta z_{0}}{D - z_{10}}r_{13}^{1}\right)}$$

$$a_{7} = -\frac{E}{G} = -\frac{\epsilon_{1}}{f_{1}} \frac{r_{31} + \frac{\delta z_{0}}{D - z_{10}}r_{13}^{1}}{\left(r_{33} + \frac{\delta z_{0}}{D - z_{10}}r_{13}^{1}\right)}$$

$$a_{8} = -\frac{F}{G} = -\frac{\epsilon_{1}}{f_{1}} \frac{r_{32} + \frac{\delta z_{0}}{D - z_{10}}r_{13}^{1}}{\left(r_{33} + \frac{\delta z_{0}}{D - z_{10}}r_{13}^{1}\right)}$$

When camera parameters are not available, the eight parameters are obtained by solving the linear equations

$$a_1 + X_{1i}a_3 + Y_{1i}a_5 + X_{1i}X_{2i}a_7 + Y_{1i}X_{2i}a_8 = X_{2i}$$
(73)

$$a_2 + X_{1i}a_4 + Y_{1i}a_6 + X_{1i}Y_{2i}a_7 + Y_{1i}Y_{2i}a_8 = Y_{2i}$$
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for i = 1, ..., N, where N is the number of matched points.

Overview of the registration algorithm: Figure 18 illustrates the image registration algorithm. Given two images, we first use an illuminant direction estimator [17, 18] to get an initial estimate of the camera orientation change. A small number of feature points are then located using a Gabor wavelet model for detecting local curvature discontinuities [9]. The feature points extracted from different frames are matched using area correlation. Three match verification tests are used to exclude false matches. After the initial matching is achieved, a multiresolution transform-and-correct matching is implemented to obtain high accuracy registration. At each resolution, image-2 is first transformed to the coordinates of image-1 using the estimated matching parameters and then match refinement is performed on the feature points extracted in image-1.

Feature point detection: For feature point extraction we use a Gabor wavelet decomposition and the local scale interaction based algorithm reported in [9]. The basic wavelet function used in the decomposition is of the form

$$\Phi(X, Y, \vartheta) = e^{-(X'^2 + Y'^2) + i\pi X'}$$

$$X' = X \cos \vartheta + Y \sin \vartheta$$

$$Y' = -X \sin \vartheta + Y \cos \vartheta$$
(75)

where ϑ is the preferred spatial orientation. In our experiments ϑ is discretized into four orientations. The feature points are extracted as the local maxima of the energy measure

 $I(X,Y) = \max_{\vartheta} \{ ||W_{j_1}(X,Y,\vartheta) - \gamma W_{j_2}(X,Y,\vartheta)|| \}$ (76)





where

$$W_j(X,Y,\vartheta) = \mathbf{f} \bigotimes \Phi(2^{-\frac{1}{2}}X,2^{-\frac{1}{2}}Y,\vartheta), \ j = \{j_1,j_2\}.$$

Here j_1 and j_2 are two dilation parameters, and $\gamma = 2^{(j_1-j_2)}$ is a normalizing factor. In implementing the above algorithm, we further require the energy measure for a feature point to be the maximum in a neighborhood with radius equal to 10 and above a threshold.

Match verification: In our algorithm, the initial matching is implemented on 2-D rotation compensated images. Since no further knowledge about the camera parameters is used in the initial matching, false matches due to perspective deformation and similarities between similar objects are inevitable. Automatic exclusion of these false matches is a key to success in image registration. We have used three tests to exclude less reliable matches.

1. Distance test: The translation between the rotation-compensated images should not be larger than a certain fraction of the image size. A \cdots 'id matching pair, (X_r, Y_r) and (X_l, Y_l) , should satisfy

$$\begin{cases} d_x = |X_r - X_l| \leq \lambda L_x \\ d_y = |Y_r - Y_l| \leq \lambda L_y \\ |X_r - X_l| + |Y_r - Y_l| \leq \kappa \max\{L_x, L_y\} \end{cases}$$
(77)

For example, $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\kappa = \frac{3}{2}\lambda$. L_x and L_y are image size along x and y directions respectively.

2. Variation test: The translations used in the correct matches should support each other, i.e.

$$|d_i - \overline{d}| \le \mu \sigma \tag{78}$$

where d_i is the distance between the *i*th matching pair, \overline{d} and σ are the mean and standard deviation of the distances for all the matched feature pairs, and μ is a threshold, for example $\mu = \sqrt{3}$ for the uniform distribution.

3. Outlier exclusion: The matched feature pairs should satisfy the image transform model. Candidate matching pairs with large residual errors should be excluded. This test also helps to exclude matches on building roofs, etc.

Experimental results: In Figures 19 and 20, the registration of two aerial images is shown: (a) the image taken by the first camera; (b) the image taken by the second camera; (c) the registration of (b) to (a); and (d) the difference between (a) and (c).

4. Ongoing and Future Work

4.1. Hierarchical Model-Based Segmentation

We are developing a general model-based procedure for image segmentation based on a hierarchical connected component analysis. This method will be useful for detection and



(a) Image-1

(b) Image-2



(c) Registration of (b) to (a)

(d) Difference between (a) and (c)

Figure 19: Registration of two aerial images (Example-1)



- (c) Registration of (b) to (a)
- (d) Difference between (a) and (c)

Figure 20: Registration of two aerial images (Example-2)

counting as well as for change detection based on comparing the components of the segmentation algorithm. This multi-level segmentation is used as a search space for various complex objects. The hierarchical connected component analysis procedure consists of a multi-stage, region-growing type of segmentation. The initial stage is the result of an initial segmentation of the image into connected components. In our implementation, two adjacent pixels are considered to be connected if the difference in their gray level values is less than a threshold ε . Each successive stage merges adjacent components (or regions) of the previous stage. The selection of the regions to be merged is based on local analysis of region properties. Currently, only average boundary contrast is used. The new stage represents a coarser segmentation of the image. A complete hierarchy is built, i.e., the merging process ends when there are no more regions to merge.

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The hierarchy is used as a search space for diverse objects. Currently, a model for an object of interest is interactively created. The model includes various distinctive elements of the object and geometric and topological relations among them. The search process tests for the presence of these elements at several levels of the hierarchy. It is expected that intact or nearly intact elements of the object appear at coarser levels, thus allowing us to find the object using minimal search.

The general paradigm for extracting candidate objects from an image is the following:

Locale specification: A locale in the image is selected to start the process of finding object candidates. A locale is defined with respect to known objects or it can correspond to the whole image. The set of basic connected components that lie within a locale is called the basis B_0 .

Segmentation: As previously mentioned, the segmentation is a simple gray-level connected components algorithm. The result is a labeled image, in which each connected component is assigned a unique value. These connected components will be referred to as basic components. A characteristic of this set is that any boundary between any two components has an average contrast greater than the threshold ε .

Next, a region adjacency graph (RAG) is constructed from the basic component set. This RAG will be referred to as RAG(0). The parameter 0 indicates that it is the initial RAG of the hierarchy, which is computed next. Several properties of each region are computed; they include area, perimeter, boundary average intensity contrast, etc. In parallel, a list of boundaries is computed from RAG(0), and it is sorted in increasing order of the boundaries' average intensity contrast.

Hierarchy of segments: Starting from RAG(0), the hierarchy consists of the sequence of adjacency graphs RAG(0), RAG(1),..., RAG(i),..., RAG(n). Each RAG(i) is formed by merging the regions whose common boundary has minimum average contrast (CONT(i)) in RAG(i - 1). Therefore, any boundary in RAG(i) has average contrast greater than CONT(i). The minimum contrast boundaries at each stage are located through the precomputed boundary list. This list is updated after merging regions (i.e., after creating RAG(i)), since new edges are created, some become redundant and the ones with contrast equal to CONT(i) disappear. A unique symbolic representation is maintained for each region at each level of the hierarchy. Let $r_{i,j}$ be the j^{th} region (in some arbitrary order) in RAG(i). Each region $r_{i,j}$ in RAG(i) has two kinds of link: (1) a link to each of the regions $\{p_{k,i} \mid k < i \text{ and } p_{k,i} \text{ is a}$ component of $r_{i,j}\}$ and (2) a link to region $t_{m,n}$, where m > i and $r_{i,j}$ is a component of $t_{m,n}$. For all j, the first link of $r_{0,j}$ is NULL; if some $r_{i,j}$ is not a component of any region, its second link is NULL.

The hierarchy can be viewed abstractly as a tree, where each node in the tree is a region (a basic component or a multiple basic component region). The lowest level corresponds to the basic components. Given that there are n basic components obtained from a segmentation using threshold ε , there will be at most 2n nodes in the tree.

Search: The hierarchy is the basis for extracting information during the search process. The search elements are regions (2D structures). The search procedure initially looks for a basis (a level in the hierarchy) that includes at least a seed. A seed is a region that satisfies necessary conditions, specified by the model. A seed is preferably chosen high in the hierarchy since it is desired that complete objects be found as early in the search as possible (top-down approach).

Next, search looks for combinations of regions that satisfy the conditions expressed by the model. It is guided by predefined search heuristics. The purpose of the heuristic search is to systematically order the search space in order to attain a complete, yet efficient, search. The final output is a list of object candidates.

4.2. Automatic Image-to-Site-Model Registration

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Currently, image-to-site-model registration requires that the IA manually select and adjust several control points whose 3-D coordinates in the world coordinate system are known. On the RADIUS project, it is assumed that approximate camera parameters are available. We are developing two automatic image-to-site-model registration algorithms. When approximate 3-D coordinates of the camera stare point are available, we will use an image-to-image registration algorithm to automatically search for the image domain locations of control points whose 3-D coordinates are available from the site model and perform camera resection to get an accurate camera model for the newly acquired image. When the camera stare point is unknown, even with given approximate camera orientation information, the displacement between the new image and the projected world coordinates can be quite large. We will first perform automatic feature detection to select a small set of feature points and then do image-to-image registration based on these feature points. We will do another image-toimage registration to get the image domain locations of a set of control points whose 3-D world coordinates are known. Camera resection can then be performed and an accurate camera model for the new image can be obtained.

4.3. Automatic Optimum Image Selection

Given a change monitoring task in a specific region, several images are usually available. How to automatically select the best images for the given monitoring task based on the scene, illuminant and imaging conditions is an interesting research topic. We plan to develop an automatic site analysis algorithm which will analyze visibility, detectability, and unambiguity, and will generate invariance measures for each feature object. These measurements will also be useful for automatic control point selection and model supported optimization. We also plan to develop a shadow detection and correction algorithm.

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4.4. QL Interfaces

Based on our progress in using RCDE in connection with vehicle detection and construction monitoring, we are working with members of TASC team and with some RADIUS users to develop more sophisticated QL profiles. This will include more sophisticated model based object detection algorithms and user friendly menu and query driven image exploitation recipes.

4.5. Integration of Collateral Information

An advantage of model supported image analysis is that collateral information can be used to improve efficiency and accuracy. The more collateral information is used, the easier the monitoring tasks become. Currently, collateral information such as a region map is manually generated for the site model. We plan to develop a semiautomatic region map generation algorithm. The following scenarios will be considered: (1) When collateral information is available on an ordinary map, we will use an automatic curve tracing algorithm to transfer the region curves from the map to the site model. (2) When images taken from different types of sensor are available, we will derive regions from composition of segmentation results using images taken from an appropriate sensor. For example, SAR images are good for segmentation of water, concrete structures, and vegetation. (3) Region information can also be derived from an associated digital terrain map, when it is available. We will integrate the database management facility provided by the THREAD project into our system. We also plan to integrate an image synthesis capability into our system. We will also investigate the incorporation of temporal information into the monitoring algorithm.

5. Other Related Work

5.1. Feature Extraction in SAR images

The RADIUS project will benefit by progress in high resolution SAR imagery analysis tasks such as region segmentation and target detection. Recently, we have developed a constant false alarm rate (CFAR) point target detection algorithm for high resolution SAR imagery [16]. Traditional CFAR detection algorithms produce many false targets when applied to single-look, high-resolution, fully polarimetric SAR images, due to the presence of speckle. We have developed a two-stage CFAR detector followed by conditional dilation for detecting point targets in polarimetric SAR images. In the first stage possible targets are detected, and false targets due to the speckle are removed by using global statistical parameters. In the second stage, the local statistical parameters are used to detect targets in regions adjacent to targets detected in the first stage. Conditional dilation is then performed to recover target pixels lost in second stage CFAR detection. The performance of a CFAR detector is degraded if an incorrect statistical model is adopted and the data are correlated. A goodness-of-fit test is performed to choose the appropriate distribution, and the effects of decorrelation of the data are considered. Good experimental results were obtained when our method was applied to single-look, high-resolution, fully polarimetric SAR images acquired from Dr. Les Novak of MIT Lincoln Laboratory. We have also developed a CFAR detector for non-Gaussian clutter distributions such as the K, Weibull and lognormal distributions. This algorithm has been tested on single look, single polarization SAR images.

5.2. Building Delineation

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Building detection is of interest in site model construction and change monitoring. Recently, we have developed an energy function based approach for detection of rectangular shapes in an image. Our building detection algorithm is based on line grouping [8]. The proposed edge-based approach involves extracting straight lines from an edge map of the image. Then a Markov-random field (MRF) is built on these lines, i.e., a suitable neighborhood and an energy function are specified based on the relative orientations and spatial locations of the lines. This energy function can be construed as a measure of the conditional probability of observing the lines given the rectangular shapes (the positions and number of which are unknown) in the image. Minimizing the energy function is equivalent to selecting maximum likelihood estimates of the rectangular shapes in the image from the observed lines. Simulated examples are presented to demonstrate the robustness of the proposed method. This approach, supplemented with some qualitative information about shadows and gradients, has been used to detect rectangular buildings in real aerial images. Due to the poor quality of the real images, only partial shapes are extracted in some cases. A modified deformable contour ("snakes") based approach is then used for completion of the partial shapes.

6. Summary and Conclusions

At the end of the first year of the RADIUS project, we have made considerable progress on mastering RCDE, developed some prototypes of QL profiles for imagery monitoring, and transferred some of our results to Martin Marietta. Based on our experience during the first year, we have made research plans for two up-coming years of the RADIUS project.

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