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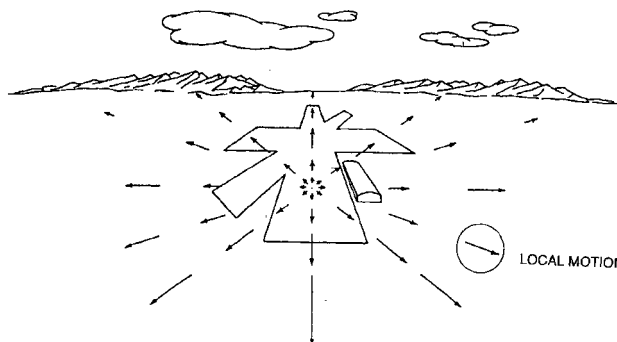
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(54) **Image measurement method, image measurement apparatus and image measurement program storage medium**

(57) There is disclosed a technology of measuring three-dimensional geometric information on a plane and position information on a point from an image such as the optical flow pattern and a stereo image. It is to determine an azimuth of a measuring plane and/or a superposing time in which the measuring plane is superposed on a predetermined observation point, using a compound ratio $\{p_{inf}p_0p_1p_c\}$, which is determined by four positions p_{inf} , p_0 , p_1 , p_c of a measuring point, where p_0 and P_1 denote measuring positions at mutually dif-

ferent two measuring times on an arbitrary measuring point appearing on an image obtained through viewing a predetermined measurement space from a predetermined observation point inside the measurement space, respectively, p_{inf} denotes a position of the measuring point after an infinite time elapses, and p_c denotes a position of the measuring point at a superposing time in which a measuring plane including the measuring point is superposed on the observation point in the moving continuous state.

Fig. 1





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<p>The Search Division considers that the present application, does not comply with the provisions of the EPC to such an extent that it is not possible to carry out a meaningful search into the state of the art on the basis of all claims</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>In view of the large number and also the wording of the claims presently on file, which render it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, the present application fails to comply with the clarity and conciseness requirements of Article 84 EPC (see also Rule 29(5) EPC) to such an extent that a meaningful search is impossible. Consequently, no search report can be established for the present application</p> <p>The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that a search may be carried out during examination following a declaration of no search under Rule 45 EPC, should the problems which led to the declaration being issued be overcome (see EPC Guideline C-VI, 8.5).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">--- -----</p>		<p>CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.Cl.7)</p> <p>G06T7/20</p>
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