Feature Title: SpellLink – Real-Time AR Spell Dueling

Assumed Product Foundation

To frame my proposal, I am assuming the AR app is designed around an immersive Harry Potter universe, combining location-based AR experiences with gamified elements. The app supports:

User Roles

- Wizards Regular users who interact with magical AR elements
- **Houses** Group identity, encouraging team play and friendly competition
- Admins Event organizers and moderators for AR-based magical activities

Core Features

- 1. AR Spell Casting Gesture or tap-based spell interactions with feedback
- 2. **Sorting Hat Onboarding** Immersive house assignment using AR
- 3. **Magical Creature Encounters** 3D AR-based character interactions
- 4. **House Points System** Gamified competition across Houses
- 5. AR Camera Filters Magical-themed photo/video filters for social sharing

Objective

To enhance user engagement, social interaction, and creative expression within our AR app by introducing a fun, competitive, and shareable feature: **SpellLink**. This feature allows users to engage in real-time AR spell duels with friends, using gesture-based casting and magical effects for an immersive experience.

Problem Framing

Current AR spellcasting experiences are primarily solo, limiting opportunities for real-time social interaction. Users crave more ways to actively engage with their friends within the magical universe, not just by viewing content, but by creating shared experiences.

User Pain Point: "Casting spells alone is fun, but I wish I could actually *duel* my friends like in the movies."

There is a clear opportunity to turn this passive magic casting into an interactive, repeatable, and socially viral experience that increases time spent in-app and deepens user connection.

Insight-Driven Solution: SpellLink

SpellLink introduces **1v1 real-time AR duels** that combine gesture-based spellcasting, fast-paced decision making, and magical VFX in a shared AR space. Users can invite a friend, choose 3 spells, and compete in a short duel with real-time responses and outcomes.

After the duel, a short **"Replay Clip"** is auto-generated and optimized for sharing on social media or within the app.

Core Experience

- **Duel a Friend**: Invite via username or QR code.
- **Select Your Spells**: Choose 3 magical attacks or defenses.
- **gradual Cast with Gestures**: Swipe patterns or motion controls trigger spell effects.
- 🖶 Block, Deflect, Counter: Real-time reactions determine outcomes.
- Win Points + Replay Clip: Share duel results and magical replays.

MVP Feature Set

Component	Description
Matchmaking System	Invite friends or match with others
Gesture Recognition	Spell swipes & motion sensing
Shared AR Arena	Overlays magical effects in real-time
Duel Logic Engine	Resolve outcomes based on inputs

Replay Clip Generator Create short post-duel videos

Reward System House points, badges, streaks

Key Success Metrics

Metric Target

Avg. Duels per User/Week ≥ 5

Duel Replays Shared 50,000+ within first 30 days

Users Inviting Friends via Duel ≥ 30% of active user base

Gesture Recognition Accuracy ≥ 90% for top 5 spell patterns

Strategic Fit with Flam

Flam stands for social-first, camera-based mixed reality that merges imagination with real-world experiences. SpellLink fully aligns with this vision by:

- Promoting camera-first AR interaction
- Encouraging user-generated magical content
- Deepening friend-based social loops
- Adding replayable, gamified experiences to increase retention

Final Thoughts

SpellLink elevates the magical AR world from passive spellcasting to dynamic, social gameplay. With its intuitive design, immersive real-time interaction, and content virality, it delivers a deeply engaging experience while staying true to Flam's mission of reinventing social expression through camera-powered mixed reality.

Magic is more fun when it's shared. Let's make spells social.

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