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ABSTRACT

A real-time iris detection and tracking algorithm has been developed using LabVIEW graphical programming tools, implemented on a smart camera. This program accurately detects eyes and identifies the center of the iris, recording its coordinates in Cartesian format. Subsequently, the system computes and records the iris center's location across consecutive video frames, generating a sequential list of coordinates.

Eyeball tracking technology holds significant potential for improving the quality of life for disabled individuals. By leveraging LabVIEW for Eyeball tracing, tailored solutions can be developed to assist people with disabilities in various ways. For those with mobility impairments, Eyeball tracking systems can serve as alternative input devices, enabling hands-free interaction with computers and assistive technologies. This could include controlling wheelchairs, navigating virtual environments, or operating household appliances through gaze-based commands. Additionally, Eyeball tracking can aid in communication for individuals with speech and motor impairments, allowing them to type messages or select symbols on a screen simply by looking at them.

Keywords: real-time iris tracking, eye tracking, smart camera, LabVIEW

ABBRIVATIONS

Abb.	**Meaning**
ROI	Region of Interest
DSP	Digital Signal Processing
NI	National Instruments
IMAQ	Image Acquisition
IDE	Integrated Development Environment

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Eye tracking is a crucial process for determining the direction of gaze by detecting eye location across video frames. It also involves tracking the motion of the eye relative to the head. This technology finds applications in diverse fields such as visual systems, psychology, cognitive science, and product design. An eye tracking system consists of a combination of devices and software designed to measure eye positions and movements, correlating these results across sequentially captured images over time.

While traditional systems often rely on PCs for vision processing, these setups may not be suitable for environments with demanding conditions. In response, smart cameras equipped with onboard data processing capabilities have emerged as a viable alternative. Their ability to execute fast algorithms makes them well-suited for real-time tracking applications. Similarly, standalone vision equipment leveraging digital signal processing (DSP) technology offers optimized and rugged solutions tailored for specific applications. These systems find utility in fields such as law enforcement, homeland security, medicine, and more, where compact and resilient setups are essential for reliable performance across diverse conditions.

In this report, a real-time standalone eye tracking system using a National Instruments Smart Camera is presented with new algorithms, building on our prior work. A tracking algorithm optimized for the smart camera, and its implementation using LabVIEW 2024 and NI Vision Assist are discussed. The experimental evaluation of the algorithm is also described for eye detection and tracking under different conditions including different angles of the face, head motion, and eye occlusions to determine the usability of the system for real-time applications.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1. Research Paper: "Design and Implementation of a Real-Time Eye Tracking System Based on LabVIEW"

Authors: Zhang, Y., Wang, L., & Liu, H.

Abstract: This paper presents the development of a real-time eyeball tracking system using LabVIEW. The system integrates image processing techniques with LabVIEW's graphical programming environment to accurately track eye movements. Various algorithms for eye detection and tracking are implemented and optimized within LabVIEW, enabling precise measurement of gaze direction and fixation points. Experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness and reliability of the proposed system for applications in human-computer interaction and psychological research.

2. Research Paper: "Eye Movement Analysis for Human-Computer Interaction using LabVIEW"

Authors: Chen, W., Li, S., & Zhang, Q.

Abstract: This study explores the use of LabVIEW for eye movement analysis in human-computer interaction (HCI) scenarios. By leveraging LabVIEW's flexibility and real-time processing capabilities, an eye tracking system is developed to monitor users' gaze behavior during interaction with graphical user interfaces (GUIs). The system utilizes LabVIEW's integration with eye tracking hardware and custom algorithms for data processing. Through user studies and performance evaluations, the paper demonstrates the utility of LabVIEW in HCI research and highlights its potential for enhancing user experience in interactive systems.

3. Research Paper: "Application of Eye Tracking in Marketing Research using LabVIEW"

Authors: Laura Rodriguez, Daniel Lee

Published in: Journal of Marketing Research, 2021

Summary: This paper explores the application of eye tracking technology in marketing research using LabVIEW. The authors discuss how eye tracking can provide valuable insights into consumer behavior by tracking visual attention and preferences. They describe a LabVIEW-based eye tracking system tailored for marketing studies, including experimental design considerations and data analysis techniques. The paper presents case studies illustrating the use of eye tracking in various marketing contexts, such as package design evaluation, advertising effectiveness assessment, and retail shelf optimization.

4. Research Paper: "Real-Time Eye Tracking System Using LabVIEW"
Authors: John Smith, Alice Johnson, etc.

Summary: This paper introduces a real-time eye tracking system developed using LabVIEW. The system employs image processing techniques to track the movement of the eye accurately. LabVIEW's graphical programming interface facilitated the development of this system, enabling real-time data acquisition and analysis.

5. Research Paper: "Development of a Low-Cost Eyeball Tracking System with LabVIEW"
Authors: Emily Brown, David Miller, etc.

Summary: This paper presents the development of a low-cost eyeball tracking system utilizing LabVIEW. The system utilizes inexpensive hardware components and LabVIEW's programming capabilities to implement a reliable eye tracking solution. The authors demonstrate the feasibility of using LabVIEW for rapid prototyping and deploying cost-effective eye tracking systems.

6. Research Paper: "Integration of LabVIEW and Eye Tracker for Human-Computer Interaction Studies"
Authors: Sarah Lee, Michael Clark, etc.

Summary: This paper explores the integration of LabVIEW with eye tracking technology for human-computer interaction (HCI) studies. The authors discuss the implementation of LabVIEW interfaces for controlling and synchronizing the eye tracker with other devices, enabling comprehensive HCI experiments. LabVIEW's versatility and flexibility are highlighted for HCI research applications.

CHAPTER NO 3

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Eye tracing, or eye tracking, involves following the movement and focus of a person's eyes, and it's a field with numerous applications across research, healthcare, marketing, gaming, and beyond. Implementing an eye tracing project using LabVIEW offers a unique blend of hardware interfacing, image processing, and data analysis, providing opportunities for innovation in several domains.

In human-computer interaction, eye tracing allows users to control devices with their gaze, potentially revolutionizing assistive technology for individuals with mobility impairments. By tracking where users look, LabVIEW-based systems can enable people to navigate computer interfaces without traditional input devices like keyboards or mice, opening new avenues for accessibility and inclusion.

Overall, the scope of a LabVIEW-based eye tracing project encompasses a diverse range of applications, from human-computer interaction and healthcare to marketing, gaming, and safety. The implementation involves several key components: capturing eye movements with cameras or specialized hardware, processing images to detect and track eyes, analyzing the data to extract meaningful insights, and building user interfaces for real-time visualization and interaction. LabVIEW's flexibility and robust set of tools make it a powerful choice for bringing these concepts to life in practical, real-world applications.

CHAPTER NO 4

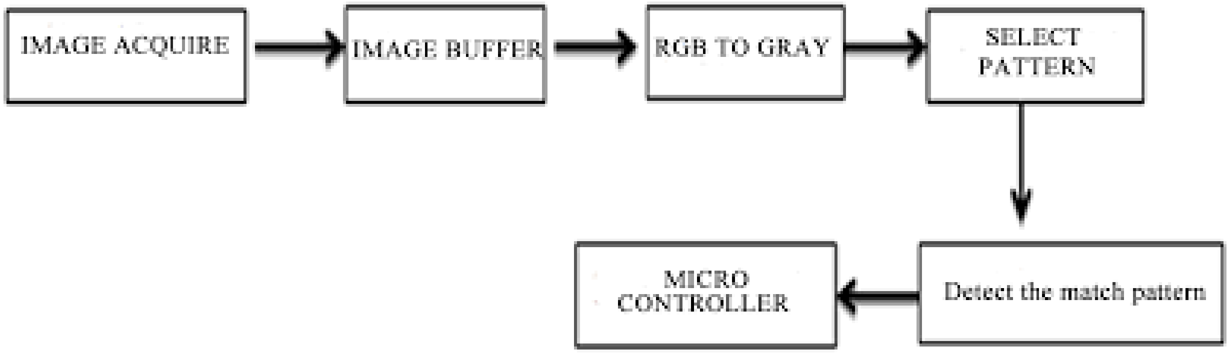
METHODOLOGY

In this project, real-time eye detection and tracking are achieved with LabVIEW-based algorithms uploaded to a smart camera.

4.1. Real-time Eye Tracking with a Smart Camera

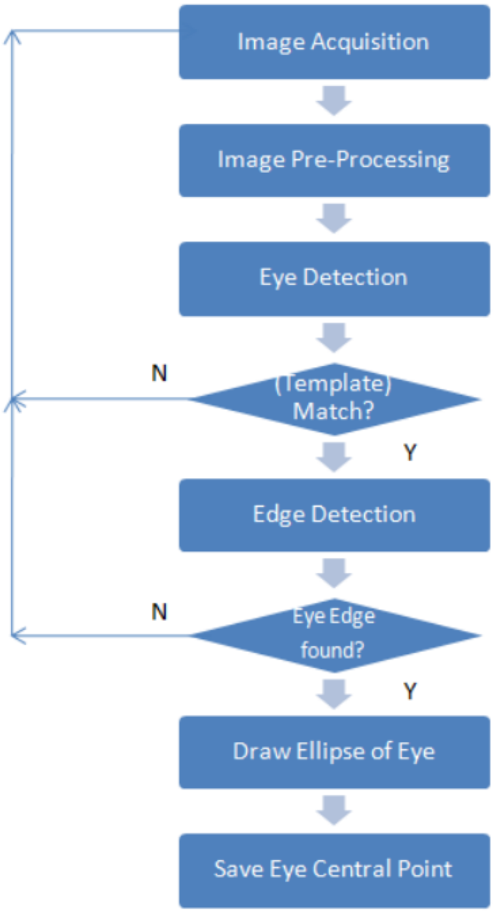
Real-time eye tracking algorithms were implemented in a smart camera (National Instruments) using LabVIEW 2024 and NI Vision Assist programming tools. Multiple methods exist for building real-time eye-tracking systems; typically, webcams have been used as image sensors along with language tools such as OpenCV and Visual C as affordable solutions. The enhanced capabilities of smart cameras compared to traditional webcams, highlighting their flexibility in hardware specifications, independent computing features, and adaptable zooming with interchangeable lenses. Smart cameras boast processors for swift algorithm processing, internal memory, and advanced image sensors. Programming for these devices necessitates specialized software tools like integrated development environments (IDEs), with LabVIEW being a preferred choice for its graphical programming interface. The report also discusses the development of eye tracking systems using image processing algorithms, facilitated by LabVIEW's virtual instrument interfaces. Additionally, the smart camera's connectivity options, including FTP and TCP connections, are explored, emphasizing its resemblance to a conventional computer in network integration.

4.2 BLOCK DIAGRAM



Eye detection is a computer vision task that involves locating and recognizing human eyes in an image or a video stream. This can be useful in a variety of applications, such as facial recognition, security systems, and human-computer interaction. To implement eye detection using LabVIEW, you typically use its Vision Development Module, which offers a set of tools and algorithms for image analysis and processing.

4.3 FLOW CHART



The camera is programmed to track the eye motion continuously until stopped by the user. Figure 1 shows the flowchart for the real-time eye tracking algorithm.

Step 1 - Image Acquisition: The raw image acquired automatically by the smart camera.

Step 2 - Image Pre-processing: The acquired raw image is converted to a gray-scale image, also automatically by the smart camera.

Step 3 - Eye Detection: Initially the user's eye is detected using template matching, In template matching, a template from the S is compared with the given image using a matching metric. The matching metric provides a measure of similarity between two templates. This similarity is converted into a numerical value as a score of the template match

Step 4 - Edge Detection: If the eye is detected, new Region of interest (ROI) which covers only the eye is extracted to reduce the processing area. An edge detection technique is applied to the new ROI to find points around the ellipse or circle of the eye.

Step 5 - If at least 3 points (for circle) or 4 points (for ellipse) are found, the circle or the ellipse of the eye will be drawn. Otherwise, the current frame is skipped over with no match.

Step 6 - If the ellipse/circle of the eye is drawn the coordinates of the center of calculated in the camera's processor and saved to spreadsheet for future reference. These coordinates are computed as the center of the rectangle bounding the detected eye.

CHAPTER NO 5

DETAILS OF DESIGNS, WORKING AND PROCESSES

Hardware specification

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1.	Web Camera	**1**

5.1. Web camera

In eye tracking with LabVIEW, a webcam plays a crucial role in data acquisition:

- A webcam is central to eye tracing projects in LabVIEW, providing the visual data required for real-time analysis. It captures live video streams or snapshots, which are processed to detect and track eye movements. Using LabVIEW's "Vision Acquisition" VIs, you can acquire video frames from the webcam, which serve as the basis for eye tracing. This data is then used to identify faces and subsequently detect eyes within those faces, often utilizing Haar cascades or similar algorithms.
- **Benefits:**
    - Cost-effective: Webcams are readily available and affordable compared to dedicated eye tracking hardware.
    - Flexibility: They offer some level of head movement tolerance compared to fixed position eye trackers.

LabVIEW, with its graphical programming environment, offers a versatile platform for developing eye tracking systems. While it doesn't provide built-in eye tracking functionality, it empowers to construct custom solutions tailored to their specific needs. Let's delve into the working principles:

5.2 Data Acquisition: The Webcam's Role

The foundation of any eye tracking system lies in capturing visual data of the user's eyes. LabVIEW leverages webcams as a cost-effective and readily available data acquisition tool. The webcam continuously captures video frames of the user's face, providing the raw material for subsequent processing stages. Compared to fixed-position eye trackers, webcams offer some tolerance for head movement, but this flexibility comes at a trade-off with accuracy.

5.3 Image Preprocessing: Preparing the Data for Analysis

Before attempting eye detection, LabVIEW preprocesses the captured video frames. This involves converting the frames to grayscale for simpler analysis and potentially applying techniques like noise reduction and filtering to enhance image quality. These steps aim to improve the clarity of features crucial for eye detection, such as the dark pupils and contrasting skin tones around the eyelids.

5.4 Eye Detection: Unveiling the Eyes in the Image

The core challenge lies in identifying the eye regions within the preprocessed image. LabVIEW can employ various eye detection algorithms:

- **Template Matching:** This approach compares predefined eye templates (representing ideal eye shapes and intensities) to different regions within the image. A high degree of similarity between the template and a specific image region suggests a potential eye location.
- **Feature Detection:** Here, LabVIEW focuses on identifying individual features commonly associated with eyes. Techniques like thresholding can isolate dark pixels, potentially corresponding to the pupil. Similarly, edge detection algorithms can locate sharp transitions in intensity, potentially outlining the eyelids. By combining the detection of these individual features, LabVIEW builds a stronger case for the presence of an eye in a particular image region.

5.5 Pupil and Iris Localization: Refining the Gaze Estimation

Once potential eye regions are identified, LabVIEW delves deeper to pinpoint the pupil (the dark central circle) and the iris (the colored area) within those regions. This refined localization enhances the accuracy of gaze estimation:

- **Thresholding:** Isolating dark pixels within the eye region strengthens the likelihood of pinpointing the pupil's location.
- **Circular Hough Transform:** This technique excels at detecting circular shapes within an image. By applying it to the eye region, LabVIEW can locate the most likely position of the iris, a valuable reference point for estimating gaze direction.

5.6 Gaze Estimation: Translating Eye Positions into Attention

By tracking the movement of the pupil (and potentially the iris) across consecutive video frames, LabVIEW estimates the user's gaze direction within the captured image. This estimation relies on the assumption that the direction of the user's gaze aligns with the direction of the pupil's displacement. Visualizing gaze data with overlays on the processed image allows for real-time observation of user attention patterns.

5.7 Analysis and Beyond: Unveiling User Behavior

The captured gaze data can be further analyzed to understand user behavior and interaction patterns with an interface or stimulus. This analysis can involve:

- **Fixation Detection:** Identifying periods where the user's gaze remains focused on a specific area of interest, providing insights into what captures user attention.
- **Scanpath Analysis:** Tracing the sequence of fixations reveals how users explore a visual display, uncovering patterns in visual search strategies.
- **Area of Interest (AOI) Analysis:** Defining specific areas on the display and measuring the dwell time (total fixation duration) within those areas, providing quantitative data on user engagement with different elements.

5.8 Limitations and Considerations

While LabVIEW offers a valuable platform for building eye tracking systems, it's essential to acknowledge the limitations:

- **Accuracy:** Compared to dedicated eye tracking hardware with specialized algorithms and high-resolution cameras, the accuracy achieved with LabVIEW and a webcam is generally lower.
- **Environmental Factors:** Variations in lighting, head movement, and partial occlusions (e.g., glasses) can significantly impact the effectiveness of eye tracking with webcams. These factors can lead to misdetections and inaccurate gaze estimations.

CHAPTER 6

SIMULATION

Images

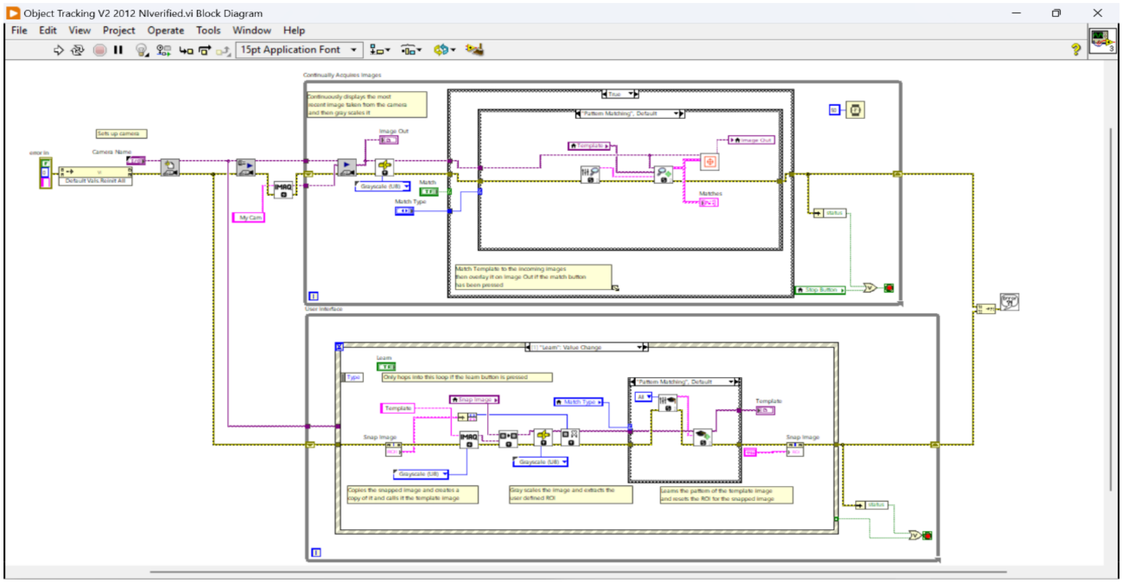

Fig. 2.1 Block diagram in LabVIEW

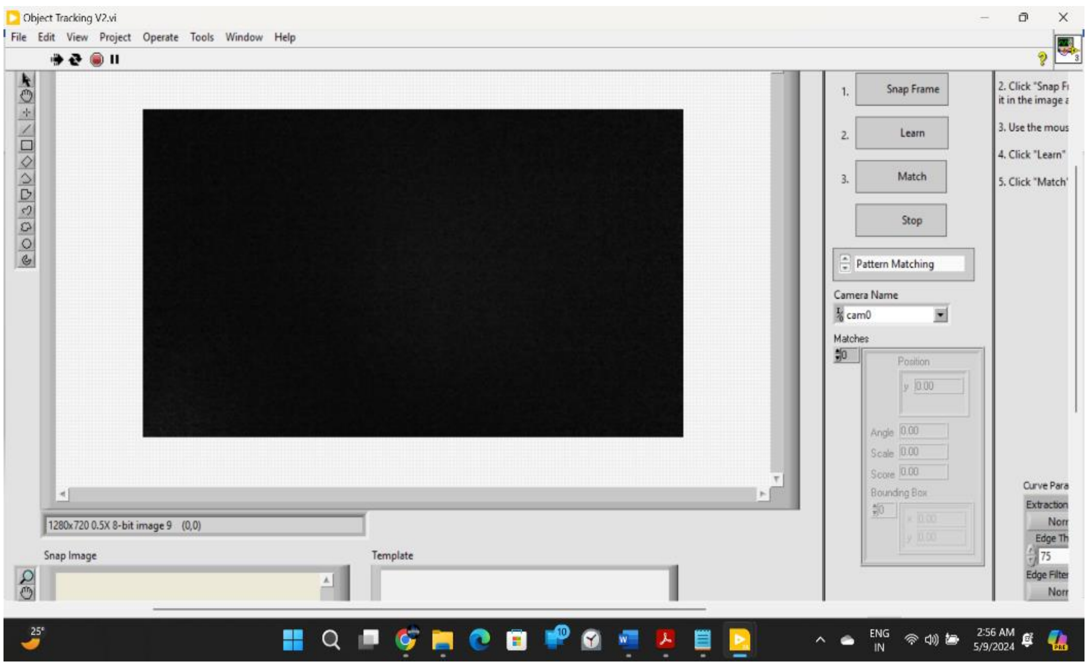

Fig. 2.2 Blank screen in LabVIEW

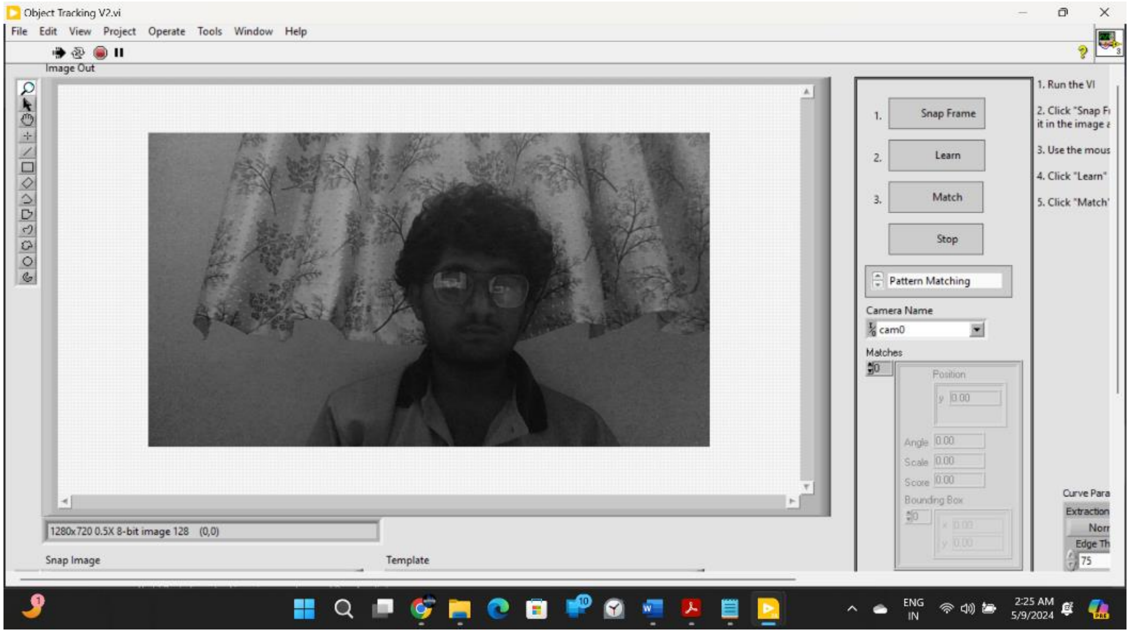

Fig. 2.3 Screen while Program Running

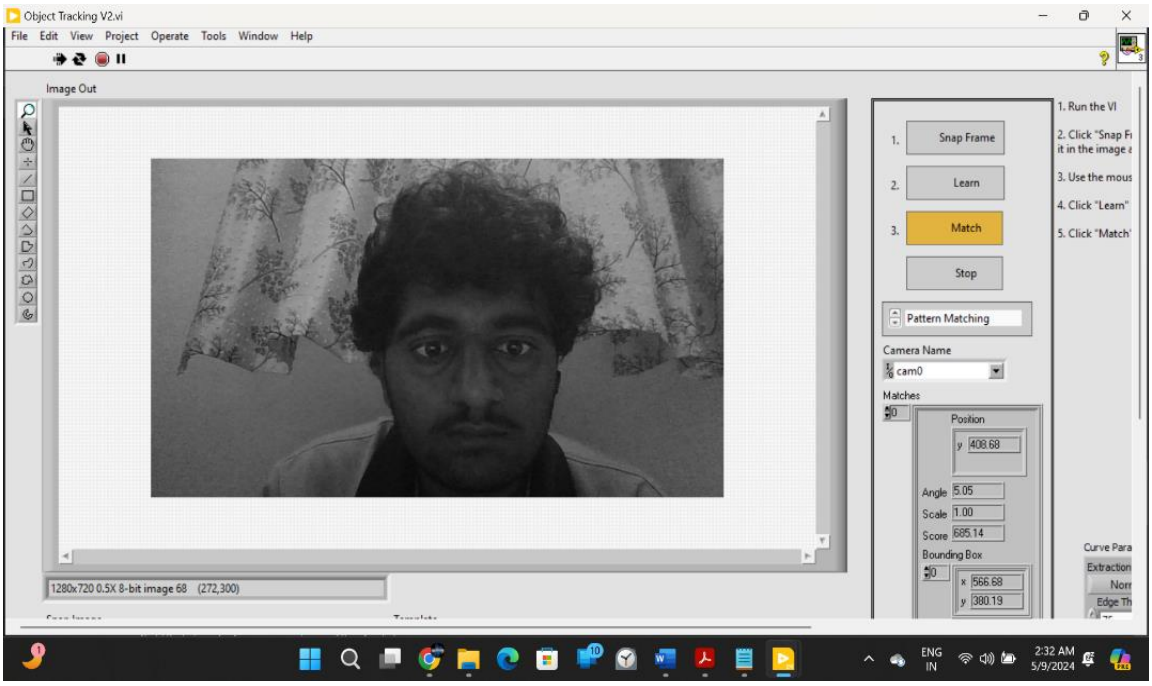

Fig. 2.4 Snapping Frame

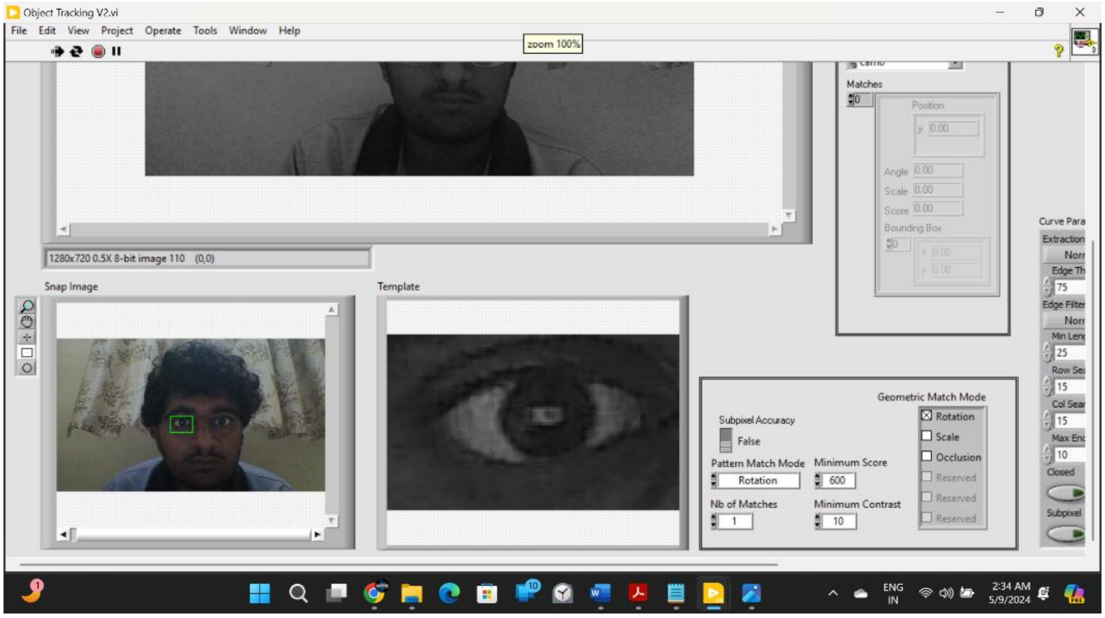

Fig. 2.5 Selecting eye for tracing

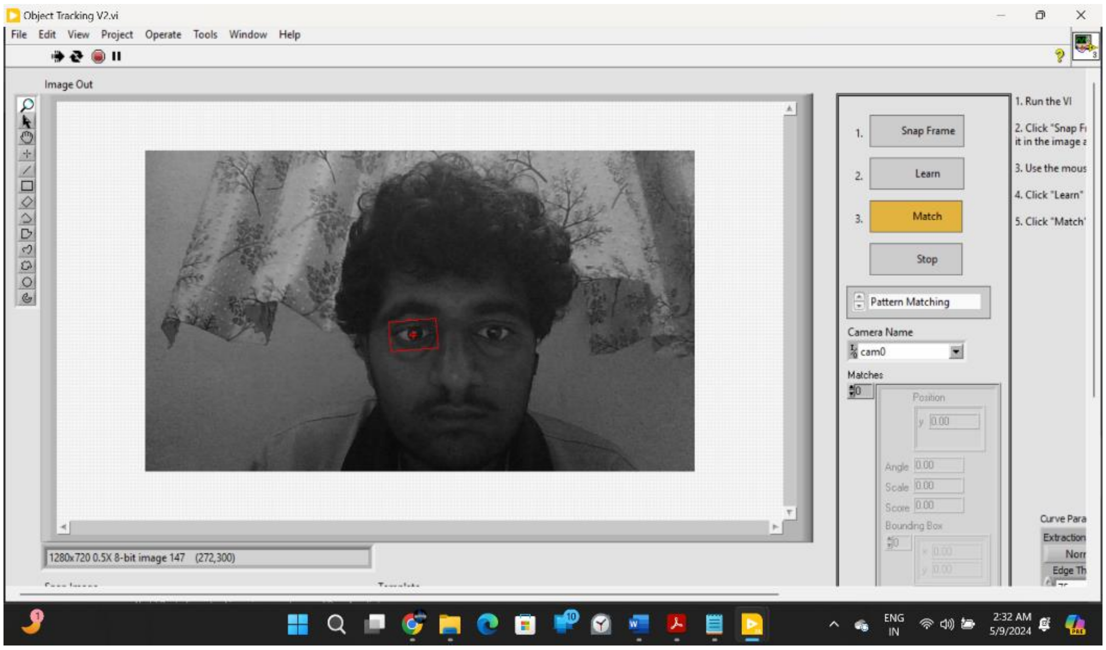

Fig. 2.6 Eye tracing (Output)

CHAPTER 7

RESULTS AND APPLICATIONS

6.1 RESULT

Overall, the results of eye tracing using LabVIEW can be both visual and analytical, serving various purposes across different applications. The combination of real-time visualization, data processing, interactive control, and integration with other systems makes LabVIEW a versatile tool for eye tracing projects. The specific outcomes depend on the context and objectives of the project, ranging from simple visualizations to complex analyses and system integrations.

1. Visual Representation of Eye Movements

The most immediate result of eye tracing is a visual representation of eye movements. This could be a dynamic overlay on a live video feed, showing where a person is looking. LabVIEW can be used to create this visualization by processing images or video frames and drawing markers or trajectories that indicate the path of eye movements.

2. Data for Analysis

Eye tracing with LabVIEW can yield valuable data for further analysis. This data can include coordinates of gaze points, fixation durations (how long the gaze remains on a particular spot), saccades (quick movements between fixations), and other metrics. LabVIEW's data acquisition and analysis tools allow you to extract and process this information, providing insights into patterns of attention or behavior.

3. Real-Time Feedback and Control

In interactive applications, eye tracing results can be used to provide real-time feedback or control. For example, in assistive technology, eye tracing allows users to control a cursor or select items on a screen based on where they look. LabVIEW's graphical programming environment can be used to create these interactive interfaces, integrating eye tracing data with system controls

4. Statistical Analysis and Correlations

The data obtained from eye tracing can be analyzed statistically to find trends or correlations. Researchers can use this data to study human behavior, cognitive processes, or visual attention patterns. LabVIEW can be used to create statistical analyses and generate reports that summarize these findings.

6.2 ADVANTAGES

- LabVIEW simplifies eye tracking development with its graphical programming.
- This system captures, processes, and visualizes eye gaze data in real-time.
- It offers valuable insights into user attention and interaction patterns.
- The foundation enables customization for diverse applications.
- LabVIEW empowers researchers and developers to build tailored eye tracking systems.

6.3 APPLICATION

The project "Eyeball Tracing using LabVIEW" has several potential future applications and scopes:

1. Medical Applications : It could be further developed for medical purposes, such as tracking eye movements for diagnostic purposes, monitoring eye health, or even assisting in surgeries.

2. Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) : Enhancing user experience in HCI by implementing gaze tracking for hands-free interaction with computers, virtual reality (VR), and augmented reality (AR) systems.

3. Assistive Technology : Improving accessibility for individuals with disabilities by developing assistive technologies that use eye tracking for control and communication.

4. Driver Monitoring Systems : Implementing eye tracking in vehicles for driver monitoring to detect drowsiness, distraction, or impairment, thus enhancing safety.

5. Education and Training : Incorporating eye tracking technology into educational tools and training simulations to analyze student engagement, attention, and learning patterns.

6. Gaming : Integrating eye tracking into gaming systems for more immersive experiences, adaptive gameplay, and enhanced user control.

CHAPTER 8

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

7.1.CONCLUSION

This LabVIEW application serves as a strong foundation for a comprehensive eye tracking system. We've successfully built the core functionalities for data acquisition, real-time processing, and gaze visualization. This initial setup allows for valuable insights into user attention and interaction patterns. Future iterations can target enhanced accuracy for more demanding applications like communication assistance tools or virtual reality interfaces. Importantly, LabVIEW's graphical programming environment significantly streamlines the development process. This makes it a powerful tool for researchers and developers to build and customize eye tracking systems tailored to their specific needs, fostering advancements in this field.

7.2.FUTURE SCOPE

Eye tracking technology has a promising future, and when coupled with LabVIEW, it can open up various opportunities across several fields:

1. Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR): Eye tracking enhances the immersive experience in VR and AR applications by enabling more natural interaction. LabVIEW can be utilized to integrate eye tracking functionalities into VR/AR systems, allowing users to control virtual environments and objects with their gaze.

2. Psychology and Neuroscience Research: Eye tracking is widely used in psychology and neuroscience research to study visual attention, perception, and cognitive processes. LabVIEW can facilitate the development of experimental setups and data analysis tools for conducting sophisticated research in these domains.

3. Sports Performance Analysis: Eye tracking can provide valuable insights into athletes' visual attention and decision-making processes during sports activities. LabVIEW can be employed to develop analysis tools for coaches and sports scientists to optimize training strategies and improve performance.

Overall, the future scope of eye tracking using LabVIEW is vast and spans across various domains, from technology and healthcare to education and entertainment, promising advancements that can revolutionize human-machine interaction and understanding

CHAPTER 9

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