OpenVSLAM

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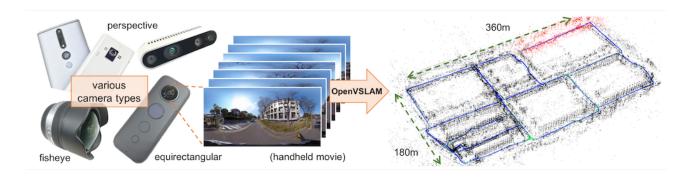
This is the OpenVSLAM documentation.

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CHAPTER 1

Overview



OpenVSLAM is a monocular, stereo, and RGBD visual SLAM system. The notable features are:

- It is compatible with various type of camera models and can be easily customized for other camera models.
- Created maps can be **stored and loaded**, then OpenVSLAM can **localize new images** based on the prebuilt maps.
- The system is fully modular. It is designed by encapsulating several functions in separated components with easy-to-understand APIs.
- We provided **some code snippets** to understand the core functionalities of this system.

OpenVSLAM is based on an indirect SLAM algorithm with sparse features, such as ORB-SLAM, ProSLAM, and UcoSLAM. One of the noteworthy features of OpenVSLAM is that the system can deal with various type of camera models, such as perspective, fisheye, and equirectangular. If needed, users can implement extra camera models (e.g. dual fisheye, catadioptric) with ease. For example, visual SLAM algorithm using **equirectangular camera models** (e.g. RICOH THETA series, insta360 series, etc) is shown above.

Some code snippets to understand the core functionalities of the system are provided. You can employ these snippets for in your own programs. Please see the \star .cc files in ./example directory or check *Simple Tutorial* and *Example*.

Also, some examples to run OpenVSLAM on ROS framework are provided. Please check ROS Package.

Please contact us via GitHub issues if you have any questions or notice any bugs about the software.

1.1 Installation

Please see Installation chapter.

The instructions for Docker users are also provided.

1.2 Tutorial

Please see Simple Tutorial.

A sample ORB vocabulary file can be downloaded from here. Sample datasets are also provided at here.

If you would like to run visual SLAM with standard benchmarking datasets (e.g. KITTI Odometry dataset), please see *SLAM with standard datasets*.

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 general framework for graph optimization. In Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Robotics and
 Automation (ICRA). 3607–3613.

CHAPTER 2

Installation

2.1 Source code

The source code can be viewed from this GitHub repository.

Cloning the repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/xdspacelab/openvslam
```

If you are Windows 10 user, please install the dependencies and OpenVSLAM with *SocketViewer support* on Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL). We have checked the correct operation of OpenVSLAM and SocketViewer on Ubuntu 16.04 running on WSL.

Docker systems can be used instead of preparing the dependencies manually.

2.2 Dependencies

OpenVSLAM requires a C++11-compliant compiler. It relies on several open-source libraries as shown below.

2.2.1 Requirements for OpenVSLAM

- Eigen: version 3.3.0 or later.
- g2o: Please use the latest release. Tested on commit ID 9b41a4e.
- SuiteSparse : Required by g2o.
- DBoW2: Please use the custom version of DBoW2 released in https://github.com/shinsumicco/DBoW2.
- yaml-cpp: version 0.6.0 or later.
- OpenCV: version 3.3.1 or later.

Note: OpenCV with GUI support is necessary for using the built-in viewer (Pangolin Viewer).

Note: OpenCV with video support is necessary if you plan on using video files (e.g. . mp4) as inputs.

2.2.2 Requirements for PangolinViewer

We provided an OpenGL-based simple viewer.

This viewer is implemented with Pangolin. Thus, we call it **PangolinViewer**.

Please install the following dependencies if you plan on using PangolinViewer.

- Pangolin: Please use the latest release. Tested on commit ID ad8b5f8.
- GLEW: Required by Pangolin.

2.2.3 Requirements for SocketViewer

We provided an WebGL-based simple viewer running on web browsers.

The SLAM systems publish the map and the frame to the server implemented with Node.js via WebSocket. Thus, we call it **SocketViewer**.

Please install the following dependencies if you plan on using SocketViewer.

- socket.io-client-cpp: Please use the custom version of socket.io-client-cpp released in https://github.com/shinsumicco/socket.io-client-cpp.
- Protobuf: version 3 or later.

The following libraries are the dependencies for the server.

- Node.js: version 6 or later.
- npm: Tested on version 3.5.2.

2.2.4 Recommended

• google-glog: Used for stack-trace logger.

2.3 Prerequisites for Unix

Note: In the following instruction, we assume that CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX is /usr/local. If you want to install the libraries to the different location, set CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX to your environment and set the environment variables accordingly.

Note: If your PC is frozen during the build, please reduce the number of parallel compile jobs when executing make (e.g. make -j2).

2.3.1 Installing for Linux

Tested for Ubuntu 16.04.

Install the dependencies via apt.

```
apt update -y
apt upgrade -y --no-install-recommends
# basic dependencies
apt install -y build-essential pkg-config cmake git wget curl unzip
# q2o dependencies
apt install -y libatlas-base-dev libsuitesparse-dev
# OpenCV dependencies
apt install -y libgtk-3-dev
apt install -y ffmpeg
apt install -y libavcodec-dev libavformat-dev libavutil-dev libswscale-dev.
→libavresample-dev
# eigen dependencies
apt install -y gfortran
# other dependencies
apt install -y libyaml-cpp-dev libgoogle-glog-dev libgflags-dev
# (if you plan on using PangolinViewer)
# Pangolin dependencies
apt install -y libglew-dev
# (if you plan on using SocketViewer)
# Protobuf dependencies
apt install -y autogen autoconf libtool
curl -sL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_6.x | sudo -E bash -
apt install -y nodejs
```

Download and install Eigen from source.

Download, build and install OpenCV from source.

```
-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/usr/local \
-DENABLE_CXX11=ON \
-DBUILD_DOCS=OFF \
-DBUILD_EXAMPLES=OFF \
-DBUILD_JASPER=OFF \
-DBUILD_OPENEXR=OFF \
-DBUILD_PERF_TESTS=OFF \
-DBUILD_TESTS=OFF \
-DBUILD_TESTS=OFF \
-DWITH_EIGEN=ON \
-DWITH_FFMPEG=ON \
-DWITH_OPENMP=ON \
...
make -j4
make install
```

Jump to Common Installation Instructions for the next step.

2.3.2 Installing for macOS

Tested for macOS High Sierra.

Install the dependencies via brew.

```
brew update
# basic dependencies
brew install pkg-config cmake git
# g2o dependencies
brew install suite-sparse
# OpenCV dependencies and OpenCV
brew install eigen
brew install ffmpeg
brew install opency
# other dependencies
brew install yaml-cpp glog gflags
# (if you plan on using PangolinViewer)
# Pangolin dependencies
brew install glew
# (if you plan on using SocketViewer)
# Protobuf dependencies
brew install automake autoconf libtool
# Node.js
brew install node
```

Jump to Common Installation Instructions for the next step.

2.3.3 Common Installation Instructions

Download, build and install the custom DBoW2 from source.

```
cd /path/to/working/dir
git clone https://github.com/shinsumicco/DBoW2.git
cd DBoW2
```

```
mkdir build && cd build
cmake \
    -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release \
    -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/usr/local \
    ..
make -j4
make install
```

Download, build and install g2o.

```
cd /path/to/working/dir
git clone https://github.com/RainerKuemmerle/g2o.git
cd g2o
git checkout 9b41a4ea5ade8e1250b9c1b279f3a9c098811b5a
mkdir build && cd build
cmake \
   -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release \
    -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/usr/local \
   -DCMAKE_CXX_FLAGS=-std=c++11 \
   -DBUILD_SHARED_LIBS=ON \
   -DBUILD_UNITTESTS=OFF \
   -DBUILD_WITH_MARCH_NATIVE=ON \
   -DG2O_USE_CHOLMOD=OFF \
   -DG2O_USE_CSPARSE=ON \
   -DG2O_USE_OPENGL=OFF \
   -DG2O_USE_OPENMP=ON \
make -j4
make install
```

(if you plan on using PangolinViewer)

Download, build and install Pangolin from source.

(if you plan on using SocketViewer)

Download, build and install socket.io-client-cpp from source.

(if you plan on using SocketViewer)

Install Protobuf.

If you use Ubuntu 18.04 or macOS, Protobuf 3.x can be installed via apt or brew.

```
# for Ubuntu 18.04 (or later)
apt install -y libprotobuf-dev protobuf-compiler
# for macOS
brew install protobuf
```

Otherwise, please download, build and install Protobuf from source.

2.4 Build Instructions

When building with support for PangolinViewer, please specify the following cmake options: -DUSE_PANGOLIN_VIEWER=ON and -DUSE_SOCKET_PUBLISHER=OFF.

```
cd /path/to/openvslam
mkdir build && cd build
cmake \
    -DBUILD_WITH_MARCH_NATIVE=ON \
    -DUSE_PANGOLIN_VIEWER=ON \
    -DUSE_SOCKET_PUBLISHER=OFF \
    -DUSE_STACK_TRACE_LOGGER=ON \
    -DBOW_FRAMEWORK=DBOW2 \
    -DBUILD_TESTS=ON \
    ...
make -j4
```

When building with support for SocketViewer, please specify the following cmake options: -DUSE_PANGOLIN_VIEWER=OFF and -DUSE_SOCKET_PUBLISHER=ON.

```
cd /path/to/openvslam
mkdir build && cd build
cmake \
    -DBUILD_WITH_MARCH_NATIVE=ON \
    -DUSE_PANGOLIN_VIEWER=OFF \
    -DUSE_SOCKET_PUBLISHER=ON \
    -DUSE_STACK_TRACE_LOGGER=ON \
    -DBOW_FRAMEWORK=DBoW2 \
    -DBUILD_TESTS=ON \
    ..
make -j4
```

Note: If cmake cannot find any dependencies, set the environment variables directly. For example, when CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX is /usr/local:

- Eigen3_DIR=/usr/local/share/eigen3/cmake
- OpenCV_DIR=/usr/local/share/OpenCV
- DBoW2_DIR=/usr/local/lib/cmake/DBoW2
- g2o_DIR=/usr/local/lib/cmake/g2o
- Pangolin_DIR=/usr/local/lib/cmake/Pangolin (if installed)
- sioclient_DIR=/usr/local/lib/cmake/sioclient (if installed)

After building, check to see if it was successfully built by executing ./run_kitti_slam -h.

```
$ ./run_kitti_slam -h
Allowed options:
                 produce help message
-h, --help
-v, --vocab arg vocabulary file path
--frame-skip arg (=1) interval of frame skip
--no-sleep
                  not wait for next frame in real time
--auto-term
                  automatically terminate the viewer
--debug
                  debug mode
--eval-log
                  store trajectory and tracking times for evaluation
-p, --map-db arg
                  store a map database at this path after SLAM
```

Note: If OpenVSLAM terminates abnormaly, rebuild g2o and OpenVSLAM with -DBUILD_WITH_MARCH_NATIVE=OFF option for cmake configulation.

2.5 Server Setup for SocketViewer

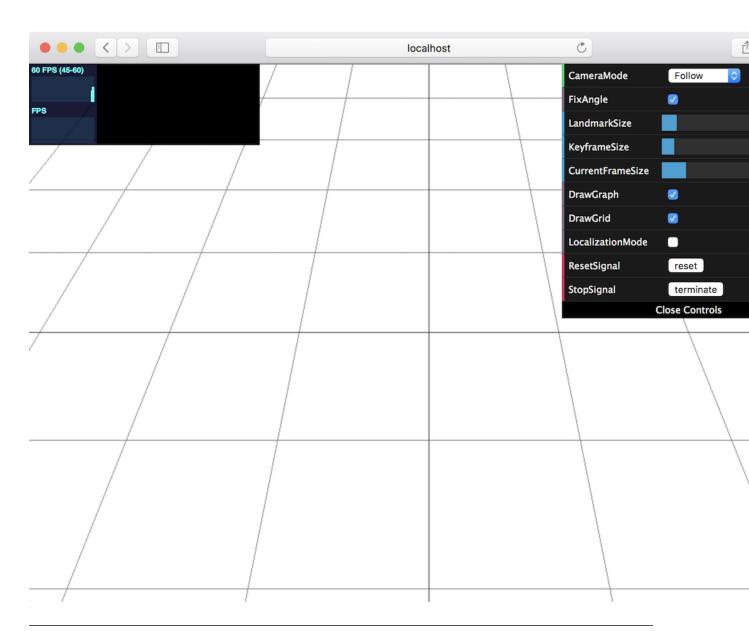
If you plan on using SocketViewer, please setup the environment for the server with npm.

```
$ cd /path/to/openvslam/viewer
$ ls
Dockerfile app.js package.json public views
$ npm install
added 88 packages from 60 contributors and audited 204 packages in 2.105s
found 0 vulnerabilities
$ ls
Dockerfile app.js node_modules package-lock.json package.json public views
```

Then, launch the server with node app.js.

```
$ cd /path/to/openvslam/viewer
$ 1s
Dockerfile app.js node_modules package-lock.json package.json public views
$ node app.js
WebSocket: listening on *:3000
HTTP server: listening on *:3001
```

After launching, please access to http://localhost:3001/ to check whether the server is correctly launched.



Note: When you try *the tutotial* and *the examples* with SocketViewer, please launch the server in the other terminal and access to it with the web browser **in advance**.

CHAPTER 3

Simple Tutorial

3.1 TL; DR

Note: If you use *SocketViewer*, please launch the server in the other terminal and access to it with the web browser in advance.

Running the following commands will give a feel for what OpenVSLAM can do. The later parts of this chapter explains what each of the commands do in more detail.

```
# at the build directory of openvslam ...
$ pwd
/path/to/openvslam/build/
$ 1s
run_video_slam run_video_localization
# download an ORB vocabulary from Google Drive
FILE_ID="1wUPb328th8bUqh0k-i8x1lt5mgRW4n84"
curl -sc /tmp/cookie "https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=${FILE_ID}" > /
→dev/null
CODE="$(awk '/_warning_/ {print $NF}' /tmp/cookie)"
curl -sLb /tmp/cookie "https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&confirm=${CODE}&id=
\hookrightarrow $\{FILE_{ID}\}" -o orb_vocab.zip
unzip orb_vocab.zip
# download a sample dataset from Google Drive
FILE_ID="1d8kADKWBptEqTF7jEVhKatBEdN7q0ikY"
curl -sc /tmp/cookie "https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=${FILE_ID}" > /
→dev/null
CODE="$(awk '/_warning_/ {print $NF}' /tmp/cookie)"
curl -sLb /tmp/cookie "https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&confirm=${CODE}&id=
→${FILE_ID}" -o aist_living_lab_1.zip
unzip aist_living_lab_1.zip
```

```
# download a sample dataset from Google Drive
FILE_ID="1TVf2D2QvMZPHsFoTb7HNxbXclPoFMGLX"
curl -sc /tmp/cookie "https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=${FILE_ID}}" > /
-dev/null
CODE="$(awk '/_warning_/ {print $NF}' /tmp/cookie)"
curl -sLb /tmp/cookie "https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&confirm=${CODE}&id=
→${FILE_ID}" -o aist_living_lab_2.zip
unzip aist_living_lab_2.zip
# run tracking and mapping
./run_video_slam -v ./orb_vocab/orb_vocab.dbow2 -m ./aist_living_lab_1/video.mp4 -c ./
→aist_living_lab_1/config.yaml --frame-skip 3 --no-sleep --map-db map.msg
# click the [Terminate] button to close the viewer
# you can find map.msg in the current directory
# run localization
./run_video_localization -v ./orb_vocab/orb_vocab.dbow2 -m ./aist_living_lab_2/video.
→mp4 -c ./aist_living_lab_2/config.yaml --frame-skip 3 --no-sleep --map-db map.msg
```

3.2 Sample Datasets

You can use OpenVSLAM with various video datasets. If you want to run OpenVSLAM with standard benchmarking detasets, please see *this section*.

Start by downloading some datasets you like.

3.2.1 Equirectangular Datasets

name	camera model	length	download link
aist_entrance_hall_1	equirectangular (mono)	0:54	link
aist_entrance_hall_2	equirectangular (mono)	0:54	link
aist_factory_A_1	equirectangular (mono)	1:55	link
aist_factory_A_2	equirectangular (mono)	1:54	link
aist_factory_B_1	equirectangular (mono)	1:04	link
aist_factory_B_2	equirectangular (mono)	1:34	link
aist_living_lab_1	equirectangular (mono)	2:16	link
aist_living_lab_2	equirectangular (mono)	1:47	link
aist_living_lab_3	equirectangular (mono)	2:06	link
aist_stairs_A_1	equirectangular (mono)	2:27	link
aist_stairs_B_1	equirectangular (mono)	2:55	link
aist_store_1	equirectangular (mono)	1:12	link
aist_store_2	equirectangular (mono)	1:44	link
aist_store_3	equirectangular (mono)	1:18	link

3.2.2 Fisheye Datasets

name	camera model	length	download link
aist_entrance_hall_1	fisheye (mono)	1:05	link
aist_entrance_hall_2	fisheye (mono)	1:06	link
aist_entrance_hall_3	fisheye (mono)	1:23	link
aist_entrance_hall_4	fisheye (mono)	1:27	link
aist_living_lab_1	fisheye (mono)	1:20	link
aist_living_lab_2	fisheye (mono)	2:26	link
aist_living_lab_3	fisheye (mono)	3:43	link
nu_eng2_corridor_1	fisheye (mono)	2:56	link
nu_eng2_corridor_2	fisheye (mono)	2:45	link
nu_eng2_corridor_3	fisheye (mono)	2:04	link

After downloading and uncompressing a zip file, you will find a video file and a config file under the uncompressed directory.

```
$ ls dataset_name_X/
config.yaml video.mp4
```

You can put the dataset in any directory where you have access to.

Additionally, please download a vocabulary file for DBoW2 from here.

After uncompressing it, you will find orb_vocab.dbow2.

For the rest of this chapter, we will use aist_living_lab_1 and aist_living_lab_2 datasets for our example.

3.3 Tracking and Mapping

Here we should know how to run SLAM and create a map database file with aist_living_lab_1 dataset. You can use ./run_video_slam to run SLAM with the video file.

```
--eval-log store trajectory and tracking times for evaluation
-p, --map-db arg store a map database at this path after SLAM
```

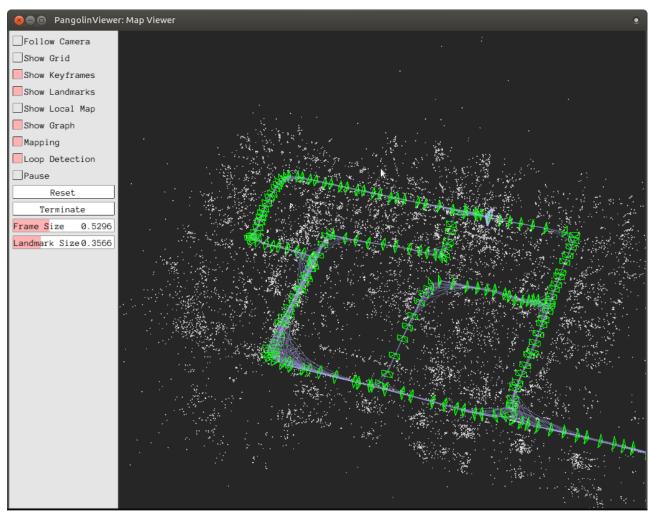
Execute the following command to run SLAM. The paths should be changed accordingly.

```
$ ./run_video_slam \
    -v /path/to/orb_vocab/orb_vocab.dbow2 \
    -c /path/to/aist_living_lab_1/config.yaml \
    -m /path/to/aist_living_lab_1/video.mp4 \
    --frame-skip 3 \
    --map-db aist_living_lab_1_map.msg
```

The frame viewer and map viewer should launch as well. If the two viewers are not launching correctly, check if you launched the command with the appropriate paths.

Note: If OpenVSLAM terminates abnormaly soon after initialization, rebuild g2o and OpenVSLAM with <code>-DBUILD_WITH_MARCH_NATIVE=OFF</code> option for <code>cmake</code> configulation.





```
[2019-05-20 17:52:41.677] [I] config file loaded: /path/to/aist_living_lab_1/aist_
→living_lab_1/config.yaml
                    _\ \ / / __| | /_\ | \/ |
| (_) | '_ \/ -_) ' \\ V /\_ \ |__ / _ \| |\/| |
              __|_||_|\_/ |___/__/_/ \_\_| |_|
      1_1
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and you are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
See the LICENSE file.
Camera Configuration:
- name: RICOH THETA S 960
- setup: Monocular
- fps: 30
- cols: 1920
- rows: 960
- color: RGB
```

```
- model: Equirectangular
ORB Configuration:
- number of keypoints: 2000
- scale factor: 1.2
- number of levels: 8
- initial fast threshold: 20
- minimum fast threshold: 7
- edge threshold: 19
- patch size: 31
- half patch size: 15
- mask rectangles:
 -[0, 1, 0, 0.1]
 - [0, 1, 0.84, 1]
 -[0, 0.2, 0.7, 1]
 -[0.8, 1, 0.7, 1]
Tracking Configuration:
[2019-05-20 17:52:41.678] [I] loading ORB vocabulary: /path/to/orb_vocab/orb_vocab.
[2019-05-20 17:52:42.037] [I] startup SLAM system
[2019-05-20 17:52:42.038] [I] start local mapper
[2019-05-20 17:52:42.038] [I] start loop closer
[2019-05-20 17:52:42.395] [I] initialization succeeded with E
[2019-05-20 17:52:42.424] [I] new map created with 191 points: frame 0 - frame 2
[2019-05-20 17:53:39.092] [I] detect loop: keyframe 36 - keyframe 139
[2019-05-20 17:53:39.094] [I] pause local mapper
[2019-05-20 17:53:39.303] [I] resume local mapper
[2019-05-20 17:53:39.303] [I] start loop bundle adjustment
[2019-05-20 17:53:40.186] [I] finish loop bundle adjustment
[2019-05-20 17:53:40.186] [I] updating map with pose propagation
[2019-05-20 17:53:40.194] [I] pause local mapper
[2019-05-20 17:53:40.199] [I] resume local mapper
[2019-05-20 17:53:40.199] [I] updated map
[2019-05-20 17:55:36.218] [I] shutdown SLAM system
[2019-05-20 17:55:36.218] [I] encoding 1 camera(s) to store
[2019-05-20 17:55:36.218] [I] encoding 301 keyframes to store
[2019-05-20 17:55:37.906] [I] encoding 19900 landmarks to store
[2019-05-20 17:55:38.819] [I] save the MessagePack file of database to aist_living_
→lab_1_map.msg
median tracking time: 0.045391[s]
mean tracking time: 0.0472221[s]
[2019-05-20 17:55:40.087] [I] clear BoW database
[2019-05-20 17:55:40.284] [I] clear map database
```

Please click the **Terminate** button to close the viewer.

After terminating, you will find a map database file aist_living_lab_1_map.msg.

```
$ ls
...
aist_living_lab_1_map.msg
...
```

The format of map database files is MessagePack, so you can reuse created maps for any third-party applications other than OpenVSLAM.

3.4 Localization

In this section, we will localize the frames in aist_living_lab_2 dataset using the created map file aist_living_lab_1_map.msg. You can use ./run_video_localization to run localization.

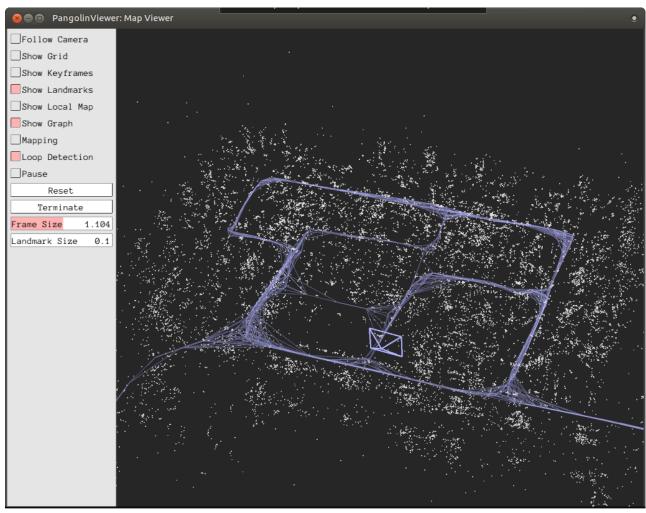
Execute the following command to start localization. The paths should be changed accordingly.

```
$ ./run_video_localization \
    -v /path/to/orb_vocab/orb_vocab.dbow2 \
    -c /path/to/aist_living_lab_2/config.yaml \
    -m /path/to/aist_living_lab_2/video.mp4 \
    --frame-skip 3 \
    --map-db aist_living_lab_1_map.msg
```

The frame viewer and map viewer should launch as well. If the two viewers are not launching correctly, check if you launched the command with the appropriate paths.

You can see if the current frame is being localized, based on the prebuild map.

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```
[2019-05-20 17:58:54.728] [I] config file loaded: /path/to/aist_living_lab_2/config.
→yaml
| (_) | '_ \/ -_) ' \\ V /\_ \ |__ / _ \| |\/| |
               __|_||_|\_/ |___/___/__/ \_\_| |_|
      1_1
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and you are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
See the LICENSE file.
Camera Configuration:
- name: RICOH THETA S 960
- setup: Monocular
- fps: 30
- cols: 1920
- rows: 960
- color: RGB
```

```
- model: Equirectangular
ORB Configuration:
- number of keypoints: 2000
- scale factor: 1.2
- number of levels: 8
- initial fast threshold: 20
- minimum fast threshold: 7
- edge threshold: 19
- patch size: 31
- half patch size: 15
- mask rectangles:
 -[0, 1, 0, 0.1]
 - [0, 1, 0.84, 1]
 -[0, 0.2, 0.7, 1]
 -[0.8, 1, 0.7, 1]
Tracking Configuration:
[2019-05-20 17:58:54.729] [I] loading ORB vocabulary: /path/to/orb_vocab/orb_vocab.
[2019-05-20 17:58:55.083] [I] clear map database
[2019-05-20 17:58:55.083] [I] clear BoW database
[2019-05-20 17:58:55.083] [I] load the MessagePack file of database from aist_living_
→lab_1_map.msg
[2019-05-20 17:58:57.832] [I] decoding 1 camera(s) to load
[2019-05-20 17:58:57.832] [I] load the tracking camera "RICOH THETA S 960" from JSON
[2019-05-20 17:58:58.204] [I] decoding 301 keyframes to load
[2019-05-20 17:59:02.013] [I] decoding 19900 landmarks to load
[2019-05-20 17:59:02.036] [I] registering essential graph
[2019-05-20 17:59:02.564] [I] registering keyframe-landmark association
[2019-05-20 17:59:03.161] [I] updating covisibility graph
[2019-05-20 17:59:03.341] [I] updating landmark geometry
[2019-05-20 17:59:04.189] [I] startup SLAM system
[2019-05-20 17:59:04.190] [I] start local mapper
[2019-05-20 17:59:04.191] [I] start loop closer
[2019-05-20 17:59:04.195] [I] pause local mapper
[2019-05-20 17:59:04.424] [I] relocalization succeeded
[2019-05-20 18:01:12.387] [I] shutdown SLAM system
median tracking time: 0.0370831[s]
mean tracking time: 0.0384683[s]
[2019-05-20 18:01:12.390] [I] clear BoW database
[2019-05-20 18:01:12.574] [I] clear map database
```

If you set the --mapping option, the mapping module is enabled to extend the prebuild map.

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CHAPTER 4

Example

We provided example code snippets for running OpenVSLAM with variety of datasets.

4.1 SLAM with Video Files

4.1.1 Tracking and Mapping

We provide an example snippet for using video files (e.g. .mp4) for visual SLAM. The source code is placed at ./example/run_video_slam.cc. The following options are allowed:

The camera that captures the video file must be calibrated. Create a config file (.yaml) according to the camera parameters.

We provided a vocabulary file for DBoW2 at here. You can use orb_vocab.dbow2 in the zip file.

4.1.2 Localization

We provide an example snippet for using video files (e.g. .mp4) for localization based on a prebuilt map. The source code is placed at ./example/run_video_localization.cc. The following options are allowed:

```
$ ./run_video_localization -h
Allowed options:
-h, --help produce help message
-v, --vocab arg vocabulary file path
-m, --video arg video file path
-c, --config arg config file path
-p, --map-db arg path to a prebuilt map database
--mapping perform mapping as well as localization
--mask arg mask image path
--frame-skip arg (=1) interval of frame skip
--no-sleep not wait for next frame in real time
--auto-term automatically terminate the viewer
--debug debug mode
```

The camera that captures the video file must be calibrated. Create a config file (.yaml) according to the camera parameters.

We provided a vocabulary file for DBoW2 at here. You can use orb_vocab.dbow2 in the zip file.

You can create a map database file by running one of the run_****_slam executables with --map-db map_file_name.msg option.

4.2 SLAM with Image Sequences

4.2.1 Tracking and Mapping

We provided an example snippet for using image sequences for visual SLAM. The source code is placed at ./example/run_image_slam.cc. The following options are allowed:

```
$ ./run_image_slam -h
Allowed options:
-h, --help produce help message
-v, --vocab arg vocabulary file path
-i, --img-dir arg directory path which contains images
-c, --config arg config file path
--mask arg mask image path
--frame-skip arg (=1) interval of frame skip
--no-sleep not wait for next frame in real time
--auto-term automatically terminate the viewer
--debug debug mode
--eval-log store trajectory and tracking times for evaluation
-p, --map-db arg store a map database at this path after SLAM
```

The camera that captures the video file must be calibrated. Create a config file (.yaml) according to the camera parameters.

We provided a vocabulary file for DBoW2 at here. You can use orb_vocab.dbow2 in the zip file.

4.2.2 Localization

We provided an example snippet for using image sequences for localization based on a prebuilt map. The source code is placed at ./example/run_image_localization.cc. The following options are allowed:

```
$ ./run image localization -h
Allowed options:
-h, --help
                       produce help message
-v, --vocab arg
                       vocabulary file path
-v, --vocab ary
-i, --img-dir arg
-c, --config arg
                       directory path which contains images
                       config file path
-p, --map-db arg
                        path to a prebuilt map database
--mapping
                       perform mapping as well as localization
--mask arg
                       mask image path
--frame-skip arg (=1) interval of frame skip
--no-sleep
                       not wait for next frame in real time
--auto-term
                        automatically terminate the viewer
--debug
                        debug mode
```

The camera that captures the video file must be calibrated. Create a config file (.yaml) according to the camera parameters.

We provided a vocabulary file for DBoW2 at here. You can use orb_vocab.dbow2 in the zip file.

You can create a map database file by running one of the run_****_slam executables with --map-db map_file_name.msg option.

4.3 SLAM with Standard Datasets

4.3.1 KITTI Odometry dataset

KITTI Odometry dataset is a benchmarking dataset for monocular and stereo visual odometry and lidar odometry that is captured from car-mounted devices. We provided an example source code for running monocular and stereo visual SLAM with this dataset. The source code is placed at ./example/run_kitti_slam.cc.

Start by downloading the dataset from here. Download the grayscale set (data_odometry_gray.zip).

After downloading and uncompressing it, you will find several sequences under the sequences/ directory.

```
$ ls sequences/
00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
```

In addition, download a vocabulary file for DBoW2 from here and uncompress it. You can find orb_vocab.dbow2 in the zip file.

A configuration file for each sequence is contained under ./example/kitti/.

If you built examples with Pangolin Viewer support, a map viewer and frame viewer will be launced right after executing the following command.

```
# at the build directory of OpenVSLAM
$ ls
...
run_kitti_slam
```

```
# monocular SLAM with sequence 00

$ ./run_kitti_slam \
    -v /path/to/orb_vocab/orb_vocab.dbow2 \
    -d /path/to/KITTI/Odometry/sequences/00/ \
    -c ../example/kitti/KITTI_mono_00-02.yaml

# stereo SLAM with sequence 05

$ ./run_kitti_slam \
    -v /path/to/orb_vocab/orb_vocab.dbow2 \
    -d /path/to/KITTI/Odometry/sequences/05/ \
    -c ../example/kitti/KITTI_stereo_04-12.yaml
```

The following options are allowed:

```
$ ./run_kitti_slam -h
Allowed options:
-h, --help
                          produce help message
-v, --vocab arg vocabulary file path
-d, --data-dir arg directory path which contains dataset
-c, --config arg config file path
--frame-skip arg (=1) interval of frame skip
                        not wait for next frame in real time
--no-sleep
--auto-term
                        automatically terminate the viewer
--debug
                         debug mode
--eval-log
                        store trajectory and tracking times for evaluation
-p, --map-db arg
                        store a map database at this path after SLAM
```

4.3.2 EuRoC MAV dataset

EuRoC MAV dataset is a benchmarking dataset for monocular and stereo visual odometry that is captured from drone-mounted devices. We provide an example source code for running monocular and stereo visual SLAM with this dataset. The source code is placed at ./example/run_euroc_slam.cc.

Start by downloading the dataset from here. Download the . zip file of a dataset you plan on using.

After downloading and uncompressing it, you will find several directories under the may 0 / directory.

```
$ ls mav0/
body.yaml cam0 cam1 imu0 leica0 state_groundtruth_estimate0
```

In addition, download a vocabulary file for DBoW2 from here and uncompress it. You can find orb_vocab.dbow2 in the zip file.

We provided the two config files for EuRoC, ./example/euroc/EuRoC_mono.yaml for monocular and ./ example/euroc/EuRoC_stereo.yaml for stereo.

If you have built examples with Pangolin Viewer support, a map viewer and frame viewer will be launched right after executing the following command.

```
# at the build directory of OpenVSLAM
$ ls
...
run_euroc_slam
...
# monocular SLAM with any EuRoC sequence
$ ./run_euroc_slam \
```

```
-v /path/to/orb_vocab/orb_vocab.dbow2 \
-d /path/to/EuRoC/MAV/mav0/ \
-c ../example/euroc/EuRoC_mono.yaml

# stereo SLAM with any EuRoC sequence

$ ./run_euroc_slam \
-v /path/to/orb_vocab/orb_vocab.dbow2 \
-d /path/to/EuRoC/MAV/mav0/ \
-c ../example/euroc/EuRoC_stereo.yaml
```

The following options are allowed:

```
$ ./run_euroc_slam -h
Allowed options:
-h, --help
                     produce help message
-v, --vocab arg
                     vocabulary file path
                    directory path which contains dataset
-d, --data-dir arg
                   config file path
-c, --config arg
--frame-skip arg (=1) interval of frame skip
                    not wait for next frame in real time
--no-sleep
--auto-term
                     automatically terminate the viewer
--debug
                     debug mode
--eval-log
                    store trajectory and tracking times for evaluation
-p, --map-db arg
                    store a map database at this path after SLAM
```

4.3.3 TUM RGBD dataset

Will be written soon.

The following options are allowed:

```
$ ./run_tum_slam -h
Allowed options:
                     produce help message
-h, --help
-v, --vocab arg vocabulary file path
-d, --data-dir arg
                     directory path which contains dataset
-a, --assoc arg association file path config arg config file path
--frame-skip arg (=1) interval of frame skip
--no-sleep
                     not wait for next frame in real time
--auto-term
                     automatically terminate the viewer
--debug
                     debug mode
--eval-log
                     store trajectory and tracking times for evaluation
-p, --map-db arg
                     store a map database at this path after SLAM
```

4.4 SLAM with UVC camera

4.4.1 Tracking and Mapping

We provided an example snippet for using a UVC camera, which is often called a webcam, for visual SLAM. The source code is placed at ./example/run_camera_slam.cc. The following options are allowed:

```
$ ./run_camera_slam -h
Allowed options:
-h, --help produce help message
-v, --vocab arg vocabulary file path
-n, --number arg camera number
-c, --config arg config file path
--mask arg mask image path
-s, --scale arg (=1) scaling ratio of images
-p, --map-db arg store a map database at this path after SLAM
--debug debug mode
```

Please specify the camera number you want to use by -n option.

The camera must be calibrated. Create a config file (.yaml) according to the camera parameters.

You can scale input images to the performance of your machine by -s option. Please modify the config accordingly. We provided a vocabulary file for DBoW2 at here. You can use orb_vocab.dbow2 in the zip file.

4.4.2 Localization

We provided an example snippet for using a UVC camera for localization based on a prebuilt map. The source code is placed at ./example/run_camera_localization.cc. The following options are allowed:

Please specify the camera number you want to use by -n option.

The camera must be calibrated. Create a config file (.yaml) according to the camera parameters.

You can scale input images to the performance of your machine by -s option. Please modify the config accordingly.

We provided a vocabulary file for DBoW2 at here. You can use orb_vocab.dbow2 in the zip file.

Running on Docker

5.1 Instructions for PangolinViewer

Dockerfile.desktop can be used for easy installation. This chapter provides instructions on building and running examples with PangolinViewer support using Docker.

The instructions are tested on Ubuntu 16.04 and 18.04. Docker for Mac are NOT supported due to OpenGL forwarding.

Note that docker host machines with NVIDIA graphics cards are NOT officially supported yet.

Note: If you plan on using a machine with NVIDIA graphics card(s), please use nvidia-docker2 and the version 390 or later of NVIDIA driver. These examples depend on X11 forwarding with OpenGL for visualization. Note that our <code>Dockerfile.desktop</code> is **NOT** compatible with nvidia-docker1.

If the viewer cannot be lanched at all or you are using macOS, please *install the dependencies manually* or use *the docker images for SocketViewer*.

5.1.1 Building Docker Image

Execute the following commands:

```
cd /path/to/openvslam
docker build -t openvslam-desktop -f Dockerfile.desktop .
```

You can accelerate the build of the docker image with --build-arg NUM_THREADS=<number of parallel builds> option. For example:

```
# building the docker image with four threads
docker build -t openvslam-desktop -f Dockerfile.desktop . --build-arg NUM_THREADS=4
```

5.1.2 Starting Docker Container

In order to enable X11 forwarding, supplemental options (-e DISPLAY=\$DISPLAY and -v /tmp/.X11-unix/:/tmp/.X11-unix:ro) are needed for docker run.

```
# before launching the container, allow display access from local users
xhost +local:
# launch the container
docker run -it --rm -e DISPLAY=$DISPLAY -v /tmp/.X11-unix/:/tmp/.X11-unix:ro_
-openvslam-desktop
```

Note: Additional option --runtime=nvidia is needed if you use NVIDIA graphics card(s).

After launching the container, the shell interface will be launched in the docker container.

```
root@ddad048b5fff:/openvslam/build# ls
lib run_image_slam run_video_slam
run_euroc_slam run_kitti_slam run_tum_slam
run_image_localization run_video_localization
```

See *Tutorial* to run SLAM examples in the container.

Note: If the viewer does not work, please *install the dependencies manually* on your host machine or use *the docker images for SocketViewer* instead.

If you need to access to any files and directories on a host machine from the container, bind directories between the host and the container.

5.2 Instructions for SocketViewer

Dockerfile.socket and viewer/Dockerfile can be used for easy installation. This chapter provides instructions on building and running examples with SocketViewer support using Docker.

5.2.1 Building Docker Images

Docker Image of OpenVSLAM

Execute the following commands:

```
cd /path/to/openvslam docker build -t openvslam-socket -f Dockerfile.socket .
```

You can accelerate the build of the docker image with --build-arg NUM_THREADS=<number of parallel builds> option. For example:

```
# building the docker image with four threads
docker build -t openvslam-socket -f Dockerfile.socket . --build-arg NUM_THREADS=4
```

Docker Image of Server

Execute the following commands:

```
cd /path/to/openvslam cd viewer docker build -t openvslam-server .
```

5.2.2 Starting Docker Containers

On Linux

Launch the server container and access to it with the web browser in advance. Please specify --net=host in order to share the network with the host machine.

```
$ docker run --rm -it --name openvslam-server --net=host openvslam-server WebSocket: listening on *:3000 HTTP server: listening on *:3001
```

After launching, access to http://localhost:3001/ with the web browser.

Next, launch the container of OpenVSLAM. The shell interface will be launched in the docker container.

```
$ docker run --rm -it --name openvslam-socket --net=host openvslam-socket
root@hostname:/openvslam/build#
```

See *Tutorial* to run SLAM examples in the container.

If you need to access to any files and directories on a host machine from the container, *bind directories* between the host and the container.

On macOS

Launch the server container and access to it with the web browser in advance. Please specify -p 3001:3001 for port-forwarding.

```
$ docker run --rm -it --name openvslam-server -p 3001:3001 openvslam-server
WebSocket: listening on *:3000
HTTP server: listening on *:3001
```

After launching, access to http://localhost:3001/ with the web browser.

Then, inspect the container's IP address and append the <code>SocketPublisher.server_uri</code> entry to the YAML config file of OpenVSLAM.

```
# config file of OpenVSLAM
...
#=======#
```

```
# SocketPublisher Parameters #
#========#

# append this entry
SocketPublisher.server_uri: "http://172.17.0.2:3000"
```

Next, launch the container of OpenVSLAM. The shell interface will be launched in the docker container.

```
$ docker run --rm -it --name openvslam-socket openvslam-socket root@hostname:/openvslam/build#
```

See *Tutorial* to run SLAM examples in the container.

Please don't forget to append SocketPublisher.server_uri entry to the config.yaml if you use the downloaded datasets in the tutorial.

If you need to access to any files and directories on a host machine from the container, bind directories between the host and the container.

5.3 Bind of Directories

If you need to access to any files and directories on a host machine from the container, bind directories between the host and the container using --volume or --mount option. (See the docker documentataion.)

For example:

CHAPTER 6

ROS Package

We provide ROS package examples to help you run OpenVSLAM on ROS framework.

Note: Please build OpenVSLAM with **OpenCV 3.3.1 or later** if you plan on using ROS package. OpenCV 4.x is not supported yet.

6.1 Installation

6.1.1 Requirements

- ROS: Please use the version kinetic or later.
- OpenVSLAM: Please build it with OpenCV 3.x.
- image_transport : Required by this ROS package examples.
- cv_bridge: Please build it with the same version of OpenCV used in OpenVSLAM. (We recommend building it from source.)

6.1.2 Prerequisites

Tested for Ubuntu 16.04.

Please install the following dependencies.

- ROS: Please follow Installation of ROS.
- OpenVSLAM: Please follow Installation of OpenVSLAM.

Note: Please build OpenVSLAM with PangolinViewer or SocketViewer if you plan on using it for the examples.

Install the dependencies via apt.

```
apt update -y
apt install ros-${ROS_DISTRO}-image-transport
```

Download the source of cv_bridge.

```
cd /path/to/openvslam/ros
git clone --branch ${ROS_DISTRO} --depth 1 https://github.com/ros-perception/vision_
opencv.git
cp -r vision_opencv/cv_bridge src/
rm -rf vision_opencv
```

Note: We recommend building cv_bridge from the source even if it has been installed via apt.

6.1.3 Build Instructions

When building with support for PangolinViewer, please specify the following cmake options: -DUSE_PANGOLIN_VIEWER=ON and -DUSE_SOCKET_PUBLISHER=OFF as described in build of Open-VSLAM.

```
cd /path/to/openvslam/ros
catkin_make \
    -DBUILD_WITH_MARCH_NATIVE=ON \
    -DUSE_PANGOLIN_VIEWER=ON \
    -DUSE_SOCKET_PUBLISHER=OFF \
    -DUSE_STACK_TRACE_LOGGER=ON \
    -DBOW_FRAMEWORK=DBOW2
```

Alternatively, when building with support for SocketViewer, please specify the following cmake options: -DUSE_PANGOLIN_VIEWER=OFF and -DUSE_SOCKET_PUBLISHER=ON as described in *build of OpenVSLAM*.

```
cd /path/to/openvslam/ros
catkin_make \
    -DBUILD_WITH_MARCH_NATIVE=ON \
    -DUSE_PANGOLIN_VIEWER=OFF \
    -DUSE_SOCKET_PUBLISHER=ON \
    -DUSE_STACK_TRACE_LOGGER=ON \
    -DBOW_FRAMEWORK=DBOW2
```

6.2 Examples

Run the core program required for ROS-based system in advance.

```
roscore
```

Note: Please leave the **roscore** run.

6.2.1 Publisher

Publishers continually broadcast images as a ROS topic. Please execute one of the following command snippets in the new terminal.

Publish a Video File

For using video files (e.g. .mp4) for visual SLAM or localization.

```
source /path/to/openvslam/ros/devel/setup.bash
rosrun publisher video -m /path/to/video.mp4
```

Republish the ROS topic to /camera/image_raw.

```
rosrun image_transport republish \
  raw in:=/video/image_raw raw out:=/camera/image_raw
```

Publish a Image Sequence

For using image sequences for visual SLAM or localization.

```
source /path/to/openvslam/ros/devel/setup.bash
rosrun publisher image -i /path/to/images/
```

Republish the ROS topic to /camera/image_raw.

```
rosrun image_transport republish \
  raw in:=/video/image_raw raw out:=/camera/image_raw
```

Publish Images of a USB Camera

For using a standard USB camera for visual SLAM or localization.

```
apt install ros-${ROS_DISTRO}-usb-cam
```

```
rosparam set usb_cam/pixel_format yuyv rosrun usb_cam_usb_cam_node
```

Republish the ROS topic to /camera/image_raw.

```
rosrun image_transport republish \
  raw in:=/usb_cam/image_raw raw out:=/camera/image_raw
```

6.2.2 Subscriber

Subscribers continually receive images. Please execute one of the following command snippets in the new terminal.

Note: Option arguments are the same as the examples of OpenVSLAM.

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Tracking and Mapping

We provide an example snippet for visual SLAM. The source code is placed at ./openvslam/ros/src/openvslam/src/run_slam.cc.

```
source /path/to/openvslam/ros/devel/setup.bash
rosrun openvslam run_slam \
    -v /path/to/orb_vocab.dbow2 \
    -c /path/to/config.yaml
```

Localization

We provide an example snippet for localization based on a prebuilt map. The source code is placed at ./ros/src/openvslam/src/run_localization.cc.

```
source /path/to/openvslam/ros/devel/setup.bash
rosrun openvslam run_localization \
    -v /path/to/orb_vocab.dbow2 \
    -c /path/to/config.yaml \
    --map-db /path/to/map.msg
```

$\mathsf{CHAPTER}\ 7$

Trouble Shooting

7.1 For building

1. OpenVSLAM terminates abnormaly soon after launching or optimization with g2o.

Please configure and rebuild g2o and OpenVSLAM with $-\texttt{DBUILD_WITH_MARCH_NATIVE} = \texttt{OFF}$ option for cmake.

7.2 For SLAM

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Cite Us

If you use OpenVSLAM for a publication, please cite it as:

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   series = {MM '19},
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   location = {Nice, France},
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