

Manual for `turtleleftturn_arc_only()` Function

This manual provides a detailed breakdown of the `turtleleftturn_arc_only()` function, used for performing a fixed left turn followed by lane detection in a Gazebo simulation for TurtleBot3 using ROS 2. The function initially performs a left arc based on odometry yaw readings and transitions into lane following by switching to `turtlerightturn.m` once it detects lane lines.

Each section below references the lines of code and explains the operation clearly for easier modification or extension.

1. ROS 2 Node and Topic Initialization (Lines 3-10)

- Creates ROS 2 nodes for general control (`/lanenode`) and odometry (`/odomnode`).
- Subscribes to:
 - Camera image (`/camera/image_raw`)
 - Odometry (`/odom`)
 - Stop signal (`/stop`)
- Publishes to:
 - Velocity command (`/cmd_vel`)
 - Lane-annotated camera output (`/camera/camera_lanes`)

2. Motion and Turn Parameters (Lines 12-21)

- Sobel filter is defined for edge detection.
- `CropValue = 270` crops the image vertically to focus on the road.
- Initializes PID variables (`prevCTE`, `intCTE`) and control timestep `dt = 0.1`.
- Starts the timer and sets `killNode = false` for loop control.
- Defines arc movement:
 - `R = 6.5` sets the radius of the turn.
 - `Lvel = 0.5` defines forward speed.
 - `Avel = Lvel/R` computes required angular velocity.

- ``YawTarget = pi/2 - 0.05`` defines how much to turn before stopping (~90 degrees).

3. Starting Orientation and Main Loop (Lines 23-79)

- Line 23: Gets initial yaw using ``getYaw()`` from ``/odom``.
- Line 26-27: Checks for a stop message and exits if needed.
- Line 28-32: Captures and decodes the camera image.
- Lines 33-38: Processes the image:
 - Converts to grayscale
 - Applies yellow mask using HSV
 - Applies Sobel edge filtering and combines yellow and edge gradients
- Lines 39-42: Detects lines using Hough Transform.
- Line 43: Initializes overlay image for visualization.
- Line 46-51: Determines number of lines:
 - If 2+ lines found and time > 10s, switches to ``turtlerightturn.m``
 - If 1 line, continue following
 - If no lines, just prints info

4. Arc Turn Control using Yaw (Lines 52-64)

- Uses ``getYaw()`` again to find current yaw.
- Calculates yaw difference from starting angle (``delta_yaw``).
- If the yaw is within target:
 - Publishes velocity to keep turning
 - Displays current yaw in degrees
- If the yaw exceeds target:
 - Stops the robot
 - Breaks from the loop
- Each loop iteration pauses for ``dt`` seconds

5. Helper Function: `getYaw` (Lines 66-69)

- Extracts quaternion from odometry.

- Converts quaternion to Euler angles.
- Returns yaw (rotation around Z-axis).

6. Helper Function: createMask (Lines 70-76)

- Converts image to HSV.
- Applies color filtering to isolate yellow.
- Returns binary mask and a masked RGB image where non-yellow pixels are removed.