

Writing Project 4 - Machine Learning Project README

The Project is a Readme for code written for a Machine Learning Project.

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Overview

The purpose of this code is to find the likelihood that a vehicle is at a position given measurements from reference points. The vehicle is generated to be somewhere random in the unit circle, with some user specified number of reference points on the unit circle. The robot then takes a measurement to each measurement, which is done using Euclidean distance. These measurements also consist of some added Gaussian noise, which leads to some uncertainty around the robot's position.

Then, using Maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimation, the code assigns a value to each point in a grid surrounding the unit circle in which the vehicle is located. The lowest value on this grid is the most likely spot of the vehicle given the noisy measurements. The code displays this in terms of a contour plot, which has descending values as the true vehicle location is approached, while overlaying the true vehicle location and the reference points (see results for images).

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System Setup

Linux Command Line Setup

Run these commands in the terminal to install python3 and pip3

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install python3.8
sudo apt-get -y install python3-pip
```

Run these commands to install the required libraries via the terminal

```
pip3 install matplotlib
pip3 install numpy
```

Make sure git is installed on linux and clone the repository at a location of your choice with these commands

```
sudo apt install git-all
git clone https://github.com/Gabe-Jentis/WritingProj4.git
```

Windows Command Line Setup

Download and install the most recent version of python from this website: <https://www.python.org/downloads/> and run the following command in the command prompt/powershell to install pip

```
py -m pip install -U pip
```

Run the following commands in the command prompt/powershell to install the required libraries

```
pip install matplotlib
pip install numpy
```

Make sure git is installed on windows by visiting this website: <https://git-scm.com/download/win> and clone the repository at a location of your choice with the following command

```
git clone https://github.com/Gabe-Jentis/WritingProj4.git
```

IDE Setup

This IDE setup is for the pycharm IDE and may vary across different IDEs.

The first step is to click **file**:

In the dropdown select `Settings` and in the settings click the `Project:WriteProj` and `Project Interpreter` . From there click the `+` button:

In the window that pops up, add the `numpy` and `matplotlib` packages and click `Install Package` :

Then Check to make sure the packages installed and click `Apply` and `Ok` :



Running

Command Line Running

Run the followings commands from the base folder with the number references arguments you want in the command line of your system in order to cd into the folder with the script and to run the code.

```
cd scripts
python3 code.py -r $NUM_OF_REFS
```

If you are running on windows run these commands from the base folder of the repo in powershell/command prompt with these commands.

```
cd scripts
py code.py -r $NUM_OF_REFS
```

Replace \$NUM_OF_REFS with the number of reference points as an integer that you would like to use. For example:

```
python3 code.py -r 3
```

or for windows

```
py code.py -r 3
```

IDE Running

These instructions are again for the PyCharm IDE.

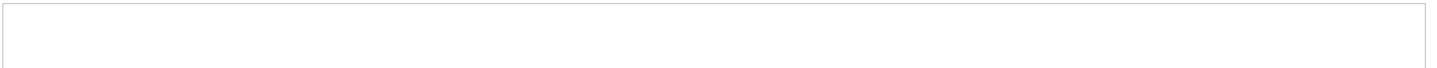
This first step is to set up the run configuration. First either click on the `Run` menu and choose `Edit Configurations` or Click on `Add Configuration` in the upper right:



Then Click the `+` button and choose `Python`. Then choose a name for the Configuration. Then specify the file path to the script, which can be done by clicking the folder icon on the `Script` path entry and navigating to the location of the `code.py` file. Then input the Parameters by entering `-r $NUM_OF_REFS` where the number is the number of reference points, like 3 in the image shown below. Then click `OK` to save the configurations:



Lastly to run the code either select the `Run` menu and choose `Run` or Click on the Green triangle icon in the upper right:



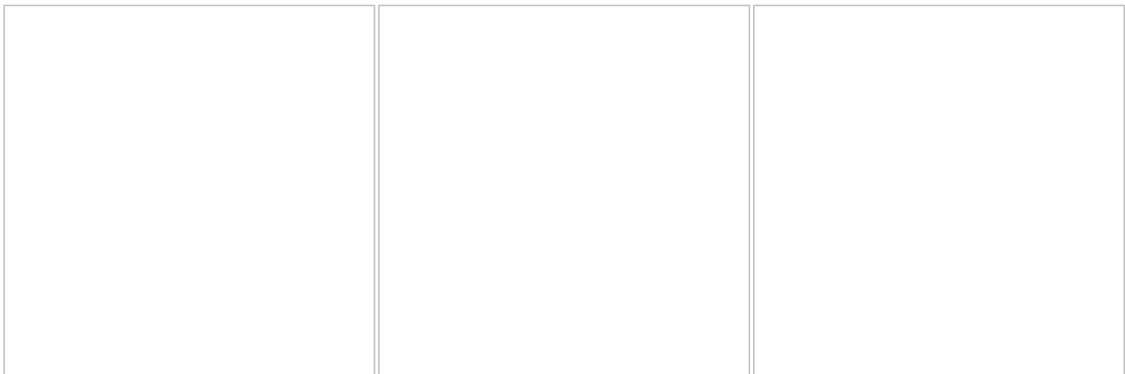
These Run configurations can be edited by following these steps again.

Unit Testing/Results

Unit Testing

- See TODOs section

Results



These images show the code becoming more confident on the true location of the vehicle. As the number on the inner ring decreases, and the plus sign representing the true vehicle location gets closer to the center of the innermost contour ring, the program is more confident on the true location of the vehicle based on the measurements to the reference points.

TODOs

- **Add comments** : Make the code easier to understand
- **Improve Organization and Structure** : Make the code easier to parse through and follow code format guidelines.
- **Plotting Function** : Create function for plotting to reduce redundancy and length of code
- **Clean up repo** : Squash Commits and clean up history
- **Implement Unit Testing** : Needs implementation to ensure new updates to code do not break code
- **Add More User Inputs** : Allow the user to input more arguments, whether about the vehicle location or reference point locations

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