LARM - Logiciel et Architecture pour la Robotique Mobile

Software and Architecture for Mobile Robots

An Introduction

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What is a Robot?



What is a Robot?

On wikipedia:

en

"A robot is a machine—especially one programmable by a computer—capable of carrying out a complex series of actions automatically."

fr

"Un robot est un dispositif mécatronique (alliant mécanique, électronique et informatique) conçu pour accomplir automatiquement des tâches imitant ou reproduisant, dans un domaine précis, des actions humaines."



What is a Robot?

From my point of view

"A **robot** is a **mechatronics** machine capable of autonomously acting in a real environment"

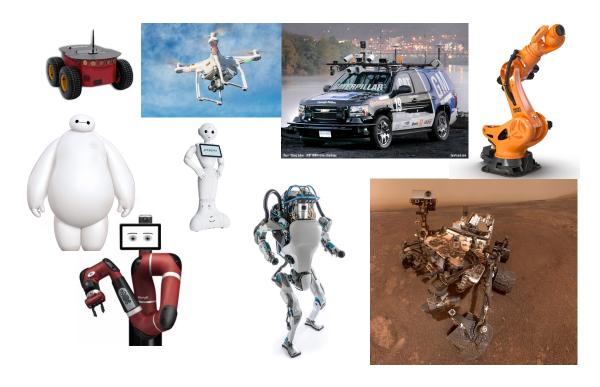
- percives with sensors
- models its environnement and adapt its behavior
- acts with actuators

generally involves Artificail-Intelligence:

capable to mimic natural (human, annimal, insect,...) intelligence



Some examples



Macro: a large variety of robots



Some examples



Micro: a large variety of components.



From a mechanic point of view

Focus on:

- Resistance
- Weight
- Deformation
- Vibration absortion
- Machining, Assembly

for Different robots:

- ▶ Fast
- Precise
- Strong
- resistant (dust, water,...)
- safe
- less expensive

From a electronic point of view

Focus on sensor, motor, energy system and hardware.



From a automation point of view

Focus on:

- Phisics science
- Signal processing
- Control system

by manipulating

- ► Times series, torques
- Vector, Matrices



From a software point of view

Focus on:

- Algorythms
- Knoledge reprensentation
- Artificial intelligence
- Software architecture

Robot are complex and singular systems which require modular computer program.



Schedule

- Introduction
- Presentation of the UV
- ▶ Today: First contact with Linux and ROS



UV-LARM

Software and Architecture for Mobile Robots

Mostly about: autonomous navigation.

- Communicate with robot components
- ► Controle robot movements (nonholonomic robot)
- Percive the local environnement (laser, vision)
- SLAM (Simultaneous Localisation and Mapping)
- ▶ Path finding and navigation.



UV-LARM - Schedule

1st week: Introduction to notions with tutorials.

2d week: Chalenge kickoff and some complementary notions.

3d week: Chalenge as your projet.

4th week: Evaluation trough the code you provide.



Why ROS:

ROS: The Robot Operating System (ROS) is a set of *software libraries* and *tools* that help you build robot applications.

- ▶ The number one Robotic Middle used in academic
- ▶ Open and oriented toward its *many contributors*
- Supported by most of the professionnals

It permits to think robot program in a modular way as independent program *nodes* working together by communicating trough *topics*.

It comes with usefull functionnality like *frame* management and *transform*



Why Ubuntu Linux:

Because:

- ▶ We love *GNU*
- ▶ ROS nativelly support Ubuntu
- Linux is open and well documented



Today:

wiki ROS Beginner tutorials:

- Create a ROS project (catkin)
- Implement communicating nodes (publisher and subscriber)

But first: Installation and configuration of Ubuntu:

Setup tutorial on gitbook: https://ceri-num.gitbook.io/uv-larm/



Before to go:

Reminder on Linux Terminal (or Shell)

- ▶ **ls**: list directories elements
- **cd**: change the directory
- **rm**: permanently remove a file
- **man**: open the manuel on a command
- **sudo**: act as the super-user
- **▶** find, egrep, cat, top, ps, apropos...

And tabulation is your best friend.

