

CSE483 – Computer Vision NASA Mars Sample & Return Rover Phase Two

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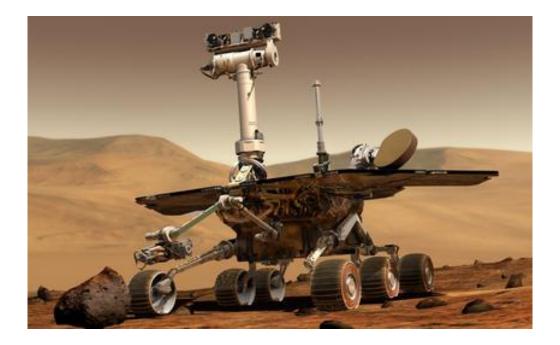
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Overview



Since 15th of July 1965 when Mariner 4 first flow nearby Mars, Human became interested in studying the planet. This is why one of our first objectives is to study the geology of the planet and map the planet. By the end of 1999 a mission called MSR where a rover to be sent to Mars to collect sampled to be studied by NASA, but unfortunately the mission was canceled, hence our main target is to build a MARS MSR-like program.

Objectives

Using computer vision our main objective is

- 1. Mapping at least 95% of the environment with 85% fidelity
- 2. The map will be repainted to distinguish various elements such as (navigable terrain, obstacles, and rock samples)
- 3. Locate and pick up at least five rocks (out of 6 rock samples) to be sent back home to Mother Earth
- 4. Building a Debugging Mode where each step in the pipeline in illustrated with vehicle operations

Installation

1. Create a Directory with command mkdir asu

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali/Desktop]
# mkdir asu
```

Traverse to the directory using the command cd asu

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali/Desktop]

# cd asu
```

3. Clone the repository using the command git clone

https://github.com/Omar-Mohamed-Ibrahim-

Alsayed/MarsRoverProject.git

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali/Desktop/asu]

# git clone https://github.com/Omar-Mohamed-Ibrahim-Alsayed/MarsRoverProject
t.git
Cloning into 'MarsRoverProject' ...
remote: Enumerating objects: 374, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (8/8), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Total 374 (delta 0), reused 8 (delta 0), pack-reused 366
Receiving objects: 100% (374/374), 76.26 MiB | 3.12 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (5/5), done.
```

4. Create a conda environment using the command conda create --name

nasef --file cv1.txt

```
-( root⊗ kali)-[/home/kali/Desktop/MarsRoverProject-master/Repo]
conda create -- name nasef -- file cv1.txt
Downloading and Extracting Packages
100%
tzdata-2022f
                                           100%
        -ares-1.18.1
                                           100%
charls-2.2.0
        100%
        \ _____
eigen-3.3.7
                                           100%
```

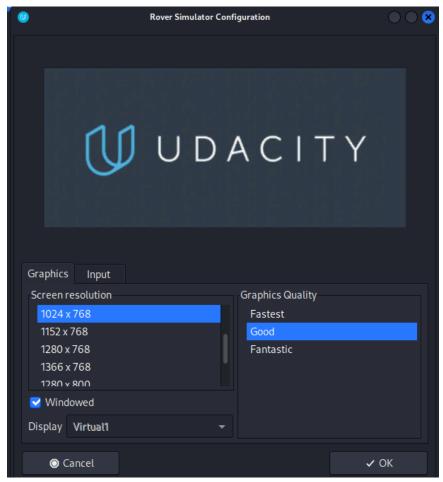
5. Install python-socketio version 4.6.1 using the command conda install python-socketio=4.6.1

```
base) — (20016 kali)-[/home/kali/Desktop/MarsRoverProject-master/Repo]
— conda install python-socketio=4.6.1
Collecting package metadata (current_repodata.json): done
Solving environment: failed with initial frozen solve. Retrying with flexible solve.
Collecting package metadata (repodata.json): done
Solving environment: done
## Package Plan ##
   The following packages will be downloaded:
                                                                      build
                                                      py39h06a4308_3
                                                                                             938 KB
      python-engineio-4.1.0
ruamel.yaml-0.17.21
ruamel.yaml.clib-0.2.6
                                                       pyhd3eb1b0_0
py39h5eee18b_0
py39h5eee18b_1
                                                                                             36 KB
178 KB
140 KB
The following NEW packages will be INSTALLED:
                                 pkgs/main/noarch::python-engineio-4.1.0-pyhd3eb1b0_0 None
   python-engineio
   python-enginero pkgs/main/hoarch::python-socketio-4.6.1-pyhd3eb1b0_0 None pkgs/main/linux-64::ruamel.yaml-0.17.21-py39h5eee18b_0 None ruamel.yaml.clib pkgs/main/linux-64::ruamel.yaml.clib-0.2.6-py39h5eee18b_1 None
The following packages will be UPDATED:
                                                            22.9.0-py39h06a4308 0 -> 22.11.1-py39h06a4308 3 None
Proceed ([y]/n)? y
Downloading and Extracting Packages python-engineio-4.1. | 36 KB | # ruamel.yaml-0.17.21 | 178 KB | # ruamel.yaml.clib-0.2 | 140 KB | # conda-22.11.1 | 938 KB | # Preparing transaction: done Verifying transaction: done Executing transaction: done Executing transaction: done
                                                    Retrieving notices: ...working... done
```

6. Active the environment using the command source activate nasef

7. Run the environment using the command python driver_rover.py

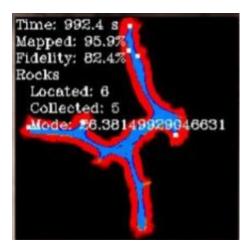
8. Run Roversim then click ok



9. Choose Autonomous mode



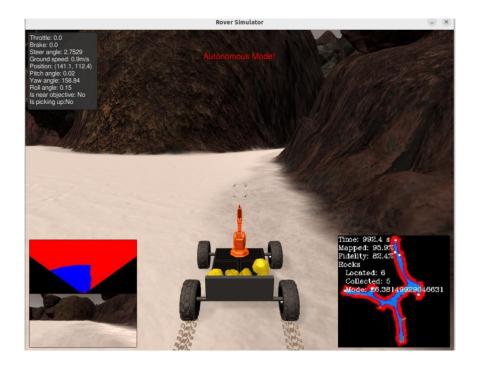
Map



- 1. Reds are non-navigable terrain (obstacles)
- 2. Blues are navigable terrain (path)
- 3. Whites are rocks to be collected

Results

During the simulations we got the following readings which fulfill the objectives of phase Two



Step By Step Intuition for the Pipeline

Our project follows the following step by step to achieve the desired outcomes. These steps are not a steps that gets executed once then the program ends. These steps is a closed-loop feedback system or simply we can call it a pipeline where these steps are executed over and over again. The output of the system in iteration n is the input for the system in iteration n+1.

- 1. As the rover navigates the perspective will be different, for example things may be titled to the right or to the left. This is why we created a perspective transform to obtain a flat image in a top-down view we can work on and then processed it.
- 2. After obtaining a very good view using the perspective transform, we need to differentiate things we can walk on (navigable terrain), things that prevents us from walking (obstacles), and things we want to gather (rocks). This why we used the color thresholding to differentiate between all of them, where ground pixels are detected, sky is just the invert of ground pixels, and rocks is defined within a range.
- 3. For a rover to navigate, it must have some kind of a navigation criterion. This why we first converted the image coordinates to rover coordinates then converted again to polar coordinates which will be used as a parameter for the decision tree in the autonomous mode
- 4. Then a set of geometric transformations such as rotations, scaling and clipping is applied to output an image
- 5. The identifiable objects image, the decisions and the map will be combined as an input to the simulator which will in turn take a new decision to make us go again to point 1 in a closed-feedback loop
- 6. Then a debugging mode is implemented where each step of the pipeline is illustrated.

Methods

color_thresh

Description

This function is used to detect and identify pixels that exceeds a given threshold.

<u>Code</u>

- 1. An image and a desired threshold is given to the function.
- 2. It uses numpy to create a 0 initialized array where the detected element will be marked on
- 3. Then it will iterate on the three channels of the given image comparing it to the threshold
- 4. If the given threshold is met, then it will be marked on the color_select which will be returned later

rover_coords

Description

Both the generated image and actual rover coordinates are different, this why we need to translate the image coordinates to the rover coordinates using this function

Code

```
def rover_coords(binary_img):
    ypos, xpos = binary_img.nonzero()
    x_pixel = -(ypos -
binary_img.shape[0]).astype(np.float)
    y_pixel = -(xpos - binary_img.shape[1]/2
).astype(np.float)
    return x_pixel, y_pixel
```

- 1. The function takes the binary image then extract the nonzero pixel from it
- 2. Subtracting the y coordinates of the image from the rovers y position then invert it
- 3. Subtracting half of the x coordinates of the image from the rovers x position then invert it
- 4. Then return the float values of both x and y coordinates.

to_polar_coords

Description

Having a cartesian coordinate may be useful for a specific case but having a polar coordinate will help a lot. This why this function converts from cartesian coordinates to polar coordinates.

<u>Code</u>

```
def to_polar_coords(x_pixel, y_pixel):
    dist = np.sqrt(x_pixel**2 + y_pixel**2)
    angles = np.arctan2(y_pixel, x_pixel)
    return dist, angles
```

- 1. It takes x and y coordinates
- 2. It calculates the distance by taking the square root of the squared coordinates
- 3. It takes the arctan of the coordinates to calculate the angles
- 4. Then it returns both destinations and angles

rotate_pix

Description

The rotate_pix function is used to map the rover space to the world space

Code

```
def rotate_pix(xpix, ypix, yaw):
    yaw_rad = yaw * np.pi / 180
    xpix_rotated = (xpix * np.cos(yaw_rad)) - (ypix *
np.sin(yaw_rad))
    ypix_rotated = (xpix * np.sin(yaw_rad)) + (ypix *
np.cos(yaw_rad))
    return xpix_rotated, ypix_rotated
```

- 1. The function takes x,y and yaw axis as a parameters
- 2. Then converts the yaw into radiant
- 3. Then rotates the x and y coordinates by using the converted yaw radiant
- 4. Then it returns the rotated coordinates

translate_pix

Description

The function applies both translation and scaling on any given coordinates

Code

```
def translate_pix(xpix_rot, ypix_rot, xpos, ypos,scale):
    xpix_translated = (xpix_rot / scale) + xpos
    ypix_translated = (ypix_rot / scale) + ypos
    return xpix_translated, ypix_translated
```

- 1. X and y coordinates, the amount of translation in x and y coordinates, and the scaling factor is a parameters of the function
- 2. The scaling is a division/multiplication operation, and the translation is plus/minus operations.
- 3. Then it returns the translated and scaled coordinates.

pix_to_world

Description

The pix_to_world function is a function that applies different geometric transformations to output the final world map image. It also ties the previous functions together

Code

```
def pix_to_world(xpix, ypix, xpos, ypos, yaw,world_size,
scale):
    xpix_rot, ypix_rot = rotate_pix(xpix, ypix, yaw)
    xpix_tran, ypix_tran = translate_pix(xpix_rot,
ypix_rot, xpos, ypos, scale)
    x_pix_world = np.clip(np.int_(xpix_tran), 0,
world_size - 1)
    y_pix_world = np.clip(np.int_(ypix_tran), 0,
world_size - 1)
    return x_pix_world, y_pix_world
```

- 1. First it rotates the x and y coordinates
- 2. Then it translates and scale them using the given value
- 3. Then at the end it clip the unwanted values to only have the wanted values
- 4. It returns the final x and y coordinates for the map image

perspect_transform

Description

As we have mentioned in the step-by-step guide. A perspective transformed image have to be generated to have a flattened top-down view of the field of view to differentiate between navigable and non-navigable terrain. This function creates the perepective transformation

Code

```
def perspect_transform(img, src, dst):
    M = cv2.getPerspectiveTransform(src, dst)
    warped = cv2.warpPerspective(img, M, (img.shape[1],
img.shape[0]))
    mask =
cv2.warpPerspective(np.ones_like(img[:,:,0]),M,
    (img.shape[1], img.shape[0]))
    return warped , mask
```

- 1. The function takes the image, coordinates in the source image, and coordinates in the output image
- 2. Then it generates a transformation matrix and store it at $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{M}}$
- 3. Then it uses the transformation matrix with the image to apply the perspective transformation to the image
- 4. Then we create a mask which will have a values of 1s for navigable pixels and 0s for non-navigable pixels
- 5. Then return both the mask and the transformed image

find_rocks

Description

The find_rocks function is similar to the color_tresh function as it uses thresholding to identify the rocks but with minor modifications

Code

```
def find_rocks(img, thresh = (110,110,50)):
    rock_pixels = ((img[:,:,0]>thresh[0])\
         &(img[:,:,1]>thresh[1])\
         &(img[:,:,2]<thresh[2]))
    colored_pixels = np.zeros_like(img[:,:,0])
    colored_pixels[rock_pixels] = 1
    return colored_pixels</pre>
```

- 1. It takes the image and the wanted threshold
- 2. It compares the image three channels to the given threshold and store the values to rock_pixels
- 3. A zero array is generated
- 4. The identified pixels that met the conditions will be used as an index for the zero array generated and every found rock will be equal to 1
- 5. The zero array is returned

trim_ellipse

Description

We needed to increase the fidelity so we thought that if we can create a mask image of the same shape as input image, filled with 0s (black color), create a white filled ellipse and then merge them together by Bitwise AND operation then this will black out regions outside the mask.

Code

- 1. Create a mask image of the same shape filled with 0s (black color)
- 2. Create a white filled ellipse
- 3. Bitwise AND operation

perception_step

Description

This function is the function that tie the previous functions together to create a better perception of the world and achieve the objectives we want

Code

```
def perception step(Rover):
   dst size = 10
    bottom offset = 5
    image = Rover.img
    source = np.float32([[14, 140], [301,140],[200,
96], [118, 96]])
    destination = np.float32([[image.shape[1]/2 -
dst_size, image.shape[0] - bottom_offset],
                    [image.shape[1]/2 + dst size,
image.shape[0] - bottom offset],
                    [image.shape[1]/2 + dst size,
image.shape[0] - 2*dst size - bottom offset],
                    [image.shape[1]/2 - dst size,
image.shape[0] - 2*dst size - bottom offset],
                    1)
    warped, mask = perspect transform(Rover.img, source,
destination)
    threshed = color_thresh(warped)
    obs map = np.absolute(np.float32(threshed) - 1)*mask
    Rover.vision image[:,:,2] = threshed *255
    Rover.vision image[:,:,0] = obs map *255
    xpix, ypix = rover coords(threshed)
    dist, angles = to polar coords(xpix, ypix)
    mean dir = np.mean(angles)
    world size = Rover.worldmap.shape[0]
```

```
scale = 2 * dst_size
    x world, y world = pix to world(xpix,ypix,
Rover.pos[0],Rover.pos[1], Rover.yaw, world size, scale)
    obsxpix, obsypix = rover coords(obs map)
    obs x world, obs y world =
pix to world(obsxpix,obsypix,Rover.pos[0],Rover.pos[1],R
over.yaw,world size,scale)
    if(Rover.pitch< 1.6):</pre>
        if(Rover.roll<5):</pre>
            Rover.worldmap[y_world,x_world,2]+=10
            Rover.worldmap[obs y world,obs x world,0]+=1
    dist, angles = to polar coords(xpix,ypix)
    Rover.nav angles = angles
    rock map = find rocks(warped,(110,110,50))
    if rock map.any():
        rock xpix , rock ypix = rover coords(rock map)
        rock_xpix_world , rock_ypix_world
   pix to world(rock xpix, rock ypix, Rover.pos[0],
Rover.pos[1], Rover.yaw, world size, scale)
        rock dist,rock ang =
to_polar_coords(rock_xpix,rock_ypix)
        rock idx = np.argmin(rock dist)
        rock_xcen = rock_xpix_world[rock_idx]
        rock ycen = rock ypix world[rock idx]
        Rover.worldmap[rock ycen, rock xcen,1] = 255
        Rover.vision image[:,:,1] = rock map *255
    else:
        Rover.vision image[:,:,1]=0
    image2 = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
    cv2.imshow('camera',image2)
```

```
warped2 = cv2.cvtColor(warped, cv2.COLOR BGR2RGB)
    cv2.imshow('precpective transform',warped2)
    mask2 = mask*255
    cv2.imshow('precpective mask',mask2)
    cv2.imshow('obstacle',obs map)
    threshed2 = threshed * 255
    cv2.imshow('thershold',threshed2)
    rock map2 = rock map*255
    cv2.imshow('rock',rock_map2)
    arrow length=100
    x_arrow = arrow_length * np.cos(mean_dir)
    y_arrow = arrow_length * np.sin(mean_dir)
    if( (x_arrow == x_arrow) and (y_arrow == y_arrow)
):
        color = (0, 0, 255)
        thickness = 2
        view = image = cv2.rotate(threshed2,
cv2.ROTATE 90 COUNTERCLOCKWISE)
        start point =
(int(view.shape[1]),int(view.shape[0]/2))
        end point=(int(x arrow),int(y arrow)+int(view.sh
ape[0]/2))
        direction = cv2.arrowedLine(view,start point,
end point, color,thickness)
        cv2.imshow('Direction', direction)
    cv2.waitKey(5)
    return Rover
```

- 1. Define the dst size which is the destination size
- 2. Define bottom_offset which is just an offset the gives us a buffer by moving the position 6 units to the front

- 3. Define the image, source, and destinations points for the perspective transformation
- 4. It will generate a perspective transformation and return the transformed image and the mask
- 5. Then it will apply color thresholding to identify navigable terrain, nonnavigable terrain and rocks
- 6. Then it will generate obstacle maps in obs_map by multiplying the mask with threshold -1 so we get only the things in the field of view
- 7. Using the threshold and the obstacle map we modify the vision image for both the obstacles and the navigable terrain
- 8. Then It will convert the image coordinates to rover coordinates
- 9. It will define variables related to the scale and world size which will be used for the next step
- 10. Then it will convert the rover coordinates to world coordinates for both the obstacles and the walkable world
- 11.An updated rover worldmap is generated to be on the right where steps 12 and 13 happens and it prevents the rotation unless a certain pitch and roll is satisfied
- 12. The navigable terrain becomes blue given the world coordinates
- 13. The obstacles become red given the obstacles coordinates
- 14. Then the world is converted from rover coordinates to polar coordinates
- 15. The find_rocks function is used to find the rocks
- 16. If rocks are identified, then it will convert the rock position to rover coordinates then to world coordinates then to polar coordinate
- 17. Then color the rock with white on the map
- 18. After that come the debugging part where we first going to show the camera, precpective transform, the mask, the obstacle, threshold, and the rocks for debugging purposes
- 19.To build the direction vector we had to get the values of x_ arrow and y_ arrow using the mean dir of xpix and ypix
- 20. Then check if the value is not null (NaN) to avoid being stuck when facing a wall
- 21. If it's not equal null then it will rotate the threshold image by 90 degrees
- 22. Sepcifying the starting point which is x= width of threshold, y= half the length of the threshold

- 23.An Arrow is Drawn from the starting point to the endpoint of the threshold image
- 24. Direction window is shown

Decision_step

Description

This is where you can build a decision tree for determining throttle, brake and steer. Commands based on the output of the perception_step() function. Implement conditionals to decide what to do given perception data. Here you're all set up with some basic functionality, but you'll need to improve on this decision tree to do a good job of navigating autonomously!

<u>Code</u>

```
import numpy as np
def decision step(Rover):
    offset = 0
        offset = -0.6 * np.std(Rover.nav angles)
            if Rover.samples angles is not None and
np.mean(Rover.samples angles) < 0.2 and</pre>
                Rover.steer =
                Rover.mode.append('rock')
                if (Rover.total time - Rover.stuck time >33.2):
                    Rover.stuck time = Rover.total time
            elif len(Rover.nav angles) >= Rover.stop forward:
```

```
if Rover.vel <= 0.1 and Rover.total time -</pre>
Rover.stuck time > 6.64 and not Rover.near sample:
                    Rover.throttle = 0
                    Rover.brake = Rover.brake set
                    Rover.steer = 0
                    Rover.mode.append('stuck')
                elif Rover.vel < Rover.max vel:</pre>
                    Rover.throttle = 0
                Rover.brake = 0
                Rover.steer =
np.clip(np.mean((Rover.nav angles+offset) * 180 / np.pi), -15,
Rover.vel <= 0:
                    Rover.throttle = 0
                    Rover.brake = Rover.brake set
                    Rover.steer = 0
                    Rover.mode.append('stop')
            if Rover.total time - Rover.stuck time > 1:
                Rover.throttle = Rover.throttle set
```

```
Rover.brake = 0
                Rover.steer =
np.clip(np.mean((Rover.nav angles+offset) * 180 / np.pi), -15,
                Rover.mode.pop() # returns to previous mode
                Rover.throttle = 0
                Rover.brake = 0
                Rover.steer = 15
        elif Rover.mode[-1] == 'rock':
            if Rover.samples angles is not None:
np.pi)
                    Rover.steer = np.clip(mean, -15, 15)
                        Rover.mode.pop() # returns to previous
                Rover.mode.pop() # no rock in sight anymore. Go
            if Rover.near sample:
                Rover.throttle = 0
            elif Rover.vel <= 0 and (Rover.total time -</pre>
Rover.stuck time > 16.6):
```

```
Rover.throttle = 0
    Rover.brake = Rover.brake set
    Rover.steer = 0
    Rover.mode.append('stuck')
    Rover.stuck time = Rover.total time
    slow speed = Rover.max vel / 2
    if Rover.vel < slow speed:</pre>
        Rover.throttle = 0.2
        Rover.brake = 0
        Rover.throttle = 0
if Rover.vel > 0.2:
    Rover.throttle = 0
    Rover.steer = 0
elif Rover.vel <= 0.2:</pre>
    if len(Rover.nav angles) < Rover.go forward:</pre>
        Rover.throttle = 0
        Rover.brake = 0
        Rover.steer = 15
        Rover.throttle = Rover.throttle set
```

- 1. Apply right wall hugging when out of the starting point (after 10s) to avoid getting stuck in a circle.
- 2. <u>CASE1</u>: If (Rover.total_time > 10) then apply steering proportional to the deviation results in small offsets on straight lines and large values in turns and open areas.
- 3. <u>CASE2</u>: Check if we have vision data to make decisions with (Rover.nav_angles is not None) condition. Then check for Rover.mode status. I made Rover.mode a stack
 - a. If Rover.mode[-1] == 'forward'
- Case1: if sample rock on sight (in the right side only) and relatively close.
- Case2: Check the extent of navigable terrain
- Case3: If there's a lack of navigable terrain pixels then go to 'stop' mode.
 - b. Rover.mode[-1] == 'stuck' // If we're already in "stuck". Stay here for 1 sec
- Case1: If there's a lack of navigable terrain pixels then go to 'stop' mode
- Case2: else then we're stopped and we have vision data to see if there's a path forward

c. Rover.mode[-1] == 'rock'

• Test1:

Case1: if Rover.samples_angles is not None and 20 sec passed then give up and go back to previous mode.

Case 2: Else, it means no rock in sight anymore so go back to previous state.

• Test2:

Case1: if close to the sample, stop.

Case2: And if got stuck go to stuck mode.

Case3: Else, approach slowly.

d. Rover.mode[-1] == 'stop' // If we're already in "stop" mode then make different decisions

• Case1: If we're in stop mode but still moving, keep braking.

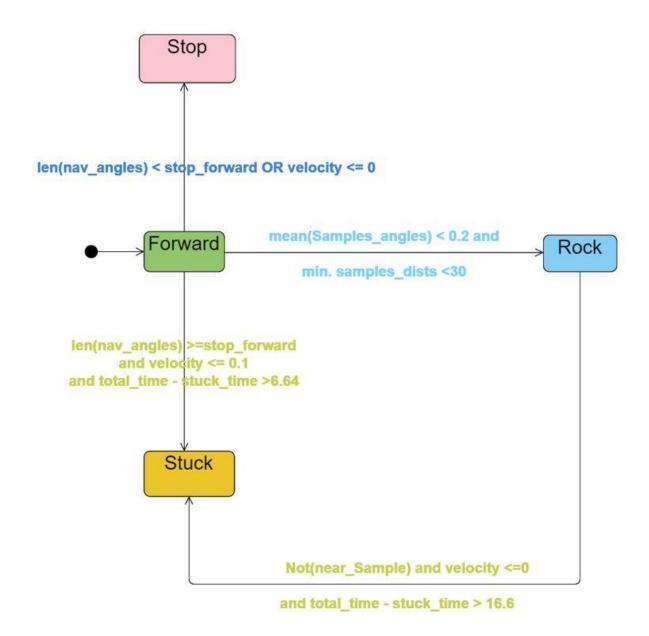
• Case2: If we're not moving (vel < 0.2) then do something else.

Test1: Now we're stopped and we have vision data to see if there's a path forward.

Test2: If we're stopped but see sufficient navigable terrain in front then go!.

- 4. <u>CASE3:</u> Else, just to make rover do something even if no modifications have been made to the code.
- 5. <u>CASE4:</u> If in a state where want to pick up a rock send pickup command.
- 6. Finally return Rover.

State Diagram for decision step



Appendix A

Appendix A is a collection of a screenshoots f

