

Dual camera mechanism to remove dynamic obstacles for improving ORB - SLAM 2 Algorithm

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Introduction

- ORB SLAM 2 algorithm helps in **estimating the position** of a robot in a given environment by identifying **feature points** in RGB and depth data.
- The feature points taken on the dynamic obstacles in the environment causes deviation in the estimated path of the robot.
- Several algorithms have been proposed to avoid those deviation, but those algorithms have both pros and cons.

Scope of the project

- The **dual camera** mechanism is devised to identify dynamic obstacles and **In paint** them in RGB and Depth image.
- Our In painting enhances the algorithm by considering actual feature points behind the dynamic obstacles.
- The dynamic obstacles that are **stacked together** are also removed in our approach.

Methodology

 Recording the dataset of the environment using two intel realsense **D435i** camera mounted on top of **turtlebot 4** as shown.



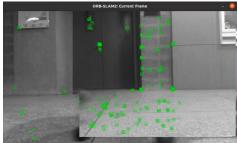


- The Mask R-CNN algorithm trained with MS COCO dataset is used to **identify the objects** from images of **two** cameras that are **correlated** at same plane at different time.
- The images undergoes **feature matching** to identify the **movement** in obstacle by generating key points descriptors and finding the best matches between them.
- With the help of object detecting and feature matching the change in **size and shift** of the object in left or right is identified.
- The change in size indicates movement of object in forward or backward and shift indicates movement in left or right.
- The dynamic obstacles are In painted and given to ORB SLAM 2 to estimate path and create **sparse 3D map.**

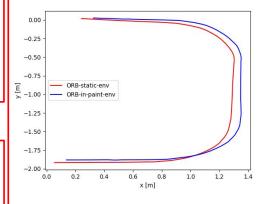
Result and Discussion

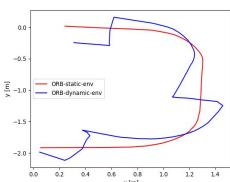
 The dynamic obstacle in camera 2 is In - painted in white first and depending on the movement of obstacle, camera 1's RGB image will be In - painted in place of white.

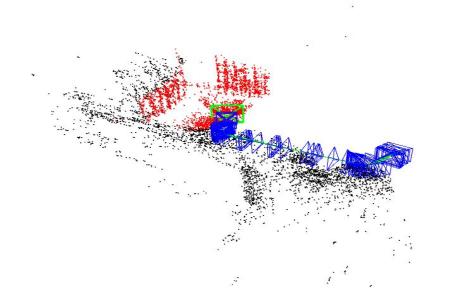




 The ORB SLAM 2 algorithm with no dynamic obstacle was compared with 2 cases, one with dynamic obstacle and other with result from our In - painting algorithm in the same environment. (Trajectory and sparse 3D map is given below)







Conclusion and Discussion

- The estimated path of generated using our In painting algorithm is similar to ORB SLAM 2 case with no dynamic obstacle.
- There is an improvement of 90.60 % in RMSE value of translational error of ATE for the above shown case.

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