

Mediapipe palm recognition and tracking control robotic arm

1. Introduction

MediaPipe is an open-source data stream processing machine learning application development framework developed by Google. It is a graph-based data processing pipeline used to build data sources in various forms, such as video, audio, sensor data, and any time series data.

MediaPipe is cross-platform and can run on embedded platforms (such as Raspberry Pi), mobile devices (iOS and Android), workstations and servers, and supports mobile GPU acceleration. MediaPipe provides cross-platform, customizable ML solutions for real-time and streaming media.

The core framework of MediaPipe is implemented in C++ and provides support for languages such as Java and Objective C. The main concepts of MediaPipe include packets, streams, calculators, graphs, and subgraphs.

Features of MediaPipe:

- End-to-end acceleration: built-in fast ML inference and processing can be accelerated even on ordinary hardware.
- Build once, deploy anywhere: unified solution for Android, iOS, desktop/cloud, web, and IoT.
- Ready-to-use solution: cutting-edge ML solution that showcases the full capabilities of the framework.
- Free and open source: framework and solution under Apache 2.0, fully extensible and customizable.

2. Start

2.1 Preparation

Note: when the program is running, the robotic arm has a large range of movement. Do not place other objects around the robotic arm to avoid being hit by the robotic arm.

2.2 Code analysis

After the program is started and the camera captures the image, the robotic arm will follow the movement of the palm in the picture.

***Note: The palm movement speed should not be too fast, otherwise the robotic arm cannot keep up.**

2.3 Start program

- Input following command to start the program

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roscore
roslaunch jetcobot_mediapipe Hand_Ctrl.py
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2.4 About code

Code path: ~/jetcobot_ws/src/jetcobot_mediapipe/scripts/Hand_Ctrl.py

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#!/usr/bin/env python3
# encoding: utf-8
import os
import threading
import numpy as np
from time import sleep, time
from media_library import *
from simple_pid import PID
from pymycobot.mycobot import MyCobot

class HandCtrlArm:
    def __init__(self):
        self.target_servox=0
        self.target_servoy=-90
        self.xservo_pid = PID(3.5, 0.1, 0.05)
        self.yservo_pid = PID(2, 0.05, 0.05)

        self.mc = MyCobot(str(os.getenv('MY_SERIAL')), 1000000)
        self.mc.send_angles([0, 0, -90, 90, 0, -45], 50)

        self.hand_detector = HandDetector()
        self.arm_status = True
        self.locking = True
        self.init = True
        self.pTime = 0
        self.add_lock = self.remove_lock = 0
        self.Joy_active = True
        self.event = threading.Event()
        self.event.set()
        self.Joy_active = True

    def process(self, frame):
        frame = cv.flip(frame, 1)
        if self.Joy_active:
            frame, lmList, bbox = self.hand_detector.findHands(frame)
            if len(lmList) != 0 and self.Joy_active:
                threading.Thread(target=self.find_hand_threading, args=(lmList,
bbox)).start()

            self.cTime = time()
            fps = 1 / (self.cTime - self.pTime)
            self.pTime = self.cTime
            text = "FPS : " + str(int(fps))
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cv.putText(frame, text, (20, 30), cv.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.9, (0, 0, 255),
1)

return frame

def find_hand_threading(self, lmList, bbox):
    hand_x = (bbox[0] + bbox[2]) / 2
    hand_y = (bbox[1] + bbox[3]) / 2
    print("hand_x: ", hand_x)
    hand_x = hand_x / 640
    print("hand_x: ", hand_x)
    if abs(hand_x - 0.5) > 0.02:
        self.xservo_pid.setpoint = 0.5
        output = self.xservo_pid(hand_x, dt=0.1)
        self.target_servox = min(max(self.target_servox - output, -160), 160)
    else:
        self.xservo_pid.reset()

    hand_y = hand_y / 480
    if abs(hand_y - 0.5) > 0.02:
        self.yservo_pid.setpoint = 0.5
        output = self.yservo_pid(hand_y, dt=0.1)
        self.target_servoy = min(max(self.target_servoy + output, -140), 0)
    else:
        self.yservo_pid.reset()

    joints_0 = [self.target_servox, 0, self.target_servoy, -self.target_servoy,
0, -45]
    print("joints_0 = {}".format(joints_0))
    self.mc.send_angles(joints_0, 50)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    capture = cv.VideoCapture(0)
    capture.set(6, cv.VideoWriter_fourcc('M', 'J', 'P', 'G'))
    capture.set(cv.CAP_PROP_FRAME_WIDTH, 640)
    capture.set(cv.CAP_PROP_FRAME_HEIGHT, 480)
    print("capture get FPS : ", capture.get(cv.CAP_PROP_FPS))
    ctrl_arm = HandCtrlArm()
    while capture.isOpened():
        ret, frame = capture.read()
        action = cv.waitKey(1) & 0xFF
        frame = ctrl_arm.process(frame)
        if action == ord('q'):
            #ctrl_arm.media_ros.cancel()
            break
        cv.imshow('frame', frame)
    capture.release()
    cv.destroyAllWindows()

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