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1. Course Content

Learn the function of robot angular velocity calibration

Run the angular velocity calibration program. After clicking Start on the visual interface, the robot chassis will begin to rotate and will stop when the error is less than the tolerance value.

2. Preparation

2.1 Content Description

This course uses the Jetson Orin NX as an example. For Raspberry Pi and Jetson Nano boards, you need to open a terminal and enter the command to enter the Docker container. Once inside the Docker container, enter the commands mentioned in this course in the terminal. For instructions on entering the Docker container, refer to the product tutorial **[Configuration and Operation Guide] - [Entering the Docker (Jetson Nano and Raspberry Pi 5 users see here)]**. For Orin and NX boards, simply open a terminal and enter the commands mentioned in this course.

2.2 Start the Agent

calibrate_angular **Note: All test cases must start the docker agent first. If it has already been started, there is no need to start it again**

Enter the command in the vehicle terminal:

```
sh start_agent.sh
```

The terminal prints the following information, indicating that the connection is successful

```
Jetson@yahboom: ~
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Jetson@yahboom:~$ ./open_agent.sh
[1749538760.063253] Info | TermiosAgentLinux.cpp | Init | running... | fd: 3
[1749538760.064012] Info | Root.cpp | set_verbose_level | logger setup | verbose_level: 4
[1749538760.941420] Info | Root.cpp | create_client | create | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, session_id: 0x81
[1749538760.941537] Info | SessionManager.hpp | establish_session | session established | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, address: 0
[1749538760.979971] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_participant | participant created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538760.983835] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_topic | topic created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, topic_id: 0x000(2), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538760.988244] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_publisher | publisher created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, publisher_id: 0x000(3), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538760.993117] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_datawriter | datawriter created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, datawriter_id: 0x000(5), publisher_id: 0x000(3)
[1749538760.997675] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_topic | topic created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, topic_id: 0x001(2), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.001121] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_publisher | publisher created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, publisher_id: 0x001(3), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.007277] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_datawriter | datawriter created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, datawriter_id: 0x001(5), publisher_id: 0x001(3)
[1749538761.010634] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_topic | topic created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, topic_id: 0x002(2), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.014296] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_publisher | publisher created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, publisher_id: 0x002(3), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.020171] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_datawriter | datawriter created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, datawriter_id: 0x002(5), publisher_id: 0x002(3)
[1749538761.023939] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_topic | topic created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, topic_id: 0x003(2), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.029173] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_publisher | publisher created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, publisher_id: 0x003(3), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.034377] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_datawriter | datawriter created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, datawriter_id: 0x003(5), publisher_id: 0x003(3)
[1749538761.038946] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_topic | topic created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, topic_id: 0x004(2), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.042215] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_publisher | publisher created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, publisher_id: 0x004(3), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.048422] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_datawriter | datawriter created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, datawriter_id: 0x004(5), publisher_id: 0x004(3)
[1749538761.051660] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_topic | topic created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, topic_id: 0x005(2), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.057494] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_publisher | publisher created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, publisher_id: 0x005(3), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.062183] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_datawriter | datawriter created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, datawriter_id: 0x005(5), publisher_id: 0x005(3)
[1749538761.066842] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_topic | topic created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, topic_id: 0x006(2), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1749538761.071217] Info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_subscriber | subscriber created | client_key: 0x0DA64EFC, subscriber_id: 0x000(4), participant_id: 0x000(1)
```

3. Run the case

Notice:

- **Jetson Nano and Raspberry Pi** series controllers need to enter the Docker container first (please refer to the [Docker course chapter - Entering the robot's Docker container] for steps).

3.1 Startup Program

The vehicle computer opens the terminal and runs the angular velocity calibration node:

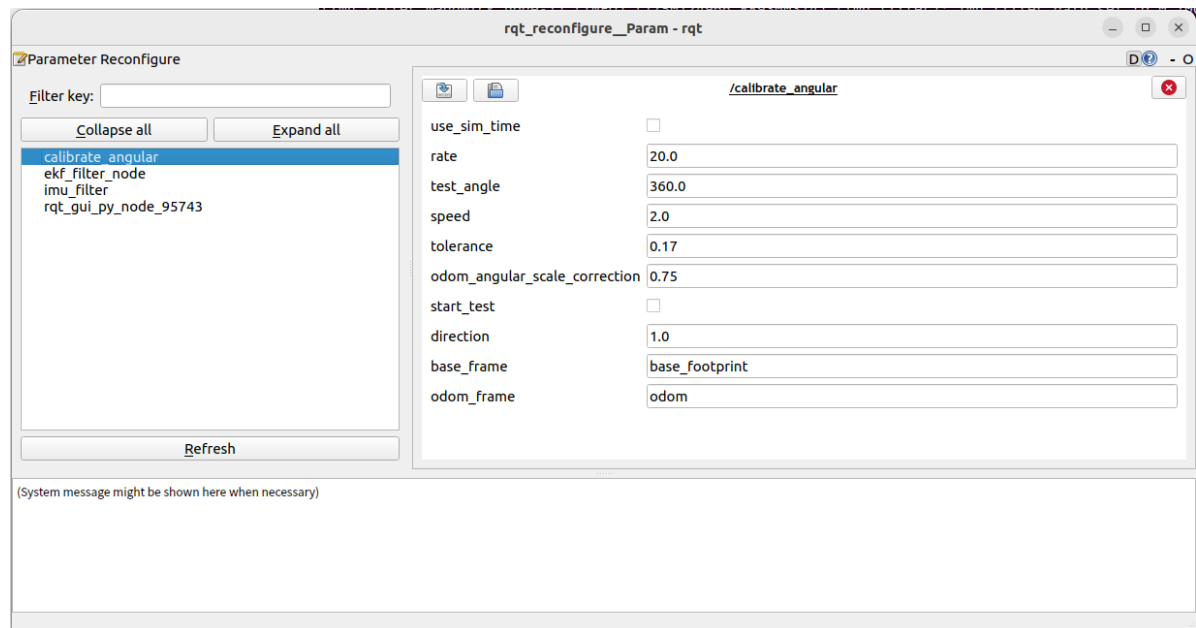
```
ros2 launch calibration calibrate_angular.launch.py
```

```
Jetson@yahboom: ~
Jetson@yahboom:~$ ros2 launch calibration calibrate_angular.launch.py
[INFO] [launch]: All log files can be found below /home/jetson/.ros/log/2025-06-17-10-24-46-008605-yahboom-102872
[INFO] [launch]: Default logging verbosity is set to INFO
[INFO] [imu_filter_madgwick_node-1]: process started with pid [102897]
[INFO] [ekf_node-2]: process started with pid [102899]
[INFO] [calibrate_angular-3]: process started with pid [102901]
[imu_filter_madgwick_node-1] [INFO] [1750127086.256167793] [imu_filter]: Starting ImuFilter
[imu_filter_madgwick_node-1] [INFO] [1750127086.257454550] [imu_filter]: Using dt computed from message headers
[imu_filter_madgwick_node-1] [INFO] [1750127086.257517880] [imu_filter]: The gravity vector is kept in the IMU message.
[imu_filter_madgwick_node-1] [INFO] [1750127086.257895523] [imu_filter]: Imu filter gain set to 0.100000
[imu_filter_madgwick_node-1] [INFO] [1750127086.257943588] [imu_filter]: Gyro drift bias set to 0.000000
[imu_filter_madgwick_node-1] [INFO] [1750127086.257957413] [imu_filter]: Magnetometer bias values: 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
[imu_filter_madgwick_node-1] [INFO] [1750127086.292059385] [imu_filter]: First IMU message received.
[calibrate_angular-3] finish init work
```

Open the dynamic parameter adjuster in the virtual machine terminal and run:

```
ros2 run rqt_reconfigure rqt_reconfigure
```

Click the **calibrate_angular** node in the node options on the left :



Note: The above nodes may not be present when you first open the application. Click Refresh to see all nodes. The **calibrate_angular** node displayed is the node for calibrating angular velocity.

Other parameters of the rqt interface are described as follows:

- test_angle: calibration test angle, here the test rotates 360 degrees;
- speed: angular velocity;
- Tolerance: the tolerance allowed for error;
- odom_angular_scale_correction: Linear velocity proportional coefficient. If the test result is not ideal, modify this value.
- start_test: test switch;
- base_frame: the name of the base coordinate system;
- odom_frame: The name of the odometry coordinate frame.

3.2 Start calibration

In the rqt_reconfigure interface, select the calibrate_angular node. There is a **start_test** node below . Click the box to the right of it to start calibration.

Click start_test to start calibration. The car will monitor the TF transformation of base_footprint and odom, calculate the theoretical rotation angle of the car, and issue a stop command when the error is less than tolerance.

```
jetson@yahboom: ~  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -1.9687810819406053  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 4.604572315006562  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -1.9687810819406053  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 4.191691125644269  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -1.678612992173024  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 4.878399581938508  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -2.0914941815353174  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 5.123907518486098  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -1.4047857252410783  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 5.123907518486098  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -1.1592777886934886  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 5.28305045779183  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -1.1592777886934886  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 5.002786775468177  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -1.0001348493877567  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 5.532891816913456  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -1.280398531711409  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 5.79379175770517  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -0.75029349026613  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 5.79379175770517  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -0.48939354947441593  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 6.0787699075541415  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -0.48939354947441593  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 5.669491875764323  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -0.20441539962544475  
[calibrate_angular-3] turn_angle: 6.346607712904547  
[calibrate_angular-3] error: -0.6136934314152631  
[calibrate_angular-3] done
```

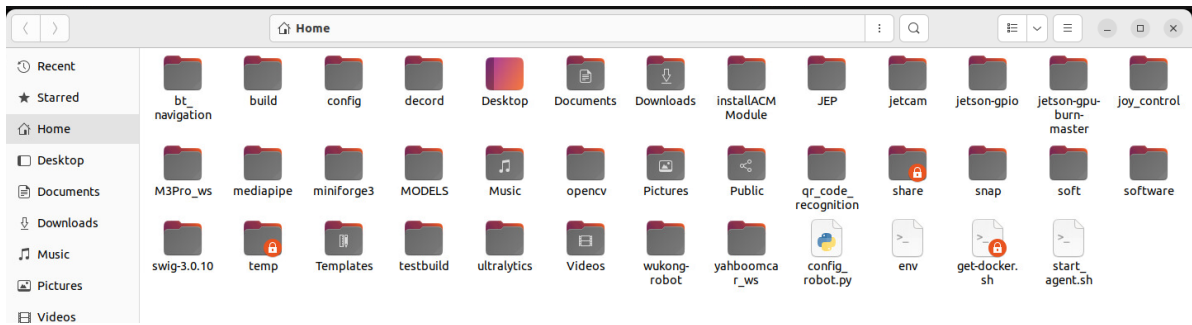
If the actual rotation angle of the car is not 360 degrees, then modify the `odom_angular_scale_correction` parameter in `rqt`. After modification, click a blank space, click `start_test` again, reset `start_test`, and then click `start_test` again to calibrate. Modifying other parameters is the same. You need to click a blank space to write the modified parameters. Record the last calibrated **`odom_angular_scale_correction`** parameter

3.3 Writing calibration parameters to the chassis

To write parameters to the chassis, you need to disconnect the chassis agent first. Press **`ctrl+c`** or directly close the chassis connection agent terminal.

```
Terminal  
d: 0x000(1)  
[6222.246556] info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_datareader | datarea  
der created | client_key: 0x77BF8684, datareader_id: 0x002(6), subscriber_id  
: 0x002(4)  
[6222.252366] info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_topic | topic c  
reated | client_key: 0x77BF8684, topic_id: 0x008(2), participant_id: 0x  
000(1)  
[6222.255974] info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_subscriber | subscri  
ber created | client_key: 0x77BF8684, subscriber_id: 0x003(4), participant_i  
d: 0x000(1)  
[6222.261071] info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_datareader | datarea  
der created | client_key: 0x77BF8684, datareader_id: 0x003(6), subscriber_id  
: 0x003(4)  
[6222.265578] info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_topic | topic c  
reated | client_key: 0x77BF8684, topic_id: 0x009(2), participant_id: 0x  
000(1)  
[6222.268942] info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_subscriber | subscri  
ber created | client_key: 0x77BF8684, subscriber_id: 0x004(4), participant_i  
d: 0x000(1)  
[6222.275467] info | ProxyClient.cpp | create_datareader | datarea  
der created | client_key: 0x77BF8684, datareader_id: 0x004(6), subscriber_id  
: 0x004(4)  
^C[ros2run]: Interrupt
```

Open the `config_robot.py` file in the home directory of the vehicle

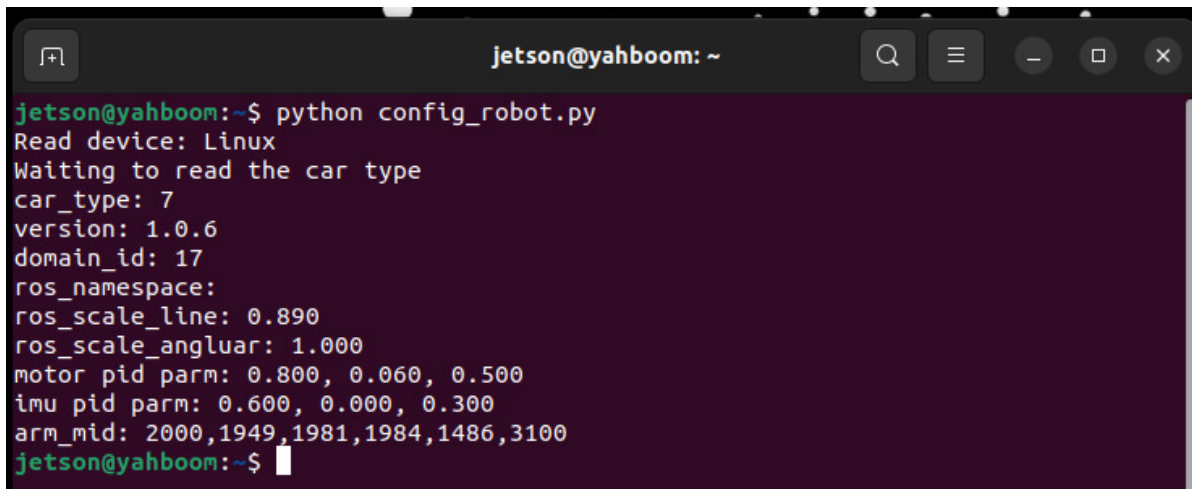


Uncomment line 552, enter the previous calibration coefficients in the brackets of **robot.set_ros_scale_angluar(xx)** , and click **Save** .



Open a terminal on the car and enter the command:

```
python3 config_robot.py
```



Wait for the parameter writing to be completed. The `ros_scale_angluar:1.000` printed in the terminal information is the written parameter, and the chassis angular velocity calibration is completed.

4. Source code analysis

Source code path:

jetson orin nano, jetson orin NX host:

```
/home/jetson/M3Pro_ws/src/calibration/calibration/calibrate_angular.py
```

Jetson Orin Nano, Raspberry Pi host:

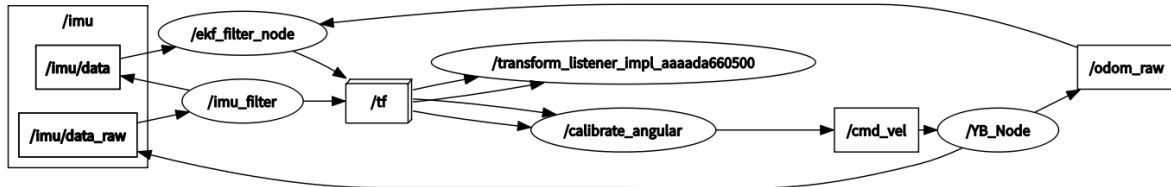
You need to enter docker first


```
root/M3Pro_ws/src/calibration/calibration/calibrate_angular.py
```

4.1 View the node relationship diagram

Open a terminal on the virtual machine and enter the command:

```
ros2 run rqt_graph rqt_graph
```



In the above node relationship diagram:

- **The imu_filter node is responsible for filtering the original IMU data /imu/data** of the chassis and publishing the filtered data **/imu/data**
- **The /ekf_filter_node** node subscribes to the chassis raw odometer **/odom_raw** and filtered IMU data **/imu/data** , performs data fusion and publishes to the **/odom** topic
- **The calibrate_angular** node monitors the TF transformation of odom->base_footprint and publishes the /cmd_vel topic to control the movement of the robot chassis.

4.2 Source code analysis

Among them, the implementation of monitoring tf coordinate transformation is the get_odom_angle method in the Calibrateangular class:

```
def get_odom_angle ( self ):
    try :
        now = rclpy . time . Time ()
        rot = self . tf_buffer . lookup_transform (
            self . base_frame ,
            self . odom_frame ,
            now ,
            timeout = rclpy . duration . Duration ( seconds = 1.0 ))
        cac1_rot = PyKDL . Rotation . Quaternion ( rot . transform . rotation .
            x , rot . transform . rotation . y , rot . transform . rotation . z , rot .
            transform . rotation . w )
        #print("cac1_rot: ",cac1_rot)
        angle_rot = cac1_rot . GetRPY ()[ 2 ]
        #print("angle_rot: ",angle_rot)

    except ( LookupException , ConnectivityException , ExtrapolationException
    ):
        # self.get_logger().info('transform not ready')
        return
```

The on_timer (timer callback function) method in the Calibrateangular class is used to determine the rotation angle of the robot chassis and control the chassis movement:

```
def on_timer ( self ):
```

```

        self . start_test = self . get_parameter ( 'start_test' ).
get_parameter_value (). bool_value
        self . odom_angular_scale_correction = self . get_parameter (
'odom_angular_scale_correction' ) . get_parameter_value (). double_value
        self . test_angle = self . get_parameter ( 'test_angle' ) .
get_parameter_value (). double_value
        self . test_angle = radians ( self . test_angle ) # Convert angle to radians
        self . speed = self . get_parameter ( 'speed' ). get_parameter_value ().
double_value
        move_cmd = Twist ()
        self . test_angle *= self . reverse
        #self.test_angle *= self.reverse
        #self.error = self.test_angle - self.turn_angle
        if self . start_test :
            self . error = self . turn_angle - self . test_angle
            if abs ( self . error ) > self . tolerance :
                #move_cmd.linear.x = 0.2
                move_cmd . angular . z = copysign ( self . speed , self . error )
                #print("angular: ",move_cmd.angular.z)
                self . cmd_vel . publish ( move_cmd )
                self . odom_angle = self . get_odom_angle ()
                self . delta_angle = self . odom_angular_scale_correction * self .
normalize_angle ( self . odom_angle - self . first_angle )
                #print("delta_angle: ",self.delta_angle)
                self . turn_angle += self . delta_angle
                print ( "turn_angle: " , self . turn_angle , flush = True )
                #self.error = self.test_angle - self.turn_angle
                print ( "error: " , self . error , flush = True )
                self . first_angle = self . odom_angle

                #print("first_angle: ",self.first_angle)
            else :
                self . error = 0.0
                self . turn_angle = 0.0
                print ( "done" , flush = True )
                self . first_angle = 0
                self . reverse = - self . reverse
                self . start_test = rclpy . parameter . Parameter ( 'start_test' ,
rclpy . Parameter . Type . BOOL , False )
                all_new_parameters = [ self . start_test ]
                self . set_parameters ( all_new_parameters )
        else :
            self . error = 0.0
            self . cmd_vel . publish ( Twist () )
            self . turn_angle = 0.0
            self . start_test = rclpy . parameter . Parameter ( 'start_test' ,
rclpy . Parameter . Type . BOOL , False )
            all_new_parameters = [ self . start_test ]
            self . set_parameters ( all_new_parameters )

```

