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octomap official website: <http://octomap.github.io/>

octomap source code: <https://github.com/OctoMap/octomap>

octomap wiki: <http://wiki.ros.org/octomap>

octomap_server: http://wiki.ros.org/octomap_server

9.1 Introduction

Octomap uses the octree data structure to store the probabilistic occupancy map of the three-dimensional environment. [OctoMap library](#) implements a 3D occupancy grid mapping method, providing data structures and mapping algorithms in C++, which is particularly suitable for robots. The map implementation is based on octree.

It elegantly compresses and updates maps with adjustable resolution! It stores maps in the form of octotree (will be discussed later), which can save a lot of space compared to point clouds. The map created by octomap probably looks like this: (different resolutions from left to right)

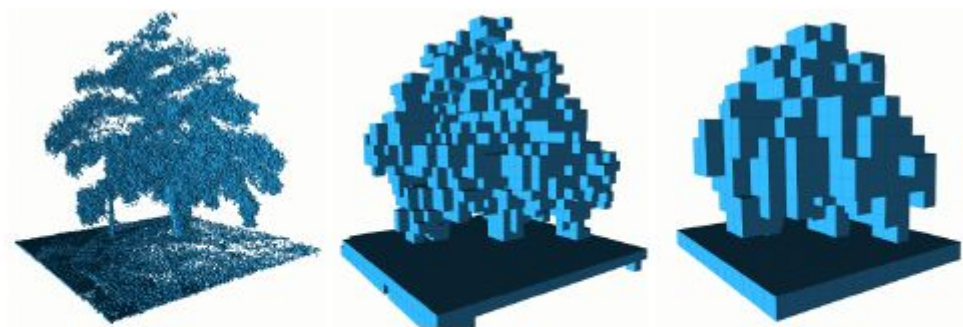


Fig. 3 By limiting the depth of a query, multiple resolutions of the same map can be obtained at any time. Occupied voxels are displayed in resolutions 0.08 m, 0.64 , and 1.28 m.

- Things to note

Note: When building a map, moving the robot slowly and losing key frames may cause the map building to fail.

According to different models, you only need to set the purchased model in [.bashrc], X1 (normal four-wheel drive) X3 (Mailun) Take X3 as an example

Open the [.bashrc] file

```
sudo vim .bashrc
```

Find the [ROBOT_TYPE] parameters and modify the corresponding car model

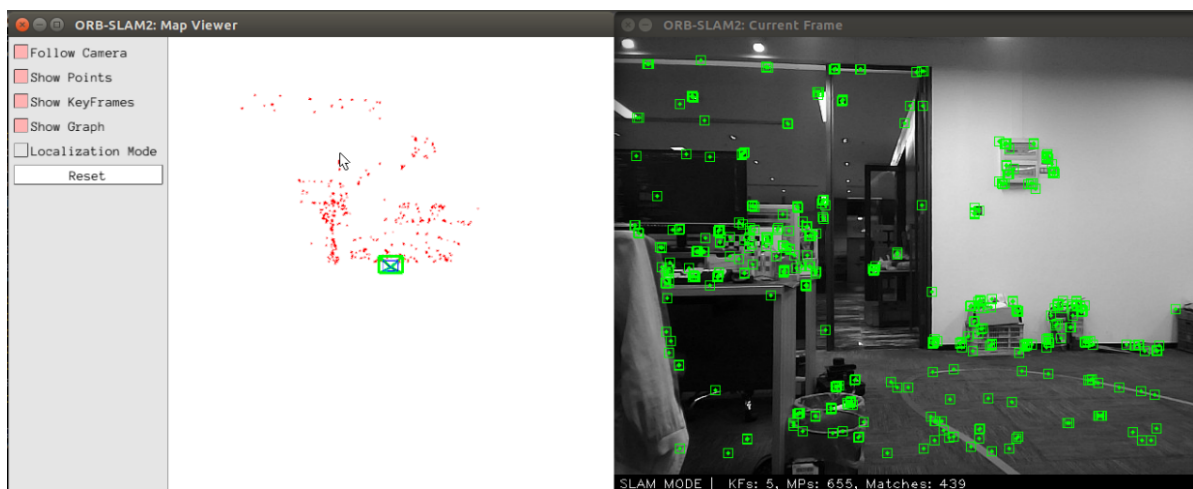
```
export ROBOT_TYPE=X3 # ROBOT_TYPE: X1 X3 X3plus R2 X7
```

9.2. Use

Start orb_slam and the underlying driver (Robot side)

```
roslaunch yahboomcar_slam robot_orb_slam.launch buseviewer:=true
```

- **【bUseViewer】** Parameter: Whether to open the visualization window of orbslam. If true, you can clearly view the key points. If the positioning continues to be unsuccessful, you can reset the key points. Click [Reset] on the left side of the picture below.



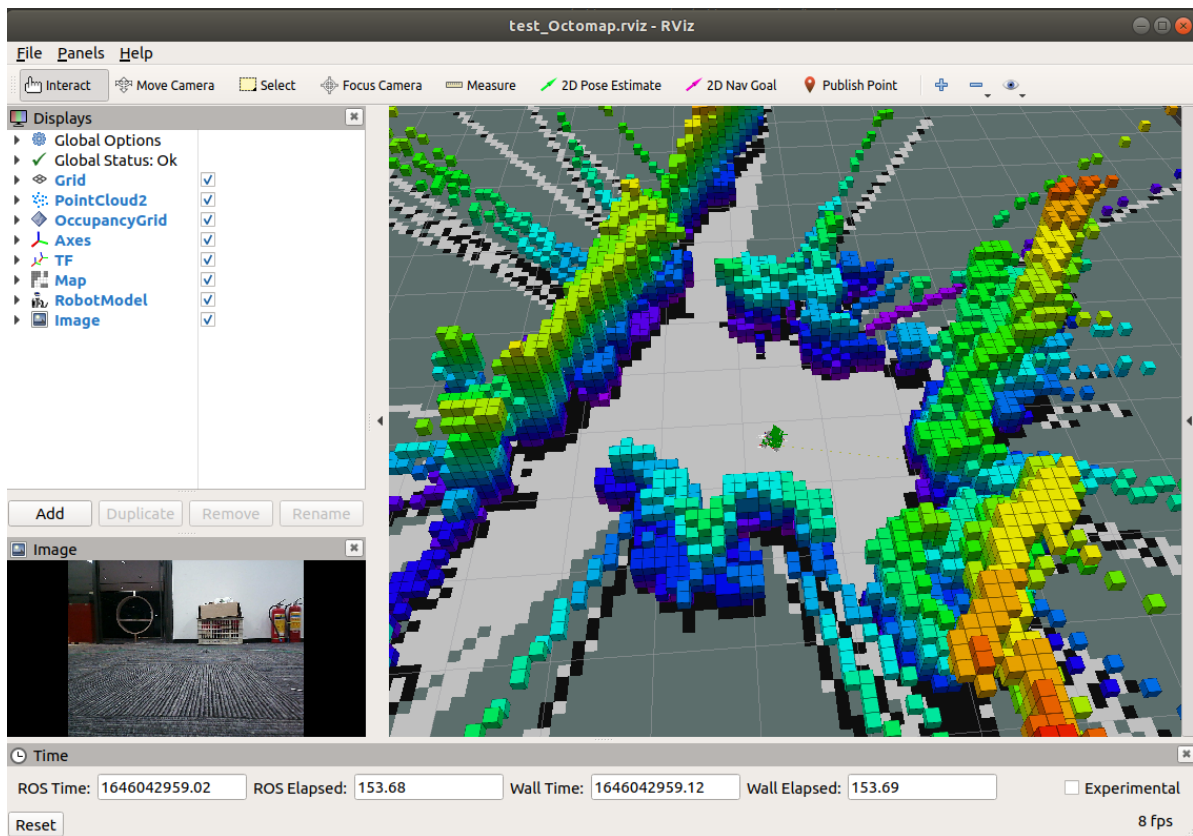
Start octree mapping (Robot side)

```
roslaunch yahboomcar_slam robot_orb_octomap.launch frame_id:=odom  
use_rviz:=false
```

- **【frame_id】** Parameter: coordinate system name, available by default and no need to set.
- **【use_rviz】** Parameter: whether to enable rviz.

Turn on the visual interface (virtual machine side)

```
roslaunch yahboomcar_slam view_orb_octomap.launch
```



Due to the octree, its map looks like it is composed of many small squares (much like Minecraft). When the resolution is high, the squares are small; when the resolution is low, the squares are large. Each square represents the probability of that square being occupied.

9.3、octomap_server

9.3.1. Topics and services

Subscribe to topics	type	description
cloud_in	sensor_msgs/PointCloud2	Incoming 3D point cloud for scan integration.
Post a topic	type	description
octomap_binary	octomap_msgs/Octomap	The complete maximum likelihood occupancy map is a compact octal-mapped binary stream encoding free space and occupied space. Binary messages only differentiate between free space and occupied space, but smaller.

Subscribe to topics	type	description
octomap_full	octomap_msgs/Octomap	The complete maximum likelihood occupancy map is a compact octal-mapped binary stream encoding free space and occupied space. The complete message contains the complete probabilities and all additional data stored in the tree.
occupied_cells_vis_array	visualization_msgs/MarkerArray	In RViz, all occupied voxels are marked as visual "boxes"
octomap_point_cloud_centers	sensor_msgs/PointCloud2	The center of all occupied voxels serves as a point cloud and is useful for visualization. Note that this will have gaps because points have no volume size and octagonal voxels can have different resolutions!
map	nav_msgs/OccupancyGrid	Project the 2D occupation map downward from the 3D map.
Service	type	description

parameters	type	default	description
frame_id	string	/map	The static global frame in which the map will be published. When building a map dynamically, sensor data needs to be converted to this frame.
resolution	float	0.05	The resolution of the map in meters when starting with an empty map. Otherwise the resolution of the loaded file will be used.
base_frame_id	string	base_footprint	Robot base that performs ground plane detection (if enabled)
height_map	bool	true	Whether the visualization should encode the height with different colors
color/[r/g/b/a]	float		When ~height_map=False, display the color of occupied cells in the range [0:1]
sensor_model/max_range	float	-1 (unlimited)	The maximum extent (in meters) to interpolate point cloud data when building a map dynamically. Limiting the range to a useful range (e.g. 5 meters) prevents false error points away from the robot.
sensor_model/[hit miss]	float	0.7 / 0.4	Hit and miss probabilities in sensor models when building maps dynamically
sensor_model/[min max]	float	0.12 / 0.97	Minimum and maximum probabilities of clamping when building a map dynamically
latch	bool	True for static mapping, false if no initial mapping is given	Whether the topic is locked for publishing or published only once per change. For best performance when building maps (which update frequently), set this to false. When set to true, all topics and visualizations will be created on all changes on each map.

parameters	type	default	description
filter_ground	bool	false	Whether the ground plane should be detected and ignored from scan data when building a map dynamically using <code>pcl::SACMODEL_vertical_plane</code> . This clears everything on the ground, but does not insert the ground into the map as an obstacle. If this feature is enabled, the <code>~ground_filter/...</code> parameters can be further configured.
ground_filter/distance	float	0.04	The distance threshold of the point to be segmented to the ground plane (z direction)
ground_filter/angle	float	0.15	The angle threshold between the detected plane and the horizontal plane detected as the ground
ground_filter/plane_distance	float	0.07	For a plane to be detected as ground, the distance threshold from $z=0$ (the fourth coefficient of the PCL plane equation)
pointcloud[<i>min</i> <i>max</i>]z	float	-/+ infinity	Insert in the callback the minimum and maximum height to be considered.
occupancy[<i>min</i> <i>max</i>]z	float	-/+ infinity	Minimum and maximum height to consider in the final map.

9.3.3.TF transformation

Required TF transformation	description
sensor data frame --> /map	If you do scan integration, you need to convert the sensor data into a global map frame. This information needs to be obtained from external SLAM or localization nodes.

View tf tree

```
roslaunch rqt_tf_tree rqt_tf_tree
```