Lab6: ROS2 Perception – Line Follower

- How to use OpenCV in ROS2
- How to follow a line
- How to find different elements based on color
- Track multiple paths and decide
- Create a basic PID for the line following

OpenCV is the most extensive and complete library for image recognition. With it, you can work with images like never before: applying filters, post-processing, and working with images in any way you want. OpenCV is not a ROS2 library, but it's been integrated nicely into ROS with http://wiki.ros.org/cv_bridge. This package allows the ROS imaging topics to use the OpenCV image variable format.

For example, OpenCV images come in BGR image format, while regular ROS images are in the more standard RGB encoding. OpenCV_bridge provides a nice feature to convert between them. Also, there are many other functions to transfer images to OpenCV variables transparently.

If gazebo is stuck use the following command

killall -9 gzserver

sudo apt install libopencv-dev python3-opencv

cd ros2_ws/src

ros2 pkg create lab6 --build-type ament_python --dependencies rclpy std_msgs

cd ..

colcon build

open lab6 with visual studio application

create urdf folder

create a file car.urdf inside the urdf folder

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>

<robot name = "car">

   <link name="base">
      <visual>
      <geometry>
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```
        <box size="0.75 0.4 0.1"/>
    </geometry>
    <material name="pink">
        <color rgba="1 0 1 1" />
    </material>
    </visual>

    <inertial>
        <mass value="1" />
        <inertia ixx="0.01" ixy="0.0" ixz="0" iyy="0.01" iyz="0" izz="0.01" />
    </inertial>

    <collision>
    <geometry>
        <box size="0.75 0.4 0.1"/>
    </geometry>
    </collision>

</link>

<link name="wheel_right_link">
    <inertial>
            <mass value="2" />
            <inertia ixx="0.01" ixy="0.0" ixz="0"
            iyy="0.01" iyz="0" izz="0.01" />
    </inertial>

    <visual>
        <geometry>
          <cylinder radius="0.15" length="0.1"/>
        </geometry>
        <material name="blue">
        <color rgba="0 0 1 1"/>
        </material>
    </visual>

    <collision>
        <geometry>
          <cylinder radius="0.15" length="0.1"/>
        </geometry>
      <contact_coefficients mu="1" kp="1e+13" kd="1.0"/>
    </collision>
</link>

<joint name="wheel_right_joint" type="continuous">
    <origin xyz="0.2 0.25 0.0" rpy="1.57 0.0 0.0"/>
```

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    <parent link="base"/>
    <child link="wheel_right_link"/>
    <axis xyz="0.0 0.0 1.0"/>
</joint>



<link name="wheel_left_link">
    <inertial>
        <mass value="2" />
        <inertia ixx="0.01" ixy="0.0" ixz="0"
            iyy="0.01" iyz="0" izz="0.01" />
    </inertial>

    <visual>
      <geometry>
          <cylinder radius="0.15" length="0.1"/>
      </geometry>
      <material name="blue">
        <color rgba="0 0 1 1"/>
      </material>
    </visual>

    <collision>
      <geometry>
          <cylinder radius="0.15" length="0.1"/>
      </geometry>
      <contact_coefficients mu="1" kp="1e+13" kd="1.0"/>
    </collision>
</link>

<joint name="wheel_left_joint" type="continuous">
    <origin xyz="0.2 -0.25 0.0" rpy="1.57 0.0 0.0"/>
    <parent link="base"/>
    <child link="wheel_left_link"/>
    <axis xyz="0.0 0.0 1.0"/>
</joint>



<link name="caster">
    <inertial>
            <mass value="1" />
            <inertia ixx="0.01" ixy="0.0" ixz="0"
            iyy="0.01" iyz="0" izz="0.01" />
    </inertial>
```

```
    <visual>
      <geometry>
        <sphere radius=".08" />
      </geometry>
      <material name="white" />
    </visual>

    <collision>
      <origin/>
      <geometry>
        <sphere radius=".08" />
      </geometry>
    </collision>
</link>

<joint name="caster_joint" type="continuous">
    <origin xyz="-0.3 0.0 -0.07" rpy="0.0 0.0 0.0"/>
    <axis xyz="0 0 1" />
    <parent link="base"/>
    <child link="caster"/>
</joint>

<link name="camera">
    <inertial>
        <mass value="0.5" />
        <inertia ixx="0.01" ixy="0.0" ixz="0"
        iyy="0.01" iyz="0" izz="0.01" />
    </inertial>

    <visual>
        <geometry>
            <box size="0.1 0.1 0.1"/>
        </geometry>
        <material name="red">
            <color rgba="1 0 0 1"/>
        </material>
    </visual>

    <collision>
        <geometry>
            <box size="0.1 0.1 0.1"/>
        </geometry>
    </collision>
</link>
```

```
    <joint name="camera_joint" type="fixed">
        <origin xyz="-0.32 0 0.1" rpy="0 0.0 3.14"/>
        <parent link="base"/>
        <child link="camera"/>
        <axis xyz="0.0 0.0 1.0"/>
    </joint>




    <!--http://wiki.ros.org/simulator_gazebo/Tutorials/ListOfMaterials-->
    <gazebo reference="base">
        <material>Gazebo/WhiteGlow</material>
    </gazebo>
    <gazebo reference="wheel_left_link">
        <material>Gazebo/SkyBlue</material>
    </gazebo>
    <gazebo reference="wheel_right_link">
        <material>Gazebo/SkyBlue </material>
    </gazebo>
    <gazebo reference="caster">
        <material>Gazebo/Grey</material>
    </gazebo>
    <gazebo reference="camera">
        <material>Gazebo/Blue</material>
    </gazebo>



    <!-- differential robot-->
    <gazebo>
        <plugin filename="libgazebo_ros_diff_drive.so"
name="gazebo_base_controller">
          <odometry_frame>odom</odometry_frame>
          <commandTopic>cmd_vel</commandTopic>
          <publish_odom>true</publish_odom>
          <publish_odom_tf>true</publish_odom_tf>
          <update_rate>15.0</update_rate>

          <left_joint>wheel_left_joint</left_joint>
          <right_joint>wheel_right_joint</right_joint>

          <wheel_separation>0.5</wheel_separation>
          <wheel_diameter>0.3</wheel_diameter>
```

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        <max_wheel_acceleration>0.7</max_wheel_acceleration>
        <max_wheel_torque>8</max_wheel_torque>
        <robotBaseFrame>base</robotBaseFrame>
      </plugin>
    </gazebo>

    <!-- camera plugin-->

    <gazebo reference="camera">
      <sensor type="camera" name="camera1">
        <visualize>true</visualize>
        <update_rate>30.0</update_rate>
        <camera name="head">
          <horizontal_fov>1.3962634</horizontal_fov>
          <image>
            <width>512</width>
            <height>512</height>
            <format>R8G8B8</format>
          </image>
          <clip>
            <near>0.02</near>
            <far>500</far>
          </clip>
        </camera>
        <plugin name="camera_controller" filename="libgazebo_ros_camera.so">
          <alwaysOn>true</alwaysOn>
          <updateRate>0.0</updateRate>
          <cameraName>/camera</cameraName>
          <imageTopicName>image_raw</imageTopicName>
          <cameraInfoTopicName>camera_info</cameraInfoTopicName>
          <frameName>camera_link</frameName>
          <hackBaseline>0.07</hackBaseline>
        </plugin>
      </sensor>
      <material>Gazebo/Blue</material>
    </gazebo>

</robot>
```

Create a launch folder
Create a launch file rviz.launch.py

```
import os
from ament_index_python.packages import get_package_share_directory
from launch import LaunchDescription
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from launch_ros.actions import Node

def generate_launch_description():
    package_dir = '/home/asha/ros2_ws/src/lab6/urdf'
    urdf = os.path.join(package_dir,'car.urdf')

    return LaunchDescription([
        Node(
            package='robot_state_publisher',
            executable='robot_state_publisher',
            name='robot_state_publisher',
            output='screen',
            arguments=[urdf]),

        Node(
            package='joint_state_publisher_gui',
            executable='joint_state_publisher_gui',
            name='joint_state_publisher_gui',
            arguments=[urdf]),

        Node(
            package='rviz2',
            executable='rviz2',
            name='rviz2',
            output='screen'),
        ])
```

Create a launch folder
Create a launch file gazebo.launch.py inside the launch folder

```
import os
from ament_index_python.packages import get_package_share_directory
from launch import LaunchDescription
from launch.actions import DeclareLaunchArgument, ExecuteProcess
from launch.substitutions import LaunchConfiguration
from launch_ros.actions import Node
from launch.launch_description_sources import PythonLaunchDescriptionSource

def generate_launch_description():
  urdf = '/home/asha/ros2_ws/src/lab6/urdf/car.urdf'
  return LaunchDescription([
    #   publishes TF for links of the robot without joints
        Node(
            package='robot_state_publisher',
            executable='robot_state_publisher',
            name='robot_state_publisher',
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```
            output='screen',
            arguments=[urdf]),
        # publish TF for Joints only links
         Node(
            package='joint_state_publisher',
            executable='joint_state_publisher',
            name='joint_state_publisher',
            output='screen',
            ),
         # open gazebo
         ExecuteProcess(
            cmd=['gazebo', '--verbose', '-s', 'libgazebo_ros_factory.so'],
            output='screen'),
         Node(
            package='gazebo_ros',
            executable='spawn_entity.py',
            name='urdf_spawner',
            output='screen',
            arguments=["-topic", "/robot_description", "-entity", "lab6"])
    ])
```

- **Height and width**: These are the dimensions in camera pixels. In this case, it's 512 **x 512**.
- **Encoding**: How these pixels are encoded. This means what each value in the data array will mean. In this case, it's **rgb8**. This means that the data values will be a color value represented as red/green/blue in 8-bit integers.
- **Data**: The image data.

Terminal 1:

ros2 launch lab6 rviz.launch.py
ros2 launch lab6 gazebo.launch.py

ctrl + c to kill the rviz and gazebo window

create a file capture_image.py inside the lab 6 folder

```
import rclpy
import cv2
from rclpy.node import Node
from cv_bridge import CvBridge
from sensor_msgs.msg import Image

class Capture(Node):
  def __init__(self):
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    super().__init__('video_subscriber')
    self.subscriber =
self.create_subscription(Image,'/camera1/image_raw',self.process_data,10)
    self.out =
#cv2.VideoWriter('/home/asha/output.avi',cv2.VideoWriter_fourcc('M','J','P','G'), 10,
(512,512))
    self.bridge = CvBridge()

  def process_data(self, data):

    frame = self.bridge.imgmsg_to_cv2(data)
    self.out.write(frame)
    self.img = cv2.imwrite('/home/asha/shot.png', frame)
    cv2.imshow("output", frame)
    cv2.waitKey()
    cv2.destroyAllWindows()

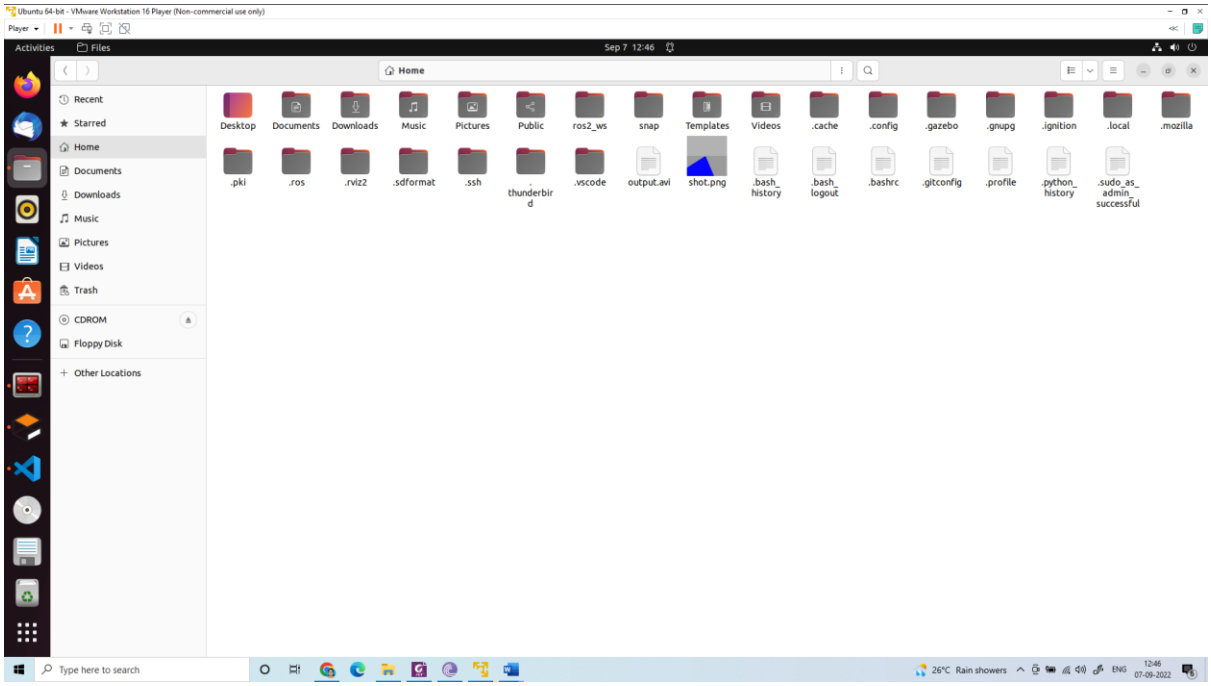

def main(args=None):
  rclpy.init(args=args)
  node = Capture()
  rclpy.spin(node)
  rclpy.shutdown()

if __name__ == '__main__':
  main()
```

Terminal 1:
ros2 launch lab6 gazebo.launch.py
draw a line and place the robot on the line (insert→yellow line)

Terminal 2:
ros2 run lab6 capture

Press ctrl + c to capture the image of the road



create a file extract_road.py inside the lab 6 folder

```
import cv2
import numpy

image = cv2.imread('/home/asha/shot.png')

def mouse(event,x,y,flags,param):
        if event==cv2.EVENT_LBUTTONDOWN:
                h=image[y,x,0]
                s=image[y,x,1]
                v=image[y,x,2]
                print("H:",h)
                print("S:",s)
                print("V:",v)

cv2.namedWindow('mouse')
cv2.setMouseCallback('mouse',mouse)


cv2.imshow("original image", image)
cv2.imshow("mouse", image)
cv2.waitKey(0)
cv2.destroyAllWindows()


light_line = numpy.array([250,0,0])
dark_line = numpy.array([255,10,10])
mask = cv2.inRange(image, light_line,dark_line)
cv2.imshow('mask', mask)
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cv2.waitKey(0)
cv2.destroyAllWindows()

canny= cv2.Canny(mask,30,5)
cv2.imshow('edge', canny)
cv2.waitKey(0)
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
print(canny.shape)

r1=200;c1=0
img = canny[r1:r1+200,c1:c1+512]
cv2.imshow('crop', img)
cv2.waitKey(0)
cv2.destroyAllWindows()

edge=[]
row =150

for i in range (512):
    if(img[row,i]==255):
        edge.append(i)
print(edge)


if(len(edge)==4):
    left_edge=edge[0]
    right_edge=edge[2]
    print(edge)
if(len(edge)==3):
    if(edge[1]-edge[0] > 5):
        left_edge=edge[0]
        right_edge=edge[1]
    else:
        left_edge=edge[0]
        right_edge=edge[2]

road_width=(right_edge-left_edge)
frame_mid = left_edge + (road_width/2)
mid_point = 512/2
img[row,int(mid_point)]=255
print(mid_point)
error=mid_point-frame_mid

if(error < 0):
    action="Go Right"
else :
    action="Go Left"

print("error", error)
```

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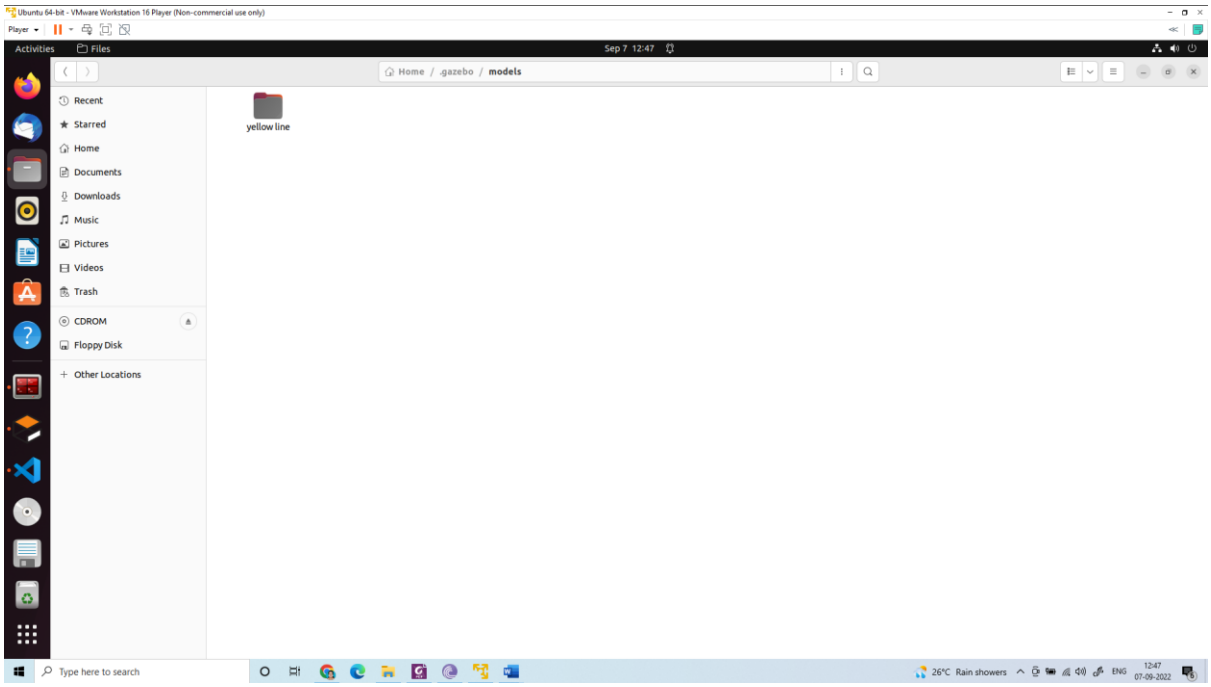
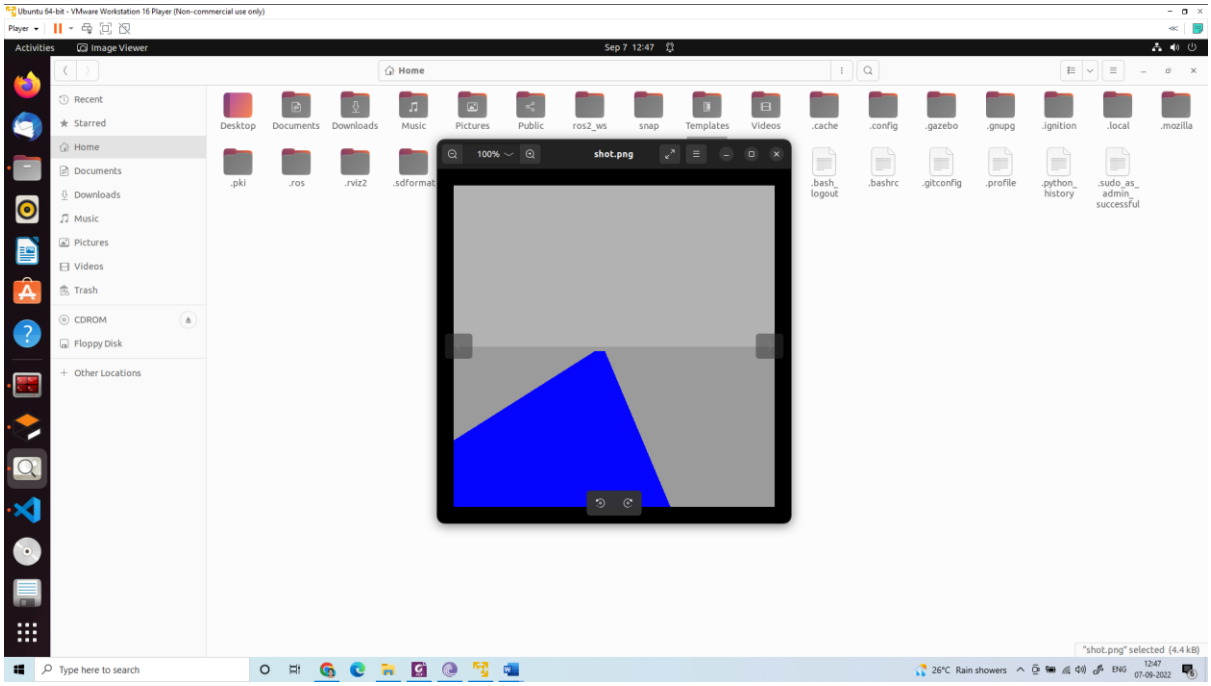
img[row,int(frame_mid)]=255
print("mid point of the frame", frame_mid)


f_image = cv2.putText(img, action, (50,50), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 1,
(255,0,0), 1, cv2.LINE_AA)
cv2.imshow('final image',f_image)
cv2.waitKey(0)
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```





Create a line_follow.py inside the folder lab 6

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

import sys
import cv2
import numpy
import rclpy
from rclpy.node import Node
from cv_bridge import CvBridge
from sensor_msgs.msg import Image
from geometry_msgs.msg import Twist

class LineFollower(Node):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__('line_follower')
        self.bridge = CvBridge()
        self.subscriber =
self.create_subscription(Image,'/camera1/image_raw',self.process_data, 10)
        self.publisher = self.create_publisher(Twist, '/cmd_vel', 40)
        timer_period = 0.2
        self.timer = self.create_timer(timer_period, self.send_cmd_vel)
        self.velocity=Twist()
        self.empty = False
        self.error = 0
        self.action=""
        self.get_logger().info("Node Started!")

    def send_cmd_vel(self):
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    if(self.empty):
        self.velocity.linear.x=0.0
        self.velocity.angular.z= 0.0
        self.action="Stop"

    else:
        if(self.error > 0):
            self.velocity.linear.x=0.1
            self.velocity.angular.z=0.1
            self.action="Go Left"
        elif(self.error < 0):
            self.velocity.linear.x=0.1
            self.velocity.angular.z=-0.1
            self.action="Go Right"
        elif(self.error==0):
            self.velocity.linear.x=0.1
            self.velocity.angular.z= 0.0
            self.action="Go Straight"



    self.publisher.publish(self.velocity)


## Subscriber Call Back

def process_data(self, data):
    self.get_logger().info("Image Received!")
    frame = self.bridge.imgmsg_to_cv2(data)
    light_line = numpy.array([250,0,0])
    dark_line = numpy.array([255,10,10])
    mask = cv2.inRange(frame, light_line,dark_line)
    cv2.imshow('mask', mask)


    canny= cv2.Canny(mask,30,5)
    cv2.imshow('edge', canny)


    r1=200;c1=0
    img = canny[r1:r1+200,c1:c1+512]
    cv2.imshow('crop', img)


    edge=[]
    row =150

    for i in range(512):
        if(img[row,i]==255):
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```
        edge.append(i)
print(edge)

if(len(edge)==0):
    left_edge=512//2
    right_edge=512//2
    self.empty = True

if(len(edge)==1):
    if edge[0]>512//2:
        left_edge=0
        right_edge=edge[0]
        self.empty = False
    else:
        left_edge=edge[0]
        right_edge=512
        self.empty = False


if(len(edge)==2):
    left_edge=edge[0]
    right_edge=edge[1]
    self.empty = False

if(len(edge)==3):
    if(edge[1]-edge[0]>5):
        left_edge=edge[0]
        right_edge=edge[1]
        self.empty = False
    else:
        left_edge=edge[0]
        right_edge=edge[2]
        self.empty = False

if(len(edge)==4):
    left_edge=edge[0]
    right_edge=edge[2]
    self.empty = False

if(len(edge)>=5):
    left_edge=edge[0]
    right_edge=edge[len(edge)-1]
    self.empty = False


road_width=(right_edge-left_edge)
frame_mid = left_edge + (road_width/2)
mid_point = 512/2
img[row,int(mid_point)]=255
print(mid_point)
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        self.error=mid_point-frame_mid
        img[row,int(frame_mid)]=255
        print(self.action)
        f_image = cv2.putText(img, self.action, (100,100),
cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 1, (255,0,), 2, cv2.LINE_AA)

def main(args=None):
  rclpy.init(args=args)
  node = LineFollower()
  rclpy.spin(node)
  rclpy.shutdown()

if __name__ == '__main__':
  main()
```

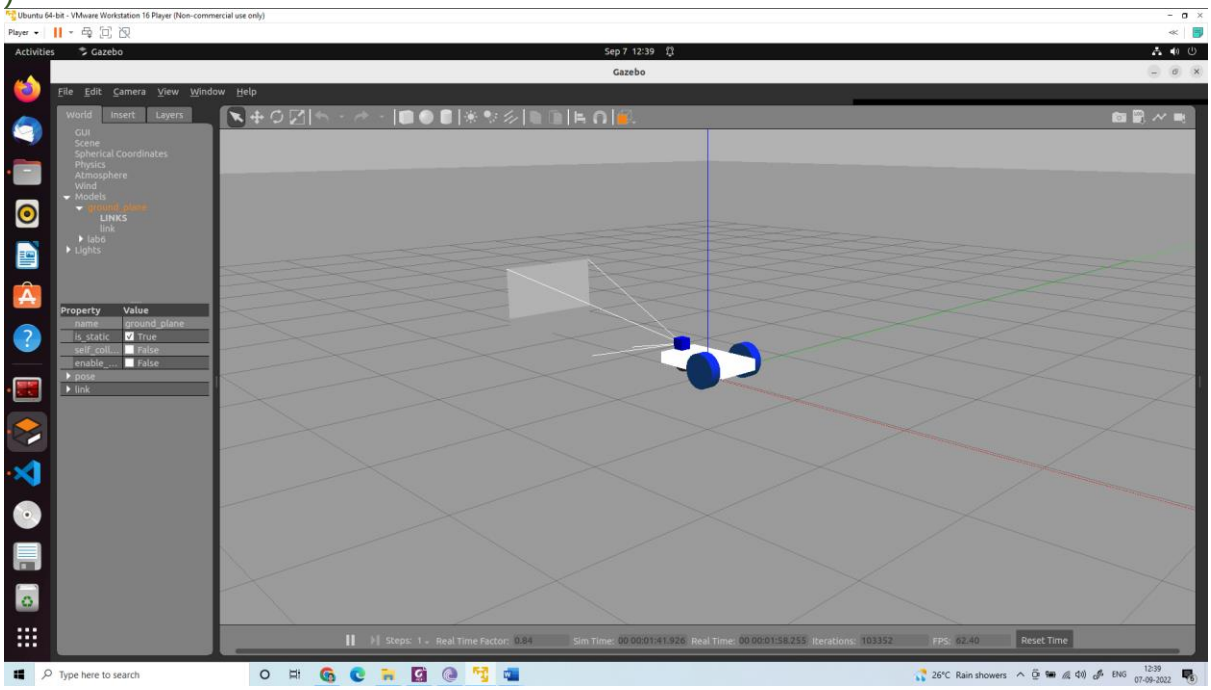
edit setup.py file

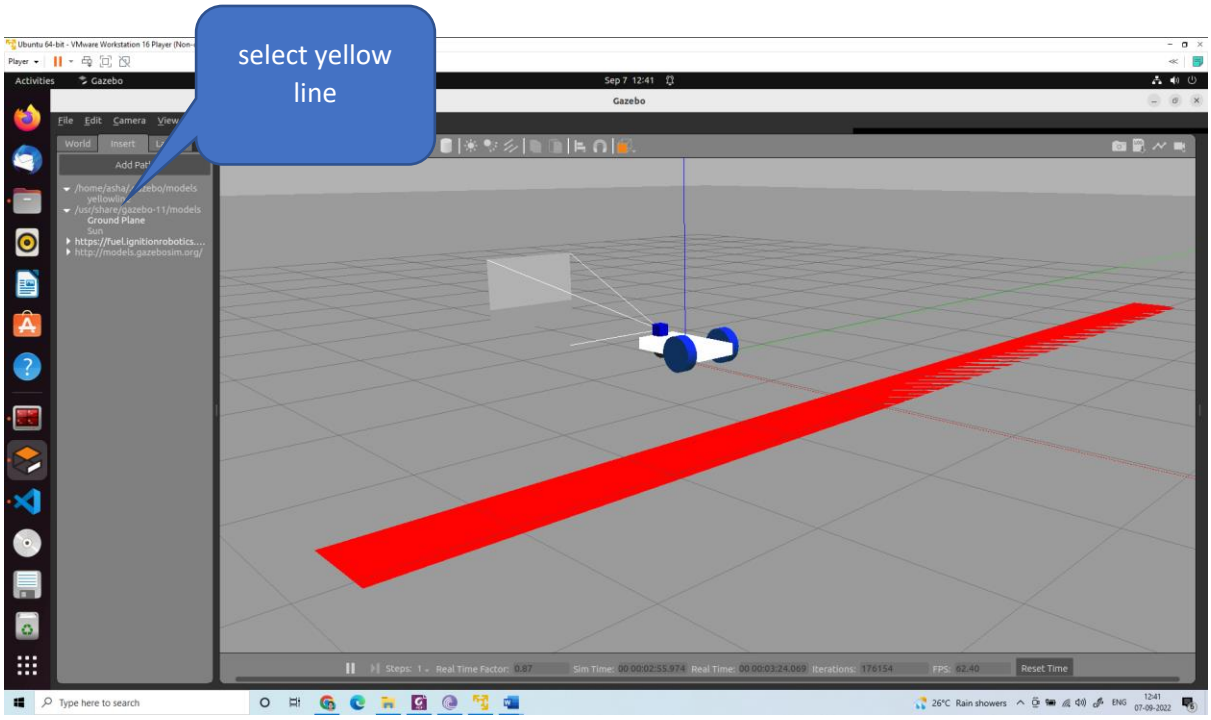
```
from setuptools import setup
import os
from glob import glob

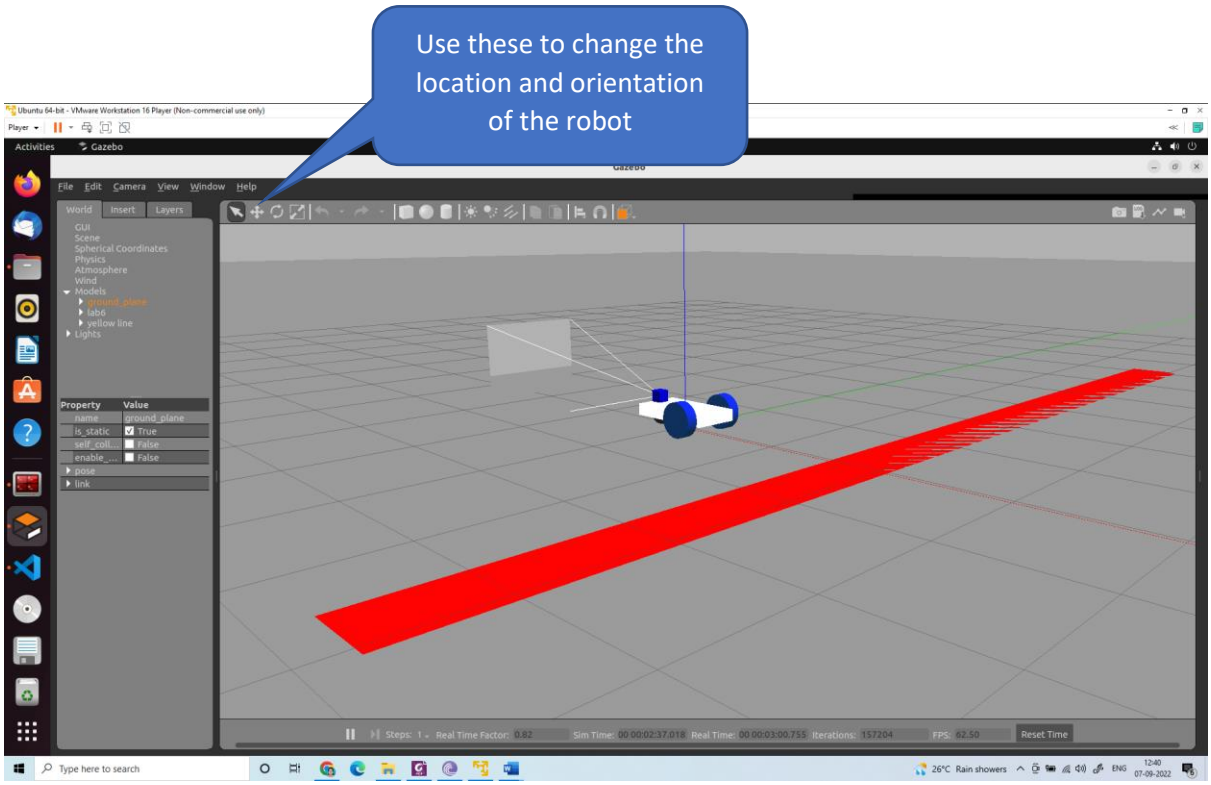
package_name = 'lab6'

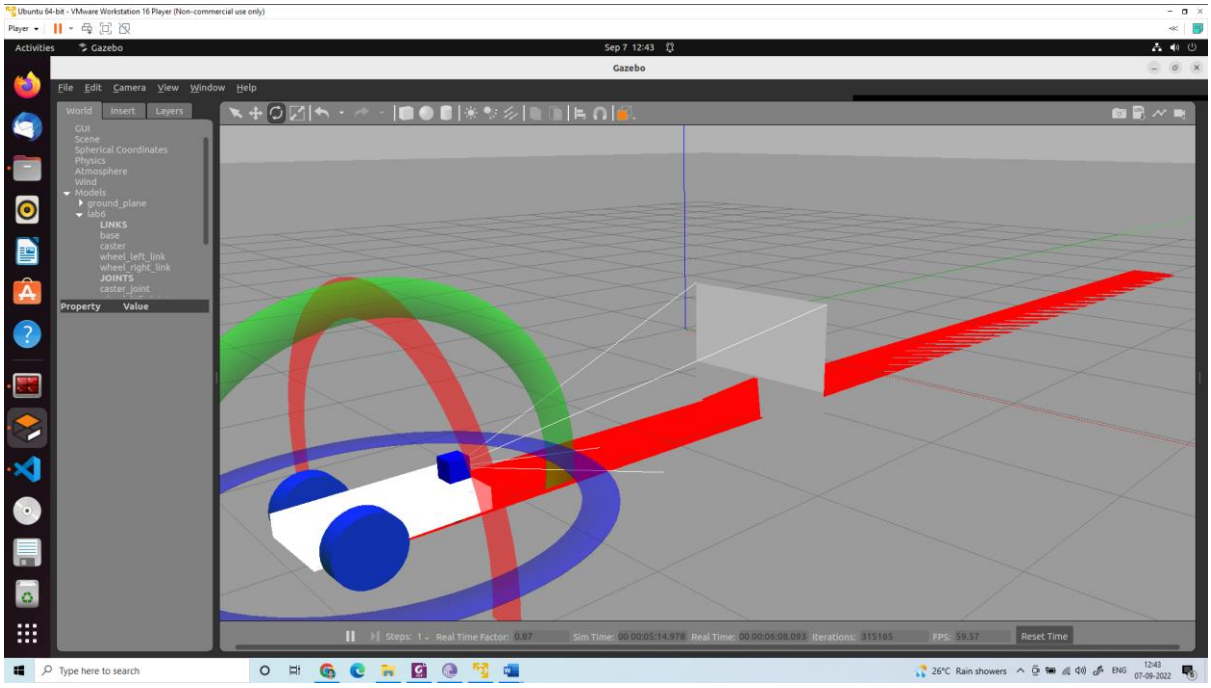
setup(
    name=package_name,
    version='0.0.0',
    packages=[package_name],
    data_files=[
        ('share/ament_index/resource_index/packages',
            ['resource/' + package_name]),
        ('share/' + package_name, ['package.xml']),
        (os.path.join('share', package_name), glob('launch/*')),
        (os.path.join('share', package_name), glob('urdf/*'))
    ],
    install_requires=['setuptools'],
    zip_safe=True,
    maintainer='asha',
    maintainer_email='asha.cs12@gmail.com',
    description='TODO: Package description',
    license='TODO: License declaration',
    tests_require=['pytest'],
    entry_points={
        'console_scripts': [
            'capture = lab6.capture_image:main',
            'line = lab6.line_follow:main'
        ],
    },
```

)


Gazebo
File Edit Camera View Window Help
World Insert Layers
Property Value
Reset Time


select yellow line
Gazebo
File Edit Camera
World Insert
Ground Plane
Reset Time

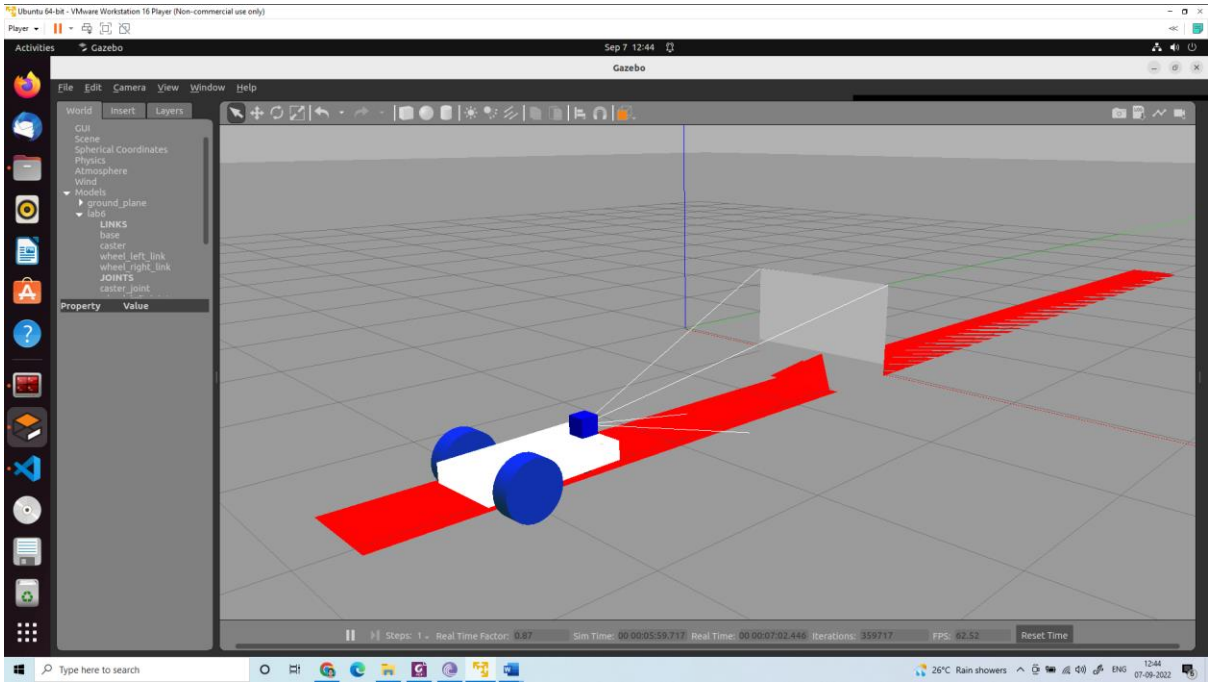


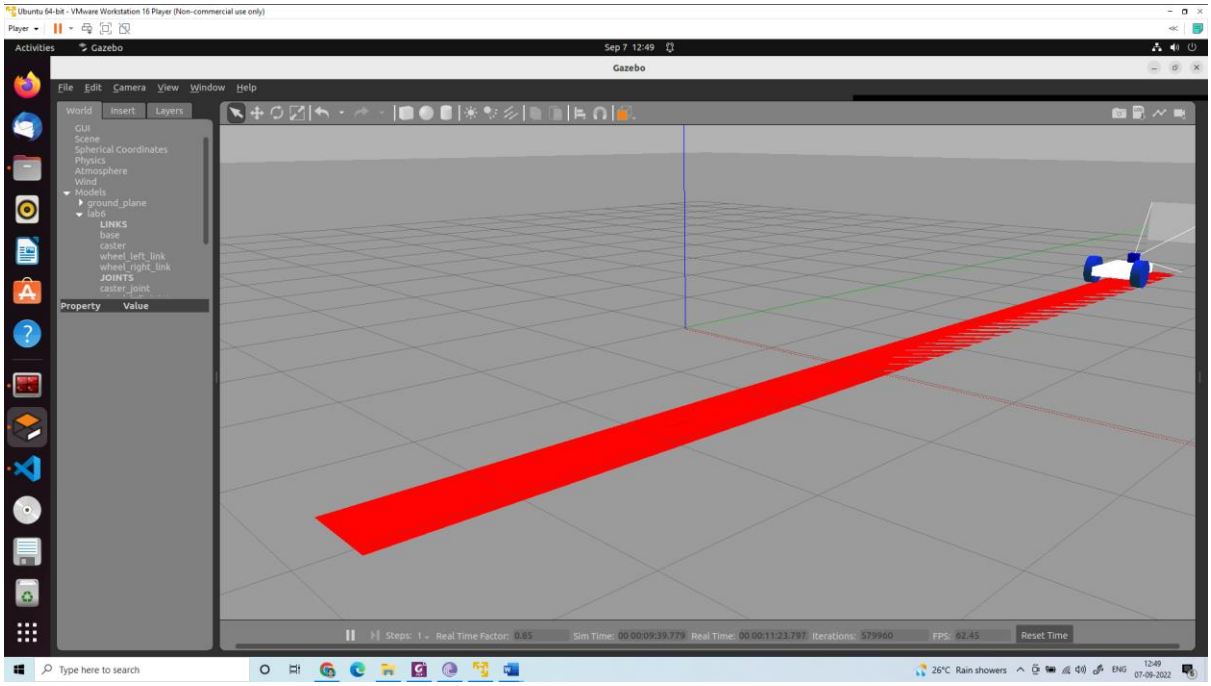


Terminal 1:
ros2 launch lab6 gazebo.launch.py

Terminal 2:
ros2 topic list

Terminal 3:
ros2 run lab6 line





Create a red line

Create a world folder
Create a yellow line folder

Supplementary material:

Create a model.config

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<model>
    <name>yellowline</name>
    <version>1.0</version>
    <sdf version="1.6">model.sdf</sdf>
    <author>
        <name></name>
        <email></email>
    </author>
    <description></description>
</model>
```

Create a model.sdf

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<sdf version="1.6">
<model name="yellow line">
  <static>true</static>
    <link name="link_ground">
      <collision name="collision">
        <geometry>
          <plane>
            <normal>0 0 1</normal>
            <size>0.1 3.2</size>
          </plane>
        </geometry>

        <surface>
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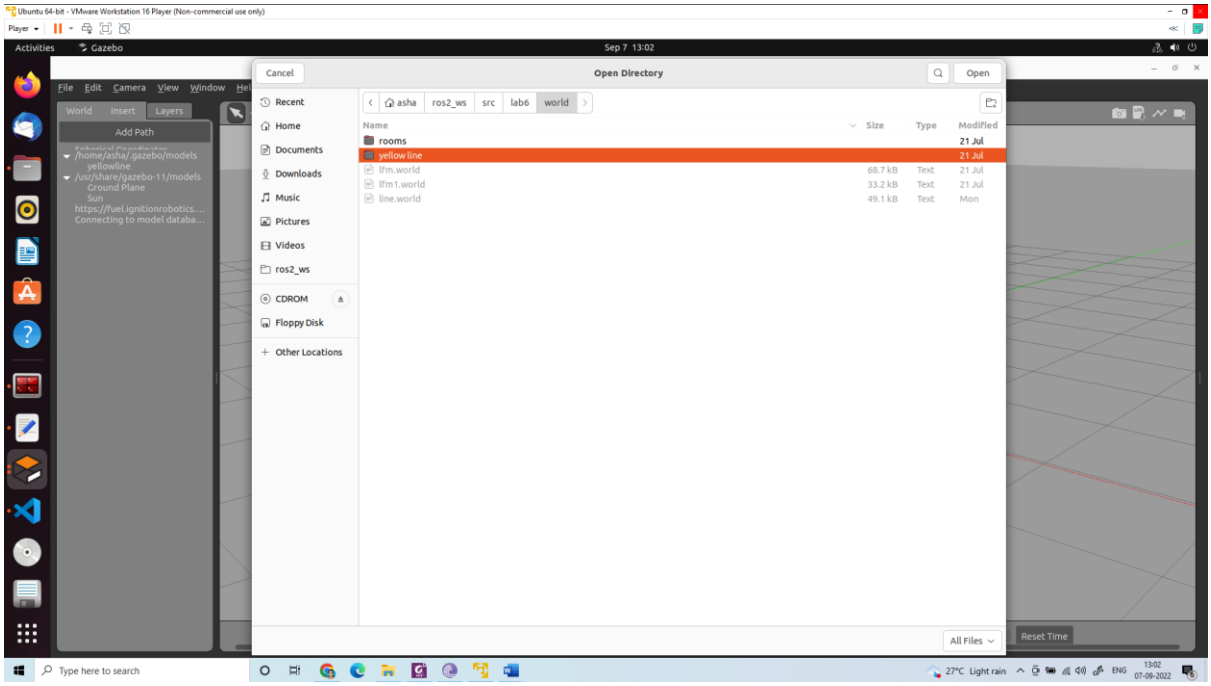
Copy the folder into /home/asha/.gazebo/models/
In the gazebo window (gazebo)
Insert→/home/asha/.gazebo/models/→yellow line→all files
close gazebo (killall 9 gzserver) and open again (gazebo)



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Exercise: Write a code to track the red ball in the gazebo simulation.