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Chapter 1

Class Index

1.1 Class List

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`pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin< PointInT, PointOutT >`

[CurvatureEstimationTaubin](#) estimates the curvature for a set of point neighborhoods in the cloud using Taubin Quadric Fitting. This class uses the OpenMP standard to permit parallelized feature computation 5

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[CylindricalShell](#) represents a cylindrical shell that consists of two co-linear cylinders. A shell consists of an inner and an outer cylinder. The portion of the object to be grasped must fit inside the inner cylinder, and the radius of that cylinder must be no larger than the maximum hand aperture. The gap between the inner and outer cylinder must be free of obstacles and wide enough to be able to contain the robot fingers 9

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Chapter 2

Class Documentation

2.1 Affordances Class Reference

[Affordances](#) localizes grasp affordances and handles in a point cloud. It also provides helper methods to filter out points from the point cloud that are outside of the robot's workspace.

```
#include <affordances.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- void [initParams](#) (ros::NodeHandle node)
Read the parameters from a ROS launch file.
- PointCloud::Ptr [maxRangeFilter](#) (const PointCloud::Ptr &cloud_in)
Filter out all points from a given cloud that are outside of a sphere with a radius max_range and center at the origin of the point cloud, and return the filtered cloud.
- PointCloud::Ptr [workspaceFilter](#) (const PointCloud::Ptr &cloud_in)
Filter out all points from a given cloud that are outside of a cube defined by the workspace limits of the robot, and return the filtered cloud.
- std::vector< [CylindricalShell](#) > [searchAffordances](#) (const PointCloud::Ptr &cloud)
Search grasp affordances (cylindrical shells) in a given point cloud.
- std::vector< std::vector< [CylindricalShell](#) > > [searchHandles](#) (const PointCloud::Ptr &cloud, std::vector< [CylindricalShell](#) > shells)
Search handles in a set of cylindrical shells. If occlusion filtering is turned on (using the corresponding parameter in the ROS launch file), the handles found are filtered on possible occlusions.
- std::string [getPCDFile](#) ()
*Return the *.pcd file given by the corresponding parameter in the ROS launch file.*

2.1.1 Detailed Description

[Affordances](#) localizes grasp affordances and handles in a point cloud. It also provides helper methods to filter out points from the point cloud that are outside of the robot's workspace.

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2.1.2 Member Function Documentation

2.1.2.1 void `Affordances::initParams` (`ros::NodeHandle node`)

Read the parameters from a ROS launch file.

Parameters

<code>node</code>	the ROS node with which the parameters are associated
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2.1.2.2 `PointCloud::Ptr Affordances::maxRangeFilter` (`const PointCloud::Ptr & cloud_in`)

Filter out all points from a given cloud that are outside of a sphere with a radius `max_range` and center at the origin of the point cloud, and return the filtered cloud.

Parameters

<code>cloud_in</code>	the point cloud to be filtered
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2.1.2.3 `std::vector< CylindricalShell > Affordances::searchAffordances` (`const PointCloud::Ptr & cloud`)

Search grasp affordances (cylindrical shells) in a given point cloud.

Parameters

<code>cloud</code>	the point cloud in which affordances are searched for
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2.1.2.4 `std::vector< std::vector< CylindricalShell > > Affordances::searchHandles` (`const PointCloud::Ptr & cloud, std::vector< CylindricalShell > shells`)

Search handles in a set of cylindrical shells. If occlusion filtering is turned on (using the corresponding parameter in the ROS launch file), the handles found are filtered on possible occlusions.

2.2 pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin< PointInT, PointOutT > Class Template Reference

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Parameters

<i>cloud</i>	the point cloud in which the handles lie (only required for occlusion filtering)
<i>shells</i>	the set of cylindrical shells to be searched for handles

2.1.2.5 PointCloud::Ptr Affordances::workspaceFilter (const PointCloud::Ptr & cloud_in)

Filter out all points from a given cloud that are outside of a cube defined by the workspace limits of the robot, and return the filtered cloud.

Parameters

<i>cloud_in</i>	the point cloud to be filtered
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The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- src/affordances.h
- src/affordances.cpp

2.2 pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin< PointInT, PointOutT > Class Template Reference

[CurvatureEstimationTaubin](#) estimates the curvature for a set of point neighborhoods in the cloud using Taubin Quadric Fitting. This class uses the OpenMP standard to permit parallelized feature computation.

```
#include <curvature_estimation_taubin.h>
```

Public Types

- typedef Feature< PointInT, PointOutT >::PointCloudOut **PointCloudOut**

Public Member Functions

- [CurvatureEstimationTaubin](#) (unsigned int num_threads=0)
Constructor. Set the number of threads to use.
- void [fitQuadric](#) (const std::vector< int > &indices, Eigen::VectorXd &quadric_parameters, Eigen::Vector3d &quadric_centroid, Eigen::Matrix3d &quadric_covariance_matrix)
Fit a quadric to a given set of points, using their indices, and return the parameters of the quadric in implicit form, its centroid, and its covariance matrix. This method uses Taubin Quadric Fitting.

- void [estimateMedianCurvature](#) (const std::vector< int > &indices, const Eigen::VectorXd &quadric_parameters, double &median_curvature, Eigen::Vector3d &normal, Eigen::Vector3d &curvature_axis, Eigen::Vector3d &curvature_centroid, bool is_deterministic=false)

Estimate the median curvature for a given quadric, using the indices of the point neighborhood that the quadric is fitted to and its parameters, and return the estimated curvature, the normal axis, the curvature axis, and the curvature centroid.

- void [setNumSamples](#) (int num_samples)

Set the number of samples (point neighborhoods).

- void [setNumThreads](#) (int num_threads)

Set the number of threads used for parallelizing Taubin Quadric Fitting.

- std::vector< std::vector< int > > const & [getNeighborhoods](#) () const

Get the indices of each point neighborhood.

- std::vector< int > const & [getNeighborhoodCentroids](#) () const

Get the centroid indices of each point neighborhood.

Static Public Member Functions

- static bool [isSecondElementSmaller](#) (const std::vector< double > &p1, const std::vector< double > &p2)

Compares two vectors by looking at their second elements.

Protected Member Functions

- void [computeFeature](#) (PointCloudOut &output)

Estimate the curvature for a set of point neighborhoods sampled from the cloud given by <setInputCloud()>, using the spatial locator in setSearchMethod(). This method creates its own set of randomly selected indices.

2.2.1 Detailed Description

```
template<typename PointInT, typename PointOutT>class pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin<
PointInT, PointOutT >
```

[CurvatureEstimationTaubin](#) estimates the curvature for a set of point neighborhoods in the cloud using Taubin Quadric Fitting. This class uses the OpenMP standard to permit parallelized feature computation.

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2.2.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

2.2.2.1 `template<typename PointInT , typename PointOutT > pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin< PointInT, PointOutT >::CurvatureEstimationTaubin (unsigned int num_threads = 0) [inline]`

Constructor. Set the number of threads to use.

Parameters

<i>num_threads</i>	the number of threads to use (0: automatic)
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2.2.3 Member Function Documentation

2.2.3.1 `template<typename PointInT , typename PointOutT > void pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin< PointInT, PointOutT >::computeFeature (PointCloudOut & output) [protected]`

Estimate the curvature for a set of point neighborhoods sampled from the cloud given by <setInputCloud()>, using the spatial locator in setSearchMethod(). This method creates its own set of randomly selected indices.

Note

If <setIndices()> is used, the set of indices is not randomly selected.

Parameters

<i>output</i>	the resultant point cloud that contains the curvature, normal axes, curvature axes, and curvature centroids
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2.2.3.2 `template<typename PointInT , typename PointOutT > void pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin< PointInT, PointOutT >::estimateMedianCurvature (const std::vector< int > & indices, const Eigen::VectorX<double> & quadric_parameters, double & median_curvature, Eigen::Vector3d & normal, Eigen::Vector3d & curvature_axis, Eigen::Vector3d & curvature_centroid, bool is_deterministic = false) [inline]`

Estimate the median curvature for a given quadric, using the indices of the point neighborhood that the quadric is fitted to and its parameters, and return the estimated curvature, the normal axis, the curvature axis, and the curvature centroid.

Parameters

<i>indices</i>	the point cloud indices of the points
<i>quadric_parameters</i>	the quadric parameters as: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j ($ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + dxy + eyz + fxz + gx + hy + iz + j = 0$)
<i>median_curvature</i>	the resultant, estimated median curvature of the quadric

<i>normal</i>	the normal axis of the quadric (direction vector)
<i>curvature_ - axis</i>	the curvature axis of the quadric (direction vector)
<i>curvature_ - centroid</i>	the centroid of curvature

2.2.3.3 `template<typename PointInT, typename PointOutT > void
pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin< PointInT, PointOutT >::fitQuadric (const
std::vector< int > & indices, Eigen::VectorXd & quadric_parameters, Eigen::Vector3d &
quadric_centroid, Eigen::Matrix3d & quadric_covariance_matrix) [inline]`

Fit a quadric to a given set of points, using their indices, and return the parameters of the quadric in implicit form, its centroid, and its covariance matrix. This method uses Taubin Quadric Fitting.

Parameters

<i>indices</i>	the point cloud indices of the points
<i>quadric_ - parameters</i>	the resultant quadric parameters as: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j ($ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + dxy + eyz + fxz + gx + hy + iz + j = 0$)
<i>quadric_ - centroid</i>	the resultant centroid of the quadric
<i>quadric_ - covariance_ - matrix</i>	the resultant covariance matrix of the quadric

2.2.3.4 `template<typename PointInT, typename PointOutT > static
bool pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin< PointInT, PointOutT
>::isSecondElementSmaller (const std::vector< double > & p1, const
std::vector< double > & p2) [inline, static]`

Compares two vectors by looking at their second elements.

Parameters

<i>p1</i>	the first vector to compare
<i>p2</i>	the second vector to compare

2.2.3.5 `template<typename PointInT, typename PointOutT > void
pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin< PointInT, PointOutT >::setNumSamples (
int num_samples) [inline]`

Set the number of samples (point neighborhoods).

Parameters

<i>num_ - samples</i>	the number of samples
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2.2.3.6 `template<typename PointInT, typename PointOutT > void
pcl::CurvatureEstimationTaubin< PointInT, PointOutT >::setNumThreads (
int num_threads) [inline]`

Set the number of threads used for parallelizing Taubin Quadric Fitting.

Parameters

<i>num_ - samples</i>	the number of samples
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The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- src/curvature_estimation_taubin.h
- src/curvature_estimation_taubin.hpp

2.3 CylindricalShell Class Reference

[CylindricalShell](#) represents a cylindrical shell that consists of two colinear cylinders. A shell consists of an inner and an outer cylinder. The portion of the object to be grasped must fit inside the inner cylinder, and the radius of that cylinder must be no larger than the maximum hand aperture. The gap between the inner and outer cylinder must be free of obstacles and wide enough to be able to contain the robot fingers.

```
#include <cylindrical_shell.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- void [fitCylinder](#) (const PointCloud::Ptr &cloud, const std::vector< int > &indices, const Eigen::Vector3d &normal, const Eigen::Vector3d &curvature_axis)
Fit a cylinder to a set of points in the cloud, using their indices, and the normal and the curvature axis given by the quadric fitting (see [curvature_estimation_taubin.h](#)). The fitted cylinder is the inner cylinder of the cylindrical shell.
- bool [hasClearance](#) (const PointCloud::Ptr &cloud, double maxHandAperture, double handleGap)
Check whether the gap between the inner and outer cylinder of the shell is free of obstacles and wide enough to be able to contain the robot fingers.
- double [getExtent](#) () const
Get the extent of the cylindrical shell.
- void [setExtent](#) (double extent)
Set the extent of the cylindrical shell.

- double [getRadius](#) () const
Get the radius of the cylindrical shell.
- int [getNeighborhoodCentroidIndex](#) () const
Get the index of the centroid of the neighborhood associated with the cylindrical shell.
- void [setNeighborhoodCentroidIndex](#) (int index)
Set the index of the centroid of the neighborhood associated with the cylindrical shell.
- Eigen::Vector3d [getCentroid](#) () const
Get the centroid of the cylindrical shell.
- Eigen::Vector3d [getCurvatureAxis](#) () const
Get the curvature axis of the cylindrical shell.
- Eigen::Vector3d [getNormal](#) () const
Get the normal axis of the cylindrical shell.

2.3.1 Detailed Description

[CylindricalShell](#) represents a cylindrical shell that consists of two colinear cylinders. A shell consists of an inner and an outer cylinder. The portion of the object to be grasped must fit inside the inner cylinder, and the radius of that cylinder must be no larger than the maximum hand aperture. The gap between the inner and outer cylinder must be free of obstacles and wide enough to be able to contain the robot fingers.

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2.3.2 Member Function Documentation

2.3.2.1 void [CylindricalShell::fitCylinder](#) (const [PointCloud::Ptr](#) & *cloud*, const [std::vector](#)< int > & *indices*, const [Eigen::Vector3d](#) & *normal*, const [Eigen::Vector3d](#) & *curvature_axis*)

Fit a cylinder to a set of points in the cloud, using their indices, and the normal and the curvature axis given by the quadric fitting (see [curvature_estimation_taubin.h](#)). The fitted cylinder is the inner cylinder of the cylindrical shell.

Parameters

<i>cloud</i>	the point cloud
<i>indices</i>	the indices of the set of points in the cloud
<i>normal</i>	the normal given by quadric fitting
<i>curvature_ - axis</i>	the curvature axis given by quadric fitting

2.3.2.2 `bool CylindricalShell::hasClearance (const PointCloud::Ptr & cloud, double maxHandAperture, double handleGap)`

Check whether the gap between the inner and outer cylinder of the shell is free of obstacles and wide enough to be able to contain the robot fingers.

Parameters

<i>cloud</i>	the point cloud
<i>maxHandAperture</i>	the maximum robot hand aperture
<i>handleGap</i>	the required size of the gap around the handle

2.3.2.3 `void CylindricalShell::setExtent (double extent)` `[inline]`

Set the extent of the cylindrical shell.

Parameters

<i>extent</i>	the extent
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2.3.2.4 `void CylindricalShell::setNeighborhoodCentroidIndex (int index)` `[inline]`

Set the index of the centroid of the neighborhood associated with the cylindrical shell.

Parameters

<i>index</i>	the index of the centroid
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The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- `src/cylindrical_shell.h`
- `src/cylindrical_shell.cpp`

2.4 Messages Class Reference

[Messages](#) creates custom ROS messages to publish the results of the localization. The messages that can be created are: CylinderArray, Cylinder, and HandleList.

```
#include <messages.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- `handle_detector::CylinderArrayMsg` [createCylinderArray](#) (const std::vector< [CylindricalShell](#) > &list, std::string frame)

Create a CylinderArray message from a list of cylindrical shells.

- `handle_detector::CylinderMsg createCylinder (const CylindricalShell &shell, std::string frame)`

Create a Cylinder message from a cylindrical shell.

- `handle_detector::HandleListMsg createHandleList (const std::vector< std::vector< CylindricalShell > > &handles, std::string frame)`

Create a HandleList message from a list of cylindrical shells.

2.4.1 Detailed Description

[Messages](#) creates custom ROS messages to publish the results of the localization. The messages that can be created are: CylinderArray, Cylinder, and HandleList.

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2.4.2 Member Function Documentation

2.4.2.1 `handle_detector::CylinderMsg Messages::createCylinder (const CylindricalShell & shell, std::string frame)`

Create a Cylinder message from a cylindrical shell.

Parameters

<i>shell</i>	the cylindrical shell
<i>frame</i>	the frame in which the shell is located

2.4.2.2 `handle_detector::CylinderArrayMsg Messages::createCylinderArray (const std::vector< CylindricalShell > & list, std::string frame)`

Create a CylinderArray message from a list of cylindrical shells.

Parameters

<i>list</i>	the list of cylindrical shells
<i>frame</i>	the frame in which the shells are located

2.4.2.3 `handle_detector::HandleListMsg Messages::createHandleList (const std::vector< std::vector< CylindricalShell > > & handles, std::string frame)`

Create a HandleList message from a list of cylindrical shells.

Parameters

<i>handles</i>	the list of handles
<i>frame</i>	the frame in which the shells are located

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- src/messages.h
- src/messages.cpp

2.5 Visualizer Class Reference

[Visualizer](#) creates ROS messages to visualize the results of the localization in RViz. The possible objects that can be visualized are: neighborhoods, cylindrical shells, and handles.

```
#include <visualizer.h>
```

Public Member Functions

- [Visualizer](#) (double marker_lifetime)
Constructor. Set the lifetime of markers in RViz.
- MarkerArray [createCylinders](#) (const std::vector< [CylindricalShell](#) > &list, const std::string &frame)
Create a MarkerArray message from a list of cylindrical shells.
- void [createHandles](#) (const std::vector< std::vector< [CylindricalShell](#) > > &handles, const std::string &frame, std::vector< MarkerArray > &marker_arrays, - MarkerArray &all_handle_markers)
Create a list of MarkerArray messages and a MarkerArray from a list of handles. The former represents each handle as a MarkerArray message, and the latter represents all handles in a single MarkerArray message.

2.5.1 Detailed Description

[Visualizer](#) creates ROS messages to visualize the results of the localization in RViz. The possible objects that can be visualized are: neighborhoods, cylindrical shells, and handles.

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2.5.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

2.5.2.1 Visualizer::Visualizer (double marker_lifetime)

Constructor. Set the lifetime of markers in RViz.

Parameters

<i>num_ - threads</i>	the lifetime in seconds
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2.5.3 Member Function Documentation

2.5.3.1 **MarkerArray Visualizer::createCylinders** (**const std::vector< CylindricalShell > & list**, **const std::string & frame**)

Create a MarkerArray message from a list of cylindrical shells.

Parameters

<i>list</i>	the list of cylindrical shells
<i>frame</i>	the frame in which the shells are located

2.5.3.2 **void Visualizer::createHandles** (**const std::vector< std::vector< CylindricalShell > > & handles**, **const std::string & frame**, **std::vector< MarkerArray > & marker_arrays**, **MarkerArray & all_handle_markers**)

Create a list of MarkerArray messages and a MarkerArray from a list of handles. The former represents each handle as a MarkerArray message, and the latter represents all handles in a single MarkerArray message.

Parameters

<i>handles</i>	the list of handles
<i>frame</i>	the frame in which the handles are located
<i>marker_ - arrays</i>	the resultant list of MarkerArray messages
<i>all_handle_ - markers</i>	the resultant single MarkerArray message that consists of all handles

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- src/visualizer.h
- src/visualizer.cpp