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LAB 2: MAPPING AND LOCALIZATION

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1 Introduction

This report describes the process of implementing the mapping and localisation functionality as described in Lab 2. It comprises of two main sections - Theory and Implementation, and Results and Discussion for both parts.

2 Theory and Implementation

2.1 Mapping System

A custom-made gazebo world that was created during Lab 1, was used to implement the mapping algorithm. The map begins as an occupancy grid with each cell being initialised to an unknown state, and an equivalent probability of 0.5. The mapping algorithm first reads the 2D laser values obtained from the `/scan` topic (derived from point cloud data obtained by the XBox Kinect Sensor). This vector of laser values contains the angle of the laser and the distance that the laser measured (with respect to the robot). If an empty distance value is measured then it is disregarded, as no object had been detected. Furthermore, if unrealistic distance values threshold were received the value is also discarded. Each pair of laser range and angle readings are then converted to absolute coordinates. Using the absolute x and y points of the robot origin and obstacle, Bresenham's raytracing algorithm was used to determine which global grid cells to update, developing a vector of x and y coordinates. Since the raytracing algorithm gives a vector of x and y points from the robot's global position up to and including the obstacle's location, all grid cell locations from the resulting vector are given a occupancy probability of 0.4, except the furthest one from the robot, which was given a probability of 0.6.

The log odds formula is used to correctly update the occupancy grid map with multiple measurements. This allows for the addition of the amalgamating probabilities instead of multiplication which is much more computationally-heavy. The algorithm was tested using by manually controlling the turtlebot and mapping the lab area.

Important parameters included the size of the occupancy grid (= 20m x 20m), and the resolution of the occupancy grid (=0.1m) which indicates the size of each cell found in the grid. In our case, this meant that the size of each cell of the occupancy grid was 0.1 x 0.1 meters. The grid cell resolution parameter was tested for values between 0.02 and 0.1 meters. Efficiency of the algorithm was improved by implementing an inverse measurement model which incorporated the Bresenham algorithm.

The next phase of the lab included utilising a live turtlebot. To make the groups mapping algorithm compatible with the live turtlebot, the node subscribed to the `"/indoor_pos"` topic instead of the `"/gazebo/modelstates"` topic. This change in topic resulted in the message type changing from a `"ModelState"` message to a `"PoseWithCovarianceStamped"` message. ROSbag was run on the robot in order to allow for additional testing of the algorithm at a remote location. This was crucial for generating plots, graphs, and other information necessary to complete the lab in a realistic time frame.

During the lab, the team overcame many issues. Software included segmentation faults that occurred from incorrectly utilized vectors, g++ compiler incompatibility issues, and CMake library incompatibility. Algorithmic problems included inconsistent ROS topic implementations, incorrect coordinate transformations, incorrect indexing of the occupancy grid, and hanging reference frames. Also, the algorithm initially did not function on the live turtlebot due to inconsistent reference frames that prevented the robots position from updating properly. Additionally, the algorithm did not account for errors in the IPS system.

2.2 Localization

The state estimation of the Turtlebot is achieved using a particle filter. This implementation of a particle filter uses the motion model of the turtlebot and the degraded IPS values in order to estimate the state (x-y coordinates, orientation) of the turtlebot. Particles are distributed uniformly across a previously generated map and move in accordance with the motion model, and the odometry of the turtlebot. The values for the state of the particle are compared with the IPS readings and are then weighed based on their likelihood for being correct. The particles are then re-sampled at the given weights in order to create a new set of particles that are more likely to be the state of the turtlebot. This process is repeated at each instance that the turtlebot moves and a small cloud of particles show the most likely states of the turtlebot at each step.

The particle filter node is subscribed to the "/map" topic, and upon receiving a "nav_msgs::OccupancyGrid" message the message is converted to a map_t struct. This struct holds information about the map's origin, dimensions, and scale. It also contains the information about whether a cell in the grid is occupied or not. The map object is then passed on to the uniform particle distribution generation function.

The initial particle distribution is handled by the function UniformPoseGenerator(). This function generates random pose guesses uniformly across the map. The X and y coordinates are determined by taking the minimum value in that direction, and adding a percentage of the total distance in that direction. The value for the orientation is randomly selected between 0 and π in a similar fashion. The map is then checked to see whether the particle is in an occupied space. If the grid is not currently occupied by an object, then the particle is added to the list of all the particles. This is repeated until all the desired number of particles are generated.

The next step in the particle filter is the propagation of the particles. Each time a command is sent to the turtlebot to move, the particles also move by the same distance. This is done using the equation $distance = velocity * time$ and transforming from the body frame to the inertial frame. In the simulation the `/mobile_base/commands/velocity` topic is used to get the commanded velocity.

The propagated particles are assigned weights based on their proximity to the measured values obtained from the IPS. This is done using a multivariate normal distribution function, GetProb(), that takes in a particle's values for the position and orientation, the readings of the IPS, and the covariance. This returns a non-normalised weight for the particle. The total weights are summed up, and then each individual particle's weight is divided by the total in order to normalise the weights.

Re-sampling the particles involved generating a cumulative distribution using the weights of each of the particles using an algorithm known as Universal Stochastic Sampling. It was implemented within a function and called after the particles had been weighed. This step of the particle filter simulates a survival of the fittest by killing off particles that least align with the sensor measurements and duplicating particles that align with the sensor measurements. The amount of duplicate particles created is proportional to the weight of that particle. The regenerated particles are initialised with equal weights.

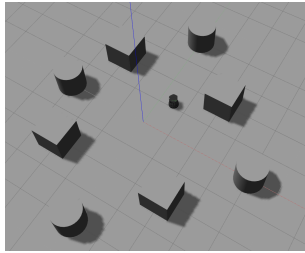
To publish an estimate of the robot's pose, the average value of the x and y components of the position of each particle was calculated. The estimated yaw was obtained by finding the median of the yaw components of each particle.

3 Results and Discussion

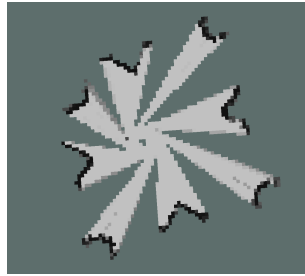
3.1 Mapping

The mapping portion was developed with varying resolution - 10cm, 5cm, and 2cm. This would allow for a study to see which resolution yielded the optimal results given trade-offs between computation and accuracy. For the simulation, how-

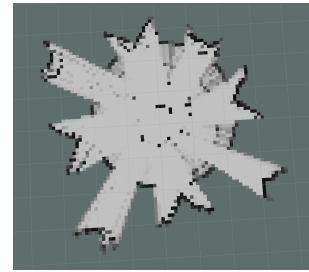
ever, a verification was only required to see if the mapping algorithm was working as expected, therefore a 10cm resolution was used to limit computation. This is shown below in section 3.1. This map was generated by driving the robot using tele-op commands learned from lab 1.



(a) Simulation Environment



(b) Simulated Mapping Results - First Pass



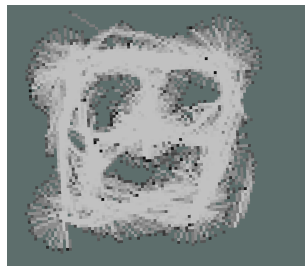
(c) Simulated Mapping Results - Second Pass

The second pass introduces a more accurate representation of the simulated environment - namely, filling out the unoccupied space. There is, however, still uncertainty regarding occupancy for cells immediately between and beyond the obstacles, since the mapping algorithm is directed to ignore large range values coming from readings between obstacles. Notably, there is still noise or uncertainty regarding the map output even from the simulated environment, since the map shows there are some occupied cells near the centre, where there are no obstacles.

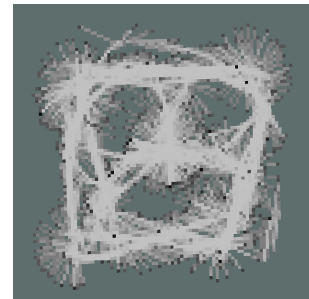
Below is the result of conducting three passes through the physical environment, shown in the three resolutions as mentioned above.



(a) Physical Mapping Results - 10cm Resolution



(b) Physical Mapping Results - 5cm Resolution



(c) Physical Mapping Results - 2cm Resolution

Figure section 3.1 shows that while a 10cm resolution map is most filled, a higher resolution of 2cm shows the most distinction of the obstacle boundaries. A compromise is between these two, with a resolution of 5cm, which seems to be the most accurate of the three maps (most filled out while maintaining the shape of the obstacles).

The figures above show that the Xbox Kinect sensor and IPS are affected by much more noise that is not accounted for in simulation. The edges of the map and obstacles are soft and unclear. Also, noise is evident as there isn't clear distinction of obstacle edges due to reflection, noise, and other robots in the vicinity yielding false information to the mapping node. Simulation results differ because simulated lasers are more accurate and precise, and the gazebo world did not have other turtles and people moving through. The noise from the laser and IPS sensors impact the final results since rather than suggesting definite cells that are occupied, the laser readings bounce around rather than giving a steady value, and the IPS measurements does not give a static value if the robot was static. The main way to improve the results given the hardware and setup was to do multiple passes of the map to increase the probability of occupied cells and remove false positives. The main limitation was the update speed of the IPS sensor and the nature of the noise coming from the Kinect scanner and IPS sensor. These two hardware limitations made it difficult to properly develop a map with clean distinctions between occupied and unoccupied areas. Finally, an uncontrollable part of this mapping part of the lab was the nature of it - the map

was naturally dynamic due to students and robots moving around the area of interest, making data collection inaccurate and unrepresentative of the static map.

The gazebo pose updates at 20hz which created a pose mismatch with laser calculations when the algorithm switched to updating from the IPS messages which update at 1hz. Consequently, the mapping frequency was changed to operate at 1hz, the slower frequency, to prevent improper matching of the laser scan's with the robot's pose. Another improvement was tightening the maximum and minimum and maximum range values on which the algorithm operates, to reduce disturbance and false positives. Finally, to improve the computational speed of the mapping algorithm, a subset of the points from the Bresenham raytracing algorithm were updated in the occupancy grid rather than the entire set of ray points - particularly, only the points close to the obstacle. Some suggested improvements involve noise filtering (either hardware or software) and mapping in a static environment without other people or other objects traversing during the mapping procedure. Finally, if the noise filtering and improved hardware is implemented, a more accurate map could be generated by increasing the resolution to 1 centimetre per grid cell. Given the immediate circumstances of a faulty IPS sensor and noisy scanner, an Extended Kalman Filter can be applied since the motion model and control inputs of the robot are known - this can help develop a better estimation of the robot's position, given the IPS measurements.

3.2 Localization

To test the localization within the simulation environment, the robot was driven in a one meter square and the path moved through by the robot was visualised. The mean squared error of the position and orientation for different number of particles is given below.

Number of Particles	Position Error	Orientation Error
50	1.1313	6.3029
500	0.0052	0.0092
5000	0.0026	0.0054

It was noticed that as the number of particles was increased the accuracy of the particle filter improved. Through further testing it was determined that the amount of improvements did not reduce as significantly after increasing the particles beyond 300 particles. A plot of the path is provided for the case with 5000 particles.

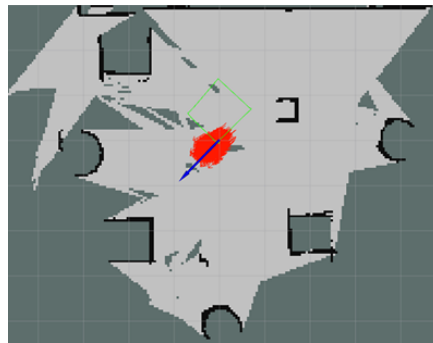


Figure 3-3. Simulated Particle Filter Path

When running the particle filter on bagged data no true ground truth data was available due to the fact that the IPS sensor has noise. The path obtained from the bagged data tracked the real robot very closely. To improve the particle filter it is recommended that the re-sampling step be changed to an implementation of the Stochastic Universal Sampling. This algorithm runs in $O(1)$ in comparison to the current re-sampling algorithm which runs in $O(n)$.

Appendix A

Appendix A.1 Mapping Code

```
1 // //////////////////////////////////////
2 //
3 // turtlebot_example_node_lab2_mapping.cpp
4 // This file is the mapping node used for developing occupancy grid.
5 // It is used in Lab 2 of MTE 544
6 //
7 //
8 // Author: Lalit Lal & Michael Kaca
9 //
10 // //////////////////////////////////////
11
12 #include <ros/ros.h>
13 #include <geometry_msgs/PoseStamped.h>
14 #include <geometry_msgs/Twist.h>
15 #include <tf/transform_datatypes.h>
16 #include <gazebo_msgs/ModelStates.h>
17 #include <visualization_msgs/Marker.h>
18 #include <nav_msgs/OccupancyGrid.h>
19 #include <sensor_msgs/LaserScan.h>
20 #include <geometry_msgs/PoseWithCovarianceStamped.h>
21 // #include <eigen3/Eigen/Core>
22
23 //using namespace Eigen;
24
25 ros::Publisher pose_publisher;
26 ros::Publisher marker_pub;
27
28 //IPS Data
29 double ips_x;
30 double ips_y;
31 double ips_yaw;
32
33 //Laser Data
34 float angle_min; // start angle of the scan [rad]
35 float angle_max; // end angle of the scan [rad]
36 float angle_increment; // angular distance between measurements [rad]
37 float scan_time; //time between scans (we can check for this to modify the rate of updates)
38 float range_min;
39 float range_max;
40
41 //laser rangedata:
42 std::vector <float> r;
43
44 //laser constants
45 //float alpha = 1;
46 //float beta = 0.05;
47
48 //Map Properties
49 static const int RES_X = 20; //20m x direction map
50 static const int RES_Y = 20; //20m y direction map
51 static const float cell_size_in_m = 0.1; //10 cm per cell
52 static float cell_not_occ = 0.4;
53 static float cell_occ = 0.6;
54
55 static const int M = RES_X/cell_size_in_m;
56 static const int N = RES_Y/cell_size_in_m;
57
58 double m[M][N] = {50.0};
59 double LO[M][N] = {0};
60
61 double L[M][N] = {0};
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62
63 //store position of robot
64 std::vector<double> robot_pose_x;
65 std::vector<double> robot_pose_y;
66 std::vector<double> robot_pose_yaw;
67
68 std::vector<int8_t> final_array;
69
70
71 short sgn(int x) { return x >= 0 ? 1 : -1; }
72
73
74 //Bresenham line algorithm (pass empty vectors)
75 // Usage: (x0, y0) is the first point and (x1, y1) is the second point. The calculated
76 //         points (x, y) are stored in the x and y vector. x and y should be empty
77 //         vectors of integers and should be defined where this function is called from.
78 void bresenham(int x0, int y0, int x1, int y1, std::vector<int> &x, std::vector<int> &y) {
79
80     int dx = abs(x1 - x0);
81     int dy = abs(y1 - y0);
82     int dx2 = x1 - x0;
83     int dy2 = y1 - y0;
84
85     const bool s = abs(dy) > abs(dx);
86
87     if (s) {
88         int dx2 = dx;
89         dx = dy;
90         dy = dx2;
91     }
92
93     int inc1 = 2 * dy;
94     int d = inc1 - dx;
95     int inc2 = d - dx;
96
97     x.push_back(x0);
98     y.push_back(y0);
99
100    while (x0 != x1 || y0 != y1) {
101        if (s)
102            y0 += sgn(dy2);
103        else
104            x0 += sgn(dx2);
105        if (d < 0)
106            d += inc1;
107        else {
108            d += inc2;
109            if (s)
110                x0 += sgn(dx2);
111            else
112                y0 += sgn(dy2);
113        }
114
115        //Add point to vector
116        x.push_back(x0);
117        y.push_back(y0);
118    }
119 }
120
121 void inverse_meas_bres(float theta, float r,
122     std::vector<int> &vector_x, std::vector<int> &vector_y, std::vector<float> &vector_prob)
123 {
124     //Steps:
125     // Get Range, bearing
126     // convert to global coordinates
127     //Run occupancy grid bayes filter
128     if(std::isnan(r)) return;
129     int x0 = 0;

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130 int y0 = 0;
131 int x1 = 0;
132 int y1 = 0;
133
134 //int r_max = 40/cell_size_in_m;
135 //int r_min = 0/cell_size_in_m;
136 r = r/cell_size_in_m;
137
138 x0 = ips_x/cell_size_in_m + (M/2);
139 y0 = ips_y/cell_size_in_m + (N/2);
140
141 if(x0 > M-1 || x0 < 0)
142 {
143     //ROS_INFO("X out of bounds: %d", x0);
144     return;
145 }
146 if(y0 > N-1 || y0 < 0)
147 {
148     //ROS_INFO("Y out of bounds: %d", y0);
149     return;
150 }
151
152 if(r > (range_max/cell_size_in_m) || (r < range_min/cell_size_in_m))
153 {
154     //ROS_INFO("Range out of bounds: %f", r);
155     return;
156 }
157
158 float rel_x = r * cos(theta);
159 float rel_y = r * sin(theta);
160
161 float endpt_x = (rel_x * cos(ips_yaw)) - (rel_y * sin(ips_yaw)) + x0;
162 float endpt_y = (rel_x * sin(ips_yaw)) + (rel_y * cos(ips_yaw)) + y0;
163
164 x1 = endpt_x;// + M/2;
165 y1 = endpt_y;// + N/2;
166
167 if(x1 > M-1 || x1 < 0)
168 {
169     ROS_INFO("x1 out of bounds: %d", x1);
170     return;
171 }
172 if(y1 > N-1 || y1 < 0)
173 {
174     ROS_INFO("y1 out of bounds: %d", y1);
175     return;
176 }
177
178 bresenham(x0, y0, x1, y1, vector_x, vector_y);
179 //ROS_INFO("VALID DATA");
180
181 for(std::vector<int>::size_type i = 0; i < vector_x.size(); i++)
182 {
183     if(i == (vector_x.size() - 1) && r > (range_min/cell_size_in_m) && r < (range_max/cell_size_in_m))
184     {
185         //ROS_INFO("Occupied Cell!");
186         vector_prob.push_back(cell_occ);
187     }
188     else
189     {
190         vector_prob.push_back(cell_not_occ);
191     }
192 }
193 }
194
195 }
196 void mapping()
197 {

```



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198 //GO THROUGH EACH CELL
199 // CHECK IF CELL's (thorough relative measurements) are in bearing field
200 int measurement_size = (angle_max - angle_min)/angle_increment;
201 float measL[M][N] = {0};
202
203 std::vector<int> vector_x;
204 std::vector<int> vector_y;
205 std::vector<float> vector_prob;
206 // find which cells to update
207
208 for(int i = 0; i < measurement_size; i++)
209 {
210     vector_x.clear();
211     vector_y.clear();
212     vector_prob.clear();
213     //ROS_INFO("GOT HERE 1");
214     float theta = i*angle_increment;
215     if(!std::isnan(r[i]))
216     {
217         inverse_meas_bres(theta,r[i], vector_x, vector_y, vector_prob); // returns points AND their
probabilities (0-1)
218         //ROS_INFO("Measurement size: %ld %ld %ld", vector_x.size(), vector_y.size(), vector_prob.size
219         ());
220         int start = vector_x.size() > 50 ? vector_x.size()-25 : 0;
221         for(int j = start; j < vector_x.size(); j++)
222         {
223             int ix = vector_x[j];
224             int iy = vector_y[j];
225             float il = vector_prob[j];
226
227             //update log odds
228             L[ix][iy] = L[ix][iy] + log(il/(1-il)) - L0[ix][iy];
229             double new_prob = exp(L[ix][iy])/(1 + exp(L[ix][iy]))*100;
230
231             m[ix][iy] = new_prob;
232             if(new_prob > 100) new_prob = 100;
233             if(new_prob < 0) new_prob = 0;
234
235             int insert_index = (ix * N) + iy;
236             final_array[insert_index] = new_prob;
237             //ROS_INFO("Assigned Prob: %f", m[ix][iy]);
238             //ROS_INFO("x: %d y: %d prob: %f", ix, iy, m[ix][iy]);
239         }
240     }
241 }
242
243 //clear data from previous inputs
244 vector_x.clear();
245 vector_y.clear();
246 vector_prob.clear();
247 r.clear();
248
249 }
250
251 void init_final_occupancy_grid(nav_msgs::OccupancyGrid &msg)
252 {
253     msg.header.frame_id = "odom";
254     msg.info.resolution = cell_size_in_m; // each cell is 0.1m [m/cell]
255     msg.info.width = M; // in cells
256     msg.info.height = N; // in cells
257     geometry_msgs::Pose pose;
258     pose.position.x = -RES_X/2;
259     pose.position.y = -RES_Y/2;
260     pose.position.z = 0;
261     msg.info.origin = pose; // [m, m, rad]
262 }
263

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264 void update_final_grid(nav_msgs::OccupancyGrid &msg)
265 {
266     msg.data = final_array;
267 }
268
269 void laser_callback(const sensor_msgs::LaserScan &msg)
270 {
271     size_t RANGE_SIZE = sizeof(msg.ranges)/sizeof(msg.ranges[0]);
272
273     angle_min = msg.angle_min;
274     angle_max = msg.angle_max;
275     angle_increment = msg.angle_increment;
276     range_max = msg.range_max;
277     range_min = msg.range_min;
278     //ROS_INFO("increment: %f", angle_increment);
279
280     for(std::vector<int>::size_type i = 0; i < RANGE_SIZE; i++)
281     {
282         //ROS_INFO("Getting range: %f", msg.ranges[i]);
283         //ROS_INFO("min r: %f, max r: %f", range_min, range_max);
284         r.push_back(msg.ranges[i]);
285     }
286
287     //ROS_INFO("Range size: %ld\n", RANGE_SIZE);
288     //ROS_INFO("Min Angle: %f\n", angle_min);
289     //ROS_INFO("Max Angle: %f\n", angle_max);
290
291     mapping();
292 }
293
294 //Callback function for the Position topic (SIMULATION)
295 /*void pose_callback(const gazebo_msgs::ModelStates &msg) {
296
297     int i;
298     for (i = 0; i < msg.name.size(); i++)
299         if (msg.name[i] == "mobile_base")
300             break;
301
302     ips_x = msg.pose[i].position.x; //cell_size_in_m;
303     ips_y = msg.pose[i].position.y; //cell_size_in_m;
304     ips_yaw = tf::getYaw(msg.pose[i].orientation);
305
306     //ROS_INFO("X: %lf\n", ips_x);
307     //ROS_INFO("Y: %lf\n", ips_y);
308     //ROS_INFO("Theta: %lf\n", ips_yaw);
309
310     //store robot poses for plotting path
311     //robot_pose_x.push_back(ips_x);
312     //robot_pose_y.push_back(ips_y);
313     //robot_pose_yaw.push_back(ips_yaw);
314 }*/
315
316 //Callback function for the Position topic (LIVE)
317 void pose_callback(const geometry_msgs::PoseWithCovarianceStamped &msg)
318 {
319
320     ips_x = msg.pose.pose.position.x; // Robot X psotion
321     ips_y = msg.pose.pose.position.y; // Robot Y psotion
322     ips_yaw = tf::getYaw(msg.pose.pose.orientation); // Robot Yaw
323     ROS_DEBUG("pose_callback X: %f Y: %f Yaw: %f", ips_x, ips_y, ips_yaw);
324 }
325
326 //Callback function for the map
327 void map_callback(const nav_msgs::OccupancyGrid &msg) {
328     //This function is called when a new map is received
329 }
330
331

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332 //you probably want to save the map into a form which is easy to work with
333
334 }
335
336 int main(int argc, char **argv) {
337 //Initialize the ROS framework
338 ros::init(argc, argv, "main_control");
339 ros::NodeHandle n;
340
341 //Subscribe to the desired topics and assign callbacks
342 ros::Subscriber pose_sub = n.subscribe("/gazebo/model_states", 1, pose_callback);
343 //ros::Subscriber pose_sub = n.subscribe("/indoor_pos", 1, pose_callback);
344 //ros::Subscriber map_sub = n.subscribe("/map", 1, map_callback);
345 ros::Subscriber laser_sub = n.subscribe("/scan", 1, laser_callback);
346
347 //Setup topics to Publish from this node
348 ros::Publisher velocity_publisher = n.advertise<geometry_msgs::Twist>("/cmd_vel_mux/input/navi", 1);
349 //pose_publisher = n.advertise<geometry_msgs::PoseStamped>("/pose", 1, true);
350 //marker_pub = n.advertise<visualization_msgs::Marker>("visualization_marker", 1, true);
351 ros::Publisher map_publisher = n.advertise<nav_msgs::OccupancyGrid>("/map", 1, true);
352
353 //Velocity control variable
354 geometry_msgs::Twist vel;
355 nav_msgs::OccupancyGrid occ_grid;
356 init_final_occupancy_grid(occ_grid);
357 //m = {50};
358
359 //Set the loop rate
360 ros::Rate loop_rate(1); //20Hz update rate
361 for(int a = 0; a < M; a++)
362 {
363     for(int b = 0; b < N; b++)
364     {
365         final_array.push_back(-1);
366     }
367 }
368
369 while (ros::ok()) {
370
371     //Main loop code goes here:
372     //vel.linear.x = 0.2; // set linear speed
373     //vel.angular.z = 0.5; // set angular speed
374
375     // update map
376     update_final_grid(occ_grid); // generate occupancy grid message
377
378     //velocity_publisher.publish(vel); // Publish the command velocity
379     map_publisher.publish(occ_grid); //publish grid to /map topic
380     loop_rate.sleep(); //Maintain the loop rate
381     ros::spinOnce(); //Check for new messages
382 }
383
384 return 0;
385 }

```

Appendix A.2 Localization Code

```
1
2 #ifndef PARTICLE_FILTER_H
3 #define PARTICLE_FILTER_H
4
5 #include <algorithm>
6 #include <Eigen/Core>
7 #include <Eigen/Dense>
8 #include <Eigen/Eigenvalues> // header file
9 #include <gazebo_msgs/ModelStates.h>
10 #include <geometry_msgs/PoseArray.h>
11 #include <geometry_msgs/PoseStamped.h>
12 #include <geometry_msgs/PoseWithCovarianceStamped.h>
13 #include <geometry_msgs/Twist.h>
14 #include <math.h>
15 #include <nav_msgs/OccupancyGrid.h>
16 #include <nav_msgs/Odometry.h>
17 #include <nav_msgs/Path.h>
18 #include <random>
19 #include <ros/ros.h>
20 #include <stdlib.h>
21 #include "tf/transform_datatypes.h"
22 #include <tf2/LinearMath/Quaternion.h>
23 #include <queue>
24
25 typedef struct {
26     double v[3];
27     double weight;
28 } particle_t;
29
30 // Description for a single map cell.
31 typedef struct {
32     // Occupancy state (true = unknown or occupied, false = empty)
33     bool occupied;
34 } cells_t;
35
36 // Description for a map
37 typedef struct {
38     // Map origin; the map is a viewport onto a conceptual larger map.
39     double origin_x, origin_y;
40     // Map scale (m/cell)
41     double scale;
42     // Map dimensions (number of cells)
43     int size_x, size_y;
44     // The map data, stored as a grid
45     cells_t *cells;
46 } map_t;
47
48 class ParticleFilter {
49     private:
50         ros::Publisher pf_cloud_publisher_;
51         ros::Publisher pf_pose_publisher_;
52         ros::Publisher path_publisher_;
53         ros::Subscriber odom_sub_;
54         ros::Subscriber sim_ips_sub_;
55         ros::Subscriber map_sub_;
56
57         nav_msgs::Path robot_path_;
58         double ips_x_;
59         double ips_y_;
60         double ips_yaw_;
61         bool map_received_;
62         map_t map_;
63         std::queue<std::array<double, 3> > pose_deltas_;
64         double last_command_time_;
65         std::vector<particle_t> particles_;
66         geometry_msgs::PoseArray particles_msg_;
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67     int num_of_particles_;
68     Eigen::Vector3d measurements_;
69     double dt_;
70     std::default_random_engine generator_;
71 public:
72     ros::NodeHandle nh_;
73     ParticleFilter();
74     void ConvertMap(const nav_msgs::OccupancyGrid &map_msg);
75     void UniformPoseGenerator();
76     bool PropagateParticles();
77     bool WeighParticles();
78     void ResampleParticles();
79
80     void CommandCb(const geometry_msgs::Twist::ConstPtr &msg);
81     void MapCb(const nav_msgs::OccupancyGrid &msg);
82     void PoseCb(const geometry_msgs::PoseWithCovarianceStamped &msg);
83     void SimIPSCb(const gazebo_msgs::ModelState::ConstPtr &msg);
84
85     void PublishPoseArray();
86     void PublishPosePath();
87     void Estimate();
88 };
89 #endif
90
91 #include "particle_filter.h"
92
93 // Mapping helper functions.
94 inline int GetMapIndex(map_t map, int x, int y) {
95     return ((x) + (y) * map.size_x);
96 }
97
98 double GetProb(const Eigen::Vector3d& x, const Eigen::Vector3d& mean,
99               const Eigen::Matrix3d& covar) {
100     // Multivariate Gaussian distribution
101     using namespace Eigen;
102     //std::cout << x << std::endl << mean << std::endl << covar << std::endl;
103     VectorXd quadform = (x - mean).transpose() * covar.inverse() * (x - mean);
104     double quad = quadform(0);
105     return std::exp(-0.5 * quad);
106 }
107
108 void ParticleFilter::ConvertMap(const nav_msgs::OccupancyGrid &map_msg) {
109     map_.size_x = map_msg.info.width;
110     map_.size_y = map_msg.info.height;
111     map_.scale = map_msg.info.resolution;
112     map_.origin_x = map_msg.info.origin.position.x
113         + (map_.size_x / 2) * map_.scale;
114     map_.origin_y = map_msg.info.origin.position.y
115         + (map_.size_y / 2) * map_.scale;
116
117     // Convert to player format
118     map_.cells = (cells_t*)malloc(sizeof(cells_t)*map_.size_x*map_.size_y);
119     for(int i=0; i<map_.size_x * map_.size_y; i++) {
120         if(map_msg.data[i] == 0)
121             map_.cells[i].occupied = false;
122         else
123             map_.cells[i].occupied = true;
124     }
125 }
126
127 // Generates random pose guesses uniformly across map
128 void ParticleFilter::UniformPoseGenerator() {
129     double min_x, max_x, min_y, max_y;
130
131     min_x = -(map_.size_x * map_.scale)/2.0 + map_.origin_x;
132     max_x = (map_.size_x * map_.scale)/2.0 + map_.origin_x;
133
134     min_y = -(map_.size_y * map_.scale)/2.0 + map_.origin_y;

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135 max_y = (map_.size_y * map_.scale)/2.0 + map_.origin_y;
136
137 particle_t p;
138 p.weight = 1.0/(float)num_of_particles_;
139 int n = 0;
140 ROS_INFO("Generating new uniform particles");
141 while(n < num_of_particles_) {
142     p.v[0] = min_x + ((double)rand() / (double)RAND_MAX) * (max_x - min_x);
143     p.v[1] = min_y + ((double)rand() / (double)RAND_MAX) * (max_y - min_y);
144     p.v[2] = ((double)rand() / (double)RAND_MAX) * 2 * M_PI - M_PI;
145     // Check that it's a free cell
146     int x_pos, y_pos;
147     x_pos = (floor((p.v[0] - map_.origin_x) / map_.scale + 0.5) + map_.size_x / 2);
148     y_pos = (floor((p.v[1] - map_.origin_y) / map_.scale + 0.5) + map_.size_y / 2);
149     if(map_.cells[GetMapIndex(map_, x_pos, y_pos)].occupied == false) {
150         particles_.push_back(p);
151         n++;
152     }
153 }
154 ROS_INFO("Generated new uniform particles");
155 }
156
157 void ParticleFilter::PublishPoseArray() {
158     for (int i = 0; i < num_of_particles_; i++) {
159         particles_msg_.poses[i].position.x = particles_[i].v[0];
160         particles_msg_.poses[i].position.y = particles_[i].v[1];
161         particles_msg_.poses[i].position.z = 0;
162         tf2::Quaternion q;
163         q.setRPY(0, 0, particles_[i].v[2]);
164         particles_msg_.poses[i].orientation.w = q.getW();
165         particles_msg_.poses[i].orientation.x = q.getX();
166         particles_msg_.poses[i].orientation.y = q.getY();
167         particles_msg_.poses[i].orientation.z = q.getZ();
168         // ROS_INFO("particles: %lf %lf %lf ", poses[i].v[0], poses[i].v[1], poses[i].v[2]);
169     }
170     pf_cloud_publisher_.publish(particles_msg_);
171 }
172
173 bool ParticleFilter::PropagateParticles() {
174     std::normal_distribution<double> x_noise(0, 1);
175     std::normal_distribution<double> theta_noise(0, 0.6);
176     double pose_delta[3] = {};
177
178     if (pose_deltas_.empty()) {
179         return false;
180     }
181
182     while (!pose_deltas_.empty()) {
183         pose_delta[0] = pose_deltas_.front()[0];
184         pose_delta[1] = pose_deltas_.front()[1];
185         pose_delta[2] = pose_deltas_.front()[2];
186         pose_deltas_.pop();
187         for (int i = 0; i < particles_.size(); i++) {
188             double v = pose_delta[0] + x_noise(generator_) * dt_;
189             particles_[i].v[0] += v * cos(particles_[i].v[2]);
190             particles_[i].v[1] += v * sin(particles_[i].v[2]);
191             particles_[i].v[2] += pose_delta[2];
192             particles_[i].v[2] += theta_noise(generator_) * dt_;
193             if (particles_[i].v[2] > M_PI) {
194                 particles_[i].v[2] -= 2*M_PI;
195             }
196             else if (particles_[i].v[2] < -M_PI) {
197                 particles_[i].v[2] += 2*M_PI;
198             }
199         }
200     }
201     return true;
202 }

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203
204 void ParticleFilter::PublishPosePath() {
205     geometry_msgs::PoseStamped average;
206     average.header.frame_id = "/odom";
207     std::vector<double> angles;
208
209     for (int i = 0; i < particles_.size(); i++) {
210         average.pose.position.x += particles_[i].v[0] * particles_[i].weight;
211         average.pose.position.y += particles_[i].v[1] * particles_[i].weight;
212         int num = particles_[i].weight * 10000;
213         if (num > 1) {
214             while(num-- > 0) {
215                 angles.push_back(particles_[i].v[2]);
216             }
217         }
218     }
219     if(angles.size() > 2) {
220         std::sort(angles.begin(), angles.end());
221         tf2::Quaternion q;
222         q.setRPY(0, 0, angles[angles.size()/2]);
223         average.pose.orientation.w = q.getW();
224         average.pose.orientation.x = q.getX();
225         average.pose.orientation.y = q.getY();
226         average.pose.orientation.z = q.getZ();
227     }
228     robot_path_.poses.push_back(average);
229     pf_pose_publisher_.publish(average);
230     path_publisher_.publish(robot_path_);
231 }
232
233 bool ParticleFilter::WeighParticles() {
234     double total = 0.0;
235     double weight_total = 0.0;
236
237     if (fabs(measurements_(2)) <= 0.00001) {
238         ROS_INFO("Jumped ship");
239         return false;
240     }
241     Eigen::Matrix3d cov;
242     cov << 0.1, 0, 0,
243           0, 0.1, 0,
244           0, 0, 0.1;
245     for (int i = 0; i < particles_.size(); i++) {
246         Eigen::Vector3d mean;
247         mean << particles_[i].v[0], particles_[i].v[1], particles_[i].v[2];
248         // ROS_INFO("WEIGHED particles: %lf %lf %lf ",particles[i].v[0],
249         //           particles[i].v[1], particles[i].v[2]);
250         //ROS_INFO("before: %lf %lf ", measurements_(2), mean(2));
251         /*
252         double ang_diff = measurements_(2) - mean(2);
253         mean(2) = std::min(fabs(ang_diff), 2*M_PI -fabs(ang_diff));
254         if (ang_diff < 0) {
255             mean(2) *= -1;
256         }
257         measurements_(2) = 0;
258         */
259         particles_[i].weight = GetProb(measurements_, mean, cov) * 1000000;
260         //ROS_INFO("mean: %lf %lf %lf ", mean(0), mean(1), mean(2));
261         //ROS_INFO("mesu: %lf %lf %lf ", measurements_(0), measurements_(1),
262         //           measurements_(2));
263         total += particles_[i].weight;
264     }
265
266     for (int i = 0; i < particles_.size(); i++) {
267         particles_[i].weight /= total;
268         weight_total += particles_[i].weight;
269         //ROS_INFO("Weight of particles = %.17g", particles_[i].weight);
270     }

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271 //ROS_INFO("total: %f", weight_total);
272 return true;
273 }
274
275 void ParticleFilter::ResampleParticles() {
276     double r;
277     double count_inv;
278     double c[num_of_particles_] = {};
279     std::vector<particle_t> resampled_poses;
280     resampled_poses.clear();
281     particle_t single;
282
283     c[0] = particles_[0].weight;
284     for(int i=1; i < num_of_particles_; i++) {
285         c[i] = c[i-1] + particles_[i].weight;
286     }
287     for(int i = 0; i < num_of_particles_; i++) {
288         r = rand() / double(RAND_MAX);
289
290         for (int j = 0; j < num_of_particles_; j++) {
291             if (r <= c[j]) {
292                 single.v[0] = particles_[j].v[0];
293                 single.v[1] = particles_[j].v[1];
294                 single.v[2] = particles_[j].v[2];
295                 single.weight = 1.0 / (double)num_of_particles_;
296                 resampled_poses.push_back(single);
297                 //ROS_INFO("select %lf %lf", r, );d
298                 break;
299             }
300         }
301     }
302
303     particles_.clear();
304     for(int l = 0; l < num_of_particles_; l++)
305         particles_.push_back(resampled_poses[l]);
306 }
307
308 void ParticleFilter::SimIPSCb(const gazebo_msgs::ModelStates::ConstPtr &msg) {
309     std::normal_distribution<double> x_noise(0, 0.1);
310     std::normal_distribution<double> theta_noise(0, 0.01);
311     //TODO find which model has the right index for the lookup below
312     double yaw = tf::getYaw(msg->pose[8].orientation); // Robot Yaw
313     measurements_ << msg->pose[8].position.x + x_noise(generator_),
314     msg->pose[8].position.y + x_noise(generator_), yaw + theta_noise(generator_);
315
316     //ROS_INFO("%s %f %f %f", msg->name[8].c_str(), msg->pose[8].position.x,
317     //          msg->pose[8].position.y, yaw);
318     //ROS_INFO("%lf %lf %lf ", measurements_(0), measurements_(1), measurements_(2));
319 }
320
321 //Callback for the command data
322 void ParticleFilter::CommandCb(const geometry_msgs::Twist::ConstPtr &msg) {
323     double now = ros::Time::now().toSec();
324     dt_ = now - last_command_time_;
325     std::array<double,3> pose_delta;
326
327     if (last_command_time_ == -1){
328         last_command_time_ = now;
329         return;
330     }
331
332     if (map_received_) {
333         pose_delta[0] = msg->linear.x * dt_;
334         pose_delta[1] = msg->linear.y * dt_;
335         pose_delta[2] = msg->angular.z * dt_;
336         pose_deltas_.push(pose_delta);
337     }
338     last_command_time_ = now;

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339 }
340
341 //Callback function for the Position topic (LIVE)
342 void ParticleFilter::PoseCb(
343     const geometry_msgs::PoseWithCovarianceStamped &msg) {
344     measurements_ << msg.pose.pose.position.x, msg.pose.pose.position.y,
345                     tf::getYaw(msg.pose.pose.orientation);
346     //ROS_DEBUG("pose_callback X: %f Y: %f Yaw: %f", measurements_(0),
347     //          measurements_(1), measurements_(2));
348 }
349
350 //Callback function for the map
351 void ParticleFilter::MapCb(const nav_msgs::OccupancyGrid &msg) {
352     //This function is called when a new map is received
353     ConvertMap(msg);
354     UniformPoseGenerator();
355     particles_msg_.header.frame_id = "/odom";
356     particles_msg_.poses.resize(num_of_particles_);
357     ROS_INFO("Made the particles!");
358     PublishPoseArray();
359     map_received_ = true;
360 }
361
362 ParticleFilter::ParticleFilter () {
363     //nh_.param<int>("no_of_particles", num_of_particles_, 20);
364     //if (!nh_.hasParam("no_of_particles")) {
365     //    ROS_INFO("no_of_particles is not defined.");
366     //}
367     num_of_particles_ = 4000;
368     //Subscribe to the desired topics and assign callbacks
369     odom_sub_ = nh_.subscribe("/mobile_base/commands/velocity", 1,
370                               &ParticleFilter::CommandCb, this);
371     sim_ips_sub_ = nh_.subscribe("/gazebo/model_states", 1,
372                                  &ParticleFilter::SimIPSCb, this);
373     map_sub_ = nh_.subscribe("/map", 1, &ParticleFilter::MapCb,
374                               this);
375     //Setup topics to Publish from this node
376     pf_cloud_publisher_ = nh_.advertise<geometry_msgs::PoseArray>("/pf_cloud", 1,
377                                                                    true);
378     pf_pose_publisher_ = nh_.advertise<geometry_msgs::PoseStamped>("/pf_pose", 1,
379                                                                    true);
380     path_publisher_ = nh_.advertise<nav_msgs::Path>("/pf_path", 1, true);
381     robot_path_.header.frame_id = "/odom";
382     map_received_ = false;
383     double last_command_time_ = -1;
384 }
385
386 void ParticleFilter::Estimate() {
387     /*
388     Load map
389     Generate Particles
390     Propagate the particles using the commanded velocity.
391     Weight each of the particles
392     Normalize the weights
393     Resample using a process called stochastic universal sampling(Low variance resampling)
394     */
395     if (map_received_) {
396         if (PropagateParticles()) {
397             if (WeighParticles()) {
398                 ResampleParticles();
399                 PublishPosePath();
400             }
401         }
402         PublishPoseArray();
403     }
404 }

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