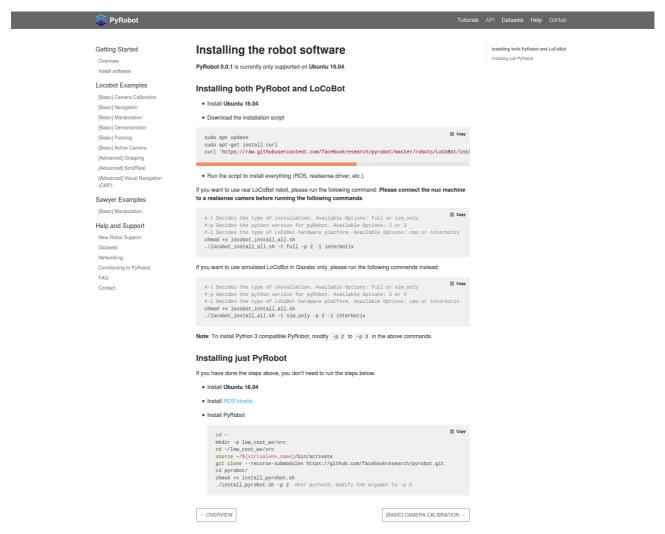
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# **Install Software**



## Installing both PyRobot and LoCoBot

- Install Ubuntu 16.04
- Download the installation script

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt-get install curl
curl
```

'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/facebookresearch/pyrobot/master/robots/LoCoBo t/install/locobot\_install\_all.sh' > locobot\_install\_all.sh

If you want to use real LoCoBot robot, please run the following command: **Please** connect the nuc machine to a realsense camera before running the following commands.

```
#-t Decides the type of installation. Available Options: full or sim_only
#-p Decides the python version for pyRobot. Available Options: 2 or 3
#-l Decides the type of LoCoBot hardware platform. Available Options: cmu or
interbotix
```

```
chmod +x locobot_install_all.sh
./locobot_install_all.sh -t full -p 2 -l interbotix
```

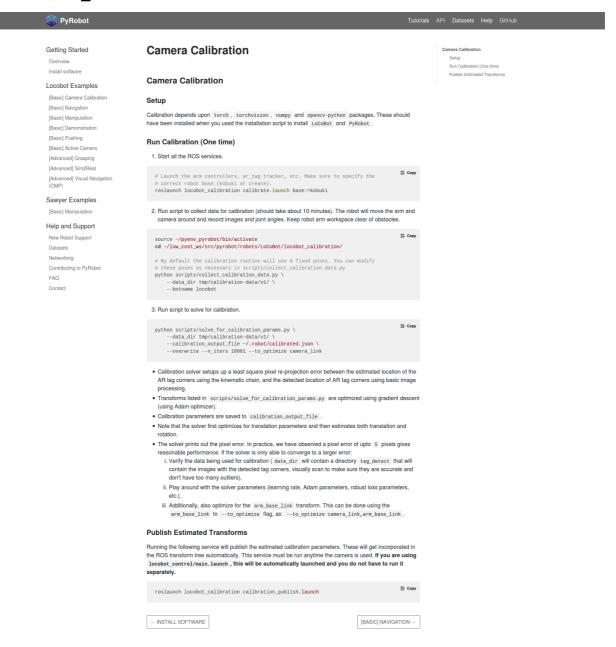
# **Installing just PyRobot**

If you have done the steps above, you don't need to run the steps below.

- Install **Ubuntu 16.04**
- Install ROS kinetic
- Install PyRobot

```
cd ~
mkdir -p low_cost_ws/src
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src
source ~/${virtualenv_name}/bin/activate
git clone --recurse-submodules https://github.com/facebookresearch/pyrobot.git
cd pyrobot/
chmod +x install_pyrobot.sh
./install_pyrobot.sh -p 2 #For python3, modify the argumet to -p 3
```

# [Basic] Camera Calibration



## **Camera Calibration**

## Setup

Calibration depends upon torch, torchvision, numpy and opencv-python packages. These should have been installed when you used the installation script to install LoCoBot and PyRobot.

## **Run Calibration (One time)**

- 1. Start all the ROS services.
- # Launch the arm controllers, ar\_tag tracker, etc. Make sure to specify the

```
# correct robot base (kobuki or create).
roslaunch locobot_calibration calibrate.launch base:=kobuki
```

2. Run script to collect data for calibration (should take about 10 minutes). The robot will move the arm and camera around and record images and joint angles. Keep robot arm workspace clear of obstacles.

```
source ~/pyenv_pyrobot/bin/activate
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot/robots/LoCoBot/locobot_calibration/

# By default the calibration routine will use 6 fixed poses. You can modify
# these poses as necessary in scripts/collect_calibration_data.py
python scripts/collect_calibration_data.py \
    --data_dir tmp/calibration-data/v1/ \
    --botname locobot
```

3. Run script to solve for calibration.

```
python scripts/solve_for_calibration_params.py \
    --data_dir tmp/calibration-data/v1/ \
    --calibration_output_file ~/.robot/calibrated.json \
    --overwrite --n_iters 10001 --to_optimize camera_link
```

- Calibration solver setups up a least square pixel re-projection error between the estimated location of the AR tag corners using the kinematic chain, and the detected location of AR tag corners using basic image processing.
- Transforms listed in scripts/solve\_for\_calibration\_params.py are optimized using gradient descent (using Adam optimizer).
- Calibration parameters are saved to calibration\_output\_file.
- Note that the solver first optimizes for translation parameters and then estimates both translation and rotation.
- The solver prints out the pixel error. In practice, we have observed a pixel error of upto 5 pixels gives reasonable performance. If the solver is only able to converge to a larger error:
  - 1. Verify the data being used for calibration (data\_dir will contain a directory tag\_detect that will contain the images with the detected tag corners, visually scan to make sure they are accurate and don't have too many outliers),
  - 2. Play around with the solver parameters (learning rate, Adam parameters, robust loss parameters, etc.).
  - 3. Additionally, also optimize for the arm\_base\_link transform. This can be done using the arm\_base\_link to --to\_optimize flag, as: --to\_optimize camera\_link, arm\_base\_link.

#### **Publish Estimated Transforms**

Running the following service will publish the estimated calibration parameters. These will get incorporated in the ROS transform tree automatically. This service must be run anytime the camera is used. If you are using locobot\_control/main.launch, this will be automatically launched and you do not have to run it separately.

 ${\tt roslaunch\ locobot\_calibration\ calibration\_publish.launch}$ 

# [Basic] Navigation

## Setup

This tutorial can also be run using a simulated version of the robot. Before we get started with this, ensure the following:

- The robot base is supported by PyRobot. Check if your robot is supported <u>here</u>.
- The robot base is switched ON. With the LoCoBot the base beeps when connected.
- The robot's launch file has been run. Note that you have to set use\_base:=true.

```
LoCoBot[Real Robot]
```

```
roslaunch locobot_control main.launch use_base:=true
```

LoCoBot[Simulator]

```
roslaunch locobot_control main.launch use_base:=true use_sim:=true
```

• The appropriate python virtual environment has been sourced.

load\_pyrobot\_env

## **Base State**

Base state is represented by [x, y, yaw], the x-coordinate, y-coordinate of the base\_link and the robot heading yaw. By default this state is estimated via intertial sensors, or wheel encoders. This state can be queried as follows (You can run the following code in a **python** terminal):

```
Source virtual env
#import appopriate dependencies
from pyrobot import Robot

# Create robot.
robot = Robot('locobot')

# Get the current pose of the base i.e, a state of the form (x, y, yaw). Note
# that over here we are querying the 'odom' state, which is state estimated
# from inertial sensors and wheel encoders on the base.
current_state = robot.base.get_state('odom')

# (Advanced) If you are running visual SLAM, then you can also query the state
# as estimated from visual sensors, using the following. State estimates from
# visual SLAM can be more accurate.
current_state = robot.base.get_state('vslam')
```

### **Basic Control**

In this section, we will talk about two modes of controlling the LoCoBot base- Velocity control and Position control. One should note the same tutorials also apply to LoCoBot-Lite with very minimal change to the code.

We will talk about velocity and position control by introducing examples.

### **Velocity control**

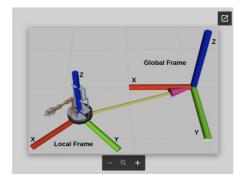
This mode of control allows us to command the base with a particular linear and angular velocity for a specified ammount of time.

An example script that performs velocity control,

```
Source virtual env
#import appopriate dependencies
from pyrobot import Robot
# Create the Robot object that interfaces with the robot.
robot = Robot('locobot')
# If you want to use LoCoBot-Lite instead, replace the argument 'locobot' with
# 'locobot_lite'
# linear_velocity in m/s
linear_velocity = 0.1
# rotational_velocity in radian / s
rotational_velocity = 0.5
# execution_time in seconds
execution_time = 4
# Command to execute motion
robot.base.set_vel(fwd_speed=linear_velocity,
                   turn_speed=rotational_velocity,
                   exe_time=execution_time)
# To stop the robot at any time:
robot.base.stop()
```

#### Frames of reference

As shown in the figure below, there are two frames of reference available for the base - Local and Global frames.



Local frame is the frame of reference attached to the base of the robot and moves with it as the robot moves i.e, all the points in this frame are relative to the robot.

Global frame is a stationary frame of reference. It is the initial frame that the robot started at.

#### **Position control**

This mode of control allows us to command the base to go to a specified target (of the form [x, y, yaw]) in the environment.

We currently support three different base-controllers for position control: ILQR, Proportional and Movebase.

Following code shows an example of position control.

```
from pyrobot import Robot

# base_config_dict is a dictionary that contains different base configuration
# parameters. 'base_controller' can be set to 'ilqr' or 'proportional' or
# 'movebase' to use the respective controllers.
base_config_dict={'base_controller': 'ilqr'}

# crate the Robot object with the specified base_config
robot = Robot('locobot', base_config=base_config_dict)

# target position we want the base to go to
target_position = [1,1,0.5] # this is a 2D pose of the form [x, y, yaw]

# Now command the robot to go to the target pose in the enviroment
# 'go_to_absolute' assumes that the target is in world frame.
robot.base.go_to_absolute(target_position)

# Targets can be specified in robot's coordinate frame.
# robot.base.go_to_relative(target_position)
```

```
arguments to enable or disable different features.
# smooth ensures that the robot only follows smooth motions while going to goal
# smooth mean no on-spot rotations.
robot.base.go_to_absolute(target_position, smooth=True)
# close_loop ensures that the controller acts in closed loop by using onboard
# odommetrv
robot.base.go_to_absolute(target_position, close_loop=True)
Below are few different position control examples.
Example 1
from pyrobot import Robot
base_config_dict={'base_controller': 'proportional'}
robot = Robot('locobot', base_config=base_config_dict)
target_position = [1.0, 0.0, 0.0] # go forward 1 meter
robot.base.go_to_relative(target_position, smooth=False, close_loop=True)
Example 2
from pyrobot import Robot
base_config_dict={'base_controller': 'ilgr'}
robot = Robot('locobot', base_config=base_config_dict)
target_position = [-1.0, 0.0, 0.0] # go reverse 1 meter
robot.base.go_to_relative(target_position, smooth=False, close_loop=True)
Example 3
from pyrobot import Robot
base_config_dict={'base_controller': 'movebase'}
robot = Robot('locobot', base_config=base_config_dict)
target_position = [0.0, 0.0, 1.5707] # rotate on-spot by 90 degrees
robot.base.go_to_relative(target_position, smooth=False, close_loop=True)
Example 4
from pyrobot import Robot
base_config_dict={'base_controller': 'ilqr'}
robot = Robot('locobot', base_config=base_config_dict)
target_position = [1.0, 1.0, 0.0]
robot.base.go_to_relative(target_position, smooth=False, close_loop=True)
robot.base.go_to_relative(target_position)
```

As shown below, we can also modify go\_to\_absolute or go\_to\_relative function

### **Trajectory Tracking**

Feedback controllers implemented in the library can be used to close the loop on a given state-space trajectory. The base state is characterized by [x, y, yaw], the x-coordinate, y-coordinate and the robot heading yaw. Given a state-space trajectory (at the frequency at which the tracker is run), the track\_trajectory function can close the loop on the trajectory.

```
from pyrobot import Robot
import numpy as np
base_config_dict={'base_controller': 'ilqr'}
robot = Robot('locobot', base_config=base_config_dict)
# Generate a straight line trajectory, for the robot to track. Note that this
# trajectory needs to be generated at the frequency of the feedback controller
# that will track it.
# We need to generate a trajectory at the following rate.
dt = 1. / robot.configs.BASE.BASE_CONTROL_RATE
# We will generate a trajectory 1m long and track it such that the robot moves
# at half the max speed of the robot.
v = robot.configs.BASE.MAX_ABS_FWD_SPEED / 2.
# distance moved per time step
r = v * dt
# number of time steps
t = int(1/r)
# initial state
x, y, yaw = robot.base.get_state('odom')
# generate state trajectory
states = []
for i in range(t):
    states.append([x+r*np.cos(yaw)*i, y+r*np.sin(yaw)*i, yaw])
states = np.array(states)
# Call trajectory tracker
robot.base.track_trajectory(states, close_loop=True)
In this example, we tracked a very simple trajectory, but the implementation can
```

track more complex trajectories as well. More a more advanced example see here.

## Position control with map (Real robot)

Position control with map is an enhanced position control feature that allows us to leverage the map contructed by the onboard SLAM algorithms while going to a specific target in the environement. This feature allows to avoid obstacles in the environment while going to a target postion as the robot only travels through the free space deemed worthy by the onboard SLAM.

To use this feature we need to modify the initially specified launch file arguments as follows,

LoCoBot[Real Robot]

roslaunch locobot\_control main.launch use\_base:=true use\_vslam:=true
use\_camera:=true

### Warning:

- 1. After running the above launch command, please do not move in front of the camera or temporarily block the camera view. These actions would be registered as permanent obstacles by SLAM which is running perpetually in the background. The SLAM algorithm here does not deal with the dynamic obstacles.
- 2. SLAM only works in environments that have rich RGB feature points and could fail otherwise.
- 3. While using PyRobot, if you launch the robot with different settings, you need to exit the python terminal, and import PyRobot in a new python terminal.

Here is an example showing position control with map in action.

```
# 'base_planner' is the planner used to generate collision free plans to goal
base_config_dict={'base_controller': 'proportional', 'base_planner':'movebase'}

robot = Robot('locobot', base_config=base_config_dict)

# 'use_map' argument determines if map should be used or not in position
control.
robot.base.go_to_relative([2.0, 0.0, 0.0], use_map=True, smooth=False,
close_loop=True)
```

# [Basic] Manipulation

## Setup

This tutorial can also be run using a simulated version of the robot. Before we get started with this, ensure the following:

- The robot arm is supported by PyRobot. Check if your robot is supported <u>here</u>.
- The robot arm is switched ON. With the LoCoBot this is done by connecting the power supply and USB to the arm.

LoCoBot Setup Instructions:

LoCoBot's launch file has been run. Note that you have to set use\_arm:=true.

```
roslaunch locobot_control main.launch use_arm:=true
```

Similar to the real robot, for LoCoBot gazebo simulator, run the following command, roslaunch locobot\_control main.launch use\_arm:=true use\_sim:=true

• The appropriate python virtual environment has been sourced before running any PyRobot package.

Source virtual env load\_pyrobot\_env

## **Basic movements**

In your favorite Python command shell run the following to setup the robot object

LoCoBot Setup Instructions

```
from pyrobot import Robot
import numpy as np
impot time
robot = Robot('locobot')
```

This creates a Robot object that encapsulates the robot's basic motion utilities.

#### Joint control

To move the joints of the robot to a desired joint configuration, run the following snippet:

LoCoBot

```
target_joints = [[0.408, 0.721, -0.471, -1.4, 0.920], [-0.675, 0, 0.23, 1, -0.70]] robot.arm.go_home() for joint in target_joints:
```

```
robot.arm.set_joint_positions(joint, plan=False)
  time.sleep(1)
robot.arm.go_home()
```

Robot.arm.go\_home() makes the arm to move to its *home* position. Since we are using a 5-joint (DoF, degree-of-freedom) arm on the LoCoBot, the target\_joint is a 5D vector of desired individual joint angles from the base of the arm to its wrist. Then finally through the set\_joint\_positions method the Robot will move to the desired target\_joint. The plan=False argument means that the robot will not use MoveIt to plan around obstacles (like the base or the arm itself). To plan around obstacles, look at using <a href="MoveIt">MoveIt</a>.

### **End-effector pose control**

In this example, we will look at controlling the <u>end-effector</u> pose of the arm. A *pose* object has two components: *position* and *rotation*. *Position* is a 3D numpy array representing the desired position. *Orientation* can be a rotation matrix [3x3], euler angles [3,], or quaternion [4,].

#### LoCoBot

Note that since the LoCoBot only has 5 DoFs, it can only reach target poses that lie in its configuration space. Check the API for more on how to use the method set\_ee\_pose.

#### **End-effector Position and Pitch Roll Control**

#### This is a LoCoBot-specific example.

As LoCoBot is a 5-DOF robot, you can specify its pose with an end-effector position (x,y,z), a pitch angle and a roll angle (no need to specify yaw angle as it only has 5 degrees of freedom).

```
target_poses = [
     {'position': np.array([0.28, 0.17, 0.22]),
     'pitch': 0.5,
     'numerical': False},
     {'position': np.array([0.28, -0.17, 0.22]),
     'pitch': 0.5,
     'roll': 0.5,
     'numerical': False}]
```

```
robot.arm.go_home()
for pose in target_poses:
    robot.arm.set_ee_pose_pitch_roll(**pose)
    time.sleep(1)
robot.arm.go_home()
```

#### **End-effector Cartesian Path control**

In this example, we will move the arm in the X,Y,Z coordinates in straight-line paths from the current pose.

#### LoCoBot

```
robot.arm.go_home()
displacement = np.array([0, 0, -0.15])
robot.arm.move_ee_xyz(displacement, plan=True)
robot.arm.go_home()
```

If plan=True, it will call the internal cartesian path planning in MoveIt.

If plan=False, it will simply perform linear interpolation along the target straight line and do inverse kinematics (you can choose whether you want to use the numerical inverse kinematics or analytical inverse kinematics by passing numerical=True or numerical=False) on each waypoints. Since LoCoBot is a 5-DOF robot, the numerical inverse kinematics sometimes fail to find the solution even though there exists a solution. So analytical inverse kinematics might work better in such cases.

### Joint torque control

**Warning for usage.** Each though each joint accepts the torque command, there is no gravity compensation implemented for LoCoBot yet. Torque control mode is not recommended for LoCoBot and it's not well tested. Sawyer does support torque control and it's well tested.

For direct torque control, one can use the set\_joint\_torques method as follows. Firstly, you will need to kill the previously launched driver and relaunched it with the following command.

```
LoCoBot Only
```

```
roslaunch locobot_control main.launch use_arm:=true torque_control:=true
```

Then you can use the following command to send torque values to robots. Try to keep the arm in initial condition as shown in the below video, as the behavior will be different for a different configuration. For this example, we are going to apply torque only on joint 4. This will move robot joint 4 to the extreme. After completion, the joint will be free again. The torque requirements may vary from robot to robot. So if joint 4 doesn't move using following script, try to apply a higher magnitude of torque.

LoCoBot

```
from pyrobot import Robot
import time
arm_config = dict(control_mode='torque')
robot = Robot('locobot', arm_config=arm_config)
target_torque = 4 * [0]
target_torque[3] = -0.45
robot.arm.set_joint_torques(target_torque)
time.sleep(2)
target_torque[3] = 0.0
robot.arm.set_joint_torques(target_torque)
```

### **Gripper control**

Opening and closing the gripper is done via the gripper object.

```
import time
robot.gripper.open()
time.sleep(1)
robot.gripper.close()
```

## **Planning using MoveIt**

To avoid hitting obstacles like the base or the arm itself, we support planning via <u>MoveIt!</u>. To use this, we need to first set the robot with the approriate planning parameters:

```
LoCoBot
```

```
config = dict(moveit_planner='ESTkConfigDefault')
robot = Robot('locobot', arm_config=config)
```

After this run set\_joint\_positions with the argument plan=True.

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## Sensing

Most arms come with proprioceptive feedback. The following functions can be used to read the current state of the robot (joint angles, velocities, torques), etc.

```
# Get all joint angles of the robot
current_joints = robot.arm.get_joint_angles()
```

```
# Get state of a specific joint
current_joint = robot.arm.get_joint_angle("joint_5")
# Get all joint velocities of the robot
current_velocity = robot.arm.get_joint_velocities()
# Get current joint torques (if mode='torque')
current_torques = robot.arm.get_joint_torques()
```

# [Basic] Demostration

## **Getting started**

- Make sure robot is turned ON
- Launch the robot server. Note that you have to set teleop:=true. Pass in the corresponding flags when launching the robot.

```
LoCoBot Arm [Real]
# You will only be able to control the arm (no base and no camera)

roslaunch locobot_control main.launch use_arm:=true teleop:=true

Arm+Base [Real]
# You will only be able to control the arm and the base

roslaunch locobot_control main.launch use_arm:=true use_base:=true teleop:=true

Arm+Base+Camera [Real]
# You will only be able to control the arm, the base, and the camera

roslaunch locobot_control main.launch use_arm:=true use_base:=true

use_camera:=true teleop:=true

Arm+Base+Camera [Gazebo]

roslaunch locobot_control main.launch use_arm:=true use_sim:=true teleop:=true
```

• Start the teleop server in a new terminal

use\_camera:=true use\_base:=true

```
load_pyrobot_env
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot/robots/LoCoBot/locobot_control/nodes
python robot_teleop_server.py
```

• Now we can run the teleoperation client (in a new terminal). The screen should display the relevant commands to control the arm.

```
load_pyrobot_env
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot/robots/LoCoBot/locobot_control/nodes
python keyboard_teleop_client.py
```

# [Basic] Pushing

## **Get Started**

Note This tutorial is tested to work only with Python2.7 version on PyRobot

- Make sure robot is turned ON
- Launch the robot driver

Launch driver roslaunch locobot\_control main.launch use\_arm:=true use\_camera:=true

• Run the pushing example

pushing.py script accepts two parameters: floor\_height and gripper\_len. You need to tune these two parameters a bit. floor\_height means the z-coordinate of the floor. Points with z-coordinate smaller than this value will be filtered. Only points heigher than the floor will be used for clustering. gripper\_len means the length of the gripper (from gripper\_link to the tip of the gripper). You may need to tune these two parameters when you run the example.

If the gripper goes down too much and it hits the floor while pushing the object, you can make the gripper\_len bigger. If the gripper doesn't go down enough and it doesn't touch the object, you can try making the gripper len smaller.

To tune floor height, you need to run the following script first.

Visualize filtered point cloud

```
source ~/pyenv_pyrobot/bin/activate
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot/examples/locobot/manipulation
python realtime_point_cloud.py --floor_height=0.01
```

This script shows the point cloud in the scene after filtering (points with depth more than 1.5m and points with z coordinate (height) larger than floor\_height will be removed). The remaining point cloud will be used for clustering and pushing in pushing.py. So you need to tune the floor\_height such that the floor is completely removed (which means its value cannot be too small) and as much points of the the objects as possible are remained (which means its value cannot be too big).

After tuning, you can run the pushing script in a new terminal as follows:

Run pushing script

```
source ~/pyenv_pyrobot/bin/activate
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot/examples/locobot/manipulation
python pushing.py --floor_height=0.01 --gripper_len=0.12
```

**Warning**: we are using the analytical inverse kinematics in this example, which means no collision checking is performed here. So the robot arm may hit the robot itself sometimes.

# [Basic] Active Camera

# **Getting started**

- Make sure robot is turned ON
- Launch the robot driver

Launch driver

roslaunch locobot\_control main.launch use\_camera:=true

• Start the python virtual environment

Source virtual env

load\_pyrobot\_env

# **Example usage**

• Initialize a robot instance

#### Create robot

```
from pyrobot import Robot
bot = Robot('locobot')
bot.camera.reset()
```

• Set camera pan or tilt angle, or set pan and tilt angles together

```
Set Pan
```

```
pan = 0.4
bot.camera.set_pan(pan, wait=True)

Set Tilt

tilt = 0.4
bot.camera.set_tilt(tilt, wait=True)

Set Pan and Tilt

camera_pose = [0, 0.7]
bot.camera.set_pan_tilt(camera_pose[0], camera_pose[1], wait=True)
```

• Get rgb or depth images

```
RGB
```

```
from pyrobot.utils.util import try_cv2_import
cv2 = try_cv2_import()
rgb = bot.camera.get_rgb()
cv2.imshow('Color', rgb[:, :, ::-1])
cv2.waitKey(3000)
Depth
from pyrobot.utils.util import try_cv2_import
cv2 = try_cv2_import()
import numpy as np
depth = bot.camera.get_depth()
actual_depth_values = depth.astype(np.float64) / 1000.0
cv2.imshow('Depth', depth)
cv2.waitKey(3000)
RGB and Depth
from pyrobot.utils.util import try_cv2_import
cv2 = try_cv2_import()
rgb, depth = bot.camera.get_rgb_depth()
cv2.imshow('Color', rgb[:, :, ::-1])
cv2.imshow('Depth', depth)
cv2.waitKey(3000)
```

• Get 3D point coordinates of pixels in RGB image

In manipulation, we often get into the case where we want to know where an RGB pixel is in the 3D world, meaning the correspondence between RGB pixels and their 3D locations with respect to the robot. In PyRobot, we have provided a utility function (pix\_to\_3dpt) to do this transformation. This function takes as input the row indices and column indices of the pixels. It will return the 3D point locations and the RGB color values of these pixels. You can specify in\_cam=True to get the 3D locations in the camera frame. Otherwise, the 3D locations will be with respect to the **LoCoBot base frame**.

#### Pixel via Scalar

```
bot.camera.set_tilt(0.6)
r = 295 # row number in the RGB image
c = 307 # column number in the RGB image
pt, color = bot.camera.pix_to_3dpt(r,c)
print('3D point:', pt)
print('Color:', color)
rgb = bot.camera.get_rgb()
cv2.imshow('Color', rgb[:, :, ::-1])
cv2.waitKey(10000)
```

#### Pixels via List

```
bot.camera.set_tilt(0.6)
r = [295, 360]
c = [307, 296]
# this will return the point and color of
# pixel (295, 307) and pixel (360, 296)
pt, color = bot.camera.pix_to_3dpt(r,c)
print('3D point:', pt)
print('Color:', color)
rgb = bot.camera.get_rgb()
cv2.imshow('Color', rgb[:, :, ::-1])
cv2.waitKey(10000)
Pixels via Numpy Array
import numpy as np
bot.camera.set_tilt(0.6)
r = np.array([295, 360])
c = np.array([307, 296])
# this will return the point and color of
# pixel (295, 307) and pixel (360, 296)
pt, color = bot.camera.pix_to_3dpt(r,c)
print('3D point:', pt)
print('Color:', color)
rgb = bot.camera.get_rgb()
cv2.imshow('Color', rgb[:, :, ::-1])
cv2.waitKey(10000)
```

# [Advanced] Grasping

## **Getting started**

Here we demonstrate how the PyRobot API can be used to grasp objects by using a learned model. Ideally PyRobot has already been installed, which will allow us to use the Python API for basic robot operations. Before we get started with this, ensure the following:

- The robot arm is supported by PyRobot. Check if your robot is supported <u>here</u>.
- The robot arm is switched ON. With the LoCoBot this is done by connecting the power supply and USB to the arm.
- Setup the virtual environment. Since the grasp models we are using need PyTorch, we need to install it in a new virtual environment. To do this easily, run the following lines.

```
virtualenv_name="pyenv_locobot_grasping"
virtualenv --system-site-packages -p python ~/${virtualenv_name}
source ~/${virtualenv_name}/bin/activate
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot
pip install -e .
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot/examples/grasping
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

• The robot's launch file has been run. Note that you have to set use\_arm:=true and use\_camera:=true.

roslaunch locobot\_control main.launch use\_arm:=true use\_camera:=true

## **Running the example**

We use a sampling based grasping algorithm to grasp objects using the LoCoBot. The grasping script locobot.py accepts 4 parameters: n\_grasps, n\_samples, patch\_size, and no\_visualize. n\_grasps is the number of times the robot attempts a grasp. n\_samples is the number of samples of size patch\_size that are input into the grasp model. The larger the number of samples, the more is the inference time. Infering on 100 patches should take around 30 seconds on the NUC. After every grasp inference, a window showing the best found grasp is displayed until the user hits the space key. Running the script with --no\_visualize disables this visualization.

```
source ~/pyenv_locobot_grasping/bin/activate
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot/examples/grasping
python locobot.py --n_grasps=5 --n_samples=100 --patch_size=100
```

# [Advanced] Sim2Real

## What is Sim2Real?

In this section we will train a simple RL policy which will learn inverse kinematics for the arm using RL(TD3). The input to the RL agent is state(joint angles of arm) & goal location(x,y,z) and the control action is the change in each joint angles to achieve the desired goal.

For TD3 implementation , we used the publicly available <u>code</u>.

Here is a demo video showing what one can accomplish through this tutorial.

### **Installation**

• Activate the virtual environment

Source virtual env

```
source ~/pyenv_pyrobot/bin/activate
```

• Install Dependencies

```
pip install gym
pip install pybullet
```

• Start by either training the agent from scratch **or** downloading pretrained model

Train the agent (this might take around an hour)

```
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot/examples/sim2real
python train.py --exp_name expID01 --valid_goals --save_models
```

Download pretrained model

```
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot/examples/sim2real
wget -0 log.zip https://www.dropbox.com/s/8cttp55odd7e79o/log.zip?dl=0
unzip log.zip
rm log.zip
```

Launch the real robot (open a new terminal)

```
roslaunch locobot_control main.launch use_arm:=true
```

• Test the above trained policy on the real robot

```
source ~/pyenv_pyrobot/bin/activate
cd ~/low_cost_ws/src/pyrobot/examples/sim2real
python test.py --use_real_robot --valid_goals --directory
./log/expID01/pytorch_models --file_name LocoBotEnv-v0_0
```

# [Advanced] Visual Navigation



#### 1. Launch Robot in a terminal

# Launch the robot using the following launch command.

roslaunch locobot\_control main.launch use\_base:=true use\_camera:=true \
 use\_arm:=false use\_sim:=false base:=kobuki use\_rviz:=false

2. Install additional dependencies (Open a new terminal)

source ~/pyenv\_pyrobot/bin/activate
cd ~/low\_cost\_ws/src/pyrobot/examples/visual\_nav\_cmp/
pip install -r requirements.txt

3. Get pre-trained models

 $wget\ https://www.dropbox.com/s/vw7aqmitsm3kas0/model.tgz?dl=0\ -0\ model.tgz\\ tar\ -xf\ model.tgz$ 

### **Test Setup**

Confirm that tensorflow is properly setup, by running the following command.

pytest test\_cmp.py

### Running

# Run CMP policy using the following command, going forward 1.2m.

```
python run_cmp.py --goal_x 1.2 --goal_y 0.0 --goal_t 0. --botname locobot
```

### **Demo Runs**

1. Go forward 4m:

```
python run_cmp.py --goal_x 4.0 --goal_y 0.0 --goal_t 0. --compensate
```

2. Go forward 2m, left 2.4m:

```
python run_cmp.py --goal_x 2.0 --goal_y 2.4 --goal_t 0. --compensate
```

3. Go forward 3.2m:

```
python run_cmp.py --goal_x 3.2 --goal_y 0.0 --goal_t 0. --compensate
```