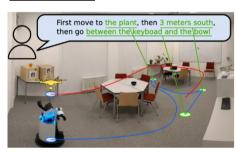
Idea & Contributions

Question

VLM - Image is OK. Environment - No!

Solution



VL features +
3D reconstruction
= VLMaps

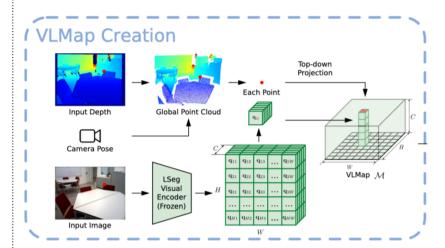
Contribution

Combined with LLMs

- 1. language localization
- 2. generate obstacles maps

Approaches

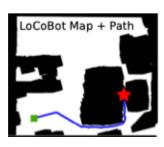
S1 Build a VLMap

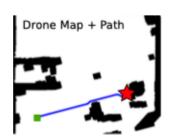


The resulting features contain the averaged embeddings from multiple views of the same object.

S3 Obstacle Maps

$$\mathcal{O}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & t_1 \leq P_W^y \leq t_2 \text{ and } p_{map}^x = i \text{ and } p_{map}^y = j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

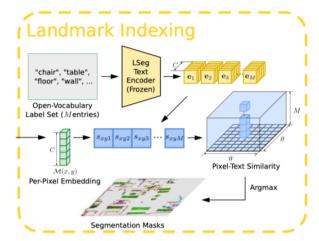




Avoid collision and get the shortest path.

Provide different lists of obstacle categories.

S2 Localize Landmarks



In grid map, every pixel maps the most related language-based category.

S4 Navigation with LLM

primitives	functions
move_to(pos)	move to a position on the map.
move_to_left(object_name)	move to the left side of the nearest front object.
move_to_right(object_name)	move to the right side of the nearest front object.
get_pos(object_name)	get the map position of the nearest front object.
get_contour(object_name)	get the contour turning points of the nearest front object on the map.
with_object_on_left(object_name)	turn until the nearest object is on the robot's left side.
with_object_on_right(object_name)	turn until the nearest object is on the robot's right side.
move_in_between(object_a, object_b)	move in between two objects.

Allow referencing precise spatial goals. subgoals - generate code - unseen CMD

Experiments

Multi-Object Navigation

Tasks	No. Subgoals in a Row				Independent	
	1	2	3	4	Subgoals	
LM-Nav [13]	26	4	1	1	26	
CoW [12]	42	15	7	3	36	
CLIP Map	33	8	2	0	30	
VLMaps (ours)	59	34	22	15	59	
GT Map	91	78	71	67	85	

Zero-Shot Goal Navigation

Tasks	No. Subgoals in a Row				
Tasks	1	2	3	4	
LM-Nav [13]	5	5	0	0	
CoW [12]	33	5	0	0	
CLIP Map	19	0	0	0	
VLMaps (ours)	62	33	14	10	
GT Map	76	48	33	29	

Cross-Embodiment Navigation

	No	Independent			
Tasks	1	2	3	4	Subgoals
	SR SPL	SR SPL	SR SPL	SR SPL	SR
LoCoBot (ground map)					52.3
Drone (ground map) Drone (drone map)			14 5.3 17 7.0		53.3 55.0

Real Robot Experiments

Limitations

- 1. 3D reconstruction Noise
- 2. odometry drift
- 3. could not deal with similar objects