ELEC 5660: Introduction to Aerial Robotics Project 2: Phase 1

Assigned: Mar. 21st, 2023 Due: 11:59 PM Mar. 31st, 2023

1 Assignment

In Project 2 Phase 1, you need to implement the 3D-2D pose estimation algorithm learned in the lecture to estimate the camera's poses with images. This is an individual project, which means you must complete it by yourself.

1.1 Docker Setup

For this assignment, you will be configuring and using a Docker environment. The advantage of using Docker is that you can deploy the programming environment needed for this assignment across multiple platforms, such as Windows and Linux, without the need of complex environment configuration steps. Please refer to the LINK for specific configuration instructions. If you have any questions or issues regarding the configuration and use of Docker, please contact the TAs via email.

1.2 Tasks

Three tasks are required for this phase including:

- 1. Calculating the camera's pose corresponding to every image.
- 2. Publishing camera pose information in the message form of nav_msgs/Odometry.
- 3. Plotting these poses with **rqt_rviz**, which is a visualization tool in ROS.
- 4. Comparing your result with the reference.

1.3 Note

- 1. You are **NOT** allowed to use any OpenCV functions in your implementation.
- 2. !!!IMPORTANT: If you reference or use any external sources, please clearly indicate this in your report or code comments. Please explain how your work differs from the referenced work.
- 3. If your code framework is different from the template provided, please make sure to explain how to run your code. If we are unable to run your code directly, we will not be able to grade your assignment.

4. If you are unfamiliar with ROS, please refer to the **ROS tutorials** for learning materials. If you have any difficulties or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your TAs.

1.4 Project Details

You will be provided with a ROS package named tag_detector, where a serial of points and their positions will be calculated with images. You need to implement this project based on the point and position array. You can follow the below procedures to prepare for your coding.

- 1. Put aruco-1.2.4 and tag_detector in your workspace (such as /home/worksapce/catkin_ws/src/). If you are configuring your Docker environment according to our tutorial, you can put both folders in your local path. Changes made to the files in Docker will be synchronized and updated in the local machine.
- 2. Install aruco (following aruco-1.2.4/README)
- 3. Setup your ROS environment and compile the tag_detector package (catkin_make).
- 4. Find bag_tag.launch in tag_detector/launch, and images.bag in tag_detector/bag. You can use images.bag to verify that your code is bug-free. We will use a separate bag to test your submitted code.
- 5. Use bag_tag.launch and images.bag to run this package (roslaunch bag_tag.launch).
- 6. Read the comments in tag_detector/src/tag_detector_node.cpp carefully.
- 7. Add your code into tag_detector/src/tag_detector_node.cpp.
- 8. Note that the pose you calculated is $(\mathbf{t_{cw}}, \mathbf{R_{cw}})$, which represents the pose of world frame respecting to the camera frame.

1.5 Basic use of rviz

- 1. open one terminal, input:roscore; open another termianl, input: rosrun rviz rviz.
- 2. click add button, add your topic.
- 3. change the frame to "world" (see Figure.1).
- 4. change the color of your odometry and reference odometry.

2 Submission

When you complete the tasks you could submit your code and documents to canvas before **Mar. 28th, 2022 23:59:00**. The title of your submission should be "YOUR-NAME_YOUR-STUDENT-ID".

Your submission should contain:

- 1. A **maximum 2-page** document including:
 - (a) Figures plotted by **rviz**.

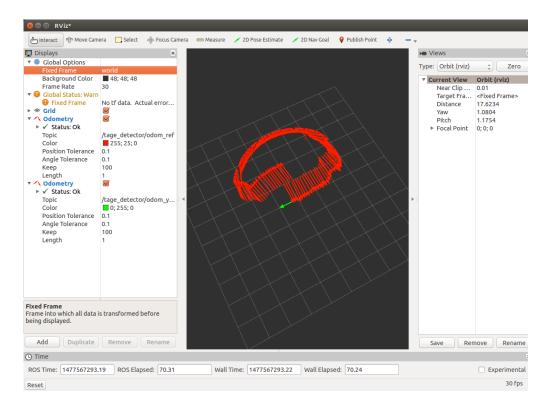


Figure 1: step 3

- (b) Statistics about your result. (For example, RMS error between the poses you calculate with the reference ones)
- (c) Descriptions about your implementation.
- (d) Any other things we should be aware of.
- 2. Files tag_detector_node.cpp, as well as any other c++ files you need to run your code.