



# ROS FOR BEGINNERS BASICS, MOTION AND OPENCV

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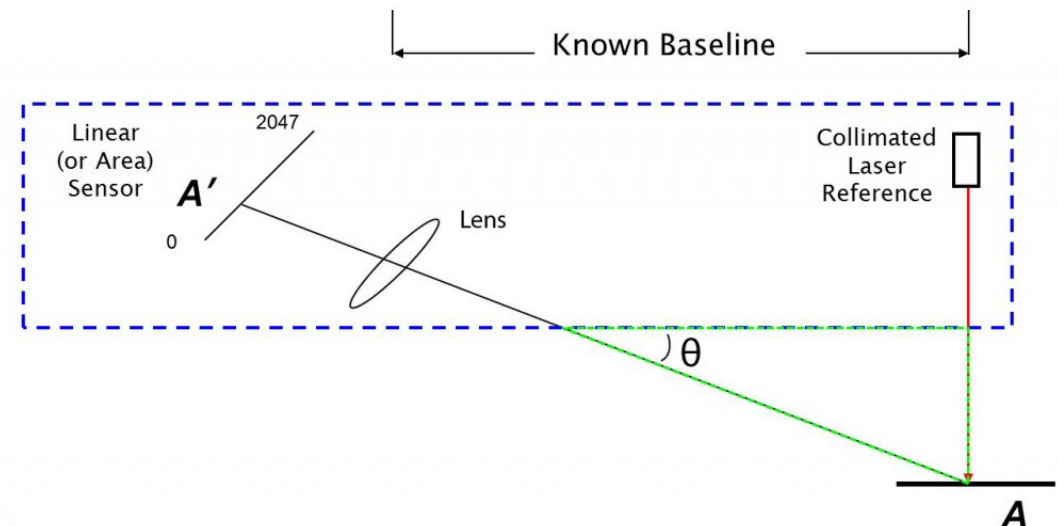
## Laser Scanners

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# Laser Scanners

- ▶ Device that can measure the distance to obstacles
- ▶ Uses laser beams
- ▶ Used for several robotics applications
- ▶ SLAM: building maps
- ▶ Obstacle avoidance
- ▶ Navigation



Reference: <https://www.hermaty.com/learning/principles-of-laser-triangulation/>



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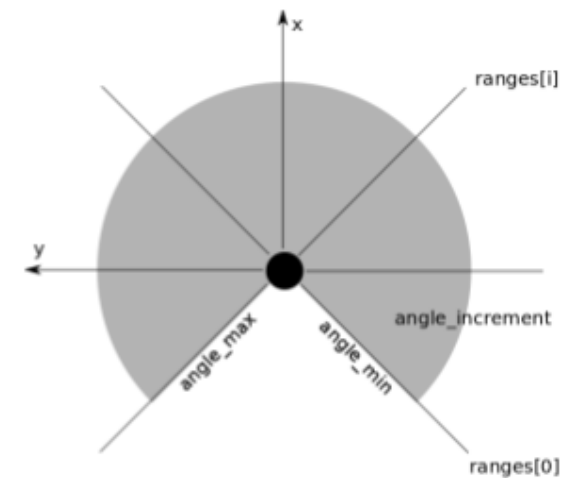
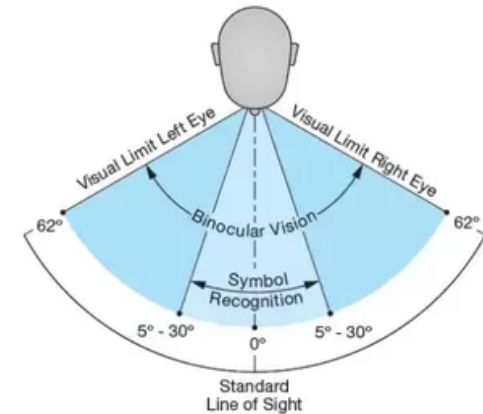
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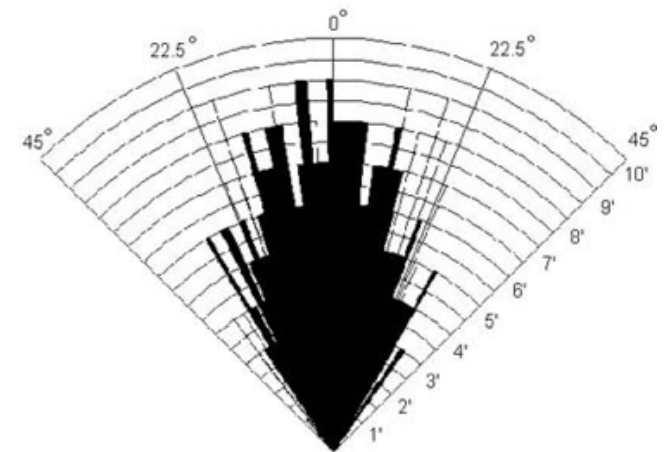
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ranges = [ 1.2, 1.3, 2.0, .....  
4.2, 2.4, 2.6, ...]



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Commercial Laser Range Finder Devices

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# Commercial Laser Scanners



Hokuyo URG-04LX-UG01

- ▶ Max range: 01 - 5.6 m
- ▶ Max field of view: 240 [-120, 120]
- ▶ Environment: Indoor
- ▶ Scan frequency: 10 Hz (100 msec/scan)
- ▶ Voltage: 5V@0.5A
- ▶ Interface: USB 2.0
- ▶ Price: + 1000 USD



RPLIDAR A2

- ▶ Max range: 0.15 - 6 m
- ▶ Max field of view: 360 [-180, 180]
- ▶ Environment: Indoor
- ▶ Scan frequency: 10 Hz
- ▶ Voltage: 5V@0.45A
- ▶ Interface: UART
- ▶ Price: + 470 USD

# Commercial Laser Scanners



SICK LMS151

- ▶ Max range: 0.5 - 20 m
- ▶ Max field of view: 270 [-135, 135]
- ▶ Environment: Outdoor
- ▶ Scan frequency: 25 Hz / 50 Hz
- ▶ Voltage: 10.8 - 30 VDC
- ▶ Interface: Ethernet, Serial, CAN-Bus
- ▶ Price: + 5200 USD



Hokuyo UTM-30LX

- ▶ Max range: 1.0 - 30 m
- ▶ Max field of view: 270 [-135, 135]
- ▶ Environment: Outdoor
- ▶ Scan frequency: 40 Hz (25 msec/scan)
- ▶ Voltage: 12V@0.7A
- ▶ Interface: USB 2.0
- ▶ Price: + 4700 USD

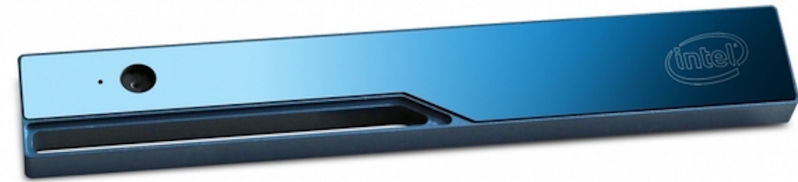


# Commercial Laser Scanners



Orbbec Astra S

- ▶ Max range: 0.5 - 8 m
- ▶ Max field of view: 60° horiz. x 49.5 ° vert x 70 ° diag
- ▶ Environment: Indoor
- ▶ Depth Image Size: 640\*480 (VGA) 16bit @30 FPS
- ▶ Voltage: 5V
- ▶ Interface: USB 2.0.
- ▶ Price: + 170 USD



Intel® RealSense™ Camera R200

- ▶ Max range: 0.5 - 3.5 m
- ▶ Max field of view: 60° horiz. x 49.5 ° vert x 70 ° diag
- ▶ Environment: Indoor
- ▶ Scan frequency: 40 Hz (25 msec/scan)
- ▶ Voltage: 5V
- ▶ Interface: USB 3.0
- ▶ Price: + 170 USD

# Commercial Laser Scanners



LIDAR-Lite v3

- ▶ compact optical distance measurement sensor
- ▶ Max range: 0 - 40 m
- ▶ Power: 4.75-5V DC; 6V Max
- ▶ Environment: Indoor/Outdoor
- ▶ Optical Aperture: 12.5mm
- ▶ Interface: I2C or PWM
- ▶ Rate: 1-500Hz
- ▶ Price: + 130 USD



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Starting an RGBD Camera as Laser Scanner  
(Asus Live Pro)

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## RGBD Cameras



Asus Live Pro

depth\_image\_to\_laser.launch

```
<launch>
<node name="depthimage_to_laserscan" pkg="depthimage_to_laserscan"
type="depthimage_to_laserscan">
  <remap from="image" to="/camera/depth/image_raw"/>
</node>
</launch>
```

- ▶ Start Openni Package
  - ▶ `roslaunch openni2_launch openni2.launch`
- ▶ Convert Depth Image to Laser Scanner
  - ▶ `roslaunch ros_essentials_cpp depth_image_to_laser.launch`
- ▶ Open with rviz and test with `rostopic echo`



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Connect a Laser Range Finder

(Hukoyo URG-04LX)

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# Laser Range Finder Hokuyo URG 04-LX



- ▶ Start the drivers of the laser scanner
- ▶ Make sure that `/scan` topic is available
- ▶ Write a node that subscribes to the `/scan` topic
- ▶ Write a callback function that receive `/scan` messages and process them (min, max, average, ...)

# Laser Range Finder Hokuyo URG 04-LX



Hokuyo URG-04LX-UG01

- ▶ Start urg\_node Package
  - ▶ `roslaunch urg_node urg_node`
- ▶ create a TF Transform between /map and /laser frame
  - ▶ `roslaunch tf static_transform_publisher 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 map laser 10`
- ▶ Open with rviz and test with rostopic echo