

Section Files

Map ; Map of the environment we'll use to navigate

Section Localization settings

NumSamples 2000 ; minimum 0, No of pose samples for MCL. The larger
; this number, the more computation will localization
; take. Too low a number will cause the robot to lose
; localization. This is also the maximum no of samples
; which will be used for localization if no of samples
; are varied along with the localization score.

GridRes 100 ; minimum 10, The resolution of the occupancy grid
; representing the map in mm. Smaller resolution
; results in more accuracy but more computation.

PassThreshold 0.2 ; range [0, 1], After MCL sensor correction, the
; sample with the maximum probability will have a score
; based on the match between sensor and the map
; points. This is the minimum score out of 1.0 to be
; considered localized.

KMmPerMm 0.05 ; minimum 0, When the robot moves linearly, the error
; in distance is proportional to the distance moved.
; This error is is given as a fraction in mm per mm

KDegPerDeg 0.05 ; minimum 0, When the robot rotates, the error in the
; angle is proportional to the angle turned. This is
; expressed as a fraction in degs per deg.

KDegPerMm 0.0025 ; minimum 0, When the robot moves linearly it can
; also affect its orientation. This drift can be
; expressed as a fraction in degs per mm.

TriggerDistance 200 ; minimum 0, Since MCL localization is
; computationally expensive, it is triggered only when
; the robot has moved this far in mm.

TriggerAngle 5 ; minimum 0, Since MCL localization is
; computationally expensive, it is triggered only when
; the robot has rotated this far in degs.

TriggerTimeEnabled false ; This flag will decide if the localization will be
; called every 'TriggerTime' msecs. Once this flag is
; true the IdleTimeTrigger* parameters will take
; effect. This feature is meant to take care of cases
; when the robot has not moved much for a time and the
; position should be refined .

TriggerTime 10000 ; minimum 1500, Once the TriggerTimeFlag is set to
; true this parameter will decide how long the robot
; has been idle in milli seconds before it starts a
; localization near the last known robot pose.

IdleTimeTriggerX 200 ; minimum 0, When localization is triggered by idle
; time this parameter decides the range of the samples
; in X coords in mm.

IdleTimeTriggerY 200 ; minimum 0, When localization is triggered by idle
; time this parameter decides the range of the samples
; in Y coords in mm.

IdleTimeTriggerTh 1 ; minimum 0, When localization is triggered by idle
; time this parameter decides the range of the samples
; in Theta coords in degs.

RecoverOnFail false ; If localization fails, this flag will decide if a
; static localization is attempted around last known
; robot pose. Such a reinitialization can cause the
; robot to be hopelessly lost if the actual robot is
; very different from its known pose

FailedX 300 ; minimum 0, Range of the box in the X axis in mm to
; distribute samples after localization fails.

FailedY 300 ; minimum 0, Range of the box in the Y axis in mm to
; distribute samples after localization fails.

FailedTh 45 ; minimum 0, Range of the angle in degs to distribute
; samples after localization fails.

PeturbX 10 ; minimum 0, After sensor correction and resampling
; the chosen pose is perturbed to generate a new
; sample. This parameter decides the range to peturb
; the X axis in mm.

PeturbY 10 ; minimum 0, After sensor correction and resampling
; the chosen pose is perturbed to generate a new
; sample. This parameter decides the range to peturb
; the Y axis in mm.

PeturbTh 1 ; minimum 0, After sensor correction and resampling
; the chosen pose is perturbed to generate a new
; sample. This parameter decides the range to peturb
; the angle in degs.

PeakStdX 10 ; minimum 0, Extent of the ellipse in the X axis in
; mm beyond which the sample poses will be considered
; multiple localizations after resampling.

PeakStdY 10 ; minimum 0, Extent of the ellipse in the X axis in

; mm beyond which the sample poses will be considered
; multiple localizations after resampling.

PeakStdTh 1 ; minimum 0, Extent of the angle in degs beyond which
; the sample poses will be considered multiple
; localizations after resampling.

PeakFactor 1e-06 ; range [0, 1], When a no of samples have non zero
; probabilities such as when there is ambiguities in a
; corridor. This is the threshold below the maximum
; probability to be considered a valid hypothesis.

StdX 400 ; minimum 0, The standard deviation of the gaussian
; ellipse in X axis in mm at start of localization.

StdY 400 ; minimum 0, The standard deviation of the gaussian
; ellipse in Y axis in mm at start of localization.

StdTh 30 ; minimum 0, The standard deviation of the gaussian
; angle in degs at start of localization.

SensorBelief 0.9 ; range [0, 1], Probability that a range reading
; from the laser is valid. This is used in the
; correction of the probabilities of the samples using
; the sensor.

OccThreshold 0.1 ; range [0, 1], The threshold value of the occupancy
; grid to consider as occupied.

AngleIncrement 0 ; range [0, 180], Only the laser readings which are
; this many degrees apart are used for the
; localization. The lower limit is decided by the
; LaserIncrement setting

DiscardThreshold 0.33 ; range [0.33, 1], A robot sample pose lying inside
; an occupancy grid cell with a value above this will
; be usually discarded Useful in cases where robot may
; intersect map points such as during patrolbot
; docking

FuseAllSensors false ; ARNL uses a Kalman filter which allows you to
; combine the data from the MCL localization, the
; movement from the encoder between cycles and
; reflectors if mapped and seen by the laser. This
; advanced feature can be disabled to revert to the
; basic MCL localization, using this flag

ReflectorVariance 10000 ; minimum 0, This number will be used as the variance
; of the (x, y) coords of the center of the reflectors
; in the R matrix of the Kalman filter.

Qxx 100 ; minimum 0, This is the first element of the
; diagonal covariance matrix which will define the
; error in the kalman model for the X axis.

Qyy 100 ; minimum 0, This is the second element of the
; diagonal covariance matrix which will define the
; error in the kalman model for the Y axis.

Qtt 1 ; minimum 0, This is the third element of the
; diagonal covariance matrix which will define the
; error in the kalman model for the Theta axis.

ReflectorMatchDist 1000 ; minimum 0, When finding the closest reflector in
; the map to an observed reflection, this is the
; maximum distance the system will search to find the
; closest reflector.

ReflectorMaxRange 32000 ; minimum 0, This is the maximum distance that the
; SICK lrf is capable of seeing a reflector. (This is
; smaller than the max range of the regular SICK
; readings)

ReflectorMaxAngle 45 ; minimum 0, This is the maximum angle of incidence
; that the SICK lrf is capable of seeing a reflector
; at. (This is much smaller than the angle that the
; regular SICK readings are capable of returning)

UseReflectorCenters true ; The Kalman filter matches the returns from the laser
; reflectors to the reflectors in the map. When there
; are more than one ray from one reflector, this flag
; will bunch the rays into groups and match the center
; ray with the center of the reflector. If the flag is
; set to false, the rays are matched to the point on
; the reflector by line intersection. This involves
; more computation but may be more accurate.

Triangulate false ; The regular Kalman filter tries to fuse the encoder
; pose and the data from the reflectors. This is an
; incremental process which will eventually converge
; to the right pose within a few iterations depending
; on the uncertainty models of the sensors. But, when
; the robot is lost, and it sees more than one
; reflector, the pose can be computed directly using a
; closed form solution. The key qualifier is that the
; current pose of the robot is close enough to match
; the reflectors.

TriangulateScoreThreshold 0.5 ; When the map of the environment is very close
; to the actual environment the robot encounters, the
; triangulation using a few reflectors can actually

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; worsen the localization. This is due to the fact
; that the uncertainty in combining the few
; reflectors and their location usually is worse than
; the uncertainty from using all the laser range
; values from the MCL. The triangulation will kick in
; only if the MCL score drops below this value.
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AdjustNumSamplesFlag false ; The number of samples is by default kept high to
; keep the robot from losing localization even after
; initialization. This number can be lowered during
; motion in places of the map where the localization
; score is high to reduce the computation load. Set
; this flag to true if you want to vary the number of
; samples with the localization score. (As the score
; drops the no of samples will rise)
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MinNumSamples 200 ; minimum 0, When the AdjustSamplesFlag is set to
; true the number of samples is reduced as the
; localization score rises. But, this will be the
; lowest number it will be reduced to.
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NumSamplesAngleFactor 1 ; minimum 0, When the AdjustSamplesFlag is set to
; true the number of samples is reduced as the
; localization score rises. But, when the robot has
; rotated significantly, it needs more samples than if
; it had only moved in translation. A bigger angle
; factor will cause the no of samples to not drop as
; fast when the localization is triggered due to
; rotation.
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Section Path planning settings

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MaxSpeed 750 ; minimum 0, Maximum speed during path following in
; mm/sec.

MaxRotSpeed 100 ; minimum 0, Maximum rotational speed in degs/sec

PlanRes 106.25 ; minimum 0, The resolution of the grid used for path
; planning in mm. It is best to use an integral
; fraction of the robot half width to allow for more
; free space in tight spaces.

PlanFreeSpace 637.5 ; minimum 0, Preferred distance from side of robot to
; obstacles. The path planner marks each grid cell
; depending on its distance to the nearest obstacle.
; Any cell within half the robot width of an occupied
; cell will still be non traversable by the robot. The
; cell at half robot width will be traversable but
; will have the maximum cost. The cost of the cells
; beyond half width will progressively decrease. The
; PlanFreeSpace is the distance from the side of the
; robot beyond which the cell cost stops decreasing
; and remains constant. Larger values will cause
; larger excursions around obstacles, (This variable
; is related to the FreeSpacing variable in previous
; versions of ARNL which was measured from the center
; of the robot.)

CollisionRange 2000 ; minimum 0, The distance from the robot within which
; the obstacles seen by the sensor and those on the
; map are used to compute the local path. (User should
; keep this above (maxlvel*maxlvel)/2/goalDecel to
; allow for smoother motion when encountering unmapped
; obstacles)

UseCollisionRangeForPlanning false ; The robot plans ahead locally for a
; distance based on its speed. This may not be
; sufficient in some cases where the user may want it
; to look ahead till the CollisionRange of the
; sensors. This flag will enable the user to force the
; robot to look at least as far as the distance the
; sensors data is incorporated.

PlanEverytime true ; Local replanning need to be done only if the current
; path is obstructed. This will decide if local
; planning is done every action cycle anyway? Setting
; it to false will be useful when there are too many
; unmapped obstacles which cause the robot to
; constantly flip flop on its way to goal.

ClearOnFail true ; If this flag is true, any failure in the local path
; planning will force the cumulative range buffers to
; be cleared

FrontClearance 100 ; minimum 0, Front clearance in mm of the robot while
; avoiding obstacles.

SlowSpeed 100 ; minimum 0, Speed below and at which is considered
; slow.

SideClearanceAtSlowSpeed 100 ; minimum 0, Side clearance in mm of the robot
; while avoiding obstacles when it is moving at or
; below the slow speed.

FrontPaddingAtSlowSpeed 100 ; minimum 0, Distance in addition to the front
; clearance of the robot while avoiding obstacles when
; it is moving at or below the slow speed. In this
; padding the super max translation deceleration will
; be allowed to engage to keep the obstacle away
; before slamming on eStop.
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FastSpeed 2000 ; minimum 0, Speed at or above which is considered
; fast.

SideClearanceAtFastSpeed 1000 ; minimum 0, Side clearance in mm of the robot
; while avoiding obstacles when it is moving at or
; above the fast speed.

FrontPaddingAtFastSpeed 1000 ; minimum 0, Distance in addition to the front
; clearance of the robot while avoiding obstacles when
; it is moving at or above the fast speed. In this
; padding the super max translation deceleration will
; be allowed to engage to keep the obstacle away
; before slamming on eStop.

SuperMaxTransDecel 1000 ; minimum 0, The maximum translational deceleration
; allowed for avoiding obstacles. This is used in
; conjunction with the padding parameters to limit the
; wear and tear if emergency deceleration is
; unlimited.

EmergencyMaxTransDecel 0 ; minimum 0, The emergency translational deceleration
; allowed for avoiding obstacles. This is used in
; conjunction with the padding parameters to limit the
; maximum deceleration allowed even if there is a
; chance for collision. (A zero will make it use the
; computed deceleration or SuperMaxTransDecel however
; large it happens to be)

UseEStop false ; If this flag is true, any obstacle in the path which
; cannot be avoided by regular robot deceleration will
; cause the software emergency stop to be engaged
; which will result in an almost instantaneous stop.
; (May not be suitable for platforms like the
; wheelchair)

UseLaser true ; Use the laser for collision avoidance?

UseSonar true ; Use the sonar for collision avoidance? Due to the
; sonar inaccuracies the obstacles may appear larger.
; This flag can be used to set the sonar off when the
; robot has to navigate through narrow openings such
; as doors.

SecsToFail 8 ; minimum 0, The time in seconds for which local
; search will continue trying to plan when it fails to
; find a safe local path to move.

LocalPathFailDistance 1000 ; minimum 0, When the sensors see that the local
; path is blocked, the robot will still be allowed to
; drive this close to the block. This is meant to help
; in cases where the robot senses false obstacles from
; afar and stops too soon such as on ramps. (The
; distance at which the robot actually stops will
; depend on the velocity of the robot)

MarkOldPathFactor 0.75 ; minimum 0, When the robot operates in an
; environment where there are a number of unmapped
; obstacles, the local path it plans may flip from one
; side of the obstacle to the other between cycles. To
; avoid this, ARNL marks the old path by reducing the
; costs of its cells by this factor. This factor
; should be a value between 0 and 1

GoalDistanceTol 200 ; minimum 0, Distance in mm to the goal that will be
; considered as reached.

GoalAngleTol 10 ; minimum 0, Angle in degs to the goal orientation
; that will be as done with orientation.

GoalOccupiedFailDistance 1000 ; minimum 100, When the sensors see that the
; goal is occupied the robot will still be allowed to
; drive this close to the goal anyway.

GoalSpeed 250 ; minimum 0, Maximum speed at which end move to goal
; is executed. This value and the robot's inertia will
; decide the goal positioning accuracy. (A value of 0
; will keep the normal driving value)

GoalRotSpeed 33 ; minimum 0, Maximum rotational velocity at which end
; move to goal is executed. This value and the robot's
; inertia will decide the goal positioning accuracy.
; (A value of 0 will keep the normal driving value)

GoalTransAccel 200 ; minimum 0, Maximum linear acceleration at which end
; move to goal is executed. (A value of 0 will keep
; the normal driving value)

GoalTransDecel 200 ; minimum 0, Maximum linear deceleration at which end
; move to goal is executed. (A value of 0 will keep
; the normal driving value)

GoalRotAccel 33 ; minimum 0, Maximum rotational acceleration at which
; end move to goal is executed. (A value of 0 will
; keep the normal driving value)

GoalRotDecel 33 ; minimum 0, Maximum rotational deceleration at which
; end move to goal is executed. (A value of 0 will
; keep the normal driving value)

GoalSwitchTime 0.4 ; minimum 0, Time in secs to switch into end move
; mode in addition to the coasting time. (To allow for

	; slack in the ramping down of the velocity to zero)
GoalUseEncoder true	; For fine positioning at goal, the robot can switch ; to moving based on its encoder pose only. This flag ; decides this
AlignAngle 10	; minimum 0, When the robot is stopped this is the ; minimum angle it will rotate in place to align to ; the planned path before it will move linearly.
AlignSpeed 10	; minimum 0, This is the velocity below which the ; robot will do the aligning to path direction before ; linear motion.
HeadingRotSpeed 50	; minimum 0, There will be some points on the path ; where the robot will be exclusively rotating to ; reach a heading. The user may wish to set the ; rotational speed in this situation to lower than ; normal especially when dealing with heavier robots ; like the Powerbot. (A value of 0 will keep the ; normal driving value) (This will not override the ; GoalRotSpeed)
HeadingRotAccel 50	; minimum 0, There will be some points on the path ; where the robot will be exclusively rotating to ; reach a heading. The user may wish to set the ; rotational accel in this situation to lower than ; normal especially when dealing with heavier robots ; like the Powerbot. (A value of 0 will keep the ; normal driving value) (This will not override the ; GoalRotAccel)
HeadingRotDecel 50	; minimum 0, There will be some points on the path ; where the robot will be exclusively rotating to ; reach a heading. The user may wish to set the ; rotational decel in this situation to lower than ; normal especially when dealing with heavier robots ; like the Powerbot. (A value of 0 will keep the ; normal driving value) (This will not override the ; GoalRotDecel)
HeadingWt 0.8	; range [0, 1], Heading weight for DWA. Unlike the ; heading objective computed from a destination pose ; on the path, as in the conventional DWA, we use a ; path matching function to match the arc made from ; the velocities with the desired computed path.
DistanceWt 0.1	; range [0, 1], Distance weight for DWA. Distance ; refers to the distance to collision if any if the ; robot continues on the path computed from the ; velocities.
VelocityWt 0.1	; range [0, 1], Velocity weight for DWA. Velocity ; refers to the linear velocity only.
NforLinVelIncrements 1	; minimum 0, If N is the value of this parameter, the ; no of linear velocity increments of the search table ; is 2*N+1 for the DWA.
NforRotVelIncrements 8	; minimum 0, If N is the value of this parameter, the ; no of rotational velocity increments of the search ; table is 2*N+1 for the DWA.
SmoothWindow 2	; minimum 0, Smoothing window size for DWA
ObsThreshold 0.2	; range [0, 1], The threshold value of the occupancy ; grid to consider as occupied for path planning.
SplineDegree 3	; minimum 1, Degree of the B-Splines used to smooth ; local path.
NumSplinePoints 5	; minimum 1, The number of points that will be used ; to subdivide the look ahead in the local path which ; will then serve as the knots for the spline to form ; over.
OneWayCost 10	; Cost of going wrong way on the one way areas. A high ; value is recommended for maps with long passages ; which makes loops.
CenterAwayCost 10	; Cost of being away from the central spine of the one ; way areas. A zero would cause it to not consider ; centering at all.
Resistance 2	; range [1, 32767], Cost of traversing a cell in ; restrictive areas and lines. The normal cost for ; regular non-restrictive cell is 1.
StallRecoverSpeed 150	; minimum 1, Speed at which to back away when ; stalled.
StallRecoverDuration 50	; minimum 1, Cycles of operation to move when ; recovering from stall.
StallRecoverRotation 45	; minimum 1, Amount of rotation when recovering ; (degrees).
DrivingTransVelMax 0	; minimum 0, Maximum forward translational velocity ; (0 means use default)
DrivingTransNegVelMax 0	; minimum 0, Maximum backwards translational velocity

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                                ; (0 means use default)

DrivingTransAccel 0            ; minimum 0, Translational acceleration (0 means use
                                ; default)

DrivingTransDecel 0           ; minimum 0, Translational deceleration (0 means use
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DrivingRotVelMax 0            ; minimum 0, Maximum rotational velocity (0 means use
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DrivingRotAccel 0             ; minimum 0, Rotational acceleration (0 means use
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DrivingRotDecel 0            ; minimum 0, Rotational deceleration (0 means use
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