Exercise 5 (v1.0.1)

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Assignment 5-1: Euler Angle Rotations (2 Points)

- (a) (1 Point) Given is a coordinate frame $\{A\}$. The coordinate frame $\{B\}$ is created from $\{A\}$ via rotation around the z-axis by $\frac{\pi}{2}$, then intrinsic rotation around the y-axis by $\frac{\pi}{2}$ and intrinsic rotation around the x-axis by $\frac{\pi}{2}$. Write down the whole formula (with all rotation matrices in the right order) to calculate ${}_{B}^{A}R$. Calculate ${}_{B}^{A}R$.
- (b) (1 Point) Given is a coordinate frame $\{A\}$. The coordinate frame $\{C\}$ is created from $\{A\}$ via rotation around the z-axis by $\frac{\pi}{2}$, then extrinsic rotation around the y-axis by $\frac{\pi}{2}$ and extrinsic rotation around the x-axis by $\frac{\pi}{2}$. Write down the whole formula (with all rotation matrices in the right order) to calculate ${}_{C}^{A}R$. Calculate ${}_{C}^{A}R$.

Assignment 5-2: Rodrigues Rotations (3 Points)

Given is the axis-angle rotation vector $\Theta = (2, 2, 0)$.

- (a) (0.5 Points) Calculate the unit vector of the rotation axis k and the angle θ
- (b) (1.5 Points) Derive the rotation matrix R representing the same rotation, using the exponential map, and show, that your matrix is orthogonal.
- (c) (1 Point) Given a vector $P_A = (1, 2, 3)$ Rotate Vector P_A by Θ using Rodrigues' formula

Provide calculation steps for each of the above tasks.

Assignment 5-3: Wheel speed calibration (5 Points)

You may use the simulation's ground truth localization topic for the following tasks (/simulation/odom_ground_truth). Make yourself familiar with the nav_msgs/Odometry message.

The goal of this task is to create a mapping between the car's electric motor revolutions and the wheel speed. The car's electric motor provides feedback ticks on the /sensors/arduino/ticks topic.

(a) (3 Points) Calculate the ratio between travelled distance and counted ticks of the model car (in meters per tick). Therefore perform an experiment. The car shall drive approx. 2m with a certain velocity and steering. Repeat the experiment with two different steering angles (at least 0.0 and (-1.0 or 1.0) in addition) and constant speed $(0.3\frac{m}{s})$. Do you see different results with different speeds? How does the steering angle affect the results? Report your

- experimental results in a table (speed, steering, tick / distance ratio). Put the table to your Pdf.
- (b) (2 Points) Write a node which calculates and publishes the speed from the ticks. You may publish the speed using the autominy_msgs/Speed message. An easy way to estimate the velocity is to save the last x (i.e. 50) tick measurements (sliding window) and then calculate the mean velocity. You can assume that the ticks are published at a fixed rate (100 Hz). A suitable data structure can be a ring buffer, for instance from python's collections package using deque(maxlen=x). Plot the velocities over time for a simulated vehicle which accelerates as quickly as possible for 3 seconds. You can use rqt_plot for this. Put the resulting plot (y-axis velocity in meters per second, x-axis time in seconds) in your final Pdf.