

Software Development Project

Final Presentation

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Introduction

Software Development Project

Basic Navigation Test

- Environment: Workspaces, waypoints and obstacles.
- Task specification: Sequence of poses.



Challenges

- **Perception:** Accessing and processing sensor data.
- **Mapping:** Building map of the environment.
- Localization: Pose inside map.
- Path planning: Determine sequence of poses between waypoints.
- Motion control: Execution of path.

KUKA youBot

The youBot is a mobile manipulator designed for education and research purposes. It comes with fully open interfaces and API.

- Omnidirectional, four-wheeled
- 5-DOF manipulator with a two-finger gripper
- On-board PC with CPU, 2GB memory, 32GB SSD drive
- Sensors: vision sensors, rangefinders



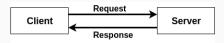
Robot Operating System (ROS)

Set of software and libraries.

- Node: A process using ROS.
- **Topic**: Message queue, used for communication between nodes.



• **Service**: Offers synchronous service calls.

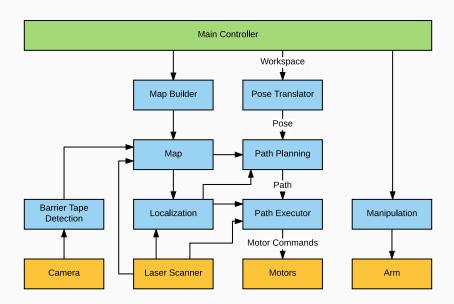


Actionlib

- Provides client interface to send requests to server
- Client and server communicate with messages:
 - Goal
 - Feedback
 - Result

Approach

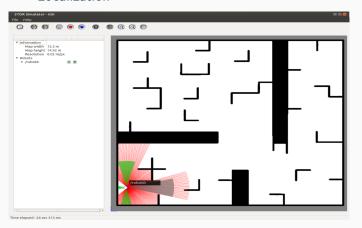
Software Modules



Realization

Simulation

- Simple Two Dimensional Robot (STDR) simulator
- Tasks performed:
 - Map Building
 - Localization



Map building I

- Gmapping is used to build 2D occupancy grid map
- RAO-BLACKWELLIZED Mapping
 - Individual map is associated to every sample
 - Each map is built given the observations and the trajectory
 - ?????
- Map Server
 - Provides map saver utility, to save generated map in files(yaml and pgm)
 - Offers map data as a ROS Service

Localization I

- Adaptive Monto Carlo Localization(AMCL) is used to localize the robot
- Uses particle filter to track the pose of robot
 - Distribute samples according to initial pose
 - For each particle, predict next pose from motion model and add random noise
 - Update each particles weight based on likelihood of getting the sensor readings from that particles hypothesis
 - Resample new set of particles according to its weight
- What it needs?
 - Laser scans
 - Initial pose
 - Transforms
 - Map

Localization I

Problems

- Amcl could not find laser data on /scan topic
- Amcl node crushes after some time
- Amcl is not working

Solutions

- Remap /scan_front and /scan_rear to /scan topic
- Because of incorrect transformations provided by stdr simulator
- Parameter odom_model_type should be omnicorrected

youBot Driver

ROS Wrapper

- Allows to write ROS programs for controlling youBot
- Provides an interface between youBot driver and ROS framework
- Allows to move the base and arm by sending ROS messages

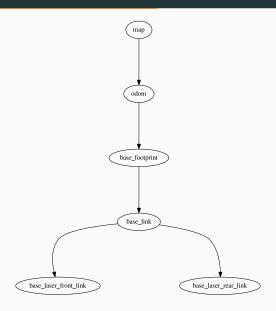
List of Drivers

- Drive base
- Laser scanners
- Arm
- Joystick
- Transformations

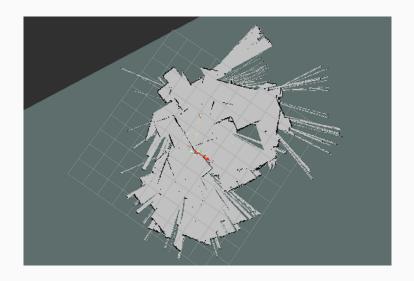
Map building II

- Problems
 - Messy Map
- Solutions
 - Incorrect transformation between laser frame and base link

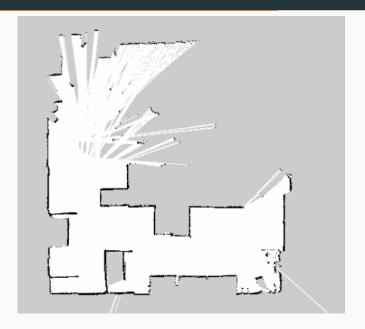
Map building II



Map building III



Map building IV



Localization II

Navigation

- Requirements
 - Map (map_server)
 - Localization (amcl)
 - Odometry source
 - Transforms
 - Sensor sources
 - Goal (move_base)
- Components
 - Planners: global, local
 - Costmaps: global, local
- Output: Velocity command (cmd_vel)

Navigation - Local Planner

- Planner: dwa_local_planner
- Given: plan, costmap, odom
- Generates costs of transversing through map grids
- Output: Velocity command

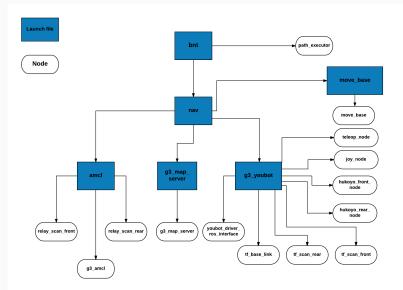
BNT.py

The node acts as path executor that reads a set of user inputs and convert them to move_base_msgs.

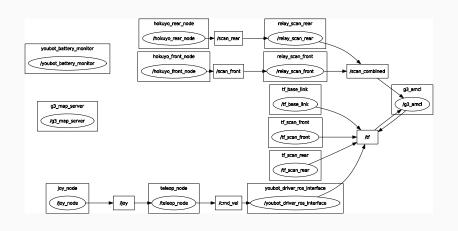
- Class: Position, Pose, Environment, Workspace, PathExecutor
- Functions:
 - Reads user inputs
 - Reads workspace from file
 - Converts workspace to move_base_msgs
 - Clears cost map
 - Sends goal message

Results

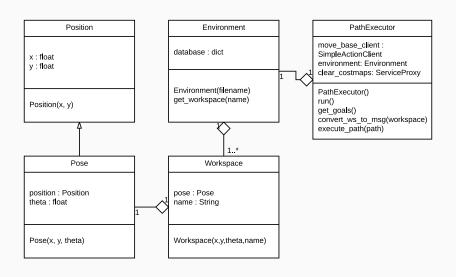
Launch Files



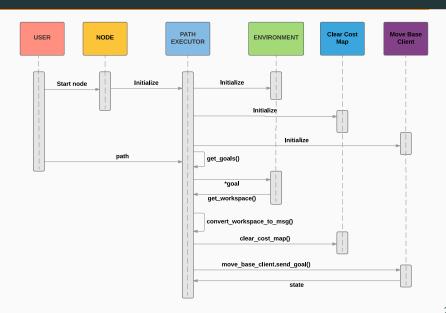
RQT Graph



Class Diagram



Sequence Diagram



Conclusions

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Future Work