

Comments on exercise 3(4)

This is some additional comment on exercise 3 (and 4)

Cox algorithm

This is a short description on the different steps in the Cox scan matching algorithm. For all details refer to the Cox paper!

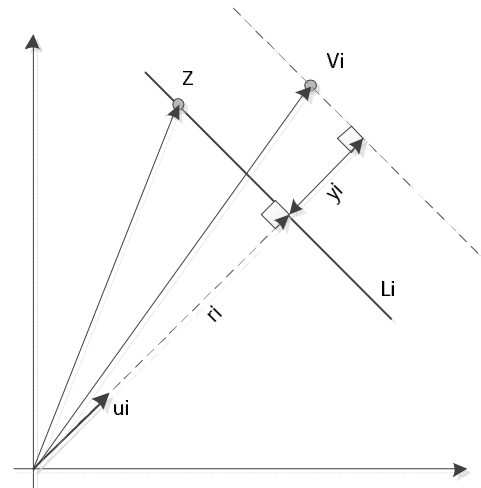
Step 0 – Calculate all unit vectors of all lines

- Calculate all unit vectors, u_i , off all lines, L_i .
- Calculate distance to line (from origin)

$$r_i = u_i \cdot z$$

there z is any point on the line (select endpoint) and \cdot is the dot-product. In matlab it will look like:

$$r_i = \text{dot}(u_i, L_i)$$



The loop

Step 1 – translate and rotate data points

- Sensor values to Cartesian coordinates (sensor coordinates)

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cdot \cos(\alpha); \\ y &= r \cdot \sin(\alpha); \end{aligned}$$

- Sensor coordinates to robot coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} R &= [\cos(Sa) \quad -\sin(Sa) \quad Sx; \sin(Sa) \quad \cos(Sa) \quad Sy; 0 \quad 0 \quad 1] \\ Xs &= R \cdot [x \quad y \quad 1]^T \end{aligned}$$

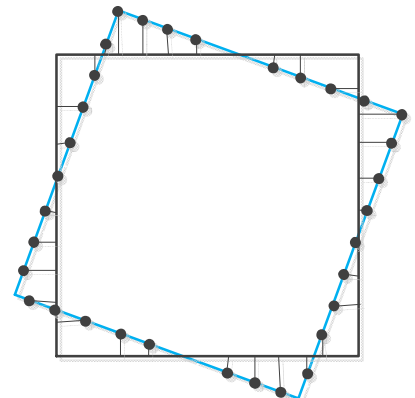
- Robot coordinates to world coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} R &= [\cos(\theta) \quad -\sin(\theta) \quad Xs(1); \sin(\theta) \quad \cos(\theta) \quad Xs(2); 0 \quad 0 \quad 1] \\ Xw &= R \cdot [Xr(1) \quad Xr(2) \quad 1]^T \end{aligned}$$

Step 2 – Find the target for data points

Assign points to line, i.e. points to closest lines. This means finding $\min(y_i)$ for all lines L_i and assign point v_i to line L_i . $y_i = r_i - \text{dot}(u_i, v_i)$

Reject all outliers!



Step 3 – Set up linear equation system

Set up the linear equation system and find $b = (dx, dy, d\alpha)$ from least square.

```
xi1 = ui1;
xi2 = ui2;
xi3 = ui*[0 -1;1 0]*(vi-vm);
A = [xi1 xi2 xi3];
B = inv(ATA)AT*Y
```

Calculate the variance

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S2 =(y-Ab)(y-Ab)/(n-4) there n = max(size(A));
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Step 4 - Add latest contribution to the overall congruence

$B = [dx \ dy \ d\theta]$

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ddx = ddx + dx;
ddy = ddy + dy;
ddθ = ddθ + dθ;
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Step 5 – Check if the process has converged

Stop if the changes is below a threshold.

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if (sqrt(B(1)^2 + B(2)^2) < 5 )&&(abs(B(3)) < 0.1*pi/180) ),
% stop loop
else
% return to Step 1
end
```

General comments on Exercise 3 and 4

On exercise 3&4 it is recommended that you plot the error, i.e. true position - estimated position separately for X, Y and Theta using subplot. This code may help you!

```
ERROR = [X' Y' A'] - CONTROL(:,4:6);
ERROR(:,3) = AngDifference(A',CONTROL(:,6));
ERROR = abs(ERROR);
figure,
subplot(3,1,1);
plot(ERROR(:,1),'b'); hold;
plot(sqrt(P(:,1)), 'r'); % one sigma
plot(ScanPosIndx,sqrt(P(ScanPosIndx,1)), 'k. '); % one sigma
title('Error X [mm] and uncertainty [std] (red)');

subplot(3,1,2);
plot(ERROR(:,2),'b'); hold;
plot(sqrt(P(:,5)), 'r'); % one sigma
title('Error Y [mm] and uncertainty [std] (red)');

subplot(3,1,3);
plot(ERROR(:,3)*180/pi,'b'); hold;
plot(sqrt(P(:,9))*180/pi, 'r'); % one sigma
title('Error A [degree] and uncertainty [std] (red)');
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