ACE-OPS Project

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Background: Emergency Response



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Research Question

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Can we develop learning methods using multimodal data to achieve accurate and robust localization without hand-crafted engineering?

- (a) Effective Sensor Fusion
- (b) Localization with respect to existing map
- (c) Self-supervised Learning of egomotion

C. Chen et al. (2020) A Survey on Deep Learning for Localization and Mapping: Towards the Age of Spatial Machine Intelligence. Submitted to TPAMI



A Generic framework of Selective Sensor Fusion



- A general framework for sensor fusion that selects useful features for localization
- Applied in depth-vision relocalization, lidar-vision odometry, and visual-inertial odometry

C. Chen et al. (2020) Learning Selective Sensor Fusion for States Estimation. Submitted to TNNLS



VMLoc: Multimodal Variational Sensor Fusion



Scene	MapNet	(V) AtL	oc(V)	VMLoc(V,D)
LOOP1	8.76m, 3.	$.46^{\circ}$ $8.61n$	$n, 4.58^{\circ}$	7.70m , 3.23 °
LOOP2	9.84m, 3.	.96° 8.86 <i>n</i>	$n, 4.67^{\circ}$	7.76m , 3.16°
FULL1	41.4m, 12	2.5° 29.6 <i>n</i>	$n, 12.4^{\circ}$	19.5m , 4.32 °
FULL2	59.3m, 14	4.8° $48.2m$	$n, 11.1^{\circ}$	35.2 m, 8.99 °
Average	29.8m, 8.	$.68^{\circ}$ 23.8 <i>n</i>	$n, 8.19^{\circ}$	17.5m , 4.92 °
Scene	image VMLoc	attention VMLoc	PoE VMLoc	VMLoc
LOOP1	$8.60m, 4.57^{\circ}$	$9.16m, 4.96^{\circ}$	8.57m, 3.98	° 7.70m , 3.23 °
LOOP2	$8.50m, 3.90^{\circ}$	$9.78m, 5.66^{\circ}$	8.99m, 3.79	° 7.76m , 3.16 °
FULL1	$30.1m, 10.8^\circ$	$31.2m, 6.04^{\circ}$	30.0m, 7.54	° 19.5m , 4.32 °
FULL2	$48.1m, 9.61^{\circ}$	$46.5m, 10.1^{\circ}$	45.9m, 10.5	° 35.2m , 8.99 °
Average	$23.9m, 7.22^{\circ}$	19.3 <i>m</i> , 5.35°	18.7m, 5.16	$^{\circ}$ 17.5m, 4.92 $^{\circ}$

- Variational inference based multimodal fusion strategy
- Our multimodal relocalization outperforms other baselines

R. Zhou et al. (2020) VMLoc: Variational Fusion For Learning-Based Multimodal Camera Relocalization. Accepted by AAAI 2021



P2-Net: Learning 2D-to-3D descriptors matching



- Learning based 2D-to-3D features matching.
- Applied in map matching (2D scan to 3D points map), global relocalization.
- Propose P2-Net, a novel framework, including 2D features extractors, 3D features extractors, and novel descriptors learning and matching strategy

B. Wang et al. (2020) P2-Net: Joint Description and Detection of Local Features for Pixel and Point Matching. Submitted to CVPR 2021



Ongoing work: Self-supervised Localization In The Wild

- Self-supervised learning of egomotion from cameras and IMUs
- Camera intrinsics are learned (No calibration is needed).
- Egomotions are scale consistent
- Wer are working to further improve model performance











Thanks for your attention!

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