More Robust Optical Coordinate Metrology Sensors for 3D Objects

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Project Scope

• The objective of this project was to develop a modular device that would demonstrate the principles of 3D laser scanning and photogrammetry with the end-goal of combining all sensor to operate on a drone

• Should be able to scan an area approximately the size of a boardroom

Background

Our project is divided into two teams for different sensors:

• Laser Scanning: 3D scanning method that captures the shape of an object using a laser to obtain measurements

• Photogrammetry: the process of obtaining information about physical object by means of recording, measuring, and interpreting data from 2D images

Existing Solution



Figure 1: Faro Quantum Faroarm [1]



Figure 2: MakerBot Digitizer [2]

Laser Scanning - Basics

- X-Axis and Y-Axis data can be obtained in 2D
- Using the camera's field of view (FOV), as a known parameter
- The X-Axis and Y-Axis data are collected based on the laser on camera's FOV



Figure 3: Demonstration of FOV of camera [3]

Laser Scanning - Depth Estimation

- Z-axis data can be obtained through the depth of the object.
- Based on 3D triangulation set up to create an angle between the laser and camera
- Then using the known distance and angle between the laser and cameras, trigonometric ratios can be used to find the distance from the laser to the object



Figure 4: Laser triangulation set-up [4]

Our Process

- Camera constantly recording video
- Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) constantly tracking position and orientation
- MATLAB imports one frame
- Extracts point cloud slice
- Combines with IMU data
- Produces point cloud



Figure 5: Overall System Design

Image Processing 1 - Image Acquisition

• MATLAB instructs camera control script to record one frame

Imports into MATLAB



Figure 6: Imported Test Image

Image Processing 2 - Distortion Correction

- Camera has a fisheye lens, causing distortion
- Determine camera intrinsic parameters
- Use to un-distort images



Figure 7: Distorted Image



Figure 8: Undistorted Image

Image Processing 3 - Noise Reduction

- Increase contrast of image
- Isolate red channel
- Convert from RGB to grayscale
- Define laser light boundary
- Find middle pixel per row



Figure 9: Noise Reduction

Image Processing 4 - Depth Estimation





Electrical Hardware

- Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) selected is the LSM6DS0 from STMicroelectronics featuring 3-axis accelerometer and 3-axis gyroscope.
- All schematic, and Printed Circuit Board (PCB) designs are original from the capstone team.
- Software used was Autodesk Eagle.
- Main communication method used for the accelerometer and gyroscope data is I2C communication.

LSM6DS0 IMU Testing Board - Schematic



Figure 12: Testing board schematic

LSM6DS0 IMU Testing Board - PCB Layout



Figure 13: Testing board render



Figure 14: Testing board layout

IMU Testing Board

- The inertial measurement unit (IMU) testing board was design with the ability of cascading for a multiple IMU setup. This ability is structured with the removal connection to the pull-up resistors for the communication lines. If you connect two or more IMUs together only one will need the pair of pull-up resistors. Our design uses a two-connection removal jumper.
- We use I2C communication but this board also has the ability to support SPI Comm.

IMU Main Board

- For our capstone we had the idea of designing and manufacturing a board that integrated 4 specific features such as: 5 IMU setup for improved accuracy, fault-switching protocol to detect and disable IMUs that present a fault at real-time, modular design for easy plug-and-play system between the hand-held device and drone, and a level of memory storage for scanning data.
- Due to situations outside of our control this could not be accomplished.

IMU Breakout Board

- Using the MPU-9250 9DOF IMU for development of the Matlab script and arduino code to process the accelerometer, gyroscope, and magnetometer data to get real-time position in 3D space.
- This IMU unlike the one in the testing board has a magnetometer that helps us correct for drift.
- 3D orientation visualization was attempted but did not had nearly the accuracy needed for integration.



Figure 15: IMU Breakout Board Testing

Integration IMU Data

- To create full point cloud data, IMU data must be incorporated to each point cloud slice through translational and rotational transformation.
- Translation transformation are based on the IMU data change in position, to calculated the displacement of the new slice point from previous point

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0

• Rotation transformation required the IMU data to measure change in angle of X, Y, Z-axis

| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|-------|---------|---------|---|---|-----------------|-----------|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\cos(a)$ | $\sin(a)$ |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $-\sin(a)$ 0 | $\cos(a)$ |
| t_x | t_{v} | t_{z} | 1 | L | | 0 |

Figure 16: 3D translation [6]

Figure 17: 3D rotation at X-axis [6]

 $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(a) & 0 & -\sin(a) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(a) & 0 & \cos(a) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Figure 18: 3D rotation at Y-axis [6]

Integration IMU Data

| $\cos(a)$ | $\sin(a)$ | 0 | 0 |
|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| -sin(a) | $\cos(a)$ | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Figure 19: 3D rotation at Z-axis [6]

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% Rotation along X-axis, angle = ax
x = x;
y = y.*\cos(ax) - z.*\sin(ax);
z = y.*sin(ax) + z.*cos(ax);
x = x.*cos(ay) + z.*sin(ay);
y = y;
z = z.*\cos(ay) - x.*\sin(ay);
x = x.*cos(az) - y.*sin(az);
y = x.*sin(az) + y.*cos(az);
z = z;
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Figure 20: Calculation of coordinate at different rotation axis

Integration IMU Data (Translation)



-100 -200 Ζ -300 -400 -500 50

Figure 22: Laser scan of object at translation transformation

Figure 21: Laser scan of object at different distance

Integration IMU Data (Rotation)







Figure 25: Original position and rotation at Y-axis

Figure 26: Original position and rotation at Z-axis

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-100

-150

-200

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-300

-350

-400

-450

Figure 23: OriginalFigure 24: Original positionpositionand rotation at X-axis



Simulated IMU Environment

- Missing hardware due to shipping delays
- Inaccurate IMU position
- Accurate IMU Orientation

Solution:

- Missing axis can be simulated
- Assume unit is moving at a constant velocity



Figure 27: Simulated IMU Integration

Results



Figure 28: Full Point Cloud



Figure 29: Full Point Cloud, 2x IMU Sim Speed

Handheld Device

- System Design to hold laser diode at consistent angle and distance from camera
- Store all electrical components within the unit
- Designed to switch between handheld to drone attachment



Figure 30: Handheld Device

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