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Apps

Lidar Labeler

Label ground truth data in lidar point clouds

Description

The **Lidar Labeler** app enables you to label objects in a point cloud or a point cloud sequence. The app reads point cloud data from PLY, PCAP, LAS, LAZ, ROS and PCD files. Using the app, you can:

- Define cuboid region of interest (ROI) labels and scene labels. Use them to interactively label your ground truth data.
- Define attributes for the labels and use them to provide further detail about the labels.
- Use built-in algorithms for clustering, ground plane segmentation, automated labeling, and tracking.
- Save label definitions, point cloud data, and ground truth data to a session file for future use.
- Use the **Projected View** option to view the labels in top, front and side views simultaneously.
- Use the **Camera View** option to create and reuse custom views of the point cloud data.
- Use the Auto Align option to rotate and best fit the cuboid to the cluster.
- Use the lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer class to sync the app to an external visualization or analysis tool.
- Write, import, and use a custom automation algorithm for automated labeling.
- Evaluate the performance of your label automation algorithms with a visual summary.
- Export the labeled ground truth as a groundTruthLidar object. This object can be used for system verification and training an object detector.

To learn more about this app, see "Get Started with the Lidar Labeler".

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Open the Lidar Labeler App

- MATLAB[®] Toolstrip: On the **Apps** tab, under **Image Processing and Computer Vision**, click the app icon.
- MATLAB command prompt: Enter lidarLabeler.

Examples

- "Get Started with the Lidar Labeler"
- "Choose an App to Label Ground Truth Data"
- "Keyboard Shortcuts and Mouse Actions for Lidar Labeler"

Programmatic Use

lidarLabeler opens a new session of the app, enabling you to label ground truth data in point clouds.

lidarLabeler(velodyneLidarFileName,deviceModel,calibrationFile) opens the app and loads the velodyneLidarFileName. lidarLabeler(ptCloudSeqFolder) opens the app and loads the point cloud sequence from the folder ptCloudSeqFolder, where ptCloudSeqFolder is a string scalar or character vector specifying a folder that contains point cloud files. The point cloud files must have extensions supported by pcformats, and are loaded in the order returned by the dir function.

lidarLabeler(lasSeqFolder) opens the app and loads the LAS sequence from the folder lasSeqFolder, where lasSeqFolder is a string scalar or character vector specifying a folder contains LAS files. LAS files must have extensions supported by lasformats, and are loaded in the order returned by the dir function.

lidarLabeler(____, 'SyncImageViewerTargetHandle', syncImageViewer) opens the app
and loads both of these components:

- A point cloud signal, specified using any of the input argument combinations from previous syntaxes.
- An external video or image sequence display tool that is time-synchronized with the specified point cloud signal.

The syncImageViewer input is a handle to a lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer class that implements the external tool.

For example, this code opens the app with a point cloud signal and synchronized video visualization tool.

lidarLabeler(sessionFile) opens the app and loads a saved app session sessionFile. The sessionFile input contains the path and file name of a MAT-file. The MAT-file that sessionFile points to contains the saved session.

Limitations

- The labels do not support sublabels.
- The Label Summary window does not support sublabels.

More About

ROI Labels and Attributes

On the left side of the app, the **ROI Labels** pane contains the ROI label definitions that you can mark on the point cloud frames. You can create label definitions directly from this pane. Alternatively, you can create label definitions programmatically by using a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object and then import these label definitions into an app session.

The app supports the definition of ROI labels and attributes.

ROI Labels

An ROI label is a label that corresponds to an ROI in a signal frame. This table describes the supported label type.

ROI Label	Descrip tion	Example
Cuboid	Draw cuboidal ROI labels around objects.	vehicle

ROI Attributes

An ROI attribute specifies additional information about an ROI label. For example, in a driving scene, attributes might include the type or color of a vehicle. This table describes the supported attribute types.

Attribute Type	Sample Attribute Definition	Sample Default Values	
Numeric Value	Attribute Name numDoors Nu Default Scalar Value (Optional) 4		
String	Attribute Name color String Default Value (Optional)		
Logical	Attribute Name inMotion Logica Default Value (Optional) True		

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		inMotion	True	~
		color	Blue	
		numDoors	4	
		carType	Sedan	~
			Sedan Hatchback	
			Wagon	

Tips

- Use the lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer class to create a tool for viewing the image corresponding to the point cloud data.
- Remove the ground plane to clearly view the created object labels.
- Use the rotate, translate, expand, and shrink options to edit the cuboids after drawing them.
- Use the **Camera View** option to save the a view of the data from the current angle and direction.
- To avoid having to relabel ground truth with new labels, organize the labeling scheme you want to use before you begin marking your ground truth.
- You can copy and paste the labels between signals that are of the same type.

Algorithms

You can use label automation algorithms to speed up labeling within the app. To create your own label automation algorithm to use within the app, see "Create Automation Algorithm for Labeling". You can also use one of the provided built-in algorithms. Follow these steps:

- 1 Load the data you want to label, and create at least one label definition.
- **2** On the app toolstrip, click **Select Algorithm**, and select one of the built-in automation algorithms.
- **3** Click **Automate**, and then follow the automation instructions in the right pane of the automation window.

Lidar Object Tracker

Track an object through the point cloud frame. To use this algorithm, you must draw a cuboid ROI on an object you wish to track. You can also draw multiple cuboid ROIs to track more than one label. Running the algorithm provides tracking data of the labels that you can accept or reject. You can also undo the run and perform it again.

The step by step procedure is displayed on app when you select the Lidar Object Tracker algorithm.

Point Cloud Temporal Interpolator

Estimate cuboid ROIs between point cloud frames by interpolating the ROI locations across the time interval. To use this algorithm, you must draw a cuboid ROI on a minimum of two frames: one at the beginning of the interval and one at the end of the interval. The interpolation algorithm estimates and draws ROIs in the intermediate frames.

Consider a point cloud sequence with 10 frames. The first frame has a cuboid ROI centered at [5, 5, 0]. The 10th frame has a cuboid ROI centered at [25, 25, 0]. At each frame, the algorithm moves the ROI 2 points in the x-direction, 2 points in the y-direction, and 0 points in the z-direction. Therefore, the algorithm centers the ROI at [7, 7, 0] in the second frame, [9, 9, 0] in the third frame, and so on, up to [23, 23, 0] in the second-to-last frame.

See Also

Apps Image Labeler | Video Labeler

Objects groundTruthLidar|labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Classes

lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer

Topics

"Get Started with the Lidar Labeler" "Choose an App to Label Ground Truth Data" "Keyboard Shortcuts and Mouse Actions for Lidar Labeler"

Introduced in R2020b

Objects

cuboidModel

Parametric cuboid model

Description

The cuboidModel object stores the parameters of a parametric cuboid model. After you create a cuboidModel object, you can extract cuboid corner points, and points within the cuboid using the object functions. Cuboid models are used to store the output of pcfitcuboid function. It is a shape fitting function which fits a cuboid over a point cloud.

Creation

Syntax

```
model = cuboidModel(params)
model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudIn)
model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudIn,indices)
```

Description

model = cuboidModel(params) constructs a parametric cuboid model from the 1-by-9 input vector, params.

model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudIn) fits a cuboid over the input point cloud data. The
pcfitcuboid function stores the properties of the cuboid in a parametric cuboid model object,
model.

model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudIn,indices) fits a cuboid over a selected set of points, indices, in the input point cloud.

For more information on how to use this function, visit pcfitcuboid function reference page.

Properties

Parameters — Cuboid model parameters

nine-element row vector

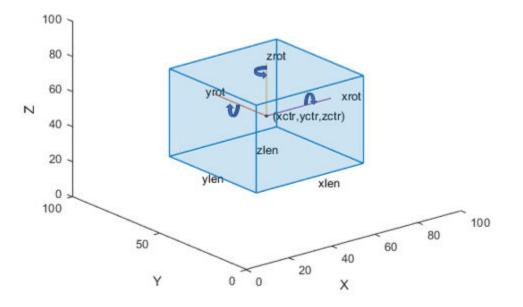
This property is read-only.

Cuboid model parameters, stored as a nine-element row vector of the form $[x_{ctr} y_{ctr} z_{ctr} x_{len} y_{len} z_{len} x_{rot} y_{rot} z_{rot}]$.

- x_{ctr} , y_{ctr} , and z_{ctr} specify the center of the cuboid.
- x_{len} , y_{len} , and z_{len} specify the length of the cuboid along the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis, respectively, before rotation has been applied.

• x_{rot} , y_{rot} , and z_{rot} specify the rotation angles for the cuboid along the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis, respectively. These angles are clockwise-positive when looking in the forward direction of their corresponding axes.

The figure shows how these values determine the position of a cuboid.



These parameters are specified by the params input argument.

Data Types: single | double

Center — Center of cuboid

three-element row vector

This property is read-only.

Center of the cuboid, stored as a three-element row vector of the form $[x_{ctr} y_{ctr} z_{ctr}]$. The vector contains the 3-D coordinates of the cuboid center in the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis, respectively.

This property is derived from the Parameters property.

Data Types: single | double

Dimensions — Dimensions of cuboid

three-element row vector

This property is read-only.

Dimensions of the cuboid, stored as a three-element row vector of the form $[x_{\text{len}} y_{\text{len}} z_{\text{len}}]$. The vector contains the length of the cuboid along the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis, respectively.

This property is derived from the Paramareters property.

Data Types: single | double

Orientation — **Orientation of cuboid**

three-element row vector

This property is read-only.

Orientation of the cuboid, stored as a three-element row vector of the form, $[x_{rot} y_{rot} z_{rot}]$, in degrees. The vector contains the rotation of the cuboid along the x-, y-, and z-axis, respectively.

This property is derived from the Paramareters property.

Data Types: single | double

Object Functions

getCornerPointsGet corner points of cuboid modelfindPointsInsideCuboidFind points enclosed by cuboid modelplotPlot cuboid model

Examples

Detect Cuboid in Point Cloud

Detect cuboid in a point cloud using pcfitcuboid function. The function stores the cuboid parameters as a cuboidModel object.

Read point cloud data into the workspace.

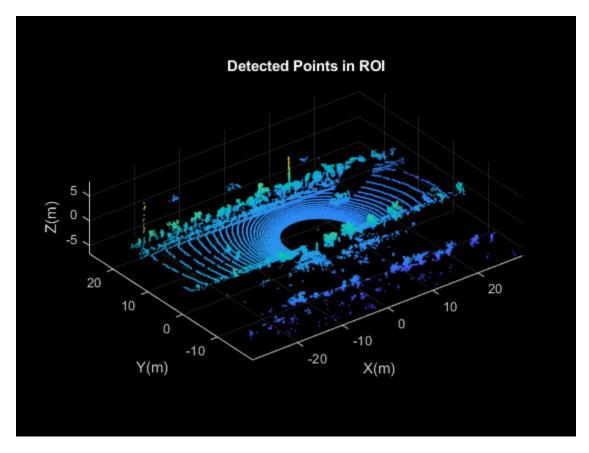
ptCloud = pcread('highwayScene.pcd');

Search the point cloud within a specified region of interest (ROI). Create a point cloud of only the detected points.

roi = [-30 30 -20 30 -8 13]; in = findPointsInROI(ptCloud,roi); ptCloudIn = select(ptCloud,in);

Plot the point cloud of detected points.

```
figure
pcshow(ptCloudIn.Location)
xlabel('X(m)')
ylabel('Y(m)')
zlabel('Z(m)')
title('Detected Points in ROI')
```



Find the indices of the points in a specified ROI within the point cloud.

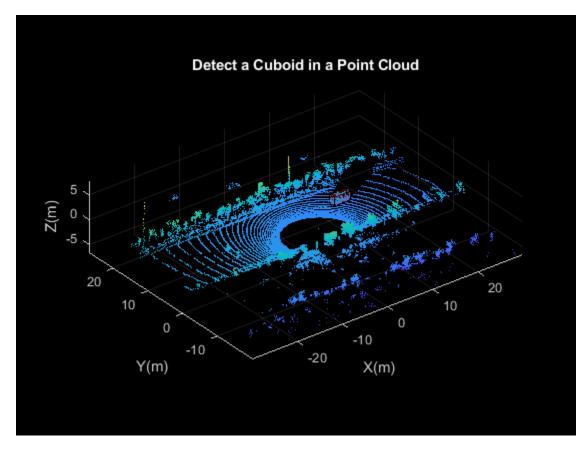
roi = [9.6 13.8 7.9 9.3 -2.5 3]; sampleIndices = findPointsInROI(ptCloudIn,roi);

Fit a cuboid to the selected set of points in the point cloud.

```
model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudIn,sampleIndices);
figure
pcshow(ptCloudIn.Location)
xlabel('X(m)')
ylabel('Y(m)')
zlabel('Z(m)')
title('Detect a Cuboid in a Point Cloud')
```

Plot the cuboid box in the point cloud.

hold on
plot(model)



Display internal properties of cuboidModel object.

model

```
model =
   cuboidModel with properties:
    Parameters: [11.4873 8.5997 -1.6138 3.6713 1.3220 1.7576 0 0 0.9999]
        Center: [11.4873 8.5997 -1.6138]
   Dimensions: [3.6713 1.3220 1.7576]
   Orientation: [0 0 0.9999]
```

Fit Cuboid Over Point Cloud Data

Fit bounding boxes around clusters in a point cloud.

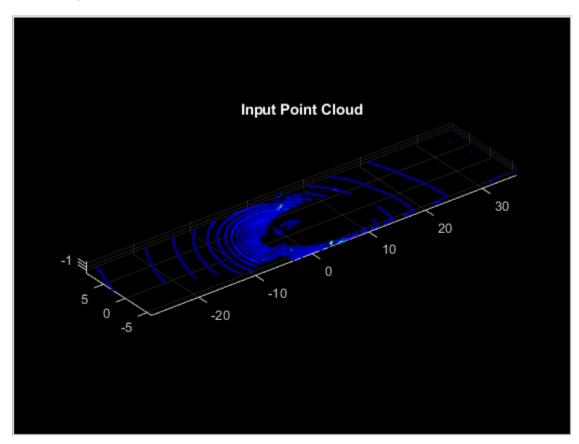
Load the point cloud data into the workspace.

```
data = load('drivingLidarPoints.mat');
```

Define and crop a region of interest (ROI) from the point cloud. Visualize the selected ROI of the point cloud.

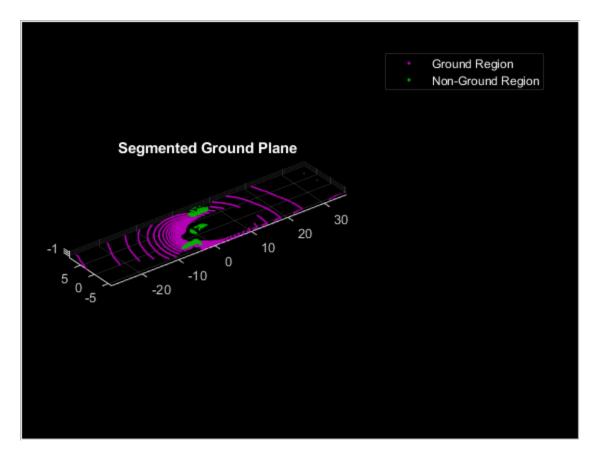
roi = [-40 40 -6 9 -2 1]; in = findPointsInROI(data.ptCloud,roi);

```
ptCloudIn = select(data.ptCloud,in);
hcluster = figure;
panel = uipanel('Parent',hcluster,'BackgroundColor',[0 0 0]);
ax = axes('Parent',panel,'Color',[0 0 0]);
pcshow(ptCloudIn,'MarkerSize',30,'Parent',ax)
title('Input Point Cloud')
```



Segment the ground plane. Visualize the segmented ground plane.

```
maxDistance = 0.3;
referenceVector = [0 0 1];
[~,inliers,outliers] = pcfitplane(ptCloudIn,maxDistance,referenceVector);
ptCloudWithoutGround = select(ptCloudIn,outliers,'OutputSize','full');
hSegment = figure;
panel = uipanel('Parent',hSegment,'BackgroundColor',[0 0 0]);
ax = axes('Parent',panel,'Color',[0 0 0]);
pcshowpair(ptCloudIn,ptCloudWithoutGround,'Parent',ax)
legend('Ground Region','Non-Ground Region','TextColor', [1 1 1])
title('Segmented Ground Plane')
```

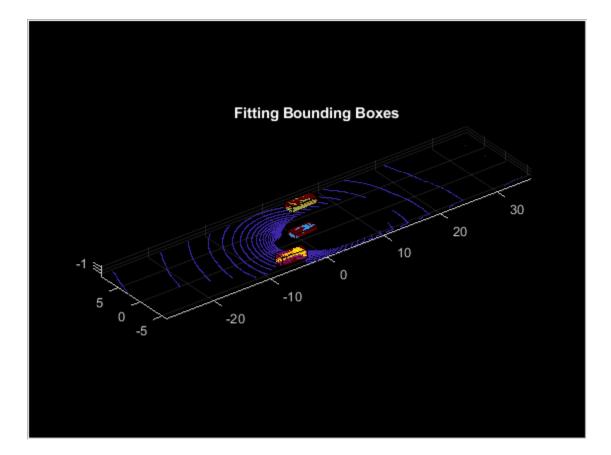


Segment the non-ground region of the point cloud into clusters. Visualize the segmented point cloud.

```
distThreshold = 1;
[labels,numClusters] = pcsegdist(ptCloudWithoutGround,distThreshold);
labelColorIndex = labels;
hCuboid = figure;
panel = uipanel('Parent',hCuboid,'BackgroundColor',[0 0 0]);
ax = axes('Parent',panel,'Color',[0 0 0]);
pcshow(ptCloudIn.Location,labelColorIndex,'Parent',ax)
title('Fitting Bounding Boxes')
hold on
```

Fit bounding box on each cluster, visualized as orange highlights.

```
for i = 1:numClusters
    idx = find(labels == i);
    model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudWithoutGround,idx);
    plot(model)
end
```



Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB® CoderTM.

See Also

Functions findPointsInsideCuboid|getCornerPoints|pcfitcuboid|plot

Objects cylinderModel|planeModel|pointCloud|sphereModel

Introduced in R2020b

findPointsInsideCuboid

Find points enclosed by cuboid model

Syntax

Indices = findPointsInsideCuboid(model,ptCloudIn)

Description

Indices = findPointsInsideCuboid(model,ptCloudIn) returns the linear indices of to the
points enclosed by a cuboid model, model, in an input point cloud, ptCloudIn.

Examples

Extract Points Inside Cuboid Model

Extract points enclosed by a cuboid model in a point cloud. Create the cuboid model as a cuboidModel object.

Read point cloud data into the workspace.

ptCloudIn = pcread('highwayScene.pcd');

Define a cuboid model as a cuboidModel object.

```
params = [11.4873085 8.59969 -1.613766 3.6712 1.3220...
1.75755, 0, 0, 0.017451];
model = cuboidModel(params);
```

Find the points inside the cuboid.

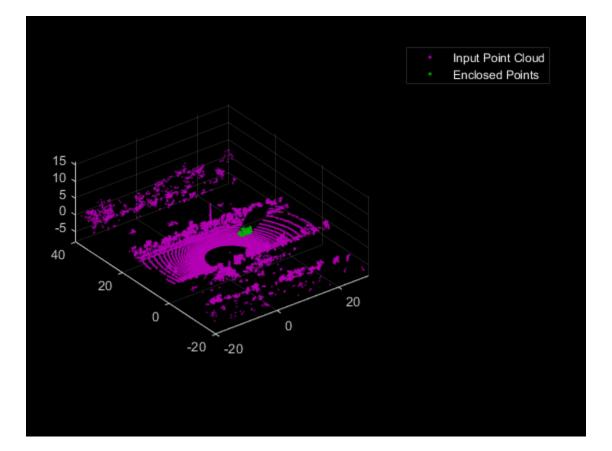
indices = findPointsInsideCuboid(model,ptCloudIn);

Select the corresponding points in the input point cloud.

cubPtCloud = select(ptCloudIn,indices);

Plot the point cloud and the points enclosed by the cuboid.

```
pcshowpair(ptCloudIn,cubPtCloud)
xlim([-20 30])
ylim([-20 40])
legend("Input Point Cloud","Enclosed Points",'TextColor',[1 1 1])
```



Input Arguments

model — Cuboid model

cuboidModel object

Cuboid model, specified as a cuboidModel object.

ptCloudIn — Point cloud

pointCloud object

Point cloud, specified as a pointCloud object.

Output Arguments

Indices — Indices of enclosed points

N-element column vector

Indices of enclosed points, returned as *N*-element column vector. *N* is the number of enclosed points. Use the select function to select the corresponding points in the input point cloud ptCloudIn.

Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$ Coder $\ensuremath{^{\mbox{\tiny TM}}}$.

See Also

Functions
getCornerPoints | pcfitcuboid | plot

Objects cuboidModel

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getCornerPoints

Get corner points of cuboid model

Syntax

```
points = getCornerPoints(model)
```

Description

```
points = getCornerPoints(model) returns the corner points of a cuboid model as 3-D
coordinates.
```

Examples

Get Corner Points of Cuboid Model

Create a cuboid model object using the cuboidModel creation function, and get the corner points of the cuboid model as 3-D coordinates.

Read point cloud data into the workspace.

ptCloudIn = pcread('highwayScene.pcd');

Define a cuboid model as a cuboidModel object.

```
params = [11.4873085 8.59969 -1.613766 3.6712 1.3220,...
1.75755 0 0 0.017451];
model = cuboidModel(params);
```

Get the corner points of the cuboid model.

```
points = getCornerPoints(model)
```

points = 8×3

13.3227	9.2612	-0.7350
9.6515	9.2601	-0.7350
9.6519	7.9381	-0.7350
13.3231	7.9392	-0.7350
13.3227	9.2612	-2.4925
9.6515	9.2601	-2.4925
9.6519	7.9381	-2.4925
13.3231	7.9392	-2.4925

The columns represent the x, y, and z coordinates, respectively, of the eight corners of the cuboid model. Each row represents a corner point.

Input Arguments

model — Cuboid model

cuboidModel object

Cuboid model, specified as a cuboidModel object.

Output Arguments

points — 3-D coordinates of corner points

8-by-3 matrix of real values

3-D coordinates of the corner points, returned as an 8-by-3 matrix of real values.

Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB® Coder^m.

See Also

Functions
findPointsInsideCuboid | pcfitcuboid | plot

Objects cuboidModel

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plot

Plot cuboid model

Syntax

H = plot(model)
H = plot(model, 'Parent',ax)

Description

- H = plot(model) plots a cuboid model within the axes limits of the current figure.
- H = plot(model, 'Parent', ax) plots a cuboid model on a specified output axes.

Examples

Detect Cuboid in Point Cloud

Detect cuboid in a point cloud using pcfitcuboid function. The function stores the cuboid parameters as a cuboidModel object.

Read point cloud data into the workspace.

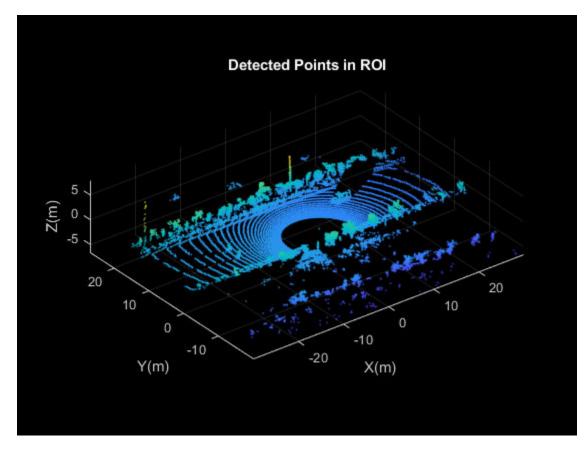
ptCloud = pcread('highwayScene.pcd');

Search the point cloud within a specified region of interest (ROI). Create a point cloud of only the detected points.

```
roi = [-30 30 -20 30 -8 13];
in = findPointsInROI(ptCloud,roi);
ptCloudIn = select(ptCloud,in);
```

Plot the point cloud of detected points.

```
figure
pcshow(ptCloudIn.Location)
xlabel('X(m)')
ylabel('Y(m)')
zlabel('Z(m)')
title('Detected Points in ROI')
```



Find the indices of the points in a specified ROI within the point cloud.

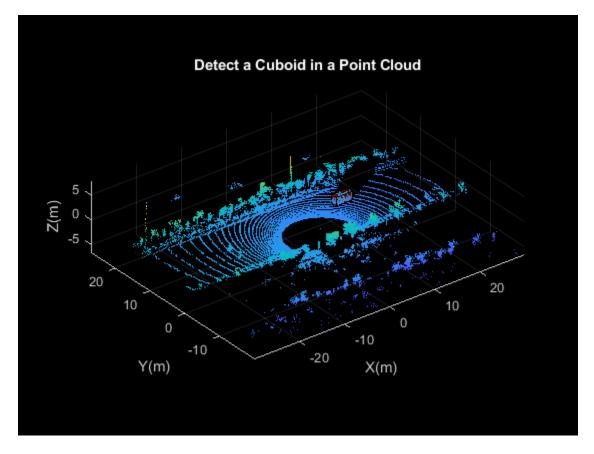
roi = [9.6 13.8 7.9 9.3 -2.5 3]; sampleIndices = findPointsInROI(ptCloudIn,roi);

Fit a cuboid to the selected set of points in the point cloud.

```
model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudIn,sampleIndices);
figure
pcshow(ptCloudIn.Location)
xlabel('X(m)')
ylabel('Y(m)')
zlabel('Z(m)')
title('Detect a Cuboid in a Point Cloud')
```

Plot the cuboid box in the point cloud.

hold on
plot(model)



Display internal properties of cuboidModel object.

model

```
model =
   cuboidModel with properties:
    Parameters: [11.4873 8.5997 -1.6138 3.6713 1.3220 1.7576 0 0 0.9999]
        Center: [11.4873 8.5997 -1.6138]
   Dimensions: [3.6713 1.3220 1.7576]
   Orientation: [0 0 0.9999]
```

Input Arguments

model – Cuboid model

cuboidModel object

Cuboid model, specified as a cuboidModel object.

ax — Output axes

gca (default) | axes

Output axes, specified as the axes on which to display the cuboid model.

Output Arguments

H — Patch object

patch object

Patch object, returned as a patch object.

See Also

Functions
findPointsInsideCuboid | getCornerPoints | pcfitcuboid

Objects cuboidModel

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groundTruthLidar

Lidar ground truth label data

Description

The groundTruthLidar object contains information about lidar ground truth labels. The data source used to create the object is a collection of lidar point cloud data. You can create, export, or import a groundTruthLidar object from the Lidar Labeler app.

Creation

To export a groundTruthLidar object from the Lidar Labeler app, on the app toolstrip, select **Export Labels > To Workspace**. The app exports the object to the MATLAB workspace. To create a groundTruthLidar object programmatically, use the groundTruthLidar function (described here).

Syntax

gTruth = groundTruthLidar(dataSource,labelDefs,labelData)

Description

gTruth = groundTruthLidar(dataSource,labelDefs,labelData) returns an object containing lidar ground truth labels that can be imported into the **Lidar Labeler** app.

- dataSource specifies the source of the lidar point cloud data and sets the DataSource property.
- labelDefs specifies the definitions of ROI and scene labels containing information such as Name, Type, and Group, and sets the LabelDefinitions property.
- labelData specifies the identifying information, position, and timestamps for the marked region of interest (ROI) labels and scene labels, and sets the LabelData property.

Properties

DataSource — Source of ground truth lidar data

PointCloudSequenceSource object | VelodyneLidarSource object | LasFileSequenceSource
object | RosbagSource object

Source of ground truth lidar data, specified as a PointCloudSequenceSource, VelodyneLidarSource, LasFileSequenceSource, or RosbagSource object. This object contains the information that describes the source from which the ground truth lidar data was labeled. This table provides more details about the type of objects that you can specify.

Object Name	Data Source	Class Reference
PointCloudSequenceSource	-	vision.labeler.loading.P ointCloudSequenceSource

Object Name	Data Source	Class Reference
VelodyneLidarSource	Velodyne® packet capture (PCAP) file	vision.labeler.loading.V elodyneLidarSource
LasFileSequenceSource	LAS or LAZ file sequence folder	lidar.labeler.loading.La sFileSequenceSource
RosbagSource	Rosbag file	lidar.labeler.loading.Ro sbagSource

LabelDefinitions — Label definitions

table

This property is read-only.

Label definitions, specified as a table. To create this table, use one of these options.

- In the **Lidar Labeler** app, create label definitions, and then export them as part of a groundTruthLidar object.
- Use a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object to generate a label definitions table. If you save this table to a MAT-file, you can then load the label definitions into a Lidar Labeler app session by selecting Open > Label Definitions from the app toolstrip.
- Create the label definitions table at the MATLAB command line.

This table describes the required and optional columns of the table specified in the LabelDefinitions property.

Column	Description	Required or Optional
Name	Strings or character vectors specifying the name of each label definition.	Required
Туре	labelType enumerations that specify the type of each label definition.	Required
	• For ROI label definitions, the only valid labelType enumeration is labelType.Cuboid.	
	• For scene label definitions, the only valid labelType enumeration is labelType.Scene.	

Column	Description	Required or Optional
LabelColor	RGB triplets that specify the colors of the label definitions. Values are in the range [0, 1]. The color yellow (RGB triplet [1 1 0]) is reserved for the color of selected labels in the Lidar Labeler app.	Optional When you define labels in the Lidar Labeler app, you must specify a color. Therefore, an exported label definitions table always includes this column. When you create label definitions using the labelDefini tionCreator Lidar object without specifying colors, the returned label definition table includes this column, but all column values are empty.

Column	Description	Required or Optional
Group	Strings or character vectors specifying the group to which each label definition belongs.	OptionalIf you createthe labeldefinitionstable at theMATLABcommand line,you do notneed toinclude aGroup column.If you exportlabeldefinitionsfrom the LidarLabeler app orcreate themusing alabelDefinitionCreatorLidar object,the labeldefinitionstable includesthis column,even if you didnot specifygroups. Theapp assignseach labeldefinition aGroup value of'None'.

Column	Description	Required or Optional
Description	Strings or character vectors that describe each label definition.	Optional
		If you create the label definitions table at the MATLAB command line, you do not need to include a Description column.
		If you export label definitions from the Lidar Labeler app or create them using a labelDefini tionCreator Lidar object, the label definitions table includes this column, even if you did not specify descriptions.
		The Description for these label definitions is an empty character vector.

Column	Description		Required or Optional
Hierarchy	Structures containing attribute information for each label definition.		Optional When you
	Field	Description	define
	AttributeName1,,Attri buteNameN	 Attribute information Each defined attribute has its own field, where the name of the field corresponds to the attribute name. The attribute value is a structure containing these fields: DefaultValue — Default value of the attribute, specified as a numeric scalar for Numeric attributes, a string for String attributes, or a logical scalar or empty array for Logical attributes. List attributes do not contain this field. ListItems — List items of the attribute, specified as a cell array of character vectors. Only List attributes contain this field. Description — Description of the attribute, specified as a character vector. 	sublabels or attributes in the Lidar Labeler app or the labelDefini tionCreator Multisignal object, the generated label definitions table includes this column.
	Туре	Type of parent label for the attributes, specified as a string or character vector.	-
	Description	Description of parent label for the attributes, specified as a string or character vector.	
	If a label definition does not contain attributes, then the table entry for that label definition is empty.		

LabelData — Label data for each ROI and scene label timetable

This property is read-only.

Label data for each ROI and scene label, specified as a timetable. Each column of LabelData holds labels for a single label definition and corresponds to the Name value for each row in LabelDefinitions. The storage format for the label data depends on the label type.

Label Type	Storage Format for Labels at Each Timestamp	
labelType.Cuboid	M-by-9 numeric matrix with rows of the form [xctr, yctr, zctr, xlen, ylen, zlen, xrot, yrot, zrot], where:	
	• M is the number of labels in the frame.	
	• xctr, yctr, and zctr specify the center of the cuboid.	
	• xlen, ylen, and zlen specify the length of the cuboid along the <i>x</i> -axis, <i>y</i> -axis, and <i>z</i> -axis, respectively, before rotation has been applied.	
	• xrot, yrot, and zrot specify the rotation angles for the cuboid along the x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis, respectively. These angles are clockwise-positive when looking in the forward direction of their corresponding axes.	
	The figure shows how these values determine the position of a cuboid.	
	100 80 60 N 40 20 0 100	
	50 Y 0 0 X	80
LabelType.Scene Logical vector, where true indicates the presence of the label at that timestamp.		

If the **Cuboid** ROI label data includes attributes, then the labels at each timestamp must be specified as structures instead. The structure includes these fields.

Label Structure Field	Description
	Positions of the parent labels at the given timestamp The format of Position for labels of type Cuboid is described in the previous table.

Label Structure Field	Description
AttributeName1,,AttributeNameN	Attributes of the parent labels
	Each defined attribute has its own field, where the name of the field corresponds to the attribute name. The attribute value is a character vector for a List or String attribute, a numeric scalar for a Numeric attribute, or a logical scalar for a Logical attribute. If the attribute is unspecified, then the attribute value is an empty vector.

Object Functions

changeFilePaths	Change file paths in ground truth data
selectLabels	Select ground truth data by label name or type
selectLabelsByGroup	Select ground truth data by label group name
selectLabelsByName	Select ground truth data by label name
selectLabelsByType	Select ground truth data by label type

Examples

Create Ground Truth Lidar Object

Create ground truth data for a Velodyne lidar source that captures a car on the road. Specify the signal sources, label definitions, and ROI label data.

Create a Velodyne data source.

```
sourceName = fullfile(toolboxdir('vision'),'visiondata', ...
    'lidarData_ConstructionRoad.pcap');
sourceParams = struct();
sourceParams.DeviceModel = 'HDL32E';
sourceParams.CalibrationFile = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','shared', ...
    'pointclouds','utilities','velodyneFileReaderConfiguration', ...
    'HDL32E.xml');
```

Load the data source.

dataSource = vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource; dataSource.loadSource(sourceName,sourceParams);

Create label definitions.

```
ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;
addLabel(ldc,'Car','Cuboid');
labelDefs = ldc.create;
```

Create ground truth data for lidar sequence.

```
numPCFrames = numel(dataSource.Timestamp{1});
carData = cell(numPCFrames,1);
carData{1} = [1.0223 13.2884 1.1456 8.3114 3.8382 3.1460 0 0 0];
lidarData = timetable(dataSource.Timestamp{1},carData, ...
'VariableNames',{'Car'});
```

Create the ground truth lidar object.

```
gTruth = groundTruthLidar(dataSource,labelDefs,lidarData)
```

gTruth =

```
groundTruthLidar with properties:
```

DataSource: [1×1 vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource] LabelDefinitions: [1×5 table] LabelData: [1238×1 timetable]

See Also

```
Objects
attributeType | labelDefinitionCreatorLidar | labelType
```

changeFilePaths

Change file paths in ground truth data

Syntax

unresolvedPaths = changeFilePaths(gTruth,alternativePaths)

Description

unresolvedPaths = changeFilePaths(gTruth,alternativePaths) changes the file paths in a groundTruthLidar object gTruth based on the specified pairs of current paths and alternative paths alternativePaths. If gTruth is a vector of groundTruthLidar objects, the function changes the file paths across all objects. The function returns the unresolved paths in unresolvedPaths. An unresolved path is any current path in alternativePaths not found in gTruth or any alternative path in alternativePaths not found at the specified path location. In both cases, unresolvedPaths returns only the current paths.

Examples

Change File Path in Ground Truth Lidar Object

Change the file paths to the data sources in a groundTruthLidar object.

Load a groundTruthLidar object containing multiple labels of groups, types and names into the workspace. The data source contains the file paths corresponding to the point cloud sequence showing multiple vehicles. MATLAB® displays a warning that the path to the data source cannot be found.

```
load('groundTruthLidar.mat');
```

Warning: The data source for the following source names could not be loaded. C:\Source

Display the current path to the data source.

gTruth.DataSource

ans =
 PointCloudSequenceSource with properties:

```
Name: "Point Cloud Sequence"
Description: "A PointCloud sequence reader"
SourceName: "C:\Source"
SourceParams: [1×1 struct]
SignalName: "Source"
SignalType: PointCloud
Timestamp: {[0 sec]}
NumSignals: 1
```

Specify the current path to the data source and an alternative path and store these paths in a cell array. Use the changeFilePaths function to update the data source path based on the paths in the cell array.

The function updates the paths for all labels. As the function resolves all paths, it returns an empty array of unresolved paths.

```
currentPathDataSource = "C:\Source";
newPathDataSource = fullfile(matlabroot, 'toolbox', 'lidar', 'lidardata');
alternativeFilePaths = {[currentPathDataSource newPathDataSource]};
unresolvedPaths = changeFilePaths(gTruth, alternativeFilePaths)
```

```
unresolvedPaths =
```

[]

To view the new data source path, use the gTruth.DataSource command.

Input Arguments

gTruth — Ground truth lidar data

groundTruthLidar object | vector of groundTruthLidar objects

Ground truth lidar data, specified as a groundTruthLidar object or vector of groundTruthLidar objects.

alternativePaths — Alternative file paths

two-element row vector of strings | cell array of two-element row vector of strings

Alternative file paths, specified as a two-element row vector of strings or cell array of two-element row vectors of strings, where each vector is of the form $[p_{current} p_{new}]$.

- p_{current} is a current file path in gTruth. This file path can be from the data source or pixel label data of the gTruth input. Specify p_{current} using backslashes as the path separators.
- p_{new} is the new path to which to change p_{current} . Specify p_{new} using either forward slashes or backslashes as the path separators.

You can specify alternative paths to signal data sources. The DataSource property of gTruth contains one groundTruthLidar object per signal. The changeFilePaths function updates the signal paths stored in these objects.

If gTruth is a vector of groundTruthLidar objects, the function changes the file paths across all objects.

Output Arguments

unresolvedPaths — Unresolved file paths

string array

Unresolved file paths, returned as a string array. If the changeFilePaths function cannot find either the specified current path in the gTruth input or the specified new path in the specified path location, then it returns the unresolved current path.

If the function finds and resolves all file paths, then it returns unresolvedPaths as an empty string array.

See Also

groundTruthLidar

selectLabels

Select ground truth data by label name or type

Syntax

gtLabel = selectLabels(gTruth, labels)

Description

gtLabel = selectLabels(gTruth, labels) selects ground truth data of the specified label names or types labels from a groundTruthLidar object gTruth. The function returns a corresponding groundTruthLidar object gtLabel that contains only the selected labels. If gTruth is a vector of groundTruthLidar objects, then the function returns a vector of corresponding groundTruthLidar objects that contain only the selected labels.

Examples

Select Ground Truth Lidar Labels by Label Name or Label Type

Load a groundTruthLidar object containing labels of various groups, types, and names into the workspace.

```
lidarDir = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','lidar','lidardata','lidarLabeler');
addpath(lidarDir)
load('lidarLabelerGTruth.mat')
```

Inspect the label definitions. The object contains label definitions of types **Cuboid** and **Scene** with various label names.

lidarLabelerGTruth.LabelDefinitions

ans =				
5×5 table				
Name	Туре	LabelColor	Group	Description
{'car' } {'bike' } {'pole' } {'vegetation'} {'road' }	Cuboid Cuboid Cuboid Cuboid Scene	{1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double}	{'vehicle'} {'vehicle'} {'None' } {'None' } {'None' }	{0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char}

Create a new groundTruthLidar object that contains only the label definitions with the name "car".

```
labelNames = "car";
gtLidarLabel = selectLabels(lidarLabelerGTruth,labelNames);
```

gtLidarLabel =

groundTruthLidar with properties:

DataSource: [1×1 vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource]

LabelDefinitions: [1×5 table] LabelData: [1×1 timetable]

View the label definitions of the returned groundTruthLidar object.

gtLidarLabel.LabelDefinitions

ans =				
1×5 table				
Name	Туре	LabelColor	Group	Description
{'car'}	Cuboid	{1×3 double}	{'vehicle'}	{0×0 char}

Create a new groundTruthLidar object that contains the label definitions from lidarLabelerGTruth for only the labels of type Cuboid.

labelType = labelType.Cuboid; gtLidarLabel = selectLabels(lidarLabelerGTruth,labelType)

```
gtLidarLabel =
```

```
groundTruthLidar with properties:
```

```
DataSource: [1×1 vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource]
LabelDefinitions: [4×5 table]
LabelData: [1×4 timetable]
```

View the label definitions of the returned groundTruthLidar object.

gtLidarLabel.LabelDefinitions

ans =

4×5 table

Name	Туре	LabelColor	Group	Description
{'car' }	Cuboid	{1×3 double}	{'vehicle'}	{0×0 char}
{'bike' }	Cuboid	{1×3 double}	{'vehicle'}	{0×0 char}
{'pole' }	Cuboid	{1×3 double}	{'None' }	{0×0 char}
{'vegetation'}	Cuboid	{1×3 double}	{'None' }	{0×0 char}

Input Arguments

gTruth — Ground truth lidar data

groundTruthLidar object | vector of groundTruthLidar objects

Ground truth lidar data, specified as a groundTruthLidar object or vector of groundTruthLidar objects.

labels — Label names or types

one or more label names | one or more label types

Label names or types, specified as one or more label names or one or more label types. Specify one or more label names as a character vector, string scalar, cell array of character vectors, or vector of strings. Specify one or more label types as a labelType enumeration or vector of labelType enumerations.

To view all distinct label names in a groundTruthLidar object, enter the first of these commands at the MATLAB command prompt. To view all distinct label types in a groundTruthLidar object, enter the second.

unique(gTruth.LabelDefinitions.Name)
unique(gTruth.LabelDefinitions.Type)

Example: 'car'
Example: "car"
Example: {'car', 'lane'}
Example: ["car" "lane"]
Example: labelType.Cuboid
Example: [labelType.Cuboid labelType.Scene]

Output Arguments

gtLabel — Ground truth with only selected labels

groundTruthLidar object | vector of groundTruthLidar objects

Ground truth with only the selected labels, returned as a groundTruthLidar object or vector of groundTruthLidar objects.

Each groundTruthLidar object in the gtLabel output corresponds to a groundTruthLidar object in the gTruth input. The returned objects contain only those labels from the input ground truth objects that are of the label types or the label names specified in the labels input.

See Also

Objects groundTruthLidar

Functions

selectLabelsByGroup | selectLabelsByType | selectLabelsByName

selectLabelsByGroup

Select ground truth data by label group name

Syntax

gtLabel = selectLablesByGroup(gTruth, labelGroups)

Description

gtLabel = selectLablesByGroup(gTruth, labelGroups) selects ground truth data with the specified label group names labelGroups from a groundTruthLidar object gTruth. The function returns a corresponding groundTruthLidar object gtLabel that contains only the selected labels. If gTruth is a vector of groundTruthLidar objects, then the function returns a vector of corresponding groundTruthLidar objects that contain only the selected labels.

Examples

Select Ground Truth Lidar Labels by Group Name

Load a groundTruthLidar object containing multiple labels of groups, types and names.

```
lidarDir = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','lidar','lidardata','lidarLabeler');
addpath(lidarDir)
load('lidarLabelerGTruth.mat')
```

Inspect the label definitions. The object contains two label definitions in a 'vehicle' group. Ungrouped labels are in the group named 'None'.

lidarLabelerGTruth.LabelDefinitions

ans =					
5×5 table					
Name		Туре	LabelColor	Group	Description
{'car' {'bike' {'pole' {'vegetation' {'road'	} } } }	Cuboid Cuboid Cuboid Cuboid Scene	<pre>{1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double}</pre>	{'vehicle'} {'vehicle'} {'None' } {'None' } {'None' }	{0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char}

Create a new groundTruthLidar object that contains only the label definitions in the group 'Vehicle' group.

```
groupNames = 'vehicle';
gtLidarLabel = selectLabelsByGroup(lidarLabelerGTruth,groupNames)
```

gtLidarLabel =

```
groundTruthLidar with properties:
```

```
DataSource: [1×1 vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource]
LabelDefinitions: [2×5 table]
LabelData: [1×2 timetable]
```

View the labels returned by the function.

gtLidarLabel.LabelDefinitions

ans = 2×5 table Name Туре LabelColor Group Description {'car' } {1×3 double} {'vehicle'} {0×0 char} Cuboid {'bike'} Cuboid {1×3 double} {'vehicle'} {0×0 char}

Input Arguments

gTruth — Ground truth lidar data

groundTruthLidar object | vector of groundTruthLidar objects

Ground truth lidar data, specified as a groundTruthLidar object or vector of groundTruthLidar objects.

labelGroups — Label group names

character vector | string scalar | cell array of character vectors | vector of strings

Label group names, specified as a character vector, string scalar, cell array of character vectors, or vector of strings.

To view all distinct label group names in a groundTruthLidar object, enter this command at the MATLAB command prompt.

unique(gTruth.LabelDefinitions.Group)

```
Example: 'Vehicles'
Example: "Vehicles"
Example: {'Vehicles','Signs'}
Example: ["Vehicles" "Signs"]
```

Output Arguments

gtLabel — Ground truth with only selected labels

groundTruthLidar object | vector of groundTruthLidar objects

Ground truth with only the selected labels, returned as a groundTruthLidar object or vector of groundTruthLidar objects.

Each groundTruthLidar object in the gtLabel output corresponds to a groundTruthLidar object in the gTruth input. The returned objects contain only those labels from the input ground truth objects that are of the label groups specified by the labelGroup input.

See Also

Objects

groundTruthLidar

Functions

selectLabels | selectLabelsByType | selectLabelsByName

selectLabelsByName

Select ground truth data by label name

Syntax

gtLabel = selectLabelsByName(gTruth,labelNames)

Description

gtLabel = selectLabelsByName(gTruth,labelNames) selects ground truth data of the specified label names labelNames from a groundTruthLidar object gTruth. The function returns a corresponding groundTruthLidar object gtLabel that contains only the selected labels. If gTruth is a vector of groundTruthLidar objects, then the function returns a vector of corresponding groundTruthLidar objects that contain only the selected labels.

Examples

Select Ground Truth Lidar Labels by Label Name

Load a groundTruthLidar object containing labels of various groups, types, and names.

```
lidarDir = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','lidar','lidardata','lidarLabeler');
addpath(lidarDir)
load('lidarLabelerGTruth.mat')
```

Inspect the label definitions. The object contains label definitions with various names.

lidarLabelerGTruth.LabelDefinitions

ans =				
5×5 table				
Name	Туре	LabelColor	Group	Description
{'car' } {'bike' } {'pole' } {'vegetation'} {'road' }	Cuboid Cuboid Cuboid Cuboid Scene	{1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double}	{'vehicle'} {'vehicle'} {'None' } {'None' } {'None' }	{0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char}

Create a new groundTruthLidar object that contains only the label definitions with the name 'car'.

```
labelNames = 'car';
gtLidarLabel = selectLabelsByName(lidarLabelerGTruth,labelNames)
```

gtLidarLabel =

```
groundTruthLidar with properties:
```

```
DataSource: [1×1 vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource]
LabelDefinitions: [1×5 table]
LabelData: [1×1 timetable]
```

View the label definitions of the returned groundTruthLidar object.

```
gtLidarLabel.LabelDefinitions
```

ans =				
1×5 table				
Name	Туре	LabelColor	Group	Description
{'car'}	Cuboid	{1×3 double}	{'vehicle'}	{0×0 char}

Input Arguments

gTruth — Ground truth lidar data

groundTruthLidar object | vector of groundTruthLidar objects

Lidar ground truth data, specified as a groundTruthLidar object or vector of groundTruthLidar objects.

labelNames — Label names

character vector | string scalar | cell array of character vectors | vector of strings

Label names, specified as a character vector, string scalar, cell array of character vectors, or vector of strings.

To view all distinct label names in a groundTruthLidar object gTruth, enter this command at the MATLAB command prompt.

unique(gTruth.LabelDefinitions.Name)

Example: 'car' Example: "car" Example: {'car','lane'} Example: ["car" "lane"]

Output Arguments

gtLabel — Ground truth with only selected labels

groundTruthLidar object | vector of groundTruthLidar objects

Ground truth with only the selected labels, returned as a groundTruthLidar object or vector of groundTruthLidar objects.

Each groundTruthLidar object in gtLabel corresponds to a groundTruthLidar object in the gTruth input. The returned objects contain only the labels that are of the label names specified by the labelNames input.

See Also

Objects groundTruthLidar

Functions

selectLabels | selectLabelsByGroup | selectLabelsByType

selectLabelsByType

Select ground truth data by label type

Syntax

gtLabel = selectLabelsByType(gTruth,labelTypes)

Description

gtLabel = selectLabelsByType(gTruth,labelTypes) selects labels of the types specified by labelTypes from a groundTruthLidar object gTruth. The function returns a corresponding groundTruthLidar object gtLabel that contains only the selected labels. If gTruth is a vector of groundTruthLidar objects, then the function returns a vector of corresponding groundTruthLidar objects that contain only the selected labels.

Examples

Select Ground Truth Lidar Labels by Label Type

Load a groundTruthLidar object containing labels of various groups, types, and names into the workspace.

```
lidarDir = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','lidar','lidardata','lidarLabeler');
addpath(lidarDir)
load('lidarLabelerGTruth.mat')
```

Inspect the label definitions. The object contains label definitions of type Cuboid and Scene.

lidarLabelerGTruth.LabelDefinitions

ans =				
5×5 table				
Name	Туре	LabelColor	Group	Description
{'car' } {'bike' } {'pole' } {'vegetation'} {'road' }	Cuboid Cuboid Cuboid Cuboid Scene	{1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double}	{'vehicle'} {'vehicle'} {'None' } {'None' } {'None' }	{0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char}

Create a new groundTruthLidar object that contains only the label definitions with the type 'Cuboid'.

```
labelType = labelType.Cuboid;
gtLidarLabel = selectLabelsByType(lidarLabelerGTruth,labelType)
```

groundTruthLidar with properties:

```
DataSource: [1×1 vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource]
LabelDefinitions: [4×5 table]
LabelData: [1×4 timetable]
```

View the label definitions of the returned groundTruthLidar object.

lidarLabelerGTruth.LabelDefinitions

ans =				
4×5 table				
Name	Туре	LabelColor	Group	Description
{'car' } {'bike' } {'pole' } {'vegetation'}	Cuboid Cuboid Cuboid Cuboid	{1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double} {1×3 double}	{'vehicle'} {'vehicle'} {'None' } {'None' }	{0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char} {0×0 char}

Input Arguments

gTruth — Ground truth lidar data

groundTruthLidar object | vector of groundTruthLidar objects

Lidar ground truth data, specified as a groundTruthLidar object or vector of groundTruthLidar objects.

labelTypes — Label types

labelType enumeration | vector of labelType enumerations

Label types, specified as a labelType enumeration or vector of labelType enumerations.

To view all distinct label types in a groundTruthLidar object, enter this command at the MATLAB command prompt.

unique(gTruth.LabelDefinitions.LabelType)

Example: labelType.Cuboid

Example: [labelType.Cuboid labelType.Scene]

Output Arguments

gtLabel — Ground truth with only selected labels

groundTruthLidar object | vector of groundTruthLidar objects

Ground truth with only the selected labels, returned as a groundTruthLidar object or vector of groundTruthLidar objects.

Each groundTruthLidar object in gtLabel corresponds to a groundTruthLidar object in the gTruth input. The returned objects contain only the labels that are of the label types specified by the labelTypes input.

See Also

Objects groundTruthLidar

```
Functions
selectLabels | selectLabelsByGroup | selectLabelsByName
```

ibeoLidarReader

Ibeo data container (IDC) file reader

Description

Ibeo Automotive Systems is a manufacturer of lidar sensor-based devices. The data captured by these devices is stored in IDC files. An IDC file reader object reads Ibeo FUSION SYSTEM or ECU scan data and Ibeo point cloud plane data from IDC files.

The reader currently supports message data types 0x2205 and 0x7510 in IDC files. These data types represent the Ibeo FUSION SYSTEM or ECU scan data and Ibeo point cloud plane data, respectively.

Creation

Syntax

ibeoReader = ibeoLidarReader(fileName)

Description

ibeoReader = ibeoLidarReader(fileName) creates an ibeoLidarReader object that reads
metadata from IDC file.

Properties

FileName — Name of IDC file

character vector | string scalar

This property is read-only.

Name of IDC file, stored as a character vector or string scalar.

MessageTypes — List of supported message types

string scalar | vector of strings

This property is read-only.

List of supported message types available in the IDC file, stored as a string scalar or as a vector of strings. The possible values of this property are "Scan", "PointCloudPlane", or a vector containing both.

NumMessages — Total number of supported messages

positive integer

This property is read-only.

Total number of supported messages available in the IDC file, stored as a positive integer.

FileInfo — Information on supported messages

table object

This property is read-only.

Information on supported messages, stored as a table object.

MessageType	DataType	Description	NumMessages	TimeStamps
"Scan"	"0x2205"	"Ibeo FUSION SYSTEM/ECU scan data"		30-by-1 datetime arrays
"PointCloudPla ne"	"0x7510"	"Ibeo point cloud plane"	40	40-by-1 datetime arrays

- MessageType Type of message
- DataType Data type of message.
- Description Message data description.
- NumMessages Number of messages available in the file.
- TimeStamps Timestamp values for each message in the file, stored as a NumMessages-element column vector of datetime arrays.

Object Functions

readMessages Read Ibeo scan data and point cloud plane messages

See Also

Functions pcread | pcshow | readMessages

Objects

lasFileReader | pointCloud | velodyneFileReader

readMessages

Read Ibeo scan data and point cloud plane messages

Syntax

```
ptCloud = readMessages(ibeoReader)
[ptCloud,messageData] = readMessages(ibeoReader)
____ = readMessages(ibeoReader,Name,Value)
```

Description

ptCloud = readMessages(ibeoReader) reads Ibeo FUSION SYSTEM/ECU scan data and Ibeo point cloud plane messages from an Ibeo data container (IDC) file. The function returns an array of pointCloud objects, where each object contains individual message data.

[ptCloud,messageData] = readMessages(ibeoReader) additionally returns the message type
and timestamp for each message. If the message is a point cloud plane message, the function also
returns additional plane information.

____ = readMessages(ibeoReader,Name,Value) specifies options using one or more namevalue pair arguments in addition to the input argument. For example, 'Messages', "Scan" sets the message type to read from the IDC file to "Scan".

Input Arguments

ibeoReader — IDC file reader

ibeoLidarReader object

IDC file reader, specified as an ibeoLidarReader object.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'Messages', "Scan" sets the readMessages function to only read Ibeo scan data messages from the IDC file.

Messages — Message types to read

["Scan" "PointCloudPlane"] (default) | string scalar | vector of strings | character vector | cell array of character vectors

Message types to read from the IDC file, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Messages' and a string scalar, vector of strings, character vector, or a cell array of character vectors. Each element must be a valid message type.

Valid Message Types

• "Scan"

• "PointCloudPlane"

Data Types: string | char | cell

Time — Timestamps of messages

total file duration (default) | datetime arrays | 2-element vector of datetime arrays

Timestamps of messages, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Time' and one of these options-

- datetime array Represents a single timestamp
- 1-by-2 datetime array Represents all timestamps in the range [startTime endTime].

Data Types: datetime

Output Arguments

ptCloud — Point cloud array

array of pointCloud objects

Point cloud array, returned as an array of **pointCloud** objects. Each element of the returned array is a point cloud that contains the data of a single message.

messageData — Information on messages read from file

cell array of structures

Information on messages read from the file, returned as a cell array of structures. Each structure contains this information for a single message.

- MessageType Type of message, returned as "Scan" or "PointCloudPlane".
- TimeStamp Timestamp value for each message in the file, returned as a datetime array.

If the value of the MessageType field for a message is "PointCloudPlane", then the structure contains this additional plane information.

- Label Classification type of all points in the point cloud, returned as one of these values.
 - "Undefined"
 - "ScanPoint"
 - "LanePoint"
 - "CurbstonePoint"
 - "GuardrailPoint"
 - "RoadmarkingPoint"
 - "OffRoadMarkingPoint"
- ReferencePoint Reference point for the plane points, returned as a three-element vector that contains the longitude and latitude of the point in degrees and the altitude in meters.
- PlaneOrientation Plane orientation, returned as a three-element vector that contains the yaw, pitch, and roll of the plane in degrees.

See Also

Functions pcread | pcshow

Objects

ibeoLidarReader|lasFileReader|pointCloud|velodyneFileReader

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Store, modify, and create label definitions tables for lidar

Description

The labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object stores definitions of labels and attributes to label ground truth data for a lidar workflow. Use various "Object Functions" on page 2-48 to add, remove, modify, or display label definitions. Use the create object function to create a label definitions table from the labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object. You can use this label definitions table with the Lidar Labeler app.

Creation

Syntax

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar
ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar(labelDefs)

Description

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar creates an empty label definition creator object, ldc, for the lidar workflow. Add label definitions to this object, as well as modify or remove them, using various "Object Functions" on page 2-48. Use the info object function to inspect the stored labels and attributes.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar(labelDefs) creates a label definition creator object, ldc, for a lidar workflow that contains the definitions from the label definitions table labelDefs.

Input Arguments

labelDefs — Label definitions

table

Label definitions, returned as a table with up to eight columns. The possible columns are *Name*, *Type*, *Group*, *Description*, *LabelColor*, and *Hierarchy*. This table contains the definitions and attributes of labels used for labeling ground truth lidar data. For more details, see the labelDefinitions property of the groundTruthLidar object.

Object Functions

addLabel	Add label to label definition creator object for lidar workflow		
addAttribute	Add attrib	ute to label in label definition creator for lidar workflow	
editLabelGrou	p	Modify label group name in label definition creator object for lidar	
		workflow	
editLabelDesc	ription	Modify label description in label definition creator for lidar workflow	
editAttributeDescription		Modify attribute description in label definition creator object for lidar	
		workflow	

editGroupNameChange group name in label definition creator for lidar workflowremoveLabelRemove label from label definition creator for lidar workflowremoveAttributeRemove attribute from label in label definition creator for lidar workflowcreateCreate label definitions table from label definition creator object for lidar workflowinfoDisplay label or attribute information stored in label definition creator for lidar workflow

Examples

Create Label Definition Creator Object for Lidar Workflow and Add Label Definitions

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator.

addLabel(ldc,'Vehicle','Cuboid')

Add a Color attribute to the Vehicle label as a list of three strings.

```
addAttribute(ldc,'Vehicle','Color','List',{'Red','White','Green'})
```

Display the details of the updated label definition creator object.

ldc

```
ldc =
```

```
labelDefinitionCreatorLidar contains the following labels:
```

```
Vehicle with 1 attributes and belongs to None group. (info)
```

For more details about attributes, use the info method.

Create a label definitions table from the definition stored in the object.

```
labelDefs = create(ldc)
```

labelDefs =					
1×6 table					
Name	Туре	LabelColor	Group	Description	Hierarchy
{'Vehicle'}	Cuboid	{0×0 char}	{'None'}	{''}	{1×1 struct}

Create Label Definition Creator Object for Lidar Workflow from Label Definitions Table

Load a lidar label definitions table into the workspace.

```
lidarDir = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','lidar','lidardata','lidarLabeler');
addpath(lidarDir)
load('lidarLabelerGTruth.mat')
```

Create a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object from the label definitions table.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar(lidarLabelerGTruth.LabelDefinitions)

ldc =

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar contains the following labels:

car with 0 attributes and belongs to vehicle group. (info) bike with 0 attributes and belongs to vehicle group. (info) pole with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info) vegetation with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info) road with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info)

For more details about attributes, use the info method.

Add a new attribute to the car label.

addAttribute(ldc,'car','Color','List',{'Red','Green','Blue'})

Display the details of the updated labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc

ldc =

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar contains the following labels:

car with 1 attributes and belongs to vehicle group. (info) bike with 0 attributes and belongs to vehicle group. (info) pole with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info) vegetation with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info) road with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info)

See Also

Apps Lidar Labeler

Objects groundTruthLidar

addAttribute

Add attribute to label in label definition creator for lidar workflow

Syntax

addAttribute(ldc,labelName,attributeName,typeOfAttribute,attributeDefault)
addAttribute(_____, Name,Value)

Description

addAttribute(ldc,labelName,attributeName,typeOfAttribute,attributeDefault) adds an attribute with the specified name and type to the indicated label. The attribute is added to the hierarchy of the specified label in the labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object ldc.

addAttribute(_____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more name-value pair arguments in addition to the input arguments in the previous syntax.

Examples

Add Label and Attribute Using Label Definition Creator for Lidar Workflow

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator.

```
addLabel(ldc, 'Vehicle', 'Cuboid');
```

Add a Color attribute to the Vehicle label as a string.

```
addAttribute(ldc,'Vehicle','Color','String','Red')
```

Display the details of the updated label definition creator object.

```
ldc
```

```
ldc =
```

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar contains the following labels:

Vehicle with 1 attributes and belongs to None group. (info)

For more details about attributes, use the info method.

Display information about the label ${\tt Vehicle}$ using the ${\tt info}$ object function .

```
info(ldc,'Vehicle')
```

```
Name: "Vehicle"
Type: Cuboid
LabelColor: {''}
```

```
Group: "None"
Attributes: "Color"
Description: ' '
```

Display information about the Color attribute of the Vehicle label using the info object function.

info(ldc,'Vehicle/Color')

Name: "Color" Type: String DefaultValue: 'Red' Description: ' '

Input Arguments

ldc - Label definition creator for lidar workflow

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object

Label definition creator for the lidar workflow, specified as a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

labelName — Label name

character vector | string scalar

Label name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This sets the label to which to add the attribute.

attributeName — Attribute name

character vector | string scalar

Attribute name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This sets the attribute to add to the label.

typeOfAttribute — Type of attribute

attributeType enumeration | character vector | string scalar

Type of attribute, specified using one of these options:

- attributeType enumeration Specify the attribute as a Numeric, Logical, String, or List attributeType enumerator. For example, attributeType.String specifies a String attribute type.
- Character vector or string scalar Specify a value that partially or fully matches one of the attributeType enumerators. For example, Str specifies a String attribute type.

attributeDefault — Default value of attribute

valid attribute value

Default value of the attribute, specified as a valid attribute value depending on the value of the typeOfAttribute argument:

- Numeric Specify the value as a numeric scalar.
- Logical Specify the value as a logical scalar.
- String Specify the value as a character vector or string scalar.

• List — Specify the value as a cell array of character vectors or string scalars. The first element of the cell array is the default value.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'Description', 'car' sets the description of the added label attribute to 'car'.

Description — Attribute description

' ' (default) | character vector | string scalar

Attribute description, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Description' and a character vector or string scalar. Use this name-value pair argument to describe the attribute.

See Also

Objects labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Functions
addLabel|editAttributeDescription|removeAttribute

addLabel

Add label to label definition creator object for lidar workflow

Syntax

addLabel(ldc,labelName,typeOfLabel)
addLabel(____,Name,Value)

Description

addLabel(ldc,labelName,typeOfLabel) adds a label with the specified name and type to the labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object ldc.

addLabel(_____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more name-value pair arguments in addition to the input arguments in the previous syntax. For example, Group, truck sets the group of the added label to truck.

Examples

Add Labels Using Label Definition Creator for Lidar Workflow

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator object.

addLabel(ldc, 'Vehicle', 'Cuboid');

Add a Scene label, Bike, to the object.

addLabel(ldc, 'Bike', 'Scene');

Display the details of the updated label definition creator object.

ldc

ldc =

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar contains the following labels:

Vehicle with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info) Bike with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info)

For more details about attributes, use the info method.

Display information about the Vehicle label using the info object function.

info(ldc,'Vehicle')

Name: "Vehicle" Type: Cuboid

```
LabelColor: {''}
Group: "None"
Attributes: []
Description: ''
```

Add Label with Additional Details

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator object. Include Group and LabelColor information for the label.

addLabel(ldc, 'Vehicle', 'Cuboid', 'Group', "Transport", 'LabelColor', [1 0 0]);

Add a Scene label, TrafficSign, to the object. Include Group information for the label.

```
addLabel(ldc, 'TrafficSign', 'Scene','Group',"Data");
```

Display the details of the updated label definition creator object.

ldc

ldc =

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar contains the following labels:

Vehicle with 0 attributes and belongs to Transport group. (info) TrafficSign with 0 attributes and belongs to Data group. (info)

For more details about attributes, use the info method.

Display information about the Vehicle label using the info object function.

info(ldc, 'Vehicle')

```
Name: "Vehicle"
Type: Cuboid
LabelColor: {[1 0 0]}
Group: "Transport"
Attributes: []
Description: ' '
```

Input Arguments

ldc — Label definition creator for lidar workflow

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object

Label definition creator for the lidar workflow, specified as a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

labelName — Label name

character vector | string scalar

Label name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This sets the name of the label in the label definition creator object.

typeOfLabel — Type of label

labelType enumerator | character vector | string scalar

Type of label, specified using one of these options. For example, labelType.Cuboid specifies a Cuboid label type.

- labelType enumeration Specify the type of label as a Scene or Cuboid labelType enumerator.
- Character vector or string scalar Specify a value that partially or fully matches one of the labelType enumerators. For example, Cub specifies a Cuboid label type.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

For example, Group, truck sets the group of the added label to truck.

Group — Group name

'None' (default) | character vector | string scalar

Group name, specified as a comma-separated pair consisting of 'Group' and the character vector or string scalar. Use this name-value pair arguments to specify a name for a group of labels.

Description — Label description

' ' (default) | character vector | string scalar

Label description, specified as a comma-separated pair consisting of 'Description' and the character vector or string scalar. Use this name-value pair arguments to describe the label.

See Also

Objects labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Functions
addAttribute|editLabelDescription|removeLabel

create

Create label definitions table from label definition creator object for lidar workflow

Syntax

labelDefs = create(ldc)

Description

labelDefs = create(ldc) creates a label definitions table, labelDefs, from the labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object ldc. You can import the labelDefs table into the Lidar Labeler app to label ground truth lidar data.

Examples

Create Label Definitions Table from Label Definition Creator for Lidar Workflow

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator object.

addLabel(ldc, 'Vehicle', 'Cuboid', 'Description', 'Use this label for Cars and buses.')

Add a logical attribute, IsCar, to the Vehicle label.

addAttribute(ldc,'Vehicle','IsCar','logical',true,'Description','Type of vehicle')

Create a label definitions table from the definitions stored in the object.

```
labelDefs = create(ldc)
```

labelDefs =					
1×6 table					
Name	Туре	LabelColor	Group	Description	Hierarchy
{'Vehicle'}	Cuboid	{0×0 char}	{'None'}	{'Use this label for Cars and buses.'}	{1×1 struct}

Input Arguments

ldc — Label definition creator for lidar workflow

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object

Label definition creator for the lidar workflow, specified as a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object. The object defines the labels and attributes used for generating the label definitions table labelDefs.

Output Arguments

labelDefs — Label definitions

table

Label definitions, returned as a table with up to eight columns. The possible columns are *Name*, *Type*, *Group*, *Description*, *LabelColor*, and *Hierarchy*. This table contains the definitions and attributes of labels used for labeling ground truth lidar data. For more details, see the labelDefinitions property of the groundTruthLidar object.

See Also

Objects labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Functions
addAttribute|addLabel|info

editAttributeDescription

Modify attribute description in label definition creator object for lidar workflow

Syntax

editAttributeDescription(ldc,labelName,attributeName,description)

Description

editAttributeDescription(ldc,labelName,attributeName,description) modifies the description of the specified attribute attributeName of the label labelName. The label must be contained within the labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object ldc.

Examples

Modify Attribute Description in Label Definition Creator for Lidar Workflow

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator object.

```
addLabel(ldc, 'Vehicle', 'Cuboid');
```

Add a Color attribute to the Vehicle label.

addAttribute(ldc,'Vehicle','Color','String','Red')

Display the created attribute.

```
info(ldc, 'Vehicle/Color')
```

Name: "Color" Type: String DefaultValue: 'Red' Description: ' '

Modify the attribute description.

editAttributeDescription(ldc,'Vehicle','Color','Color of the vehicle in RGB format - [1 0 0]') Display the attribute details to confirm the updated description field.

Input Arguments

ldc — Label definition creator for lidar workflow

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object

Label definition creator for the lidar workflow, specified as a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

labelName — Label name

character vector | string scalar

Label name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This identifies the label with which the attribute is associated.

attributeName — Attribute name

character vector | string scalar

Attribute name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This identifies the attribute to modify.

description — Description

character vector | string scalar

Description, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This sets the new description for the attribute specified by the attributeName.

See Also

Objects labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Functions editLabelDescription

editGroupName

Change group name in label definition creator for lidar workflow

Syntax

editGroupName(ldc,oldname,newname)

Description

editGroupName(ldc,oldname,newname) changes the existing group name oldname to the specified group name newname. This function changes the group name for all label definitions that have the group name oldname.

Examples

Edit Label Group in Label Definition Creator for Lidar Workflow

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator object.

addLabel(ldc,'Vehicle','Cuboid')

Display information about the label.

info(ldc,'Vehicle')

```
Name: "Vehicle"
Type: Cuboid
LabelColor: {''}
Group: "None"
Attributes: []
Description: ''
```

Edit the group name of the label.

editGroupName(ldc, 'None', 'Transport')

Display the information of the label. Confirm that the Group field is updated.

info(ldc,'Vehicle')

```
Name: "Vehicle"
Type: Cuboid
LabelColor: {''}
Group: "Transport"
Attributes: []
Description: ''
```

Input Arguments

ldc — Label definition creator for lidar workflow

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object

Label definition creator for the lidar workflow, specified as a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

oldname — Existing group name

character vector | string scalar

Existing group name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This identifies group name to modify. The group name must already exist within the specified label definition creator object.

newname — New group name

character vector | string scalar

New group name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This sets the new group name.

See Also

Objects labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Functions editLabelDescription | editLabelGroup

editLabelDescription

Modify label description in label definition creator for lidar workflow

Syntax

editLabelDescription(ldc,labelName,description)

Description

editLabelDescription(ldc,labelName,description) modifies the description of the specified labellabelName. The label must be contained within the labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object ldc.

Examples

Modify Label Description in Label Definition Creator for Lidar Workflow

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator object.

addLabel(ldc,'Vehicle','Cuboid')

Display the label information using the info object function.

```
Name: "Vehicle"
Type: Cuboid
LabelColor: {''}
Group: "None"
Attributes: []
Description: ' '
```

Modify the description of the Vehicle label.

editLabelDescription(ldc, 'Vehicle', 'Use this label for cars and buses.')

Display the label information. Confirm that the **Description** field has been updated.

```
info(ldc, 'Vehicle')
```

```
Name: "Vehicle"

Type: Cuboid

LabelColor: {''}

Group: "None"

Attributes: []

Description: 'Use this label for cars and buses.'
```

Input Arguments

```
ldc — Label definition creator for lidar workflow
labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object
```

Label definition creator for the lidar workflow, specified as a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

labelName — Label name

character vector | string scalar

Label name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This identifies the label to update.

description — Description

character vector | string scalar

Description, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This sets the new description for the label specified by the labelName argument.

See Also

Objects labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Functions
editAttributeDescription

editLabelGroup

Modify label group name in label definition creator object for lidar workflow

Syntax

editLabelGroup(ldc,labelName,groupName)

Description

editLabelGroup(ldc,labelName,groupName) modifies the group name of the specified label identified by labelName. The label must be contained within the labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object ldc.

Examples

Modify Label Group Name in Label Definition Creator for Lidar Workflow

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

```
ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;
```

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator object.

addLabel(ldc,'Vehicle','Cuboid','Group','Transport')

Add a Cuboid label, Car, to the label definition creator object.

addLabel(ldc,'Car','Cuboid','Group','Four Wheeler')

Display the label definition creator object.

ldc

ldc =

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar contains the following labels:

Vehicle with 0 attributes	and belongs to Transport group.	(info)
Car with 0 attributes and	belongs to Four Wheeler group.	(info)

For more details about attributes, use the info method.

Change the group of the Car label from Four Wheeler to Transport.

```
editLabelGroup(ldc,'Car','Transport')
```

ldc =

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar contains the following labels:

Vehicle with 0 attributes and belongs to Transport group. (info) Car with 0 attributes and belongs to Transport group. (info) For more details about attributes, use the info method.

Input Arguments

ldc — Label definition creator for lidar workflow

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object

Label definition creator for the lidar workflow, specified as a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

labelName — Label name

character vector | string scalar

Label name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This identifies the label to modify.

groupName — Group name

character vector | string scalar

Group name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This sets the group to which the function assigns the label specified by the labelName argument.

See Also

Objects labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Functions
editGroupName | editLabelDescription

info

Display label or attribute information stored in label definition creator for lidar workflow

Syntax

info(ldc,name)
infoStruct = info(ldc,name)

Description

info(ldc,name) displays information about the specified label or attribute name stored in the
labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object ldc.

infoStruct = info(ldc,name) returns the information as a structure.

Examples

Save Definitions from Label Definition Creator for Lidar Workflow

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

```
ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;
```

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, with Group and Description information to the label definition creator object.

```
addLabel(ldc,'Vehicle','Cuboid','Group','Transport','Description','Use this label for cars and buses')
```

Create a structure array containing the label information.

```
infoStruct = info(ldc,'Vehicle')
```

```
infoStruct =
```

```
struct with fields:
```

```
Name: "Vehicle"
Type: Cuboid
LabelColor: {''}
Group: "Transport"
Attributes: []
Description: 'Use this label for cars and buses'
```

Input Arguments

ldc — Label definition creator for lidar workflow

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object

Label definition creator for the lidar workflow, specified as a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

name — Name of label or attribute

character vector | string scalar

Name of the label or attribute in the ldc object, specified as a character vector or string scalar. The form of the argument depends on the type of name specified.

- To specify a label, use the form '*labelName*'. For example, 'TrafficLight' specifies the label with the label name TrafficLight.
- To specify an attribute, use the form '*labelName/attributeName*'. For example, 'TrafficLight/ Active ' specifies the Active attribute of the label with the label name TrafficLight.

Output Arguments

infoStruct — Information structure

structure

Information structure, returned as a structure that contains the fields Name, SignalType (for labels), LabelType (for labels), Type (for attributes), Description, Attributes (when pertinent), DefaultValue (for attributes), and ListItems (for List attributes).

See Also

Objects labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Functions addLabel | create

removeAttribute

Remove attribute from label in label definition creator for lidar workflow

Syntax

```
removeAttribute(ldc,labelName,attributeName)
```

Description

removeAttribute(ldc,labelName,attributeName) removes the specified attribute
attributeNamefrom the label labelName in the labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object ldc.

Examples

Remove Attribute from Label in Label Definition Creator Lidar

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator object.

addLabel(ldc,'Vehicle','Cuboid')

Add a String attribute, Color, to the Vehicle label.

addAttribute(ldc,'Vehicle','Color','String','Red')

Add another String attribute, Classification, to the label.

addAttribute(ldc,'Vehicle','Classification','String','Car')

Display the label information using the info object function.

info(ldc,'Vehicle')

```
Name: "Vehicle"

Type: Cuboid

LabelColor: {''}

Group: "None"

Attributes: ["Color" "Classification"]

Description: ' '
```

Remove an attribute from the Vehicle label.

removeAttribute(ldc,'Vehicle','Color')

Display the label information. Confirm that the Attributes field has been updated.

info(ldc,'Vehicle')

```
Name: "Vehicle"
Type: Cuboid
```

```
LabelColor: {''}
Group: "None"
Attributes: "Classification"
Description: ''
```

Input Arguments

ldc - Label definition creator for lidar workflow

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object

Label definition creator for the lidar workflow, specified as a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

labelName — Label name

character vector | string scalar

Label name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This identifies the label from which to remove the attribute.

attributeName — Attribute name

character vector | string scalar

Attribute name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This identifies the attribute to remove from the label specified by the labelName argument.

See Also

Objects labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Functions
addAttribute|addLabel|removeLabel

removeLabel

Remove label from label definition creator for lidar workflow

Syntax

removeLabel(ldc,labelName)

Description

removeLabel(ldc,labelName) removes the specified label labeName from the labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object ldc.

Examples

Remove Label from Label Definition Creator for Lidar Workflow

Create an empty labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

ldc = labelDefinitionCreatorLidar;

Add a Cuboid label, Vehicle, to the label definition creator object.

addLabel(ldc,'Vehicle','Cuboid')

Add a Cuboid label, Car, to the object.

addLabel(ldc,'Car','Cuboid')

Display the label definition creator object.

ldc

ldc =

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar contains the following labels:

Vehicle with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info) Car with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info)

For more details about attributes, use the info method.

Remove the 'Car' label and display the object to confirm that the label has been removed.

removeLabel(ldc,'Car')
ldc

ldc =

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar contains the following labels:

Vehicle with 0 attributes and belongs to None group. (info)

For more details about attributes, use the info method.

Input Arguments

ldc — Label definition creator for lidar workflow

labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object

Label definition creator for the lidar workflow, specified as a labelDefinitionCreatorLidar object.

labelName — Label name

character vector | string scalar

Label name, specified as a character vector or string scalar. This identifies the label to remove from the label definition creator object.

See Also

Objects labelDefinitionCreatorLidar

Functions
addLabel|addAttribute|removeAttribute

vision.labeler.loading.MultiSignalSource class

Package: vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading Superclasses: matlab.mixin.Heterogeneous

Interface for loading signal data into Lidar Labeler app

Description

The vision.labeler.loading.MultiSignalSource class creates an interface for loading a point cloud signal from a data source into the Lidar Labeler app.

The interface created using this class enables you to customize the panel for loading data sources in the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app. The figure shows a sample loading panel.

elect Point Cloud						
Source Type:	Point Cloud Sequence					
Folder Name:		Browse	Timestamps:	Use Default	~	
	Only PCD/PLY files are su	pported.	Def	ault timestamps = (0:nu	umPointClouds-1)	sec

The class also provides an interface to read frames from loaded signals. The app renders these frames for labeling.

The class supports loading these data sources:

- vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource Point cloud sequence folder
- vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource Velodyne packet capture (PCAP) file
- lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource LAS or LAZ file
- lidar.labeler.loading.RosbagSource Rosbag file

The vision.labeler.loading.MultiSignalSource class is a handle class.

Class Attributes

Abstract

true

For information on class attributes, see "Class Attributes".

Properties

Name — Name of source type

string scalar

Name of the type of source that this class loads, specified as a string scalar.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
Abstract	true
Constant NonCopyable	true

Description — Description of class functionality

string scalar

Description of the functionality that this class provides, specified as a string scalar.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
Abstract	true
Constant	true
NonCopyable	true

SourceName — Name of data source

string scalar

Name of the data source, specified as a string scalar. Typically, **SourceName** is the name of the file from which the signal is loaded.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SourceParams — Parameters for loading signals from data source structure

Parameters for loading signals from the data source into the app, specified as a structure. The fields of this structure contain values that the loadSource method requires to load the signal.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SignalName — Names of signals in data source

string vector

Names of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a string vector.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SignalType — Types of signals in data source

vector of vision.labeler.loading.SignalType enumerations

Types of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a vector of vision.labeler.loading.SignalType enumerations. Each signal listed in the SignalName property is of the type in the corresponding position of SignalType.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

Timestamp — Timestamps of signals in data source

cell array of duration vectors

Timestamps of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a cell array of duration vectors. Each signal listed in the SignalName property has the timestamps in the corresponding position of Timestamp.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

NumSignals — Number of signals in data source

nonnegative integer

Number of signals that can be read from the data source, specified as a nonnegative integer. NumSignals is equal to the number of signals in the SignalName property.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	public
Dependent	true
NonCopyable	true

Methods

Public Methods

customizeLoadPanel	customizeLoadPanel(source0	bj,panel)
	Customize the loading pa object. In the loading dia method is invoked when source type from the Sou	log box of the app, this you select the data
	Abstract	true

getLoadPanelData	[sourceName,sourceParams] = getLoadPanelData(sourceOb])
gettoddi dhetbata	Obtain the data needed to load the data source object currently selected in the loading panel. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked when you add a source. The method returns these outputs.
	• sourceName is a string capturing the name of the data source object.
	• sourceParams is a structure with fields containing the parameters required to load the data source object.
	Both of these outputs are passed to the loadSource method.
	Abstract true
loadSource	loadSource(sourceObj,sourceName,sourceParams)
	Load a data source object into the app. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked after you add a source and the getLoadPanelData method executes successfully. This method is also invoked when you load the data source object into the MATLAB workspace. When you load the data source object, MATLAB expects that the source has the name sourceName and parameters sourceParams that are needed to load that source and read data from it.
	Abstract true
readFrame	<pre>frame = readFrame(sourceObj,signalName,tsIndex) Read a frame of data from a signal contained in a data source object at the specified timestamp index. The index must be in the bounds of the length of the timestamps for that signal.</pre>
	Abstract true
loadPanelChecker	loadPanelCheckerCheck the load panel for the loading dialog box of the app. This method opens a dialog box similar to the loading dialog box that you open from the Open menu on the app toolstrip. Use this method to preview how the customizeLoadPanel method populates the loading panel for the selected data source object.Statictrue
	Static true

See Also

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vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource class

Package: vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading Superclasses: vision.labeler.loading.MultiSignalSource

Load signals from point cloud sequence sources into Lidar Labeler app

Description

The vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource class creates an interface for loading a signal from a point cloud sequence data source into the Lidar Labeler app. In the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app, when **Source Type** is set to Point Cloud Sequence, this class controls the parameters in that dialog box.

Source Type:	Point Cloud Sequence					
Folder Name:	Line	Browse	Timestamps:	Use Default	~	
	Only PCD/PLY files are supported.		Def	auit timestamps = (0:nur		ec

To access this dialog box, in the app, select **Open > Add Point Cloud**.

This class loads point cloud sequences composed of PCD or PLY files.

The vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource class is a handle class.

Creation

When you export labels from a **Lidar Labeler** app session that contains a point cloud sequence source, the exported groundTruthLidar object stores an instance of this class in its DataSource property.

To create a PointCloudSequenceSource object programmatically, such as when programmatically creating a groundTruthLidar object, use the vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource function (described here).

Syntax

pcSeqSource = vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource

Description

pcSeqSource = vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource creates a
PointCloudSequenceSource object for loading a signal from a point cloud sequence data source.
To specify the data source and the parameters required to load the source, use the loadSource
method.

Properties

Name — Name of source type

"Point Cloud Sequence" (default) | string scalar

Name of the type of source that this class loads, specified as a string scalar.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
Constant	true
NonCopyable	true

Description — Description of class functionality

"A PointCloud sequence reader" (default) | string scalar

Description of the functionality that this class provides, specified as a string scalar.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
Constant	true
NonCopyable	true

SourceName — Name of data source

[] (default) | string scalar

Name of the data source, specified as a string scalar. Typically, **SourceName** is the name of the file from which the signal is loaded.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SourceParams — Parameters for loading point cloud sequence signal from data source [] (default) | structure

Parameters for loading a point cloud sequence signal from a data source, specified as a structure.

This table describes the required and optional fields of the SourceParams structure.

Field	Description	Required or Optional
Timestamps	Timestamps for the point cloud sequence signal, specified as a cell array containing a single duration vector of timestamps. In the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app, if you set the Timestamps parameter to From Workspace and read the timestamps from a variable in the MATLAB workspace, then the SourceParams property stores these timestamps in the Timestamps field.	Optional If you set the Timestamps parameter to Use Default and use the default timestamps for point cloud sequence signals, then the structure does not include this field, and the SourceParams property is empty, []. For point cloud sequence signals, the default timestamp duration vector has elements from 0 to the number of valid point cloud files minus 1. Units are in seconds.

Attributes:

GetAccess public SetAccess protected

SignalName — Names of signals in data source

[] (default) | string vector

Names of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a string vector.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SignalType — Types of signals in data source

[] (default) | vector of vision.labeler.loading.SignalType enumerations

Types of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a vector of vision.labeler.loading.SignalType enumerations. Each signal listed in the SignalName property is of the type in the corresponding position of SignalType.

Attributes:

GetAccess public SetAccess protected

Timestamp — Timestamps of signals in data source

[] (default) | cell array of duration vectors

Timestamps of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a cell array of duration vectors. Each signal listed in the SignalName property has the timestamps in the corresponding position of Timestamp.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

NumSignals — Number of signals in data source

0 (default) | integer

Number of signals that can be read from the data source, specified as a nonnegative integer. NumSignals is equal to the number of signals in the SignalName property.

Attributes:

GetAccess SetAccess	public public
Dependent	true
NonCopyable	true

Methods

Public Methods

customizeLoadPanel	<pre>customizeLoadPanel(sourceObj,panel)</pre>
	Customize the loading panel for the data source object. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked when you select the data source type from the Source Type list.
getLoadPanelData	<pre>[sourceName,sourceParams] = getLoadPanelData(sourceOb)</pre>
	Obtain the data needed to load the data source object currently selected in the loading panel. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked when you add a source. The method returns these outputs.
	• sourceName is a string capturing the name of the data source object.
	• sourceParams is a structure with fields containing the parameters required to load the data source object.
	Both of these outputs are passed to the loadSource method.
loadSource	<pre>loadSource(sourceObj,sourceName,sourceParams)</pre>
	Load a data source object into the app. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked after you add a source and the getLoadPanelData method executes successfully. This method is also invoked when you load the data source object into the MATLAB workspace. When you load the data source object, MATLAB expects that the source has the name sourceName and parameters sourceParams that are needed to load that source and read data from it.

readFrame	<pre>frame = readFrame(sourceObj,signalName,tsIndex) Read a frame of data from a signal contained in data source object at the specified timestamp index. The index must be in the bounds of the length of the timestamps for that signal.</pre>	
loadPanelChecker	the app. This method ope to the loading dialog box	that you open from the polstrip. Use this method omizeLoadPanel ading panel for the

Examples

Create Point Cloud Sequence Source

Specify the path to a folder containing a point cloud sequence.

```
pcSeqFolder = fullfile(toolboxdir('vision'),'visiondata', ...
'pcdmapseq');
```

Create a point cloud sequence source. The sequence does not have a separate timestamps file to load with it, so specify the source parameters as empty. Load the folder path and the empty source parameters into the PointCloudSequenceSource object.

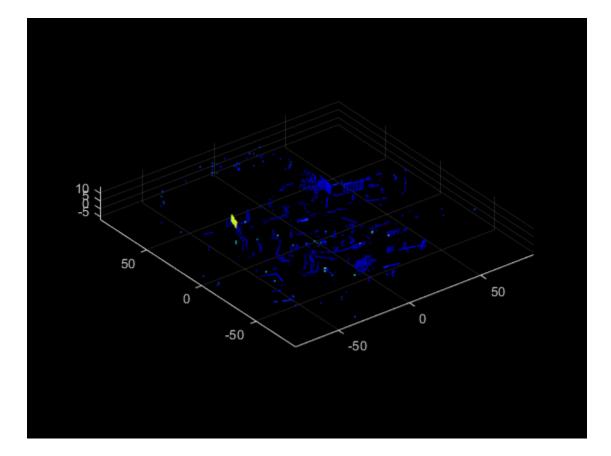
```
sourceName = pcSeqFolder;
sourceParams = [];
```

pcseqSource = vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource; loadSource(pcseqSource,sourceName,sourceParams)

Read the first frame in the sequence. Display the frame.

```
signalName = pcseqSource.SignalName;
pc = readFrame(pcseqSource,signalName,1);
```

figure
pcshow(pc)



See Also

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Classes

lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource|
lidar.labeler.loading.RosbagSource|vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource

vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource class

Package: vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading vision.labeler.loading. Superclasses: vision.labeler.loading.MultiSignalSource

Load signals from Velodyne lidar sources into Lidar Labeler app

Description

The vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource class creates an interface for loading a signal from a Velodyne packet capture (PCAP) lidar data source into the Lidar Labeler app. In the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app, when **Source Type** is set to Velodyne Lidar, this class controls the parameters in that dialog box.

Source Type:	Velodyne Lidar					
File Name:		Browse	Device Modet	VLP16 V		
Calibration File:	intclouds/utilities/velodyneFileReaderConfiguration/VLP16.xml	Browse	Timestamps:	From File	~	

To access this dialog box, in the app, select **Open > Add Point Cloud**.

This class loads Velodyne PCAP files from the device models accepted by the velodyneFileReader function.

The vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource class is a handle class.

Creation

When you export labels from a **Lidar Labeler** app session that contains a Velodyne lidar source, the exported groundTruthLidar object stores an instance of this class in its DataSource property.

To create a VelodyneLidarSource object programmatically, such as when programmatically creating a groundTruthLidar object, use the vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource function (described here).

Syntax

velodyneSource = vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource

Description

velodyneSource = vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource creates a VelodyneLidarSource object for loading a signal from a Velodyne lidar data source. To specify the data source and the parameters required to load the source, use the loadSource method.

Properties

Name — Name of source type

"Velodyne Lidar" (default) | string scalar

Name of the type of source that this class loads, specified as a string scalar.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
Constant	true
NonCopyable	true

Description — Description of class functionality

"A Velodyne file reader" (default) | string scalar

Description of the functionality that this class provides, specified as a string scalar.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
Constant	true
NonCopyable	true

SourceName — Name of data source

[] (default) | string scalar

Name of the data source, specified as a string scalar. Typically, **SourceName** is the name of the file from which the signal is loaded.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SourceParams — Parameters for loading Velodyne lidar signal from data source

[] (default) | structure

Parameters for loading a Velodyne lidar signal from a data source, specified as a structure.

This table describes the required and optional fields of the SourceParams structure.

Field	Description	Required or Optional
Timestamps	Timestamps for the Velodyne lidar signal, specified as a cell array containing a single duration vector of timestamps. In the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app, if you set the Timestamps parameter to From Workspace and read the timestamps from a variable in the MATLAB workspace, then the SourceParams property stores these timestamps in the Timestamps field.	Optional In the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app, if you set the Timestamps parameter to From File and read the timestamps from the Velodyne PCAP file, then the structure does not include this field.
DeviceModel	Velodyne device model name, specified as one of these options. If you specify the incorrect device model for your Velodyne PCAP file, the app loads an improperly calibrated point cloud. In the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app, select the device model from the Device Model parameter. The Calibration File parameter updates to the calibration file of the selected device model.	Required

Field	Description	Required or Optional
CalibrationFile	Name of the Velodyne calibration XML file, specified as a character vector or string scalar.	Required
	To specify one of the calibration files included with your MATLAB installation, at the MATLAB command prompt, enter this code. Replace <devicemodel> with the name of the device model that you specify in the DeviceModel field of this structure (without quotes).</devicemodel>	
	<pre>calibrationFile = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox', 'shared','pointclouds','utiliti 'velodyneFileReaderConfiguratio '<devicemodel>.xml')</devicemodel></pre>	
	By default, the CalibrationFile field is set to the full path to the VLP16.xml file, which is the calibration file for the VLP-16 device model.	
	In the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app, when you change the Device Model parameter selection, the Calibration File parameter updates to the corresponding calibration file for the selected device model. You can also	
	browse for or enter a path to a different calibration file in the Calibration File box.	

For more details on device models and calibration files, see the velodyneFileReader object reference page.

Attributes:

GetAccess SetAccess public protected

SignalName — Names of signals in data source

[] (default) | string vector

Names of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a string vector.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SignalType — Types of signals in data source

[] (default) | vector of vision.labeler.loading.SignalType enumerations

Types of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a vector of vision.labeler.loading.SignalType enumerations. Each signal listed in the SignalName property is of the type in the corresponding position of SignalType.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

Timestamp — Timestamps of signals in data source

[] (default) | cell array of duration vectors

Timestamps of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a cell array of duration vectors. Each signal listed in the SignalName property has the timestamps in the corresponding position of Timestamp.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

NumSignals — Number of signals in data source

0 (default) | integer

Number of signals that can be read from the data source, specified as a nonnegative integer. NumSignals is equal to the number of signals in the SignalName property.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	public
Dependent	true
NonCopyable	true

Methods

Public Methods

customizeLoadPanel	<pre>customizeLoadPanel(sourceObj,panel)</pre>
	Customize the loading panel for the data source object. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked when you select the data source type from the Source Type list.

getLoadPanelData	[sourceName,sourceParams] = getLoadPanelData(sourceOb))
	Obtain the data needed to load the data source object currently selected in the loading panel. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked when you add a source. The method returns these outputs.
	• sourceName is a string capturing the name of the data source object.
	• sourceParams is a structure with fields containing the parameters required to load the data source object.
	Both of these outputs are passed to the loadSource method.
loadSource	<pre>loadSource(sourceObj,sourceName,sourceParams)</pre>
	Load a data source object into the app. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked after you add a source and the getLoadPanelData method executes successfully. This method is also invoked when you load the data source object into the MATLAB workspace. When you load the data source object, MATLAB expects that the source has the name sourceName and parameters sourceParams that are needed to load that source and read data from it.
readFrame	<pre>frame = readFrame(sourceObj,signalName,tsIndex)</pre>
	Read a frame of data from a signal contained in a data source object at the specified timestamp index. The index must be in the bounds of the length of the timestamps for that signal.
loadPanelChecker	loadPanelChecker
	Check the load panel for the loading dialog box of the app. This method opens a dialog box similar to the loading dialog box that you open from the Open menu on the app toolstrip. Use this method to preview how the customizeLoadPanel method populates the loading panel for the selected data source object.
	Static true

Examples

Create Velodyne Lidar Source

Specify the name of the Velodyne $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$ lidar data source, a packet capture (PCAP) file.

```
sourceName = fullfile(toolboxdir('vision'),'visiondata', ...
'lidarData_ConstructionRoad.pcap');
```

Specify information needed to load the source, including the device model of the lidar and the calibration file.

```
sourceParams = struct;
sourceParams.DeviceModel = 'HDL32E';
sourceParams.CalibrationFile = fullfile(matlabroot,'toolbox','shared', ...
'pointclouds','utilities','velodyneFileReaderConfiguration', ...
'HDL32E.xml');
```

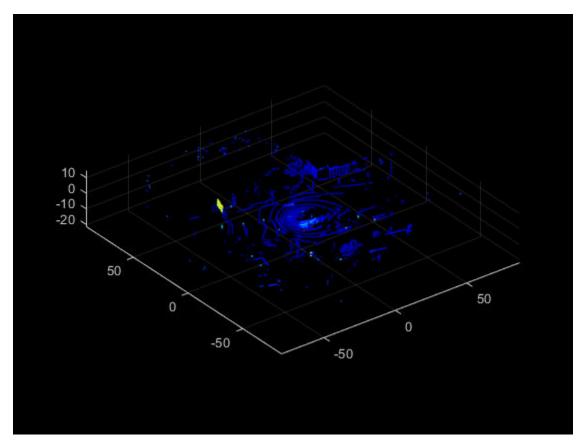
Create the Velodyne lidar data source. Load the data source path, device model, and calibration file path into the VelodyneLidarSource object.

```
velodyneSource = vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource;
loadSource(velodyneSource,sourceName,sourceParams)
```

Read the first frame from the source. Display the frame.

```
signalName = velodyneSource.SignalName;
pc = readFrame(velodyneSource,signalName,1);
```

```
figure
pcshow(pc)
```



See Also

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Classes lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource| lidar.labeler.loading.RosbagSource| vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource

lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource class

Package: lidar.labeler.loading lidar.labeler.loading lidar.labeler.loading lidar.labeler.loading lidar.labeler.loading lidar.labeler.loading Superclasses: vision.labeler.loading.MultiSignalSource

Load signals from LAS or LAZ file sequence sources into Lidar Labeler app

Description

The lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource class creates an interface for loading a signal from a LAS or LAZ file sequence data source into the **Lidar Labeler** app. In the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app, when **Source Type** is set to LAS/LAZ File Sequence, this class controls the parameters in that dialog box.

Select Point Cloud					-		×
Source Type:	LAS/LAZ File Sequence						
Folder Name:		Browse	Timestamps:	Use Default	~		
			De	fault timestamps = (0:n	umPointClouds-1)	sec	
		OK Cancel					

To access this dialog box, in the app, select **Open > Add Point Cloud**.

The lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource class is a handle class.

Creation

When you export labels from a **Lidar Labeler** app session that contains a LAS or LAZ file sequence source, the exported groundTruthLidar object stores an instance of this class in its DataSource property.

To create a LasFileSequenceSource object programmatically, such as when programmatically creating a groundTruthLidar object, use the lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource function (described here).

Syntax

lasSeqSource = lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource

Description

lasSeqSource = lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource creates a
LasFileSequenceSource object for loading a signal from a LAS or LAZ file sequence data source.
To specify the data source and the parameters required to load the source, use the loadSource
method.

Properties

Name — Name of source type

"LAS/LAZ File Sequence" (default) | string scalar

Name of the type of source that this class loads, specified as a string scalar.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
Constant	true
NonCopyable	true

Description — Description of class functionality

"A LAS/LAZ file sequence reader" (default) | string scalar

Description of the functionality that this class provides, specified as a string scalar.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
Constant	true
NonCopyable	true

SourceName — Name of data source

[] (default) | string scalar

Name of the data source, specified as a string scalar. Typically, **SourceName** is the name of the file from which the signal is loaded.

Attributes:

GetAccess SetAccess public protected

SourceParams — Parameters for loading LAS or LAZ file sequence signal from data source [] (default) | structure

Parameters for loading a LAS or LAZ file sequence signal from a data source, specified as a structure.

This table describes the required and optional fields of the SourceParams structure.

Field	Description	Required or Optional
Timestamps	Timestamps for the LAS or LAZ file sequence signal, specified as a cell array containing a single duration vector of timestamps. In the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app, if you set the Timestamps parameter to From Workspace and read the timestamps from a variable in the MATLAB workspace, then the SourceParams property stores these timestamps in the Timestamps field.	Optional If you set the Timestamps parameter to Use Default and use the default timestamps for LAS or LAZ file sequence signals, then the structure does not include this field, and the SourceParams property is empty, []. For LAS or LAZ file sequence signals, the default timestamp duration vector has elements from 0 to the number of valid LAS or LAZ files minus 1. Units are in seconds.

Attributes:

GetAccess public SetAccess protected

SignalName — Names of signals in data source

[] (default) | string vector

Names of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a string vector.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SignalType — Types of signals in data source

[] (default) | vector of vision.labeler.loading.SignalType enumerations

Types of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a vector of vision.labeler.loading.SignalType enumerations. Each signal listed in the SignalName property is of the type in the corresponding position of SignalType.

Attributes:

GetAccess public SetAccess protected

Timestamp — Timestamps of signals in data source

[] (default) | cell array of duration vectors

Timestamps of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a cell array of duration vectors. Each signal listed in the SignalName property has the timestamps in the corresponding position of Timestamp.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

NumSignals — Number of signals in data source

0 (default) | integer

Number of signals that can be read from the data source, specified as a nonnegative integer. NumSignals is equal to the number of signals in the SignalName property.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	public
Dependent	true
NonCopyable	true

Methods

Public Methods

customizeLoadPanel	<pre>customizeLoadPanel(sourceObj,panel)</pre>
	Customize the loading panel for the data source object. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked when you select the data source type from the Source Type list.
getLoadPanelData	<pre>[sourceName,sourceParams] = getLoadPanelData(sourceOb</pre>
	Obtain the data needed to load the data source object currently selected in the loading panel. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked when you add a source. The method returns these outputs.
	• sourceName is a string capturing the name of the data source object.
	• sourceParams is a structure with fields containing the parameters required to load the data source object.
	Both of these outputs are passed to the loadSource method.
loadSource	<pre>loadSource(sourceObj,sourceName,sourceParams)</pre>
	Load a data source object into the app. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked after you add a source and the getLoadPanelData method executes successfully. This method is also invoked when you load the data source object into the MATLAB workspace. When you load the data source object, MATLAB expects that the source has the name sourceName and parameters sourceParams that are needed to load that source and read data from it.

readFrame	<pre>frame = readFrame(sourceObj,signalName,tsIndex) Read a frame of data from a signal contained in a data source object at the specified timestamp index. The index must be in the bounds of the length of the timestamps for that signal.</pre>	
loadPanelChecker	loadPanelChecker Check the load panel for the loading dialog box of the app. This method opens a dialog box similar to the loading dialog box that you open from the Open menu on the app toolstrip. Use this method to preview how the customizeLoadPanel method populates the loading panel for the selected data source object. Static true	

Examples

Create LAS File Sequence Source

Specify the path to a folder containing a LAS file sequence.

```
lasSeqFolder = fullfile(toolboxdir('lidar'),'lidardata','las');
```

The LAS file consists of two point cloud frames that occur at one-second intervals. Specify the timestamps of the frames as a duration vector of two seconds.

```
timestamps = seconds(1:2);
```

Create a LAS file sequence source. Load the folder path and timestamps into the LasFileSequenceSource object.

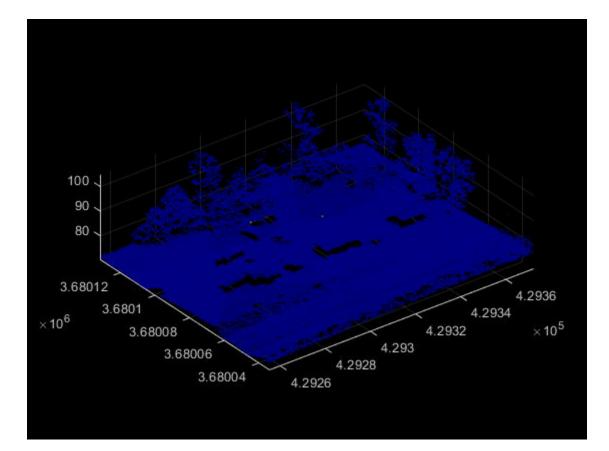
```
sourceName = lasSeqFolder;
sourceParams = struct;
sourceParams.Timestamps = timestamps;
```

lasSeqSource = lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource; loadSource(lasSeqSource,sourceName,sourceParams)

Read the second frame in the sequence. Display the frame.

```
signalName = lasSeqSource.SignalName;
pc = readFrame(lasSeqSource,signalName,2);
```

figure pcshow(pc)



See Also

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Classes

lidar.labeler.loading.RosbagSource |
vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource |
vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource

lidar.labeler.loading.RosbagSource class

Package: lidar.labeler.loading lidar.labeler.loading lidar.labeler.loading lidar.labeler.loading lidar.labeler.loading lidar.labeler.loading Superclasses: vision.labeler.loading.MultiSignalSource

Load signals from rosbag sources into Lidar Labeler app

Description

The lidar.labeler.loading.RosbagSource class creates an interface for loading a signal from a rosbag file into the Lidar Labeler app. In the Select Point Cloud dialog box of the app, when Source Type is set to Rosbag, this class controls the parameters in that dialog box.

To access this dialog box, in the app, select **Open > Add Point Cloud**.

This class loads signals from the sensor_msgs/PointCloud2 ROS message type only.

Note This class requires ROS Toolbox.

The lidar.labeler.loading.RosbagSource class is a handle class.

Creation

When you export labels from a **Lidar Labeler** app session that contains a rosbag source, the exported groundTruthLidar object stores an instance of this class in its DataSource property.

To create a RosbagSource object programmatically, such as when programmatically creating a groundTruthLidar object, use the lidar.labeler.loading.RosbagSource function (described here).

Syntax

rosbagSource = lidar.labeler.loading.RosbagSource

Description

rosbagSource = lidar.labeler.loading.RosbagSource creates a RosbagSource object for loading a signal from a rosbag data source. To specify the data source and the parameters required to load the source, use the loadSource method.

Properties

Name — Name of source type

"Rosbag" (default) | string scalar

Name of the type of source that this class loads, specified as a string scalar.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
Constant	true
NonCopyable	true

Description — Description of class functionality

"A rosbag reader" (default) | string scalar

Description of the functionality that this class provides, specified as a string scalar.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
Constant	true
NonCopyable	true

SourceName — Name of data source

[] (default) | string scalar

Name of the data source, specified as a string scalar. Typically, **SourceName** is the name of the file from which the signal is loaded.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SourceParams — Parameters for loading signals from rosbag data source

[] (default) | empty structure

Parameters for loading signals from a rosbag data source, specified as an empty structure. When you load a point cloud signal from a rosbag, do not specify the signal timestamps or any other parameters. The loadSource method reads these parameters from the rosbag.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SignalName — Names of signals in data source

[] (default) | string vector

Names of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a string vector.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

SignalType — Types of signals in data source

[] (default) | vector of vision.labeler.loading.SignalType enumerations

Types of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a vector of vision.labeler.loading.SignalType enumerations. Each signal listed in the SignalName property is of the type in the corresponding position of SignalType.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

Timestamp — Timestamps of signals in data source

[] (default) | cell array of duration vectors

Timestamps of the signals that can be loaded from the data source, specified as a cell array of duration vectors. Each signal listed in the SignalName property has the timestamps in the corresponding position of Timestamp.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	protected

NumSignals — Number of signals in data source

0 (default) | integer

Number of signals that can be read from the data source, specified as a nonnegative integer. NumSignals is equal to the number of signals in the SignalName property.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	public
Dependent	true
NonCopyable	true

Methods

Public Methods

customizeLoadPanel	<pre>customizeLoadPanel(sourceObj,panel)</pre>
	Customize the loading panel for the data source object. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked when you select the data source type from the Source Type list.

getLoadPanelData	[sourceName,sourceParams] = getLoadPanelData(sourceObj)
	Obtain the data needed to load the data source object currently selected in the loading panel. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked when you add a source. The method returns these outputs.
	• sourceName is a string capturing the name of the data source object.
	• sourceParams is a structure with fields containing the parameters required to load the data source object.
	Both of these outputs are passed to the loadSource method.
loadSource	<pre>loadSource(sourceObj,sourceName,sourceParams)</pre>
	Load a data source object into the app. In the loading dialog box of the app, this method is invoked after you add a source and the getLoadPanelData method executes successfully. This method is also invoked when you load the data source object into the MATLAB workspace. When you load the data source object, MATLAB expects that the source has the name sourceName and parameters sourceParams that are needed to load that source and read data from it.
readFrame	<pre>frame = readFrame(sourceObj,signalName,tsIndex)</pre>
	Read a frame of data from a signal contained in a data source object at the specified timestamp index. The index must be in the bounds of the length of the timestamps for that signal.
loadPanelChecker	loadPanelChecker
	Check the load panel for the loading dialog box of the app. This method opens a dialog box similar to the loading dialog box that you open from the Open menu on the app toolstrip. Use this method to preview how the customizeLoadPanel method populates the loading panel for the selected data source object.
	Static true

See Also

Apps Lidar Labeler

Classes

lidar.labeler.loading.LasFileSequenceSource|
vision.labeler.loading.PointCloudSequenceSource|
vision.labeler.loading.VelodyneLidarSource

lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer class

Package: lidar.syncImageViewer

Interface to connect external tool to Lidar Labeler app

Description

The lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer class creates an interface between a custom visualization or analysis tool and a point cloud signal in the Lidar Labeler app. You can use the SyncImageViewer class to sync video and image sequence signals to the app only.

Creation

The SyncImageViewer specifies the interface for connecting an external tool to the Lidar Labeler app. An external tool can be a custom visualization tool or custom analysis tool. The class that inherits from the SyncImageViewer interface is called the client. The client performs these tasks:

- Syncs an external tool to each frame change event for a specific signal loaded into the **Lidar Labeler** app. Syncing enables you to control the external tool through the range slider and playback controls of the app.
- Controls the current time in the external tool and the corresponding display in the app.

To connect an external tool to the Lidar Labeler app, follow these steps:

1 Define a client class that inherits from lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer. You can use the SyncImageViewer class template to define a class and implement your custom visualization or analysis tool. At the MATLAB command prompt, enter this code:

lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer.openTemplateInEditor

Follow the steps in the template.

2 Save the file to any folder on the MATLAB path. Alternatively, save the file to a folder outside the MATLAB path and add the folder to MATLAB path by using the addpath function.

Properties

VideoStartTime — Start time of signal

real scalar in seconds

Start time of the signal, specified as a real scalar in seconds.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	private

VideoEndTime — End time of signal

real scalar in seconds

End time of the signal, specified as a real scalar in seconds.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	private

StartTime — Start of time interval in app

real scalar in seconds

Start of the time interval in the app, specified as a real scalar in seconds. To set the start time, use the start flag interval in the app.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	private

CurrentTime — Time of frame currently displaying in app

real scalar in seconds

Time of the frame currently displaying in the app for the connected signal, specified as a real scalar in seconds. If the slider is between two timestamps, then the currently displaying frame is the frame that is at the previous timestamp.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	private

EndTime — End of time interval in app

real scalar in seconds

End of the time interval in the app, specified as a real scalar in seconds. To set the end time, use the end flag interval in the app.

Attributes:

GetAccess	public
SetAccess	private

TimeVector — Timestamps for connected signal

duration vector

Timestamps for the connected signal, specified as a duration vector. This signal must be the master signal. If you change the master signal, the TimeVector property updates to the timestamps for new master signal.

Attributes:

GetAccess	
SetAccess	

public private

Methods

Public Methods

```
dataSourceChangeListener
```

Update external tool when connecting to signal being loaded into Lidar Labeler app

frameChangeListener	Update external tool when new frame is displayed in Lidar Labeler app
updateLabelerCurrentTime	Update current time in Lidar Labeler app
close	Close external tool connected to Lidar Labeler app
disconnect	Disconnect external tool from Lidar Labeler app

Examples

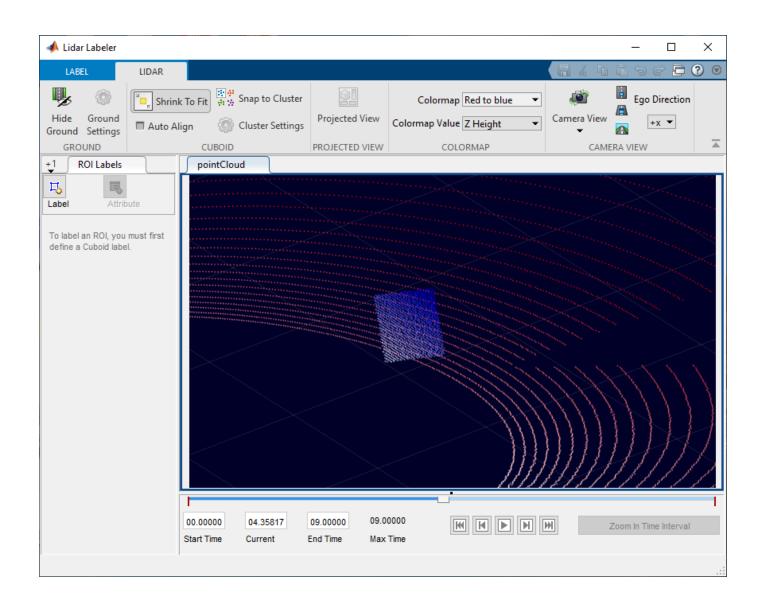
Connect Image Display to Lidar Labeler

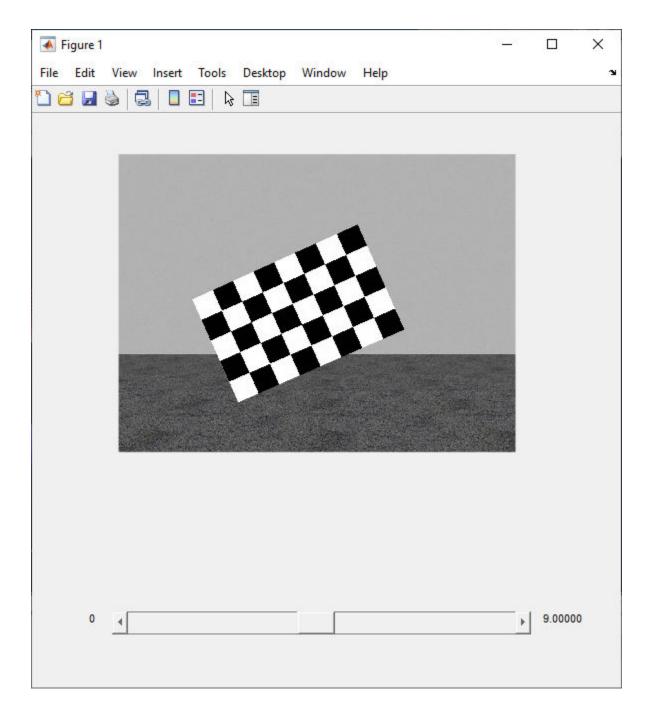
Connect an image display tool to the **Lidar Labeler** app. Use the app and tool to display synchronized lidar and image data.

Specify the source for the image data and lidar data to load into the app.

Display the image data in sync with the lidar data.

lidarLabeler(sourceName, 'SyncImageViewerTargetHandle',@SyncImageDisplay);





Tips

• For an example of an external tool, see the SyncImageDisplay implementation of the lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer class. This class implements an image display tool. You can use this code as a starting point for creating your own tools.

edit SyncImageDisplay

See Also

Apps Lidar Labeler

close

Class: lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer
Package: lidar.syncImageViewer

Close external tool connected to Lidar Labeler app

Syntax

close(syncImageObj)

Description

close(syncImageObj) provides the option to close the external tool that is connected to the Lidar Labeler app when the app closes. The app calls this method using the syncImageObj object.

Note The client class can optionally implement this method.

Input Arguments

syncImageObj — Synced image viewer
SyncImageViewer object

Synced image viewer, specified as a lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer object.

See Also

Lidar Labeler | lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer

dataSourceChangeListener

Class: lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer
Package: lidar.syncImageViewer

Update external tool when connecting to signal being loaded into Lidar Labeler app

Syntax

dataSourceChangeListener(syncImageObj)

Description

dataSourceChangeListener(syncImageObj) provides the option to update the external tool
when loading a new data source is loaded into the Lidar Labeler app. The app calls this method
using the syncImageObj object.

Note The client class can optionally implement this method.

Input Arguments

syncImageObj — Synced image viewer SyncImageViewer object

Synced image viewer, specified as a lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer object.

See Also

Lidar Labeler | lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer

disconnect

Class: lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer
Package: lidar.syncImageViewer

Disconnect external tool from Lidar Labeler app

Syntax

disconnect(syncImageObj)

Description

disconnect(syncImageObj) disconnects the interface between an external tool and the Lidar Labeler app. The client calls this method using the syncImageObj object. After the external tool is disconnected, the Lidar Labeler app no longer calls the frameChangeListener method in the client class.

Note The client class can call this method.

Input Arguments

syncImageObj — Synced image viewer

SyncImageViewer object

Synced image viewer, specified as a lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer object.

See Also

Lidar Labeler | lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer

frameChangeListener

Class: lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer
Package: lidar.syncImageViewer

Update external tool when new frame is displayed in Lidar Labeler app

Syntax

frameChangeListener(syncImageObj)

Description

frameChangeListener(syncImageObj) provides an option to synchronize an external tool with the frame changes in the Lidar Labeler app. The app calls this method when a new frame is displayed in the app. If the slider is between two timestamps, then the app displays the frame that is at the previous timestamp.

Note The client class must implement this method.

Input Arguments

syncImageObj — Synced image viewer

SyncImageViewer object

Synced image viewer, specified as a lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer object.

See Also

Lidar Labeler | lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer

updateLabelerCurrentTime

Class: lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer
Package: lidar.syncImageViewer

Update current time in Lidar Labeler app

Syntax

updateLabelerCurrentTime(syncImageObj,newTime)

Description

updateLabelerCurrentTime(syncImageObj,newTime) updates the current time in the Lidar Labeler app to newTime. The client calls this method using the syncImageObj object.

Note The client class can call this method.

Input Arguments

syncImageObj — Synced image viewer

SyncImageViewer object

Synced image viewer, specified as a lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer object.

newTime — Current time for app

real scalar in seconds

Current time for **Lidar Labeler** app, specified as a real scalar in seconds. The **newTime** value sets the current time in the **Lidar Labeler** app.

See Also

Lidar Labeler | lidar.syncImageViewer.SyncImageViewer

lasFileReader

LAS or LAZ file reader

Description

The LAS file format is an industry-standard binary format for storing lidar data, developed and maintained by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS). The LAZ file format is a compressed version of the LAS file format.

A LAS file contains a public header, which has lidar metadata, followed by lidar point records. Each point record contains attributes such as 3-D coordinates, intensity and GPS timestamp.

A lasFileReader object stores the metadata present in the LAS or LAZ file as read-only properties. The object function, readPointCloud, uses these properties to read point cloud data from the file.

Creation

Syntax

lasReader = lasFileReader(fileName)

Description

lasReader = lasFileReader(fileName) reads the metadata from a LAS or LAZ file, fileName, and stores it as properties of an output lasFileReader object, lasReader. The fileName input sets the FileName property.

Properties

FileName — Name of LAS or LAZ file

character vector | string scalar

This property is read-only.

Name of the LAS or LAZ file, specified as a character vector or string scalar.

Count — Number of available point records

positive integer

This property is read-only.

Number of available point records in the file, specified as a positive integer.

LasVersion — LAS or LAZ file version

character vector

This property is read-only.

LAS or LAZ file version, specified as a character vector.

XLimits — Range of coordinates along x-axis

two-element row vector

This property is read-only.

Range of coordinates along the *x*-axis, specified as a two-element row vector.

YLimits — Range of coordinates along y-axis two-element row vector

This property is read-only.

Range of coordinates along the y-axis, specified as a two-element row vector.

ZLimits — Range of coordinates along z-axis two-element row vector

This property is read-only.

Range of coordinates along the *z*-axis, specified as a two-element row vector.

GPSTimeLimits — Range of **GPS** timestamps

1-by-2 duration vector

This property is read-only.

Range of GPS timestamp readings, specified as a 1-by-2 duration vector.

NumReturns — Maximum of all point laser returns

1 (default) | positive integer

This property is read-only.

Maximum of all point laser returns, specified as a positive integer.

NumClasses — Maximum of all point classification values 1 (default) | positive integer

This property is read-only.

Maximum of all point classification values, specified as a positive integer.

Object Functions

readPointCloud Read point cloud data from a LAS or LAZ file

Examples

Read Point Cloud Data from LAZ File

Create a lasFileReader object for a LAZ file. Then, use the readPointCloud function to read point cloud data from the LAZ file and generate a pointCloud object.

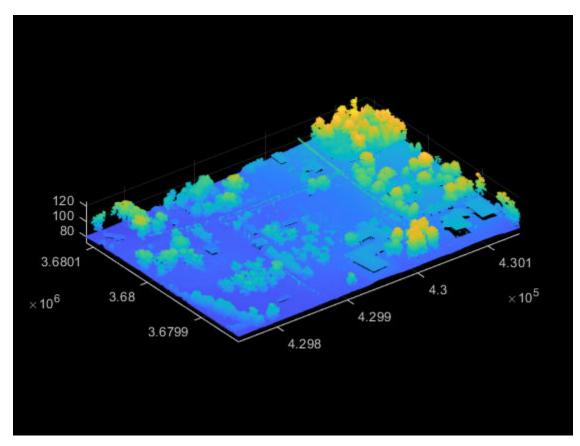
Create a lasFileReader object to access the LAZ file data.

Read point cloud data from the LAZ file using the readPointCloud function.

```
ptCloud = readPointCloud(lasReader);
```

Visualize the point cloud.

figure
pcshow(ptCloud.Location)



Visualize Point Cloud Based on Classification Data from LAZ File

Segregate and visualize point cloud data based on classification data from a LAZ file.

Create a lasFileReader object to access data from the LAZ file.

Read point cloud data and associated classification point attributes from the LAZ file using the readPointCloud function.

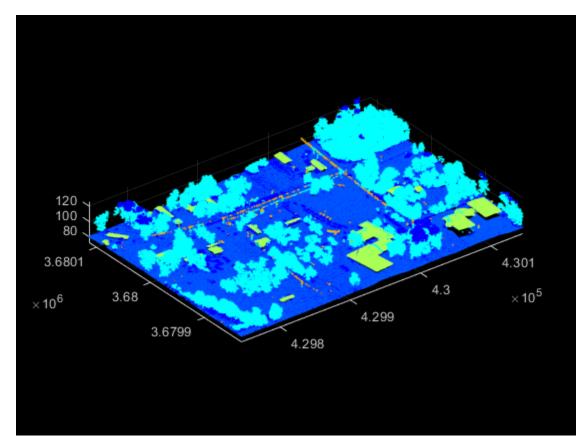
[ptCloud,pointAttributes] = readPointCloud(lasReader, 'Attributes', 'Classification');

Color the points based on their classification attributes.

```
colorData = reshape(label2rgb(pointAttributes.Classification),[],3);
```

Visualize the color-coded point cloud.

```
figure
pcshow(ptCloud.Location,colorData)
```



See Also

```
Functions
```

pcread | pcshow | readPointCloud

Objects

ibeoLidarReader | pointCloud | velodyneFileReader

readPointCloud

Read point cloud data from a LAS or LAZ file

Syntax

```
ptCloud = readPointCloud(lasReader)
[ptCloud,ptAttributes] = readPointCloud(lasReader,'Attributes',ptAtt)
[___] = readPointCloud(___,Name,Value)
```

Description

ptCloud = readPointCloud(lasReader) reads the point cloud data from the LAS or LAZ file indicated by the input lasFileReader object and returns it as a pointCloud object, ptCloud.

[ptCloud,ptAttributes] = readPointCloud(lasReader, 'Attributes',ptAtt) reads specified point attributes, ptAtt, from a LAS or LAZ file. In addition to the point cloud, the function returns a structure, ptAttributes, containing the specified attributes of each point in the point cloud.

[___] = readPointCloud(____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more name-value pair arguments in addition to any of the argument combinations in previous syntaxes. For example, 'ROI', [5 10 5 10 5 10] sets the region of interest (ROI) in which the function reads the point cloud.

Examples

Read Point Cloud Data from LAZ File

Create a lasFileReader object for a LAZ file. Then, use the readPointCloud function to read point cloud data from the LAZ file and generate a pointCloud object.

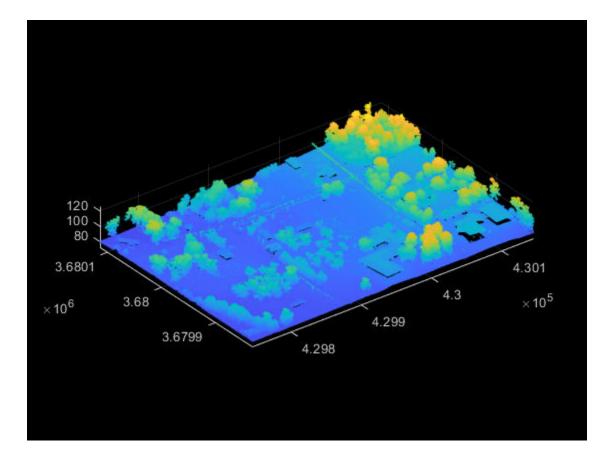
Create a lasFileReader object to access the LAZ file data.

Read point cloud data from the LAZ file using the readPointCloud function.

```
ptCloud = readPointCloud(lasReader);
```

Visualize the point cloud.

```
figure
pcshow(ptCloud.Location)
```



Visualize Point Cloud Based on Classification Data from LAZ File

Segregate and visualize point cloud data based on classification data from a LAZ file.

Create a lasFileReader object to access data from the LAZ file.

Read point cloud data and associated classification point attributes from the LAZ file using the readPointCloud function.

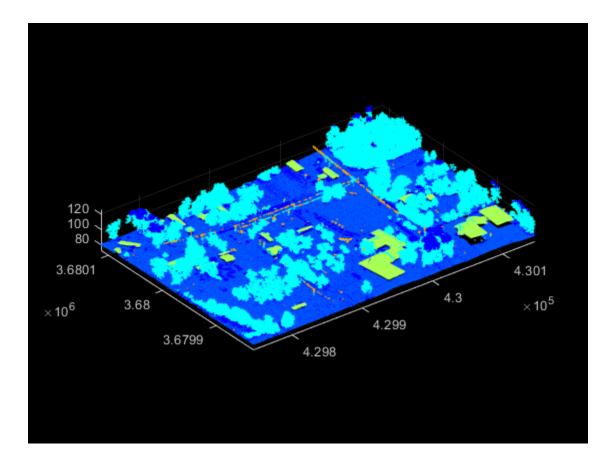
[ptCloud,pointAttributes] = readPointCloud(lasReader, 'Attributes', 'Classification');

Color the points based on their classification attributes.

```
colorData = reshape(label2rgb(pointAttributes.Classification),[],3);
```

Visualize the color-coded point cloud.

figure
pcshow(ptCloud.Location,colorData)



Input Arguments

lasReader — LAS or LAZ file reader

lasFileReader object

LAS or LAZ file reader, specified as a lasFileReader object.

ptAtt — Point attributes

[] (default) | character vector | string scalar | cell array of character vectors | string array

Point attributes, specified as a character vector, string scalar, cell array of character vectors, or string array. The input must contain one or more of these options:

- "Classification"
- "GPSTimeStamp"
- "LaserReturns"
- "NearIR"
- "ScanAngle"

Each specified point attribute is returned as a field in the name of structure ptAttributes.

Data Types: char | string

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'ROI', [5 10 5 10 5 10] sets the region of interest (ROI) in which the function reads the point cloud.

R0I — ROI to read in the point cloud

[-inf inf -inf inf] (default) | six-element row vector

ROI to read in the point cloud, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'ROI' and a sixelement row vector in the order, $[x_{\min} x_{\max} y_{\min} y_{\max} z_{\min} z_{\max}]$. Each element must be a real number. The values specify the ROI boundaries in the x-, y-, and z-axis.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

GpsTimeSpan — **Range of GPS timestamps**

lasReader.GPSTimeLimits (default) | two-element vector of duration objects

Range of GPS timestamps, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'GpsTimeSpan' and a two-element vector of duration objects, that denotes [*startTime endTime*]. The timestamps must be positive.

Data Types: duration

Classification — Classification numbers of interest

0:lasReader.NumClasses - 1 (default) | vector of valid classification numbers

Classification numbers of interest, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Classification' and a vector of valid classification numbers.

Valid classification numbers range from 0 to 255.

Classification Number	Classification Type
0	Created, never classified
1	Unclassified
2	Ground
3	Low vegetation
4	Medium vegetation
5	High vegetation
6	Building
7	Low point (noise)
8	Reserved
9	Water
10	Rail
11	Road surface
12	Reserved

Classification Number	Classification Type
13	Wire guard (shield)
14	Wire conductor (phase)
15	Transmission tower
16	Wire-structure connector (insulator)
17	Bridge deck
18	High noise
19 - 63	Reserved
64 - 255	User-defined

These are standard classes and class-object mappings might differ from the standard classes depending on the application that created the LAS or LAZ file.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

LaserReturns — Number of points segregated by their return numbers

1:lasReader.NumReturns (default) | vector of valid return numbers

Number of points segregated by their return numbers, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'LaserReturns' and a vector of valid return numbers. Valid return numbers are integers from 1 to the value of the NumReturns property of the input lasFileReader object. For each value, *i*, in the vector, the function returns a point cloud of only the points that have *i* as their return number.

The return number is the number of times a laser pulse reflects back to the sensor.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

Output Arguments

ptCloud — Point cloud

pointCloud object

Point cloud, returned as a pointCloud object.

ptAttributes — Point attributes data

structure

Point attributes data, returned as a structure of fields that correspond to point attributes. The ptAtt input specifies the fields for this structure. The structure contains data for the specified attributes of each point in the ptCloud output.

Data Types: struct

See Also

Functions pcread | pcshow

Objects

ibeoLidarReader|lasFileReader|pointCloud|velodyneFileReader

lidarScan

Create object for storing 2-D lidar scan

Description

A lidarScan object contains data for a single 2-D lidar (light detection and ranging) scan. The lidar scan is a laser scan for a 2-D plane with distances (Ranges) measured from the sensor to obstacles in the environment at specific angles (Angles). Use this laser scan object as an input to other robotics algorithms such as matchScans, controllerVFH, or monteCarloLocalization.

Creation

Syntax

scan = lidarScan(ranges,angles)
scan = lidarScan(cart)

Description

scan = lidarScan(ranges, angles) creates a lidarScan object from the ranges and angles, that represent the data collected from a lidar sensor. The ranges and angles inputs are vectors of the same length and are set directly to the Ranges and Angles properties.

scan = lidarScan(cart) creates a lidarScan object using the input Cartesian coordinates as an n-by-2 matrix. The Cartesian property is set directly from this input.

scan = lidarScan(scanMsg) creates a lidarScan object from a LaserScan ROS message
object.

Properties

Ranges — Range readings from lidar

vector

Range readings from lidar, specified as a vector. This vector is the same length as Angles, and the vector elements are measured in meters.

Data Types: single | double

Angles — Angle of readings from lidar

vector

Angle of range readings from lidar, specified as a vector. This vector is the same length as Ranges, and the vector elements are measured in radians. Angles are measured counter-clockwise around the positive *z*-axis.

Data Types: single | double

Cartesian — Cartesian coordinates of lidar readings

[x y] matrix

Cartesian coordinates of lidar readings, returned as an [x y] matrix. In the lidar coordinate frame, positive x is forward and positive y is to the left.

Data Types: single | double

Count — Number of lidar readings

scalar

Number of lidar readings, returned as a scalar. This scalar is also equal to the length of the Ranges and Angles vectors or the number of rows in Cartesian.

Data Types: double

Object Functions

plot Display laser or lidar scan readings removeInvalidData Remove invalid range and angle data

Examples

Plot Lidar Scan and Remove Invalid Points

Specify lidar data as vectors of ranges and angles. These values include readings outside of the sensors range.

```
x = linspace(-2,2);
ranges = abs((1.5).*x.^2 + 5);
ranges(45:55) = 3.5;
angles = linspace(-pi/2,pi/2,numel(ranges));
```

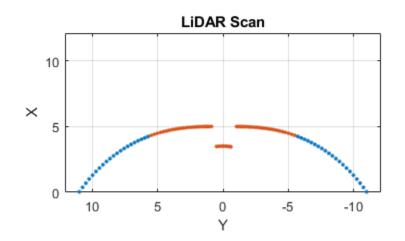
Create a lidar scan by specifying the ranges and angles. Plot all points of the lidar scan.

```
scan = lidarScan(ranges,angles);
plot(scan)
```

Remove invalid points based on a specified minimum and maximum range.

```
minRange = 0.1;
maxRange = 7;
scan2 = removeInvalidData(scan, 'RangeLimits',[minRange maxRange]);
hold on
plot(scan2)
legend('All Points', 'Valid Points')
```





Match Lidar Scans

Create a reference lidar scan using lidarScan. Specify ranges and angles as vectors.

```
refRanges = 5*ones(1,300);
refAngles = linspace(-pi/2,pi/2,300);
refScan = lidarScan(refRanges,refAngles);
```

Using the transformScan (Robotics System Toolbox) function, generate a second lidar scan at an x, y offset of (0.5, 0.2).

```
currScan = transformScan(refScan,[0.5 0.2 0]);
```

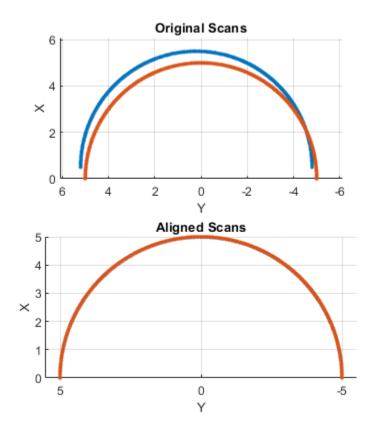
Match the reference scan and the second scan to estimate the pose difference between them.

```
pose = matchScans(currScan, refScan);
```

Use the transformScan function to align the scans by transforming the second scan into the frame of the first scan using the relative pose difference. Plot both the original scans and the aligned scans.

```
currScan2 = transformScan(currScan,pose);
subplot(2,1,1);
hold on
plot(currScan)
plot(refScan)
```

```
title('Original Scans')
hold off
subplot(2,1,2);
hold on
plot(currScan2)
plot(refScan)
title('Aligned Scans')
xlim([0 5])
hold off
```



Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB® CoderTM.

Usage notes and limitations:

Lidar scans require a limited size in code generation. The lidar scans are limited to 4000 points (range and angles) as a maximum.

See Also

matchScans

plot

Display laser or lidar scan readings

Syntax

plot(scanObj)
plot(____,Name,Value)
linehandle = plot(____)

Description

plot(scan0bj) plots the lidar scan readings specified in scan0bj.

plot(_____, Name, Value) provides additional options specified by one or more Name, Value pair arguments.

linehandle = plot(_____) returns a column vector of line series handles, using any of the
arguments from previous syntaxes. Use linehandle to modify properties of the line series after it is
created.

Examples

Plot Lidar Scan and Remove Invalid Points

Specify lidar data as vectors of ranges and angles. These values include readings outside of the sensors range.

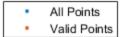
```
x = linspace(-2,2);
ranges = abs((1.5).*x.^2 + 5);
ranges(45:55) = 3.5;
angles = linspace(-pi/2,pi/2,numel(ranges));
```

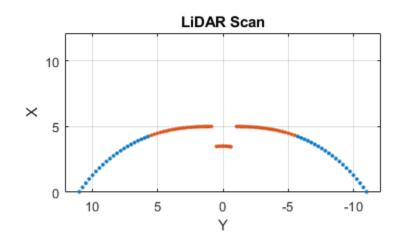
Create a lidar scan by specifying the ranges and angles. Plot all points of the lidar scan.

```
scan = lidarScan(ranges,angles);
plot(scan)
```

Remove invalid points based on a specified minimum and maximum range.

```
minRange = 0.1;
maxRange = 7;
scan2 = removeInvalidData(scan, 'RangeLimits', [minRange maxRange]);
hold on
plot(scan2)
legend('All Points', 'Valid Points')
```





Input Arguments

scan0bj — Lidar scan readings

lidarScan object

Lidar scan readings, specified as a lidarScan object.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: "MaximumRange",5

Parent — Parent of axes

axes object

Parent of axes, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of "Parent" and an axes object in which the laser scan is drawn. By default, the laser scan is plotted in the currently active axes.

MaximumRange — Range of laser scan

scan.RangeMax (default) | scalar

Range of laser scan, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of "MaximumRange" and a scalar. When you specify this name-value pair argument, the minimum and maximum x-axis and the

maximum *y*-axis limits are set based on specified value. The minimum *y*-axis limit is automatically determined by the opening angle of the laser scanner.

This name-value pair only works when you input scanMsg as the laser scan.

Outputs

linehandle — One or more chart line objects

scalar | vector

One or more chart line objects, returned as a scalar or a vector. These are unique identifiers, which you can use to query and modify properties of a specific chart line.

See Also matchScans

removeInvalidData

Remove invalid range and angle data

Syntax

```
validScan = removeInvalidData(scan)
validScan = removeInvalidData(scan,Name,Value)
```

Description

validScan = removeInvalidData(scan)returns a new lidarScan object with all Inf and NaN
values from the input scan removed. The corresponding angle readings are also removed.

validScan = removeInvalidData(scan,Name,Value)provides additional options specified by
one or more Name,Value pairs.

Examples

Plot Lidar Scan and Remove Invalid Points

Specify lidar data as vectors of ranges and angles. These values include readings outside of the sensors range.

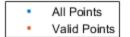
```
x = linspace(-2,2);
ranges = abs((1.5).*x.^2 + 5);
ranges(45:55) = 3.5;
angles = linspace(-pi/2,pi/2,numel(ranges));
```

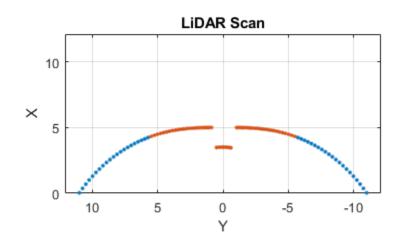
Create a lidar scan by specifying the ranges and angles. Plot all points of the lidar scan.

```
scan = lidarScan(ranges,angles);
plot(scan)
```

Remove invalid points based on a specified minimum and maximum range.

```
minRange = 0.1;
maxRange = 7;
scan2 = removeInvalidData(scan,'RangeLimits',[minRange maxRange]);
hold on
plot(scan2)
legend('All Points','Valid Points')
```





Input Arguments

scan — Lidar scan readings

lidarScan object

Lidar scan readings, specified as a lidarScan object.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: ["RangeLimits", [0.05 2]

RangeLimits — Range reading limits

two-element vector

Range reading limits, specified as a two-element vector, [minRange maxRange], in meters. All range readings and corresponding angles outside these range limits are removed

Data Types: single | double

AngleLimits — Angle limits

two-element vector

Angle limits, specified as a two-element vector, [minAngle maxAngle] in radians. All angles and corresponding range readings outside these angle limits are removed.

Angles are measured counter-clockwise around the positivez-axis.

Data Types: single | double

Output Arguments

validScan — Lidar scan readings

lidarScan object

Lidar scan readings, specified as a lidarScan object. All invalid lidar scan readings are removed.

See Also matchScans

Introduced in R2020b

rangeSensor

Simulate range-bearing sensor readings

Description

The rangeSensor System object[™] is a range-bearing sensor that is capable of outputting range and angle measurements based on the given sensor pose and occupancy map. The range-bearing readings are based on the obstacles in the occupancy map.

To simulate a range-bearing sensor using this object:

- **1** Create the rangeSensor object and set its properties.
- 2 Call the object with arguments, as if it were a function.

To learn more about how System objects work, see What Are System Objects?.

Creation

Syntax

rbsensor = rangeSensor
rbsensor = rangeSensor(Name,Value)

Description

rbsensor = rangeSensor returns a rangeSensor System object, rbsensor. The sensor is capable of outputting range and angle measurements based on the sensor pose and an occupancy map.

rbsensor = rangeSensor(Name, Value) sets properties for the sensor using one or more namevalue pairs. Unspecified properties have default values. Enclose each property name in quotes.

Properties

Unless otherwise indicated, properties are *nontunable*, which means you cannot change their values after calling the object. Objects lock when you call them, and the release function unlocks them.

If a property is *tunable*, you can change its value at any time.

For more information on changing property values, see System Design in MATLAB Using System Objects.

Range — Minimum and maximum detectable range

[0 20] (default) | 1-by-2 positive real-valued vector

The minimum and maximum detectable range, specified as a 1-by-2 positive real-valued vector. Units are in meters.

Example: [1 15]

Tunable: Yes

Data Types: single | double

HorizontalAngle — Minimum and maximum horizontal detection angle

[-pi pi] (default) | 1-by-2 real-valued vector

Minimum and maximum horizontal detection angle, specified as a 1-by-2 real-valued vector. Units are in radians.

Example: [-pi/3 pi/3] Data Types: single | double

HorizontalAngleResolution — Resolution of horizontal angle readings

0.0244 (default) | positive scalar

Resolution of horizontal angle readings, specified as a positive scalar. The resolution defines the angular interval between two consecutive sensor readings. Units are in radians.

Example: 0.01

Data Types: single | double

RangeNoise — Standard deviation of range noise

0 (default) | positive scalar

The standard deviation of range noise, specified as a positive scalar. The range noise is modeled as a zero-mean white noise process with the specified standard deviation. Units are in meters.

Example: 0.01

Tunable: Yes

Data Types: single | double

HorizontalAngleNoise — Standard deviation of horizontal angle noise

0 (default) | positive scalar

The standard deviation of horizontal angle noise, specified as a positive scalar. The range noise is modeled as a zero-mean white noise process with the specified standard deviation. Units are in radians.

Example: 0.01

Tunable: Yes

Data Types: single | double

NumReadings — Number of output readings

258 (default) | positive integer

This property is read-only.

Number of output readings for each pose of the sensor, specified as a positive integer. This property depends on the HorizonalAngle and HorizontalAngleResolution properties.

Data Types: single | double

Usage

Syntax

[ranges,angles] = rbsensor(pose,map)

Description

[ranges,angles] = rbsensor(pose,map) returns the range and angle readings from the 2-D
pose information and the ground-truth map.

Input Arguments

pose — Pose of sensor in map

N-by-3 real-valued matrix

Poses of the sensor in the 2-D map, specified as an *N*-by-3 real-valued matrix, where *N* is the number of poses to simulate the sensor. Each row of the matrix corresponds to a pose of the sensor in the order of $[x, y, \theta]$. *x* and *y* represent the position of the sensor in the map frame. The units of *x* and *y* are in meters. θ is the heading angle of the sensor with respect to the positive *x*-direction of the map frame. The units of θ are in radians.

map — Ground-truth map

occupancyMap object | binaryOccupancyMap object

Ground-truth map, specified as an occupancyMap or a binaryOccupancyMap object. For the occupancyMap input, the range-bearing sensor considers a cell as occupied and returns a range reading if the occupancy probability of the cell is greater than the value specified by the OccupiedThreshold property of the occupancy map.

Output Arguments

ranges — Range readings

R-by-*N* real-valued matrix

Range readings, specified as an *R*-by-*N* real-valued matrix. *N* is the number of poses for which the sensor is simulated, and *R* is the number of sensor readings per pose of the sensor. *R* is same as the value of the NumReadings property.

angles — Angle readings

R-by-1 real-valued vector

Angle readings, specified as an R-by-1 real-valued vector. R is the number of sensor readings per pose of the sensor. R is same as the value of the NumReadings property.

Object Functions

To use an object function, specify the System object as the first input argument. For example, to release system resources of a System object named **obj**, use this syntax:

release(obj)

Common to All System Objects

step Run System object algorithm clone Create duplicate System object

Examples

Obtain Range and Bearing Readings

Create a range-bearing sensor.

rbsensor = rangeSensor;

Specify the pose of the sensor and the ground-truth map.

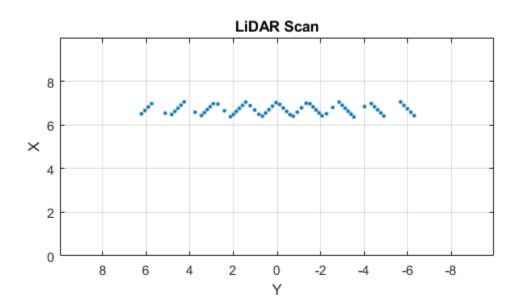
truePose = [0 0 pi/4]; trueMap = binaryOccupancyMap(eye(10));

Generate the sensor readings.

[ranges, angles] = rbsensor(truePose, trueMap);

Visualize the results using lidarScan.

scan = lidarScan(ranges, angles);
figure
plot(scan)



Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$ Coder $\ensuremath{^{\mbox{\tiny TM}}}$.

Usage notes and limitations:

• See "System Objects in MATLAB Code Generation" (MATLAB Coder).

See Also

binaryOccupancyMap | lidarScan | occupancyMap

Introduced in R2020b

Functions

pcfitcuboid

Fit cuboid over point cloud

Syntax

```
model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudIn)
model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudIn,indices)
model = pcfitcuboid(____,Name,Value)
```

Description

model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudIn) fits a cuboid over the input point cloud data. The function
stores the properties of the cuboid in the cuboidModel object, model.

model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudIn, indices) fits a cuboid over a selected set of points, indices, in the input point cloud.

model = pcfitcuboid(_____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more name-value pair arguments in addition to any of the input argument combinations in previous syntaxes. For example, 'AzimuthRange,[-75 75]' sets the angular range for the azimuth angles of the function.

Examples

Fit Cuboid Over Point Cloud Data

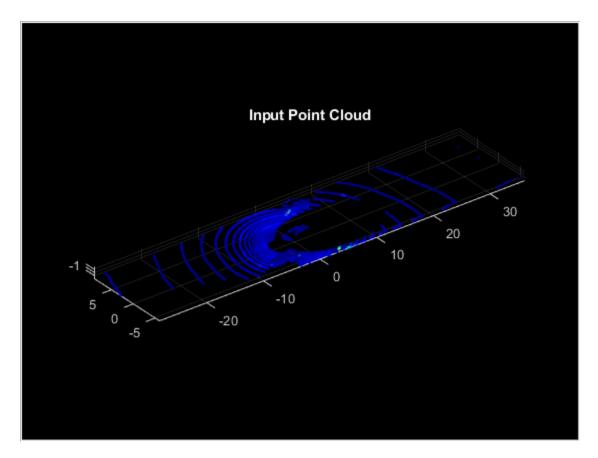
Fit bounding boxes around clusters in a point cloud.

Load the point cloud data into the workspace.

```
data = load('drivingLidarPoints.mat');
```

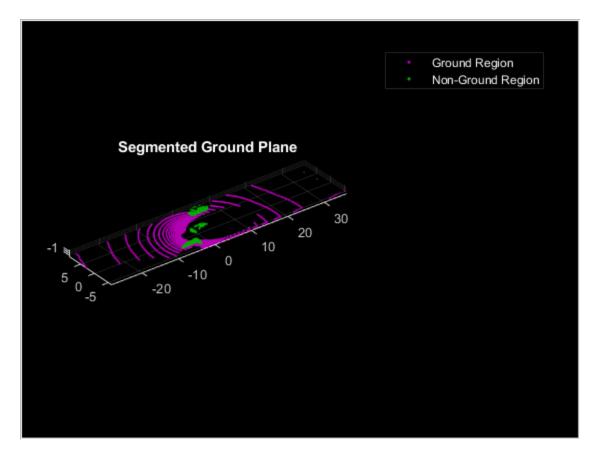
Define and crop a region of interest (ROI) from the point cloud. Visualize the selected ROI of the point cloud.

```
roi = [-40 40 -6 9 -2 1];
in = findPointsInROI(data.ptCloud,roi);
ptCloudIn = select(data.ptCloud,in);
hcluster = figure;
panel = uipanel('Parent',hcluster,'BackgroundColor',[0 0 0]);
ax = axes('Parent',panel,'Color',[0 0 0]);
pcshow(ptCloudIn,'MarkerSize',30,'Parent',ax)
title('Input Point Cloud')
```



Segment the ground plane. Visualize the segmented ground plane.

```
maxDistance = 0.3;
referenceVector = [0 0 1];
[~,inliers,outliers] = pcfitplane(ptCloudIn,maxDistance,referenceVector);
ptCloudWithoutGround = select(ptCloudIn,outliers,'OutputSize','full');
hSegment = figure;
panel = uipanel('Parent',hSegment,'BackgroundColor',[0 0 0]);
ax = axes('Parent',panel,'Color',[0 0 0]);
pcshowpair(ptCloudIn,ptCloudWithoutGround,'Parent',ax)
legend('Ground Region','Non-Ground Region','TextColor', [1 1 1])
title('Segmented Ground Plane')
```

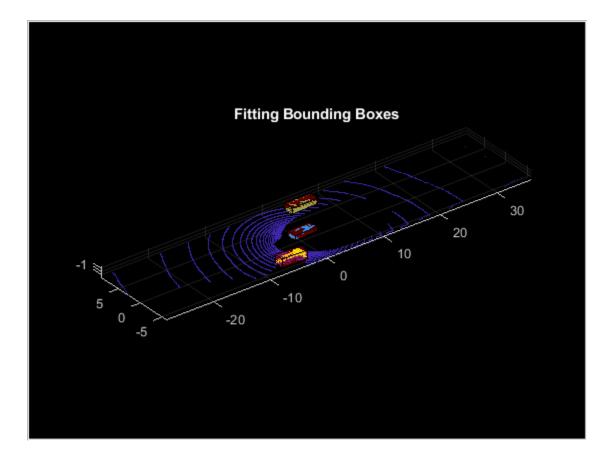


Segment the non-ground region of the point cloud into clusters. Visualize the segmented point cloud.

```
distThreshold = 1;
[labels,numClusters] = pcsegdist(ptCloudWithoutGround,distThreshold);
labelColorIndex = labels;
hCuboid = figure;
panel = uipanel('Parent',hCuboid,'BackgroundColor',[0 0 0]);
ax = axes('Parent',panel,'Color',[0 0 0]);
pcshow(ptCloudIn.Location,labelColorIndex,'Parent',ax)
title('Fitting Bounding Boxes')
hold on
```

Fit bounding box on each cluster, visualized as orange highlights.

```
for i = 1:numClusters
    idx = find(labels == i);
    model = pcfitcuboid(ptCloudWithoutGround,idx);
    plot(model)
end
```



Input Arguments

ptCloudIn — Point cloud

pointCloud object

Point cloud, specified as a pointCloud object.

indices — Indices of selected valid points

vector of positive integers

Indices of selected valid points, specified as a vector of positive integers.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'AzimuthRange', [-75 75] sets the angular range for the azimuth angles of the function.

AzimuthRange — Range of azimuth angles

 $[0 \ 90]$ (default) | two-element row vector of real values

Range of azimuth angles over which to identify the orientation of the cuboid, specified as the commaseparated pair consisting of 'AzimuthRange' and a two-element row vector of real values in the range [0, 90].

Data Types: single | double

Resolution — Step size of search window

1 (default) | positive scalar

Step size of search window, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Resolution' and a positive scalar. The specified value must be less than or equal to the distance between the upper and lower bounds of the range of azimuth angles. For example, if the range of azimuth angles is [0, 90], the specified value must be less than or equal to 90.

Note Decreasing the resolution will increase the computation time and memory footprint.

Data Types: single | double

Output Arguments

model — Cuboid model
cuboidModel object

Cuboid model, returned as a cuboidModel object.

References

[1] Xiao Zhang, Wenda Xu, Chiyu Dong and John M. Dolan, "Efficient L-Shape Fitting for Vehicle Detection Using Laser Scanners", IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium, June 2018

Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB® Coder^m.

See Also

Functions
pcfitcylinder | pcfitplane | pcfitsphere

Objects cuboidModel | pointCloud

Introduced in R2020b

extractFPFHFeatures

Extract fast point feature histogram (FPFH) descriptors from point cloud

Syntax

```
features = extractFPFHFeatures(ptCloudIn)
features = extractFPFHFeatures(ptCloudIn,indices)
features = extractFPFHFeatures(ptCloudIn,row,column)
[____,validIndices] = extractFPFHFeatures(____)
[____] = extractFPFHFeatures(____,Name,Value)
```

Description

features = extractFPFHFeatures(ptCloudIn) extracts FPFH descriptors for each valid point in the input point cloud object. The function returns descriptors as an *N*-by-33 matrix, where *N* is the number of valid points in the input point cloud.

features = extractFPFHFeatures(ptCloudIn,indices) extracts FPFH descriptors for the valid points located at the specified linear indices, indices.

features = extractFPFHFeatures(ptCloudIn, row, column) extracts FPFH descriptors for the valid points at the specified 2-D indices of the input organized point cloud ptCloudIn. Specify the row and column indices of the points as row and column, respectively.

[_____, validIndices] = extractFPFHFeatures(_____) returns the linear indices of valid points in the point cloud for which FPFH descriptors have been extracted.

[____] = extractFPFHFeatures(_____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more namevalue pair arguments in addition to any combination of arguments in previous syntaxes.

Descriptors can be extracted using KNN search method, radius search method or a combination of both. The extractFPFHFeatures function uses KNN search method to extract descriptors by default. The users can choose the method of extraction through the name-value pair arguments. For example, 'NumNeighbors', 8 selects the KNN search method to extract descriptors and sets maximum number of neighbors to consider in the k-nearest neighbor (KNN) search method to eight.

Examples

Extract FPFH Descriptors at Selected Indices in Point Cloud

Load point cloud data into the workspace.

ptObj = pcread('teapot.ply');

Downsample the point cloud data.

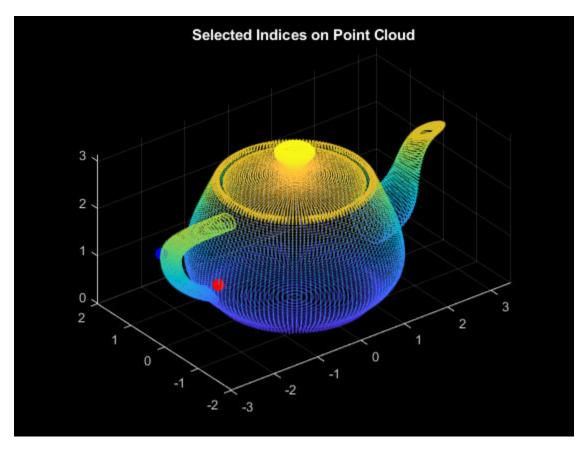
ptCloudIn = pcdownsample(ptObj,'gridAverage',0.05);

Extract FPFH descriptors for the points at specified key indices.

```
keyInds = [6565 10000];
features = extractFPFHFeatures(ptCloudIn,keyInds);
```

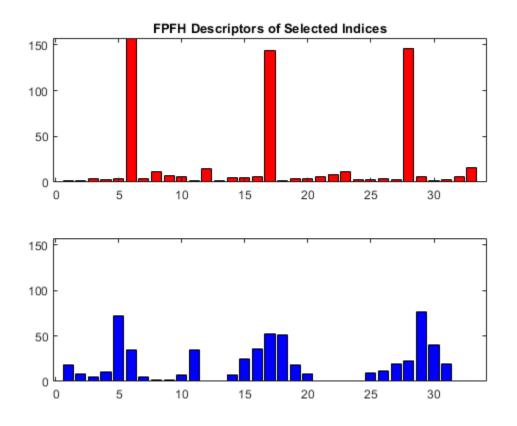
Display the key points on the point cloud.

```
ptKey0bj = pointCloud(ptCloudIn.Location(keyInds,:),'Color',[255 0 0;0 0 255]);
figure
pcshow(pt0bj)
title('Selected Indices on Point Cloud')
hold on
pcshow(ptKey0bj,'MarkerSize',1000)
hold off
```



Display the extracted FPFH descriptors at key points.

```
figure
ax1 = subplot(2,1,1);
bar(features(1,:),'FaceColor',[1 0 0])
title('FPFH Descriptors of Selected Indices')
ax2 = subplot(2,1,2);
bar(features(2,:),'FaceColor',[0 0 1])
linkaxes([ax1 ax2],'xy')
```



Input Arguments

ptCloudIn — Point cloud

pointCloud object

Point cloud, specified as a pointCloud object.

indices — Linear indices of selected points

vector of positive integers

Linear indices of selected points, specified as a vector of positive integers.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

row - Row indices of selected points

vector of positive integers

Row indices of selected points in an organized point cloud, specified as a vector of positive integers.

The row and column vectors must be of the same length.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

column — Column indices of selected points

vector of positive integers

Column indices of selected points in an organized point cloud, specified as a vector of positive integers.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'NumNeighbors',8 sets the maximum number of neighbors to consider in the k-nearest neighbor (KNN) search method to eight.

NumNeighbors — Number of neighbors for KNN search

50 (default) | positive integer

Number of neighbors for the KNN search method, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'NumNeighbors' and a positive integer.

KNN search method calculates the distance between a point and its adjacent points in a point cloud and sorts them in ascending order. Closest points are considered as neighbors. 'NumNeighbors' sets the upper limit for the number of neighbors to consider.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

Radius — Radius considered for radius search

0.05 (default) | positive real-valued scalar

Radius considered for radius search method, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Radius' and a positive real-valued scalar.

Radius search method sets a particular radius around a point and selects all the adjacent points within that given radius as neighbors.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

Note If you specify values for both the 'NumNeighbors' and 'Radius' name-value pair arguments, the extractFPFHFeatures function performs the KNN search method, and then selects only those of that set within the given radius.

If you specify large values for 'NumNeighbors' and 'Radius', the memory footprint and computation time increase.

Output Arguments

features — FPFH descriptors

N-by-33 matrix of positive real values

FPFH descriptors, returned as a *N*-by-33 matrix of positive real values. *N* is the number of valid points from which the function extracts FPFH descriptors. Each column contains the FPFH descriptors for a valid point in the point cloud. To additionally return the indices of the extracted points, use the validIndices output argument.

Data Types: double

validIndices — Linear indices of valid points

vector of positive integers

Linear indices of valid points, specified as a vector of positive integers. The vector contains the indices of only those points for which the function extracts features.

Data Types: double

References

 [1] Rusu, Radu Bogdan, Nico Blodow, and Michael Beetz. "Fast point feature histograms (FPFH) for 3D registration." In 2009 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, pp. 3212-3217. IEEE, 2009.

Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB® CoderTM.

See Also

Functions
pcdownsample | pcnormals | pcread | pcshow

Objects

pointCloud

Introduced in R2020b

pcmedian

Median filtering 3-D point cloud data

Syntax

ptCloudOut = pcmedian(ptCloudIn)
ptCloudOut = pcmedian(____,Name,Value)

Description

ptCloudOut = pcmedian(ptCloudIn) performs median filtering of 3-D point cloud data. The function filters each channel of the point cloud individually. The output is a filtered point cloud. Each output location property value is the median of neighborhood around the corresponding input location property value. The pcmedian function doesn't pad zeros on the edges. Rather, it operates only on the available neighborhood values.

If the input point cloud is an organized point cloud, the pcmedian function uses *N*-by-*N* neighborhood method. If the point cloud is unorganized, the function uses radial neighborhood method.

ptCloudOut = pcmedian(_____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more name-value
pair arguments. For example, 'FilterSize', 3 sets the size of the median filter for organized point
clouds to 3.

Examples

Median Filter Noisy Point Cloud

Use the median filter to remove noise from a point cloud. First, add random noise to a point cloud. Then, use the pcmedian function to filter the noise.

Create a point cloud.

```
gv = 0:0.01:1;
[X,Y] = meshgrid(gv,gv);
Z = X.^2 + Y.^2;
ptCloud = pointCloud(cat(3,X,Y,Z));
```

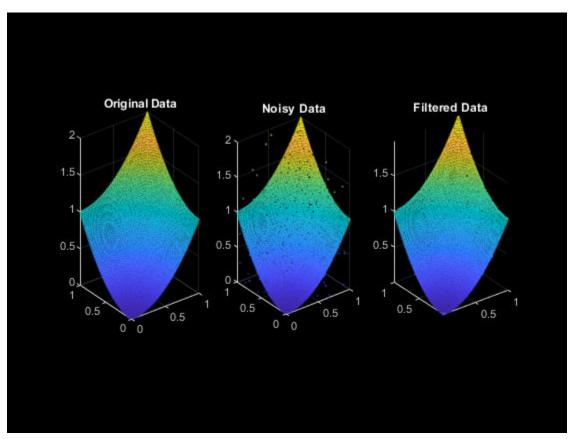
Add random noise along the *z*-axis.

```
temp = ptCloud.Location;
count = numel(temp(:,:,3));
temp((2*count) + randperm(count,100)) = rand(1,100);
temp(count + randperm(count,100)) = rand(1,100);
temp(randperm(count,100)) = rand(1,100);
ptCloudA = pointCloud(temp);
```

Apply the median filter and display the three point clouds (original, noisy, and filtered).

```
ptCloudB = pcmedian(ptCloudA);
```

```
subplot(1,3,1)
pcshow(ptCloud)
title('Original Data')
subplot(1,3,2)
pcshow(ptCloudA)
title('Noisy Data')
subplot(1,3,3)
pcshow(ptCloudB)
title('Filtered Data')
```



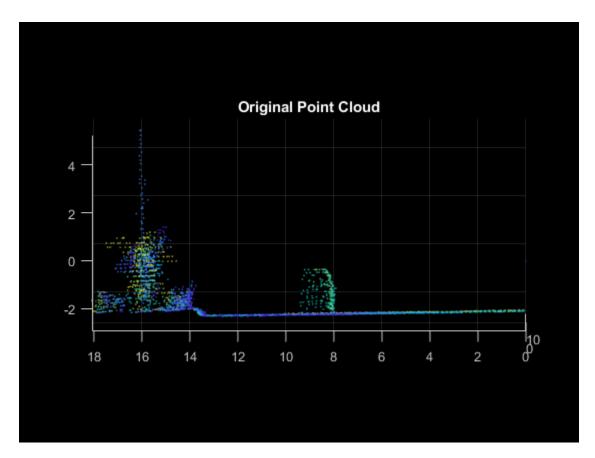
Apply Median Filter on Unorganized Point Cloud Data

Load point cloud data into the workspace.

```
ptCloud = pcread('highwayScene.pcd');
roi = [0 20 0 20 -5 15];
indices = findPointsInROI(ptCloud,roi);
ptCloud = select(ptCloud,indices);
ptCloud = pcdownsample(ptCloud,'gridAverage',0.2);
```

Display the point cloud data. Each point is color-coded based on its x-coordinate.

```
figure
pcshow(ptCloud.Location,ptCloud.Location(:,1))
view(-90,2)
title('Original Point Cloud')
```

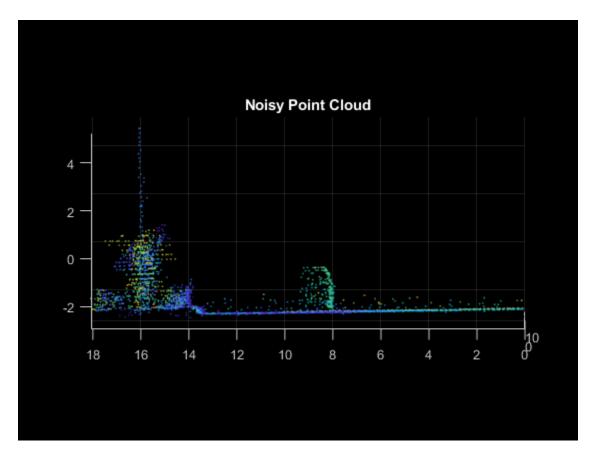


Add noise along z-channel in the interval (a,b). Values of a and b are chosen to make the noise appear close to the ground.

```
temp = ptCloud.Location;
count = numel(temp(:,3));
a = -2.5;
b = -2;
temp((2*count)+randperm(count,200)) = a+(b-a).*rand(1,200);
ptCloudA = pointCloud(temp);
```

Display the noisy point cloud. Each point is color-coded based on its x-coordinate.

```
figure
pcshow(ptCloudA.Location,ptCloudA.Location(:,1))
view(-90,2)
title('Noisy Point Cloud')
```

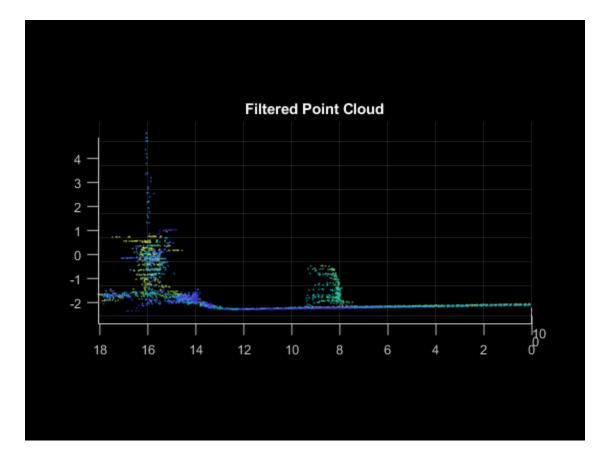


Apply median filter on the point cloud.

ptCloudB = pcmedian(ptCloudA, 'Dimensions', 3, 'Radius', 1);

Display the filtered point cloud. Each point is color-coded based on its x-coordinate.

```
figure
pcshow(ptCloudB.Location, ptCloudB.Location(:,1))
view(-90,2)
title('Filtered Point Cloud')
```



Input Arguments

ptCloudIn — Point cloud

pointCloud object

Point cloud, specified as a **pointCloud** object with at least one valid point. If the input point cloud is organized, the size of the point cloud must be at least 3-by-3-by-3.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'FilterSize',3 specifies a median filter size of 3.

Dimensions — Point cloud dimensions of interest

[1 2 3] (default) | vector of integers in the range [1 3]

Point cloud dimensions of interest, specified as a vector of integers in the range [1 3]. The values 1, 2, and 3 correspond to the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis respectively. You must specify dimensions in ascending order.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

FilterSize — Size of the median filter for organized point cloud

3 (default) | odd integer in the range [3, *N*]

Size of the median filter for an organized point cloud, specified as an odd integer in the range [3, N]. *N* is the smallest of channel dimensions in the point cloud.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64

Radius — Radius of neighborhood for unorganized point cloud

0.05 (default) | positive scalar

Radius of the neighborhood for unorganized point cloud, specified as a positive scalar.

Data Types: single | double

Output Arguments

ptCloudOut — Filtered point cloud

pointCloud object

Filtered point cloud, returned as a pointCloud object.

Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB® Coder[™].

See Also

Functions
pcdenoise | pcdownsample | pcmerge | pcshow | pctransform

Objects pointCloud

Introduced in R2020b

estimateCheckerboardCorners3d

Estimate world frame coordinates of checkerboard corner points in image

Syntax

```
imageCorners3d = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d(I,cameraIntrinsic,checkerSize)
[imageCorners3d,boardDimensions] = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d(I,
cameraIntrinsic,checkerSize)
[_____,imagesUsed] = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d(imageFileNames,
cameraIntrinsic,checkerSize)
[____] = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d(imageArray,cameraIntrinsic,checkerSize)
[___] = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d( ,Name,Value)
```

Description

imageCorners3d = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d(I, cameraIntrinsic, checkerSize)
estimates the world frame coordinates of the corner points of a checkerboard in an image, I, by using
the camera intrinsic parameters cameraIntrinsic and the size of the checkerboard squares
checkerSize.

[imageCorners3d, boardDimensions] = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d(I, cameraIntrinsic, checkerSize) additionally returns the checkerboard dimensions boardDimensions.

[_____, imagesUsed] = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d(imageFileNames, cameraIntrinsic, checkerSize) estimates the world frame coordinates of the corner points of a checkerboard from a set of image files, imageFileNames. The function returns a logical vector that indicates in which images it detected a checkerboard, imagesUsed, in addition to any combination of output arguments from previous syntaxes.

[___] = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d(imageArray, cameraIntrinsic, checkerSize)
estimates the world frame coordinates of the corner points of a checkerboard from an array of
images, imageArray.

[___] = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d(____,Name,Value) specifies options using one or more name-value pair arguments in addition to any combination of arguments from previous syntaxes. For example, 'MinCornerMetric',0.2 sets the threshold for the checkerboard corner metric to 0.2.

Examples

Detect Checkerboard Corners in Image

Detect a checkerboard in an image using the estimateCheckerboardCorners3d function and estimate the world frame coordinates of the checkerboard corners.

Read the image into the workspace.

```
Image = imread('CheckerboardImage.png');
```

Load the camera parameters into the workspace.

intrinsic = load('calibration.mat');

Set the size of the checkerboard squares in millimeters.

squareSize = 200;

Estimate the checkerboard corners.

```
boardCorners = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d(Image, ...
intrinsic.cameraParams,squareSize)
```

boardCorners = 4×3

1.2840	-0.5216	8.8913
2.8614	0.5774	8.3401
1.8230	2.0470	8.2984
0.2455	0.9480	8.8496

Plot the corners on the input image.

```
imPts = projectLidarPointsOnImage(boardCorners,intrinsic.cameraParams,rigid3d());
J = undistortImage(Image,intrinsic.cameraParams);
imshow(J)
hold on
plot(imPts(:,1),imPts(:,2),'.r','MarkerSize',30)
title('Detected Checkerboard Corners')
hold off
```

Detected Checkerboard Corners



Input Arguments

I — Image for detection

H-by-*W*-by-*C* array

Image for detection, specified as an *H*-by-*W*-by-*C* array where:

- *H* Height of the image in pixels
- *W* Width of the image in pixels
- *C* Number of color channels

Data Types: single | double | int16 | uint8 | uint16

imageFileNames — Image file names

character vector | cell array of character vectors

Image file names, specified as a character vector or cell array of character vectors If specifying more than one file name, you must use a cell array of character vectors.

Data Types: char | cell

imageArray — Set of images

H-by-*W*-by-*C*-by-*N* array

Set of images, specified as an *H*-by-*W*-by-*C*-by-*N* array where:

- *H* Height of the tallest image in the array
- *W* Width of the widest image in the array
- *C* Number of color channels
- *N* Number of images in the array

Data Types: single | double | int16 | uint8 | uint16

cameraIntrinsic — Camera intrinsic parameters

cameraIntrinsics object

Camera intrinsic parameters, specified as a cameraIntrinsics object.

checkerSize — Size of checkerboard square

scalar

Size of a checkerboard square, specified as a scalar in millimeters. This value specifies the length of each side of a checkerboard square.

Data Types: single | double

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

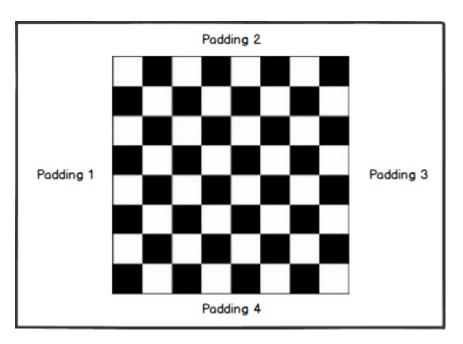
Example: 'MinCornerMetric', 0.2 sets the threshold for the checkerboard corner metric to 0.2.

Padding — Padding along each side of checkerboard

[0 0 0] (default) | four-element row vector

Padding along each side of checkerboard, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Padding' and a four-element row vector of nonnegative values in millimeters.

The figure shows how the elements of the vector pad the sides.



Checkerboard Padding

Data Types: single | double

MinCornerMetric — Threshold for checkerboard corner metric

0.15 (default) | nonnegative scalar

Threshold for the checkerboard corner metric, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'MinCornerMetric' and a nonnegative scalar. Using a higher threshold value can reduce the number of false detections in a noisy or highly textured image.

Data Types: single | double

ShowProgressBar — Display function progress

false (default) | true

Display function progress in a progress bar, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'ShowProgressBar' and a logical false or true.

Data Types: logical

Output Arguments

imageCorners3d — Estimated location of checkerboard corners

4-by-3 matrix | 4-by-3-by-P array

Estimated location of checkerboard corners, returned as a 4-by-3 matrix or 4-by-3-by-P array. For one image, the function returns the 3-D world frame coordinates of the four checkerboard corners. Each row represents the x-, y-, z-axis coordinates of a corner point in meters. For multiple images, the coordinates are returned as a 4-by-3-by-P array, where P is the number of images in which a checkerboard was detected.

boardDimensions — Checkerboard dimensions

two-element row vector

Checkerboard dimensions, returned as a two-element row vector. The elements represent the width and length of the checkerboard respectively, in millimeters. The dimensions of the checkerboard are expressed in terms of the number of squares. The function calculates the dimensions of the checkerboard by multiplying the size of the checkerboard squares, checkerSize, by the number of detected squares along a side.

imagesUsed — Pattern detection flag

N-by-1 logical array

Pattern detection flag, returned as an *N*-by-1 logical array. *N* is the number of images in the first input argument. A value of 1 (true) indicates that the function detected a checkerboard pattern in the corresponding image. A value of θ (false) indicates that the function did not detect a checkerboard pattern in the corresponding image.

See Also

Functions
detectRectangularPlanePoints | estimateLidarCameraTransform

Topics

"Lidar and Camera Calibration"

Introduced in R2020b

detectRectangularPlanePoints

Detect rectangular plane of specified dimensions in point cloud

Syntax

```
ptCloudPlanes = detectRectangularPlanePoints(ptCloudIn,planeDimensions)
[ptCloudPlanes,ptCloudUsed] = detectRectangularPlanePoints(ptCloudArray,
planeDimensions)
    = detectRectangularPlanePoints(ptCloudFileNames,planeDimensions)
```

```
,indicesCell] = detectRectangularPlanePoints(ptCloudFileNames,
planeDimensions)
```

[] = detectRectangularPlanePoints(,Name,Value)

Description

ptCloudPlanes = detectRectangularPlanePoints(ptCloudIn, planeDimensions) detectsand extracts a rectangular plane, ptCloudPlanes, of specified dimensions, planeDimensions, from the input point cloud ptCloudIn.

[ptCloudPlanes,ptCloudUsed] = detectRectangularPlanePoints(ptCloudArray, planeDimensions) detects rectangular planes from a set of point clouds, ptCloudArray. In addition, the function can return is a logical vector, ptCloudUsed, that indicates the point clouds in which it detected a rectangular plane.

= detectRectangularPlanePoints(ptCloudFileNames,planeDimensions) detects rectangular planes from a set of point cloud files, ptCloudFileNames, and returns any combination of output arguments from previous syntaxes.

```
[ ,indicesCell] = detectRectangularPlanePoints(ptCloudFileNames,
planeDimensions) returns indices to the points within the detected rectangular plane in each point
cloud, in addition to any previous combination of arguments.
```

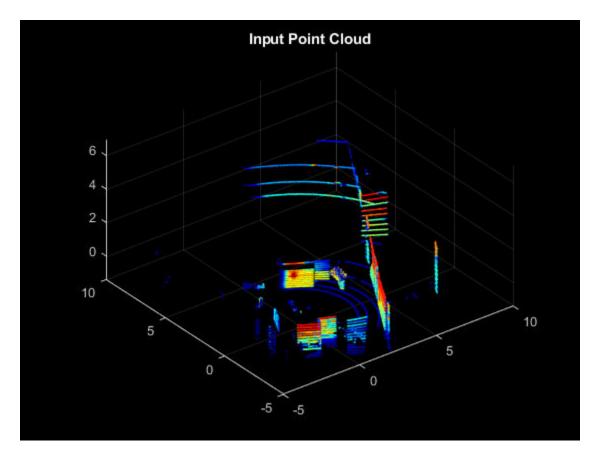
[____] = detectRectangularPlanePoints(____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more name-value pair arguments. For example, 'RemoveGround', true sets the 'RemoveGround' flag to true, which removes the ground plane from the input point cloud before processing.

Examples

Detect Checkerboard Plane in Point Cloud

Load point cloud data into the workspace. Visualize the point cloud.

```
ptCloud = pcread('pcCheckerboard.pcd');
pcshow(ptCloud)
title('Input Point Cloud')
xlim([-5 10])
ylim([-5 10])
```

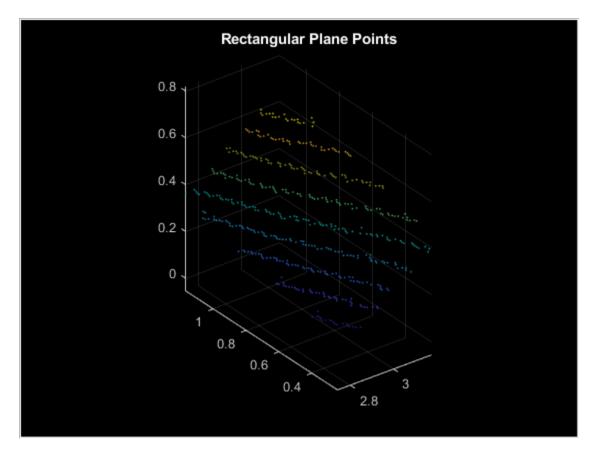


Set the search dimensions for the rectangular plane.

boardSize = [729 810];

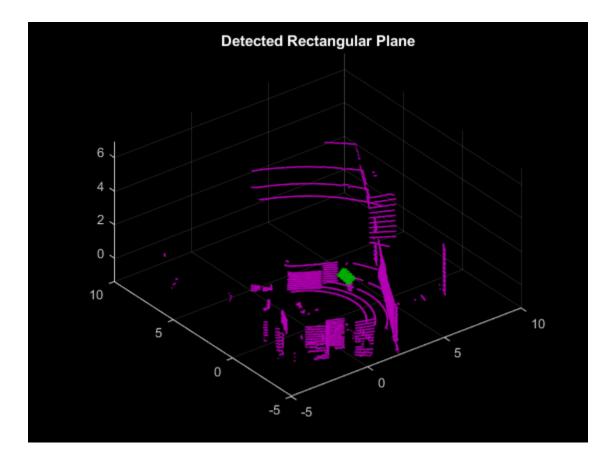
Search for the rectangular plane in the point cloud. Visualize the detected rectangular plane.

```
lidarCheckerboardPlane = detectRectangularPlanePoints(ptCloud,boardSize, ...
    'RemoveGround',true);
hRect = figure;
panel = uipanel('Parent',hRect,'BackgroundColor',[0 0 0]);
ax = axes('Parent',panel,'Color',[0 0 0]);
pcshow(lidarCheckerboardPlane,'Parent',ax)
title('Rectangular Plane Points')
```



Visualize the detected rectangular plane on the input point cloud.

```
figure
pcshowpair(ptCloud,lidarCheckerboardPlane)
title('Detected Rectangular Plane')
xlim([-5 10])
ylim([-5 10])
```



Input Arguments

ptCloudIn — Point cloud

pointCloud object

Point cloud, specified as a **pointCloud** object. The function searches within this point cloud for a rectangular plane.

ptCloudArray — Point cloud array

array of pointCloud objects

Point cloud array, specified as a *P*-by-1 array of pointCloud objects. *P* is the number of pointCloud objects in the array. The function searches within each point cloud for a rectangular plane.

ptCloudFileNames — Point cloud file names

character vector | cell array of character vectors

Point cloud file names, specified as a character vector or cell array of character vectors. If specifying multiple file names, you must use a cell array of character vectors.

Data Types: char | cell

planeDimensions — Rectangular plane dimensions

two-element vector

Rectangular plane dimensions, specified as a two-element vector of positive real numbers. The elements specify the width and length of the rectangular plane respectively, in millimeters. The function searches the input point cloud for a plane with the same dimensions as planeDimensions.

Data Types: single | double

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'RemoveGround', true sets the 'RemoveGround' flag to true, which removes the ground plane from the input point cloud before processing.

MinDistance — Clustering threshold for two adjacent points

0.5 (default) | positive scalar

Clustering threshold for two adjacent points, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'MinDistance' and a positive scalar in meters. The clustering process is based on the Euclidean distance between adjacent points. If the distance between two adjacent points is less than the clustering threshold, both points belong to the same cluster.

Data Types: single | double

ROI — Region of interest for detection

vector of form [*xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, *ymax*, *zmin*, *zmax*]

Region of interest (ROI) for detection, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'ROI' and a vector of the form [*xmin*, *xmax*, *ymin*, *ymax*, *zmin*, *zmax*]. The vector specifies the *x*, *y*, and *z* limits of the ROI as the pairs *xmin* and *xmax*, *ymin* and *ymax*, *zmin* and *zmax* respectively.

Data Types: single | double

DimensionTolerance — Tolerance for uncertainty in rectangular plane dimensions

0.05 (default) | positive scalar in the range [0 1]

Tolerance for uncertainty in the rectangular plane dimensions, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'DimensionTolerance' and a positive scalar in the range [0 1]. A higher 'DimensionTolerance' indicates a more tolerant range for the rectangular plane dimensions

Data Types: single | double

RemoveGround — Remove ground plane from point cloud

false (default) | true

Remove the ground plane from the point cloud, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'RemoveGround' and a logical false or true.

The normal of the plane is assumed to point towards the positive direction of the *z*-axis with the reference vector $[0 \ 0 \ 1]$.

Data Types: logical

Verbose — Display function progress

false (default) | true

Display function progress, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Verbose' and a logical false or true.

Data Types: logical

Output Arguments

ptCloudPlanes — Detected rectangular planes

pointCloud object | 1-by-P array of pointCloud objects

Detected rectangular planes, returned as a pointCloud object or 1-by-*P* array of pointCloud objects, where *P* specifies the number of input point clouds in which a rectangular plane was detected.

ptCloudUsed — Pattern detection flag

1-by-N logical vector

Pattern detection flag, returned as a 1-by-*N* logical vector. *N* is the number of input point clouds. A true value indicates that the function detected a rectangular plane in the corresponding point cloud. A false value indicates that the function did not detect a rectangular plane.

indicesCell — Indices of detected rectangular planes

1-by-*P* cell array

Indices of detected rectangular planes, returned as a 1-by-*P* cell array, where *P* is the number of input point clouds in which a rectangular plane was detected. Each cell contains a logical vector that specifies the indices of the corresponding point cloud at which the function detected a rectangular plane. The indices can be used to extract the detected plane from the point cloud data.

See Also

Functions

estimateCheckerboardCorners3d|estimateLidarCameraTransform|
projectLidarPointsOnImage

Topics

"Lidar and Camera Calibration"

estimateLidarCameraTransform

Estimate rigid transformation from lidar sensor to camera

Syntax

```
tform = estimateLidarCameraTransform(ptCloudPlanes,imageCorners3d)
[tform,errors] = estimateLidarCameraTransform(____)
[___] = estimateLidarCameraTransform(____,Name,Value)
```

Description

tform = estimateLidarCameraTransform(ptCloudPlanes,imageCorners3d) estimates the transformation between a lidar sensor and a camera using the checkerboard calibration pattern features extracted from each sensor.

[tform,errors] = estimateLidarCameraTransform(_____) returns the inaccuracy in estimating the transformation matrix errors using the input arguments from the previous syntax.

[___] = estimateLidarCameraTransform(____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more name-value pair arguments in addition to any combination of arguments in previous syntaxes. For example, 'Verbose', true sets the function to display progress.

Examples

Estimate Rigid Transform from Lidar to Camera

Estimate the rigid transformation from a lidar sensor to a camera using data captured from the lidar sensor and camera calibration parameters. Use these three steps:

- **1** Load the data into the workspace.
- 2 Extract the required features from images and point cloud data.
- **3** Estimate the rigid transformation using the extracted features.

Load Data

Load images and point cloud data into the workspace.

```
imageDataPath = fullfile(toolboxdir('lidar'),'lidardata',...
        'lcc','vlp16','images');
imds = imageDatastore(imageDataPath);
imageFileNames = imds.Files;
ptCloudFilePath = fullfile(toolboxdir('lidar'),'lidardata',...
    'lcc','vlp16','pointCloud');
pcds = fileDatastore(ptCloudFilePath,'ReadFcn',@pcread);
pcFileNames = pcds.Files;
```

Load camera calibration files into the workspace.

```
cameraIntrinsicFile = fullfile(imageDataPath,'calibration.mat');
intrinsic = load(cameraIntrinsicFile);
```

Feature Extraction

Specify the size of the checkerboard squares in millimeters.

squareSize = 81;

Estimate the checkerboard corner coordinates for the images.

```
[imageCorners3d,planeDimension,imagesUsed] = estimateCheckerboardCorners3d( ...
imageFileNames,intrinsic.cameraParams,squareSize);
```

Filter the point clouds based on the images used.

pcFileNames = pcFileNames(imagesUsed);

Detect the checkerboard planes in the filtered point clouds using the plane parameters planeDimension.

```
[lidarCheckerboardPlanes,framesUsed] = detectRectangularPlanePoints( ...
pcFileNames,planeDimension,'RemoveGround',true);
```

Extract the images, checkerboard corners, and point clouds in which you detected features.

```
imageFileNames = imageFileNames(framesUsed);
pcFileNames = pcFileNames(framesUsed);
imageCorners3d = imageCorners3d(:,:,framesUsed);
```

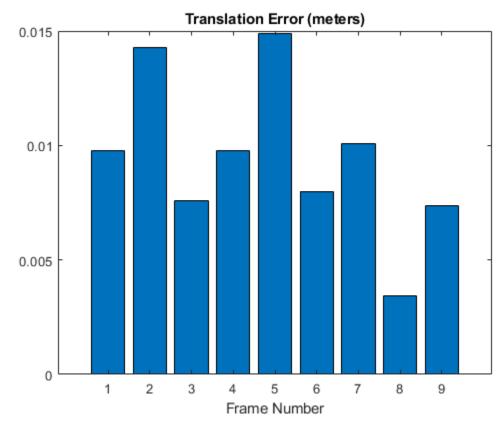
Estimate Transformation

Estimate the transformation using checkerboard planes from the point clouds and 3-D checkerboard corner points from the images.

```
[tform,errors] = estimateLidarCameraTransform(lidarCheckerboardPlanes, ...
imageCorners3d, 'CameraIntrinsic', intrinsic.cameraParams);
```

Display translation, rotation, and reprojection errors as bar graphs.

```
figure
bar(errors.TranslationError)
xlabel('Frame Number')
title('Translation Error (meters)')
```



```
figure
bar(errors.RotationError)
xlabel('Frame Number')
title('Rotation Error (degrees)')
```

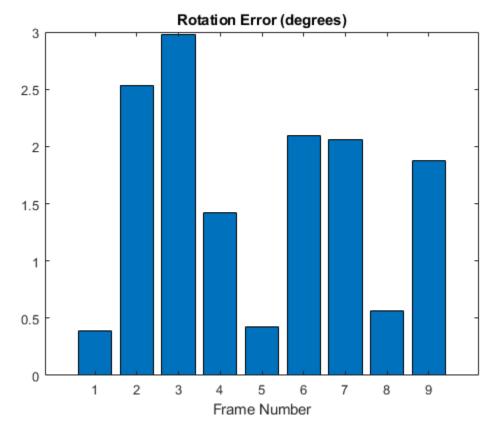
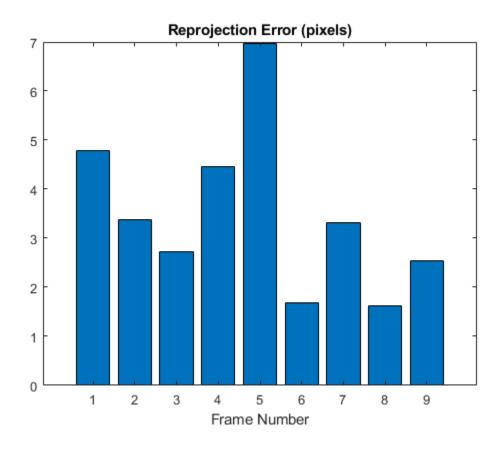


figure
bar(errors.ReprojectionError)
xlabel('Frame Number')
title('Reprojection Error (pixels)')



Input Arguments

ptCloudPlanes — Segmented checkerboard planes

P-by-1 array of pointCloud objects

Segmented checkerboard planes, specified as a pointCloud object or *P*-by-1 array of pointCloud objects. *P* is the number of point clouds. Each pointCloud object must contain points that represent a checkerboard (rectangular) plane.

P must be equal for both the ptCloudPlanes and imageCorners3d arguments. This means that number of point clouds and number of images used for detection must also be equal.

imageCorners3d — 3-D coordinates of checkerboard corners

4-by-3-by-P array

3-D coordinates of the checkerboard corners, specified as a 4-by-3 matrix or 4-by-3-by-P array. P represents the number of camera images used for detection. Each row of a channel contains the 3-D coordinates, in the form of [x,y,z], of a checkerboard corner in meters extracted from the corresponding camera image. P must be equal for both the ptCloudPlanes and imageCorners3d arguments. This means that number of point clouds and number of images used for detection must also be equal.

Data Types: single | double

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'Verbose', true sets the function to display progress.

Lidar3DCorners — Checkerboard corners in lidar frame

4-by-3-by-P array

Checkerboard corners in the lidar frame, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Lidar3DCorners' and a 4-by-3-by-*P* array where *P* is the number of point clouds.

If the user specifies the checkerboard corners in the lidar frame, then the function does not calculate them internally.

Data Types: single | double

InitialTransform — Initial rigid transformation

identity transformation as a rigid3d object (default) | rigid3d object

Initial rigid transformation, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'InitialTransformation' and a rigid3d object.

The function assumes the rotation angle between the lidar sensor and the camera is in the range [-45 45] along each axis. For any other range of the rotation angle, use this name-value pair to specify an initial transformation to improve function accuracy.

CameraIntrinsic — Camera intrinsic parameters

cameraIntrinsics object | cameraParameters object

Camera intrinsic parameters, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'CameraIntrinsic' and a cameraIntrinsics object or cameraParameters object.

Verbose — Display function progress

false or 0 (default) | true or 1

Display function progress, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Verbose' and a logical 0 (false) or logical 1 (true).

Data Types: logical

Output Arguments

tform — Lidar to camera rigid transformation

rigid3d object

Lidar to camera rigid transformation, returned as a rigid3d object. The returned object registers the point cloud data from a lidar sensor to the coordinate frame of a camera.

errors — Inaccuracy of the transformation matrix estimation

structure

Inaccuracy of the transformation matrix estimation, returned as a structure. The structure contains these fields.

- RotationError The difference between the normal angles defined by the checkerboard planes in the point clouds (lidar frame) and those in the images (camera frame). The function estimates the plane in the image using the checkerboard corner coordinates. The function returns the error values in degrees, as a *P*-element numeric array. *P* is the number of point clouds.
- TranslationError The difference between the centroid coordinates of checkerboard planes in the point clouds and those in the images. The function returns the error values in meters, as a *P*-element numeric array. *P* is the number of point clouds.

If you specify camera intrinsic parameters to the function using 'CameraIntrinsic' name-value pair, then the structure contains this additional field.

• ReprojectionError — The difference between the projected (transformed) centroid coordinates of the checkerboard planes from the point clouds and those in the images. The function returns the error values in pixels, as a *P*-element numeric array. *P* is the number of point clouds.

Data Types: struct

See Also

Functions

bboxCameraToLidar|detectRectangularPlanePoints|estimateCheckerboardCorners3d
|fuseCameraToLidar|projectLidarPointsOnImage

Topics

"Lidar and Camera Calibration"

projectLidarPointsOnImage

Project lidar point cloud data onto image coordinate frame

Syntax

```
imPts = projectLidarPointsOnImage(ptCloudIn,intrinsics,tform)
imPts = projectLidarPointsOnImage(worldPoints,intrinsics,tform)
[imPts,indices] = projectLidarPointsOnImage(____)
[___] = projectLidarPointsOnImage(____,Name,Value)
```

Description

imPts = projectLidarPointsOnImage(ptCloudIn,intrinsics,tform) projects lidar point cloud data onto an image coordinate frame using a rigid transformation between the lidar sensor and camera, tform, and a set of camera intrinsic parameters, intrinsics. The output imPts contains the 2-D coordinates of the projected points in the image frame.

imPts = projectLidarPointsOnImage(worldPoints, intrinsics, tform) projects lidar
points, specified as 3-D coordinates in the world frame, onto image coordinate frame.

[imPts,indices] = projectLidarPointsOnImage(____) returns the linear indices of the projected points in the point cloud using any combination of input arguments in previous syntaxes.

[___] = projectLidarPointsOnImage(____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more name-value pair arguments in addition to any combination of arguments in previous syntaxes. For example, 'ImageSize', [250 400] sets the size of the image on which to project the points to 250-by-400 pixels.

Examples

Overlay Projected Lidar Points on Image

Load ground truth data from a MAT-file into the workspace. Extract the image and point cloud data from the ground truth data.

```
dataPath = fullfile(toolboxdir('lidar'),'lidardata','lcc','sampleColoredPtCloud.mat');
gt = load(dataPath);
img = gt.im;
pc = gt.ptCloud;
```

Extract the camera intrinsic parameters from the ground truth data.

intrinsics = gt.camParams;

Extract the camera to lidar transformation matrix from the ground truth data, and invert to find the lidar to camera transformation matrix.

tform = invert(gt.tform);

Downsample the point cloud data.

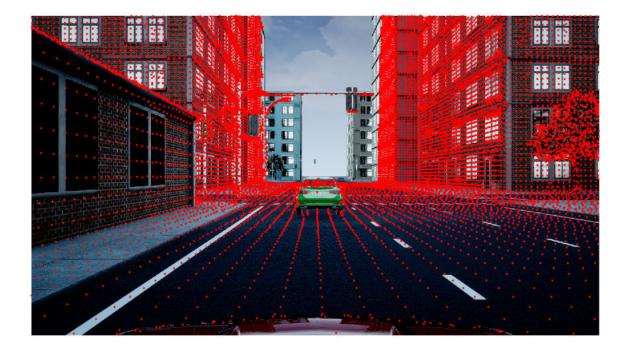
```
p1 = pcdownsample(pc, 'gridAverage', 0.5);
```

Project the point cloud onto the image frame.

```
imPts = projectLidarPointsOnImage(p1,intrinsics,tform);
```

Overlay the projected points on the image.

```
figure
imshow(img)
hold on
plot(imPts(:,1),imPts(:,2),'.','Color','r')
hold off
```



Input Arguments

ptCloudIn — Point cloud

pointCloud object

Point cloud, specified as a pointCloud object.

worldPoints — Points in world coordinate frame

M-by-3 matrix | M-by-N-by-3 array

Points in the world coordinate frame, specified as an *M*-by-3 matrix or *M*-by-*N*-by-3 array. If you specify an *M*-by-3 matrix, each row contains 3-D world coordinates of a point in an unorganized point cloud that contains *M* points in total. If you specify an *M*-by-*N*-by-3 array, *M* and *N* represent the number of rows and columns, respectively, in an organized point cloud. Each channel of the array contains the 3-D world coordinates of that point.

Data Types: single | double

intrinsics — Camera intrinsic parameters

cameraIntrinsics object

Camera intrinsic parameters, specified as a cameraIntrinsics object.

tform — Lidar to camera rigid transformation

rigid3d object

Lidar to camera rigid transformation, specified as a rigid3d object.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'ImageSize', [250 400] sets the size of the image on which to project the points to 250-by-400 pixels.

Indices — Indices selected for projection onto image coordinate frame

vector of positive integers

Indices selected for projection onto image coordinate frame, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Indices' and a vector of positive integers.

Data Types: single | double

ImageSize — Size of image on which points are projected

 $[ceil(2C_x) ceil(2C_y)]$ (default) | two-element row vector

Size of the image on which the points are projected, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'ImageSize' and a two-element row vector of the form [*width height*] in pixels. The function uses the specified dimensions to filter out the projected points that are not in the field of view of the camera.

If you do no specify the 'ImageSize' argument, then the function uses the optical center coordinates from the camera intrinsic parameters intrinsics to estimate the field of view of the camera. The optical center coordinates are of the form $[C_x C_y]$ where C_x and C_y represent the x- and y-axis coordinates of the optical center, respectively, in pixels.

Note If you specify an 'ImageSize' argument greater than the default argument, then the function uses the default argument.

Data Types: single | double

Output Arguments

imPts — Points projected on image

M-by-2 matrix

Points projected on image, returned as an M-by-2 matrix. Each row contains the 2-D coordinates, in the form [x y], a point in the image frame.

Data Types: single | double

indices — Linear indices of projected points

vector of positive integers

Linear indices of the projected points of the point cloud, returned as a vector of positive integers.

Data Types: single | double

See Also

Functions

bboxCameraToLidar|detectRectangularPlanePoints|estimateCheckerboardCorners3d |estimateLidarCameraTransform|fuseCameraToLidar

Topics

"Lidar and Camera Calibration"

fuseCameraToLidar

Fuse image information to lidar point cloud

Syntax

```
ptCloudOut = fuseCameraToLidar(I,ptCloudIn,intrinsics)
ptCloudOut = fuseCameraToLidar(I,ptCloudIn,intrinsics,tform)
ptCloudOut = fuseCameraToLidar(____,nonoverlapcolor)
[ptCloudOut,colormap] = fuseCameraToLidar(____)
[____,indices] = fuseCameraToLidar(____)
```

Description

ptCloudOut = fuseCameraToLidar(I,ptCloudIn,intrinsics) fuses information from an image, I, to a specified point cloud, ptCloudIn, using the camera intrinsic parameters, intrinsics.

The function crops the fused point cloud, ptCloudOut, so that it contains only the points present in the field of view of the camera.

ptCloudOut = fuseCameraToLidar(I,ptCloudIn,intrinsics,tform) uses the camera to lidar rigid transformation tform to bring the point cloud into image frame before fusing it to the image information. Use this syntax when the point cloud data is not in the camera coordinate frame.

ptCloudOut = fuseCameraToLidar(_____, nonoverlapcolor) returns a fused point cloud of the same size as the input point cloud. The function uses the specified color nonoverlapcolor for points that are outside the field of view of the camera in addition to any combination of input arguments from previous syntaxes.

[ptCloudOut,colormap] = fuseCameraToLidar(____) returns the colors of the points
colormap of the fused point cloud.

[_____, indices] = fuseCameraToLidar(_____) returns linear indices of the points in the fused point cloud that are in the field of view of the camera in addition to any combination of arguments from previous syntaxes.

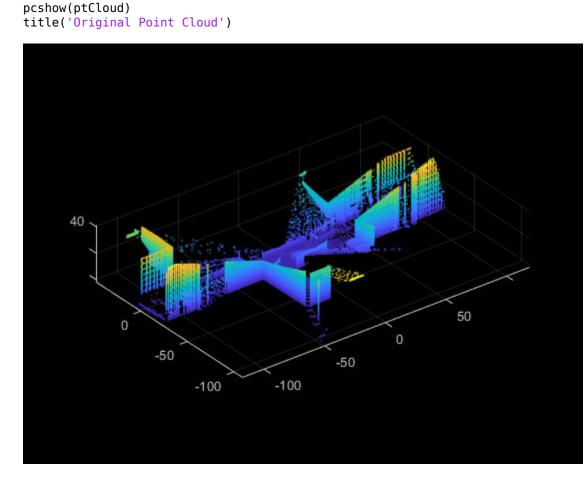
Examples

Fuse Color Information from Camera to Lidar

Load a MAT-file containing ground truth data into the workspace. Extract the image and point cloud from data.

```
dataPath = fullfile(toolboxdir('lidar'),'lidardata','lcc','sampleColoredPtCloud.mat');
gt = load(dataPath);
im = gt.im;
ptCloud = gt.ptCloud;
```

Plot the extracted point cloud.



Extract the lidar to camera transformation matrix and camera intrinsic parameters from the ground truth data.

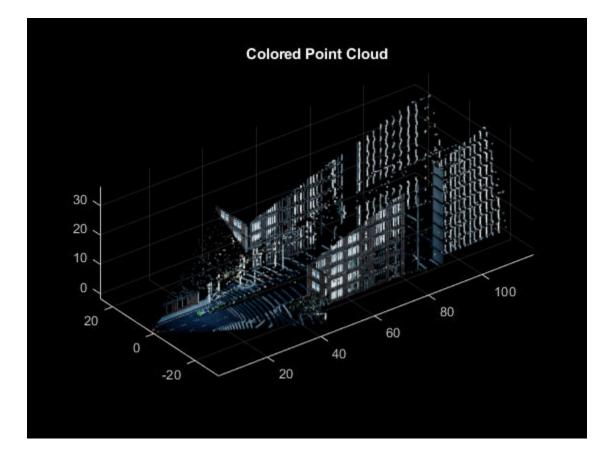
intrinsics = gt.camParams; camToLidar = gt.tform;

Fuse the image to the point cloud.

ptCloudOut = fuseCameraToLidar(im,ptCloud,intrinsics,camToLidar);

Visualize the fused point cloud.

```
pcshow(ptCloudOut)
title('Colored Point Cloud')
```



Input Arguments

I — Color or grayscale image

H-by-W-by-C array

Color or grayscale image, specified as an *H*-by-*W*-by-*C* array.

- H This specifies the height of the image.
- W This specifies the width of the image.
- C This specifies the number of color channels in the image. The function supports up to three color channels in an image.

Data Types: single | double | int16 | uint8 | uint16

ptCloudIn — Point cloud

pointCloud object

Point cloud, specified as a pointCloud object.

intrinsics — Camera intrinsic parameters

cameraIntrinsics object

Camera intrinsic parameters, specified as a cameraIntrinsics object.

tform — Camera to lidar rigid transformation

rigid3d object

Camera to lidar rigid transformation, specified as a rigid3d object.

nonoverlapcolor - Color specification for points outside camera field of view

color name | short color name | RGB Triplet

Color specification for points outside the camera field of view, specified as a color name, short color name, or RGB triplet.

For a custom color, specify an RGB triplet. An RGB triplet is a three-element row vector whose elements specify the intensities of the red, green, and blue components of the color. The intensities must be in the range [0,1]; for example, $[0.4 \ 0.6 \ 0.7]$. Alternatively, you can specify some common colors by name. This table lists the named color options and the equivalent RGB triplet values.

Color Name	Color Short Name	RGB Triplet	Appearance
'red'	'r'	[1 0 0]	
'green'	'g'	[0 1 0]	
'blue'	'b'	[0 0 1]	
'cyan'	'c'	[0 1 1]	
'magenta'	'm'	[1 0 1]	
'yellow'	'y'	[1 1 0]	
'black'	'k'	[0 0 0]	
'white'	'w'	[1 1 1]	

Data Types: single | double | char

Output Arguments

ptCloudOut — Fused point cloud

pointCloud object

Fused point cloud, returned as a **pointCloud** object.

colormap — Point cloud color map

```
M-by-3 matrix of real values in the range [0, 1] | M-by-N-by-3 array of real values in the range [0, 1]
```

Point cloud color map, returned as one of these options:

- *M*-by-3 matrix For unorganized point clouds
- M-by-N-by-3 array For organized point clouds

Each row of the matrix or channel of the array contains the RGB triplet for the corresponding point in the point cloud. The function returns them as real values in the range [0, 1]. If you do not specify a nonoverlapcolor argument, then the color value for points outside the field of view of the camera is $[0 \ 0 \ 0]$ (black).

Data Types: uint8

indices — Linear indices of fused point cloud points in camera field of view

vector of positive integers

Linear indices of the fused point cloud points in the camera field of view, returned as a vector of positive integers.

Data Types: single | double

See Also

Functions

bboxCameraToLidar|detectRectangularPlanePoints|estimateCheckerboardCorners3d |estimateLidarCameraTransform|projectLidarPointsOnImage

Topics

"Lidar and Camera Calibration"

bboxCameraToLidar

Estimate 3-D bounding boxes in point cloud from 2-D bounding boxes in image

Syntax

```
bboxesLidar = bboxCameraToLidar(bboxesCamera,ptCloudIn,intrinsics,tform)
[bboxesLidar,indices] = bboxCameraToLidar(____)
[bboxesLidar,indices,boxesUsed] = bboxCameraToLidar(____)
[___] = bboxCameraToLidar(____,Name,Value)
```

Description

bboxesLidar = bboxCameraToLidar(bboxesCamera,ptCloudIn,intrinsics,tform)
estimates 3-D bounding boxes in a point cloud frame, ptCloudIn, from 2-D bounding boxes in an
image, bboxesCamera. The function uses camera intrinsic parameters, intrinsics, and a camera
to lidar transformation matrix, tform, to estimate the 3-D bounding boxes, bboxesLidar.

[bboxesLidar, indices] = bboxCameraToLidar(____) returns the indices of the point cloud points that are inside the 3-D bounding boxes using the input arguments from the previous syntax.

[bboxesLidar, indices, boxesUsed] = bboxCameraToLidar(____) indicates for which of the specified 2-D bounding boxes the function detected a corresponding 3-D bounding box in the point cloud.

[___] = bboxCameraToLidar(____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more namevalue pair arguments in addition to any of the argument combinations in previous syntaxes. For example, 'ClusterThreshold', 0.5 sets the Euclidean distance threshold for differentiating point cloud clusters to 0.5 world units.

Examples

Transfer Bounding Box from Image to Point Cloud

Load ground truth data from a MAT-file into the workspace. Extract the image, point cloud data, and camera intrinsic parameters from the ground truth data.

```
dataPath = fullfile(toolboxdir('lidar'),'lidardata','lcc','bboxGT.mat');
gt = load(dataPath);
im = gt.im;
pc = gt.pc;
intrinsics = gt.cameraParams;
```

Extract the camera to lidar transformation matrix from the ground truth data.

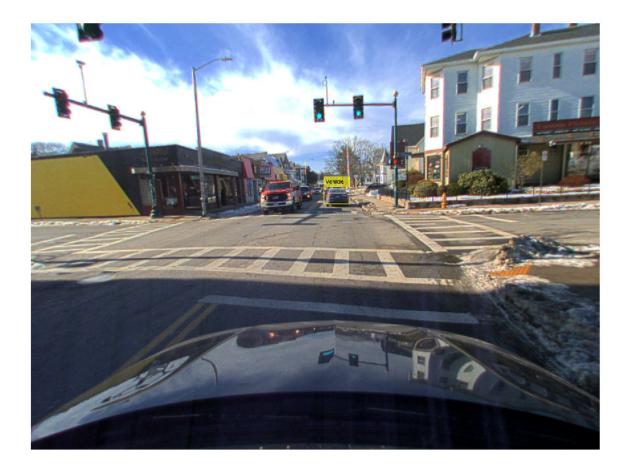
tform = gt.camToLidar;

Extract the 2-D bounding box information.

bboxImage = gt.box;

Display the 2-D bounding box overlaid on the image.

annotatedImage = insertObjectAnnotation(im, 'Rectangle', bboxImage, 'Vehicle');
figure
imshow(annotatedImage)

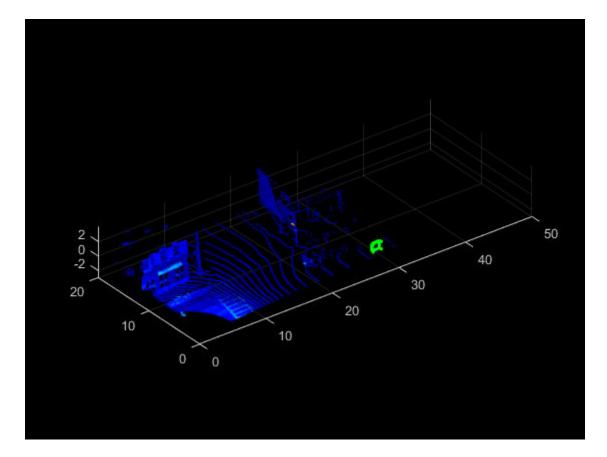


Estimate the bounding box in the point cloud.

[bboxLidar,indices] = ... bboxCameraToLidar(bboxImage,pc,intrinsics,tform,'ClusterThreshold',1);

Display the 3-D bounding box overlaid on the point cloud.

figure
pcshow(pc)
xlim([0 50])
ylim([0 20])
showShape('cuboid',bboxLidar,'0pacity',0.5,'Color','green')



Input Arguments

bboxesCamera — 2-D bounding boxes in camera frame

M-by-4 matrix of real values

2-D bounding boxes in the camera frame, specified as an M-by-4 matrix of real values. Each row of the matrix contains the location and size of a rectangular bounding box in the form [x y width height]. The x and y elements specify the x and y coordinates, respectively, for the upper-left corner of the rectangle. The width and height elements specify the size of the rectangle. M is the number of bounding boxes.

Note The function assumes that the image data that corresponds to the 2-D bounding boxes and the point cloud data are time synchronized.

Data Types: single | double

ptCloudIn — Point cloud pointCloud object

Point cloud, specified as a pointCloud object.

Note The function assumes that the point cloud is in the vehicle coordinate system, where the *x*-axis points forward from the ego vehicle.

intrinsics — Camera intrinsic parameters

cameraIntrinsics object

Camera intrinsic parameters, specified as a cameraIntrinsics object.

tform — Camera to lidar rigid transformation

rigid3d object

Camera to lidar rigid transformation, specified as a rigid3d object.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'ClusterThreshold', 0.5 sets the Euclidean distance threshold for differentiating point cloud clusters to 0.5 world units.

ClusterThreshold — Clustering threshold for two adjacent points

1 (default) | positive scalar

Clustering threshold for two adjacent points, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'ClusterThreshold' and a positive scalar. The clustering process is based on the Euclidean distance between two adjacent points. If the distance between two adjacent points is less than the specified clustering threshold, then the points belong to the same cluster. If the function returns a 3-D bounding box that is smaller than expected, try specifying a higher 'ClusterThreshold' value.

Data Types: single | double

MaxDetectionRange — Range of detection from lidar sensor

[le-6 Inf] (default) | two-element vector of real values in the range (0, Inf]

Range of detection from lidar sensor, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'MaxDetectionRange' and a real values in the range (0, Inf]. The first element of the vector specifies the shortest distance from the sensor at which to search for bounding boxes, and the second element specifies the distance at which the function stops searching. The value of Inf indicates the outermost points of the point cloud.

The first element must be smaller than the second element. Specify both in world units.

Data Types: single | double

Output Arguments

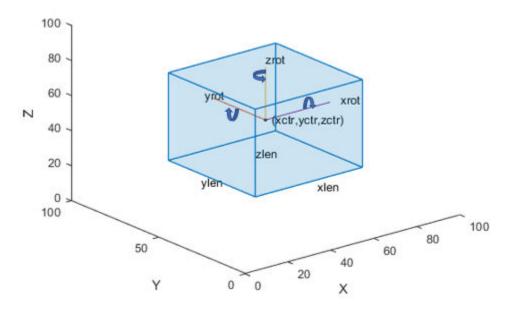
bboxesLidar — 3-D bounding boxes in lidar frame

N-by-9 matrix of real values

3-D bounding boxes in the lidar frame, returned as an *N*-by-9 matrix of real values. *N* is the number of detected 3-D bounding boxes. Each row of the matrix has the form $[x_{ctr} y_{ctr} z_{ctr} x_{len} y_{len} z_{len} x_{rot} y_{rot} z_{rot}]$.

- x_{ctr} , y_{ctr} , and z_{ctr} These values specify the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis coordinates, respectively, of the center of the cuboid bounding box.
- x_{len} , y_{len} , and z_{len} These values specify the length of the cuboid along the *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axis, respectively, before it is rotated.
- x_{rot} , y_{rot} , and z_{rot} These values specify the rotation angles of the cuboid around the x-, y-, and zaxis, respectively. These angles are clockwise-positive when looking in the forward direction of their corresponding axes.

This figure shows how these values determine the position of a cuboid.



Data Types: single | double

indices — Indices of points inside 3-D bounding boxes

column vector | N-element cell array

Indices of the points inside the 3-D bounding boxes, returned as a column vector or an *N*-element cell array.

If the function detects only one 3-D bounding box in the point cloud, it returns a column vector. Each element of the vector is the point cloud index of a point detected in the 3-D bounding box.

If the function detects multiple 3-D bounding boxes, it returns an *N*-element cell array. *N* is the number of 3-D bounding boxes detected in the point cloud, and each element of the cell array contains the point cloud indices of the points detected in the corresponding 3-D bounding box.

Data Types: single | double

boxesUsed — Pattern detection flag

M-element row vector of logicals

Pattern detection flag, returned as an *M*-element row vector of logicals. *M* is the number of input 2-D bounding boxes. If the function detects a corresponding 3-D bounding box in the point cloud, then it returns a value of true for that input 2-D bounding box. If the function does not detect a corresponding 3-D bounding box, then it returns a value of false.

Data Types: logical

See Also

Functions

```
detectRectangularPlanePoints | estimateCheckerboardCorners3d |
estimateLidarCameraTransform | fuseCameraToLidar | projectLidarPointsOnImage
```

Topics

"Lidar and Camera Calibration"

pcmatchfeatures

Find matching features between point clouds

Syntax

```
indexPairs = pcmatchfeatures(features1,features2)
indexPairs = pcmatchfeatures(features1,features2,ptCloud1,ptCloud2)
[indexPairs,scores] = pcmatchfeatures(____)
____ = pcmatchfeatures(____,Name,Value)
```

Description

indexPairs = pcmatchfeatures(features1,features2) finds matching features between the input matrices of extracted point cloud features and returns their indices within each feature matrix.

indexPairs = pcmatchfeatures(features1,features2,ptCloud1,ptCloud2) rejects
ambiguous feature matches based on spatial relation information from the point clouds
corresponding to the feature matrices.

[indexPairs, scores] = pcmatchfeatures(_____) returns the normalized Euclidean distances between the matching features using any combination of input arguments from previous syntaxes.

_____ = pcmatchfeatures(_____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more name-value
pair arguments in addition to any combination of arguments in previous syntaxes. For example,
'MatchThreshold', 0.03 sets the normalized distance threshold for matching features to 0.03.

Examples

Match and Visualize Corresponding Features in Point Clouds

This example shows how to match corresponding point cloud features and visualize them using the pcmatchfeatures and pcshowMatchedFeatures functions.

Construct a velodyneFileReader object.

veloReader = velodyneFileReader('lidarData_ConstructionRoad.pcap','HDL32E');

Read two point clouds using the velodyneFileReader object.

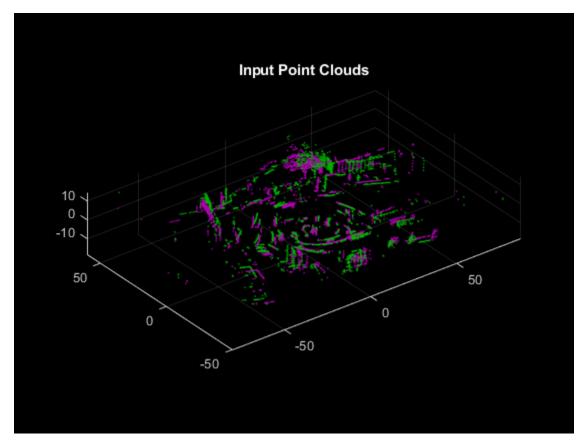
```
frameNumber = 1;
skipFrame = 5;
fixed = readFrame(veloReader,frameNumber);
moving = readFrame(veloReader,frameNumber + skipFrame);
```

Segment and remove the ground plane from the fixed point cloud.

```
groundPtsIdxFixed = segmentGroundFromLidarData(fixed);
fixedSeg = select(fixed,~groundPtsIdxFixed,'OutputSize','full');
```

Segment and remove the ground plane from the moving point cloud. Plot both point clouds.

```
groundPtsIdxMoving = segmentGroundFromLidarData(moving);
movingSeg = select(moving,~groundPtsIdxMoving,'OutputSize','full');
figure
pcshowpair(fixedSeg,movingSeg)
ylim([-50 60])
title('Input Point Clouds')
```



The superimposed input point clouds are color coded as follows:

- Magenta Fixed point cloud
- Green Moving Point Cloud

Downsample the point clouds.

```
fixedDownsampled = pcdownsample(fixedSeg,'gridAverage',0.2);
movingDownsampled = pcdownsample(movingSeg,'gridAverage',0.2);
```

Extract features from the point clouds.

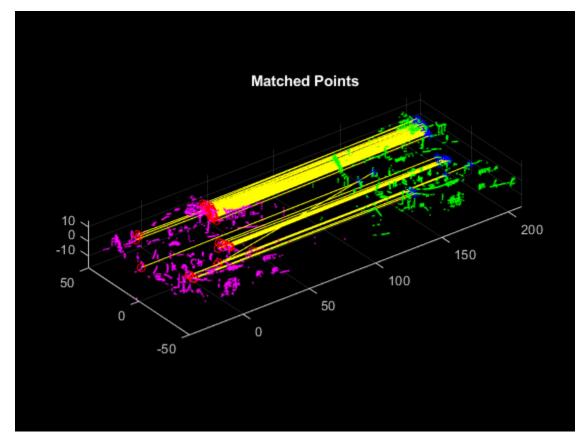
```
[fixedFeature,fixedValidInds] = extractFPFHFeatures(fixedDownsampled);
[movingFeature,movingValidInds] = extractFPFHFeatures(movingDownsampled);
fixedValidPts = select(fixedDownsampled,fixedValidInds);
movingValidPts = select(movingDownsampled,movingValidInds);
```

Match features between the point clouds.

```
indexPairs = pcmatchfeatures(movingFeature,fixedFeature,movingValidPts, ...
fixedValidPts);
```

```
matchedFixedPts = select(fixedValidPts,indexPairs(:,2));
matchedMovingPts = select(movingValidPts,indexPairs(:,1));
```

Visualize the matches.



The matched features and point clouds are color coded to improve visualization:

- Magenta Moving point cloud.
- Green Fixed point cloud.
- Red circle Matched points in the moving point cloud.
- Blue asterisk Matched points in the fixed point cloud.
- Yellow Line connecting matched features.

Input Arguments

features1 — First feature set *M*₁-by-*N* matrix

First feature set, specified as an M_1 -by-N matrix. The matrix contains M_1 features, and N is the length of each feature vector. Each row represents a single feature.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64 | logical

features2 — Second feature set

 M_2 -by-N matrix

Second feature set, specified as an M_2 -by-N matrix. The matrix contains M_2 features, and N is the length of each feature vector. Each row represents a single feature.

Data Types: single | double | int8 | int16 | int32 | int64 | uint8 | uint16 | uint32 | uint64 | logical

ptCloud1 — First point cloud

pointCloud object

First point cloud, specified as a pointCloud object.

ptCloud2 — Second point cloud

pointCloud object

Second point cloud, specified as a pointCloud object.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'MatchThreshold', 0.03 sets the normalized distance threshold for matching features to 0.03.

Method — Matching method

'Exhaustive' (default) | 'Approximate'

Matching method, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Method' and either 'Exhaustive' or 'Approximate'. The method determines how the function finds the nearest neighbors between features1 and features2. Two feature vectors match when the distance between them is less or equal to the matching threshold.

- 'Exhaustive' Compute the pairwise distance between the specified feature vectors.
- 'Approximate' Use an efficient approximate nearest neighbor search. Use this method for large feature sets. [1]

Data Types: char | string

MatchThreshold — Matching threshold

0.01 (default) | scalar in the range (0, 1]

Matching threshold, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'MatchThreshold' and a scalar in the range (0, 1].

Two feature vectors match when the normalized Euclidean distance between them is less than or equal to the matching threshold. A higher value may result in additional matches, but increases the risk of false positives.

Data Types: single | double

RejectRatio — Spatial relation threshold

0.95 (default) | scalar in the range (0, 1)

Spatial relation threshold, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'RejectRatio' and a scalar in the range (0, 1).

The function uses point cloud data to estimate the spatial relation between the points associated with potential feature matches and reject matches based on the spatial relation threshold. A lower spatial relation threshold may result in additional matches, but increases the risk of false positives.

The function does not consider the spatial relation threshold if you do not specify values for the ptCloud1 and ptCloud2 input arguments.

Data Types: single | double

Output Arguments

indexPairs — Indices of matched features

P-by-2 matrix

Indices of matched features, returned as a *P*-by-2 matrix. *P* is the number of matched features. Each row corresponds to a matched feature between the features1 and features2 inputs, where the first element is the index of the feature in features1 and the second element is the index of the matching feature in features2.

Data Types: uint32

scores — Normalized Euclidean distance between matching features

P-element column vector

Normalized Euclidean distance between matching features, returned as a *P*-element column vector. The *i*th element of the vector is the distance between the matched features in the *i*th row of the indexPairs output.

Data Types: single | double

References

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Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB® Coder[™].

See Also

Functions
extractFPFHFeatures | pcshowMatchedFeatures

pcshowMatchedFeatures

Display point clouds with matched feature points

Syntax

pcshowMatchedFeatures(ptCloud1,ptCloud2,matchedPtCloud1,matchedPtCloud2) ax = pcshowMatchedFeatures(____)
[___] = pcshowMatchedFeatures(____,Name,Value)

Description

pcshowMatchedFeatures(ptCloud1,ptCloud2,matchedPtCloud1,matchedPtCloud2) displays point clouds, ptCloud1 and ptCloud2, with their matched feature points, matchedPtCloud1 and matchedPtCloud2, color coded by point cloud and each connected to the corresponding point in the other point cloud by a line.

ax = pcshowMatchedFeatures(_____) additionally returns an axes object using the input arguments from the previous syntax.

[____] = pcshowMatchedFeatures(____,Name,Value) specifies options using one or more name-value pair arguments in addition to any combination of arguments in previous syntaxes. For example, 'Method', 'montage' visualizes the point clouds next to each other in the axes.

Examples

Match and Visualize Corresponding Features in Point Clouds

This example shows how to match corresponding point cloud features and visualize them using the pcmatchfeatures and pcshowMatchedFeatures functions.

Construct a velodyneFileReader object.

veloReader = velodyneFileReader('lidarData ConstructionRoad.pcap','HDL32E');

Read two point clouds using the velodyneFileReader object.

```
frameNumber = 1;
skipFrame = 5:
fixed = readFrame(veloReader,frameNumber);
moving = readFrame(veloReader,frameNumber + skipFrame);
```

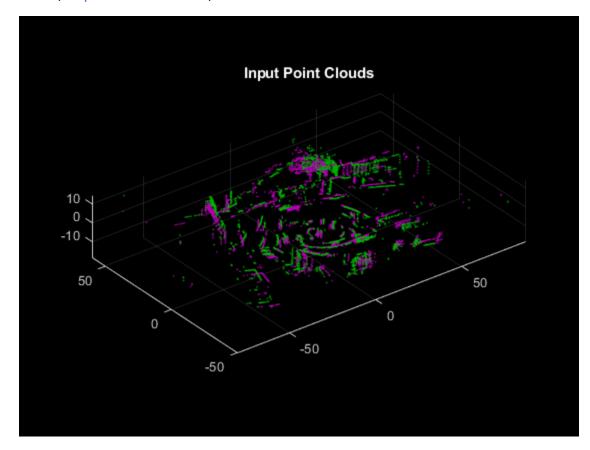
Segment and remove the ground plane from the fixed point cloud.

```
groundPtsIdxFixed = segmentGroundFromLidarData(fixed);
fixedSeg = select(fixed,~groundPtsIdxFixed,'OutputSize','full');
```

Segment and remove the ground plane from the moving point cloud. Plot both point clouds.

```
groundPtsIdxMoving = segmentGroundFromLidarData(moving);
movingSeg = select(moving,~groundPtsIdxMoving,'OutputSize','full');
```

figure
pcshowpair(fixedSeg,movingSeg)
ylim([-50 60])
title('Input Point Clouds')



The superimposed input point clouds are color coded as follows:

- Magenta Fixed point cloud
- Green Moving Point Cloud

Downsample the point clouds.

```
fixedDownsampled = pcdownsample(fixedSeg,'gridAverage',0.2);
movingDownsampled = pcdownsample(movingSeg,'gridAverage',0.2);
```

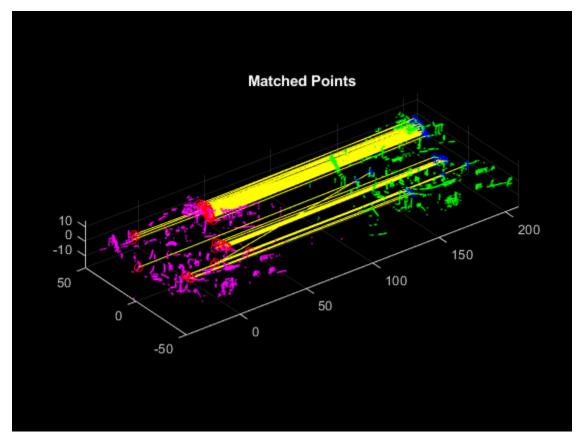
Extract features from the point clouds.

```
[fixedFeature,fixedValidInds] = extractFPFHFeatures(fixedDownsampled);
[movingFeature,movingValidInds] = extractFPFHFeatures(movingDownsampled);
fixedValidPts = select(fixedDownsampled,fixedValidInds);
movingValidPts = select(movingDownsampled,movingValidInds);
```

Match features between the point clouds.

```
indexPairs = pcmatchfeatures(movingFeature,fixedFeature,movingValidPts, ...
fixedValidPts);
matchedFixedPts = select(fixedValidPts,indexPairs(:,2));
matchedMovingPts = select(movingValidPts,indexPairs(:,1));
```

Visualize the matches.



The matched features and point clouds are color coded to improve visualization:

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- Blue asterisk Matched points in the fixed point cloud.
- Yellow Line connecting matched features.

Input Arguments

ptCloud1 — First point cloud

pointCloud object

First point cloud, specified as a **pointCloud** object.

ptCloud2 — Second point cloud

pointCloud object

Second point cloud, specified as a pointCloud object.

matchedPtCloud1 — Matched points in first point cloud

pointCloud object

Matched points in the first point cloud, specified as a **pointCloud** object. Each point is a feature match for the point with the corresponding index in **matchedPtCloud2**.

matchedPtCloud2 — Matched points in second point cloud

pointCloud object

Matched points in the second point cloud, specified as a pointCloud object. Each point is a feature match for the point with the corresponding index in matchedPtCloud1.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'Method', 'montage' visualizes the point clouds next to each other in the axes.

Method — Display method

'overlay' (default) | 'montage'

Display method, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Method' and one of these options:

- 'overlay' Overlay ptCloud2 on ptCloud1.
- 'montage' Display ptCloud1 and ptCloud2 next to each other in the same axes.

Data Types: char | string

PlotOptions — Line style and color options

{ 'ro', 'b*', 'y-'} (default) | cell array of character vectors

Line style and color options, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'PlotOptions' and a cell array of character vectors of the form {*MarkerStyle1*, *MarkerStyle2*, *LineStyle*}. *MarkerStyle1* specifies the color and marker symbol for the matched points matchedPtCloud1 in the first point cloud ptCloud1. *MarkerStyle2* specifies the color and marker symbol for the matched points matchedPtCloud2 in the second point cloud ptCloud2. *LineStyle* specifies the color and line style of the lines connecting the matched points of the first point cloud to the matched points of the second. For more information on line styles, marker symbols, and colors, see LineSpec.

Data Types: char

Parent — Output axes

axes graphics object

Output axes, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Parent' and an axes graphics object.

Output Arguments

ax — Axes handle

axes graphics object

Axes handle, returned as an axes graphics object.

See Also

Functions
extractFPFHFeatures | pcmatchfeatures

squeezesegv2Layers

Create SqueezeSegV2 segmentation network for organized lidar point cloud

Syntax

lgraph = squeezesegv2Layers(inputSize,numClasses)
lgraph = squeezesegv2Layers(____,Name,Value)

Description

lgraph = squeezesegv2Layers(inputSize,numClasses) returns a SqueezeSegV2 layer graph lgraph for organized point clouds of size inputSize and the number of classes numClasses.

SqueezeSegV2 is a convolutional neural network that predicts pointwise labels for an organized lidar point cloud.

Use the squeezesegv2Layers function to create the network architecture for SqueezeSegV2. This function requires Deep Learning Toolbox[™].

lgraph = squeezesegv2Layers(_____, Name, Value) specifies options using one or more namevalue pair arguments in addition to the input arguments in the previous syntax. For example, 'NumEncoderModules', 4 sets the number of encoders used to create the network to four.

Examples

Create Standard SqueezeSegV2 Network

Set the network input parameters.

```
inputSize = [64 512 5];
numClasses = 4;
```

Create a SqueezeSegV2 layer graph.

lgraph = squeezesegv2Layers(inputSize,numClasses)

```
lgraph =
  LayerGraph with properties:
       Layers: [168x1 nnet.cnn.layer.Layer]
      Connections: [186x2 table]
      InputNames: {'input'}
      OutputNames: {'focalloss'}
```

Display the network.

analyzeNetwork(lgraph)

Create Custom SqueezeSegV2 Network

Set the network input parameters.

inputSize = [64 512 6]; numClasses = 2;

Create a custom SqueezeSegV2 layer graph.

```
lgraph = squeezesegv2Layers(inputSize,numClasses,...
'NumEncoderModules',4,'NumContextAggregationModules',2)
lgraph =
  LayerGraph with properties:
       Layers: [232x1 nnet.cnn.layer.Layer]
       Connections: [257x2 table]
       InputNames: {'input'}
       OutputNames: {'focalloss'}
```

Display the network.

analyzeNetwork(lgraph)

Input Arguments

inputSize — Size of network input

two-element row vector | three-element row vector

Size of the network input, specified as one of these options:

- Two-element vector of the form [height width].
- Three-element vector of the form [*height width channels*], where *channels* specifies the number of input channels. Set *channels* to 3 for RGB images, to 1 for grayscale images, or to the number of channels for multispectral and hyperspectral images.

numClasses — Number of classes

integer greater than 1

Number of semantic segmentation classes, specified as an integer greater than 1.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'NumEncoderModules', 4 sets the number of encoders used to create the network to four.

NumEncoderModules — Number of encoder modules

2 (default) | nonnegative integer

Number of encoder modules used to create the network, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'NumEncoderModules' and a nonnegative integer. Each encoder module consists of

two fire modules and one max-pooling layer connected sequentially. If you specify 0, then the function returns a network with a default encoder that consists of convolution and max-pooling layers with no fire modules. Use this name-value pair to customize the number of fire modules in the network.

NumContextAggregationModules — Number of context aggregation modules

3 (default) | integer in the range [0, 3]

Number of context aggregation modules (CAMs), specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'NumContextAggregationModules' and an integer in the range [0,3]. If you specify 0, then the function creates a network without a CAM.

Output Arguments

lgraph — Layers

LayerGraph object

Layers that represent the SqueezeSegV2 network architecture, returned as a layerGraph object.

More About

SqueezeSegV2 Network

- A SqueezeSegV2 network consists of encoder modules, CAMs, intermediate fixed fire modules [1] for feature extraction, and decoder modules. The function automatically configures the number of decoder modules based on the specified number of encoder modules.
- The function uses narrow-normal weight initialization method to initialize the weights of each convolution layer within encoder and decoder subnetworks .
- The function initializes all bias terms to zero.
- The function adds the padding for all convolution and max-pooling layers such that the output has the same size as the input (if the stride equals 1).
- The height of the input tensor is significantly lower than the width in organized lidar point cloud data. To address this, the network downsamples the width dimension of the input data in convolution and max-pooling layers. The width of the input data must be a multiple of $2^{(D+2)}$, where *D* is the number of encoder modules used to create the network.
- This function does not provide a recurrent conditional random field (CRF) layer.

References

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Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB[®] Coder[™].

GPU Code Generation

Generate CUDA® code for NVIDIA® GPUs using GPU Coder[™].

See Also

Functions

evaluateSemanticSegmentation | semanticseg | trainNetwork

Objects

DAGNetwork | focalLossLayer | layerGraph | pixelClassificationLayer

Topics

"Lidar Point Cloud Semantic Segmentation Using SqueezeSegV2 Deep Learning Network"

matchScans

Estimate pose between two laser scans

Syntax

```
pose = matchScans(currScan,refScan)
pose = matchScans(currRanges,currAngles,refRanges,refAngles)
[pose,stats] = matchScans(____)
[____] = matchScans(____,Name,Value)
```

Description

pose = matchScans(currScan, refScan) finds the relative pose between a reference
lidarScan and a current lidarScan object using the normal distributions transform (NDT).

pose = matchScans(currRanges,currAngles,refRanges,refAngles) finds the relative pose between two laser scans specified as ranges and angles.

[pose,stats] = matchScans(____) returns additional statistics about the scan match result using the previous input arguments.

[____] = matchScans(____, Name, Value) specifies additional options specified by one or more
Name, Value pair arguments.

Examples

Match Lidar Scans

Create a reference lidar scan using lidarScan. Specify ranges and angles as vectors.

```
refRanges = 5*ones(1,300);
refAngles = linspace(-pi/2,pi/2,300);
refScan = lidarScan(refRanges,refAngles);
```

Using the transformScan (Robotics System Toolbox) function, generate a second lidar scan at an x, y offset of (0.5,0.2).

```
currScan = transformScan(refScan,[0.5 0.2 0]);
```

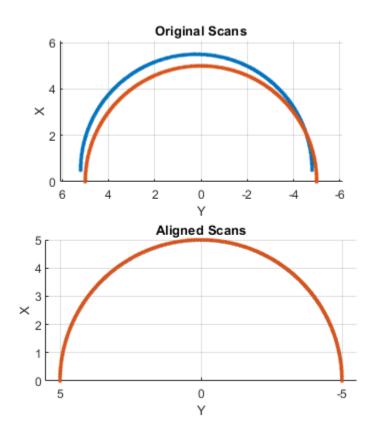
Match the reference scan and the second scan to estimate the pose difference between them.

```
pose = matchScans(currScan, refScan);
```

Use the transformScan function to align the scans by transforming the second scan into the frame of the first scan using the relative pose difference. Plot both the original scans and the aligned scans.

```
currScan2 = transformScan(currScan,pose);
subplot(2,1,1);
hold on
plot(currScan)
```

```
plot(refScan)
title('Original Scans')
hold off
subplot(2,1,2);
hold on
plot(currScan2)
plot(refScan)
title('Aligned Scans')
xlim([0 5])
hold off
```



Input Arguments

currScan — Current lidar scan readings

lidarScan object

Current lidar scan readings, specified as a lidarScan object.

Your lidar scan can contain Inf and NaN values, but the algorithm ignores them.

refScan — Reference lidar scan readings

lidarScan object

Reference lidar scan readings, specified as a lidarScan object.

Your lidar scan can contain Inf and NaN values, but the algorithm ignores them.

currRanges — Current laser scan ranges

vector in meters

Current laser scan ranges, specified as a vector. Ranges are given as distances to objects measured from the laser sensor.

Your laser scan ranges can contain Inf and NaN values, but the algorithm ignores them.

currAngles — Current laser scan angles

vector in radians

Current laser scan angles, specified as a vector in radians. Angles are given as the orientations of the corresponding range measurements.

refRanges — Reference laser scan ranges

vector in meters

Reference laser scan ranges, specified as a vector in meters. Ranges are given as distances to objects measured from the laser sensor.

Your laser scan ranges can contain Inf and NaN values, but the algorithm ignores them.

refAngles — Reference laser scan angles

vector in radians

Reference laser scan angles, specified as a vector in radians. Angles are given as the orientations of the corresponding range measurements.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: "InitialPose",[1 1 pi/2]

SolverAlgorithm — Optimization algorithm

"trust-region" (default) | "fminunc"

Optimization algorithm, specified as either "trust-region" or "fminunc". Using "fminunc" requires an Optimization Toolbox[™] license.

InitialPose — Initial guess of current pose

[0 0 0] (default) | [x y theta]

Initial guess of the current pose relative to the reference laser scan, specified as the commaseparated pair consisting of "InitialPose" and an [x y theta] vector. [x y] is the translation in meters and theta is the rotation in radians.

CellSize — Length of cell side

1 (default) | numeric scalar

Length of a cell side in meters, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of "CellSize" and a numeric scalar. matchScans uses the cell size to discretize the space for the NDT algorithm.

Tuning the cell size is important for proper use of the NDT algorithm. The optimal cell size depends on the input scans and the environment of your robot. Larger cell sizes can lead to less accurate matching with poorly sampled areas. Smaller cell sizes require more memory and less variation between subsequent scans. Sensor noise influences the algorithm with smaller cell sizes as well. Choosing a proper cell size depends on the scale of your environment and the input data.

MaxIterations — Maximum number of iterations

400 (default) | scalar integer

Maximum number of iterations, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of "MaxIterations" and a scalar integer. A larger number of iterations results in more accurate pose estimates, but at the expense of longer execution time.

ScoreTolerance — Lower bounds on the change in NDT score

1e-6 (default) | numeric scalar

Lower bound on the change in NDT score, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of "ScoreTolerance" and a numeric scalar. The NDT score is stored in the Score field of the output stats structure. Between iterations, if the score changes by less than this tolerance, the algorithm converges to a solution. A smaller tolerance results in more accurate pose estimates, but requires a longer execution time.

Output Arguments

pose — Pose of current scan

[x y theta]

Pose of current scan relative to the reference scan, returned as $[x \ y \ theta]$, where $[x \ y]$ is the translation in meters and theta is the rotation in radians.

stats — Scan matching statistics

structure

Scan matching statistics, returned as a structure with the following fields:

- Score Numeric scalar representing the NDT score while performing scan matching. This score is an estimate of the likelihood that the transformed current scan matches the reference scan. Score is always nonnegative. Larger scores indicate a better match.
- Hessian 3-by-3 matrix representing the Hessian of the NDT cost function at the given pose solution. The Hessian is used as an indicator of the uncertainty associated with the pose estimate.

References

- [1] Biber, P., and W. Strasser. "The Normal Distributions Transform: A New Approach to Laser Scan Matching." *Intelligent Robots and Systems Proceedings*. 2003.
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Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB® Coder[™].

Code generation is supported for the default SolverAlgorithm, "trust-region". You cannot use the "fminunc" algorithm in code generation.

See Also

Functions

lidarScan | matchScansGrid | matchScansLine

Classes

monteCarloLocalization | occupancyMap

matchScansGrid

Estimate pose between two lidar scans using grid-based search

Syntax

```
pose = matchScansGrid(currScan,refScan)
[pose,stats] = matchScansGrid(___)
[___] = matchScansGrid(___,Name,Value)
```

Description

pose = matchScansGrid(currScan, refScan) finds the relative pose between a reference lidarScan and a current lidarScan object using a grid-based search. matchScansGrid converts lidar scan pairs into probabilistic grids and finds the pose between the two scans by correlating their grids. The function uses a branch-and-bound strategy to speed up computation over large discretized search windows.

[pose,stats] = matchScansGrid(____) returns additional statistics about the scan match result using the previous input arguments.

[___] = matchScansGrid(____,Name,Value) specifies options using one or more Name,Value
pair arguments. For example, 'InitialPose',[1 1 pi/2] specifies an initial pose estimate for
scan matching.

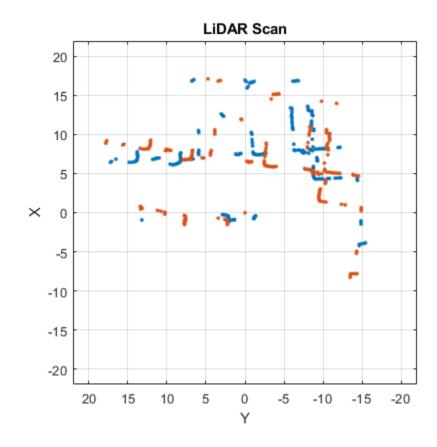
Examples

Match Scans Using Grid-Based Search

Perform scan matching using a grid-based search to estimate the pose between two laser scans. Generate a probabilistic grid from the scans and estimate the pose difference from those grids.

Load the laser scan data. These two scans are from an actual lidar sensor with changes in the robot pose and are stored as lidarScan objects.

```
load laserScans.mat scan scan2
plot(scan)
hold on
plot(scan2)
hold off
```

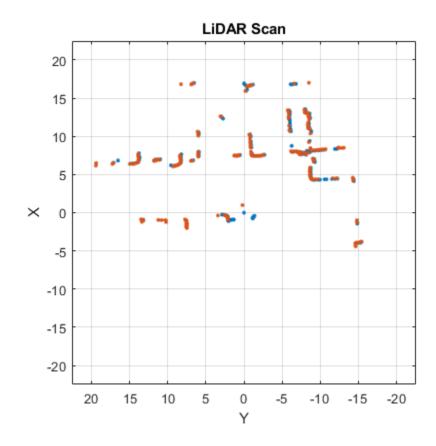


Use matchScansGrid to estimate the pose between the two scans.

relPose = matchScansGrid(scan2,scan);

Using the estimated pose, transform the current scan back to the reference scan. The scans overlap closely when you plot them together.

```
scan2Tformed = transformScan(scan2,relPose);
plot(scan)
hold on
plot(scan2Tformed)
hold off
```



Input Arguments

currScan — Current lidar scan readings

lidarScan object

Current lidar scan readings, specified as a lidarScan object.

Your lidar scan can contain Inf and NaN values, but the algorithm ignores them.

refScan — Reference lidar scan readings

lidarScan object

Reference lidar scan readings, specified as a lidarScan object.

Your lidar scan can contain Inf and NaN values, but the algorithm ignores them.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: 'InitialPose',[1 1 pi/2]

InitialPose — Initial guess of current pose

[0 0 0] (default) | [x y theta]

Initial guess of the current pose relative to the reference laser scan, specified as the commaseparated pair consisting of 'InitialPose' and an [x y theta] vector. [x y] is the translation in meters and theta is the rotation in radians.

Resolution — Grid cells per meter

20 (default) | positive integer

Grid cells per meter, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'Resolution' and a positive integer. The accuracy of the scan matching result is accurate up to the grid cell size.

MaxRange — Maximum range of lidar sensor

8 (default) | positive scalar

Maximum range of lidar sensor, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'MaxRange' and a positive scalar.

TranslationSearchRange — Search range for translation

[4 4] (default) | [x y] vector

Search range for translation, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of 'TranslationSearchRange' and an [x y] vector. These values define the search window in meters around the initial translation estimate given in InitialPose. If the InitialPose is given as [x0 y0], then the search window coordinates are [x0-x x0+x] and [y0-y y0+y]. This parameter is used only when InitialPose is specified.

RotationSearchRange — Search range for rotation

pi/4 (default) | positive scalar

Search range for rotation, specified as the comma-separated pair consisting of

'RotationSearchRange' and a positive scalar. This value defines the search window in radians around the initial rotation estimate given in InitialPose. If the InitialPose rotation is given as th0, then the search window is [th0-a th0+a], where a is the rotation search range. This parameter is used only when InitialPose is specified.

Output Arguments

pose — Pose of current scan

[x y theta] vector

Pose of current scan relative to the reference scan, returned as an $[x \ y \ theta]$ vector, where $[x \ y]$ is the translation in meters and theta is the rotation in radians.

stats — Scan matching statistics

structure

Scan matching statistics, returned as a structure with the following field:

- Score Numeric scalar representing the score while performing scan matching. This score is an estimate of the likelihood that the transformed current scan matches the reference scan. Score is always nonnegative. Larger scores indicate a better match, but values vary depending on the lidar data used.
- **Covariance** Estimated covariance representing the confidence of the computed relative pose, returned as a 3-by-3 matrix.

References

 [1] Hess, Wolfgang, Damon Kohler, Holger Rapp, and Daniel Andor. "Real-Time Loop Closure in 2D LIDAR SLAM." 2016 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA). 2016.

Extended Capabilities

C/C++ Code Generation

Generate C and C++ code using MATLAB $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$ Coder $\ensuremath{^{\mbox{\tiny TM}}}$.

See Also

Functions lidarScan | matchScans | matchScansLine

Classes lidarSLAM

matchScansLine

Estimate pose between two laser scans using line features

Syntax

```
relpose = matchScansLine(currScan, refScan, initialRelPose)
[relpose, stats] = matchScansLine(___)
[relpose, stats, debugInfo] = matchScansLine(___)
[___] = matchScansLine(___, Name, Value)
```

Description

relpose = matchScansLine(currScan, refScan, initialRelPose) estimates the relative
pose between two scans based on matched line features identified in each scan. Specify an initial
guess on the relative pose, initialRelPose.

[relpose,stats] = matchScansLine(____) returns additional information about the covariance and exit condition in stats as a structure using the previous inputs.

[relpose,stats,debugInfo] = matchScansLine(_____) returns additional debugging info, debugInfo, from the line-based scan matching result.

[___] = matchScansLine(____,Name,Value) specifies options using one or more Name,Value
pair arguments.

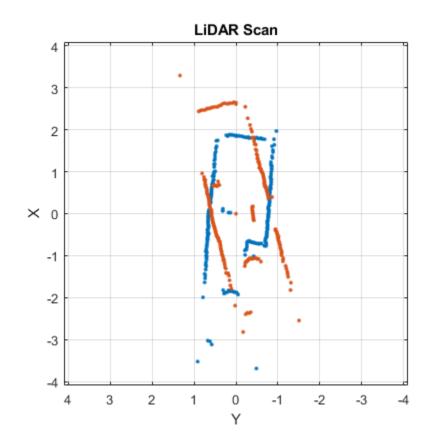
Examples

Estimate Pose of Scans with Line Features

This example shows how to use the matchScansLine function to estimate the relative pose between lidar scans given an initial estimate. The identified line features are visualized to show how the scanmatching algorithm associates features between scans.

Load a pair of lidar scans. The .mat file also contains an initial guess of the relative pose difference, initGuess, which could be based on odometry or other sensor data.

load tb3_scanPair.mat
plot(s1)
hold on
plot(s2)
hold off



Set parameters for line feature extraction and association. The noise of the lidar data determines the smoothness threshold, which defines when a line break occurs for a specific line feature. Increase this value for more noisy lidar data. The compatibility scale determines when features are considered matches. Increase this value for looser restrictions on line feature parameters.

smoothnessThresh = 0.2; compatibilityScale = 0.002;

Call matchScansLine with the given initial guess and other parameters specified as name-value pairs. The function calculates line features for each scan, attempts to match them, and uses an overall estimate to get the difference in pose.

```
[relPose, stats, debugInfo] = matchScansLine(s2, s1, initGuess, ...
'SmoothnessThreshold', smoothnessThresh, ...
'CompatibilityScale', compatibilityScale);
```

After matching the scans, the debugInfo output gives you information about the detected line feature parameters, [rho alpha], and the hypothesis of which features match between scans.

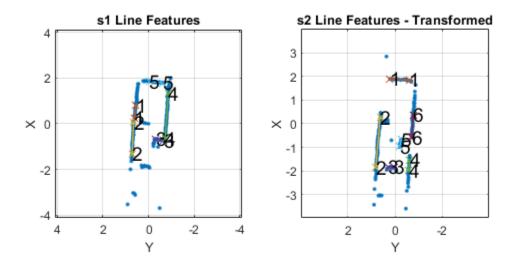
debugInfo.MatchHypothesis states that the first, second, and sixth line feature in s1 match the fifth, second, and fourth features in s2.

debugInfo.MatchHypothesis

```
ans = 1 \times 6
5 2 0 0 0 4
```

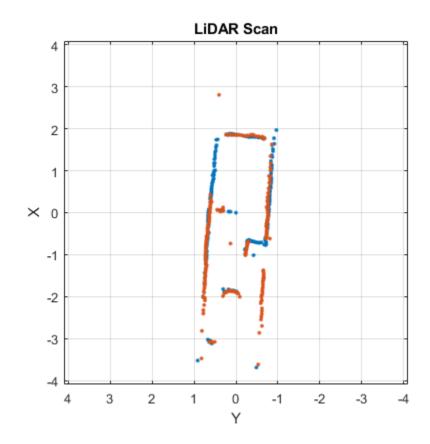
The provided helper function plots these two scans and the features extracted with labels. s2 is transformed to be in the same frame based on the initial guess for relative pose.

exampleHelperShowLineFeaturesInScan(s1, s2, debugInfo, initGuess);



Use the estimated relative pose from matchScansLine to transform s2. Then, plot both scans to show that the relative pose difference is accurate and the scans overlay to show the same environment.

s2t = transformScan(s2,relPose);
clf
plot(s1)
hold on
plot(s2t)
hold off



Input Arguments

currScan — Current lidar scan readings

lidarScan object

Current lidar scan readings, specified as a lidarScanobject.

Your lidar scan can contain Inf and NaN values, but the algorithm ignores them.

refScan — Reference lidar scan readings

lidarScan object

Reference lidar scan readings, specified as a lidarScan object.

Your lidar scan can contain Inf and NaN values, but the algorithm ignores them.

initialRelPose — Initial guess of relative pose

[x y theta]

Initial guess of the current pose relative to the reference laser scan frame, specified an $[x \ y]$ theta] vector. $[x \ y]$ is the translation in meters and theta is the rotation in radians.

Name-Value Pair Arguments

Specify optional comma-separated pairs of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, ..., NameN, ValueN.

Example: "LineMergeThreshold", [0.10 0.2]

SmoothnessThreshold — Threshold to detect line break points in scan

0.1 (default) | scalar

Threshold to detect line break points in scan, specified as a scalar. Smoothness is defined by calling diff(diff(scanData)) and assumes equally spaced scan angles. Scan points corresponding to smoothness values higher than this threshold are considered break points. For lidar scan data with a higher noise level, increase this threshold.

MinPointsPerLine — Minimum number of scan points in each line feature

10 (default) | positive integer greater than 3

Minimum number of scan points in each line feature, specified as a positive integer greater than 3.

A line feature cannot be identified from a set of scan points if the number of points in that set is below this threshold. When the lidar scan data is noisy, setting this property too small may result in low-quality line features being identified and skew the matching result. On the other hand, some key line features may be missed if this number is set too large.

LineMergeThreshold — Threshold on line parameters to merge line features

[0.05 0.1] (default) | two-element vector [rho alpha]

Threshold on line parameters to merge line features, specified as a two-element vector [rho alpha]. A line is defined by two parameters:

- rho -- Distance from the origin to the line along a vector perpendicular to the line, specified in meters.
- alpha -- Angle between the x-axis and the rho vector, specified in radians.

If the difference between these parameters for two line features is below the given threshold, the line features are merged.

MinCornerPromenance — Lower bound on prominence value to detect a corner

0.05 (default) | positive scalar

Lower bound on prominence value to detect a corner, specified as a positive scalar.

Prominence measures how much a local extrema stands out in the lidar data. Only values higher than this lower bound are considered a corner. Corners help identify line features, but are not part of the feature itself. For noisy lidar scan data, increase this lower bound.

CompatibilityScale — Scale used to adjust the compatibility thresholds for feature association

0.0005 (default) | positive scalar

Scale used to adjust the compatibility thresholds for feature association, specified as a positive scalar. A lower scale means tighter compatibility threshold for associating features. If no features are found

in lidar data with obvious line features, increase this value. For invalid feature matches, reduce this value.

Output Arguments

relpose — Pose of current scan

[x y theta]

Pose of current scan relative to the reference scan, returned as $[x \ y \ theta]$, where $[x \ y]$ is the translation in meters and theta is the rotation in radians.

stats — Scan matching information

structure

Scan matching information, returned as a structure with the following fields:

- Covariance -- 3-by-3 matrix representing the covariance of the relative pose estimation. The matScansLine function does not provide covariance between the (x,y) and the theta components of the relative pose. Therefore, the matrix follows the pattern: [Cxx, Cxy 0; Cyx Cyy 0; 0 0 Ctheta].
- ExitFlag -- Scalar value indicating the exit condition of the solver:
 - 0 -- No error.
 - 1 -- Insufficient number of line features (< 2) are found in one or both of the scans. Consider using different scans with more line features.
 - 2 -- Insufficient number of line feature matches are identified. This may indicate the initialRelPose is invalid or scans are too far apart.

debugInfo — Debugging information for line-based scan matching result structure

Debugging information for line-based scan matching result, returned as a structure with the following fields:

- ReferenceFeatures -- Line features extracted from the reference scan as an *n*-by-2 matrix.
 Each line feature is represented as [rho alpha] for the parametric equation, rho = x•cos(alpha) + y•sin(alpha).
- ReferenceScanMask -- Mask indicating which points in the reference scan are used for each line feature as an *n*-by-*p* matrix. Each row corresponds to a row in ReferenceFeatures and contains zeros and ones for each point in refScan.
- CurrentFeatures -- Line features extracted from the current scan as an *n*-by-2 matrix. Each line feature is represented as [rho alpha] for the parametric equation, rho = x•cos(alpha) + y•sin(alpha).
- CurrentScanMask -- Mask indicating which points in the current scan are used for each line feature as an *n*-by-*p* matrix. Each row corresponds to a row in ReferenceFeatures and contains zeros and ones for each point in refScan.
- MatchHypothesis -- Best line feature matching hypothesis as an *n* element vector, where *n* is the number of line features in CurrentFeatures. Each element represents the corresponding feature in ReferenceFeaturesand gives the index of the matched feature in ReferenceFeatures is an index match the

• MatchValue -- Scalar value indicating a score for each MatchHypothesis. A lower value is considered a better match. If two elements of MatchHypothesis have the same index, the feature with a lower score is used.

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See Also

matchScans|matchScansGrid