

Data: 3D laserscanner data (x, y, z) in euclidean space)

Result: histogram describing the surface around every data point

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1 initialization and use of kd-tree for efficient point access;
2 define radius for calculation of normals  $r_N$ ;
3 define radius for histogram calculation  $r_H$ ;
4 for all points  $p$  in the point cloud do
5   | calculate normal by using principal component analysis of points within radius  $r_N$ ;
6 end
7 for all points  $p$  in the point cloud do
8   | read coordinates of current point  $p (x, y, z)$ ;
9   | find neighbor points  $p_n$  within radius  $r_H$ ;
10  | for all neighbor points  $p_n$  do
11    | calculate features between  $p$  and  $p_n$ ;
12    |  $f_0$  as an representation of the azimuthal angle the two point normals;
13    |  $f_1$  as an representation of the cosine of a polar angle between these point normals;
14    |  $f_2$  as a measure for the direction of the translation between the two points;
15  | end
16  | divide features using  $\sum_{i=0}^{i \leq 2} \left( \frac{f_i \cdot b}{f_{i_{max}} - f_{i_{min}}} \right) \cdot b^i$  and build up a single point histogram ( $hist_{sp}$ );
17  | where  $b$  represents a division factor encoding the size of the histogram
18 end
19 now every point owns a histogram ( $hist_{sp}$ ) encoding the local geometry within radius  $r_H$ ;
20 for all points  $p$  in the point cloud do
21   | read  $hist_{sp}$  of the neighbor points within distance  $r_H$ ;
22   | calculate weighted histogram ( $hist_{surface}$ ) out of the neighbors single point histograms ( $hist_{sp}$ );
23   |  $hist_{surface}(p) = \frac{1}{\#neighbors} \sum_{k=1}^{k \leq \#neighbors} wb(k) \cdot hist_{sp}(p_k) + (1 - wb(k)) \cdot hist_{sp}(p)$  ;
24   | where  $wb = 1 - (0.5 + \frac{d}{r_H} \cdot 0.5)$  encodes a distance depending weight;
25   | and  $d$  representing the distance of the target point to the source point;
26 end
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