

Motion based calibration between IMU and camera

Tests on real data

Number of sensor readings : N
Estimated rotation matrix : R
Estimated euler angles : (z y x) in radians

Case I

- Expected rotation estimate : (0 0 0) ie the sensor frames are aligned
- Motion about all the three axes is caused

For N = 50,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8648 & -0.4052 & -0.2964 \\ 0.3077 & 0.8943 & -0.3249 \\ 0.3967 & 0.1897 & 0.8981 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$(z \ y \ x) = (0.3418 \quad -0.4080 \quad 0.2082)$$

For N = 100,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9778 & -0.1793 & -0.1084 \\ 0.1372 & 0.9391 & -0.1084 \\ 0.1583 & 0.2932 & 0.9428 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$(z \ y \ x) = (0.1394 \quad -0.1590 \quad 0.3015)$$

For N = 500,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9981 & 0.0123 & 0.0609 \\ -0.0083 & 0.9978 & -0.0658 \\ -0.0615 & 0.0651 & 0.9960 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$(z \ y \ x) = (-0.0083 \quad 0.0616 \quad 0.0653)$$

Case II

- Expected rotation estimate : (-pi/2 0 -pi/2)
- Motion about all the three axes is caused

For N = 50,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} -0.0172 & -0.5117 & -0.8590 \end{pmatrix}$$

-0.9957 0.0872 -0.0320
-0.0913 -0.8547 0.5110

(z y x) = (-1.5881 0.0914 -1.0320)

For N = 100,

R = -0.1581 0.0676 0.9851
-0.9731 -0.1798 -0.1439
0.1674 -0.9814 0.0942

(z y x) = (-1.7319 -0.1682 -1.4751)

For N = 500,

R = 0.0054 -0.1477 0.9890
-0.9996 -0.0278 0.0013
0.0273 -0.9886 -0.1478

(z y x) = (-1.5653 -0.0273 -1.7192)

Case III

- Expected rotation estimate : (0 0 0) ie the sensor frames are aligned
- Motion about only Y axis is caused

For N = 50,

R = 0.411184 0.0924048 0.906857
-0.179197 0.983631 -0.0189769
-0.893766 -0.154703 0.421012

(z y x) = (-0.893766 -0.154703 0.421012)

For N = 100,

R = 0.8468 0.1107 0.5203
-0.1082 0.9935 -0.0352
-0.5208 -0.0265 0.8533

(z y x) = -0.1271 0.5478 -0.0310

For N = 500,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8876 & -0.0137 & -0.4604 \\ -0.0017 & 0.9995 & -0.0331 \\ 0.4606 & 0.0301 & 0.8871 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(z \ y \ x) = (-0.0019 \quad -0.4787 \quad 0.0340)$$

Tests on synthetic data

Case I

- Expected rotation estimate : (0 pi/4 0)
- Motion about all the three axes is caused

For $N = 100$,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7071 & 0.0000 & 0.7071 \\ -0.0000 & 1.0000 & -0.0000 \\ -0.7071 & -0.0000 & 0.7071 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(z \ y \ x) = (-0.0000 \quad 0.7854 \quad -0.0000)$$

For $N = 500$,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7071 & -0.0000 & 0.7071 \\ 0.0000 & 1.0000 & 0.0000 \\ -0.7071 & 0.0000 & 0.7071 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(z \ y \ x) = (0.0000 \quad 0.7854 \quad 0.0000)$$

Case II

- Expected rotation estimate : (0 pi/4 0)
- Motion about only the Z axis is caused

For $N = 100$,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} -0.7071 & 0 & -0.7071 \\ 0 & -1.0 & 0 \\ -0.7071 & 0 & 0.7071 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(z \ y \ x) = (3.1416 \quad 0.7854 \quad 0)$$

For $N = 500$,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1.0 & 0 \\ 0.7071 & 0 & 0.7071 \\ -0.7071 & 0 & 0.7071 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(z \ y \ x) = (1.5708 \ 0.7854 \ 0)$$

For N = 10000,

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7071 & 0 & 0.7071 \\ 0 & 1.0000 & 0 \\ -0.7071 & 0 & 0.7071 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(z \ y \ x) = (0 \ 0.7854 \ 0)$$

Observation

- The accuracy of the estimates seems to increase with the number of readings
- Accuracy can be further improved by causing motion about all the three axes