

Identification of walkable space in a voxel model, derived from a point cloud and its corresponding trajectory

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#### AUTOMATIC GENERATION OF INDOOR NAVIGABLE SPACE USING A POINT CLOUD AND ITS SCANNER TRAJECTORY

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#### ABSTRACT:

Automatic generation of indoor navigable models is mostly based on 2D floor plans. However, in many cases the floor plans are out of due. Buildings are not always built according to their blue prints, interiors might change after a few years because of modified walls and doors, and furniture may be repositioned to the user's preferences. Therefore, new approaches for the quick recording of indoor environments should be investigated. This paper concentrates on laser scanning with a Mobile Laser Scanner (MLS) device. The MLS device stores a point cloud and its trajectory. If the MLS device is operated by a human, the trajectory contains information which can be used to distinguish different surfaces. In this paper a method is presented for the identification of walkable surfaces based on the analysis of the point cloud and the trajectory of the MLS device is operated by a human, the trajectory contains information which floor regions by the use of a region growing process. By identifying dynamic objects, doors and furniture, these floor regions can be molified so that cach region represents a specific navigable space can be identified for any type of building even if the interior is scanned during business hours. Moons (1997)

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Navigation from a room inside a building to a room inside another building across the street consists of three parts: a first indoor part in the building where you start your journey, an outdoor part in a second indoor part in the destination building (?). In the outdoor environment, a navieation aid is well inmelemented and used in all

according to their blue prints, interiors might change after a few years by modification of walks and doors and furniture may be repositioned to the users preferences. Therefore, new approaches for the efficient 3D recording of indoor environments should be investigated. This paper concentrates on the automatic generation of indoor navigable space for pedestrians based on laser scanning with a Mobile Laser Scanner (ML3) device. These de-

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# Navigation



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# Indoor navigation system

- Indoor positioning system
- Indoor navigable map
- Specific destinations
- Appropriate guidance



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# Floor plans

- A lot of research
- Floor plans are out of date
  - Not build according to blueprints
  - Interior changing over time (walls, doors)
  - Furniture missing
  - Connection between maps difficult

# Point cloud

- A lot of research
- Methods:
  - Histogram, RANSAC and more
- Limitations
  - Manhattan world assumption
  - Only horizontal surfaces
- Need for a new method!

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**Research question** 

Which indoor walkable space can be identified from a voxelized point cloud using the trajectory of a mobile laser scanner?

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## Voxel model



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## Voxel model





## **Trajectory information**



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#### Data capture



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# Voxelization: Octree structure

22	232	233	
	230	231	З
20	2	1	5
0			1



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# Voxelization

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	Focus on dynamic objects	Scanning one time	Occusion no large impact	Detect dynamic objects one place	Beginning of process	No proble long drawn shadows
N-amount of voxels						
Different time frames						
Unique time stamps	-		-		-	-
Floor and voxels above						
Count voxels above				-		

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# Filling gaps



Original voxel model

Filled if distance = 1

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# Filling gaps





Filled if distance = 5

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# **Trajectory classification**

Testing	Slope			Stair		
$\operatorname{Set}$	Minimum	Maximum	connected	Minimum	Maximum	connected
	$\mathbf{angle}$	angle	elements	angle	angle	elements
	in degree	in degree		in degree	in degree	
1	2.3	18.4	2	7.1a	90	4
2	2.3	11.3	2	7.1a	45	4
3	3.8	18.4	2	14	90	4

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## Voxel model + seed voxels



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# Voxel model + seed voxels





# Voxel model + entryways





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## Voxel model + entryways





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# **Region growing**

- Find neighbors on the same level
- Two termination criteria:
  - Two voxels directly above
  - Entryway voxels

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# Region growing: two methods



Ordered checking



DBSCAN



# Region growing: two methods





Region growing type	Processing time	Number of voxels	Largest region	
	in minutes		in voxels	
ClusterDBSCAN $eps = 1.5$	17	84540	48320	
Ordered checking	169	90292	48568	
# Region growing: furniture



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### **Classification check**



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#### **Classification check**







# Subtract furniture: actor height





# Subtract furniture



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### **Results: representation**





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Checking type	Halway	First floor Orange rock
	in $m^2$	in $m^2$
CAD model	74.0	68.0
$7.3 \mathrm{~cm}$ voxel model	67.7	61.3
$3.65 \mathrm{~cm}$ voxel model	67.5	61.9
Difference between CAD and $7.3 \text{ cm}$	-8.5 %	-9.9 %
Difference between CAD and $3.7 \text{ cm}$	-8.8 %	-9.0 %

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# Results: processing time

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- Possible to detect: stairs, slopes and horizontal walkable space
- M<sup>2</sup> accuracy of 10%

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• Identification entryways: split building into spaces

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# Future work

- Identification of walls
- Identify types of furniture elements
- Identification of dynamic objects, which do not move during the scanning
- Generation of a node network (network graph)

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