

Asfour  
Robotik 3

Dauer: 60 min. Lösung: offiziell Bestanden mit: ? P.  
Bemerkungen: Answers English or German

**Exercise 1** *Internal Sensors* (12 Points)

1. The error and four more sensor characteristics were discussed in the lecture on internal sensors.
  - (a) Name the four other sensor characteristics. 2 P.
  - (b) Which three types of measurement errors were discussed in the lecture? 1 P.
2. Draw the schematic output of a quadrature encoder with channels A and B for two different directions of rotation onto the dashed line-pattern on the answer sheet. 2 P.
3. Explain the advantage of Gray code over binary code for absolute encoder discs. 2 P.
4. Name one advantage and one disadvantage each for accelerometers and gyroscopes with respect to spatial orientation estimation. 2 P.
5. Name two filter algorithms for fusing accelerometer and gyroscope readings for orientation estimation. 1 P.
6. Given the voltage divider in Figure 1 and the values  $R_1 = 10\Omega$ ,  $U_1 = 2V$ ,  $U_2 = 4V$ , give the formula for  $R_2$  and compute it explicitly. 2 P.

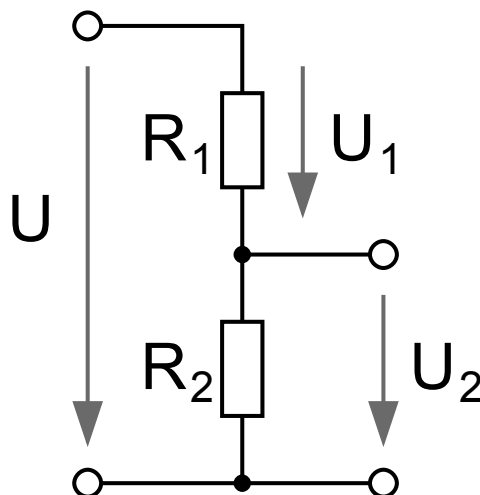


Figure 1: The voltage divider scheme

## Exercise 2    *External Sensors*

(10 Points)

1. What is the advantage of proximity sensors over other external sensors? 1 P.
2. Explain the working principle of a capacitive proximity sensor. Answer the following questions: 2 P.
  - What is the underlying physical phenomena?
  - How does the sensor interact with the distant object?
  - What is measured?
  - How is it measured?
3. How is the depth information computed in a stereo vision system? 1 P.
4. Label the principal drawing of a stereo vision system on the answer sheet. Use the following symbols: focal length  $f$ , baseline  $b$ , depth  $Z$ , point  $P$  and the projected positions of the image planes  $x_L$  and  $x_R$ . 2 P.
5. How is the disparity  $d$  calculated? 1 P.
6. Give the equation for the calculation of  $Z$  based on  $f$ ,  $b$  and  $d$ . 1 P.
7. Calculate the depth  $Z$  of  $P$  for the following values: 1 P.  
 $f = 1\text{cm}$ ,  $b = 5\text{cm}$ ,  $x_L = 7\text{mm}$ ,  $x_R = 8\text{mm}$ .
8. Active depth cameras use structured light to measure the depth information directly. Explain the working principle of spacial codification. 1 P.

## Exercise 3    *Active Vision and Gaze Stabilization* (8 Points)

1. What is *Active Vision*? What are the advantages over *static vision*? 2 P.
2. List three gaze stabilization methods for robotic application. What are their sensory cues? Discuss briefly their advantages and limitations. 4 P.
3. What is the control output of the *vestibulo-ocular reflex (VOR)* given the head rotational velocity  $\omega_{head} = [\omega_{yaw} \ \omega_{pitch}]^T$  measured by an Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU). 2 P.

## Exercise 4 SLAM

(10 Points)

1. A mobile robot with pose  $\mathbf{x}_t = (x_{R,t}, y_{R,t})^T$  should be localized on a 2D map with three landmarks  $\mathbf{m}_1 = (1, 11)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{m}_2 = (2, 12)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{m}_3 = (3, 13)^T$ . The following measurement model is used for the Kalman filter:

$$\mathbf{z}_t = h(\mathbf{x}_t) = \left( e^{-\|\mathbf{m}_1 - \mathbf{x}_t\|^2}, e^{-\|\mathbf{m}_2 - \mathbf{x}_t\|^2}, e^{-\|\mathbf{m}_3 - \mathbf{x}_t\|^2} \right)^T,$$

- (a) Calculate the Jacobian  $H_t = h'(\mathbf{x}_t)$  for the measurement update of the Kalman filter. 4 P.
- (b) Evaluate the Jacobian  $H_t$  at the robot pose  $\mathbf{x}_t = (5, 7)^T$ . 2 P.

**Hint:** You do not have to evaluate the exponential function by hand. The solution can be given in the form  $c \cdot e^k$  with values  $k, c$ .

2. Name and explain the four main differences between EKF SLAM and GraphSLAM. 2 P.
3. FastSLAM uses a Rao-Blackwellized particle filter (RBPF).
  - (a) What is the difference between a RBPF and a traditional particle filter? 1 P.
  - (b) What information does FastSLAM store in a single particle? 1 P.

## Exercise 5 Feature Extraction

(5 Points)

The two images in Figure 2 show results of two corner detection operators. The left image shows features detected by the Moravec Operator.



Figure 2: Results of two corner detectors. Left: Moravec operator; right: ?

1. Explain why the Moravec Operator's falsely finds corners along one edge of the triangle. 1 P.
2. Which operator provides the result shown in the right image? 1 P.
3. We introduced in the lecture the *image structure tensor*  $M(u, v)$ . What is the dimension of  $M$ ? Which parameters of  $M$  encode the information about the distribution of gradients image for the detection of flat, edge and corner regions? Explain the   
 2 P.