

Optical Flow Module Positioning Control Algorithm



Article Overview

Optical flow positioning control algorithms use downward-facing cameras and distance sensors to estimate velocity and maintain stable UAV position, often enhanced with IMU data and robust control methods like PID or Sliding Mode Control.

Overview of Optical Flow Positioning

Optical flow modules estimate the motion of a UAV relative to the ground by analyzing sequential images from a downward-facing camera. These sensors are often paired with a distance sensor, such as LiDAR, to provide altitude information, enabling accurate velocity estimation even in GNSS-denied environments like indoors or underground. The optical flow output measures angular rotations of the ground image, which are then converted into translational velocities along the UAV axes.

Sensor Integration

Modern optical flow modules, such as the PX4Flow, ARK Flow MR, or Holybro H-Flow, integrate a camera, distance sensor, and a 6-axis IMU. The IMU provides angular velocity and acceleration data, which is fused with optical flow measurements to improve position and velocity estimation. Some advanced setups use a gimbal-mounted optical flow sensor to stabilize the camera independently of UAV attitude, reducing errors caused by pitch and roll movements.

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Design of Image Based Optical Flow Tracking and Positioning

To address the serious issues of motion blur and image jitter when using pure feature point matching, an optical flow algorithm is

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Optical flow is the pattern of apparent motion between two consecutive frames caused by object or camera

Fusion of Optical Flow and Dead Reckoning Algorithms for UAV

The aim of this study is to propose and evaluate a fusion method combining optical flow and dead reckoning navigation to improve

An Autonomous UAV with an Optical Flow Sensor for Positioning and ...

A procedure to control all six DOF (degrees of freedom) of a UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) without an external

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What is an Optical Flow Sensor Module? It enables drones to maintain stable hover and precise position control indoors by tracking

48 Optical Flow Estimation – Foundations of Computer Vision

Running only one iteration would be similar to the gradient-based optical flow algorithm described in the previous section. However,

Improving Optical Flow Sensor Using a Gimbal for Quadrotor ...

This paper proposes a new sensor using optical flow to stabilize a quadrotor when a GPS signal is not available.

Design of Image Based Optical Flow Tracking and Positioning

Firstly, the framework of the marker detection and tracking algorithm was established, and its working principle and

NeuFlow: Real-time, High-accuracy Optical Flow Estimation on

In this paper, we proposed a novel optical flow architecture called NeuFlow, which enables real-time optical flow estimation on edge

Design of Image Based Optical Flow Tracking and Positioning

The simulation experiment results show that the marker detection and tracking algorithm runs quickly, with guaranteed

Optical Flow Based Robot Navigation

Optical Flow Algorithm In an image, each pixel corresponds to the intensity value obtained by the projection of an object in 3-D space

Revolutionizing Drone Navigation: Understanding Optical Flow ...

In conclusion, Optical Flow Positioning is a powerful technology that has revolutionized drone navigation and control. Its high

Autonomous Flight Using UWB-Based Positioning System with

This study presents the positioning method and autonomous flight of a quadrotor drone using ultra-wideband (UWB) communication

LiteWing Flight Positioning Module

Learn how the LiteWing drone uses optical flow and dead reckoning to take off, hover, and hold position automatically

Optical Flow: Techniques and Applications

2 Optical Flow Constraint Equation The most basic assumption made in optical flow calculations is image brightness constancy. This

Optical Flow for Drone Horizontal Velocity Estimation without GPS

Optical Flow for Drone Horizontal Velocity Estimation without GPS Abstract: Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are widely used in

Design of Image Based Optical Flow Tracking and Positioning

Based on this, a high-precision and fast detection and tracking method is proposed. Firstly, the framework of the marker detection and

Optical Flow Algorithms Overview

This algorithm computes the optical flow of objects in the scene. This approach tracks small edge-like features (named Connected

Position Hold: Odometry (Optical Flow)

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Optical flow

Optical flow or optic flow is the pattern of apparent motion of objects, surfaces, and edges in a visual scene caused by the relative

Learning Generalized Visual Odometry Using Position-Aware Optical Flow ...

We embed the geometric BA module with the Levenberg-Marquardt (LM) algorithm into a joint depth and optical flow learning

Hovering with Optical Flow

The theory and algorithms behind optical flow are beyond the scope of this module. Suffice it to say that optical flow is a way of using

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Position Estimation Augmentation Using Optical ...

Flight control of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) requires reliable measurements of UAV's position and attitude.

A UAV positioning strategy based on optical flow sensor and inertial ...

According to the results, the proposed optical flow-based control strategy can support a smooth landing for the

Real-time FPGA Implementation of an Optic Flow Algorithm Suitable

To meet the demands of real-time displacement detection in embedded systems, a real-time optical flow calculation

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