

1 Overview

In this document a summary of the embedded software design is presented. This software is used to solve the following problems:

- **Corridor challenge:** The robot should drive through a corridor and take the first exit
- **Maze challenge:** The robot should drive through a maze and find the exit

2 Requirements & Specifications

Table 1: Requirements and specifications

| Type | Requirement | Specification |
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| General | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Achieve task- Do not bump into walls- Move autonomously- Software easy to set up- Only one executable is allowed. The software will be updated on the robot before the challenge starts- Do not stand still too long- Stop movement after task achieved- Be able to 'solve' any given configuration of walls | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The maximal traslational velocity of PICO is 0.5 m/s- The maximal rotation velocity of PICO is 1.2 rad/s- Pico should not stay still for more than 30 seconds- Complete task within 2 attempts- The LRF has a width of about 4 rad (from -2 to 2 rad), with a resolution of about 1000 points. |
| Corridor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Finish the corridor challenge fast | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Back wheel across finish line within 5 minutes |
| Maze | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Finish the maze challenge fast- Be able to reconstruct maze- Determine difference between dead end and door- Deal with open spaces- Deal with loops- Be able to open doors | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Back wheel across finish line within 7 minutes |

3 Functions

| function name | description | |
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| Low-level | <code>initialize</code> | Initialize actuators |
| | <code>readSensors</code> | Read the odometer and laser data |
| | <code>turnLeft</code> | Turn 90° left |
| | <code>turnRight</code> | Turn 90° right |
| | <code>turnAround</code> | Turn 180° |
| | <code>stopMovement</code> | Stop omniwheels |
| | <code>driveForward</code> | Accelerate or decelerate |
| | <code>driveBackward</code> | Drive backward |
| | <code>driveLeft</code> | Move left |
| | <code>driveRight</code> | Move right |
| | <code>ringbell</code> | Ring the bell of the door |
| Mid-level | <code>detectWall</code> | Detect a wall (~ 30 cm) |
| | <code>detectCorner</code> | Detect a corner (crossing of two walls) |
| | <code>detectDeadEnd</code> | Detect a dead end |
| | <code>detectFinish</code> | Detect the finish line |
| | <code>detectOpenSpace</code> | Detect an open space |
| | <code>detectOpenWorld</code> | Detect if in the open world (like the maze exit) |
| | <code>detectTJunction</code> | Detect a T-junction (where three corridors meet) |
| | <code>detectCrossing</code> | Detect a crossing (where four corridors meet) |
| | <code>shutDown</code> | Terminate robot, if required |
| | <code>checkDoor</code> | Send a signal and wait x seconds |
| <code>chooseCorridor</code> | Choose which corridor to take | |
| High-level | <code>stayBetweenWalls</code> | Stay in the center of two walls |
| | <code>createMap</code> | Build map of surroundings |
| | <code>trackPath</code> | Track the path through the map |
| | <code>detectLoop</code> | Detect a loop in the maze |
| | <code>detectStuck</code> | Detect if stuck |
| | <code>optimalDecision</code> | Decide next move based on given algorithm |

4 Components

Sensors:

- Laser Range Finder (LRF): Through the LRF on the PICO one can detect the distance to an object. This is accomplished by sending a laser pulse in a narrow beam towards the object and measuring the time taken by the pulse to be reflected off the target and returned to the sender.
- Wheel encoders (odometry): Through the encoder we will obtain the speed of the wheels which can be used to control PICO based on the provided data.

Actuators:

- Holonomic base (omni-wheels)

PICO Computer:

- Ubuntu 14.04
- Intel I7

5 Interfaces

