

Rover Mission #2 – Obstacle Avoidance

- a. Drive in an enclosed area (at least 10'x10') without contacting walls or obstacles. The mission will last 60 seconds.
- b. Drive forward to waypoint 30' directly ahead of robot. Demonstrate avoidance algorithm by continuing to original waypoint after navigating around a single obstacle. The rover should stop within 5ft of the marked waypoint and complete the mission in under 120 seconds.

*Without GPS Navigation

*Requires two consecutive successful runs

Results

PASSED

Rover Version

Rover V.2 was used to attempt this mission which included a DC motor, Arduino uno, L298P shield R3 motor driver module, Futaba S3003 standard servo, 9.6V 2000mAH NiMH battery pack, MG90S micro servo, 433 MHz RF receiver and a HC-SRO4 ultrasonic sensor.

Arduino Code

Mission 2A

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#include <Servo.h> //include Servo library

//create variables for servos
Servo STEER; //create Steer servo

#define SERVO_PIN_STEER A3 //attach steer servo to pin A3
#define FRONT 100 //Initial position for Steer servo
int RIGHT=FRONT+20;
int HARD_RIGHT=FRONT+40;
int LEFT=FRONT-20;
int HARD_LEFT=FRONT-40;

Servo DUMP; //create Dump servo for payload
#define SERVO_PIN_DUMP A2 //attach Dump servo to A2
#define Payload 140 //initial position for dump servo
int Dump=Payload-125;

Servo servoLook;
#define SERVO_PIN_SENSOR_FRONT 6
#define SENSOR_FRONT 90
int SENSOR_LEFT=SENSOR_FRONT+60;
int SENSOR_RIGHT=SENSOR_FRONT-60;
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//DC motor settings
int POWER=100;           //Power rating
int directionPin = 12;    //Diriction pin on 12
int pwmPin = 3;          //power pin on 3
int brakePin = 9;        //brake pin on 9

//Range Sensor
#define echo    A0 // Ultrasonic Echo pin connect to D11
#define trig    A1 // Ultrasonic Trig pin connect to D12

byte maxDist = 200;           //Maximum sensing distance |
byte stopDist = 80;          //Minimum distance from an object to stop in cm
float timeOut = 2*(maxDist+10)/100/340*1000000; //Maximum time to wait for a return signal

void setup() {

    Serial.begin (9600); //baud rate

    //pin layouts for Range Sensor
    pinMode(trig, OUTPUT); //pin set for ping send
    pinMode(echo, INPUT); //pin set for echo recieve

    //pin output layouts for DC motor
    pinMode(directionPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(pwmPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(brakePin, OUTPUT);

    //Attach servos
    STEER.attach(SERVO_PIN_STEER);
    DUMP.attach(SERVO_PIN_DUMP);
    servoLook.attach(SERVO_PIN_SENSOR_FRONT);

    Brake();
    STEER.write(FRONT);
    delay(1000);

}

void Reverse()
{
    digitalWrite(directionPin, LOW); //DC motor HIGH->forward
    digitalWrite(brakePin, LOW);      //release breaks
    analogWrite(pwmPin, POWER);       //turn on DC motor
}

void Forward()
{
    digitalWrite(directionPin, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(brakePin, LOW);
    analogWrite(pwmPin, POWER);
}

void Brake()
{
    analogWrite(pwmPin, 0);
    digitalWrite(brakePin, HIGH);
}

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void turnRight(int duration)
{
    STEER.write(RIGHT);
    delay(duration);
}

void turnLeft(int duration)
{
    STEER.write(LEFT);
    delay(duration);
}

void dump_payload()
{
    delay(500);
    DUMP.write(Dump);          //turns servo for payload to drop it
    delay(2000);
    DUMP.write(Payload);       //return payload mechanism to original spot
}

int getDistance()              //Measure the distance to an object
{
    unsigned long pulseTime;    //Create a variable to store the pulse travel time
    int distance;               //Create a variable to store the calculated distance
    digitalWrite(trig, HIGH);   //Generate a 10 microsecond pulse
    delayMicroseconds(10);
    digitalWrite(trig, LOW);
    pulseTime = pulseIn(echo, HIGH, timeOut); //Measure the time for the pulse to return
    distance = (float)pulseTime * 340 / 2 / 10000; //Calculate the object distance based on the pulse time
    return distance;
}

int checkDirection()           //Check the left and right directions and decide which way to turn
{
    int distances [2] = {0,0}; //Left and right distances
    int turnDir = 1;           //Direction to turn, 0 left, 1 reverse, 2 right
    servoLook.write(180);      //Turn servo to look left
    delay(500);
    distances [0] = getDistance(); //Get the left object distance
    servoLook.write(0);         //Turn servo to look right
    delay(1000);
    distances [1] = getDistance(); //Get the right object distance
    if (distances[0]>=200 && distances[1]>=200) //If both directions are clear, turn left
        turnDir = 0;
    else if (distances[0]<=stopDist && distances[1]<=stopDist) //If both directions are blocked, turn around
        turnDir = 1;
    else if (distances[0]>=distances[1]) //If left has more space, turn left
        turnDir = 0;
    else if (distances[0]<distances[1]) //If right has more space, turn right
        turnDir = 2;
    return turnDir;
}

void loop() {
    {
        servoLook.write(90); //Set the servo to look straight ahead
        delay(750);
        int distance = getDistance(); //Check that there are no objects ahead
        if(distance >= stopDist) //If there are no objects within the stopping distance, move forward
        {
            Forward();
        }
        while(distance >= stopDist) //Keep checking the object distance until it is within the minimum stopping distance
        {
            distance = getDistance();
            delay(250);
        }
    }
}

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Brake();
int turnDir = checkDirection();
Serial.print(turnDir);
switch (turnDir)
{
case 0:
turnLeft (400);
break;
case 1:
turnLeft (700);
break;
case 2:
turnRight (400);
break;
}
}
}

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//Stop the motors
//Check the left and right object distances and get the turning instruction
//Turn left, turn around or turn right depending on the instruction
//Turn left
//Turn around
//Turn right

Mission 2B

//This sketch allows the rover to go forward to a point 30ft in front of it
//and to avoid a 6foot length obstacle that is placed perpendicular in front of it

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#include <Servo.h> //include Servo library
#include <NewPing.h> //for the Ultrasonic sensor function library.
//https://github.com/eliteio/Arduino_New_Ping

//create variables for servos
Servo STEER; //create Steer servo

#define SERVO_PIN_STEER A3 //attach steer servo to pin A3
int FRONT=80; //Initial position for Steer servo
int RIGHT=FRONT+30;
int LEFT=FRONT-30;

Servo DUMP; //create Dump servo for payload
#define SERVO_PIN_DUMP A2 //attach Dump servo to A2
int Payload=140; //initial position for dump servo
int Dump=Payload-125;

Servo servoLook;
#define SERVO_PIN_SENSOR_FRONT 6

//DC motor settings
int POWER=100; //Power rating
int directionPin = 12; //Diriction pin on 12
int pwmPin = 3; //power pin on 3
int brakePin = 9; //brake pin on 9

//Range Sensor
#define echo_pin A0 // Ultrasonic Echo pin connect to D11
#define trig_pin A1 // Ultrasonic Trig pin connect to D12
#define maximum_distance 200
NewPing sonar(trig_pin, echo_pin, maximum_distance); //sensor function
int distance = 100;

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long timeto;

void setup() {

    Serial.begin (9600); //baud rate

    //pin output layouts for DC motor
    pinMode(directionPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(pwmPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(brakePin, OUTPUT);

    //Attach servos
    STEER.attach(SERVO_PIN_STEER);
    DUMP.attach(SERVO_PIN_DUMP);
    servoLook.attach(SERVO_PIN_SENSOR_FRONT);

    //initial range distance gathering
    delay(2000);
    distance = readPing();
    delay(100);
    distance = readPing();
    delay(100);
    distance = readPing();
    delay(100);
    distance = readPing();
    delay(100);

    //servo initial points
    servoLook.write(90);
    STEER.write(FRONT);
    DUMP.write(Payload);

}

void Reverse()
{
    digitalWrite(directionPin, LOW); //DC motor HIGH->forward
    digitalWrite(brakePin, LOW);      //release breaks
    analogWrite(pwmPin, 100);         //turn on DC motor
}

void Forward()
{
    digitalWrite(directionPin, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(brakePin, LOW);
    analogWrite(pwmPin, POWER);
}

void Brake()
{
    analogWrite(pwmPin, 0);
    digitalWrite(brakePin, HIGH);
}

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void turnRight()
{
    STEER.write(RIGHT);
    delay(1000);
}
void turnStraight()
{
    STEER.write(FRONT);
    delay(1000);
}

void turnLeft()
{
    STEER.write(LEFT);
    delay(1000);
}
void dump_payload()
{
    delay(500);
    DUMP.write(Dump);           //turns servo for payload to drop it
    delay(2000);
    DUMP.write(Payload);        //return payload mechanism to original spot
}

void loop() {
//for debugging
    Serial.print("Distance: "); //for debugging range finder
    Serial.println(distance);

    //if obstacle is less than 90cm run avoidance protocol
    if (distance <= 90){

        Brake();
        delay(500);
        Reverse();
        delay(2000);
        Brake();
        delay(1500);
        Forward();
        STEER.write(40);
        delay(1600);
        STEER.write(90);
        delay(1100);
        STEER.write(160);
        delay(2800);
        STEER.write(90);
        delay(500);
        STEER.write(50);
        delay(650);
        STEER.write(90);
        delay(500);
        Brake();
    }
}

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    delay(500);
    Reverse();
    delay(1000);
    Forward();
    //uses later timeto variable for remaining forward drive distance after obstacle
    delay(7000-timeto);
    Brake();
    dump_payload();
    while(1);

}
//drive forward
else{
    STEER.write(90);
    Forward();
    //variable for how long the rover went before obstacle
    timeto=(millis()-3000);
}
    distance = readPing();
}

//command to get distance for rangefinder
int readPing(){
    delay(60);
    int cm = sonar.ping_cm();
    if (cm<=852){
        cm=250;
    }
    return cm;
}

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Following Modifications

Moving forward to Mission #3, we plan to add in a GPS module to help navigate itself using GPS coordinates which is our overall most important customer requirement.