

CS460 Fall 2020

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## Assignment 8: The Walking Robots!

We will create walking robots that switch directions when they bump into each other.



(This image is from an in-progress version, but it was too funny not to share the crabs ascending to the heavens)

**Starter code for assignment 8.** After pulling from upstream, there is the folder 08 in your fork. Please copy `index.html` and `robot.js` from assignment 7 over or use Daniel's solution from <https://cs460.org/shortcuts/31>.

**Part 1 (4 points):** Please create a `Robot.prototype.walk` method that sets `this.movement` to "walk". Walking is very similar to kicking, which we implemented previously, but with less rotation. Also, please create a new `dat.GUI` button that calls the walk method for all existing robots in the scene.

**Part 2 (10 points):** Please change `Robot.prototype.onAnimate` to catch if `this.movement == "walk"` and add functionality to **slerp the left upper leg by 45 degrees along the X-axis**.

**Part 3 (10 points):** Please change `Robot.prototype.onAnimate` to catch if `this.movement == "walk2"` and add functionality to **slerp the right upper leg by 45 degrees along the X-axis**.

**Part 4 (10 points):** In both cases, add functionality that **slerps the other leg back to identity**. So on "walk", slerp the right upper leg to identity, and on "walk2", slerp the left upper leg to identity.

**Part 5 (10 points):** Now we have two components. Please combine them as follows: in the "walk" block, check for `this.left_upperleg.quaternion.w` - if the value is smaller than 0.93 set `this.movement` to "walk2". In the "walk2" block, check for `this.right_upperleg.quaternion.w` - if the value is smaller than 0.93 set this movement to "walk". The robot should now be able to move the legs as if it was walking if you call `r.walk()`;

**Part 6 (10 points):** Create `Robot.prototype.onStep` and call `this.onStep()` at the end of each of the "walk" and "walk2" blocks from above. In `Robot.prototype.onStep`, use the following code to move the robot: `this.root.translateZ(10);`

**Part 7 (20 points):** Now, please add safety that the robot does not walk off the plane. Whenever it reaches the ends of the plane (think about which coordinates of `this.root.position` to check), **turn the robot by 180 degrees along the Y axis**. This does not require quaternions but can be done using the `this.root.rotateY` functionality of Three.js.

**Part 8 (25 points):** Add functionality to `Robot.prototype.onStep` that loops through all the robots in the scene and checks if the current robot (based off `this.root.position`) is close to another one with the `this.root.position.distanceTo()` method. If the robot is close, rotate by 180 degrees. Please don't forget to exclude the current robot during checks, else it will think it is close to itself and continuously spin without moving forward. You can use the `this.root.position.equals` method to detect equal positions.

**Part 9 (1 points):** Please update the screenshot above with your own and then post the github pages url here:

`https://ironcretin.github.io/cs460student/08/`

**Bonus (33 points):**

**Part 1 (10 points):** Load a mesh and add two extra point lights to the scene.

**Part 2 (23 points):** Don't let the robots walk into the mesh by extending `Robot.prototype.onStep` to compare with the mesh's bounding box.