

COM1003 Assignment 3

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0.1 Algorithm

1. Initialise I/O
2. While !ended:
 - 2.1. blackDetected?
 - 2.1.1. reachedLine = true
 - 2.1.2. turnedLast = false
 - 2.1.3. goForward
 - 2.2. else
 - 2.2.1. reachedLine?
 - 2.2.1.1. !turnedLast?
 - 2.2.1.1.1. turnedLast = true
 - 2.2.1.1.2. leftTurn = !leftTurn
 - 2.2.1.2. leftTurn?
 - 2.2.1.2.1. goLeft
 - 2.2.1.3. else
 - 2.2.1.3.1. goRight
 - 2.3. ended?
 - 2.3.1. stop movement

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initialise Robot;
direction := left;
while Robot still active do
    if Detect black line then
        | Robot moves forward;
    else
        | Robot stops moving;
        | // Problem is this is getting called every frame, so it will
        | // switch between the two states really quickly
        | // ideally we want it to just happen once
        | // atm we are using flags to solve the problem
        | // bellow I try to explain the problem, im not
        | // 100% sure about the best solution
        | if direction equals left then
            | direction := right;
        | else
            | direction := left;
        | end
        | Turn in direction;
    end
end

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Algorithm 1: How to write algorithms

Okay I think we need to be more clever about this. I think we need to create some layers. One layer to handle the frames. Because at the moment we have to create code to have flags so they only fire once when the state changes. So maybe have like a layer which just has two methods, `updateState` and `performActionOnState`. Because atm we have stuff they are handling both updating variables and the robot movement. E.g. the `move robot` method shouldnt really be called every frame like it is, it should only be called when it changes. If that makes sense :/