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# Robot projects

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## Abstract

* 1. /\* General summary of the whole project \*/

## Introduction

* 1. /\* The goal and scope of the project \*/

The goal of this project is to design and build a Zumo robot software that will allow it to pass all the challenges in the final assignment.

## Methods and materials

* 1. /\* What methods and materials are we using. Zumo, sensors, language, creator, libs \*/

## Theoretical background

* 1. /\* Some theory about how sensor, robot works, how some algorithms work \*/

The robot consists of three main part: Arduino, Zumo Shield and Zumo chassis.

The Zumo Shield includes dual motor drivers, a buzzer for playing simple sounds and music, a user pushbutton, and a 3-axis accelerometer, compass, and gyroscope for sensing impacts and tracking orientation.

The shield boosts the battery voltage to power the Arduino, and it breaks out the Arduino I/O lines, reset button, and user LED for convenient access and to accommodate additional sensors for things like obstacle and edge detection.

This Shield mounts directly to the chassis, connecting to its battery terminals and motors, and the A-Star Prime or Arduino plugs into the shield’s male header pins, face down.

Integrated DRV8835 dual motor drivers capable of delivering enough current for two high-power (HP) micro metal gearmotors.

Piezo buzzer for playing simple sounds and music. The buzzer is controlled by one of the Arduino’s PWM outputs, so the tones can be generated in the background without taking up a lot of processing power.

Integrated LSM303D 3-axis accelerometer and 3-axis magnetometer that can be used to detect impacts. The compass gets a lot of interference from the motors, batteries, PCB, and its surroundings with proper calibration, it can be used for rough orientation measuring in many environments.

Integrated L3GD20H 3-axis gyroscope that can be used to track rotation. With this sensor and the LSM303D mentioned above, the shield effectively has a built-in MinIMU-9 v3 IMU module that can optionally be used to make a attitude and heading reference system (AHRS) so that your robot can its orientation.

Optional user pushbutton.

7.5 V boost regulator for powering the Arduino from the Zumo’s 4 AA batteries.

Convenient access to Arduino I/O lines, the pin 13 user LED, and the Arduino reset line via the shield.

General-purpose prototyping areas and an expansion area at the front for connecting additional sensors (it is easy to add a Zumo reflectance sensor array or up to five QTR sensors for edge detection or line following).

Compatible with the Arduino Uno R3 and Arduino Leonardo, and can also be used with older Arduinos that have the same form factor, like the Duemilanove.

An Arduino library and sample code make getting started easy.

Detailed user’s guide with assembly instructions.

* 1. Zumo Shassis

The chassis is made from black ABS plastic and has sockets for two micro metal gearmotors and a compartment for four AA batteries. The battery compartment terminals protrude through the chassis and can be accessed from the top side. A black acrylic plate is included with the chassis. This plate holds the motors in place and can be used for mounting electronics, such as microcontroller, motor drivers, and sensors.

The drive system consists of two black silicone tracks, one on each side, that are each supported by a freely spinning idler sprocket and a motor-driven drive sprocket.

The Zumo chassis uses two motors, one for each tread.

## Implementation

* 1. Batteries

First challenge we faced was related to the batteries in the robot. Since Zumo uses conventional nickel metal hydride batteries that should never be discharged below the certain threshold in order to stay functioning we had to implement the function which constantly checks the voltage of the batteries and notifies the user in case of need to charge the batteries. When battery voltage gets too low, the robot starts blinking the onboard LED in full power that can’t be discarded in any way. It is also planned to implement the feature that locks the motors in case of low battery charge in order to prevent them from further discharging and subsequently damaging them. This required us to calculate the real voltage from the readings of the battery ADC.

The ADC connection diagram:



As seen from the diagram, the ADC input is connected to the output of the divider to lower the voltage as it may exceed the maximum allowed voltage of the ADC itself. That is why it is required to not only convert ADC output to volts, but also get the source voltage.

To convert the ADC output to the volts, the following conversion coefficient was used: , where is the reference voltage of the ADC (*5V as specified in the documentation)* and is number of bits used by ADC (*in our case, =12*).

To get the source voltage the voltage conversion coefficient is needed. It is calculated like:

where is the equivalent resistance of and .

So, the source voltage equals to:

where is the output level of ADC (*an integer number between and* ).

* 1. Sensors

Sensors can allow for a reliable robot operation in changing conditions such as changes in battery charge level, nonlinear motor output curve and other changing external conditions. Usage of sensors allows the robot to correct its actions in case of any changes due to which pre-programmed algorithm may not work as desired. Zumo shield has a few onboard sensors which can be used in a user-written program with the help of the Zumo library as described below.

* + 1. Ultrasonic sensor

Zumo robot can use an ultrasonic sensor to position itself relative to its surroundings. In this project the sensor will be used in the final task to detect maze walls. Zumo library provides the command to read ultrasonic sensor measurement in centimeters.

Zumo library includes a function called Ultra\_Start() which starts task handling sending ultrasound signal and interrupt receiving it and calculating the distance knowing the time to took the signal to reflect from the object in front of the robot and hit the sensor.

* + 1. Reflectance array

Zumo shield has a reflectance array consisting of 6 sensors located underneath the shield board behind the bulldozer blade on the front. These sensors are used in detecting a line for the robot to follow. Zumo library provides commands for reading both digital data from sensors using the threshold value and raw sensor readings.

On a top design level Zumo library uses a set of timers synchronized with SR switches. On function reflectance\_start() execution a separate task scanning sensor readings in the background is created and run every millisecond. The result of scanning can be written in the structure of type sensors\_.

* + 1. Accelerometer

The robot has a built-in accelerometer for detecting hits if the ultrasonic sensor did not detect the obstacle in advance which can be used in the sumo battle for detecting hits from sides and back where ultrasonic sensor cannot detect the approaching opponent robot. Zumo library provides function which allows to read the acceleration in , and direction.

## Results

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## Discussion

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## Conclusion



## References

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Today is the second day with our robots. We are applying several commands to it. Such as giving values to motors (0 or 1). Make our robot to move forward and backward.