NIGHT CRAWLER

The Night Crawler is a 3D printed, six-legged robot capable of detecting holes and obstacles in front of it thanks to its Infrared Sensor and correcting path in case of unexpected rotations thanks to its IMU. It also possesses a night vision camera and a wi fi connection ability, which in addition to the relatively high computing performance provided by the Raspberry pi zero W CPU leaves room for a variety of potential application. For example I'm in the process of designing a Convolutional Neural Network for image recognition from the robot's camera, which will give the Night Crawler the ability to recognize the objects in front of it and make more intelligent decisions on how to avoid (or just ignore) them.

COMPONENTS:

3D Printer model: Anet A3

Plastic used: PLA

Main Board: Raspberry Pi Zero W IR sensor: Sharp GP2Y0A21YK0F

Servo Shield: PCA9685

IMU: MPU6050

Analog to I2C converter: ADS1015

Sevos: 6 x Tower Pro MG90S (declared torque 2.0 kg/cm) 4 x Emax ES08MA2 (declared torque: 1.8 kg/cm) 3 x Emax ES08A2 (declared torque: 1.6 kg/cm)

Main Battery: 2100 mAh 6 V Secondary Battery: 1400 mAh 6 V

Total Mass: 0,76 kg

Main Movements Demonstrator Code:

import time from random import randint import math import Adafruit_ADS1x15 from threading import Thread import mpu6050 import Adafruit_PCA9685

#MOVEMENTS

bodyradius=6.0 legradius=6.5 tibia=5.5 femur=4.0 servo_max=620 servo_min=120

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#servos real mid position, direction of rotation and channel
SMP=[30,10,50,-30,10,-10,10,16,10,25,0,10]
SD=[-1,-1,-1,1,1,-1,-1,-1,1,1,1]
SC=[0,1,2,3,4,5,7,6,11,12,13,14]
pwm=Adafruit PCA9685.PCA9685()
pwm.__init__
pwm.set_pwm_freq(60)
servo=[0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0]
Gyro=0
def Proportion(x,in min,in max,out min,out max):
  return int((x-in_min)*(out_max-out_min)
        /(in_max-in_min)+out_min)
scont = [0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0]
scont[0]=Proportion(SMP[0],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
scont[1]=Proportion(SMP[1],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
scont[2]=Proportion(SMP[2],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
scont[3]=Proportion(SMP[3],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
scont[4]=Proportion(SMP[4],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
scont[5]=Proportion(SMP[5],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
scont[6]=Proportion(SMP[6],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
scont[7]=Proportion(SMP[7],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
scont[8]=Proportion(SMP[8],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
scont[9]=Proportion(SMP[9],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
scont[10]=Proportion(SMP[10],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
scont[11]=Proportion(SMP[11],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
def MovementIteration(servo, speed):
  moves each servo towards its target position by a small bit
  in order to have an apparent simoultaneous movement
  for i in range(12):
    remainder=abs(servo[i]-scont[i])%speed
    if(remainder>0):
       if(scont[i]>servo[i]):
          scont[i]-=remainder
       else:
          scont[i]+=remainder
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finished=False
  while (finished==False):
   for i in range(12):
      if(scont[i]!=servo[i]):
        if(scont[i]>servo[i]):
           scont[i]-=speed
        else:
           scont[i]+=speed
      pwm.set_pwm(SC[i],0,scont[i])
      time.sleep(0.004)
   finished=True
   for i in range(12):
      if(scont[i]!=servo[i]):
        finished=False
def Walk(step,heigth,speed,path):
  print("walking...")
  report=0
  #calculates the angle by which the mid body servos
  #must move from their rest position in order to reach
  #the step value
  Alfa1=math.degrees(math.asin(step/legradius))
  #calculates the angle by which the front and back servos
  #must move from their rest position in order to reach
  #the step value
  Alfa2=math.degrees(math.asin(step/legradius*
                      math.sin(math.radians(45))))
  #calculates the angle by which the heigth regulating
  #servos must move from the 0 degrees position to reach
  #the heigth value
  Beta=-math.degrees(math.asin((heigth-tibia)/femur))
  #checks if there is any obstacle that could
  #prevent the movement or even damage the robot
  if (IRcheck(heigth)=="clear" or step<0):
    #calculating the signal to be send to each servo
    #to achieve the first phase of the walk movement
    servo[0]=Proportion(SMP[0]+SD[0]*Alfa1,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
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servo[1]=Proportion(SMP[1],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[2]=Proportion(SMP[2]+SD[2]*Alfa1,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[3]=Proportion(SMP[3],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[4]=Proportion(SMP[4]+SD[4]*Alfa2,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[5]=Proportion(SMP[5],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[6]=Proportion(SMP[6]+SD[6]*20,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[7]=Proportion(SMP[7]+SD[7]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[8]=Proportion(SMP[8]+SD[8]*20,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[9]=Proportion(SMP[9]+SD[9]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[10]=Proportion(SMP[10]+SD[10]*20,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[11]=Proportion(SMP[11]+SD[11]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  MovementIteration(servo, speed)
  servo[6]=Proportion(SMP[6]+SD[6]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[8]=Proportion(SMP[8]+SD[8]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[10]=Proportion(SMP[10]+SD[10]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  MovementIteration(servo, speed)
else:
  report-=1
if (IRcheck(heigth)=="clear"or step<0):
  #swap target positions between servos form one
  #side to the other and recalculate the signal
  #to be send to each servo
  servo[0]=Proportion(SMP[0],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[1]=Proportion(SMP[1]+SD[1]*Alfa2,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[2]=Proportion(SMP[2],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[3]=Proportion(SMP[3]+SD[3]*Alfa1,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[4]=Proportion(SMP[4],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[5]=Proportion(SMP[5]+SD[5]*Alfa1,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[6]=Proportion(SMP[6]+SD[6]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[7]=Proportion(SMP[7]+SD[7]*20,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[8]=Proportion(SMP[8]+SD[8]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[9]=Proportion(SMP[9]+SD[9]*20,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[10]=Proportion(SMP[10]+SD[10]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[11]=Proportion(SMP[11]+SD[11]*20,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  MovementIteration(servo, speed)
  servo[7]=Proportion(SMP[7]+SD[7]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[9]=Proportion(SMP[9]+SD[9]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[11]=Proportion(SMP[11]+SD[11]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  MovementIteration(servo, speed)
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else:
    report-=1
  if(report<0 or step<0):
    #set the servos' target position to their rest position
    #and recalculate the signal to be send to each servo
    servo[0]=Proportion(SMP[0],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[1]=Proportion(SMP[1],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[2]=Proportion(SMP[2],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[3]=Proportion(SMP[3],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[4]=Proportion(SMP[4],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    servo[5]=Proportion(SMP[5],-90,90,servo_min,servo max)
    servo[6]=Proportion(SMP[6]+SD[6]*20,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[7]=Proportion(SMP[7]+SD[7]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    servo[8]=Proportion(SMP[8]+SD[8]*20,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[9]=Proportion(SMP[9]+SD[9]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[10]=Proportion(SMP[10]+SD[10]*20,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    servo[11]=Proportion(SMP[11]+SD[11]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    MovementIteration(servo, speed)
    servo[6]=Proportion(SMP[6]+SD[6]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    servo[8]=Proportion(SMP[8]+SD[8]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[10]=Proportion(SMP[10]+SD[10]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    MovementIteration(servo, speed)
  PathCorrection(path,heigth,speed)
  return report
def Turn(angle,heigth,speed):
  print("Turning...")
  #calculates the angle by which the height regulating
  #servos must move from the 0 degrees position to reach
  #the heigth value
  Beta=-math.degrees(math.asin((heigth-tibia)/femur))
  #calculates the angle by which the servos must move
  #from their rest position to reach the input angle value
  Alfa=angle+math.degrees(math.asin(bodyradius*
                math.sin(math.radians(angle))/legradius))
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#it splits the turning movement in two separate ones
#if the requested turning angle is too big
if(Alfa>40 \text{ or } Alfa<-40):
  Turn(angle/2,heigth,speed)
  Turn(angle/2,heigth,speed)
else:
  #calculating the signal to be send to each servo
  #to achieve the first phase of the turn movement
  servo[0]=Proportion(SMP[0],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[1]=Proportion(SMP[1]-SD[1]*Alfa,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[2]=Proportion(SMP[2],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[3]=Proportion(SMP[3]+SD[3]*Alfa,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[4]=Proportion(SMP[4],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[5]=Proportion(SMP[5]+SD[5]*Alfa,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[6]=Proportion(SMP[6]+SD[6]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[7]=Proportion(SMP[7]+SD[7]*20,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[8]=Proportion(SMP[8]+SD[8]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[9]=Proportion(SMP[9]+SD[9]*20,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[10]=Proportion(SMP[10]+SD[10]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[11]=Proportion(SMP[11]+SD[11]*20,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  MovementIteration(servo, speed)
  servo[7]=Proportion(SMP[7]+SD[7]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[9]=Proportion(SMP[9]+SD[9]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[11]=Proportion(SMP[11]+SD[11]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  MovementIteration(servo, speed)
  #swap target positions between servos form one
  #side to the other and recalculate the signal
  #to be send to each servo
  servo[0]=Proportion(SMP[0]-SD[0]*Alfa,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[1]=Proportion(SMP[1],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[2]=Proportion(SMP[2]-SD[2]*Alfa,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[3]=Proportion(SMP[3],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[4]=Proportion(SMP[4]+SD[4]*Alfa,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[5]=Proportion(SMP[5],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[6]=Proportion(SMP[6]+SD[6]*20,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[7]=Proportion(SMP[7]+SD[7]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
  servo[8]=Proportion(SMP[8]+SD[8]*20,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[9]=Proportion(SMP[9]+SD[9]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[10]=Proportion(SMP[10]+SD[10]*20,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
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  servo[8]=Proportion(SMP[8]+SD[8]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
  servo[10]=Proportion(SMP[10]+SD[10]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
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MovementIteration(servo, speed)

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#set the servos' target position to their rest position
    #and recalculate the signal to be send to each servo
    servo[0]=Proportion(SMP[0],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[1]=Proportion(SMP[1],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    servo[2]=Proportion(SMP[2],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[3]=Proportion(SMP[3],-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    servo[4]=Proportion(SMP[4],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[5]=Proportion(SMP[5],-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[7]=Proportion(SMP[7]+SD[7]*20,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    servo[9]=Proportion(SMP[9]+SD[9]*20,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    servo[11]=Proportion(SMP[11]+SD[11]*20,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    MovementIteration(servo, speed)
    servo[7]=Proportion(SMP[7]+SD[7]*Beta,-90,90,servo_min,servo_max)
    servo[9]=Proportion(SMP[9]+SD[9]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    servo[11]=Proportion(SMP[11]+SD[11]*Beta,-90,90,servo min,servo max)
    MovementIteration(servo, speed)
def PathCorrection(path,heigth,speed):
  global Gyro
  actualpath=Gyro
  if(abs(path-actualpath)>10):
    print("correcting: "+str(path-actualpath))
    print(actualpath)
    Turn((path-actualpath),heigth,speed)
#MANAGER
sensor=Adafruit_ADS1x15.ADS1x15.ADS1015()
sensor. init
sensor2=mpu6050.mpu6050(0x68)
sensor2.__init__
sensor2.set_gyro_range(0x08)
print(sensor2.read_gyro_range())
def Update():
  path=0
  while True:
    if(Walk(4,5.5,20,path)<0):
       print("obstacle")
       Walk(-4,5.5,20,path)
       direction=randint(0,1)
       if direction==0:
         direction=-1
       turnangle=direction*90
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print (turnangle)
       path+=turnangle
       Turn(-turnangle,5.5,20)
       PathCorrection(path, 5.5, 20)
def Calibration():
  total=0
  for i in range(2000):
    total+=sensor2.get_gyro_data()['z']
  offset=total/2000
  return offset
def GyroUpdate():
  global Gyro
  while(True):
    Gyro+=int((sensor2.get_gyro_data()['z']-offset)*0,004*2.5)
    time.sleep(0.004)
def IRcheck(heigth):
  expecteddistance=(heigth)/math.sin(math.radians(35))
  somma=0
  for i in range(50):
    somma+=float(sensor.read_adc(0))
  distance= 4080/(somma/50)
  if(distance>expecteddistance+3):
    return "hole"
  elif(distance<expecteddistance-3):
    return "wall"
  else:
    return "clear"
offset=Calibration()
P1=Thread(target=Update)
P2=Thread(target=GyroUpdate)
P1.start()
P2.start()
P1.join()
P2.join()
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