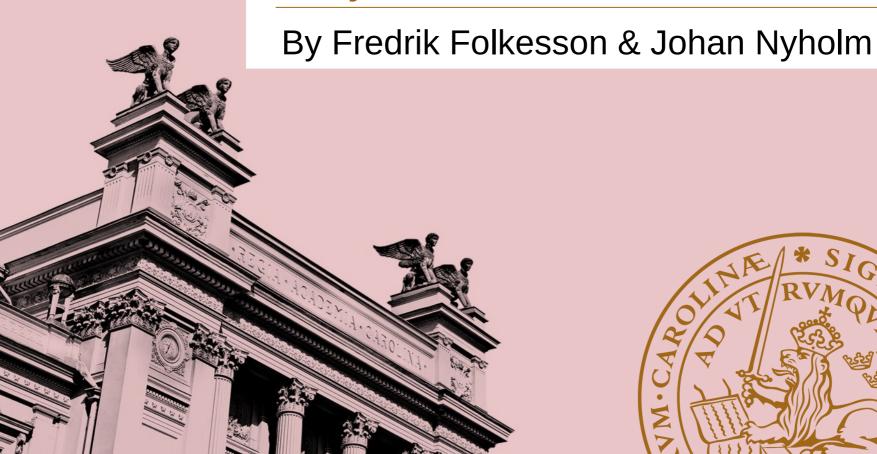


Project NAO





Plans and Goals

- *Initial Plan:* Let the NAO robot lean to recognize faces and greet people it recognizes.
- *Final Plan:* Let the NAO robot follow lines marked on the floor.
- *Additional:* Learn how to use the NAO robot python API, its restrictions and potential for serving as a platform for implementing algorithms.



The Process 1



- Coreographer, Python and C++.
- Read up on the NAO Pyhon API.
- Develop out first NAO Python scripts.
 - Say "Hello"
 - Let the robot walk forward



The Process 2



- Started researching how to do face detection and recognition.
- NAO already had finished face detection and recognition modules.
 - They were not optimal but we decided to try to follow a different path in out project.



New Project



- Decided on new project to let NAO find and follow a wall.
- Decided to use the NAO robots sonar to keep a constant distance to the wall.



Difficulties with NAO Sonar



- Used NAO Sonar to measure distances to a wall.
- Tried to use sonar readings to calculate how to navigate.
- Sonars on the left and right side often gave inconsistent and erroneous measurements.
- Difficulties with Sonar API, and inconsistency in documentation.
- Stereo vision?

Implemented navigation tools



- Created Python modules in order to control the robot.
- Navigation, posture.
- Built program to control the robot with keyboard.
- Tested the use of speech recognition control. (forward vs backward?)



NAO Image processing



- Follow a line marked on the floor instead of a wall.
- Use NAO Camera in order to take pictures.
- Found instructions and code for NAO line detection from Aldebaran.
- Tried to make rough implementation work.



NAO Line Follower



- Code and data flow analysis.
- Image processing understanding.
- Lighting issues, glossy floor created reflections.
- Tweeked constants in algorithm.
- SOLUTION 1: Change environement.
- SOLUTION 2: Better algorithm? (Hough transform)



NAO Line Follower Continuation



 Extended the program, making NAO try to find a new line when finished following the last line.



NAO Line Follower Final

(Video not included in mail)



