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Project's aim is to develop an embedded software for Zumo robot control. This documentation covers the theoretical and practical principles required during development. Necessary mathematical, physical and electronic concepts also presented.

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Abbreviation

AC Alternating current

DC Direct current

IR Infrared

NiMH Nickel-metal hydride

PID Proportional, Integral, Derivate (control)

PWM Pulse-width modulation



1 Introduction

Project's aim is to develop embedded software which controls the Zumo robot behavior, manage its hardware and perform given predefined tasks. No generic programming necessary, no ad-hoc behavior expected from the robot. Program change performed by reprogramming the firmware of the robot with a different program.

2 Background

This chapter gives insight and explanation to technical background.

2.1 Pulse Width Modulation

Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) is a modulation method used to encode information on a carrier signal. PWM is mainly used to empower electronic devices. As the modulated signal alternates between 0 and 1 the device gets an average power instead of continuous output. As a result the devices work in transition between OFF and ON states.

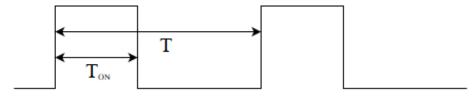


Figure 1: PWM cycle

Duty cycle means the length of ON state (T_{on} in figure) during a full cycle (T in figure). The cycle length or frequency can move on wide spectrum from 1 Hz (1 cycle / second) to 10-100 kHz. (See Appendix 2.)

In this project 1 cycle is exactly 2.56 ms long as 8 bit timer used. Therefore frequency

is approximately 390 Hz. 0 value means no movement, brakes are on during the whole cycle. [1]

2.2 Infra red sensor

Infrared light sensor operation.

2.3 Cypress CY8 modeling kit

Cypress CY8CKIT is an Arm Cortex M3 based inexpensive prototyping kit. It includes a programmer and debugger modul, making development easier. It is programmed through USB connection. Output terminal is provided on UART port emulated over the USB connection. Software development and device firmware write performed with PSoC Creator IDE software provided by Cypress, the kits manufacturer.[2]

2.4 Zumo robot

The Pololu Zumo is a small size (less than 10cm) tracked base robot platform. The motors and controller are replaceable allowing customized builds. It includes a steel plate, mounted at the front to protect electronics and to provide capability to push objects. Power source is 4 pieces of AA battery.[3]

2.4.1 Battery management

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2.4.2 Motor control

2.4.3 Line detection sensors

3 Realization

3.1 The embedded software

Flow charts

3.1.1 Software mechanics

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3.2 Timing

Gantt charts

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4 Conclusion

This chapter gives insight to technical background

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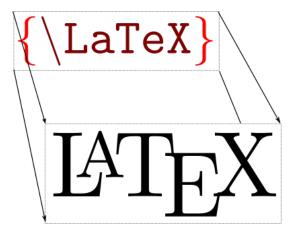


Figure 2: LATEX cover image (Copied from wikibooks.org (2012) [6]).

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- (2) Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.
- (3) Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children. [7, article 26]

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$$c_i = \text{ionin konsentratio}$$
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$$\log \gamma_{\pm} = -|z_{+} \cdot z_{-}| A \cdot I^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{4}$$

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2 <?php
3 $userName = $_POST["usern"];
4 //maybe not?
5 if ($userName){
6    ?>
7    <h2>Hello <?php echo $userName; ?>!</h2>
8    your message got received.
9    <?php
10 }
11 ?>
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1 Mathematics

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1.1 Appendix Section

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2 Physics

2.1 Frequency

Frequency means for periodical functions (e.g. signals) the number of periods completed in 1 second. Unit of frequency is Hertz (Hz). For example 1 period in 1 second is 1 Hz. 10 period in 1 second is 10 Hz.

2.2 Kinematics

2.3 Electricity

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2.4 Infrared light

Infrared light (IR) is 700nm to 1mm section of light spectrum. The wavelength of IR is longer than that visible by human eye. This invisibility gives IR light wide range of purpose.