Name: Chance Hamilton Support: Wall Following PID

1. CALCULATING SATURATION SPEED:

This function calculates the saturation speed of the robot's motors. It takes a velocity value as input and ensures that it doesn't exceed a maximum limit or fall below its negative counterpart. The function returns the saturated velocity.

Algorithm 1 Calculating Saturation Speed

```
1: function FORWARD_SATURATION(v)
2: max\_v \leftarrow robot's motor max velocity
3: if v \ge max\_v then
4: v \leftarrow max\_v
5: else if v \le -max\_v then
6: v \leftarrow -max\_v
7: end if
8: return v
9: end function
```

2. CALCULATING FORWARD SPEED USING PID:

This function computes the forward speed of the robot using a PID (Proportional-Integral-Derivative) control approach. It measures the distance to an object in front of the robot using lidar sensors, calculates an error relative to a desired distance to maintain, and adjusts the forward speed proportionally to this error. The result is the velocity to apply to the robot's motors.

Algorithm 2 Calculating Forward Speed Using PID

```
    function FORWARD_PID(D_maintain = 0.5, K_p = 5)
    fd ← Minimum lidar measurement in range of front measurements
    error ← fd − D_maintain
    return FORWARD_SATURATION(K_p · error)
    end function
```

3. CALCULATING MOTOR SPEEDS USING PID FOR WALL FOLLOWING:

This function implements a PID-based wall-following algorithm. It calculates the left and right motor velocities required for the robot to follow a wall, either on its right or left side. It considers factors like the minimum desired distance from the wall, the distance readings from lidar sensors, and adjusts the motor speeds accordingly to maintain the desired distance from the wall. The function provides the left and right motor velocities as output, allowing the robot to execute wall-following behavior effectively.

Algorithm 3 Calculating Motor Speeds Using PID for Wall Following

```
1: function wall_follow_PID(D\_min = 0.45, K\_p = 2, wall = 'R')
 2:
          V_{-}f \leftarrow \text{FORWARD\_PID}(robot, K_{-}p = 5)
 3:
          rd \leftarrow Minimum\ lidar\ measurement\ in\ range\ of\ right\ measurements
          ld \leftarrow Minimum\ lidar\ measurement\ in\ range\ of\ left\ measurements
 4:
          if wall = R' then
 5:
               error \leftarrow D\_min - rd
 6:
               if rd < D_min then
 7:
                    V_r \leftarrow \text{FORWARD\_SATURATION}(V_f)
 8:
                    V_l \leftarrow \text{forward\_saturation}(V_f - \text{abs}(K_p \cdot error))
 9:
               else if rd > D_min then
10:
                    V_r \leftarrow \text{forward\_saturation}(V_f - \text{abs}(K_p \cdot error))
11:
                    V_{-}l \leftarrow \text{FORWARD\_SATURATION}(V_{-}f)
12:
13:
               else if ld < .75 then
                    error \leftarrow 0.75 - ld
14:
15:
                    V_r \leftarrow \text{forward\_saturation}(V_f - \text{abs}(K_p \cdot error))
                    V_{-}l \leftarrow \text{FORWARD\_SATURATION}(0)
16:
17:
               else
                    V_{-}l \leftarrow V_{-}f
18:
                    V_{r} \leftarrow V_{f}
19:
20:
               end if
          else
21:
               error \leftarrow D\_min - ld
22:
               if ld < D_min then
23:
24:
                    V_r \leftarrow \text{FORWARD\_SATURATION}(V_f - \text{abs}(K_p \cdot error))
                    V_{-}l \leftarrow \text{FORWARD\_SATURATION}(V_{-}f)
25:
               else if ld > D_min then
26:
27:
                    V_r \leftarrow \text{FORWARD\_SATURATION}(V_f)
                    V_{-}l \leftarrow \text{forward\_saturation}(V_{-}f - \text{abs}(K_{-}p \cdot error))
28:
               else if rd < 0.75 then
29:
30:
                    error \leftarrow 0.75 - rd
                    V_r \leftarrow \text{FORWARD\_SATURATION}(0)
31:
                    V_{-}l \leftarrow \text{forward\_saturation}(V_{-}f - \text{abs}(K_{-}p \cdot error))
32:
               else
33:
                    V_{-}l \leftarrow V_{-}f
34:
                    V_r \leftarrow V_f
35:
               end if
36:
          end if
37:
38:
          return V_{-}l, V_{-}r
39: end function
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4. Main Loop:

This is the central control loop of the robot's behavior. It iteratively performs simulation steps as long as the Webots simulator doesn't stop the controller. Inside the loop, it implements wall-following behavior with PID control, adjusting the left and right motor velocities based on sensor readings. Additionally, it checks if the robot is too close to a wall in front and performs rotations to avoid collisions.

Algorithm 4 Main Loop

```
1: while robot.experiment_supervisor.step(robot.timestep) \neq -1 do
        V_l, V_r \leftarrow \text{wall\_follow\_PID}(robot, \text{wall} = \text{wall\_to\_follow})
 2:
 3:
        robot.leftMotor.setVelocity(V_l)
        robot.rightMotor.setVelocity(V_r)
 4:
 5:
        fd \leftarrow Minimum\ lidar\ range\ measurement\ in\ range\ of\ front\ measurements
        if fd < 0.25 and wall_to_follow =' R' then
 6:
 7:
            robot.rotate(-90)
        end if
 8:
 9:
        if fd < 0.25 and wall_to_follow =' L' then
10:
            robot.rotate(90)
        end if
11:
12: end while
```