

(i) the results of your htop testing in Section 2.

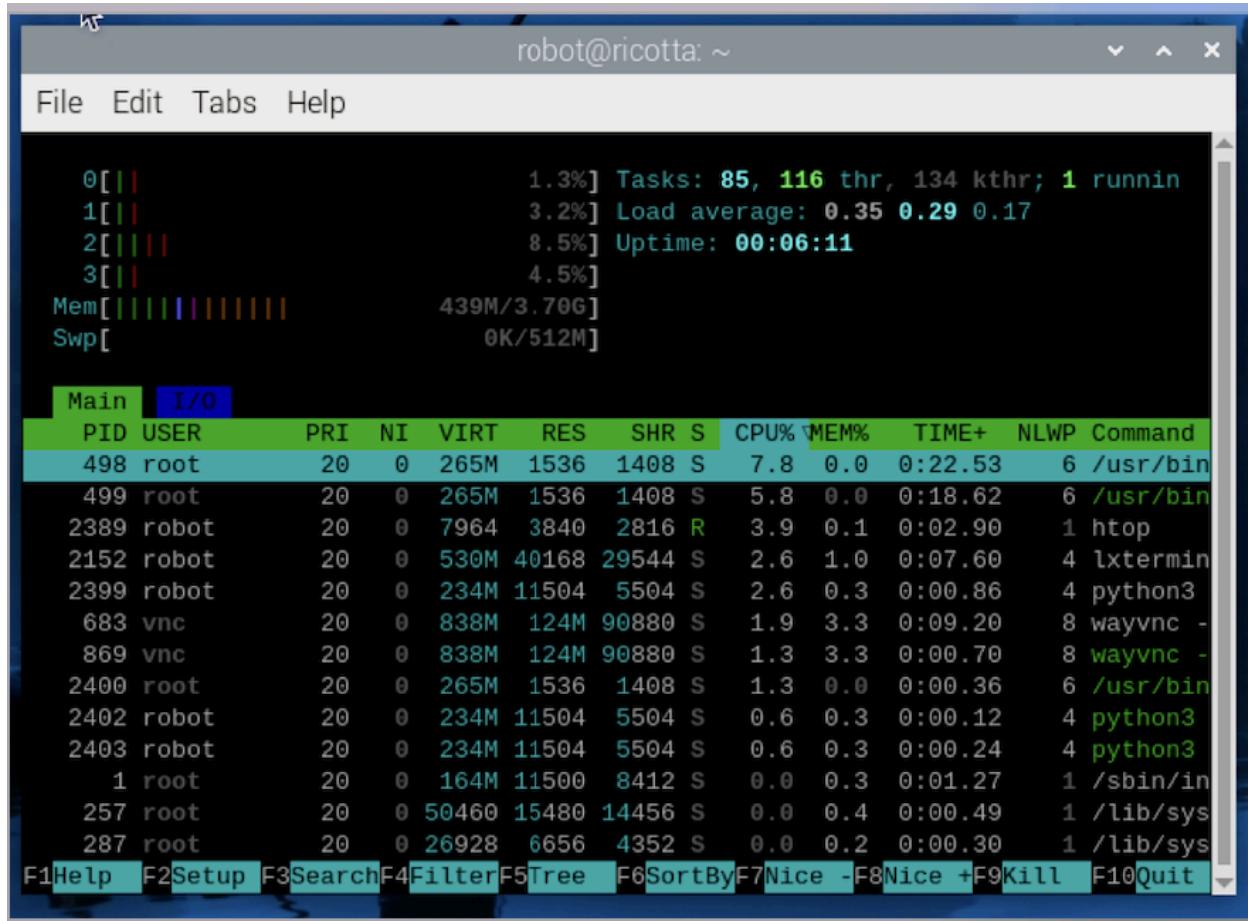
Testing using Wall-Following (pre threading):

[Main]	[I/O]	NLWP	PID	USER	PRI	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	CPU%vMEM%	TIME+	Command
2	8574	robot	20	0	92024	11372	5504	R	65.5	0.3	0:27.16	python3 HerdingAndWallFollowingBehavior.py	
6	496	root	20	0	265M	1664	1536	S	45.0	0.0	3:42.64	/usr/bin/pigpiod -l	
6	8575	root	20	0	265M	1664	1536	R	39.0	0.0	0:15.93	/usr/bin/pigpiod -l	
4	2212	robot	20	0	527M	27008	16896	R	31.7	0.7	0:51.32	lxterminal	
8	681	vnc	20	0	838M	54972	37908	S	13.9	1.4	0:40.18	wayvnc --render-cursor --detached --gpu --config /etc/wayvnc	
5	1642	robot	20	0	717M	53248	26112	S	9.3	1.4	0:32.73	/usr/bin/labwc -m	
6	500	root	20	0	265M	1664	1536	S	6.6	0.0	2:07.69	/usr/bin/pigpiod -l	
1	3691	robot	20	0	8728	4480	2816	R	4.0	0.1	0:28.15	htop	
8	862	vnc	20	0	838M	54972	37908	S	1.3	1.4	0:03.85	wayvnc --render-cursor --detached --gpu --config /etc/wayvnc	
8	863	vnc	20	0	838M	54972	37908	R	1.3	1.4	0:03.55	wayvnc --render-cursor --detached --gpu --config /etc/wayvnc	
8	864	vnc	20	0	838M	54972	37908	R	1.3	1.4	0:03.34	wayvnc --render-cursor --detached --gpu --config /etc/wayvnc	
13	3511	robot	20	0	4947M	44352	18432	R	1.3	1.1	0:09.74	/home/robot/.vscode-server/cli/servers/Stable-17baf841131aa2	
3	468	root	20	0	232M	5888	5504	S	0.7	0.2	0:00.24	/usr/libexec/accounts-daemon	
8	861	vnc	20	0	838M	54972	37908	S	0.7	1.4	0:03.48	wayvnc --render-cursor --detached --gpu --config /etc/wayvnc	
18	1516	robot	20	0	30.7G	148M	23808	S	0.7	3.9	0:19.45	/home/robot/.cursor-server/cli/servers/Stable-8ea935e79a50a0	
18	1523	robot	20	0	30.7G	148M	23808	S	0.7	3.9	0:00.16	/home/robot/.cursor-server/cli/servers/Stable-8ea935e79a50a0	
13	2811	robot	20	0	852M	43288	13812	S	0.7	1.1	0:09.36	/home/robot/.vscode-server/cli/servers/Stable-848b80aeb52026	
5	3318	robot	20	0	32528	5112	1024	S	0.7	0.1	0:03.54	/home/robot/.vscode-server/code-17baf841131aa23349f217ca7c57	
12	3500	robot	20	0	17.8G	555M	24704	S	0.7	14.7	0:42.56	/home/robot/.vscode-server/cli/servers/Stable-17baf841131aa2	
2	8577	robot	20	0	92024	11372	5504	S	0.7	0.3	0:00.27	python3 HerdingAndWallFollowingBehavior.py	
1	1	root	20	0	100M	8848	6340	S	0.0	0.2	0:01.38	/sbin/init splash	
1	256	root	20	0	50476	9716	8692	S	0.0	0.3	0:00.54	/lib/systemd/systemd-journald	
1	287	root	20	0	26928	6016	3840	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.28	/lib/systemd/systemd-udevd	
2	450	systemd-ti	20	0	90708	5504	4992	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.14	/lib/systemd/systemd-timesyncd	
2	464	systemd-ti	20	0	90708	5504	4992	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/lib/systemd/systemd-timesyncd	
1	470	avahi	20	0	7808	3072	2432	S	0.0	0.1	0:05.30	avahi-daemon: running [ricotta.local]	
1	471	root	20	0	13444	3328	3200	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.12	/usr/libexec/bluetooth/bluetoothd	
1	472	root	20	0	6692	2048	2048	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.01	/usr/sbin/cron -f	
1	473	messagebus	20	0	9884	4352	2944	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.12	/usr/bin/dbus-daemon --system --address=/systemd: --nofork --	
3	481	polkitd	20	0	303M	6200	5536	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.45	/usr/lib/polkit-1/polkitd --no-debug	
1	487	avahi	20	0	7180	1052	896	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	avahi-daemon: chroot helper	
1	489	root	20	0	33892	5112	4984	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.27	/lib/systemd/systemd-logind	

There are 2 threads running

PID	Command	CPU %	Threads
8574	HerdingAndWallFollo wingBehavior.py	65.5	2
496	pigpiod	15.0	4

Post Wall-following Thread:



(ii) your prediction and final results for Section 3.

Thread Name	Purpose	Predicted	Activity
MainThread	Robot control logic (wall-following or brain loop)	30-60%	Executes behavior loop (wall-following, driving decisions, map updates, turn, line-following,
TriggerThread	Ultra sound sensor triggering every 50ms	Low < 15%	Runs the trigger method periodically used for the ultrasound
UIThread	Takes user input, and updates mode flag	Low < 15 %	Waits on input()

Pigpio callbacks	Handles ultrasonic rise/fall and GPIO	Low < 15%	Background thread managed by pigpio daemon. Only active during echo return.
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Shared Data	Thread 1	Thread 2	How do you ensure thread-safety?
Self.distance	Pigpio callback threads on falling and rising of the ultrasound	Main behavior thread reads the sensor values	Each distance value is a simple atomic float?
Last_trigger_time	Trigger threads updates 50ms	Main behavior thread	Safe because its a single boolean variable and therefore atomic. We can avoid a deadlock
Mode for UI control	Read in wall following loop	Set by UI (input())	We can use threadlocking so safely share

(iii) a specification of your shared data in Section 5 and how the commands set the appropriate flags/modes to accomplish the commands.

Modes:

"manual" — user can input left, right, straight, goto, etc.

"goto" — follow the Dijkstra path to the goal.

"herding" — start herding behavior based on proximity sensors.

"Wall_following" – start wall following behavior

"Stop" – freeze the robot into place

"Resume" – resume from the frozen spots

"calibrate" - calibrates the magnetometers (we could either make this a mode or do this automatically)

(iv) a specification of your intersection class and brain logic, allowing for obstacles in Section 6.

As always, please submit the report and code (via GitHub) in Gradescope, linking teammates.

1. Integrating the Ultrasound Sensors

First, we'll incorporate the ProximitySensor class into my code so that we can detect obstacles in front of the robot. Initialize this sensor inside the main function of brain.py, just like we did for the line and angle sensors. Then we'll pass this sensor into the Behaviors class so it can be used inside high-level movement logic. If we don't already have a clean method for getting just the front-facing distance reading, we'll add one, probably called something like read_front().

2. Extending the Intersection Data Structure

Next, we'll modify the Intersection class in MapBuilding.py to track blocked streets. Right now it only stores the status of each of the 8 surrounding streets (like CONNECTED or UNKNOWN), but that doesn't account for whether a street is physically blocked. So we'll add a new list of 8 booleans, one per heading, where True means there's an obstacle preventing travel in that direction. This list will live alongside the streets list and give me a second layer of information for planning.

3. Creating a Blockage-Checking Behavior

Inside Behaviors.py, we'll write a new method to check if the street directly in front of the robot is blocked. It will just read the front ultrasound sensor and compare the distance to a threshold, probably around 50 to 70 cm. If the sensor detects something too close, we'll return True to signal that the path ahead is blocked. This will let the brain react to obstacles right after a movement.

4. Calling the Blockage Check After Every Movement

Whenever the robot finishes pulling forward into a new intersection, we'll call this `check_blockage()` method. If the method returns True, we'll record that in the current intersection's blocked list at the current heading. That way, every time the robot completes an action, it updates the map with whether the next direction is physically drivable or not. We'll do this in every if result == "intersection" block — both in manual exploration and in automatic mode.

5. Avoiding Blocked Streets During Exploration

To make sure the robot doesn't try to drive into a known blocked street, we'll update how I generate the list of directions to explore. Right now I look for directions that are UNKNOWN or UNEXPLORED, but now we'll also filter out any directions that are marked as blocked. That means in both the unknown and unexplored phases of exploration, the robot will skip over blocked directions and only consider safe, open paths.