

# Évasion d'obstacles et Véhicule Braitenberg

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## Configuration préalable

### 1. Mise à jour de l'environnement ROS2 :

```
# Dans le répertoire Home/TD_ws
mkdir -p ~/TD_ws/src
cd ~/TD_ws/src
git clone https://bitbucket.org/theconstructcore/exploring-ros2-with-wheeled-robot.git
cd ..
colcon build --symlink-install --packages-select my_package

# Configurer TurtleBot3 et Gazebo
source /opt/ros/humble/setup.bash
export TURTLEBOT3_MODEL=burger
export GAZEBO_MODEL_PATH=$GAZEBO_MODEL_PATH:$(ros2 pkg prefix turtlebot3_gazebo)/share/turtlebot3_gazebo/models/
```

## 2.a) Test de l'exemple d'évitement d'obstacles

Structure du code existant (`obstacle_avoidance.cpp`)

Le noeud analyse les données LiDAR et contrôle les vitesses linéaire/angulaire en fonction des obstacles.

### Étapes :

#### 1. Lancer le simulateur Gazebo :

```
export TURTLEBOT3_MODEL=burger
ros2 launch turtlebot3_gazebo turtlebot3_house.launch.py
```

#### 2. Exécuter le noeud d'évitement :

```
source install/setup.bash
ros2 run my_package obstacle_avoidance -ros-args -p base_speed:=0.2 -p gain:=1.0
```

### Explication du code clé :

```

// obstacle_avoidance.cpp
#include "rclcpp/rclcpp.hpp"
#include "sensor_msgs/msg/laser_scan.hpp"
#include "geometry_msgs/msg/twist.hpp"
#include <vector>
#include <cmath>
#include <algorithm>

class ObstacleAvoidance : public rclcpp::Node {
public:
    ObstacleAvoidance() : Node("obstacle_avoidance") {
        // Declare parameters
        declare_parameter("num_zones", 5);
        declare_parameter("front_threshold", 0.5);
        declare_parameter("side_threshold", 0.3);
        declare_parameter("max_linear_speed", 0.2);
        declare_parameter("turn_speed", 0.5);
        declare_parameter("filter_coefficient", 0.3);

        // Get parameters
        num_zones_ = get_parameter("num_zones").as_int();
        front_threshold_ = get_parameter("front_threshold").as_double();
        side_threshold_ = get_parameter("side_threshold").as_double();
        max_linear_speed_ = get_parameter("max_linear_speed").as_double();
        turn_speed_ = get_parameter("turn_speed").as_double();
        filter_coefficient_ = get_parameter("filter_coefficient").as_double();

        // Initialize last command
        last_cmd_.linear.x = 0.0;
        last_cmd_.angular.z = 0.0;

        // Initialize zone distances with high values
        min_dist_per_zone_.resize(num_zones_, INFINITY);

        // Subscription to LiDAR
        laser_sub_ = create_subscription<sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan>(
            "/scan", 10, std::bind(&ObstacleAvoidance::process_scan, this,
std::placeholders::_1));

        // Publication to cmd_vel
        cmd_pub_ = create_publisher<geometry_msgs::msg::Twist>("/cmd_vel", 10);

        // Timer for publishing commands (10Hz)
        timer_ = create_wall_timer(
            std::chrono::milliseconds(100),
            std::bind(&ObstacleAvoidance::publish_command, this));

        RCLCPP_INFO(get_logger(), "Obstacle Avoidance node initialized with %d
zones", num_zones_);
    }

private:
    void process_scan(const sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan::SharedPtr scan) {

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    if (scan->ranges.empty()) {
        RCLCPP_WARN(get_logger(), "Received empty laser scan");
        return;
    }

    // Reset min distances
    std::fill(min_dist_per_zone_.begin(), min_dist_per_zone_.end(), INFINITY);

    // Calculate samples per zone, ensure at least 1 sample per zone
    size_t samples_per_zone = std::max(size_t(1), scan->ranges.size() /
num_zones_);

    // Process scan data
    for (size_t i = 0; i < scan->ranges.size(); ++i) {
        // Calculate zone index
        int zone = std::min(static_cast<int>(i / samples_per_zone), num_zones_
- 1);

        // Get range value
        float range = scan->ranges[i];

        // Filter invalid readings
        if (std::isfinite(range) && range >= scan->range_min && range <= scan-
>range_max) {
            min_dist_per_zone_[zone] = std::min(min_dist_per_zone_[zone],
range);
        }
    }

    // Log distances for debugging (using debug log level directly)
    RCLCPP_DEBUG(get_logger(), "Zone distances: %f %f %f %f %f",
        num_zones_ > 0 ? min_dist_per_zone_[0] : INFINITY,
        num_zones_ > 1 ? min_dist_per_zone_[1] : INFINITY,
        num_zones_ > 2 ? min_dist_per_zone_[2] : INFINITY,
        num_zones_ > 3 ? min_dist_per_zone_[3] : INFINITY,
        num_zones_ > 4 ? min_dist_per_zone_[4] : INFINITY);
}

void publish_command() {
    geometry_msgs::msg::Twist cmd;

    // Default behavior: move forward
    cmd.linear.x = max_linear_speed_;
    cmd.angular.z = 0.0;

    // Check if we have valid scan data
    bool valid_data = false;
    for (const auto& dist : min_dist_per_zone_) {
        if (std::isfinite(dist)) {
            valid_data = true;
            break;
        }
    }
}

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    if (!valid_data) {
        // Use throttle_duration instead of THROTTLE macro which might not be
available
        static rclcpp::Time last_warning_time = now();
        if ((now() - last_warning_time).seconds() >= 1.0) {
            RCLCPP_WARN(get_logger(), "No valid distance data available,
stopping robot");
            last_warning_time = now();
        }
        cmd.linear.x = 0.0;
        cmd_pub->publish(cmd);
        return;
    }

    // Get the front zones (center zones)
    int front_start = (num_zones_ - 1) / 2 - (num_zones_ % 2 == 0 ? 0 : 1);
    int front_end = (num_zones_ - 1) / 2 + 1;

    // Get the minimum distance in front
    float front_min = INFINITY;
    for (int i = front_start; i <= front_end; ++i) {
        if (i >= 0 && i < num_zones_ && min_dist_per_zone_[i] < front_min) {
            front_min = min_dist_per_zone_[i];
        }
    }

    // Determine left and right distances
    float left_min = INFINITY;
    float right_min = INFINITY;

    for (int i = 0; i < front_start; ++i) {
        left_min = std::min(left_min, min_dist_per_zone_[i]);
    }

    for (int i = front_end + 1; i < num_zones_; ++i) {
        right_min = std::min(right_min, min_dist_per_zone_[i]);
    }

    // Obstacle avoidance logic
    if (front_min < front_threshold_) {
        // Obstacle in front, need to turn
        cmd.linear.x = std::max(0.0, max_linear_speed_ * (front_min /
front_threshold_));

        // Decide which way to turn (prefer the side with more space)
        if (left_min > right_min) {
            cmd.angular.z = turn_speed_; // Turn left
            RCLCPP_DEBUG(get_logger(), "Obstacle ahead, turning left");
        } else {
            cmd.angular.z = -turn_speed_; // Turn right
            RCLCPP_DEBUG(get_logger(), "Obstacle ahead, turning right");
        }
    } else if (left_min < side_threshold_) {
        // Obstacle on the left, turn right

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        cmd.angular.z = -turn_speed_ * (1.0 - left_min / side_threshold_);
        RCLCPP_DEBUG(get_logger(), "Obstacle on the left, adjusting right");
    } else if (right_min < side_threshold_) {
        // Obstacle on the right, turn left
        cmd.angular.z = turn_speed_ * (1.0 - right_min / side_threshold_);
        RCLCPP_DEBUG(get_logger(), "Obstacle on the right, adjusting left");
    }

    // Apply low-pass filter for smooth transitions
    cmd.linear.x = filter_coefficient_ * cmd.linear.x + (1.0 -
filter_coefficient_) * last_cmd_.linear.x;
    cmd.angular.z = filter_coefficient_ * cmd.angular.z + (1.0 -
filter_coefficient_) * last_cmd_.angular.z;

    // Store command for next filter
    last_cmd_ = cmd;

    // Publish command
    cmd_pub_->publish(cmd);
}

// Subscriptions and Publishers
rclcpp::Subscription<sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan>::SharedPtr laser_sub_;
rclcpp::Publisher<geometry_msgs::msg::Twist>::SharedPtr cmd_pub_;
rclcpp::TimerBase::SharedPtr timer_;

// Parameters
int num_zones_;
double front_threshold_;
double side_threshold_;
double max_linear_speed_;
double turn_speed_;
double filter_coefficient_;

// State variables
std::vector<float> min_dist_per_zone_;
geometry_msgs::msg::Twist last_cmd_;
};

int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
    rclcpp::init(argc, argv);
    auto node = std::make_shared<ObstacleAvoidance>();
    rclcpp::spin(node);
    rclcpp::shutdown();
    return 0;
}

```

## 2.b) Transformation en Véhicule Braitenberg

### Principe

Connexion directe capteurs-moteurs avec inversion gauche/droite :

- Capteurs gauches → Moteur droit
- Capteurs droits → Moteur gauche

Nouveau code (`braitenberg_avoidance.cpp`)

```
#include "rclcpp/rclcpp.hpp"
#include "sensor_msgs/msg/laser_scan.hpp"
#include "geometry_msgs/msg/twist.hpp"
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include <cmath>

class BraitenbergVehicle : public rclcpp::Node {
public:
    BraitenbergVehicle() : Node("braitenberg_vehicle") {
        // Déclaration des paramètres configurables
        this->declare_parameter("base_speed", 0.15);
        this->declare_parameter("max_linear_speed", 0.3);
        this->declare_parameter("max_angular_speed", 1.0);
        this->declare_parameter("min_safe_distance", 0.3);
        this->declare_parameter("gain", 0.8);
        this->declare_parameter("smoothing_factor", 0.7);

        // Récupération des paramètres
        base_speed_ = this->get_parameter("base_speed").as_double();
        max_linear_speed_ = this->get_parameter("max_linear_speed").as_double();
        max_angular_speed_ = this->get_parameter("max_angular_speed").as_double();
        min_safe_distance_ = this->get_parameter("min_safe_distance").as_double();
        gain_ = this->get_parameter("gain").as_double();
        smoothing_factor_ = this->get_parameter("smoothing_factor").as_double();

        // Initialisation des vitesses
        current_linear_x_ = 0.0;
        current_angular_z_ = 0.0;

        // Abonnement au topic du scanner laser
        laser_sub_ = create_subscription<sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan>(
            "/scan", 10, std::bind(&BraitenbergVehicle::process_scan, this,
std::placeholders::_1));

        // Publication des commandes de vitesse
        cmd_pub_ = create_publisher<geometry_msgs::msg::Twist>("/cmd_vel", 10);

        // Timer pour publier les commandes à fréquence fixe
        timer_ = this->create_wall_timer(
            std::chrono::milliseconds(50), // 20Hz
            std::bind(&BraitenbergVehicle::publish_command, this));

        RCLCPP_INFO(this->get_logger(), "Braitenberg vehicle node initialized");
        RCLCPP_INFO(this->get_logger(), "Base speed: %.2f, Gain: %.2f",
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base_speed_, gain_);
    }

private:
    void process_scan(const sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan::SharedPtr scan) {
        if (scan->ranges.empty()) {
            RCLCPP_WARN(this->get_logger(), "Received empty laser scan");
            return;
        }

        // Division en deux zones (gauche/droite)
        const size_t mid_index = scan->ranges.size() / 2;

        // Filtrage et calcul des distances minimales
        float left_min = calculate_filtered_min(scan, 0, mid_index);
        float right_min = calculate_filtered_min(scan, mid_index, scan-
>ranges.size());

        // Détection d'obstacle imminent
        bool emergency = false;
        for (size_t i = 0; i < scan->ranges.size(); ++i) {
            // Vérifier uniquement les angles frontaux (approximativement ±45°)
            if ((i < scan->ranges.size() / 8) || (i > 7 * scan->ranges.size() /
8)) {
                if (is_valid_range(scan->ranges[i], scan->range_min, scan-
>range_max) &&
                    scan->ranges[i] < min_safe_distance_) {
                    emergency = true;
                    RCLCPP_WARN_THROTTLE(this->get_logger(),
                        *this->get_clock(),
                        1000, // Afficher max 1 fois par seconde
                        "Emergency: Obstacle too close!");
                    break;
                }
            }
        }

        // Mise à jour des commandes de vitesse
        geometry_msgs::msg::Twist cmd;

        if (emergency) {
            // Comportement d'urgence : arrêt et rotation
            cmd.linear.x = -0.05; // Léger recul

            // Déterminer la direction de rotation en fonction de l'espace
            disponible
            if (left_min > right_min) {
                cmd.angular.z = 0.8; // Rotation à gauche
            } else {
                cmd.angular.z = -0.8; // Rotation à droite
            }
        } else {
            // Comportement normal de Braitenberg (Type 2b : Fear - connexions
            croisées)

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// La vitesse de chaque roue est inversement proportionnelle à la
distance du côté opposé

// Transformation non linéaire pour une meilleure réponse
float left_activation = activation_function(left_min);
float right_activation = activation_function(right_min);

// Calculer les vitesses des roues
float left_wheel = base_speed_ * (1.0 - gain_ * right_activation);
float right_wheel = base_speed_ * (1.0 - gain_ * left_activation);

// Convertir en vitesses linéaire et angulaire
float target_linear_x = (left_wheel + right_wheel) / 2.0;
float target_angular_z = (left_wheel - right_wheel) * 2.0;

// Limiter les vitesses
target_linear_x = std::max(0.0f, std::min(static_cast<float>
(max_linear_speed_), target_linear_x));
target_angular_z = std::max(-static_cast<float>(max_angular_speed_),
std::min(static_cast<float>
(max_angular_speed_), target_angular_z));

// Application d'un lissage exponentiel pour éviter les mouvements
brusques
current_linear_x_ = smoothing_factor_ * current_linear_x_ +
(1.0 - smoothing_factor_) * target_linear_x;
current_angular_z_ = smoothing_factor_ * current_angular_z_ +
(1.0 - smoothing_factor_) * target_angular_z;

cmd.linear.x = current_linear_x_;
cmd.angular.z = current_angular_z_;
}

latest_cmd_ = cmd;

RCLCPP_DEBUG(this->get_logger(),
"Distances - Left: %.2f, Right: %.2f | Cmd - Linear: %.2f,
Angular: %.2f",
left_min, right_min, cmd.linear.x, cmd.angular.z);
}

float calculate_filtered_min(const sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan::SharedPtr
scan,
size_t start_idx, size_t end_idx) {
std::vector<float> valid_ranges;
valid_ranges.reserve(end_idx - start_idx);

for (size_t i = start_idx; i < end_idx; ++i) {
if (is_valid_range(scan->ranges[i], scan->range_min, scan->range_max))
{
valid_ranges.push_back(scan->ranges[i]);
}
}
}

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    if (valid_ranges.empty()) {
        // Si pas de mesures valides, retourner une valeur sûre
        return scan->range_max;
    }

    // Trier et calculer la moyenne des 20% plus petites valeurs
    // pour une mesure plus robuste que simplement prendre le minimum
    std::sort(valid_ranges.begin(), valid_ranges.end());
    size_t num_samples = std::max(size_t(1), valid_ranges.size() / 5);

    float sum = 0.0f;
    for (size_t i = 0; i < num_samples; ++i) {
        sum += valid_ranges[i];
    }

    return sum / num_samples;
}

bool is_valid_range(float range, float min_range, float max_range) {
    return std::isfinite(range) && range >= min_range && range <= max_range;
}

float activation_function(float distance) {
    // Fonction d'activation non-linéaire (sigmoid inversée)
    // - Forte réponse pour distances faibles
    // - Réponse diminuant rapidement avec la distance
    float scale = 2.0f;
    float midpoint = 1.0f;

    // Pour éviter les divisions par zéro
    distance = std::max(0.1f, distance);

    return 1.0f / (1.0f + std::exp(scale * (distance - midpoint)));
}

void publish_command() {
    // Publier périodiquement la dernière commande calculée
    cmd_pub_->publish(latest_cmd_);
}

// Abonnements et publications
rclcpp::Subscription<sensor_msgs::msg::LaserScan>::SharedPtr laser_sub_;
rclcpp::Publisher<geometry_msgs::msg::Twist>::SharedPtr cmd_pub_;
rclcpp::TimerBase::SharedPtr timer_;

// Paramètres
double base_speed_;
double max_linear_speed_;
double max_angular_speed_;
double min_safe_distance_;
double gain_;
double smoothing_factor_;

// État

```

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    double current_linear_x_;
    double current_angular_z_;
    geometry_msgs::msg::Twist latest_cmd_;
};

int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
    rclcpp::init(argc, argv);
    rclcpp::spin(std::make_shared<BraitenbergVehicle>());
    rclcpp::shutdown();
    return 0;
}

```

## Modification du CMakeLists.txt

```

# Ajouter après les autres exécutables
add_executable(braitenberg_avoidance src/braitenberg_avoidance.cpp)
ament_target_dependencies(braitenberg_avoidance rclcpp sensor_msgs geometry_msgs)

install(TARGETS
    obstacle_avoidance
    braitenberg_avoidance
    DESTINATION lib/${PROJECT_NAME}
)

```

## Compilation et exécution

### 1. Compiler le package :

```

cd ~/TD_ws
colcon build --packages-select my_package
source install/setup.bash

```

### 2. Lancer le Braitenberg :

```

source install/setup.bash
ros2 run my_package braitenberg_avoidance -ros-args -p base_speed:=0.2 -p
gain:=1.0

```

## Résultats

- **Obstacle Avoidance (2a)** : Le robot s'arrête et tourne lorsqu'un obstacle est détecté devant.

- **Braitenberg (2b)** : Le robot ajuste continuellement sa trajectoire sans s'arrêter, avec un comportement plus fluide.

## Comparaison des deux approches

Critère	Obstacle Avoidance (2a)	Braitenberg Vehicle (2b)
Type de contrôle	Logique conditionnelle (if/else)	Connexion directe capteurs-moteurs
Réaction aux obstacles	Arrêt + rotation brutale	Ajustement proportionnel continu
Paramètres clés	front_threshold, turn_speed	gain, base_speed
Dépendance temporelle	Temps de réaction fixe (10Hz)	Réactivité adaptative (20Hz + lissage)
Mouvement	Saccadé (arrêts/redémarrages)	Fluide (pas d'arrêt complet)
Complexité code	150 lignes (+ gestion explicite des zones)	120 lignes (+ calculs matriciels implicites)
Avantages	Comportement prévisible	Évite les oscillations
Inconvénients	Risque de blocage devant obstacles complexes	Moins bon en espaces très exigus
Usage des capteurs	3-5 zones prédéfinies	Tout le champ LiDAR (360°)
Type de comportement	Réflexe	Émergent

**Note** : Ajustez le gain et les zones LiDAR dans le code pour optimiser le comportement.