

Development of Wireless Charging Robot

Advisor: Hooman Samani

Member: Chi-Wei Chen, Yi-Shiun Wu

Abstract. The aim of this project is to develop a robotic system which can navigate in an indoor environment and charge several electrical devices. Several algorithms such as Genetic Algorithm for Traveling Salesman Problem, Probabilistic Roadmap and Fuzzy C-means Clustering are used for development of such a system. The testbed is constructed by Arduino Uno, Arduino Wi-Fi Shield, Go-between Shield by Mayhew Lab and Polulu Zumo robot for Arduino Ver.1.2. All the algorithms are coded in MathWorks MATLAB and Simulink. The core of the wireless charging robot is to optimize the best performance for single robot to charge multiple devices. Owing to the computation restriction of the mobile robot, the calculation will be done on remote server and communicate with the robot through Wi-Fi connection. By this, the computation load on mobile robot can be reduced as well as improving the efficiency. A real-time feedback system is also built to promote accuracy in actual environment. After the development of improved stability and flexibility, the robot can be brought to real life as an interactive and collaborative robotic system.

System Description

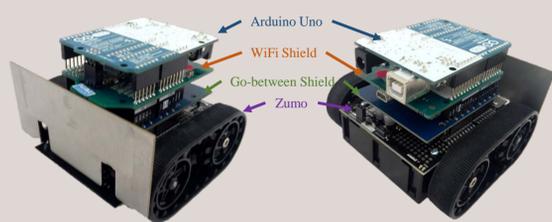


Fig. 1. Inside view of the robot (without power bank and Qi transmitter)

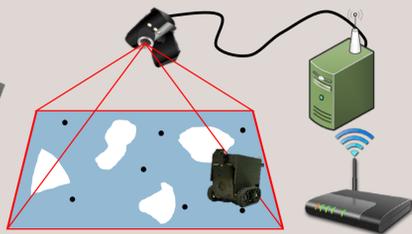


Fig. 2. Experimental environment

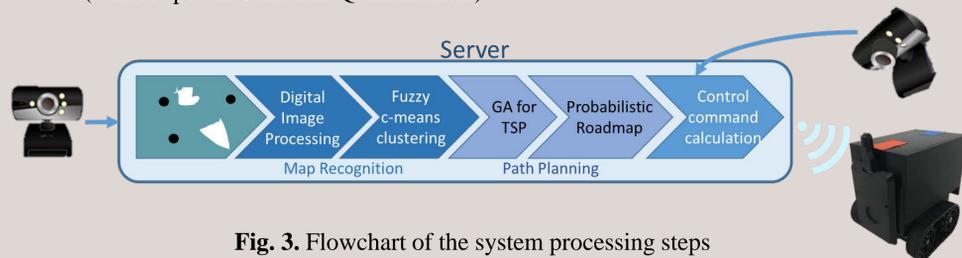


Fig. 3. Flowchart of the system processing steps

Robot Design

1st Generation



2nd Generation



3rd Generation



Fig. 4. Prototype evolution

Digital Image Processing



Fig. 5. Flowchart of digital image processing

Obtain goal center—Fuzzy c-means clustering

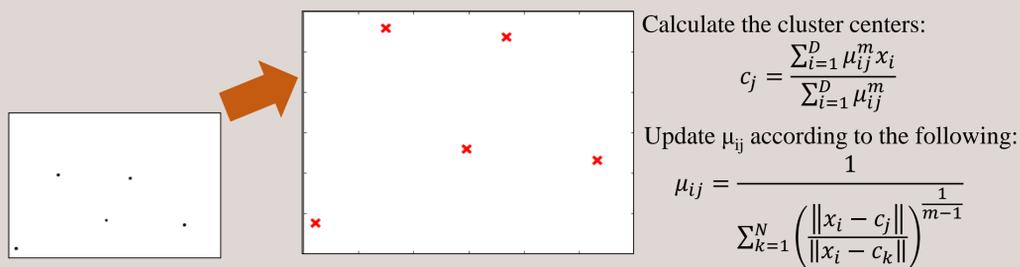
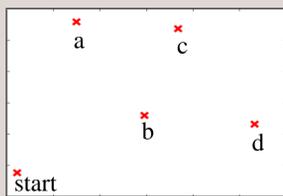


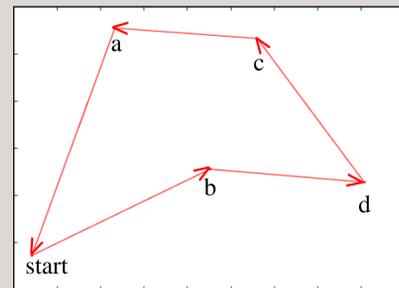
Fig. 6. Centers calculate by fuzzy c-means clustering

Sequence decision—GA for TSP

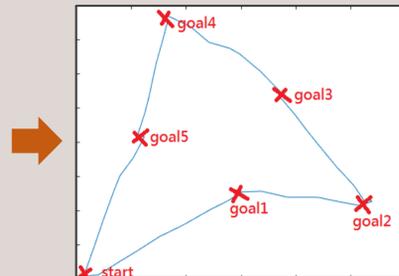
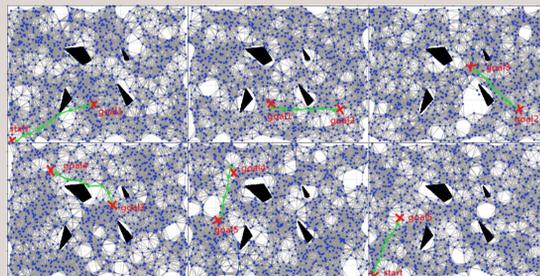


Solve $\arg \min_x f(x)$, where x is the path. $f(x)$ is the distance of path x .

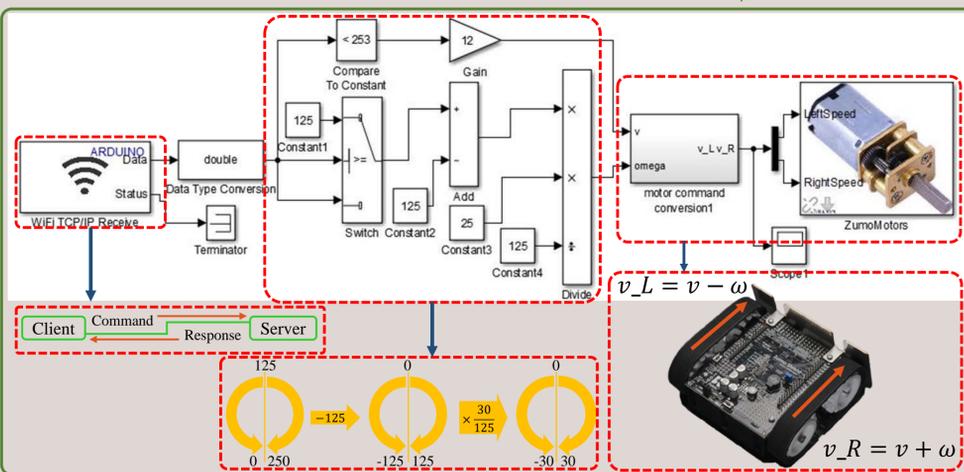
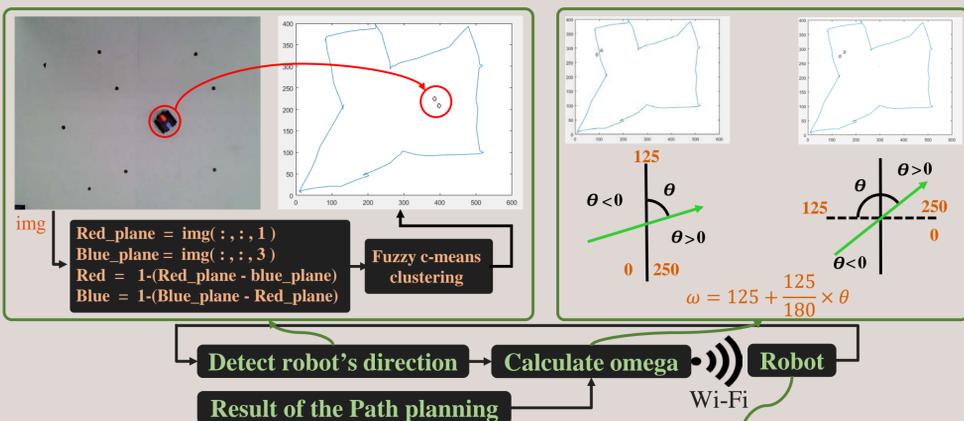
Sequence: start \rightarrow b \rightarrow d \rightarrow c \rightarrow a \rightarrow start



Route decision—Probabilistic Roadmap



Robot Control



Achievements

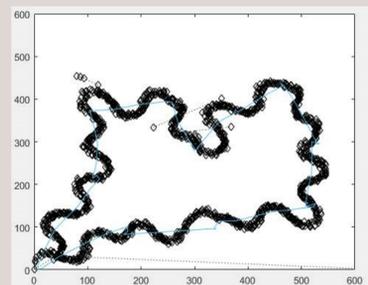


Fig. 7. Wireless charging robot performance in an indoor environment

Future works

To improve the charging performance, we are planning to extend our system to multiple robots. Furthermore, the localization system will be modified or changed to fit the environment which is similar to the reality. We believe that after modification, the wireless charging robot can be widely use in our smart society.

Publication

-Yi-Shiun Wu, Chi-Wei Chen, Hooman Samani, *Development of Wireless Charging Robot for Indoor Environment based on Probabilistic Roadmap*, International Conference on Interactive Collaborative Robotics, Budapest, Hungary, August 24-26, 2016. To be published in Springer LNCS.

