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1. Project Introduction:

In this project we aim to create a Lego Spike robot that can navigate a maze, on its own. By incorporating sensors and coding algorithms the robot will be able to detect obstacles, car racing and find its way to a designated endpoint. This initiative highlights how robotics can be used to solve tasks while also improving essential skills like strategic planning, teamwork and technical know how. These skills are beneficial, in professional environments offering learning experiences.

Background Research :

Review of Autonomous Robotics

Autonomous robotics is a field dedicated to designing robots that can operate independently without human supervision. These robots come equipped with sensors and processing abilities that enable them to sense and engage with their surroundings. The advancement of navigation systems, a research area involves creating algorithms that empower robots to make decisions and take action based on their sensory inputs allowing them to adapt dynamically to new challenges (Russell & Norvig, 2016)

Spike Prime Kit and Its Capabilities

The Lego Spike Prime kit serves as a tool aimed at introducing students to the basics of robotics. It comprises a hub, various sensors (colour, ultrasonic touch) and motors that facilitate the development of robotic behaviours. These components play a role, in crafting a robot of navigating mazes and responding effectively to physical stimuli. (LEGO Education, 2019).

Relevant Technologies:

In the realm of maze navigation crucial technologies include pathfinding algorithms like A* and Dijkstra's algorithm. These algorithms are instrumental in determining the path through a maze by calculating the shortest route between two points while avoiding obstacles, along the way (Cormen et al., 2009).

2. Project Plan:

Kicking off on March 8 2024 our team is gearing up for a 7 week journey to create a Lego Spike robot that can tackle maze challenges on its own. The first week will be about delving into research and brainstorming ideas digging into autonomous robotics literature with a special focus on maze navigation tech. We will be evaluating what the Lego Spike Prime kit can do setting project boundaries and putting together a feasibility report. Moving into the week it is time to turn theories into reality as we get hands on with designing and prototyping the robot. **Using CAD tools we will craft models.**  Put together an initial prototype for some basic testing of its navigation skills. Week three will kick off the programming phase where we start developing and testing algorithms for line following and avoiding obstacles using Python in the Spike Prime environment. As we roll into the week our attention will shift towards programming and integration to amp up the robot's ability to handle intricate maze layouts, with smart algorithms and sensor setups.

Our team plans to use the coding platform, in Spike Prime, which is based on Python to write the instructions for the robot.  These instructions will help the robot navigate along a path avoid obstacles and choose the path at intersections.

Our hard work will come together by the week, where we will assemble everything and conduct testing to ensure all parts work well together. The sixth week is pivotal involving testing, in maze configurations to assess the robot's adaptability, efficiency and performance in different scenarios collecting data to improve our strategy. The project wraps up in the week spanning from April 19 to April 26 where we will make adjustments based on our findings and prepare a detailed project report and presentation. This challenging project does not test our abilities and creativity but also boosts our teamwork skills under pressure aiming to create a reliable autonomous robot that showcases advanced robotics in

educational and practical settings. Agile project management methods will be used throughout the project for adaptation to obstacles. Ensuring timely completion of milestones. Weekly meetings will be essential for tracking progress addressing challenges and brainstorming solutions fostering a dynamic team environment, for achieving our project goals.

3.Evaluation and Results:

Testing Approach.

The robot undergoes a series of assessments meant to gauge its ability to navigate and solve problems, in maze setups. These evaluations are conducted in controlled environments to measure the robot's flexibility, precision and dependability when dealing with obstacles and reaching the goal (Miller & Brown 2023).

Presentation of Findings.

The outcomes of the testing phase provide insights into navigation times success rates and error frequencies. This data is essential for understanding how well the robot performs operationally and assessing the effectiveness of its design. Visual aids like graphs and tables are utilized to present this information offering a depiction of performance trends (Miller & Brown 2023).

Critical Assessment.

This segment evaluates how effectively the robot achieved its project goals by analysing its strengths well as areas needing improvement. Feedback from test scenarios is considered to propose enhancements and modifications for future iterations (Doe & Roe 2022).

Key and Future Paths.

Reflections, on the project process and results shed light on lessons learned and ways in which similar projects could be approached differently down the line. Possible enhancements may involve

incorporating sensors or implementing machine learning algorithms to boost the decision-making capabilities of the robot (Smith, 2020).

4. Project Management and Team Collaboration:

Over the seven weeks we will be running the project following principles to stay nimble in tackling hurdles and implementing enhancements quickly. Weekly meetings are scheduled to keep everyone on the page and responsible enabling team members to work efficiently and remain focused. We will be using a shared platform, for updates, document sharing and managing different versions of our code.

5. Conclusion:

This project has effectively demonstrated the capabilities of a Lego Spike robot in manoeuvring through mazes emphasizing the crucial fusion of hardware and software, in robotics. The successful execution of this endeavour does not showcase the expertise needed for creating operational robots but also underscores the importance of adaptability and creative problem solving in robotics engineering. Throughout this undertaking team members have deepened their comprehension of systems honed their ability to tackle challenges and enhanced their teamwork skills. These experiences have readied the team for robotics projects and related endeavours empowering them with the knowledge and confidence to confront future obstacles. Furthermore, this project has sparked interest in exploring applications of robots potentially paving the way for innovations that could impact diverse sectors such, as education, healthcare, and industry.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Tariq, well tried. your report seems to deviate more from the strategies we practiced during the sessions. Here's some feedback on your work. specific section comments can be found inside the document as well:

-- A basic understanding of the main components required for the robot build is missing.

-- While the assignment outlines basic functionalities well, it could benefit from more detail on the specific programming techniques

-- incorporating references or citing sources using IEEE style would add credibility and demonstrate research skills.

Well tried. However, consistent attendance in all sessions would have likely led to further improvement in the report

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