

LOW, COST HUMAN FOLLOWING ROBOT WITH VOICE COMMAND

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ABSTRACT

In this high technology, A robot must be able to detect and follow humans. A robot that can detect and follow human or obstacle within a specific range is called 'Human Following Robot'. The robot needs a mechanism which can make decision for it to take actions accordingly so that the task can be performed correctly.

The involved mechanism is sensor that can detect obstacles or object around the robot itself. The emergence of robot has sparked significant interest in various fields, particularly in the domain of human following robot, human following robot which aims to autonomously track and designated human target in various environment.

This abstract outlines the design and implementation of such a robot, focusing on its key components and functionalities. The effectiveness of human following robot is evaluated through extensive real world testing in diverse scenarios, including indoor and outdoor environment with obstacles and crowds. Performance metrics such as tracking accuracy, response time, and obstacle avoidance capability are analysed to assess the robot reliability and efficiency.

The result demonstrate the feasibility and potential of autonomous human following robot in various application, including assistance for elderly, retail shopping, and public guidance systems.

Keywords - Arduino, ultrasonic sensor, infrared sensor, visual imaging, image tag, TT gear motor, Raspberry pi, Image processing, Bluetooth module.

1. INTRODUCTION

Robotics is a multidisciplinary field at intersection of engineering, computer science, and artificial intelligence that deals with the design, construction, operation, and use of robots. A robot is a programmable machine capable of carrying out complex tasks autonomously or under control. The field of robotics encompasses a wide range of applications, from industrial automation and manufacturing to exploration, and beyond. In an ever-evolving technological landscape, the concept of human-following robots stands at the forefront of innovation, blurring the lines between science fiction and reality.

These robots represent a significant milestone in robotics, epitomizing the fusion of advanced sensors, artificial intelligence, and autonomous navigation. Imagine a world where a robot can seamlessly track and follow a designated human target, navigating through bustling crowds or complex environments with precision and grace. Such robots have the potential to revolutionize various industries and applications, from healthcare and retail to entertainment and security.

At its core, the development of human-following robots embodies the fundamental principles of robotics: to create intelligent machines capable of interacting with and adapting to their surroundings. By integrating sophisticated sensors, such as cameras and depth sensors, with powerful processing units and algorithms, engineers have unlocked new possibilities in human-robot interaction.

The journey towards creating effective human-following robots has been marked by continuous innovation and collaboration across disciplines. From early experiments in computer vision and motion planning to the deployment of real-world prototypes, researchers and engineers have pushed the boundaries of what is possible in robotics.

In this introduction, we delve into the fascinating world of human-following robots, exploring their underlying technologies, potential applications, and impact on society. Imagine strolling through a crowded city street, accompanied by a robot companion faithfully trailing your every step, seamlessly navigating through bustling crowds and urban obstacles. Such scenarios, once relegated to the realms of science fiction, have now become tangible realities, thanks to the relentless innovation in robotics.

At its core, the development of human-following robots embodies the fundamental principles of robotics—creating intelligent machines capable of perceiving, reasoning, and acting in dynamic environments. By harnessing advanced technologies such as computer vision, machine learning, and motion planning, engineers have unlocked the potential to create robots that not only interact with humans but also adapt to their surroundings with precision and agility.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Design and Implementation of a "Low cost Human following robot with voice command" This paper presents the design and implementation of a human-following robot using Raspberry Pi as the main controller. It discusses the integration of sensors such as ultrasonic sensors and a camera for human detection and tracking. The study evaluates the performance of the robot in various environments and proposes improvements for future work. Real-time Human Detection and Following Robot Using Raspberry Pi. This research presents a real-time human detection and following robot system based on Raspberry Pi. It utilizes a combination of ultrasonic sensors and a camera module for human detection and tracking. The study evaluates the effectiveness of different algorithms for object detection and proposes a novel approach for improving tracking accuracy. Vision-based Human Following Robot Using Raspberry Pi and OpenCV. This project focuses on developing a vision-based human- following robot using Raspberry Pi and OpenCV (Open Source Computer Vision Library). It explores the implementation of algorithms for object detection and tracking using the Raspberry Pi camera module. Human-following Robot with Raspberry Pi and Arduino Integration. This paper describes the integration of Raspberry Pi and Arduino platforms to develop a human-following robot capable of autonomous navigation.

It discusses the communication protocol between the two platforms and the role of each in the overall system. The study evaluates the performance of the robot in following a human subject in different scenarios. It allows the robot to be remotely controlled via a smartphone application, in addition to its autonomous following behavior. The study discusses the implementation of the control interface and its impact on the overall performance of the robot.

These literature examples provide insights into various approaches, technologies, and challenges in developing human-following robots using Raspberry Pi. They highlight the integration of sensors, computer vision algorithms, and communication interfaces to achieve autonomous and interactive behavior. Further research in this area can focus on improving tracking accuracy, robustness in different environments, and enhancing user interaction features. Human-following robots have garnered significant interest in both academic research and practical applications due to their potential in various fields such as surveillance, assistance, and entertainment. The utilization of Raspberry Pi as a controller offers a cost-effective and versatile platform for developing such robots. This literature review examines the existing research and projects related to human-following robots utilizing Raspberry Pi, focusing on methodologies, challenges, and advancements.

The research integrates sensors like ultrasonic sensors and a camera for human detection and tracking. By combining hardware components with Raspberry Pi's computational capabilities, the robot achieves real-time tracking performance. The study evaluates the system's effectiveness in various environments, identifying challenges such as occlusions and varying lighting conditions. Recommendations for enhancing robustness and accuracy are provided for future iterations.

3. METHODOLOGY

Creating a human-following robot involves a multifaceted approach that combines hardware integration, sensor data processing, decision-making algorithms, and motion control. In this detailed methodology, we delve into

Each step, providing insights into the underlying concepts and techniques required to develop a fully functional human-following robot.

1. Sensor Integration

- Begin by integrating sensors such as a camera for visual input and ultrasonic or infrared sensors for proximity detection.
- Calibrate sensors to ensure accurate readings and minimize errors, adjusting parameters such as focal length, field of view, and sensor thresholds.

2. Computer Vision for Human Detection.

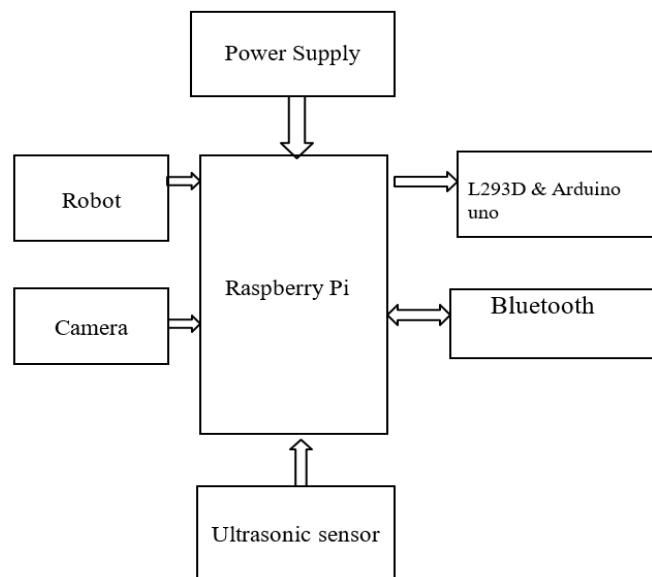
- Utilize computer vision algorithms, to detect human presence in visual data.
- Preprocess images to enhance features relevant to human detection, such as edge detection, color segmentation, or feature extraction.

3. Tracking.

- Implement tracking algorithms, such as particle filters, to estimate the trajectory of detected humans.
- Develop predictive models to anticipate human movement and adjust the robot's path in real-time, minimizing tracking errors and improving responsiveness.

4. Decision-Making Framework.
 - Design a decision-making framework to analyze sensor data and make informed navigation decisions.
 - Incorporate logic for obstacle avoidance, path planning, and maintaining a safe distance from the human subject while optimizing for efficiency and agility.
5. Motion Control.
 - Develop kinematic models to translate navigation commands into motor control signals, accounting for the robot's physical constraints and dynamics.
 - Implement motion control algorithms, such as PID controllers or trajectory planning methods, to regulate velocity, acceleration, and steering.
6. Human-Robot Interaction and Interface.
 - Design an intuitive user interface for initiating and controlling the robot's behavior, incorporating modalities such as voice commands, gestures, or smartphone applications.
 - Enable interactive features that allow users to adjust tracking parameters, provide feedback, and intervene when necessary.
7. Testing, Validation, and Optimization.
 - Conduct rigorous testing in diverse environments to evaluate the robot's performance under varying conditions.
 - Optimize system parameters, algorithmic implementations, and hardware configurations based on testing results and user feedback.

Block diagram of human following robot



4. CONCLUSION

The development and implementation of human-following robots represent a significant advancement in robotics technology, offering a wide range of applications and benefits across various domains. Through the integration of advanced sensing, perception, and control systems, these robots have demonstrated remarkable capabilities in autonomously tracking and following human targets in diverse environments. Human-following robots hold immense potential in sectors such as retail, healthcare, hospitality, and security.

They can serve as valuable assistants, companions, and guides, enhancing efficiency, safety, and user experience. In retail environments, these robots can assist customers in navigating stores, locating products, and providing personalized recommendations. In healthcare settings, they can offer companionship and support to elderly individuals, improving their quality of life and well-being. Despite their promising capabilities, human-following robots also pose challenges and considerations, particularly regarding safety, privacy, and ethical concerns. Ensuring the safe and responsible deployment of these robots requires careful attention to design, regulation, and user acceptance.

In conclusion, human-following robots represent a transformative technology with the power to revolutionize human-robot interaction and shape the future of various industries and societal interactions. With continued innovation and collaboration, these robots hold the promise of creating a more connected, efficient, and inclusive world.

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