

Midpoint Demo - Team 5: Cart-i B

Demoing

- Cart-i B following human as human walks forward and backward
- Incorporation of pivot turns

Issues that Arose

- Roomba cannot make sweeping turns → modify our algorithm so it doesn't always preference either turns or moving straight
- Wire to the roomba easily pops out causing it to go out of control → safety mode used
- Camera stick bows and moves too much → moved camera lower and plan to use wires/fishing line to keep it in place

Where We Are

- Milestones:
 - Test separate components (X)
 - Move forward/backward (X)
 - Pivot turns (X)
 - Incorporate sensors + Path Planning
 - Cart to wait when picking up from aisle
 - Incorporate logic for sharp turns (out of aisles)
 - Setup Final Demo Components → jacket, obstacles, etc
- Stretch Goals:
 - Incorporate Roomba sensors
 - Have an "on/off" button

Plan to Complete Rest of Our Features

- Incorporate sensors + Path Planning
 - Pallavi has already wired up sensors
 - Need to build platform for sensors/arduino
 - Plan for path algorithm
 - General idea: Always see in which direction the robot should be moving and pivot robot accordingly → check sensor values → if possible with total clearance = proceed → if obstacle collision possible = pivot accordingly and then repeat
 - (Pseudo) Code Plan:

```
if (shouldMove and MoveZ < 0): //moving forward
    if (interrupt):
        Sensors = get_serial()
        Obs1 = sensors & 0x1
        Obs2 = sensors & 0x10
        Obs3 = sensors & 0x100
        Obs4 = sensors & 0x1000
        if (Obs1 and Obs2 and Obs3 and Obs4):
            stop
        Elif if (Obs 2 or Obs3 ):
            If (Obs2 && Obs1):
                turn_right(15)
            Elif (Obs2):
                turn_right(30)
            If (Obs3 && Obs4):
                turn_left(15)
            Elif (Obs3):
                turn_left(30)
    If (shouldMove and MoveZ > 0): //moving backward
        if (interrupt):
            Sensors = get_serial()
            Obs5 = sensors & 0x10000
            If (Obs5):
                stop()
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- Cart to wait when picking up from aisle
 - In addition to green circle on back, add red circles to sides of arms
 - If red circle detected (by similar means as current image processing algorithm) & isn't changing past a threshold in MoveX (left-right movement) → stop cart
- Incorporate logic for sharp turns (out of aisles)
 - Original plan → array of circles and base off of their angles
 - No longer going with this → roomba cannot move forward and turn at the same time
 - New Plan → use red circles
 - When a person turns sharply (90 degrees), the red circles on the arm will be seen
 - Based on the side in which the red circle leaves the frame, program can tell which way human turned

- Cart-i B continues to where human was last seen & start taking a 360 in the direction in which the human is predicted to be until it finds the green circle again
- (Pseudo) Code Plan:
 - If (red):
 - If (section2): // red circle is in center of red of frame
stop()
 - If (red and section1 or section3): //red center in right/left of frame
move_forward(thresh/redArea)
 - If (section 1):
turn_and_search_left()
 - Else:
turn_and_search_right()

Initial Project Proposal Schedule:

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Design Doc Schedule:



Revised Post-Midpoint Schedule:

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Path Planning Diagram:

