

Kwangwoon University ROBIT 2010 (Kid Size League) Team Description Paper

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Abstract. This document describes both hardware and software specifications and practical functions of the humanoid robot Stepper kid, developed by team ROBIT as a platform for research in bipedal locomotion, robot self-localization and multi-robot cooperation. The robots will also be used to participate in Humanoid League (Kid Size) of ROBOCUP 2010 Singapore.

1 Introduction

The ROBIT is a professional robot game team of Kwangwoon University in Korea. Founded since November 2006, the ROBIT has participated in several domestic and international tournaments and received more than 100 awards in competitions. The ROBIT members have accumulated about technology of robot for 3years. To get qualifications of ROBOCUP, we have studied about robots so far.

Robot system for the ROBOCUP will be covered.

Briefly, Our robot systems are working after Pico board processes pictures of match situations then send these to DSP board though USART communication. As you can see the pictures, using RX-106 motor and the RX-28 motor, we developed the robots light and rugged.

2 Overview of the System

Figure.1 was our **prototype** robot design. As **this robot was not perfectly completed**, we **will upgrade** lighter and robust. You can see the detail specification table 1.

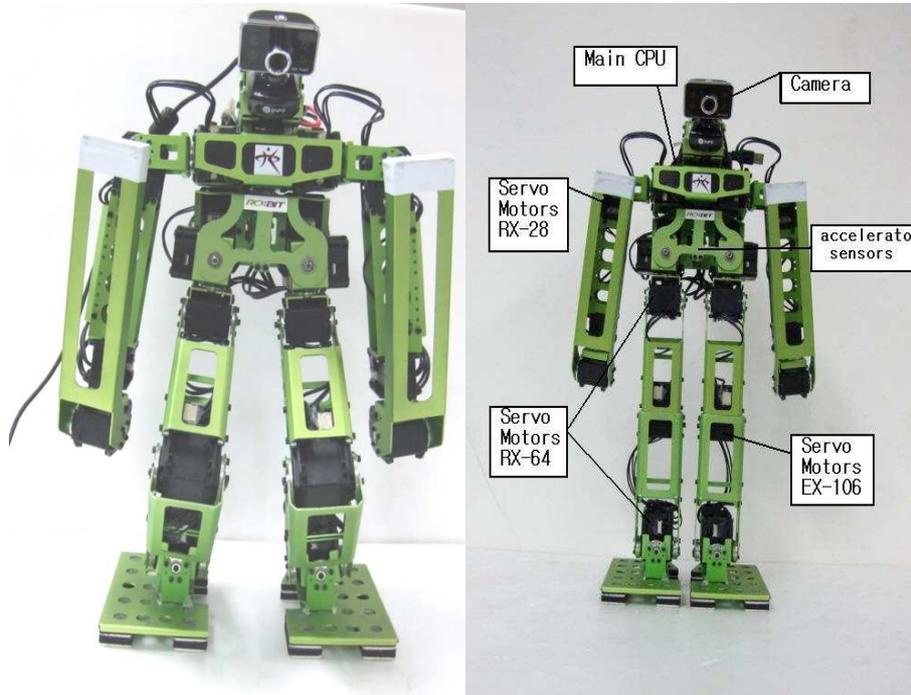


Figure.1 Unfinished Robot

Table 1 Specification of the Robot

SIZE	Weight	4.73 kg	
	Height	45 cm	
	Leg Height	32.5 cm	
	Arm Height	31.5 cm	
	Sole of a foot Height	13 cm	
	Sole of a foot Width	8.2 cm	
	Number of degrees of freedom	All of DOF	23 DOF
	LEG	6 DOF	
	ARM	5 DOF	
Type of motors, Speed	EX-106	10	0.126 speed (see/60degree)
	RX-64	3	0.157 speed (see/60degree)
	RX-28	10	0.157 speed (see/60degree)
Walking speed	0.157 speed (see/60degree)		

Computing units	EPIA – p700 CPU : 1.GHz VIA C7 BIOD : Award BIOS RAM : DDR2 533/667 (1G) USB : 4 USB PORT
Camera	800 still image, CMOS 4608 * 3456, 30FPS, USB2.0 Use
sensors	Degree of sensors

3 Robot Control System

Our robot control systems are divided into three parts.
 First part of robot systems is 'DSP Board' (TMS320F2811) which control over 20 actuators and several sensors.
 Second part is 'Pico Board' which gets information and processes pictures of game situations.
 The last is teaching system for make a basic robot motion such as shoots or blocks a ball.

3.1 System Diagram

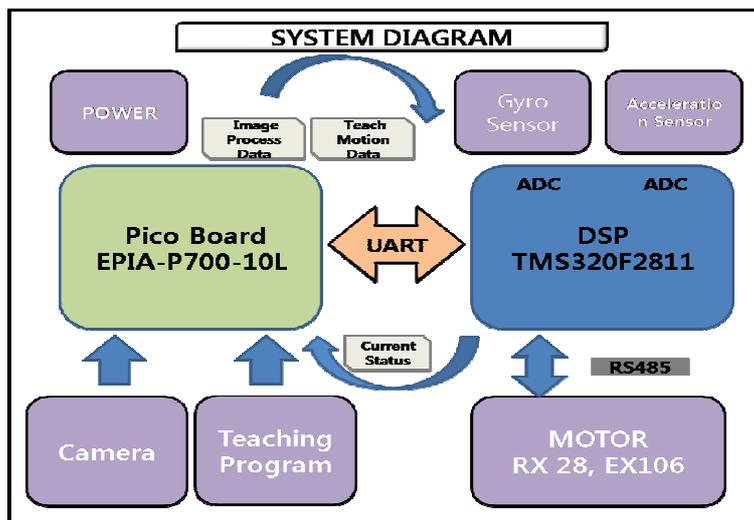


Figure.2

Figure.2 is a diagram of our robot system briefly.

'Pico board' is process image data, communicating with DSP and using a teaching program for make basic motion. 'DSP Board' receives processed image data from 'Pico Board' and makes inverse kinematics motions and control actuators. We use gyro and accelerator sensors for correct walking motions as well.

3.2 Teaching Software

Figure.3 is a Teaching program.

This is used to make fundamental motion, consist of several connected slides. With that, we fix specific robot body postures using different robot IDs. Then these slides reserve as data in DSP.

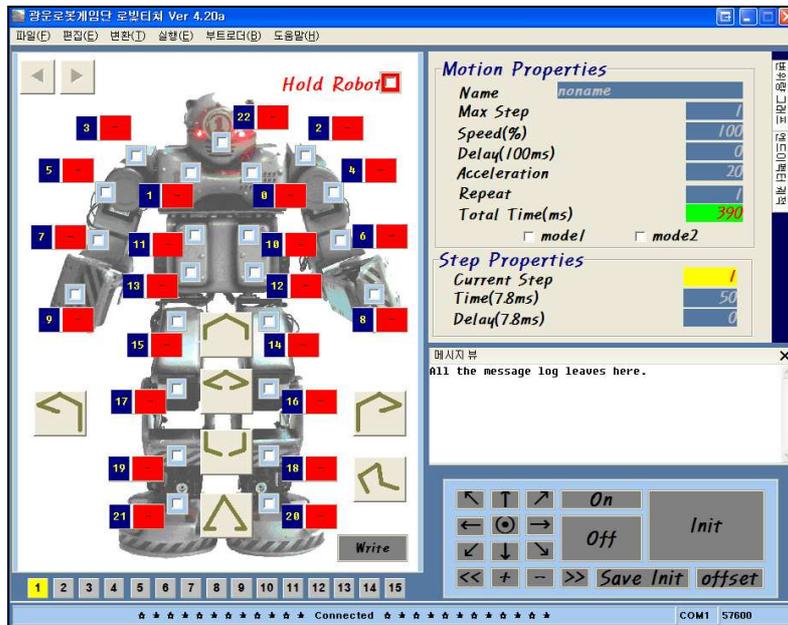


Figure.3

4 Image Processing & Communication



Figure.4

This is a trial picture, taken by a test program.

We have developed a program to participate in ROBO CUP though 'OpenCV' and GUI programs. For communication with robot, we used 'USB to Serial'. Nowadays, we have developed a USART communication program to operate robot more easier.

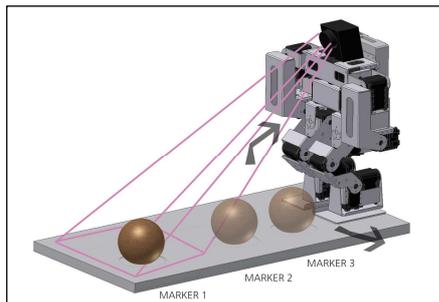
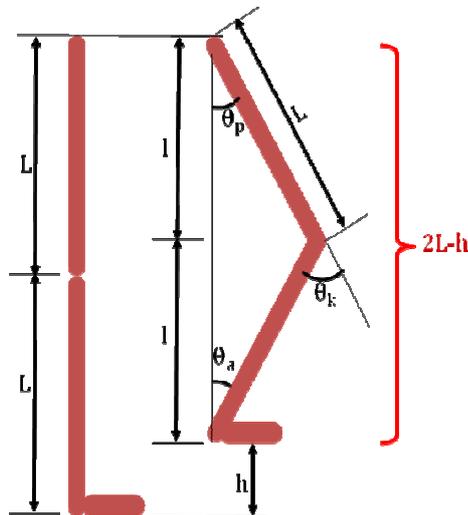


Figure.5

The Figure.5 is using algorithms which detect exact distance between a ball and a robot with triangular functions in robot's standard.

A particular point is this algorithm assigns 3 parts of a place where a ball put on. It is easy to find a distance between the ball and the robot faster.

5 Walking System



Approximately for three years, we have accumulated experiences and know-how through trials and errors. It makes robot's strength point which is fast and accurate walking motion. Robot's walking motion is not fixed, it can vary by sensors and inverse kinematics.

The sensors mounted on the robot, control relative values for finding the ball and keeping the ball moving fast and accurate. So robot can control the ball easily and shoot properly.

Figure.6 (Inverse Kinematics Simplify)



Figure.7 (Motion of Kick a Ball)

6 Conclusion

Our system was described in the Abstract. Since 2006, we completed the design and built, based on our experience to try to join the 2010 ROBOCUP competition. Higher level of robot mobility and powerful shot also accurate imaging breakthrough in tracking the movements of the robot will be able to determine.

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