



Using LEGO in Control Education Demonstrations and Projects

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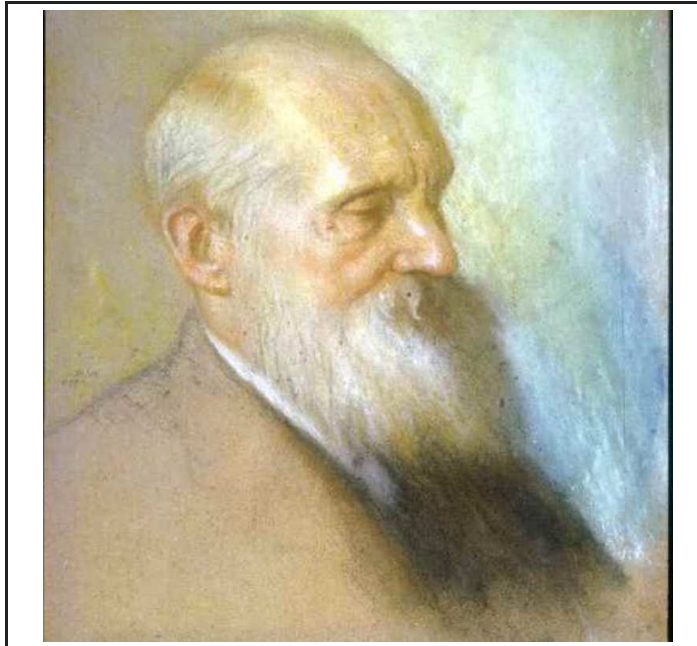


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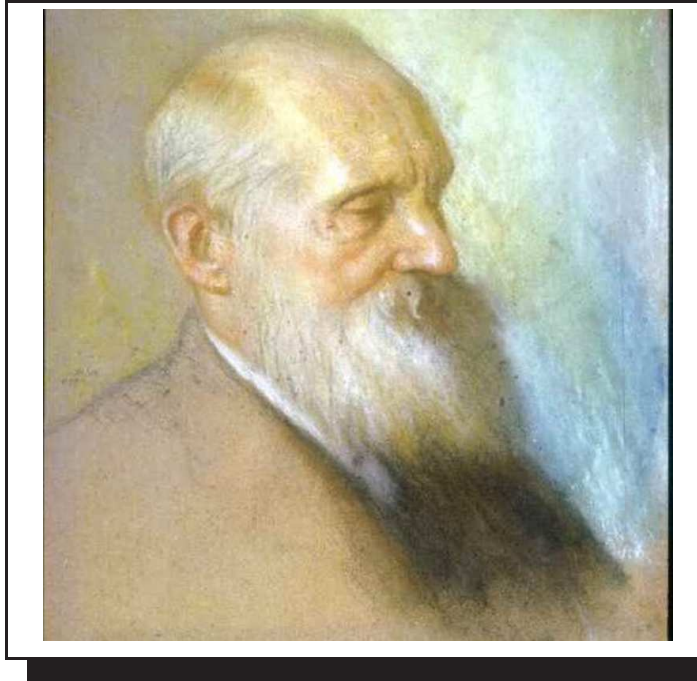
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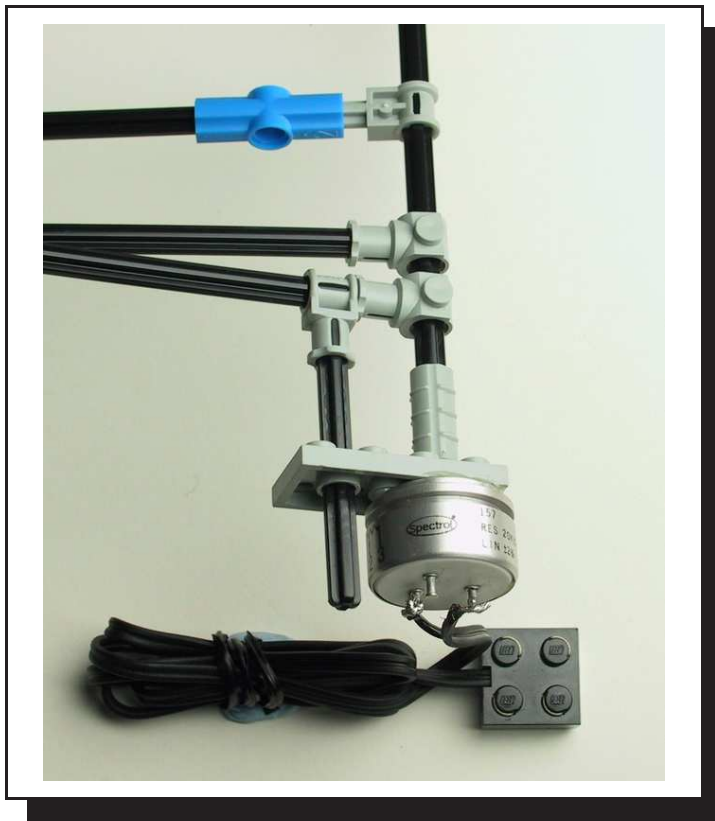


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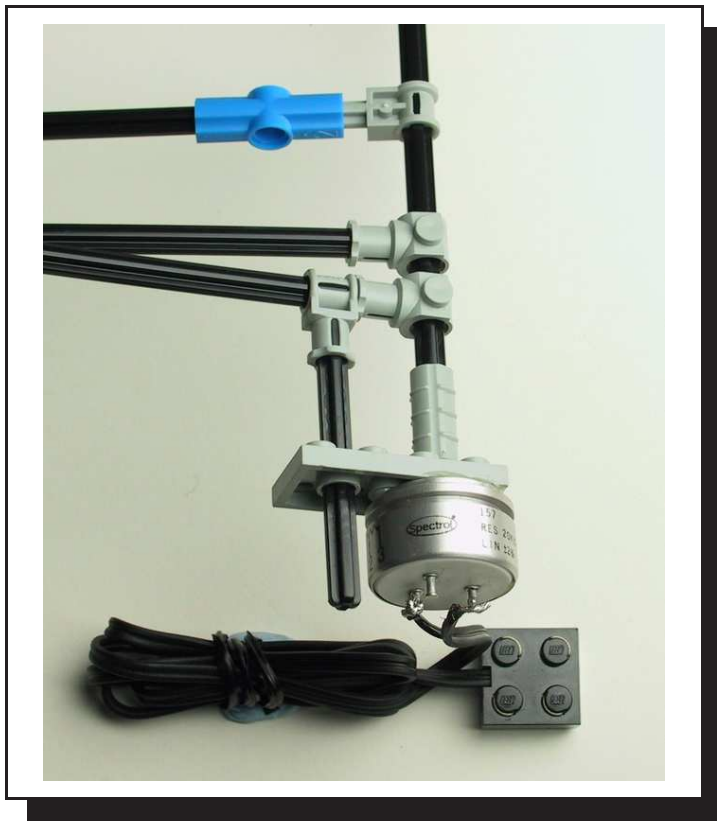
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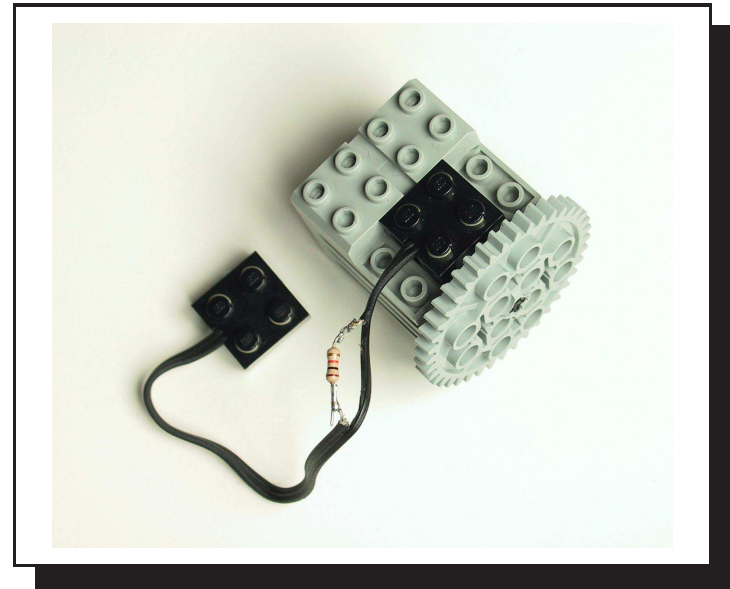


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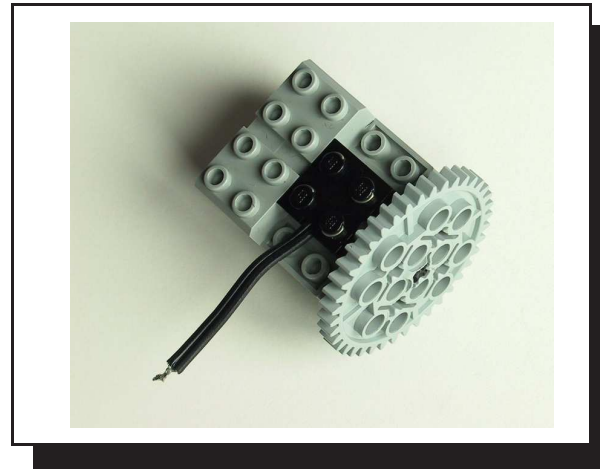


Velocity sensor





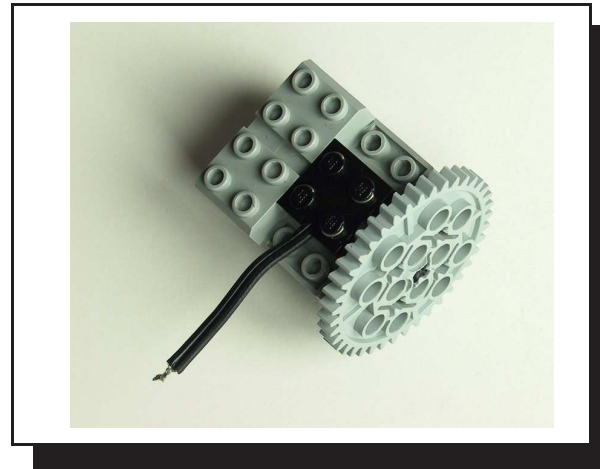
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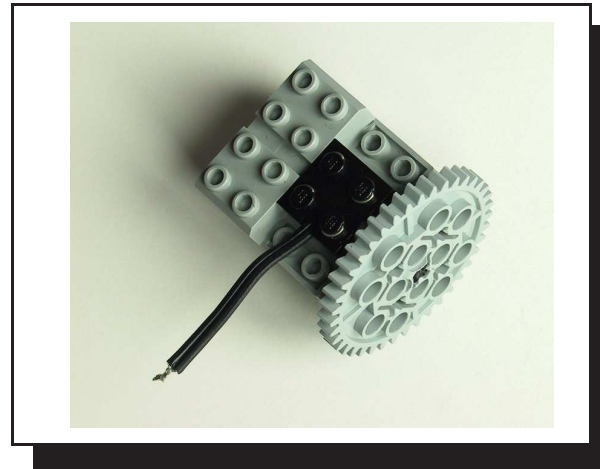
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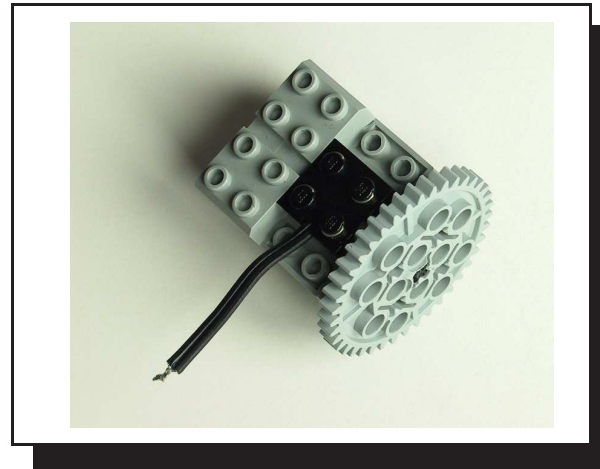
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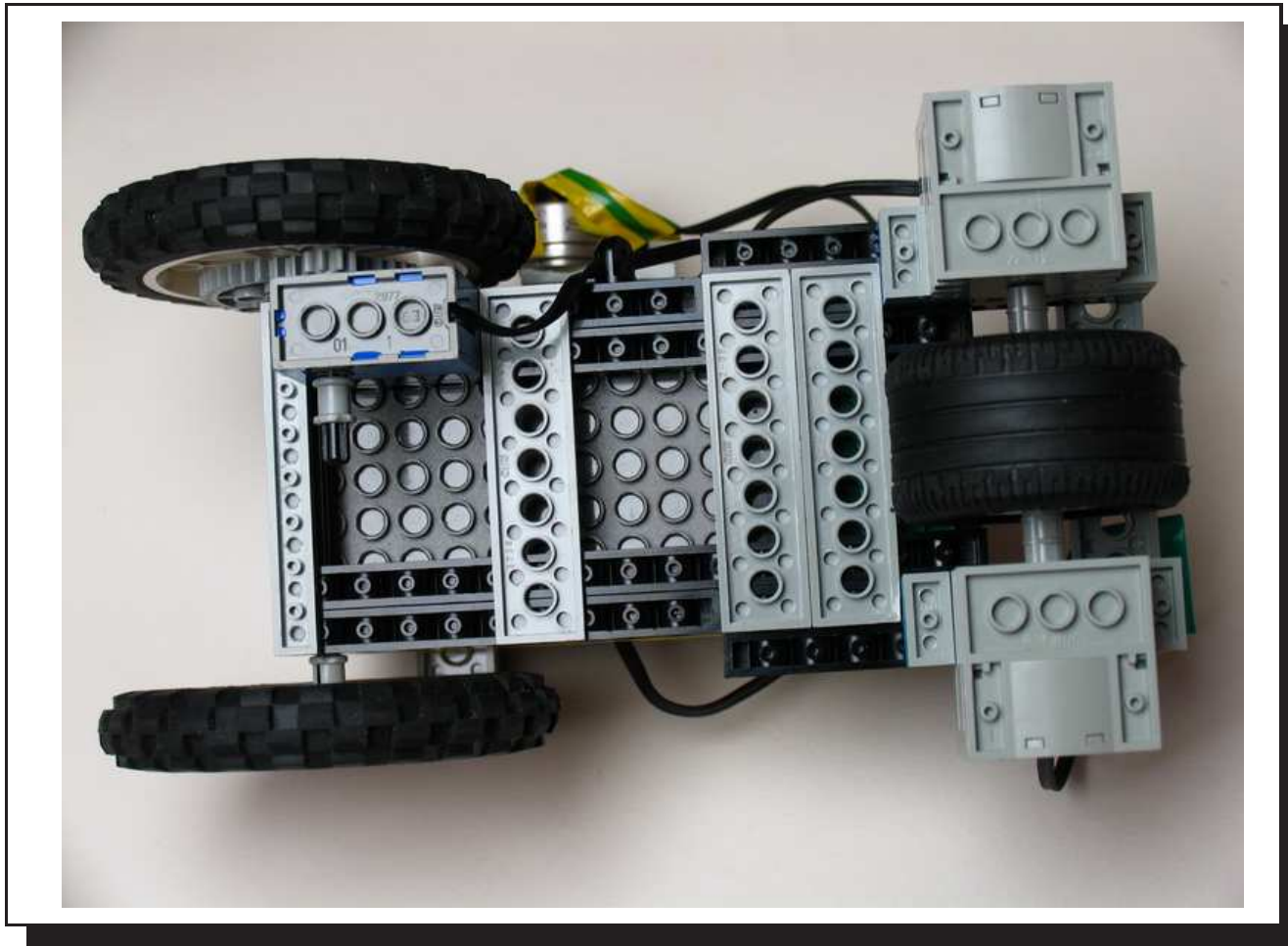
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Direct-drive – Cart detail from below





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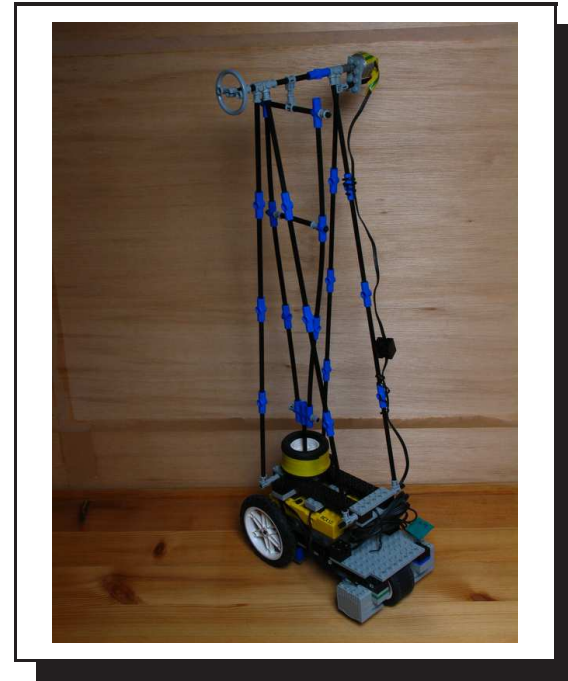


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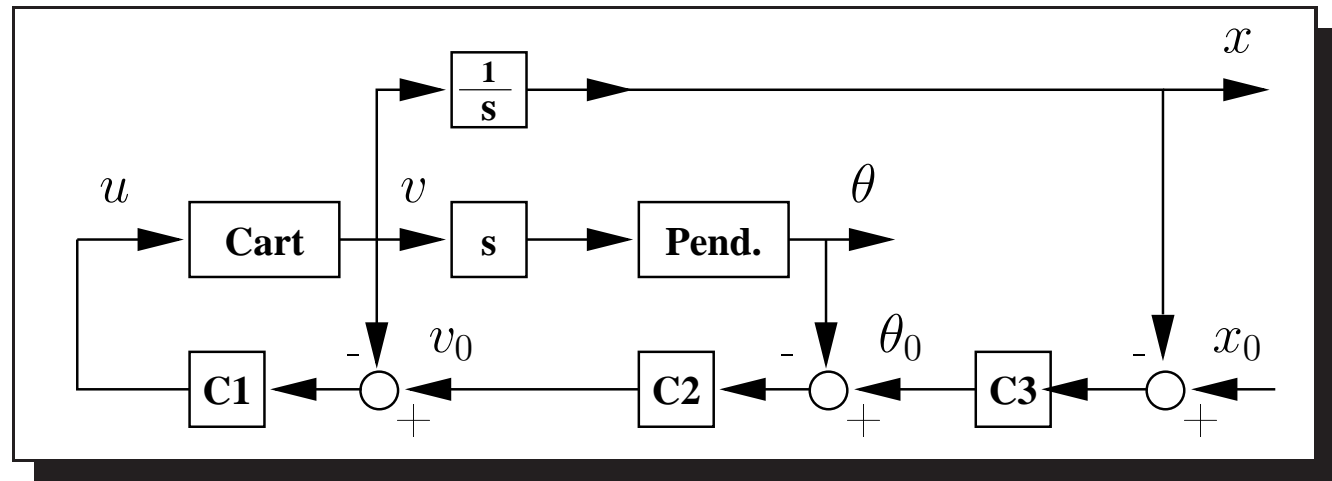
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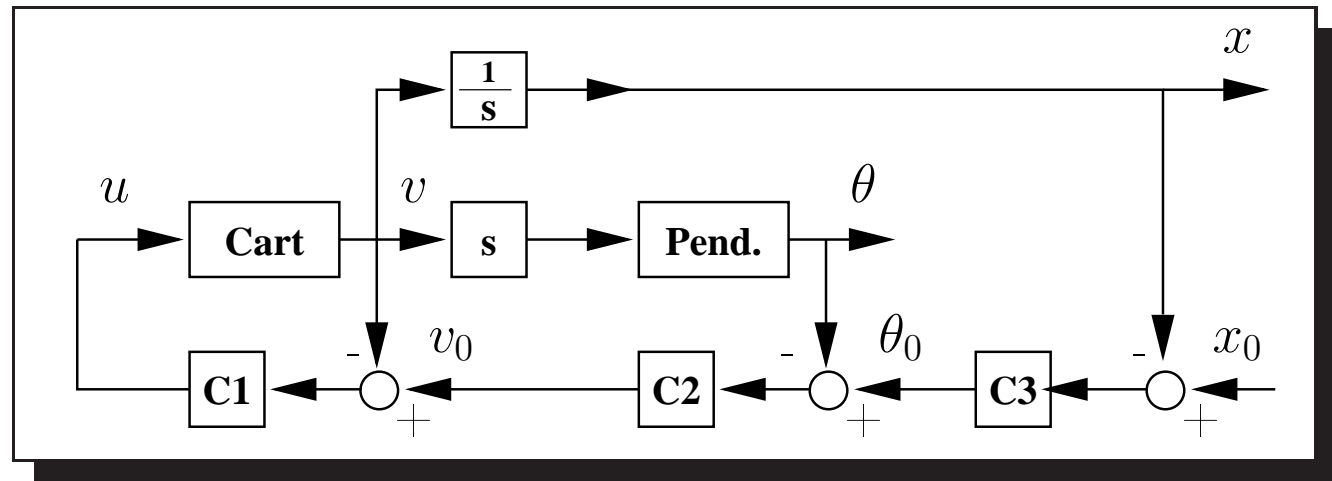


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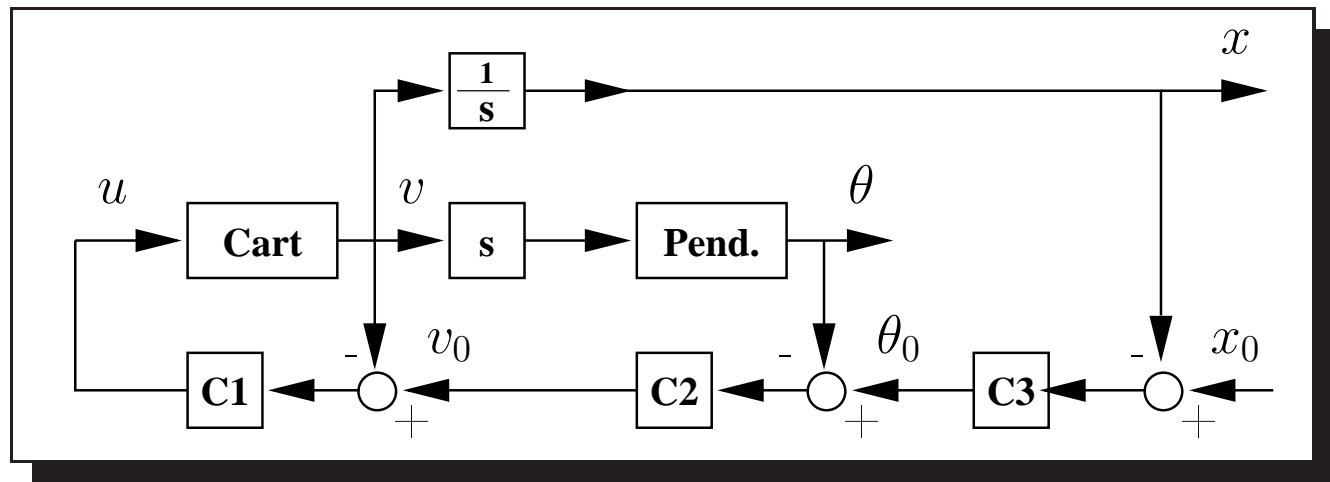
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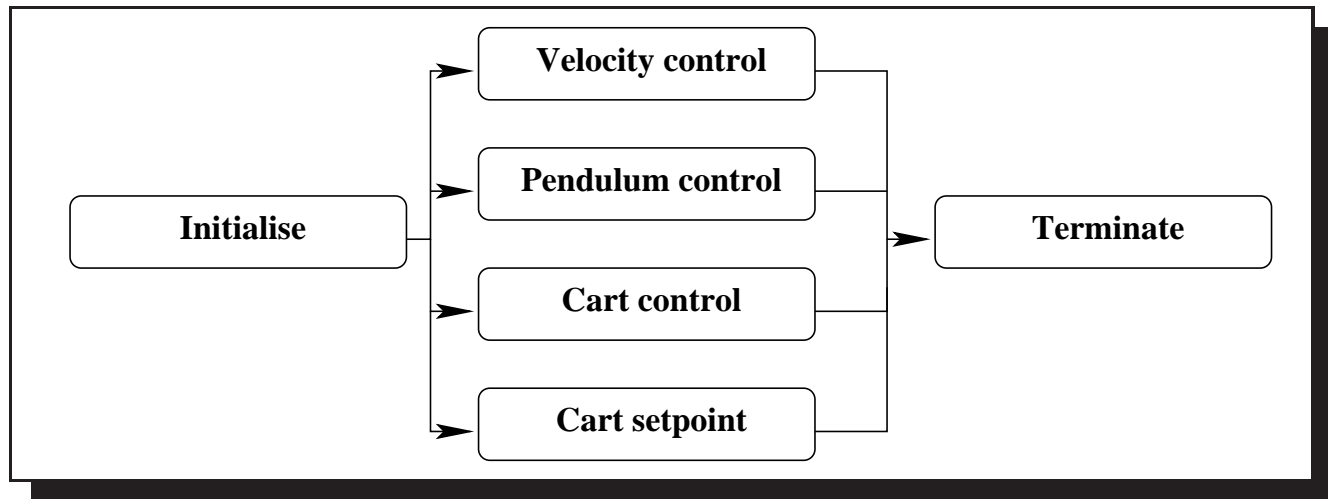
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Software structure



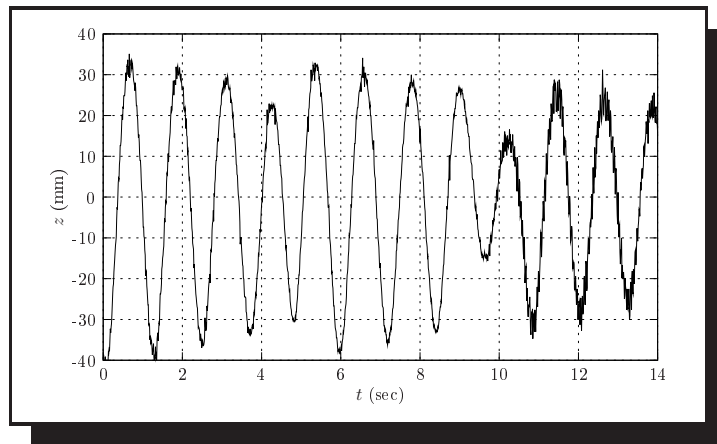


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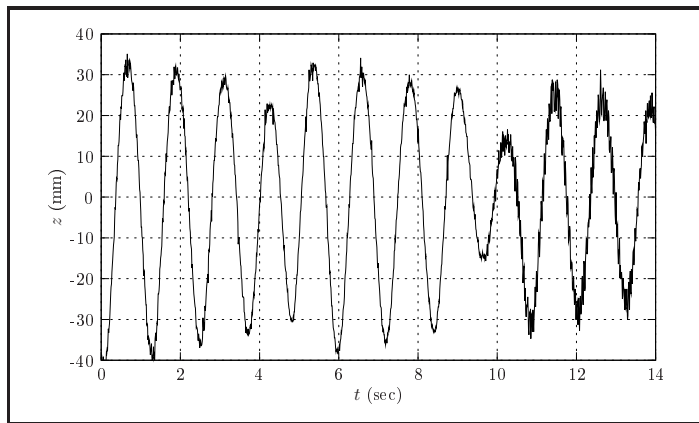
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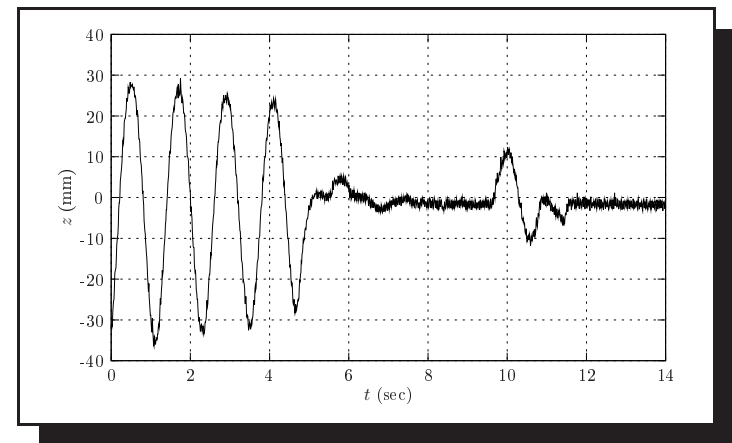


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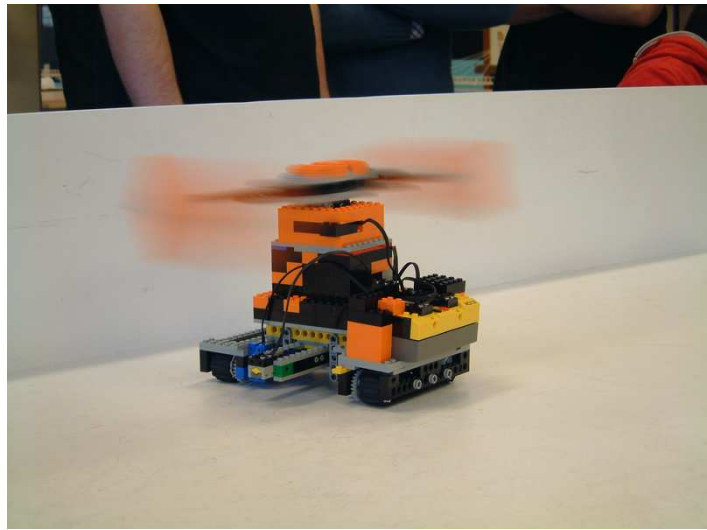


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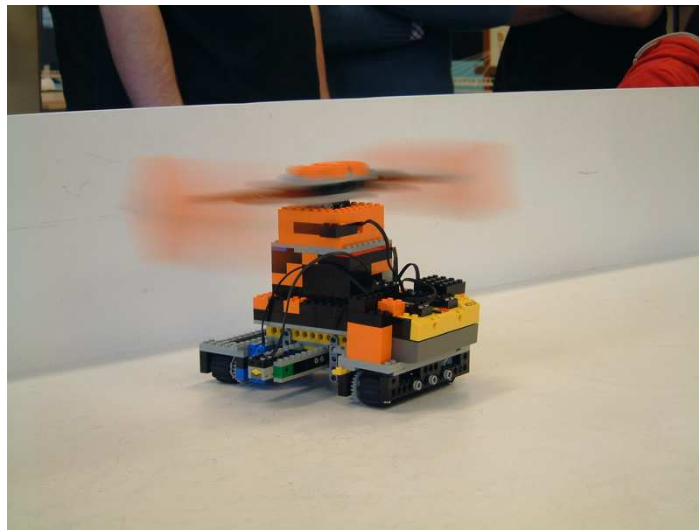
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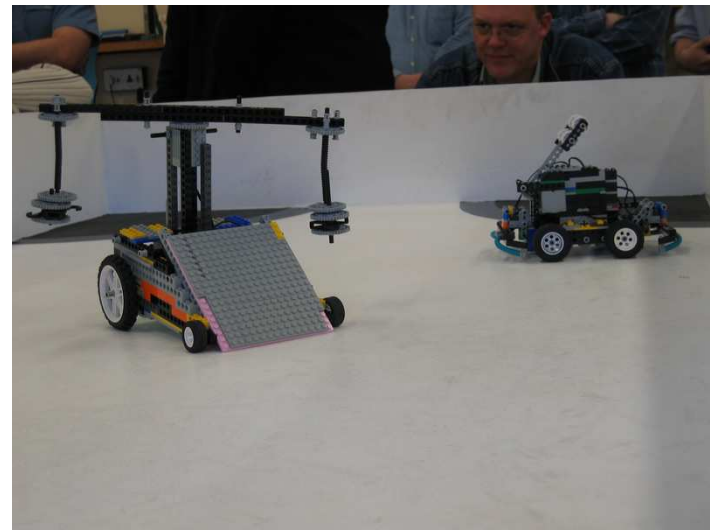


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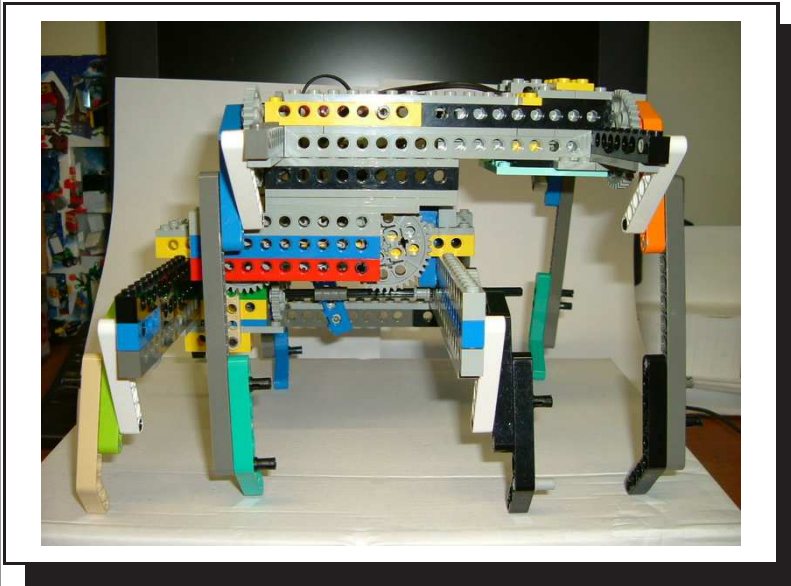


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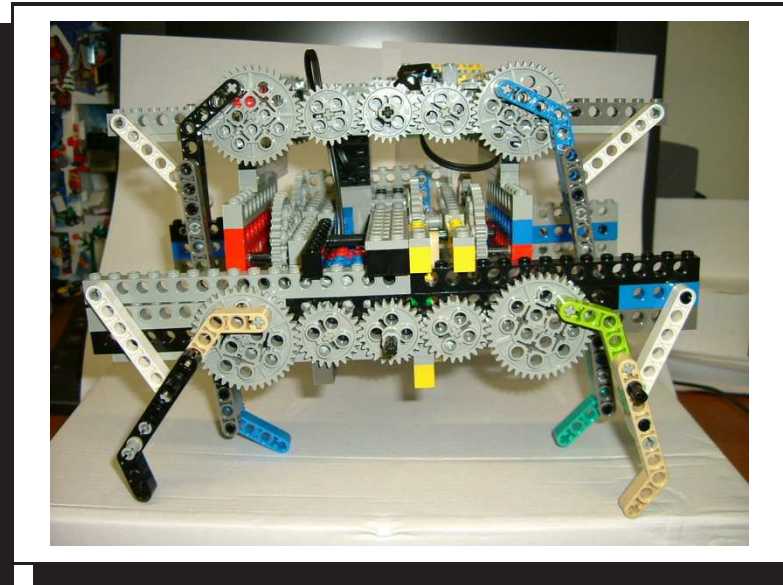


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Swimming robot





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