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A Parallax robot that follows a black line in the shape of a maze. It solves the maze in two stages. On a first pass, it explores the maze following the left-hand rule, eventually reaching the end point. Then, on a second pass, it travels to the end point via a direct route.

The hardware consists of:

Parallax Shield Kit (for Arduino)  
stock 130-35000

Parallax QTI Line Follower AppKit for the Small Robot  
Stock 28108 (2 of these; use 6 of the 8 sensors)

Arduino Uno

Breadboard button, press to make

The software is an adaptation of:

The source code for the Parallax  
QTI Line Follower AppKit

and

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<https://create.arduino.cc/projecthub/mjrobot/maze-solver-robot-using-artificial-intelligence-4318cf>

By studying the two software sources named above plus selected chapters of the excellent material written for the Parallax Shield Kit, you can easily understand how this robot works.

Connections:

D7 – QT1.6 - Far left	D12 - Left servo
D6 – QT1.5 – Left	D11 - Right servo
D5 – QT1.4 - Mid left	
D4 – QT1.3 - Mid right	D9 - buttonPin
D3 – QT1.2 - Right	
D2 – QT1.1 - Far right	
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```
#include <Servo.h>
```

```
#define STOPPED 0
```

```
#define FOLLOWING_LINE 1
```

```
#define NO_LINE 2
```

```
#define CONT_LINE 3 // a “T” junction, a “cross”, or the end of the maze
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```
#define LEFT_TURN 4
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```
#define RIGHT_TURN 5 // a “straight or right” junction or a “right only” junction
```

```
#define RIGHT 1
```

```
#define LEFT -1
```

```
const int farLeftPin = 7;
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```
const int leftPin = 6;
```

```
const int midLeftPin = 5;
```

```
const int midRightPin = 4;
```

```
const int rightPin = 3;
```

```
const int farRightPin = 2;
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const int buttonPin = 9;
```

```
int sensor[6] = {0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0};  
int mode = 0;  
int error = 0;  
int status = 0;
```

```
char dir;  
char path[100] = " ";  
int pathLength = 0;  
int pathIndex = 0;
```

```
Servo servoL;  
Servo servoR;
```

```
void setup( )  
{
```

```
servoL.attach(12);  
servoR.attach(11);
```

```
pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT);
```

```
while(digitalRead(buttonPin)) {}
```

```
status = 0;  
mode = STOPPED;  
}
```

```
void loop()
{
  readSensors();
  exploreMaze();
  while(digitalRead(buttonPin)) {}
  pathIndex = 0;
  status = 0;
  directRoute();
  while(digitalRead(buttonPin)) {}
  mode = STOPPED;
  status = 0;
  pathLength = 0;
  pathIndex = 0;
  delay(10);
}
```

```
void readSensors()
{
  DDRD |= B11111100;
  PORTD |= B11111100;
  delayMicroseconds(250);
  DDRD &= B00000011;
  PORTD &= B00000011;
  delayMicroseconds(500);
```

```
sensor[0] = digitalRead(farLeftPin);
sensor[1] = digitalRead(leftPin);
sensor[2] = digitalRead(midLeftPin);
sensor[3] = digitalRead(midRightPin);
sensor[4] = digitalRead(rightPin);
sensor[5] = digitalRead(farRightPin);
```

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if( (sensor[0]==1)&&(sensor[4]==0)) {mode = LEFT_TURN; error = 0;}
else if((sensor[1]==0)&&(sensor[5]==1)) {mode = RIGHT_TURN; error = 0;}
else if((sensor[1]==1)&&(sensor[2]==1)&&(sensor[3]==1)&&(sensor[4]==1)) {mode = CONT_LINE; error = 0;}
else if((sensor[1]==0)&&(sensor[2]==0)&&(sensor[3]==0)&&(sensor[4]==0)) {mode = NO_LINE; error = 0;}
else if((sensor[1]==0)&&(sensor[2]==0)&&(sensor[3]==0)&&(sensor[4]==1)) {mode = FOLLOWING_LINE; error = 3;}
else if((sensor[1]==0)&&(sensor[2]==0)&&(sensor[3]==1)&&(sensor[4]==1)) {mode = FOLLOWING_LINE; error = 2;}
else if((sensor[1]==0)&&(sensor[2]==0)&&(sensor[3]==1)&&(sensor[4]==0)) {mode = FOLLOWING_LINE; error = 1;}
else if((sensor[1]==0)&&(sensor[2]==1)&&(sensor[3]==1)&&(sensor[4]==0)) {mode = FOLLOWING_LINE; error = 0;}
else if((sensor[1]==0)&&(sensor[2]==1)&&(sensor[3]==0)&&(sensor[4]==0)) {mode = FOLLOWING_LINE; error = -1;}
else if((sensor[1]==1)&&(sensor[2]==1)&&(sensor[3]==0)&&(sensor[4]==0)) {mode = FOLLOWING_LINE; error = -2;}
else if((sensor[1]==1)&&(sensor[2]==0)&&(sensor[3]==0)&&(sensor[4]==0)) {mode = FOLLOWING_LINE; error = -3;}

}
```

```
void exploreMaze()
{
  while(!statos)
  {
    readSensors();
    switch(mode)
    {
      case NO_LINE:
        motorStop();
        motorTurn(LEFT, 180);
        reclIntersection('B');
        break;
    }
  }
}
```

```
case CONT_LINE:
motorNudge();
readSensors();
if(mode !=CONT_LINE) {motorTurn(LEFT, 90); recIntersection('L');}
else {mazeEnd();}
break;

case RIGHT_TURN:
motorNudge();
readSensors();
if(mode == NO_LINE) {motorTurn(RIGHT, 90); recIntersection('R');}
else {recIntersection('S');}
break;

case LEFT_TURN:
motorTurn(LEFT, 90);
recIntersection('L');
break;

case FOLLOWING_LINE:
motorFollow();
break;
}
}
}
```

```
void motorFollow()
{
  servoL.writeMicroseconds(1600 + 33*error);
  servoR.writeMicroseconds(1400 + 33*error);
  delay(50);
}
```

```
void motorStop()
{
  servoL.writeMicroseconds(1500);
  servoR.writeMicroseconds(1500);
  delay(200);
}
```

```
void motorNudge()
{
  servoL.writeMicroseconds(1600);
  servoR.writeMicroseconds(1400);
  delay(100);
  servoL.writeMicroseconds(1500);
  servoR.writeMicroseconds(1500);
  delay(200);
}
```

```
void motorTurn( int sense, int angle)
{
  servoL.writeMicroseconds(1600);
  servoR.writeMicroseconds(1400);
  delay(300);
  servoL.writeMicroseconds(1500 + 100*sense);
  servoR.writeMicroseconds(1500 + 100*sense);
  delay(round(6*angle + 20));
  servoL.writeMicroseconds(1500);
  servoR.writeMicroseconds(1500);
  delay(200);
}
```

```
void mazeEnd()
{
  motorStop();
  status = 1;
  mode = STOPPED;
}
```

```
void recIntersection(char dir)
{
  path[pathLength] = dir;
  pathLength++;
  simplifyPath();
}
```



```
void simplifyPath()
{
    if(pathLength < 3 || path[pathLength - 2] != 'B') {return;}

    int totalAngle = 0;

    for(int i = 1; i <= 3; i++)
    {
        switch(path[pathLength - i])
        {
            case 'R':
                totalAngle = totalAngle + 90;
                break;

            case 'L':
                totalAngle = totalAngle + 270;
                break;

            case 'B':
                totalAngle = totalAngle + 180;
                break;

            case 'S':
                totalAngle = totalAngle + 0;
                break;
        }
    }

    totalAngle = totalAngle % 360; // reminder upon division by 360
```

```
switch(totalAngle)
{
  case 0:
    path[pathLength - 3] = 'S';
    break;

  case 90:
    path[pathLength - 3] = 'R';
    break;

  case 180:
    path[pathLength - 3] = 'B';
    break;

  case 270:
    path[pathLength - 3] = 'L';
    break;
}
pathLength = pathLength - 2;
}
```

```
void directRoute()
{
  while(!statos)
  {
    readSensors();
    switch(mode)
    {
      case FOLLOWING_LINE:
        motorFollow();
        break;

      case CONT_LINE:
        if(pathIndex >= pathLength) {mazeEnd();}
        else {mazeTurn(path[pathIndex]); pathIndex++;}
        break;

      case LEFT_TURN:
        if(pathIndex >= pathLength) {mazeEnd();}
        else {mazeTurn(path[pathIndex]); pathIndex++;}
        break;

      case RIGHT_TURN:
        if(pathIndex >= pathLength) {mazeEnd();}
        else {mazeTurn(path[pathIndex]); pathIndex++;}
        break;
    }
  }
}
```

```
void mazeTurn(char dir)
{
  switch(dir)
  {
    case 'L':
      motorTurn(LEFT, 90);
      break;

    case 'R':
      motorTurn(RIGHT, 90);
      break;

    case 'B':
      motorTurn(RIGHT, 800); // should never happen
      break;

    case 'S':
      motorNudge();
      break;
  }
}
```