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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

— Clauses 8 to 10 have been added for path deviation, narrow passage and mapping accuracy.

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Introduction

This document is intended to specify performance criteria and test methods for navigation of mobile service robots. It defines performance characteristics, describes how they are specified and recommends how to test them.

The characteristics for which test methods are given in this document are those considered to affect robot performance significantly. It is intended that the reader of this document selects which performance characteristics are to be tested, in accordance with the specific requirements.

The performance criteria specified in this document are not intended to be interpreted as the verification or validation of safety requirements.

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Part 2: Navigation

1 Scope

This document describes methods of specifying and evaluating the navigation performance of mobile service robots. Navigation performance in this document is measured by pose accuracy and repeatability, ability to detect and avoid obstacles, path deviation, narrow passage, and mapping accuracy. Other measures of navigation performance are available but are not covered in this document.

The criteria and related test methods are applicable only to mobile platforms that are in contact with the travel surface. For evaluating the characteristics of manipulators, ISO 9283 applies.

This document deals with indoor environments only. However, the depicted tests can also be applicable for robots operating in outdoor environments, as described in Annex A.

This document is not applicable for the verification or validation of safety requirements. It does not deal with safety requirements for test personnel during testing.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 7176-13, *Wheelchairs — Part 13: Determination of coefficient of friction of test surfaces*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
robot
programmed actuated mechanism with a degree of autonomy to perform locomotion, manipulation or positioning

Note 1 to entry: A robot includes the control system.

Note 2 to entry: Examples of mechanical structure of robots are manipulator, *mobile platform* (3.3) and wearable robot.

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 3.1]

3.2
mobile robot
robot (3.1) able to travel under its own control

Note 1 to entry: A mobile robot can be a *mobile platform* (3.3) with or without manipulators.

Note 2 to entry: In addition to autonomous operation, a mobile robot can have means to be remotely controlled.

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 4.15]

3.3
mobile platform
assembly of the components which enables locomotion

Note 1 to entry: A mobile platform can include a chassis which can be used to support a *load* (3.6).

Note 2 to entry: A mobile platform can provide the structure by which to affix a manipulator.

Note 3 to entry: Mobile platform following a predetermined *path* (3.14) indicated by markers or external guidance commands, typically used for logistic tasks in industrial automation is also referred to as Automated Guided Vehicle (AGV) or Driverless Industrial Truck. Standards for such vehicles are developed by ISO/TC 110.

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 4.16]

3.4
service robot
robot (3.1) in personal use or professional use that performs useful tasks for humans or equipment

Note 1 to entry: Tasks in personal use include handling or serving of items, transportation, physical support, providing guidance or information, grooming, cooking and food handling, and cleaning.

Note 2 to entry: Tasks in professional use include inspection, surveillance, handling of items, person transportation, providing guidance or information, cooking and food handling, and cleaning.

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 3.7]

3.5
navigation
process which includes path planning, *localization* (3.17), *mapping* (3.18), and providing the direction of travel

Note 1 to entry: Navigation can include path planning for pose-to-pose travel and complete area coverage.

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 8.6]

3.6
load
force, torque or both at the mechanical interface or *mobile platform* (3.3) which can be exerted along the various directions of motion under specified conditions of velocity and acceleration

Note 1 to entry: The load is a function of mass, moment of inertia, and static and dynamic forces supported by the *robot* (3.1).

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 7.2]

3.7
rated load
maximum *load* (3.6) that can be applied to the mechanical interface or *mobile platform* (3.3) in *normal operating conditions* (3.9) without degradation of any performance specification

Note 1 to entry: The rated load includes the inertial effects of the end effector, accessories and workpiece, where applicable.

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 7.2.1]

3.8
rated speed
maximum speed of *mobile platform* (3.3) equipped with *rated load* (3.7) in *normal operating conditions* (3.9)

[SOURCE: ISO 18646-1:2016, 3.11]

3.9
normal operating conditions
range of environmental conditions and other parameters within which the *robot* (3.1) is expected to perform as specified by the manufacturer

Note 1 to entry: Environmental conditions include temperature and humidity.

Note 2 to entry: Other parameters include electrical supply instability and electromagnetic fields.

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 7.1]

3.10
task program
set of instructions for motion and auxiliary functions that define the specific intended task of the *robot* (3.1) or robot system

Note 1 to entry: This type of program is generated by the task programmer.

Note 2 to entry: An application is a general area of work; a task is specific within the application.

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 6.1]

3.11
pose
combination of position and orientation in space

Note 1 to entry: Pose for the manipulator normally refers to the position and orientation of the end effector or the mechanical interface.

Note 2 to entry: Pose for a *mobile robot* (3.2) can include the set of poses of the *mobile platform* (3.3) and of any manipulator attached to the mobile platform, with respect to the mobile platform coordinate system.

Note 3 to entry: For mobile robots in contact with a flat surface, orientation is typically a scalar angle about the normal to the flat surface, with respect to a reference direction.

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 5.5, modified —Note 3 to entry has been added.]

3.12
command pose
programmed pose
pose (3.11) specified by the *task program* (3.10)

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 5.5.1]

3.13
attained pose
pose (3.11) achieved by the *robot* (3.1) in response to the *command pose* (3.12)

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 5.5.2]

3.14
path
route that connects an ordered set of *poses* (3.11)

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 5.5.4]

3.15
cluster
set of measured points used to calculate the accuracy and the repeatability characteristics

[SOURCE: ISO 9283:1998, 3.1]

3.16
barycentre
point whose coordinates are the mean values of a *cluster* (3.15) of points

Note 1 to entry: For a cluster of n points defined by their coordinates (x_j — y_j — z_j), the barycentre of that cluster of points is calculated as follows:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} x_j, \bar{y} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} y_j, \bar{z} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} z_j$$

[SOURCE: ISO 9283:1998, 3.2, modified]

3.17
localization
recognizing *pose* (3.11) of *mobile robot* (3.2), or identifying it on the environment map

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 8.2]

3.18
mapping
map building
map generation
constructing the environment map to describe the environment with its geometrical and detectable features, landmarks and obstacles

[SOURCE: ISO 8373:2021, 8.5]

3.19
test configuration
particular arrangement of test objects

3.20
trial
single instance of test procedure performed under identical *test configuration* (3.19)

Note 1 to entry: A trial can be repeated multiple times.

4 Test conditions

4.1 General

The robot shall be completely assembled, fully charged and operational, based on the manufacturer specification. Appropriate precautions should be taken to protect the personnel during the test.

The tests shall be preceded by the preparations for operation as specified by the manufacturer. These preparations shall be reported in the test report.

All conditions specified in Clause 4 should be satisfied for the tests described in this document, unless it is stated otherwise in the specific clauses.

The tests described in this document may have multiple test configurations which require separate test procedures. For each test configuration, multiple trials should be conducted if specified in the test procedure.

4.2 Environmental conditions

The following typical indoor environmental conditions should be maintained during all tests:

— ambient temperature: 10 °C to 30 °C;

— relative humidity: 0 % to 80 %;

— illumination: 100 lux to 1 000 lux.

The environmental conditions shall be declared in the test report. The manufacturer may specify environmental conditions outside these ranges (see Annex A).

NOTE Even though reflectivity can affect performance, it is not included in these environmental conditions.

4.3 Travel surface conditions

A hard, even and horizontal travel surface with a coefficient of friction between 0,6 and 1,0, measured in accordance with ISO 7176-13, shall be used.

4.4 Operating conditions

All performance shall be measured under normal operating conditions. When the performance is measured in other conditions, those conditions shall be declared in the test report.

For all tests, the robot shall be tested at the rated speed and equipped with the rated load, unless otherwise specified.

For the navigation of mobile platforms, external equipment, such as landmarks, shall be supplied according to the specifications of the manufacturer. Information on the external equipment, such as locations and types of landmarks, shall be provided in the test report.

4.5 Test paths

All test paths are parameterized with respect to the sizes of mobile platforms. Length unit, L_U, is defined as the multiples of 500 mm according to the width, w, the distance across the forward direction, of the mobile platform, as shown in Figure 1. The width, w, shall take into account not only the mobile platform but also any protruding part of the mobile robot, for example, arm or shelf. The L_U value used for the test shall be declared in the test report.

$$L_U = \left\lceil \frac{w}{500} \right\rceil \times 500\ mm$$

$\lceil x \rceil$ is the ceiling function that maps real number x to the least integer greater than or equal to x.

Length unit, L_U, may be increased from the above value for each test specified in this document if it is determined necessary to accommodate the test. For instance, when the length of mobile robot does not allow the proper motion in Clause 10, the larger value of L_U can be used for the test.

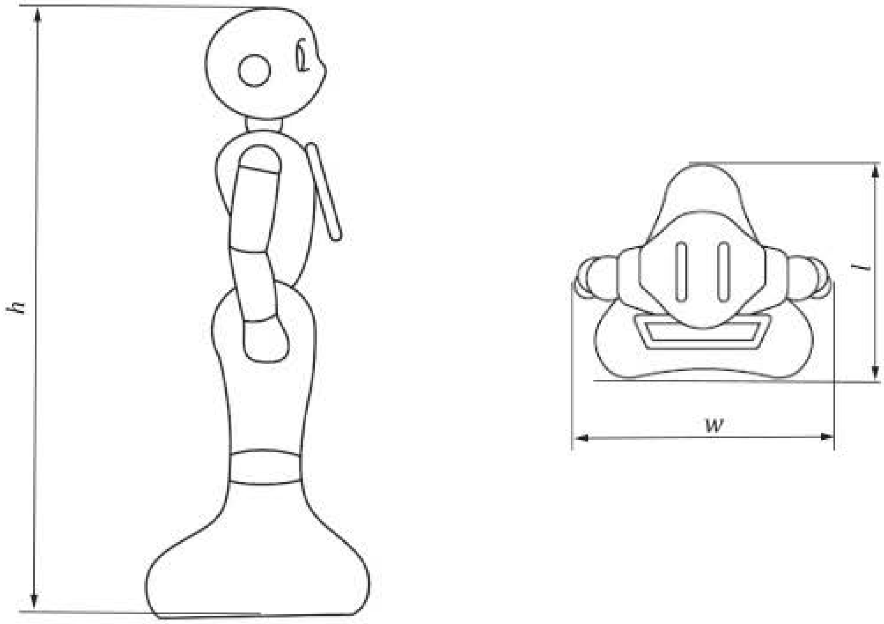

Figure 1 — Dimensions of mobile platform

Straight path, rectangular path and composite path are used in this document (see Figures 2, 3 and 4). The value of 5 L_U is selected to normalize the travel distance of various sizes of robots when we measure the pose characteristics in Clause 5. Alternatively, the travel distance can be specified by the manufacturer considering specific applications. Straight path moves from the initial pose of P_0 until it reaches the goal pose of P_1. Rectangular path moves from the initial pose of P_0 to P_1, P_2, P_3, and finally to the goal pose of P_0. Composite path moves from the initial pose of P_0 until it reaches the goal pose of P_2 via P_1.

Rectangular and composite paths tests may be made either in the clockwise or counter-clockwise directions.

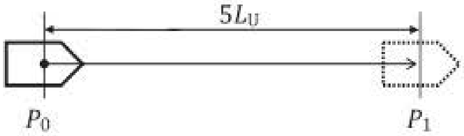

Figure 2 — Straight path

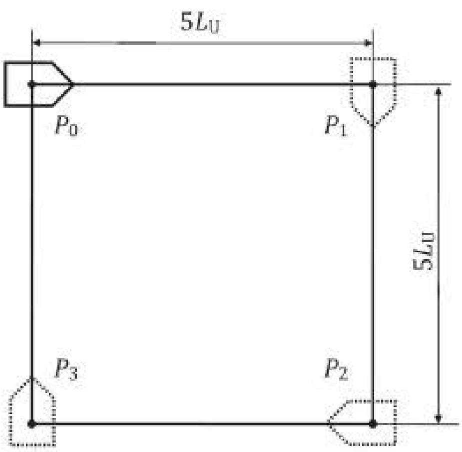

Figure 3 — Rectangular path

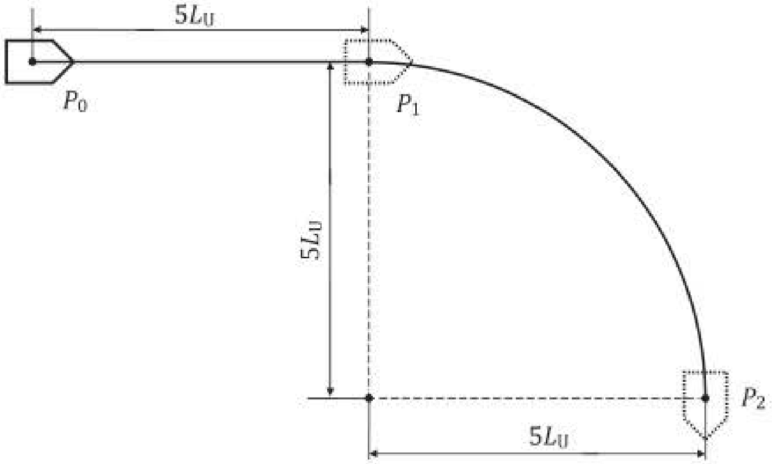

Figure 4 — Composite path

5 Pose characteristics

5.1 Purpose

The purpose of this test is to determine the pose characteristics, which include pose accuracy and pose repeatability. Pose accuracy and pose repeatability indicate the ability of the robot to reach the command pose.

5.2 Relevant characteristics

5.2.1 Pose accuracy

Pose accuracy is defined as the deviation between a command pose and the mean of the attained poses when the robot approaches the command pose from the same initial pose after n repeated visits.

Pose accuracy is divided into:

a) position accuracy: the difference between the position of a command pose and the barycentre of the attained positions, as shown in Figure 5;

b) orientation accuracy: the difference between the orientation of a command pose and the average of the attained orientations, as shown in Figure 6.

Position accuracy A_p is calculated by the following formula.

$$A_p = \sqrt{(\overline{x} - x_C)^2 + (\overline{y} - y_C)^2}$$

$$\overline{x} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} x_j \, , \overline{y} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} y_j$$

where

$\overline{x}, \overline{y}$	are the averages
x_c, y_c	are the command values
x_j, y_j	are x and y values of the j^{th} trial
n	is the number of trials

Orientation accuracy A_o is calculated by the following formula:

$$A_o = \left|\overline{z}\right|$$

$$\overline{z} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} z_j$$

$$z_j = \text{recast}\left(o_j - o_c\right)$$

where

o_c	is the angle of the command pose
o_j	is the angle of the j^{th} attained pose,
n	is the number of trials

and where the function recast( ) gives the value recast into the range (−180, +180).

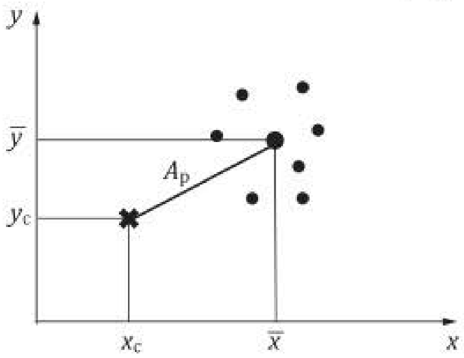

Figure 5 — Position accuracy

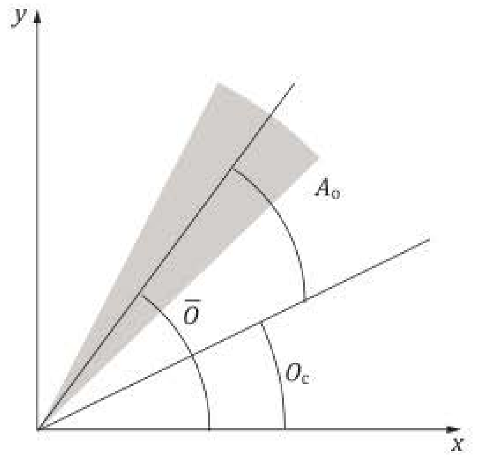

Figure 6 — Orientation accuracy

5.2.2 Pose repeatability

Pose repeatability is defined as the closeness of agreement among the attained poses after *n* repeated visits to the same command pose from the same initial pose.

Pose repeatability is divided into the following.

a) Position repeatability: It is the radius of the circle which encompasses $\overline{l} + 3S_l$ of the attained poses. Its centre is the barycentre of the attained poses. The position repeatability is calculated as below.

b) Orientation repeatability: It is the spread of angles, $3S_o$, about the mean values, $\overline{o}$, where S_o is the standard deviation.

Position repeatability, R_p, is calculated by the following formula:

$$R_p = \overline{l} + 3S_l$$

$$S_l = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n}\left(\overline{l} - l_j\right)^2}{n-1}}$$

$$\overline{l} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} l_j$$

$$l_j = \sqrt{\left(\overline{x} - x_j\right)^2 + \left(\overline{y} - y_j\right)^2}$$

$$\overline{x} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} x_j \text{, } \overline{y} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} y_j$$

where

S_l is the standard deviation

l_j is the distance between the j^{th} position and barycentre

$\overline{x}$, $\overline{y}$ are the averages

x_j, y_j are x and y values of the j^{th} trial

n is the number of trials

Orientation repeatability R_o is calculated by following formula:

$$R_o = 3S_o$$

$$S_O = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\left(z_j - \overline{z}\right)^2}$$

$$\overline{z} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} z_j$$

$$z_j = \text{recast}(o_j - o_C)$$

where

S_O is the standard deviation

o_C is the angle of the command pose

o_j is the angle of the j^{th} attained pose

n is the number of trials

and where the function recast( ) gives the value recast into the range (−180, +180).

5.3 Test facility

The test area may contain artificial landmarks as well as natural landmarks as specified by the manufacturer. The information on the environment shall be provided in the test report, as the features of test environment can influence the pose characteristics.

The test facility shall be equipped with a measurement system suitable for measuring position and orientation with sufficient accuracy with respect to the intended use of the robot, e.g. a 3D camera system or a laser tracker. The type and accuracy of the measurement system shall be included in the test report.

For this test, a straight path, a rectangular path and a composite path are used.

5.4 Test procedure

This test consists of six test configurations of a straight path, a rectangular path and a composite path, with no load and with the rated load. Each trial shall follow the procedure below.

a) The mobile platform with a specified load is placed on the initial pose P_0 of the respective path.

b) The mobile platform is commanded to follow the path autonomously with the rated speed. The mobile platform may have to stop completely at the intermediate points.