DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH OF A ROBOT WHEELCHAIR FOR ALL TERRAIN

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ABSTRACT

THERE ARE SEVERAL DESIGNS FOR MOBILE ROBOTS. AMONG THEM, THE WHEEL DESIGN IS UNFAVORABLE FOR NAVIGATION OF STAIRS OR OVER OBSTACLES, THE LEG DESIGN DEMANDS VERY INTRICATE CONTROL SYSTEM AND IS NOT EFFICIENT ON FLAT SURFACES, THE CATERPILLAR DESIGN IS UNSTABLE IN STAIR NAVIGATION. IN THIS THESIS, A NEW TYPE OF QUADRUPED-LIKE DESIGN FOR A MOBILE ROBOT IS DEVELOPED. THE MOBILE ROBOT ENABLES TO ASCEND OR DESCEND STAIRS BY LEG-CREEPING, AND NAVIGATE ON FLAT SURFACES BY WHEELS. MOREOVER IT CAN ALSO BE APPLIED TO A WHEELCHAIR. FROM LOCOMOTION EXPERIMENTS, THE ROBOT WHEELCHAIR VALIDATE THAT IT CAN ADAPT TO ALL TERRAIN WITH BODY HELD HORIZONTAL AND LOWER CENTER OF WEIGHT.

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