

Engineering Notebook

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Abstract

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Brainstorming

This week, I calculated the space we'd need for a scissor lift / conveyor belt mechanism.	The mechanism will fit and reach high enough, but it'll take up a lot of space.
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I measured our team's conveyor belt to be 2.5 inches thick. Our robot can be up to 18 inches tall, so we can fit up to 7 layers of the conveyor belt on our robot. We'll need about 2.5 inches on each side of the conveyor belt for tubing to move balls between belt layers, so the belt can be up to 13 inches long. 13 inches at a 45 degree angle is approximately 9.2 inches up and to the side, meaning our scissor lift could reach up to 64 inches (163 cm). This is well above the top of the center goal (120 cm), but I think the system will likely collapse under its own weight at that height.

Ben Trout

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Brainstorming, Designing, and Promoting FTC

Brainstorming	We started our brainstorming by making three subsystems for scoring blocks: Intake, Lifter, and Scorer. We had a bunch of designs down and ideas flowing. As a team we we're able to list pros and cons of all the designs mentioned and narrowed it down to just a few quality designs.
Designing	Once we had our ideas pinpointed that we thought would be best for accomplishing the challenge we started to design different components of the robot. Me, Nick, and Alex mainly focused on the intake method of picking up balls.
Promoting FTC and FIRST	I went to a lego robotics meeting with my FRC team for recruiting Lego Robotics coaches for the FLL league at liberty that we're starting up. We wanted to promote all three levels of FIRST. We had old lego robots for demo, I brought a ball shooting FTC robot I built and my FRC team brought their worlds robot from last year. We demo'd all the robots and got the kids exited for robotics, hopefully they will move up in the FIRST levels and be on the Liberty FTC team in the future.

Brainstorming

Ways to play the game:

- Tip rolling goal onto ramp. Shuttle balls up and down ramp
- Grab rolling goal and drive around with it putting balls in
- Put balls into center goal

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Designing

Designing	We considered the lifting mechanisms from looking at last year's FTC competition, but our calculations for intake appear to remain viable. Alex has written the LaTeX for the maximum rate of fire while introducing us to the syntax. I am following the PTC Robotalk tutorial for using CREO. Ben is researching the materials we can use in accordance with the rules for the robot's components. The launch mechanism is being designed by Matt, David, and Nick. And in accord, our team name is Children of the Matrix , which is nice, I guess.
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We're all working independently, but next week we plan to reconcile our efforts and begin actual construction of the robot.