## SPIKE PRIME LESSONS

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# TURNING WITH THE GYRO

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# LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Learn how to turn using the built-in gyro sensor
- Learn how to use the wait\_until() function with sensors

## FUNCTIONS YOU NEED IN THIS LESSON

Motion Sensor Functions – Used to read and reset the values of the gyro sensor

```
get_yaw_angle()
reset_yaw_angle()
```

 Operator Functions – Tests a relation between two values and outputs a Boolean (true/false) result

```
greater_than_or_equal_to(a, b)
```

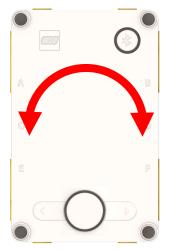
Wait Functions – Makes the program pause execution for some time.

```
wait_until(get_value_function, operator_function=<function equal_to>, target_value=True)
```

## ROBOT ORIENTATION: YAW, PITCH AND ROLL

Yaw is turning the Hub to right or left

Pitch is turning the Hub up and down

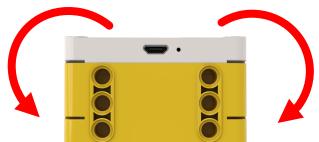


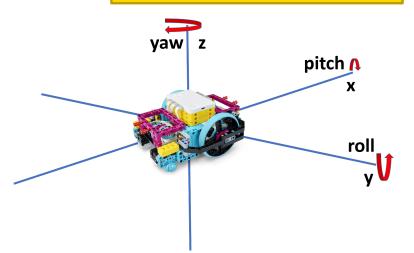


Just like x, y and z coordinates are used to describe a robot's position, yaw, pitch and roll are terms used to describe a robot's orientation. Yaw is rotation around the z-axis. Pitch is rotation around y-axis. Roll is rotation around the x-axis.

The built-in Gyro Sensor can measure the robot's orientation

Roll is turning the Hub to side-to-side





## USING THE GYRO SENSOR TO TURN

- The gyro sensor can be programmed to measure the hub's yaw, pitch and roll
- These values can be used to sense if the robot has turned around x, y, or z axes
- In this lesson, we will focus on yaw which can be used to determine if a robot has turned left or right
- For pitch and roll, the robot uses gravity to determine what is a zero reading. Flat on the ground is 0 pitch and 0 roll.
- For yaw, the robot doesn't have a compass to tell it what is north or south. Therefore, you need to tell the robot what it should consider zero. This is done with the reset\_yaw\_angle() function.
  - Note that clockwise is positive in yaw measurement

```
hub.motion_sensor.get_yaw_angle()
```

hub.motion\_sensor.reset\_yaw\_angle()

### **CHALLENGE I**

- Write a program that turns 90 degrees to the right
- Basic Steps:
  - Make your robot start slowly turning right by just turning on the left wheel motor
    - Use low speeds here to improve keep the turn accurate
  - reset the gyro sensor angle to 0

```
hub.motion_sensor.reset_yaw_angle()
```

motor pair.start\_tank(20, 0)

motor pair = MotorPair('A', 'E')

motor pair.set stop action('brake')

- Wait until the gyro yaw angle has reached the degrees you want
- Stop moving

```
wait_until(hub.motion_sensor.get_yaw_angle, greater_than_or_equal_to, 90)
```

### CHALLENGE I SOLUTION

```
motor_pair = MotorPair('A', 'E')
motor_pair.set_stop_action('brake')
motor_pair.start_tank(20, 0)
hub.motion_sensor.reset_yaw_angle()
wait_until(hub.motion_sensor.get_yaw_angle, greater_than_or_equal_to, 90)
motor_pair.stop()
```

## TURNING RIGHT VS. TURNING LEFT

- To change the direction of the turn, you have to:
  - I. Change which wheel should turn
  - 2. The final angle should be -90 degrees instead of 90 degrees
  - The comparison should be "less\_than\_or\_equal\_to" instead of "greater\_than\_or\_equal\_to" since the angle is decreasing instead of increasing

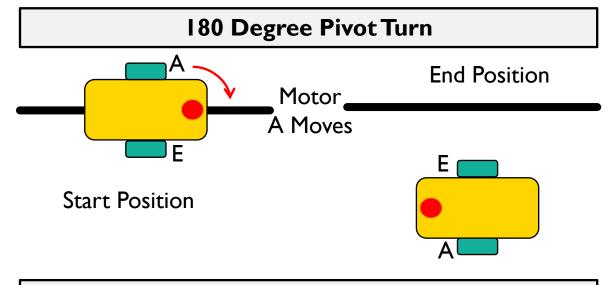
#### Right Turn

```
motor_pair = MotorPair('A', 'E')
motor_pair.set_stop_action('brake')
motor_pair.start_tank(20, 0)
hub.motion_sensor.reset_yaw_angle()
wait_until(hub.motion_sensor.get_yaw_angle, greater_than_or_equal_to, 90)
motor_pair.stop()

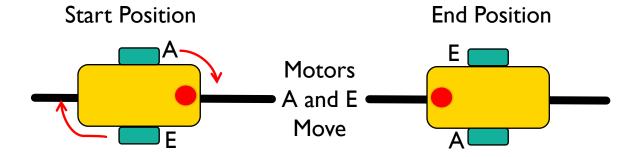
Left Turn

motor_pair = MotorPair('A', 'E')
motor_pair.set_stop_action('brake')
motor_pair.start_tank(0, 20)
hub.motion_sensor.reset_yaw_angle()
wait_until(hub.motion_sensor.get_yaw_angle, less_than_or_equal_to, -90)
motor_pair.stop()
```

## THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF TURNS YOU CAN DO



180 Degree Spin Turn



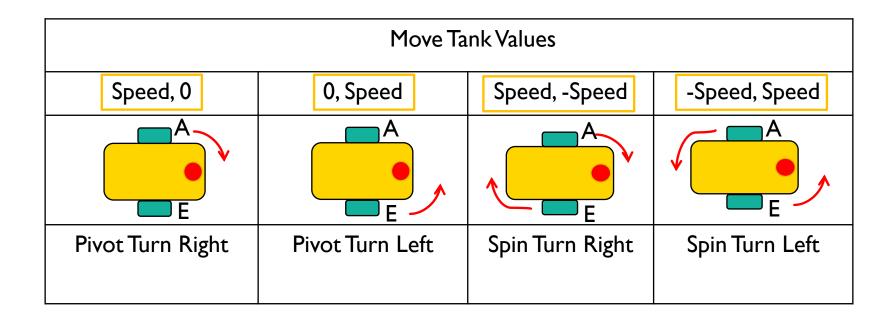
Notice where the robot ends in both pictures after a 180 degree turn.

In the Spin Turn, the robot moves a lot less and that makes Spin Turns are great for tight positions. Spin turns tend to be a bit faster but also a little less accurate.

So when you need to make turns, you should decide which turn is best for you!

## HOW TO MAKE PIVOT AND SPIN TURNS

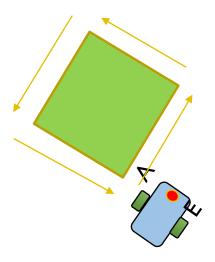
Change % Speed values here



## **TURNING CHALLENGES**

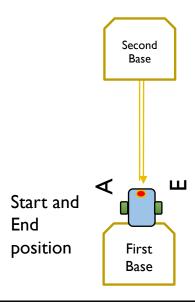
### **Challenge I**

- Your robot is a baseball player who has to run to all the bases and go back to home plate.
- Can you program your robot to move forward and then turn left?
- Use a square box or tape



#### Challenge 2

- Your robot baseball player must run to second base, turn around and come back to first.
- Go straight. Turn 180 degrees and return to the same spot.



## CHALLENGE SOLUTIONS

### Challenge I

You probably used a combination of the move() function to go straight and do **pivot turns** to go around the box.

### **Challenge 2**

You probably used a spin turn because it is better for tighter turns and gets you closer to the starting point!

## **CREDITS**

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