

Robot Design

The 42 Watts

Rubrics : Validation slide

Rubric	Accomplished	How covered?
Identify	Clear mission strategy	Drive least distance.
	Consistent evidence of building and coding skills in all team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clearly state that each of us built the robot.• Each of us built an arm• Each of us coded their run / arm.
Design	Clear evidence of an effective plan	See plan
	Clear explanation of robot and codes innovative features	<p>ROBOT (one slide per each below)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. REWA2. Use of Rubber bands in the attachments. (Principle of fail gracefully)3. Multiple missions simultaneously. (Two arms on one motor) + mechanical aligners <p>CODE (one slide per each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Obstacle Avoidance algorithm / Coordinate Plane Algorithm to get to the missions

Principles

[Mission strategy] Minimize total distance Travelled

[Design] Be Adaptable, right arms for the missions

[Design] Build reusable components

[Design] Multiple missions simultaneously

[Design] Fail gracefully

Mission strategy : Dependency Graph

Points
Attachments
Zone
Difficulty

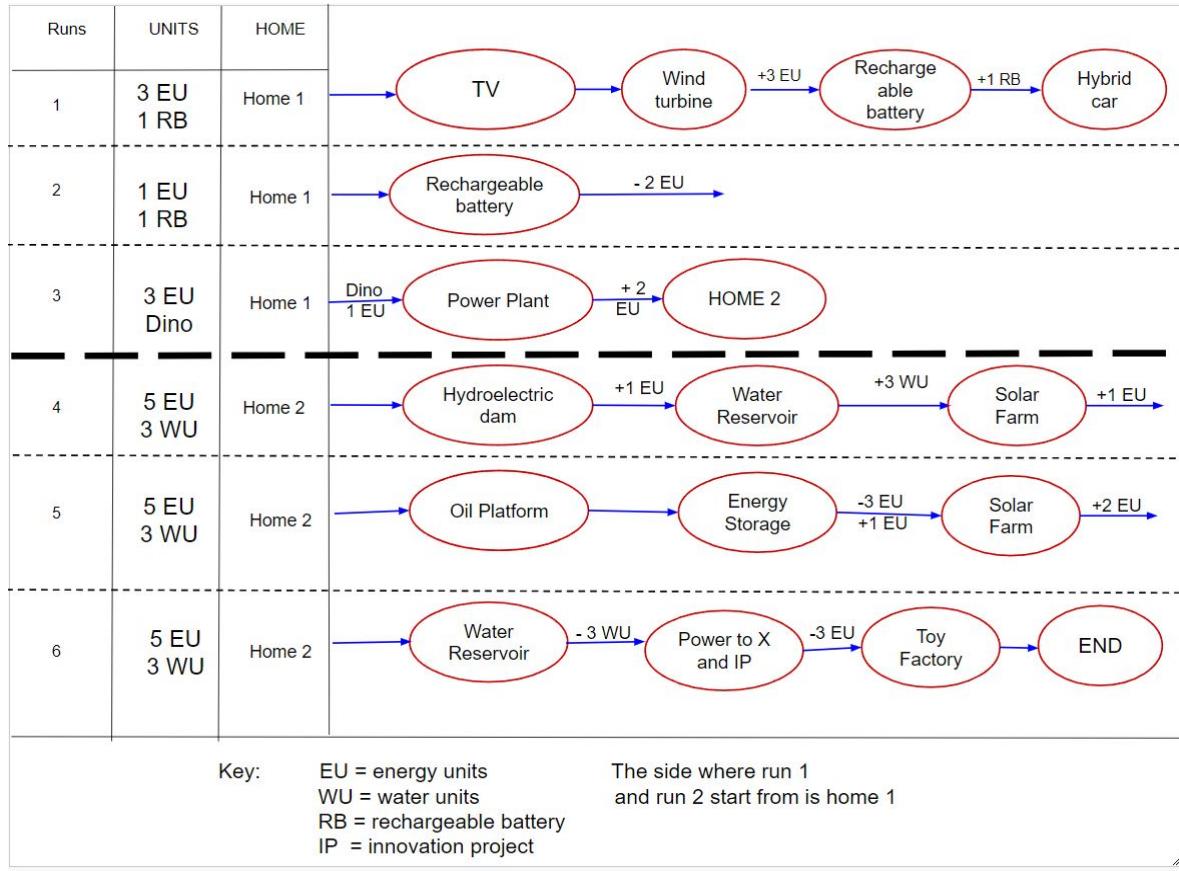


Figure: Dependency Graph

Mission strategy : Travel least distance

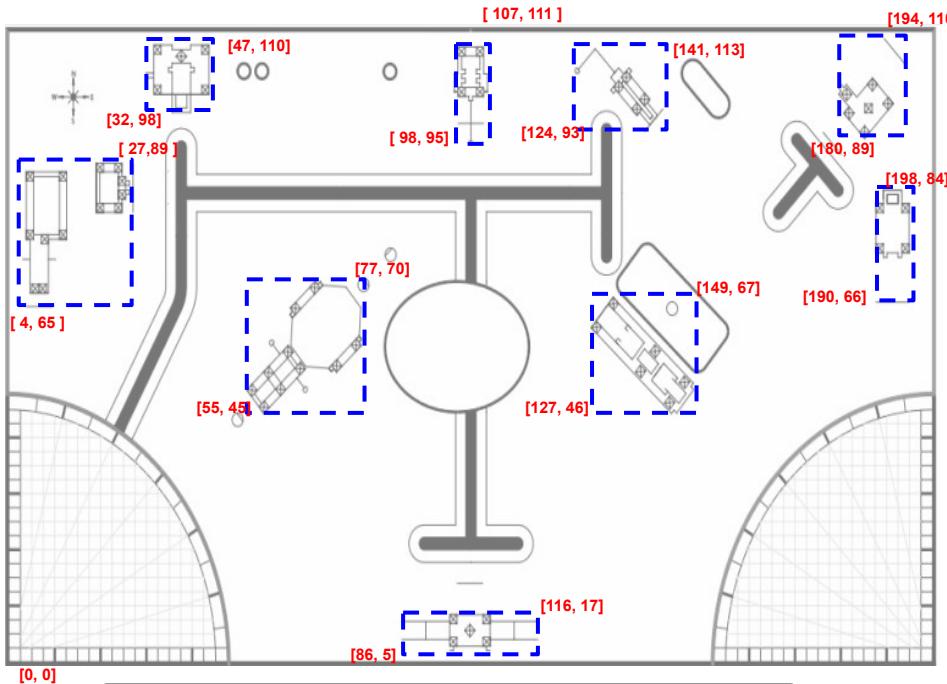


Figure: Coordinate plane

Mission	A	B	C	D	E
	X(CM)	Y(CM)	Distance (CM)		Run number
Home 2		195	10	0.00	RUN 1
Watch Television	190	66	56.22		
Wind Turbine	180	90	26.00		
Hybrid Car	135	90	45.00		
Rechargeable Battery	150	60	33.54		
Home 2	195	10	67.27	RUN 1.5	
Rechargeable Battery	150	60	67.27		
Home 2	195	10	67.27	RUN 2	
Power Plant	100	20	95.52		
Home 1	20	10	80.62	RUN 3	
Hydroelectric Dam	50	40	42.43		
Water Reservoir	80	70	42.43		
Smart Grid	98	95	30.81		
Solar Farm	80	100	18.68		
Home 1	20	10	108.17	RUN 4	
Oil Platform drop the canisters	10	65	55.90		
Energy Storage	32	98	39.66		
Solar Farm	80	100	48.04		
Home 1	20	10	108.17	RUN 6	
Innovation Project Model & Power to X	100	60	94.34		
Toy Factory	145	40	49.24		
Total Distance Travelled			1176.58		

Figure: Mission order, total distance

Mission strategy

Principle: Minimize total distance Travelled

15 missions

6 Runs

355 Average score

Total distance travelled 1176cm
(Reduced from 1677cm)

ALL Team Members learned building and coding skills

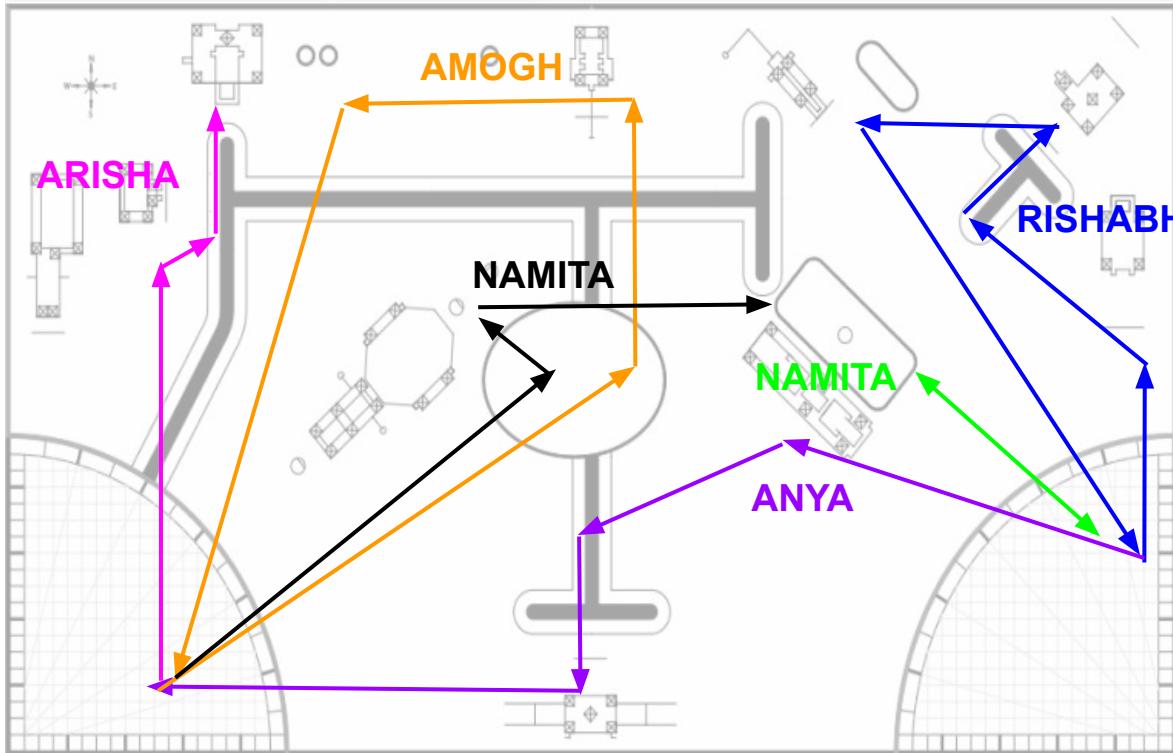


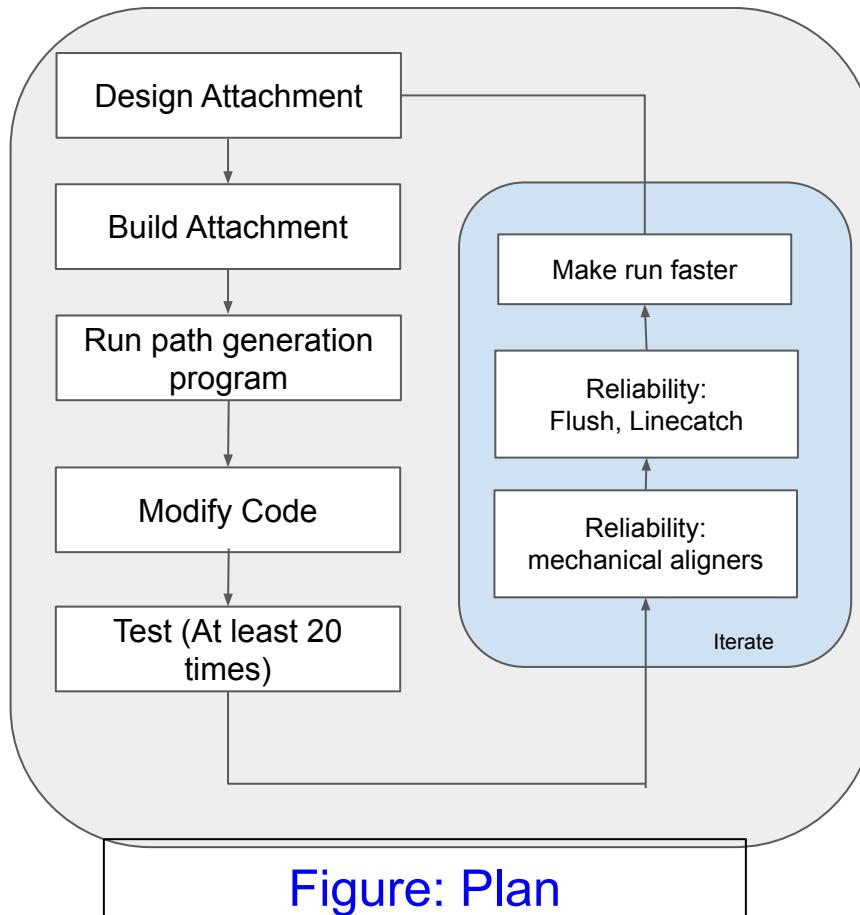
Figure : Runs

Coding Skills:

- Rishabh - TurnToAngle, Drive, Line Catching
- Amogh - Line Squaring
- Anya - GyroStraight
- Arisha/Nami - Programming in Python and GitHub Integration

Design: Effective plan

For each run



Tools used

- CAD: Studio 2.0
- Python
- Visual Studio
- GitHub

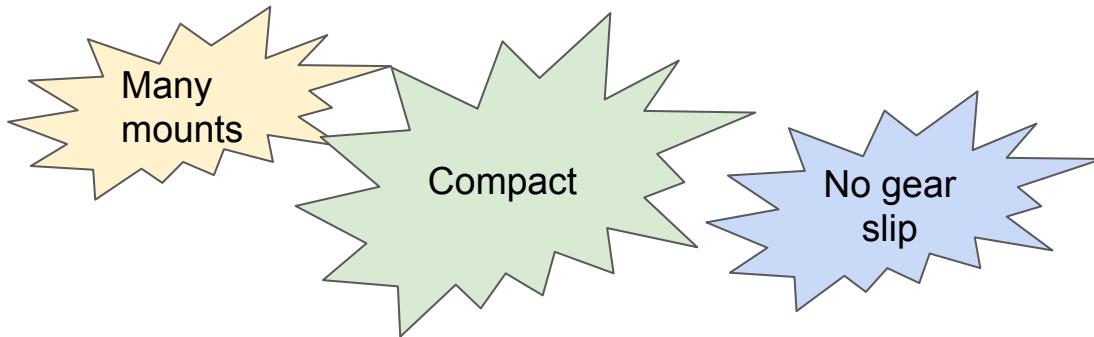
Figure: Plan

Innovation: ReWA: Reusable Worm gear Apparatus

Reusable hardware Component

Convert motion in one plane to another

Used in 7 attachments



Principle: Reusable components

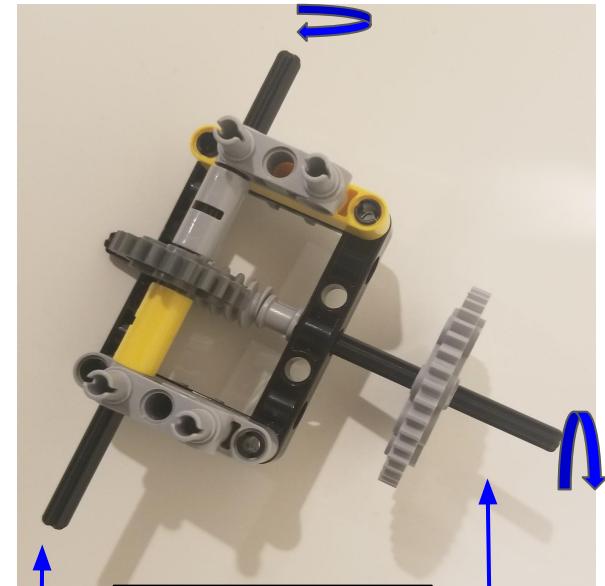
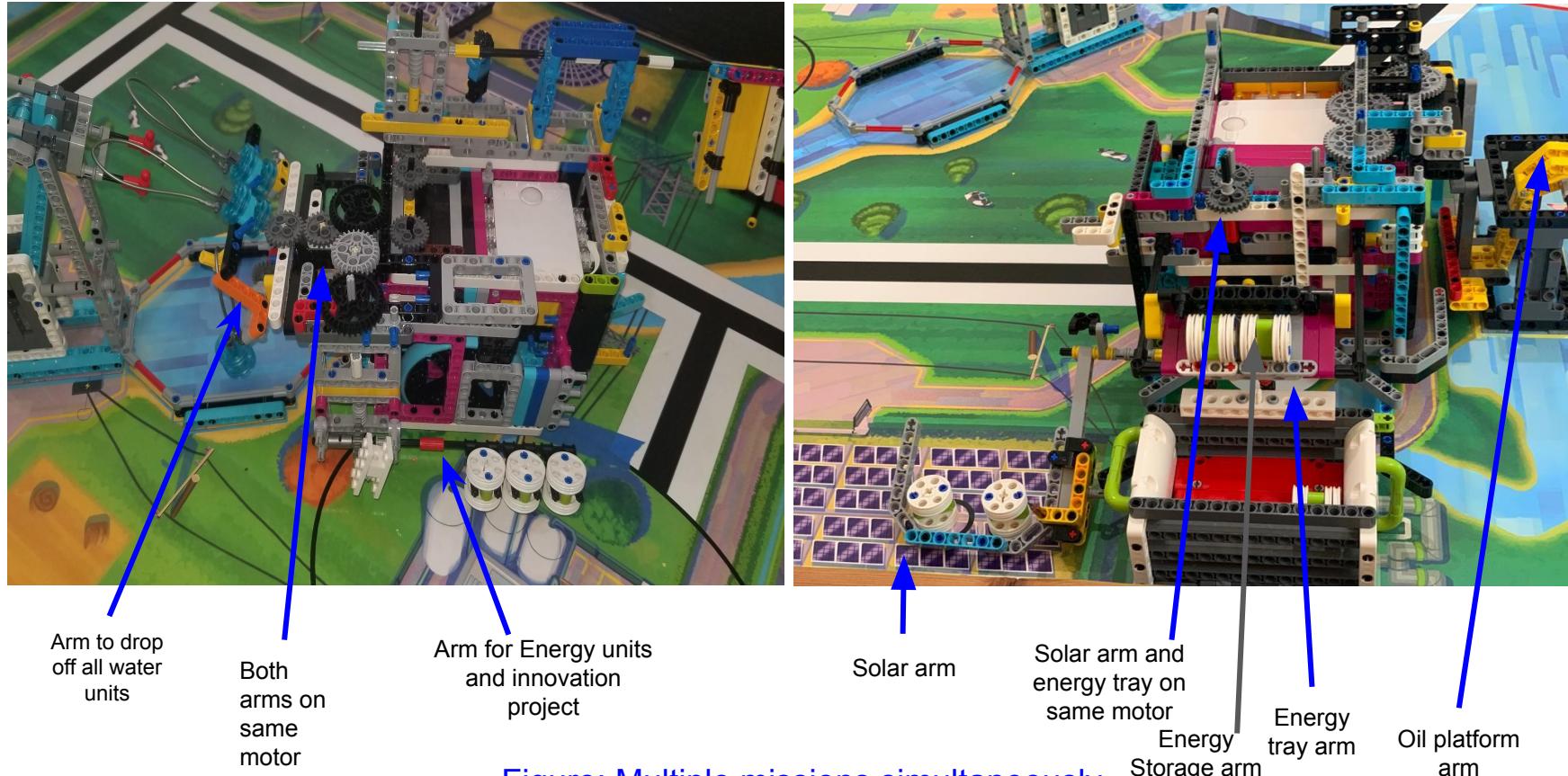


Figure: ReWA

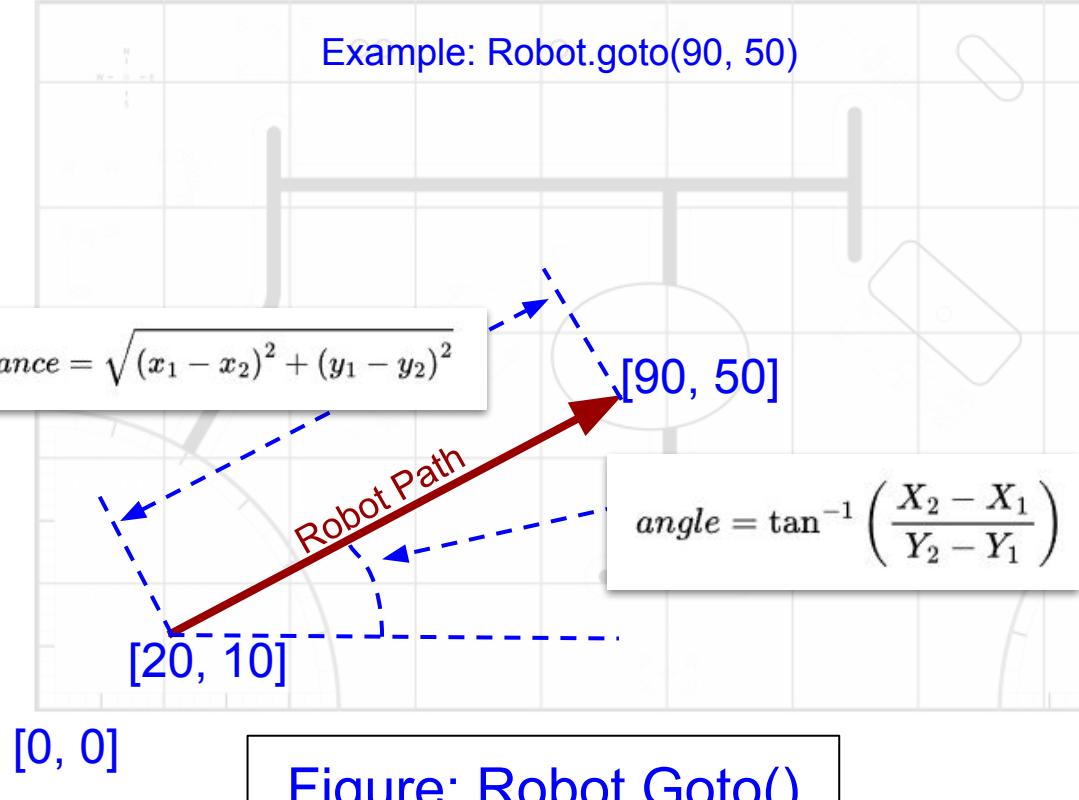
This axle turns the attachment. **Can only be turned by the driving axle**

Motor Axle

Innovation: Multiple mission simultaneously



Innovation (Code): Robot.goto(X, Y)



```
def goto(self,x2,y2,endAngle,speed):
    global angle, slope, quadrant2, distance
    angle = 0
    slope = 0
    quadrant2 = 0
    distance = 0
    x1 = self.currentLocationX
    y1 = self.currentLocationY
    a1 = self.currentRobotAngle
    def _calculateSlope(x1,y1,x2,y2):...
    def _findQuadrant(x1,y1,x2,y2):...
    def _findEndQuadrant(x1,y1,x2,y2,maxX,maxY,minX,minY):...
    def _calculateAngle(slope):...
    def _fixAngle(endQuadrant, rAngle):...
    def _findDistance(x1,y1,x2,y2):...
    def _move(speed):...

    _findQuadrant(x1,y1,x2,y2)
    _calculateSlope(x1,y1,x2,y2)
    _calculateAngle(slope)
    _fixAngle(quadrant2, angle)
    _findDistance(x1,y1,x2,y2)

    self.currentLocationX = x2
    self.currentLocationY = y2
    turnToAngle(targetAngle = endAngle, speed = speed)
```

Figure: Code

Innovation (Code): Path finding program

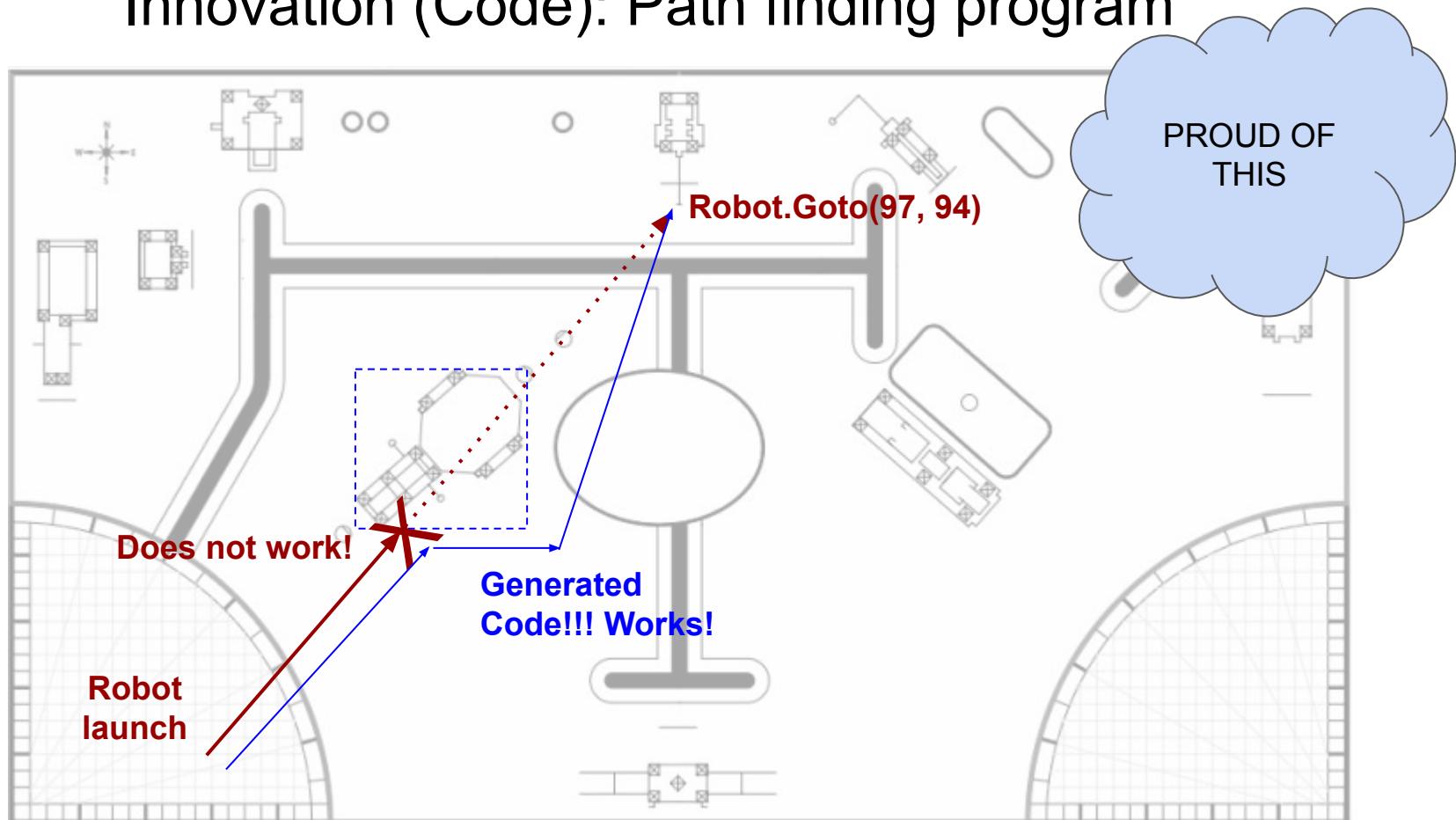


Figure : Path finding program

Innovation (Code): Path finding program

Program that writes code!!!

Obstacle Handling

line intersection,
distance formula
and recursion

```
1 # Driving from (30,10) HydroDam
2 turnToAngle(targetAngle=-51, speed=50)
3 drive(speed=50, distanceInCM=45, target_angle=-51)
4
5 # Code to get past mission: HydroDam
6 turnToAngle(targetAngle=0, speed=50)
7 drive(speed=50, distanceInCM=30, target_angle=0)
8
9 # Drive from (87,45) to (97,94)
10 turnToAngle(targetAngle=-79, speed=50)
```

Figure: Sample output Code produced by pathfinder

Create: Robot and Sensor Functionality

- Box robot
- 6 attachments
- 2 color sensors
- Gyro sensor
- 2 vertical medium motors



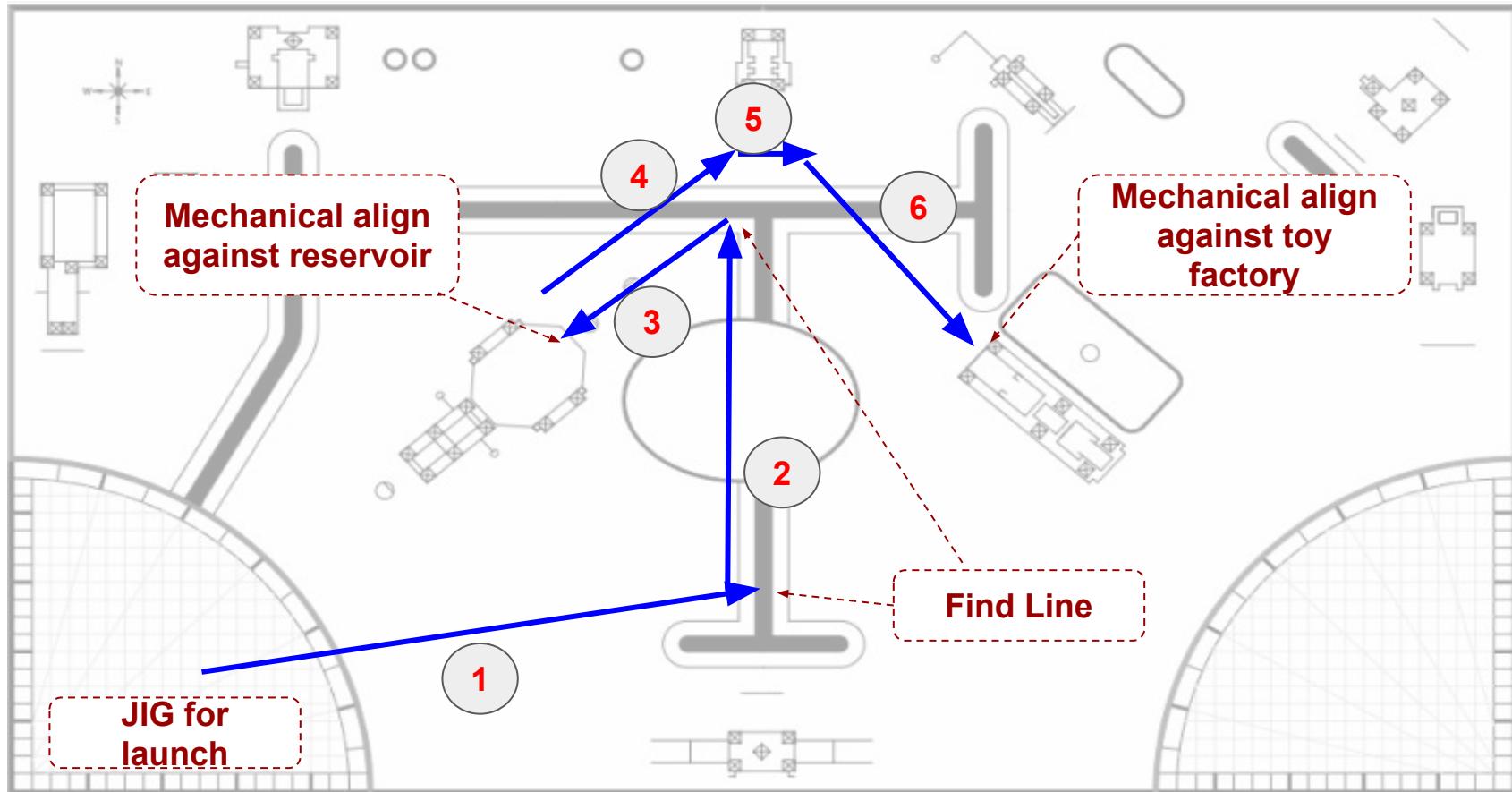
Figure: CAD Design

- Cabling beams
- Charging ports
- Cages around wheels



Figure: Final version

Create: How does the code make robot act?



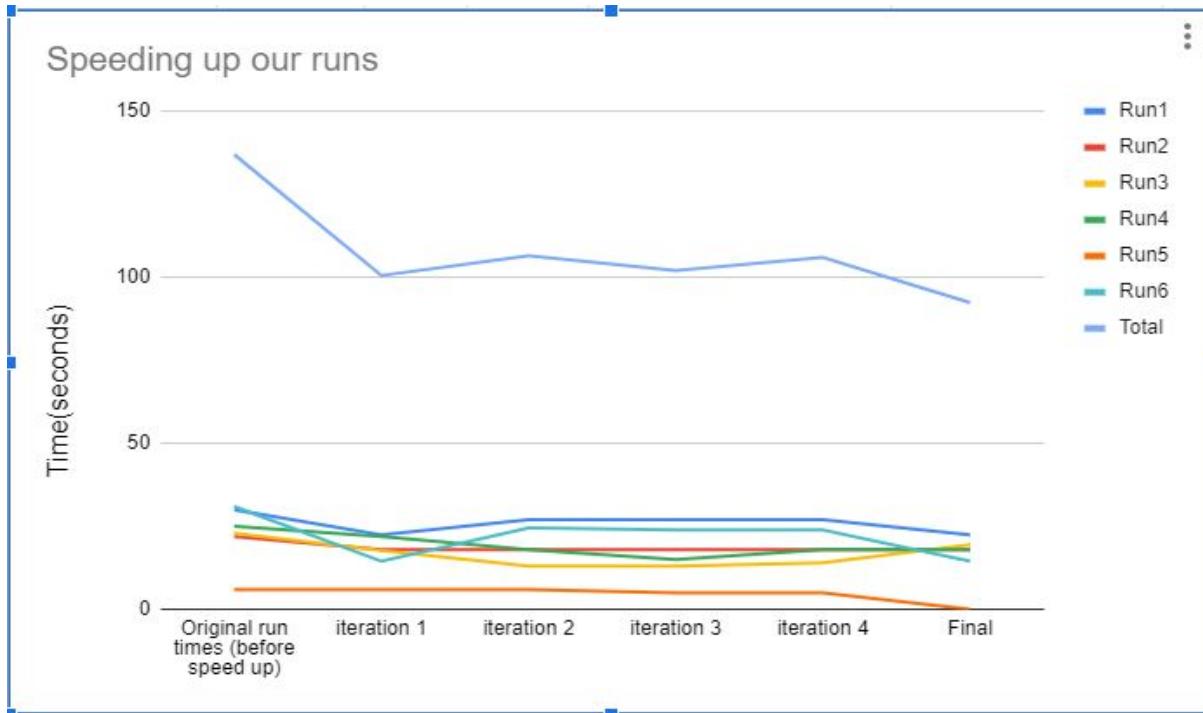
Testing Robot and Code

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
Run #	Toy	Factory	EU front	EU left	EU right	Power plant raise	Power plant lower	Battery Level	Time Taken [seconds]	Notes	Improvements
1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7738	18.218			
2	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	7750	18.175	didn't raise completely EU's didn't get released	Score A Precision tokens Small inspection	A Max Accuracy Run 2 Run 3 Run 4 Run 5 Run 6 Run 7 Run 8 Run 9
3	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	7712	18.056	didn't raise completely EU's didn't get released	TV Win Hyt Rec	B C D E F G H I J K
									left EU got captured and swung off when the robot turned. Still ended up in launch area though	Windmill Hybrid car Rechargeable battery power plant solar energy unit pickup hydroelectric plant smart grid oil factory Energy storage Energy storage tray Solar energy unit pickup - other 2 units Innovation powerToX Innovation model water reservoir toy factory Dinosaur Tim	
4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7673	17.823			
5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7661	18.382			
No. didn't release dinosaur	Yes	No	No	No	Yes				the energy units got stuck		
6	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	7634	18.128	didn't release the dinosaur	didn't release the dinosaur	
7	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	7624	18.26	didn't raise completely EU's didn't get released	Solar energy unit pickup - other 2 units Innovation powerToX Innovation model water reservoir toy factory Dinosaur Tim	
8	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	7605	18.126	didn't raise completely EU's didn't get released	Timing	

Figure: Run 2 tests

Figure: Full run accuracy test

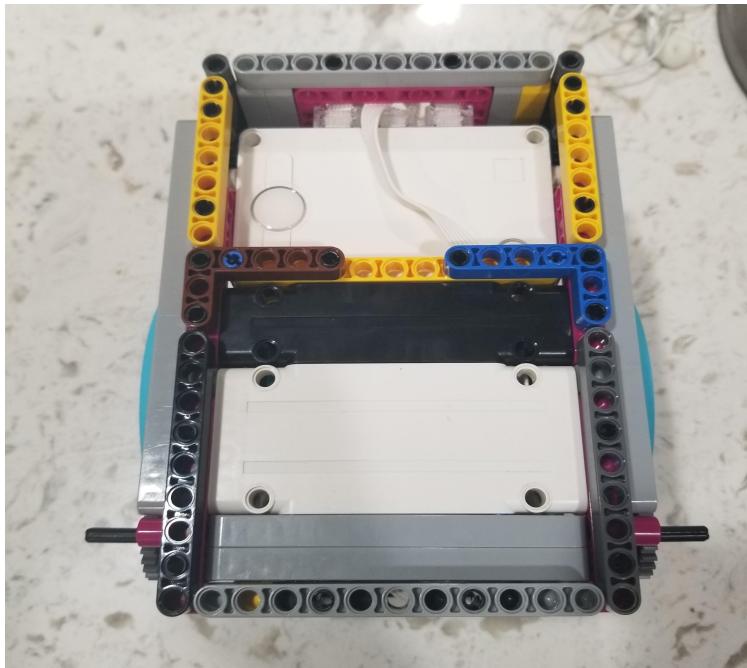
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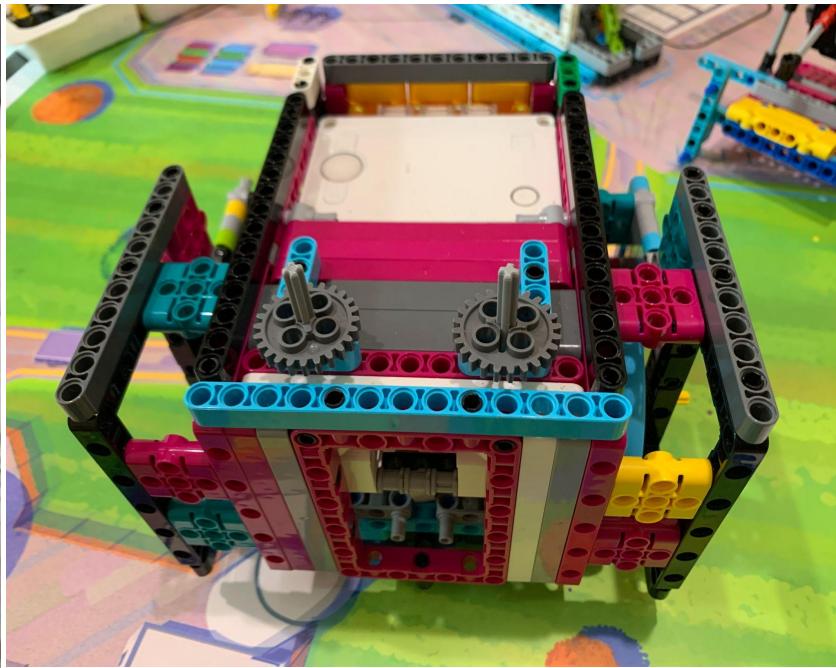
Tested on
2 tables, 3 different
robots

Figure: Speedup

Iterate: Improvements to Marvin(Our Robot)



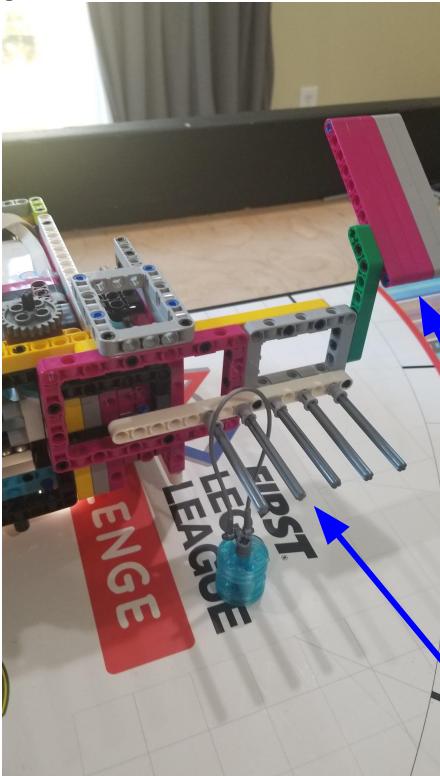
Marvin #10



Marvin #14 (Final)

Iterate: Rubber Bands

Principle: Fail gracefully



Rigid arm would snag
Lattice arm

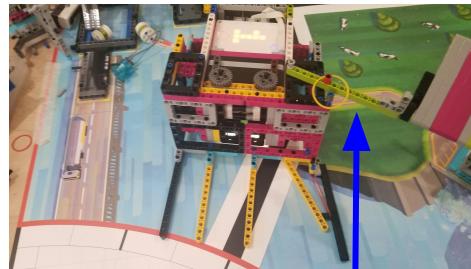
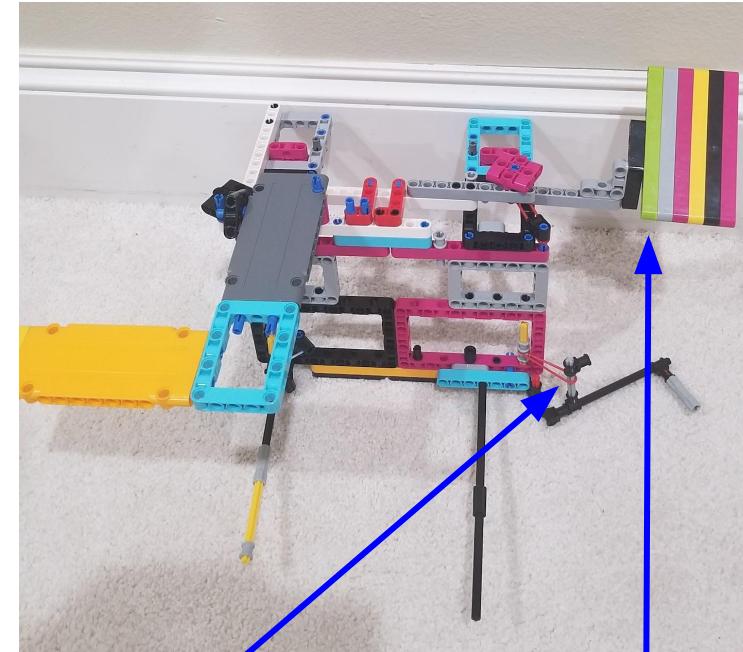


Figure: Iteration 2

Flexible arm
with rubber
band



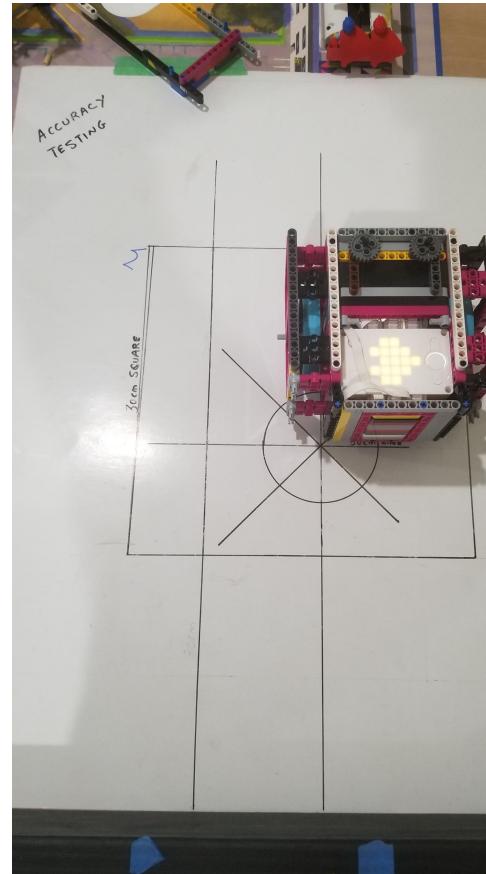
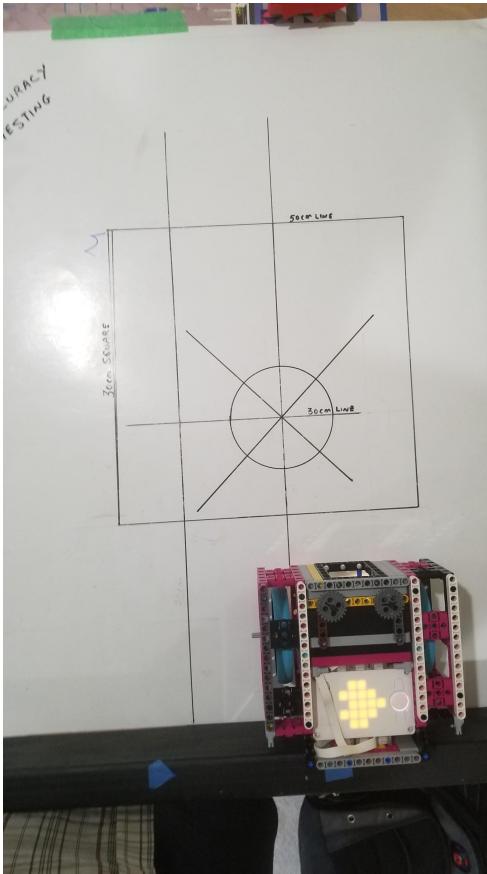
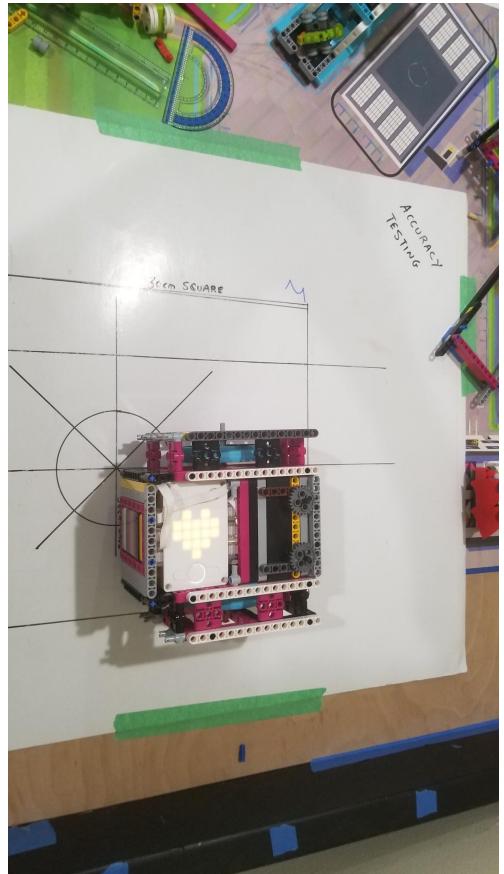
S shaped flexible arm for
water unit

Flexible arm
for
Hydroelectric
dam

Figure: Iteration 1

Figure: Final Arm

Iterate: Code Improvement



Iterate: Code Improvement

Experiment : 720d Turn

Tested 5 Algorithms

Fast and Accurate turn

80%
improvement in
Turn accuracy

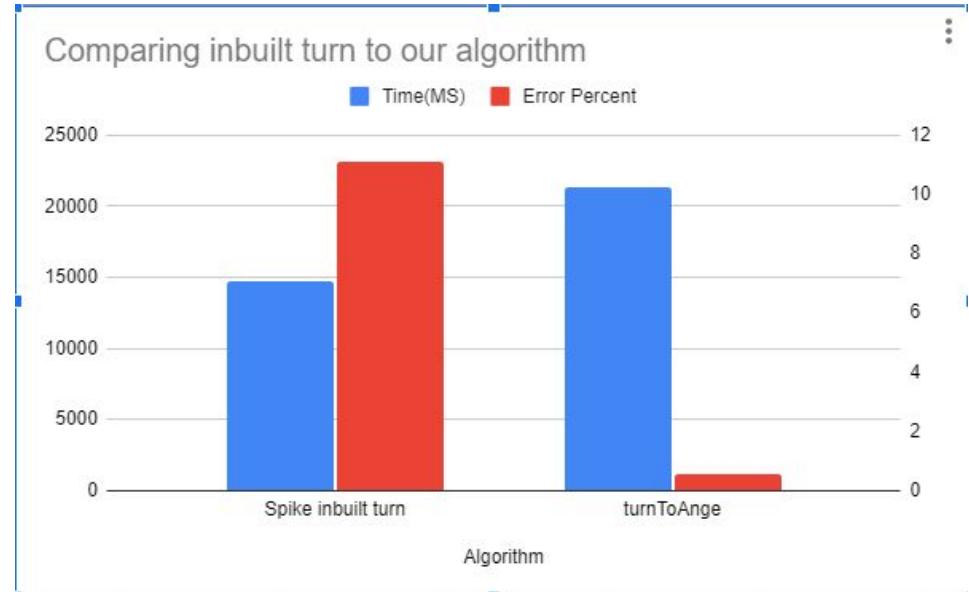


Figure: Turn Data

Thank you! Any Questions?

Year in Review!

153 github
commits

~2300 lines of
python code

~40 broken pegs
1 broken h-connector
1 broken axle

Our SuperPowered Learnings:

- Principles of design
- Python
- Coordinate plane driving
- Path finding algorithm
- Github for sharing our code and version control
- Fail gracefully
- ReVVA: Hardware reuse

Additional content

Innovation : Garage

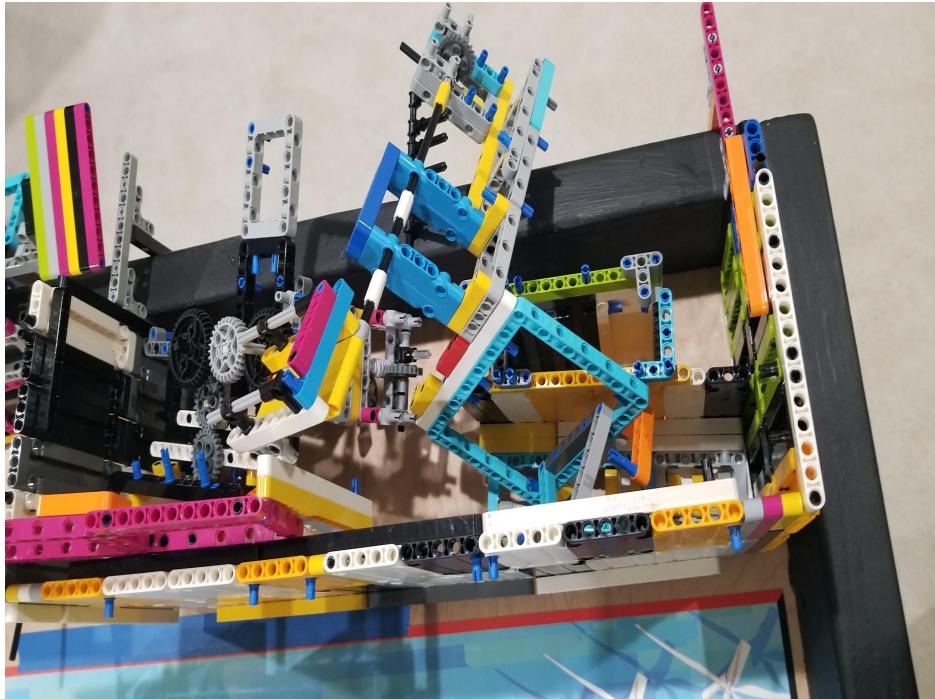


Figure : Garage with Arms in Left Home



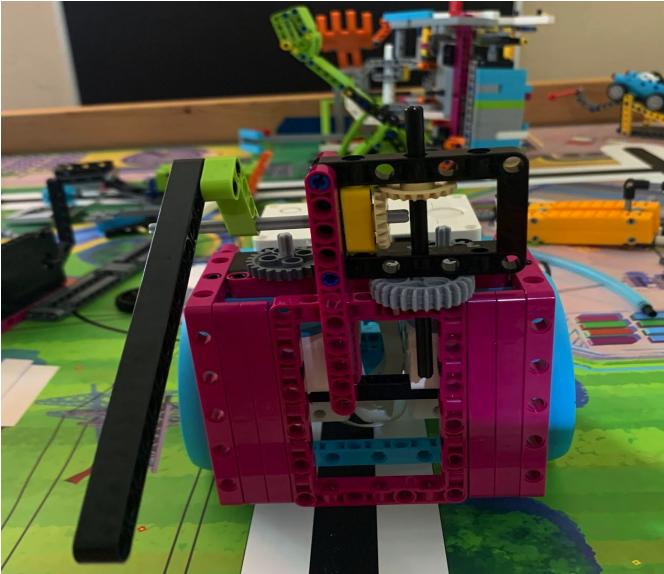
Figure : Adjustable lock

Create: Attachment Functionality



Figure: Spinny

Iterate: Attachment improvement



Problem: Energy unit not being captured



Final attachment

Innovation Code: Drive straight

Average gyrostraight error % Average motors.move error %

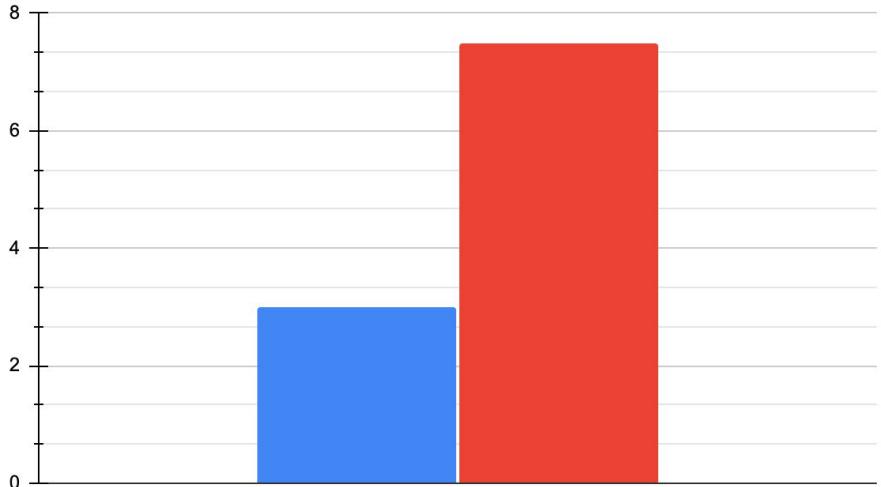


Figure 1: Gyrostraight vs. motors.move percentage error

Run #	Speed	Expected Distance	Actual Distance (in)	Abs. Error	Abs Error %
1	60	10	10.1	0.1	1
2	60	10	9.3	0.7	7
3	60	10	10.02	0.02	0.2
4	60	10	9.62	0.38	3.8
5	60	29	26	3	10.34
6	60	29	25	4	13.79
7	60	29	26.75	2.25	7.76
8	60	45	41.2	3.8	8.44
9	60	45	41.9	3.1	6.89
10	80	20	18	2	10
11	60	50	49	1	2
12	60	50	53.9	3.9	7.8
13	60	50	49	1	2
14	60	50	48.75	1.25	2.5
15	60	50	48	2	4
					5.834666667

```
if( (currentAngle <= 0 and targetAngle <=0) or  
     (currentAngle>0 and targetAngle > 0) or  
     (abs(currentAngle) < 90 and abs(targetAngle)<90)):  
    correction = targetAngle - currentAngle  
elif (currentAngle >= 90):  
    correction = (360 - abs(currentAngle) - abs(targetAngle))  
else:  
    correction = -1*(360 - abs(currentAngle) - abs(targetAngle))
```

Slide	What?	Time	Notes
4	Mission strategy	22	
5	Mission strategy	15	
6	Mission strategy	4	
7	All team members worked on code	8	
8	Effective plan	20	
9	ReWA	16	
10	Multiple missions	28	
11	GOTO	20	
12	Obstacle avoidance	27	
13	Obstacle Avoidance	1	