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2.0 CAPABILITIES

2.1 PURPOSE

Create an autonomous vehicle capable of navigating around an obstacle course, crossing a zip line, finding and recognizing coloured blocks, and returning to a specified zone.

2.2 SCOPE

- size of area: 12x12 grid of squares, each with a side length of 30.48cm
- capabilities of robot:
 - o receive parameters from game control server
 - o localize in starting square
 - o navigate around the playing field
 - o traverse a zipline
 - o find a block of a specified colour in the given zone
 - o beep
 - o return to the starting zone along a specified path
- time limit
 - o 30 seconds to localize

- 7 minutes to complete the run
- tolerance on robot capabilities
 - navigate with enough accuracy to mount the zip line
 - differentiate between colours of blocks

2.3 CONSTRAINTS

See Constraints Document.

2.4 USER FUNCTIONS

The user may interact with the device before it operates, but once the robot is given to the TA to be placed on the field, the robot must act entirely autonomously. The user can operate the device using the keypad on the front of the brick.

2.5 OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

The robot operates on the playing field, which is a 12x12 grid of squares, each with side length 30.48cm. The surface of the field is beige wood, with black grid lines separating each square to help the robot navigate. The lighting of the environment is variable, so the performance of the colour sensors is carefully tested. The competition is held indoors, so any other external environmental factors are negligible.

2.6 PERFORMANCE

Since user input only occurs before the start of the trial, response time to commands need only be fast enough to make testing easy for the user. Other time limits and travel requirements are outlined in Section 2.2 - Scope. The travel speed of the robot has no explicit requirements, but faster is better - the faster one can go without making errors, the higher the probability of victory against the opposing robot.

3.0 COMPATIBILITY

3.1 COMPONENT REUSE

Any hardware or software created during the Research and Development phase (Labs 1 through 5) can be reused. However, it is important to ensure that those products do not pose restrictions on the robot. For example, all the hardware designs in the labs required fewer sensors than are required on the final robot. The most important existing components that are used are the LEGO Mindstorms EV3 set and the leJOS library.

3.2 COMPATIBILITY WITH THIRD PARTY PRODUCTS

The robot hardware is entirely made up of LEGO parts, so the frame does not have to interface with components from other suppliers. The robot's sensors are calibrated for the wooden floor and coloured blocks that are part of the competition, both of which are made available before the competition. The robot's zip line arm must be at the correct height to interface with the zip line. Some custom structural pieces can be 3D printed specifically for the robot if needed.

4.0 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

None required.