Gizmoball: Revised Specification

CS308 Group MW1

Build Mode

Interface

- Separate interface to play mode
- Initiated by clicking "Build Mode" button on play mode interface
- Switching between interfaces can be done using the always visible "Play Mode" or "Build Mode" buttons at the top of each interface.

Buttons

Shape Gizmo Buttons

- Used by clicking desired shape and clicking a free space on the grid to be placed
- Will not be able to place gizmos on top of each other.
- Can be moved using "Move Gizmo" button and selecting a free space to move Gizmo to.
- Can be rotated by clicking a gizmo to rotate it 90 degrees, each subsequent click will rotate another 90 degrees.
- Gizmo can be deleted by clicking the delete gizmo button and selecting the gizmo you wish to delete.
- Board can be completely cleared using the "Clear Board" button.
- Can connect Gizmos together using the Connect Gizmo button and then selecting the gizmos to be connected by clicking on them.
- Connected Gizmos can be disconnected in the same way but using the disconnect button.
- Key Connect/Disconnect are the same as above except with gizmo-key bindings instead of gizmo-gizmo binding.

Absorber

 Similar to other shape gizmos except to place it you must drag over the area you want it to cover.

Flippers

Similar to other shape gizmos, will be able to rotate both right and left flippers 90
degrees if connected to a key or other gizmo. Upon placing on the grid must have
enough space to rotate.

Friction

 Allows user to define the build friction by entering a value in the text box and then clicking the Friction button to apply it.

Gravity

• Allows user to define the build gravity by entering a value in the text box and then clicking the Gravity button to apply it.

Add Ball

• Define ball size in text box, click button to place it.

Options

Save Build

• Once a build has been created the user can save it to a command file and give it a name to work on later or load into play mode.

Load Build

• User can load a saved build from a command file using a file viewer

Play Mode

Buttons

Start

• Providing a build has been loaded, clicking the start button will start the motion of the ball and allow the game to start.

Pause

• Stops the game clock at it's current tick which also stops the motion of the ball and unlocks the ability to use the tick feature.

Tick

 Allows user to increment the game clock one tick at a time and subsequently update the game view for each tick to monitor details of movement more closely.

Reload

 Allows user to reload the build that was previously loaded, used for example if the ball becomes stuck.