Southeast Con 2019 Team Presentation

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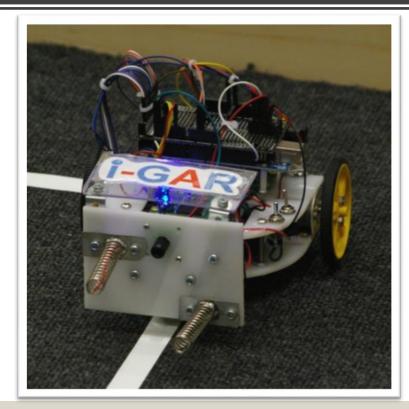
Southeast Con 2019

- IEEE Region 3 for: Technical, Professional, and Student conference
- Focuses on sharing ECE latest Information
- Events
 - A technical program with seminars, tutorials and workshops
 - A student program with student competitions
 - Exhibits
 - IEEE regional meetings
- Conference Location: Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama
- Thursday, April 11th, 2019 through Sunday, April 14th, 2019





Lethal Simplicity, That actual Worked







[2] "Engineering Students Win Robotic Competition." Florida St University News, 28 Sept. 2016, news.fsu.edu/news/sciencetechnology/2012/05/09/engineering-students-win-roboticcompetition/.



Problem

Design a robot that can move around a plane, respond to a changing environment, avoid obstacles and sort colored objects.



terminology

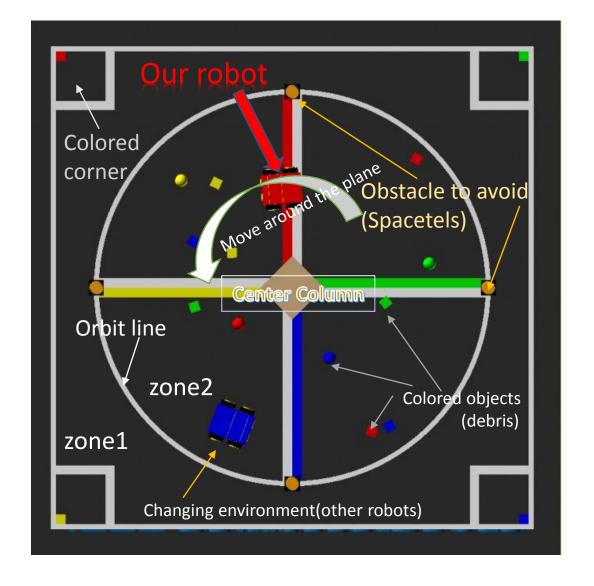
Colored corner: where the robot begin and end and put color matched debris in.

Orbit – any Counter-Clockwise (CCW) complete traversal around the central column.

Spacetel – Space Hotel, LED obstacles.

Zone 1 – Outer space outside of orbital line.

Zone 2 – Space inside of orbital line.





Needs

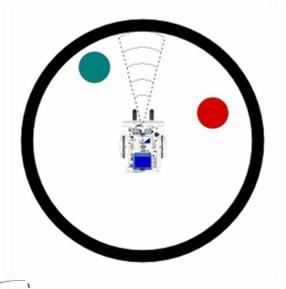
- Move around the playing field in counter-clockwise orbit
- Find the fastest route to clear debris from the region
- While clearing the field, sort the debris
- Avoid collision with spacetels and other robots
- Have the robot return to home base

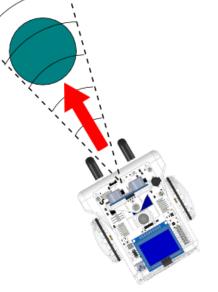


Requirements

The robot must be able to move on a carpet plane

- Be able to recognize the shape of the object
- Be able to recognize the color of the objects
- Be able to collect the objects it recognized
- Be able to organize the objects collected



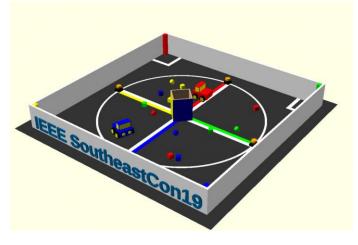


http://arcbotics.com/lessons/cleaning-robot/



Requirements Cont.

- Find a route to clear majority of objects
- The robots must be able to recognize the route to home base
- Identify the location of spacetels and other robots
- Be able to avoid robots and spacetels identified



http://www.cellar--door.com/control-of-mobile-robots/



Project Scope

- Break the needs into modules
- Modules:
 - Motion
 - Route clearing algorithm
 - Sorting software and hardware
 - Acknowledge location and home base
 - Recognize and avoid other UFOs



http://saryan.info/project-scope-management-cartoons.html



Assumption

- Robot advances to second round of the competition
- Playing field will be remain the same throughout the competition
- Competition rules will remain constant throughout the robot's design
- Flash photography usage will be limited during each round

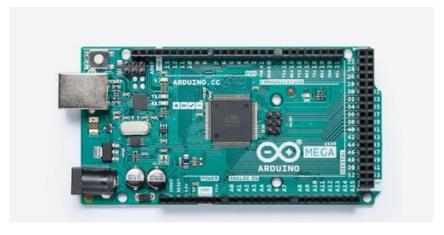






Tradeoffs

- Our choice is Arduino Mega over other prototyping microprocessors
 - More pin ports versus then Arduino Uno
 - Relatively inexpensive compared to other platforms
 - Cross platform
 - Open source software
- 7v DC brushless motor preference
 - Stepper motors are slow loud and inefficient
 - DC motors are faster, have better speed selection, and have more power output per power input (efficient)



[4]Arduino Mega 2560 Rev3, store.arduino.cc/usa/arduino-mega-2560-rev3.





Trade Offs (Cont.)

- 6060 Aluminum frame
 - Lightweight
 - Durable
 - Easy to disassemble for switching parts
- 2.68 in. rubber tires
 - Lightweight
 - Carpet specific tirehttps://images-na.sslimagesamazon.com/images/I/61ftvUxyJqL._SL13 01_.jpgs



[5] "48' x 96' .125 Aluminum Sheet 3003." Tampa Steel & Supply, tampasteel.com/product/aluminum-sheet-125-x-48-x-96-3003/.



[6] "AutoEC 68mm Smart Car Robot Tire Wheel (Pack of 4)." Amazon, Amazon, www.amazon.com/AutoEC-68mm-Smart-Robot-Wheel/do/B00U4HP2X4.



Market

- Our primary target is the competition
 - Meet regulation
 - Gather as much points as possible
- Our secondary target Recycling
 - Clean up parks, oceans, and other locations
 - Sort consumer waste
 - Small and inexpensive option

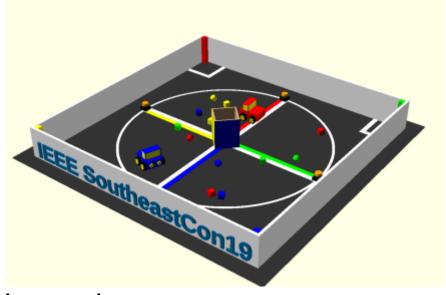






Getting to the Competition

- The robot must be able to:
 - Move on a carpet plane
 - Clear majority of objects
 - Return to home base
 - Avoid collisions
- Key assumptions:
 - Our robot will progress to the second round
 - The playing field will remain unchanged
 - Outside interference will be limited

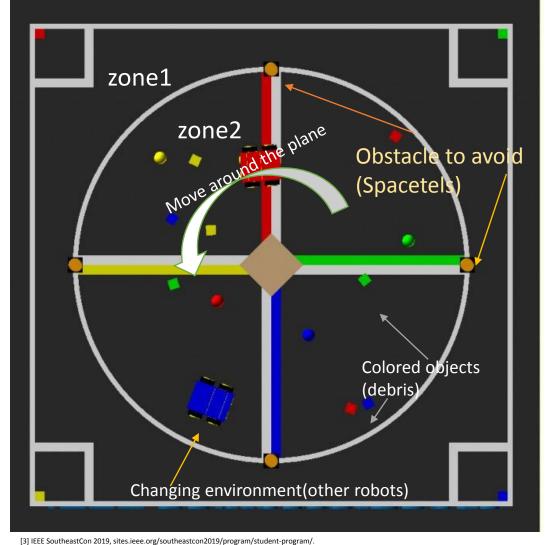


[3] IEEE SoutheastCon 2019, sites.ieee.org/southeastcon2019/program/student-program/.



Modules

- Move the robot
- Route clearing
- Sort debris
- Return home
- Avoid collisions





Functional Decomposition

Motion(Daniel)

Propelling robot

Turning robot/ configurating wheels

Changing speeds

Minimizing size to meet regulations

Route Clearing Algorithm(Kyle)

Rotate CCW

Avoid planned obstacles

Push objects

Sorting Software & Hardware (Chase)

Gather objects

Sort objects

Store objects

Return Home (Yuan)

Drop off sorted objects in color specific corners

Locate where it is on the field

Return to home base

Recognize & Avoid (Fabio)

Recognize objects

Differentiate between color

Avoid other UFOs



Initial Approach to the Competition

- Arduino Mega
 - Variety of pins, and open source software
- Brushless DC motor
 - Efficient, and supports a variety of gearboxes

- Al 6060
 - Lightweight, and readily machinable

- Rubber wheels
 - Excellent traction on carpeted surfaces



Interest Outside of Competition

- Create interest in using autonomous robots to clean up parks and oceans
- Spark interest in robots that can adapt to a changing environment
- Inspire an inexpensive alternative to accomplish simple tasks



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Question?

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