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All-core Journey

Technical Training of Competition

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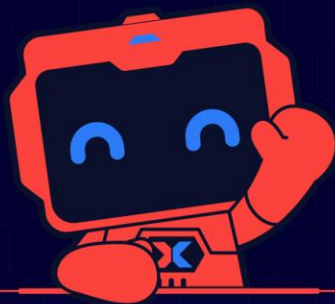
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Self-check list for junior instructors (Training goal)

1. Understand the use and debugging of core sensors in competition
(Ultrasonic Sensor、 Quad RGB Sensor、 Dual Color Sensor, etc.)
2. Be able to guide student solve critical programming problems
(Cyberpi error code、 Line follow issue、 Firmware and common issues of the extension)
3. Understand and teach the core algorithms used in competition
(Line follow with KP/PID algorithm、 Manual control program design)

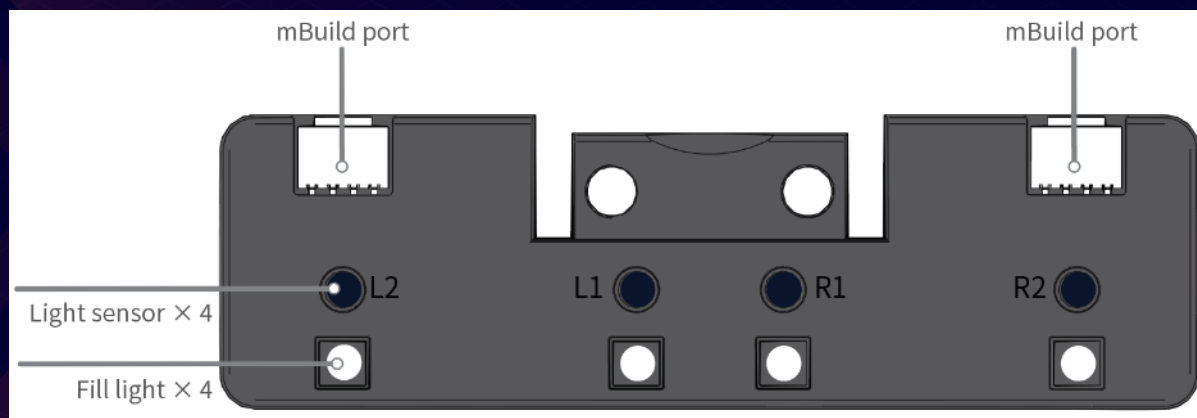


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Introduction to core
electronic parts



01 | Quad RGB Sensor



Quad RGB Sensor

Button Function:

1. Background learning
2. Switching fill light

Scenarios:

1. Line follow algorithm
2. Color detection algorithm



What is the purpose of background learning and Switching fill light?

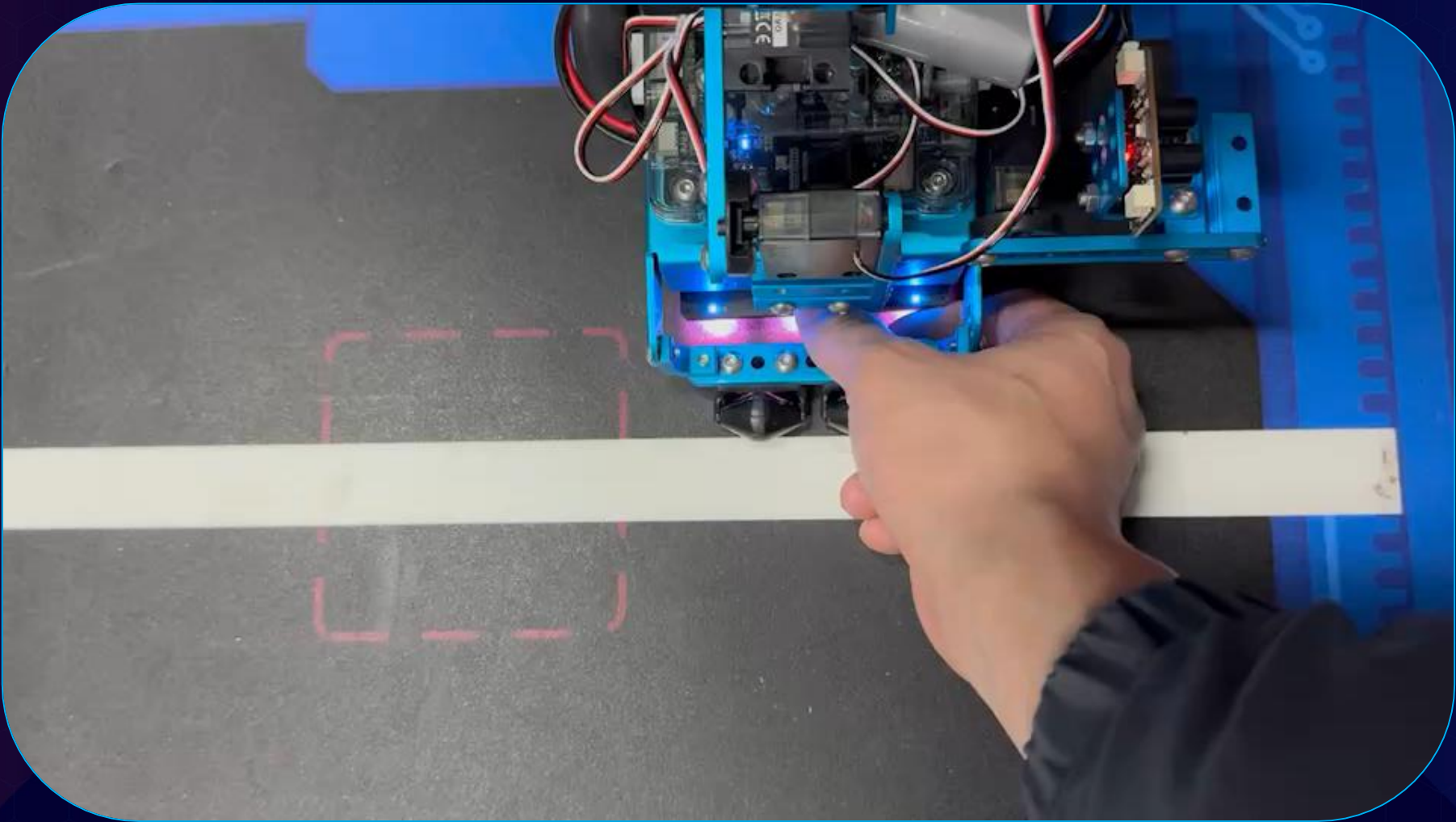
Reduce the interference of ambient light to the line follow program



01 | Quad RGB Sensor – Guide of calibration

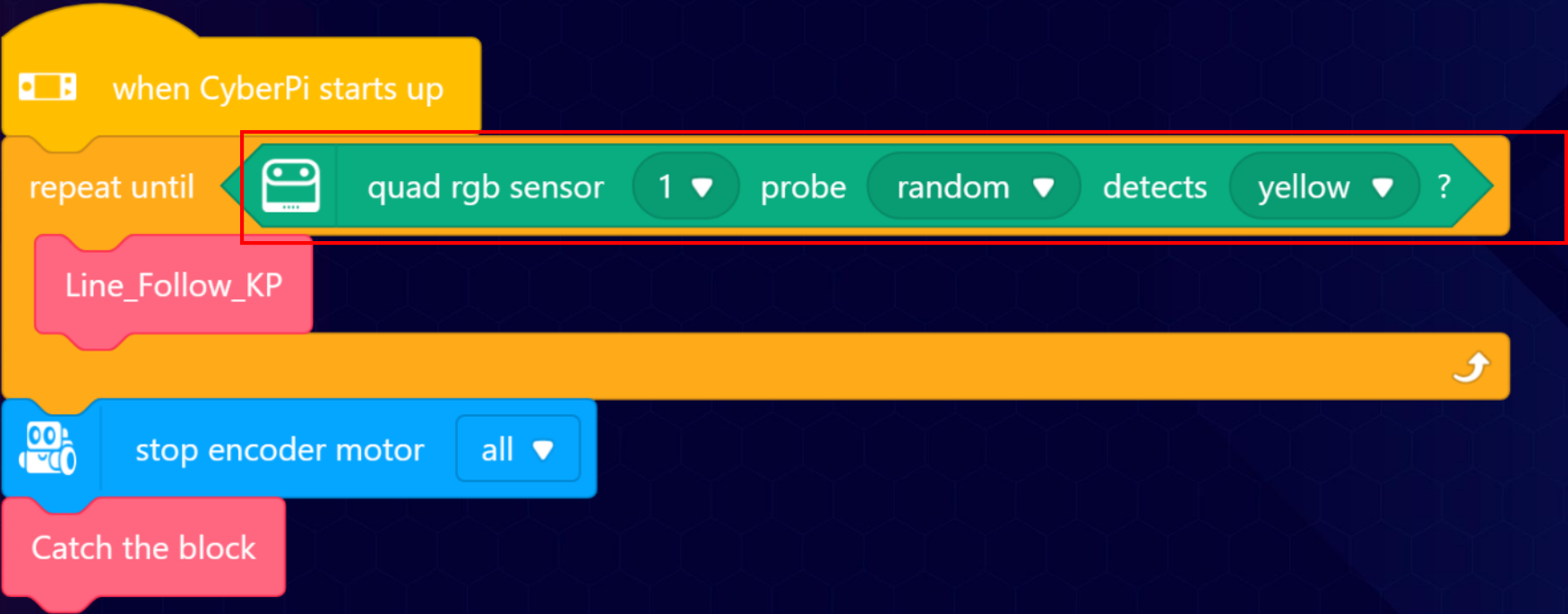
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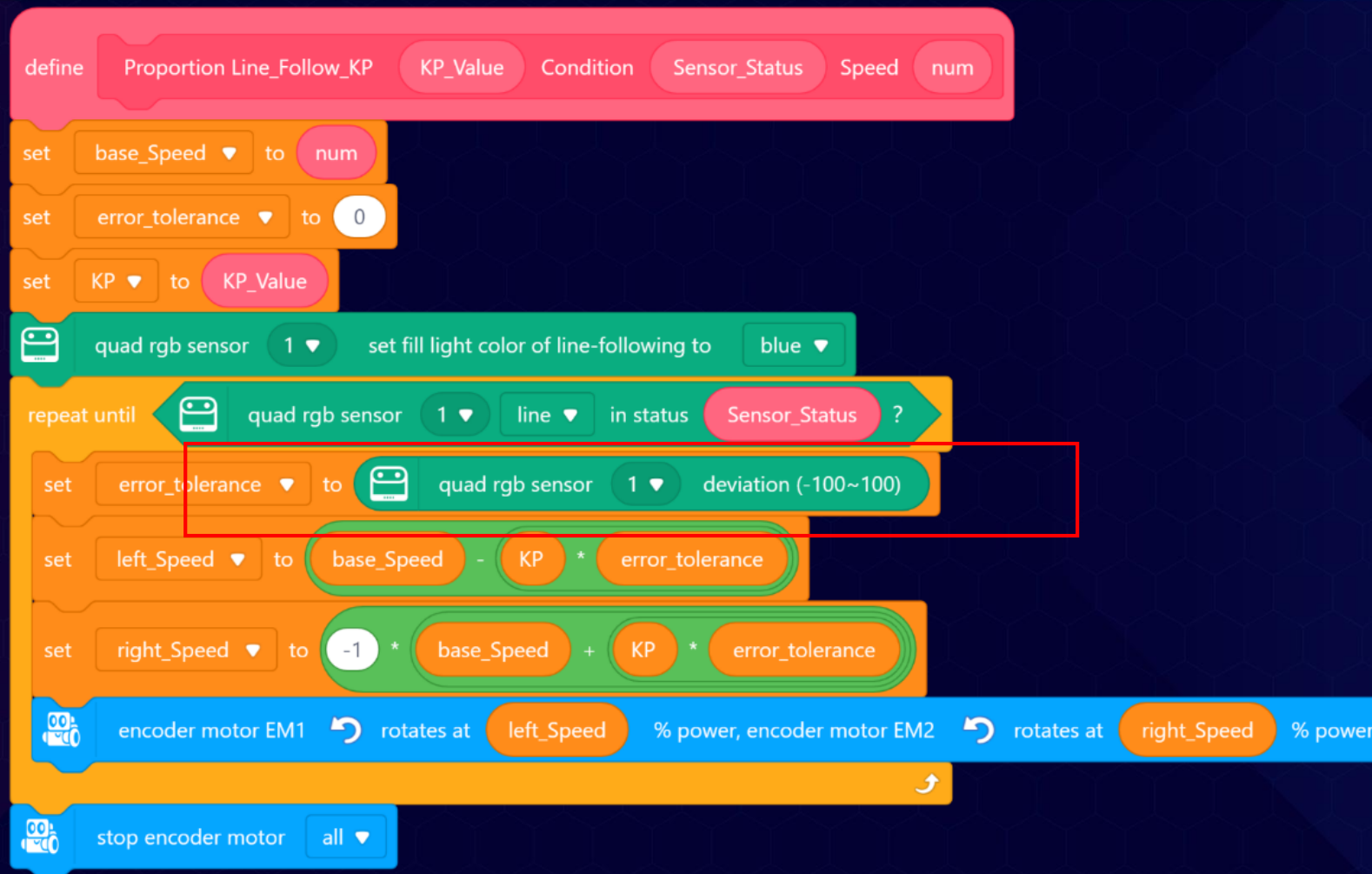


01 | Quad RGB Sensor – Color detection





01 | Quad RGB Sensor – Line Follow algorithm(KP algorithm)

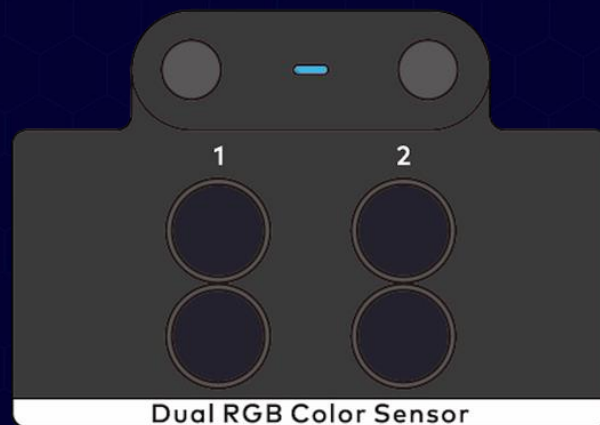




02 | Dual RGB Color Sensor



Why do we need to add a dual RGB color sensor when we have Quad RGB sensor?



Dual RGB Color Sensor

Button Function:

1. Background learning
2. Switching fill light

Scenarios:

1. Line follow algorithm
2. Color detection algorithm



02| Dual RGB Color Sensor – Color detection

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when CyberPi starts up

repeat until



dual RGB sensor

1 ▼

probe

1 ▼

detects color

blue ▼

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or



dual RGB sensor

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probe

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detects color

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Line_Follow_KP



stop encoder motor

all ▼

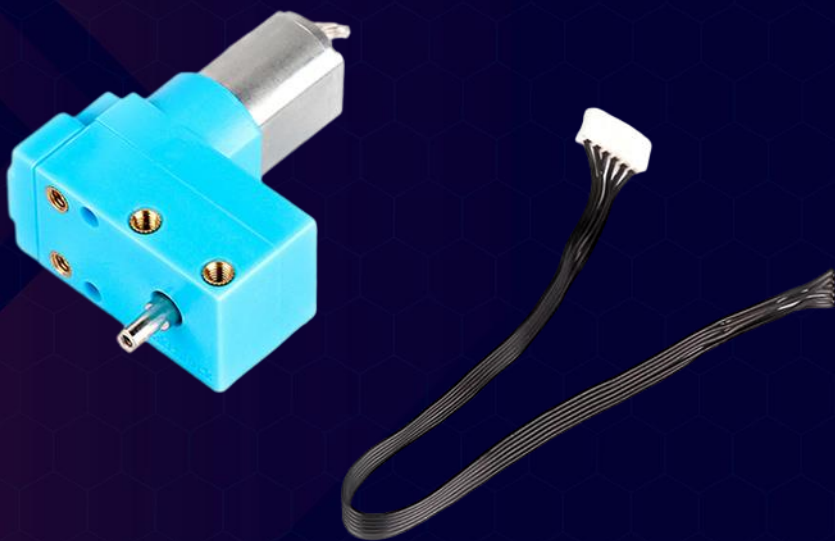
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03| 180 Optical Encoder Motor

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180 Optical Encoder Motor

Product Info	Description
SKU	81340
Gear ratio	39.6
Rated voltage	7.4V
No-load current	240mA
Full-load current	≤750mA
No-load speed	350RPM±5%
Starting torque	5kg·cm
Rated torque	800g·cm

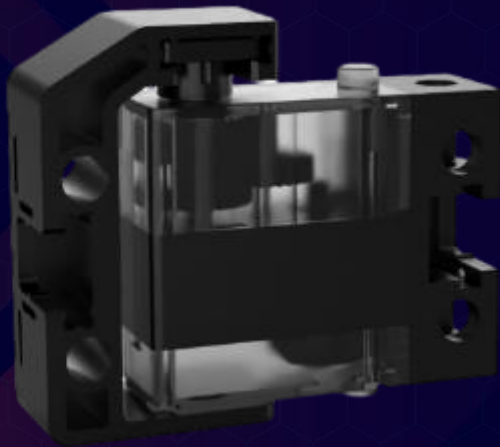


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How to troubleshoot if the servo vibrates during operation?



MS-1.5A Servo

1. Insufficient power supply voltage. Recharge the battery, and after increasing the battery voltage, restart the robot.
2. Servo is defective. If servo defective is confirmed, replace the servo.
3. The weight of the objects carried by the servo is too heavy, so the weight needs to be reduced.
4. The control wire of the servo is too close to other motors, servos or battery power lines, etc. Adjust the distance between them.
5. Unknown bug in the programming logic. Try adjusting the program to solve the problem.



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Technical analysis of
the competition

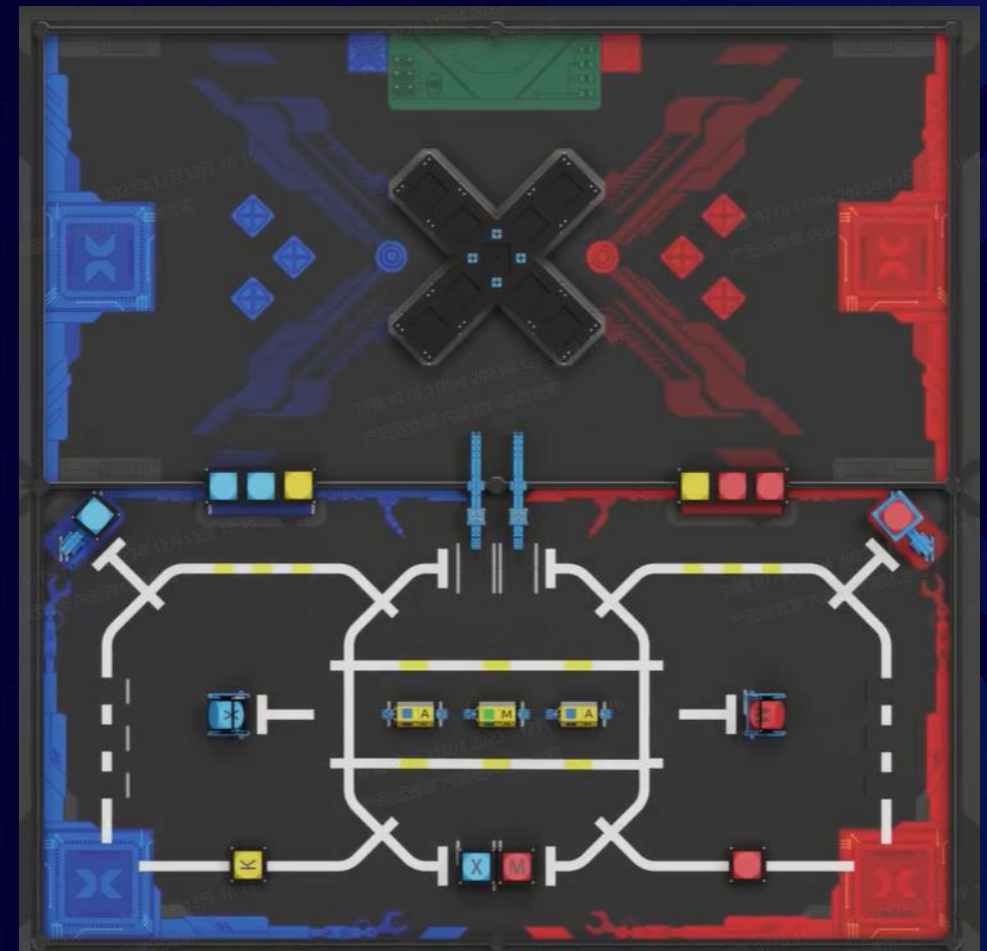


02 | Analyzing Missions of the Competition

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Stage & Period	Mission Type	Mission Name
Auto control (x seconds, $0 < x \leq 240$)	Independent Mission	M01 Capturing Quantum Chip
		M02 Transiting Quantum Chip and Organic Crystal
		M03 Capturing Alphabet cube
		M04 Intelligent Manufacturing
		M05 Processing of Contaminants
		M06 Stacking Storeroom
Manual control (240s - end)	Alliance Mission	M07 Lighting the Antimatter Fuel Rod
		M08 Operating Matrix Research Station
		M09 Placing Team Marker





02 | M01 Capturing Quantum Chip

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Mission Gameplay

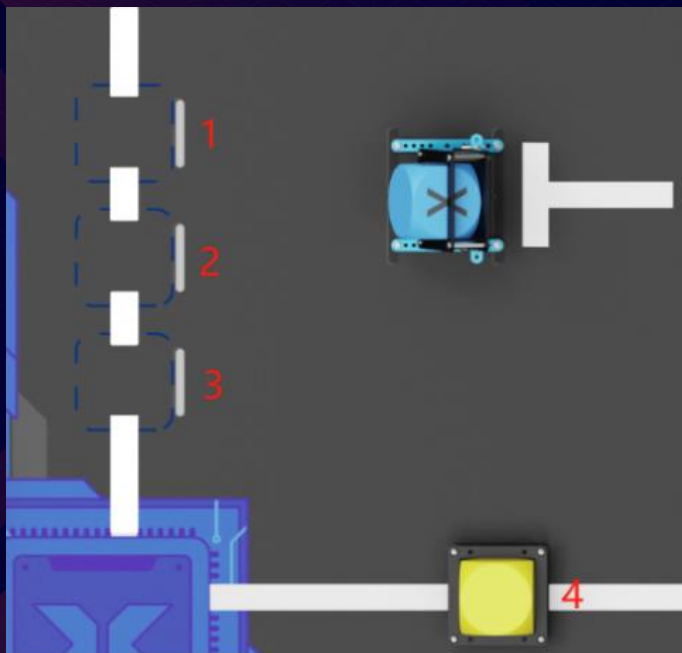
Mission Initial status:

This mission has two yellow cubes (quantum chip and organic crystal), one with the letter K (K should be upwards). Each team has four marking area close to starting area, where the cube placement is determined by a random draw.

**The yellow letter cube places in either the red or blue team's starting area, which is negotiated by both teams before the competition.*

Gameplay:

The robot's target is to completely remove the yellow cube and their bases from the marking area.



Scoring Judgment

- a. The vertical projection of yellow cube (with base) must completely leave the marking area
- b. The yellow cube (with base) must completely inside the competition area
- c. The yellow cube and base are not separated from each other;
- d. The yellow cube (with base) has no touch with the robot at the mission end

Score of Mission

A successful move of the yellow cube earns 20 points



02 | M02 Transiting Quantum Chip and Organic Crystal

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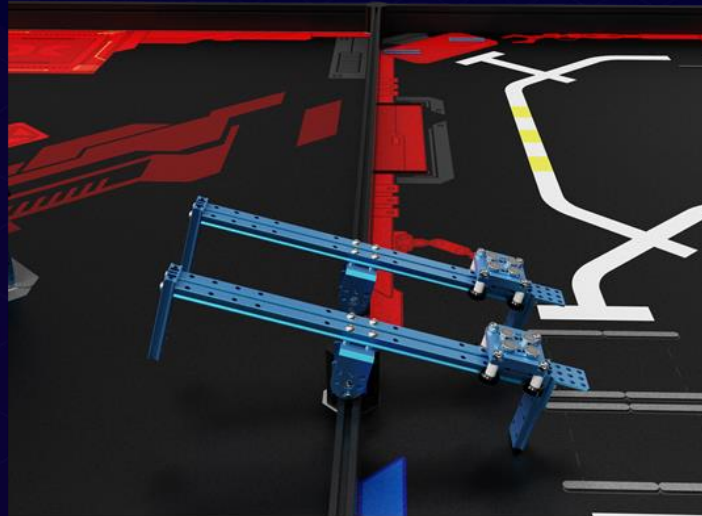
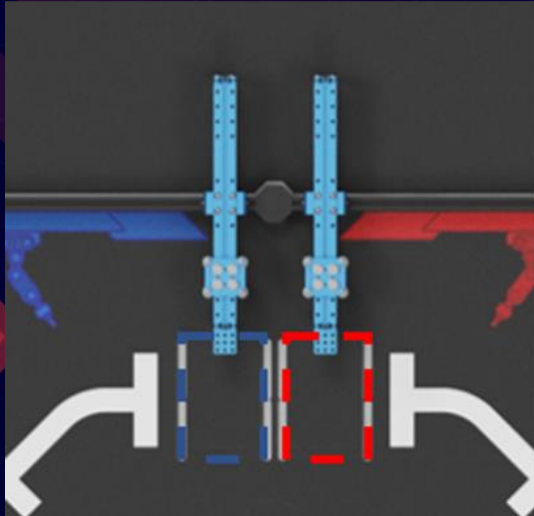
Mission Gameplay

Mission Initial status: :

The scoring props of this Mission are derived from the yellow alphabet cube or yellow cube (with base) of mission M01

Gameplay:

Transit the yellow alphabet cube or yellow cube (with their bases) to the manual loading area through the slider. A successful transition of yellow cube earns 30 points

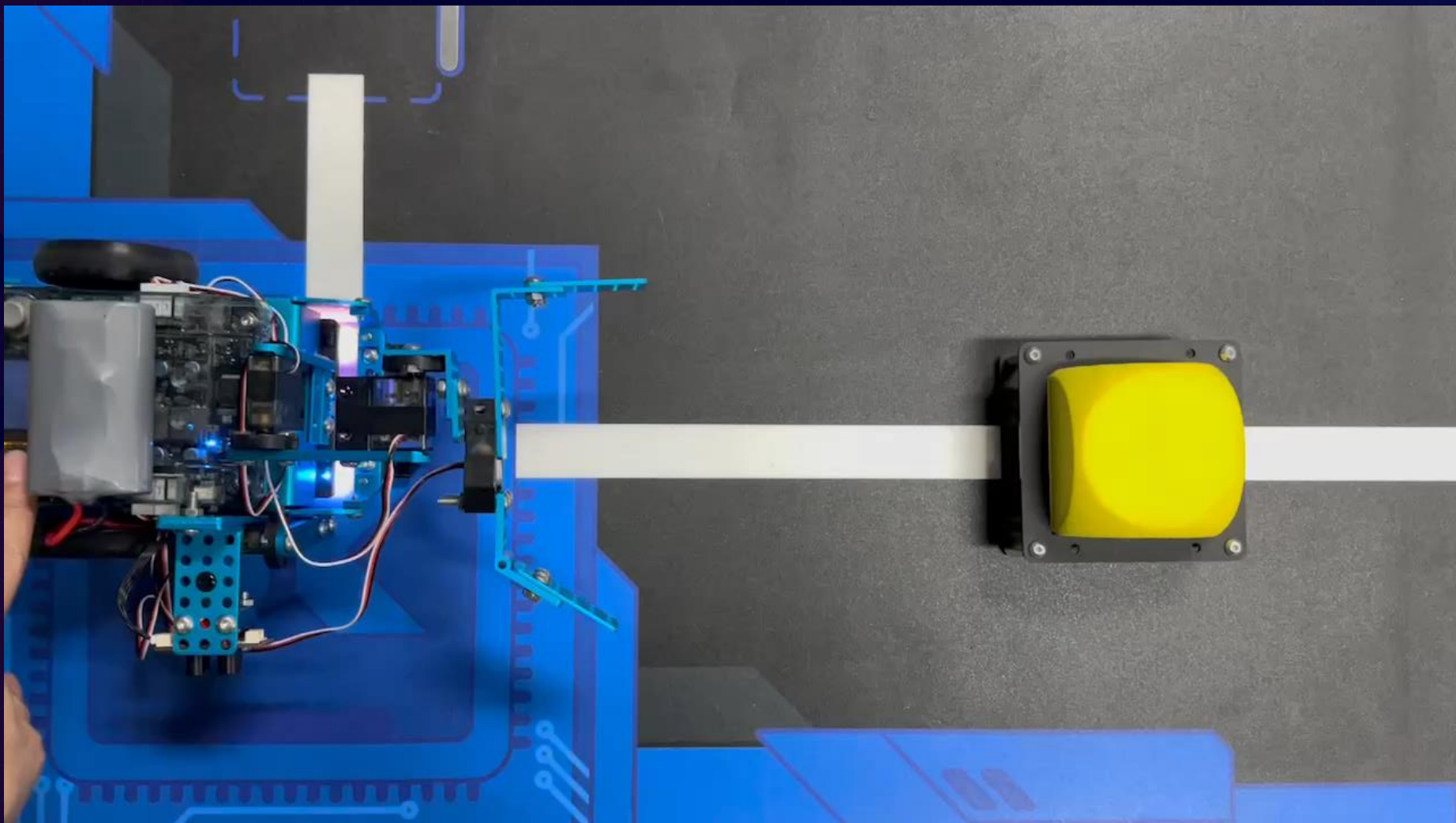


Scoring Judgement

- The vertical projection of yellow cube (with their bases) must be completely inside the manual loading area
- The yellow cube (with their bases) must be adsorbed on the slider and does not fall off
- The robot has no direct contact with the transfer slide and the yellow cube (and their base) at the mission end



02 | Analyzing Missions of the Competition – M01 & M02





02 | Analyzing Missions of the Competition – M01 & M02



Key points:

1. Reasonably consider the amount and structure of servos/motors for moving or catching

$\text{Torque} = \text{Force} \times \text{Distance}$

Where: Torque is in $\text{kg}\cdot\text{cm}$, Force is in kg , Distance is in cm

Considering the servo motor is with a maximum torque of $1.5 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{cm}$

Plugging in the values you provided:

$\text{Force} = 1.5 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{cm} / 5 \text{ cm}$

$\text{Force} = 0.3 \text{ kg}$

Therefore, the maximum load of this servo is about 0.3 kg at 5 cm .

Exceeding this load may cause the servo destabilize the servo's position.

However, this is theoretical and real-world factors like gear design and manufacturing quality also play a role.

2. How to improve the line follow efficiency (speed) at the intersections?

Intersection: made by two white lines intersects, it has T type or + type.

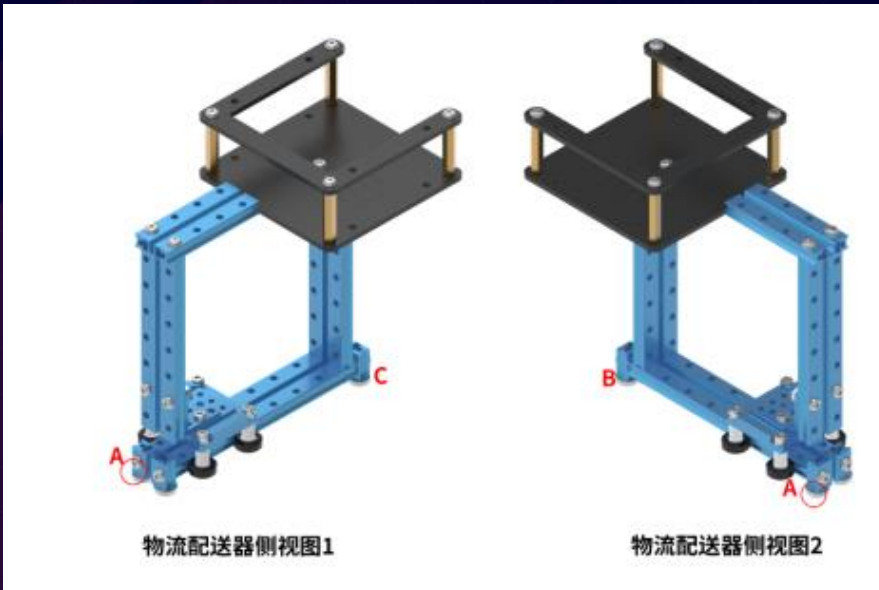
3. How to handle when the robot cannot recognize the intersections correctly?



02 | M03 Capturing Alphabet cube

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Mission Gameplay

Remove the red or blue alphabet cube placed on the high cube placement table

Scoring Judgement

- a. The vertical projection of red or blue alphabet cube must be completely inside the manual loading area
- b. The Red or blue alphabet cube has no direct contact with the cube placement table
- c. The Red or blue alphabet cube has no direct contact with the robot
- d. The high cube placement table must remain upright

Score of Mission

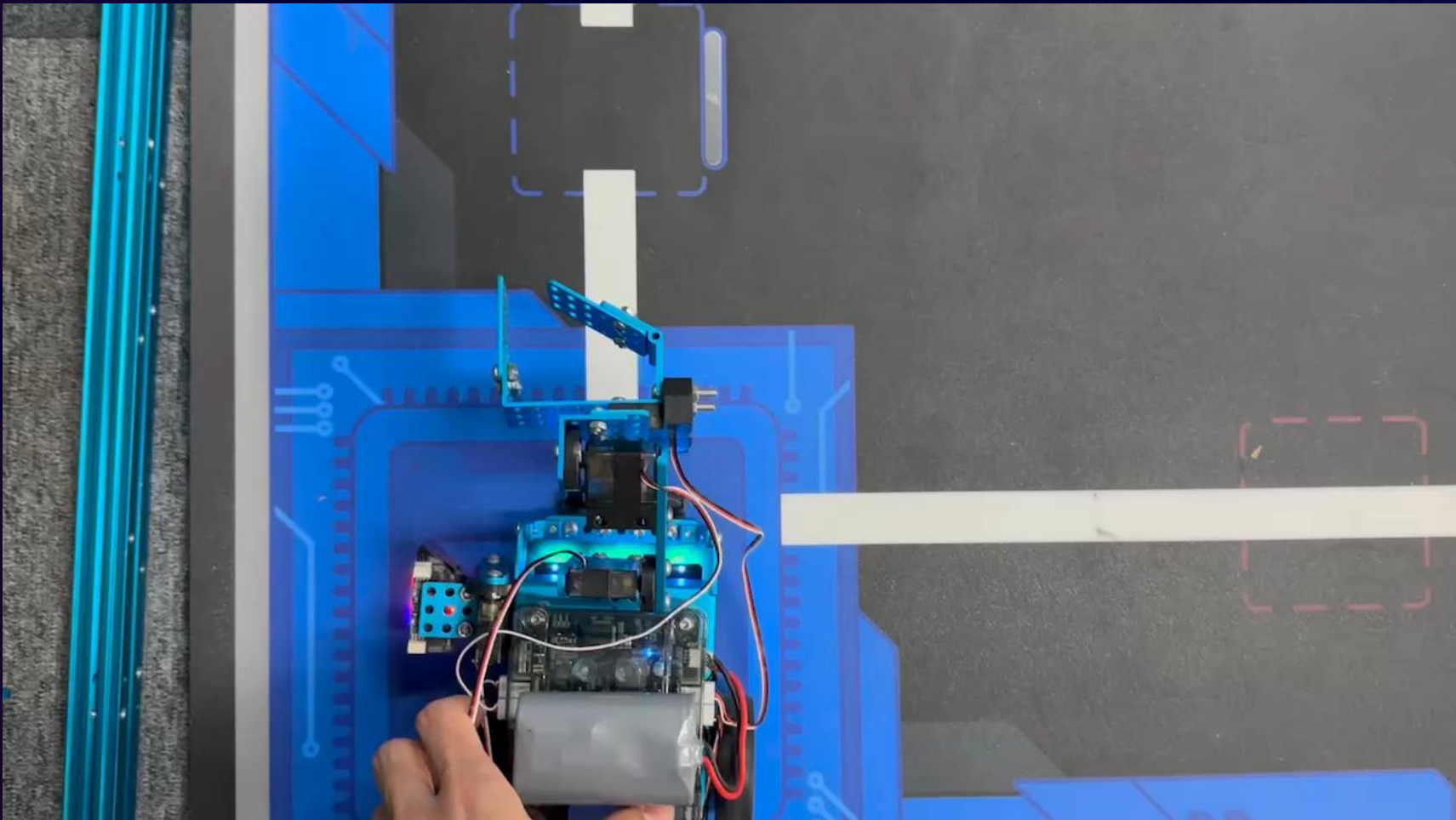
A successful remove of the red or blue cube earns 30 points



02 | Analyzing Missions of the Competition – M03

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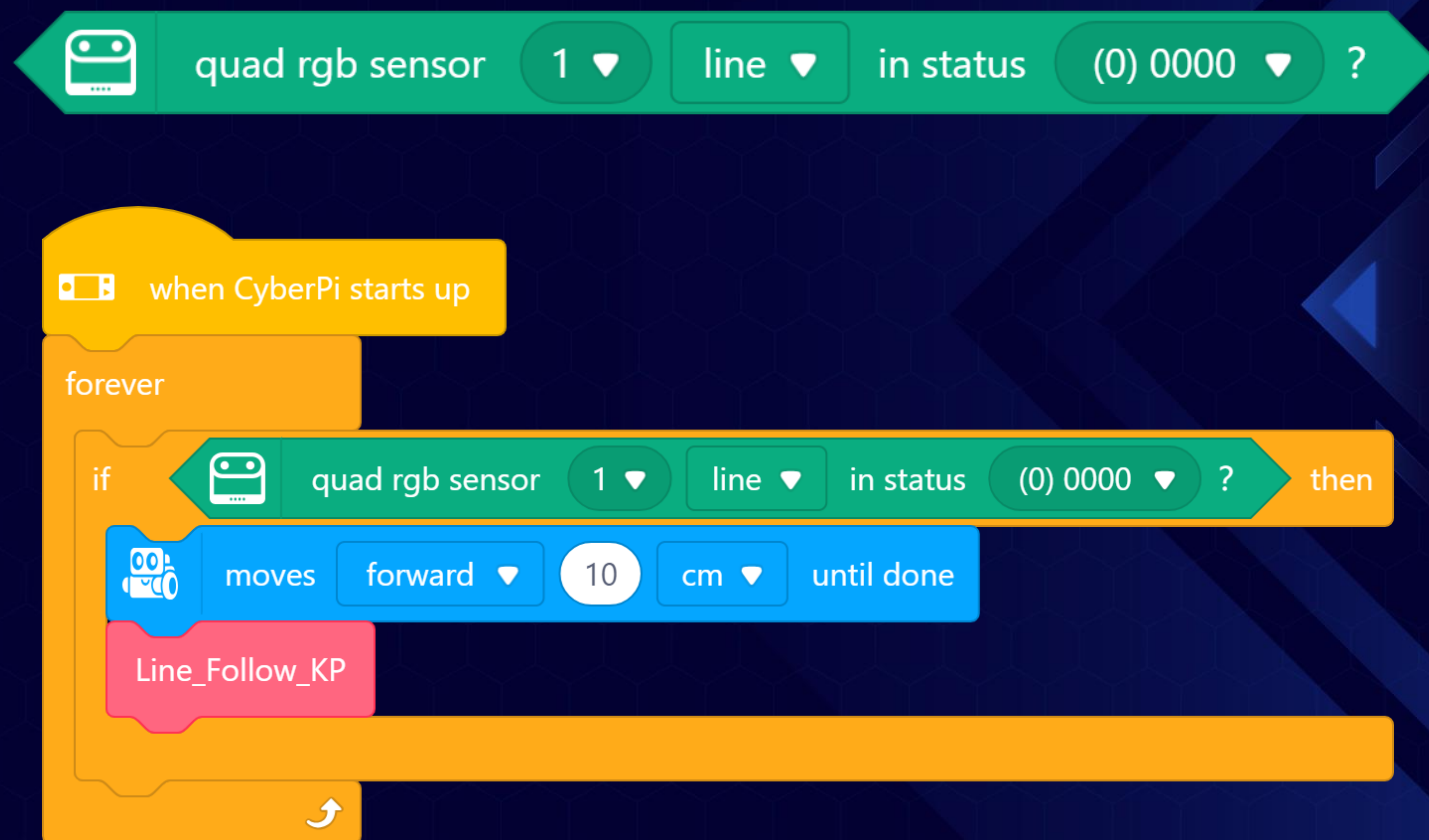




02 | Analyzing Missions of the Competition – M03

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How to decide the breakpoint?



Scoring Judgement

- a. The red or blue alphabet cube must completely leave the table
- b. The vertical projection of red or blue alphabet cube must be completely inside the competition area
- c. The red or blue alphabet cube must have no direct contact with the robot and the manufacturing table at the end of mission

Mission Gameplay

Mission initial status:

There are red or blue alphabet cube placed at the high manufacturing table of each team, the cubes are embedded in the table, The direction of alphabet "M" or "X" are decided by a draw before the competition

Gameplay:

Remove the cube from the manufacturing table.

Score of Mission

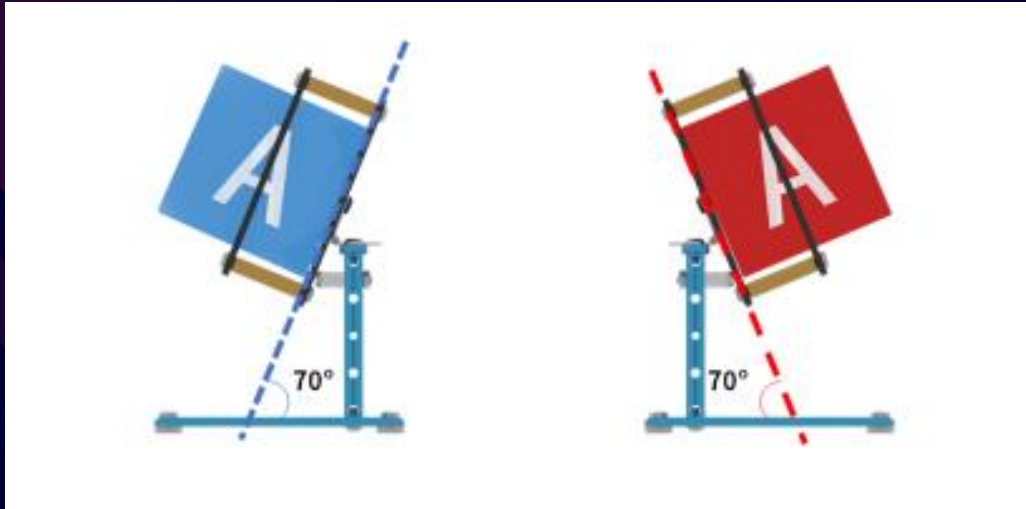
A successful remove of cube from the table earns 20 points



02 | M05 Processing of Contaminants

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Scoring Judgement

- 1.a. The vertical projection of red or blue alphabet cube should at least be inside the password filling area and have direct contact with the baseplate
 - 1.b. The red or blue alphabet cube must have no direct contact with the robot at the end of mission
 - 1.c. The direction of alphabet “M” or “X” must be the same as the initial direction of M04 mission
- If all requirements above are met, the corresponding red or blue team gets the score for password filling (10 points).
2. At the end of auto control stage, the vertical projection of the original cube from the Resource Converter must be completely inside the manual loading area
- If requirement 2 is met, the corresponding red or blue team gets the score for transition (30 points)

Mission Gameplay

Fill in the red or blue alphabet cube of M04 to the Password Filling Area and transit the original cube on the Resource Converter

Score of Mission

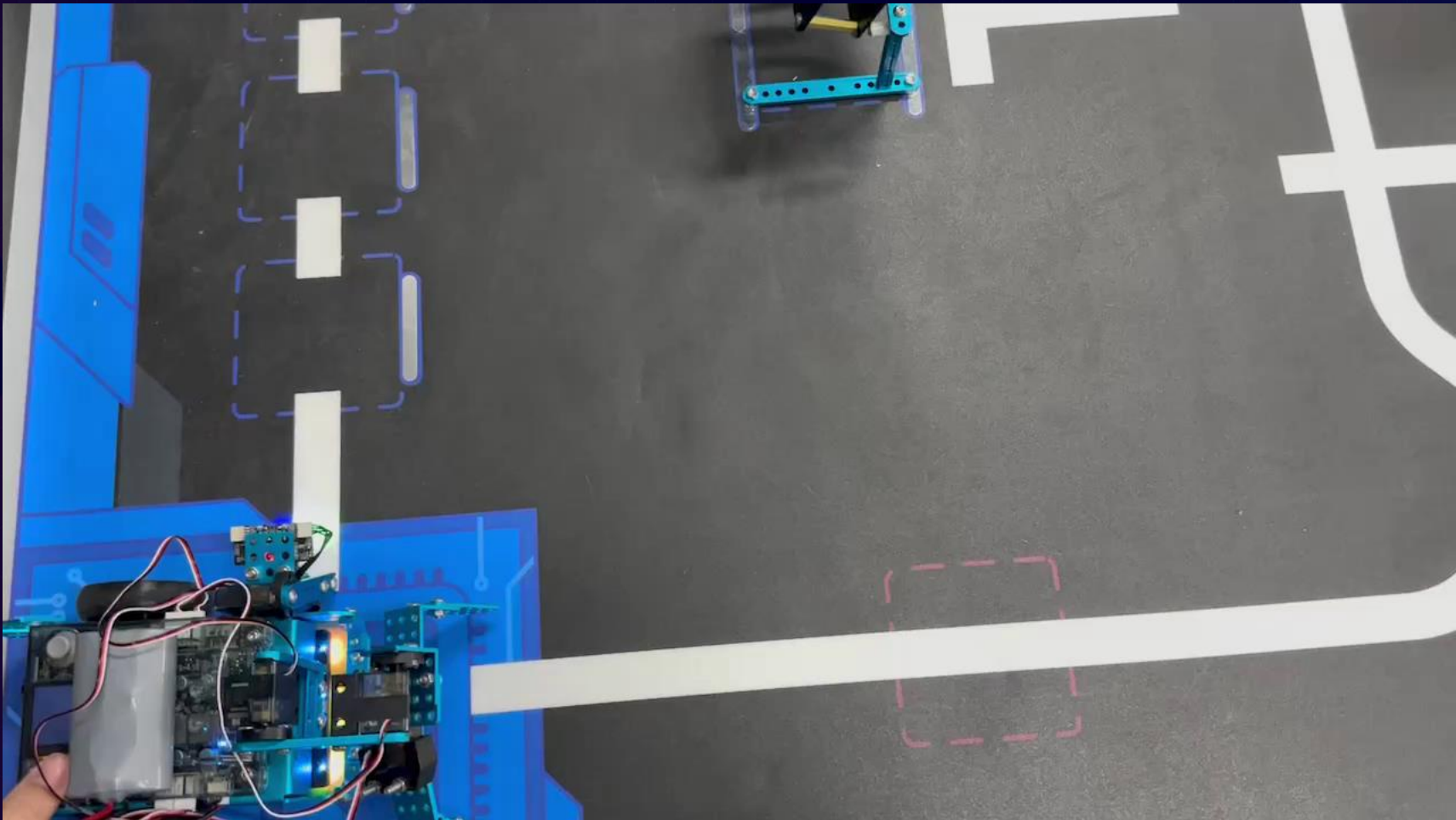
A successful filling of alphabet cube earns 10 points;
A successful transition of the original cube earns 30 points



02 | Analyzing Missions of the Competition – M04 & M05

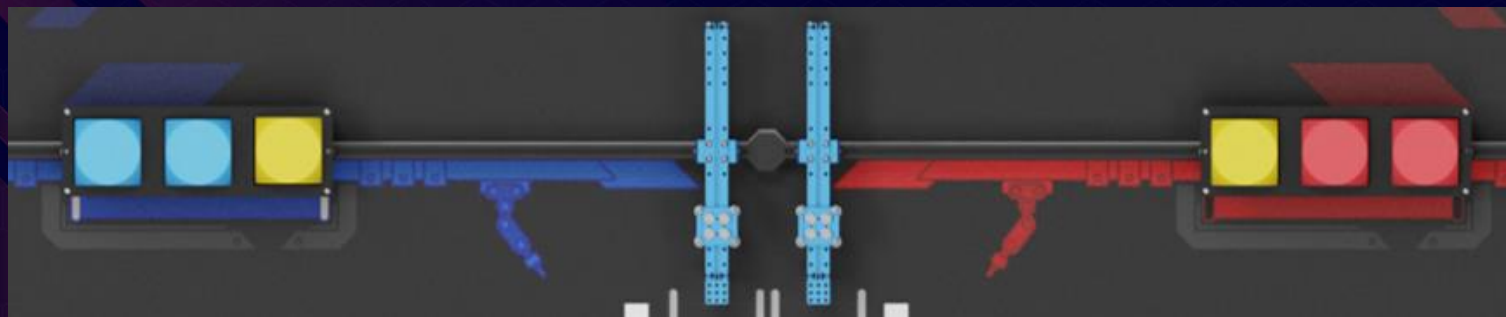
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02 | M06 Stacking Storeroom



Scoring Judgement

- a. The vertical projection red or blue cube must be completely inside the manual loading area
 - b. The vertical projection of yellow cube must be inside the storeroom
- If requirements are met, the red or blue team gets the score corresponding to each cube

Mission Gameplay

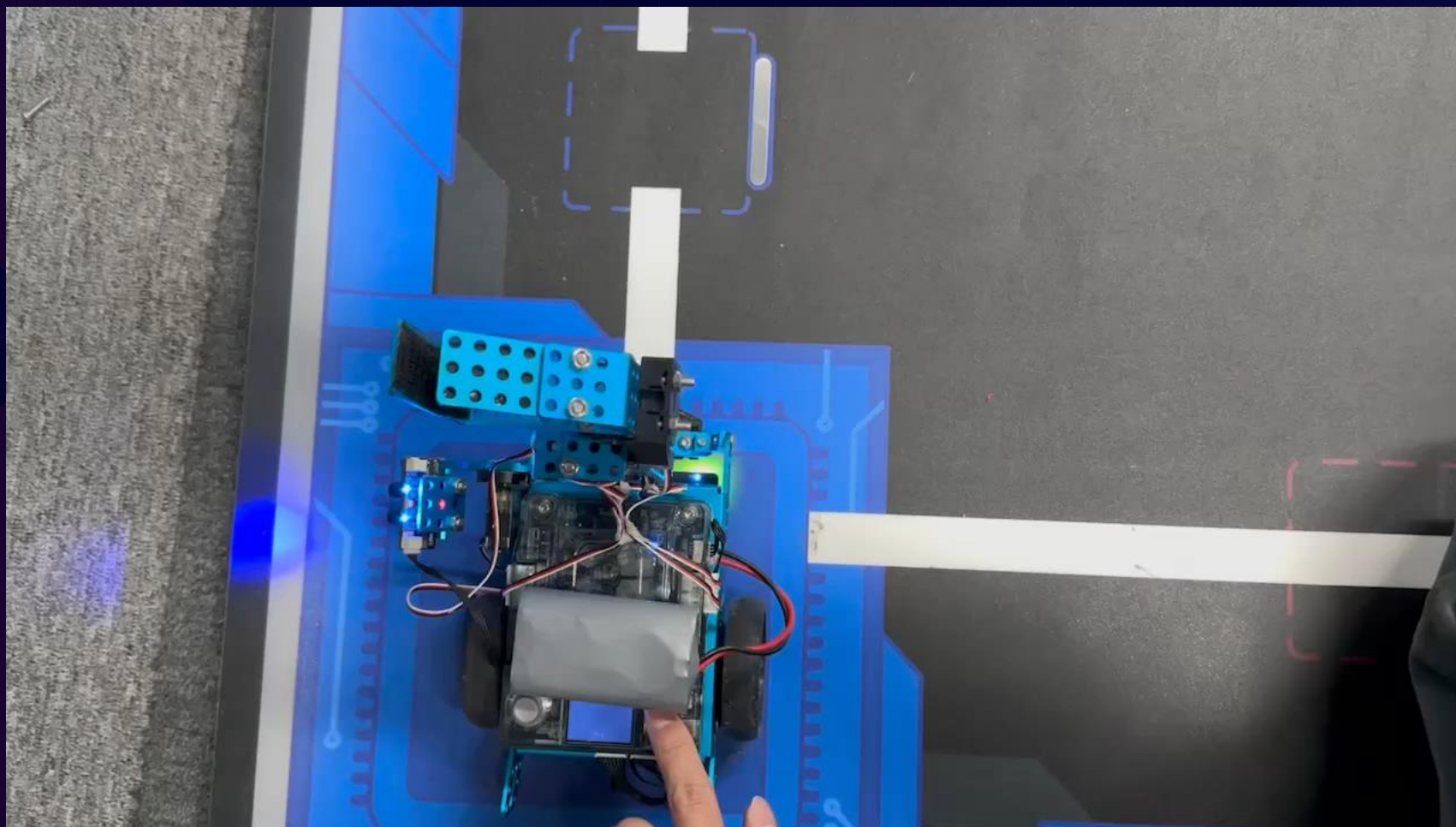
According to the color of cube inside the storeroom, transit the red or blue cube to the manual loading area and keep the yellow cube inside the storeroom

Score of Mission

A successful transition of red or blue cube earns 30 points
Keep the yellow cube at original location earns 10 points. No points will be deducted if the yellow cube is transited.

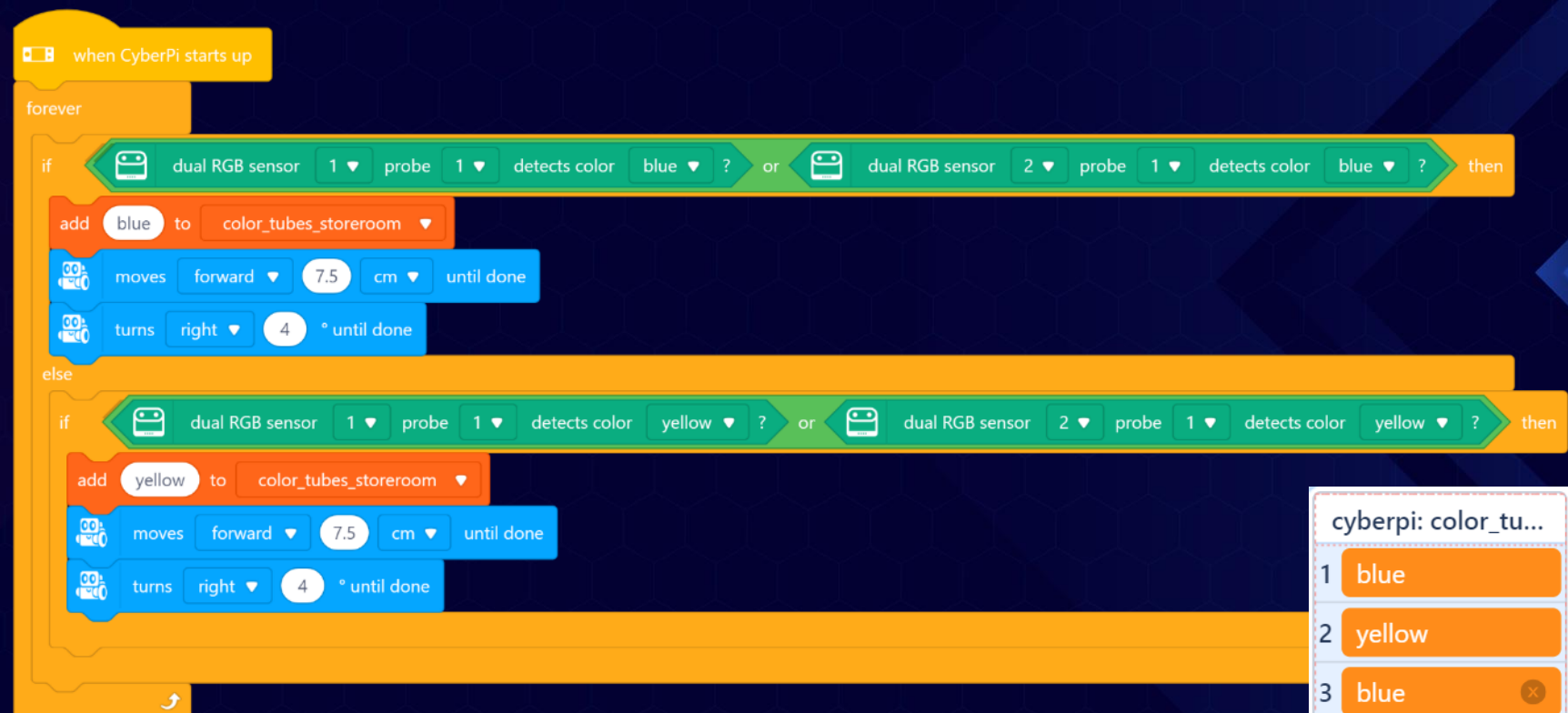
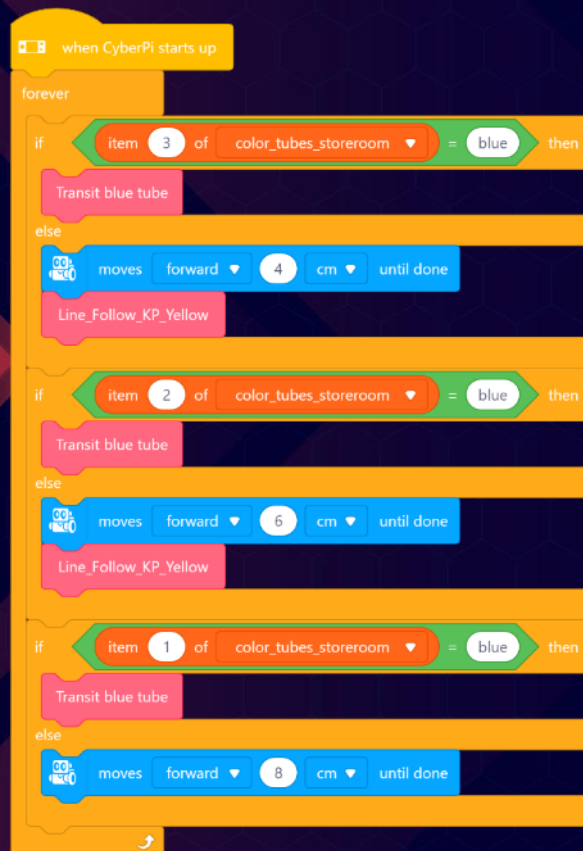


02 | Analyzing Missions of the Competition – M06





02| Analyzing Missions of the Competition – M06 Solution 1

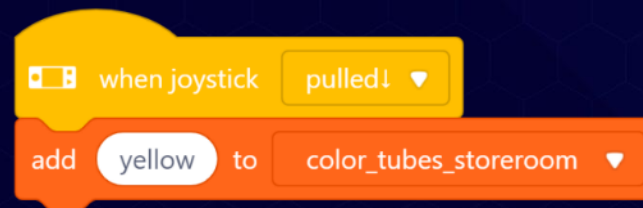
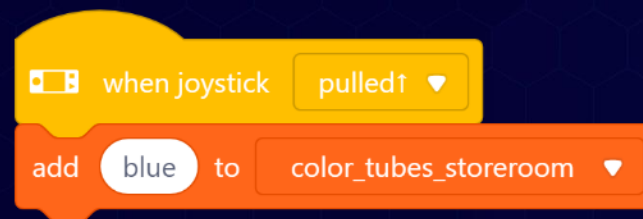
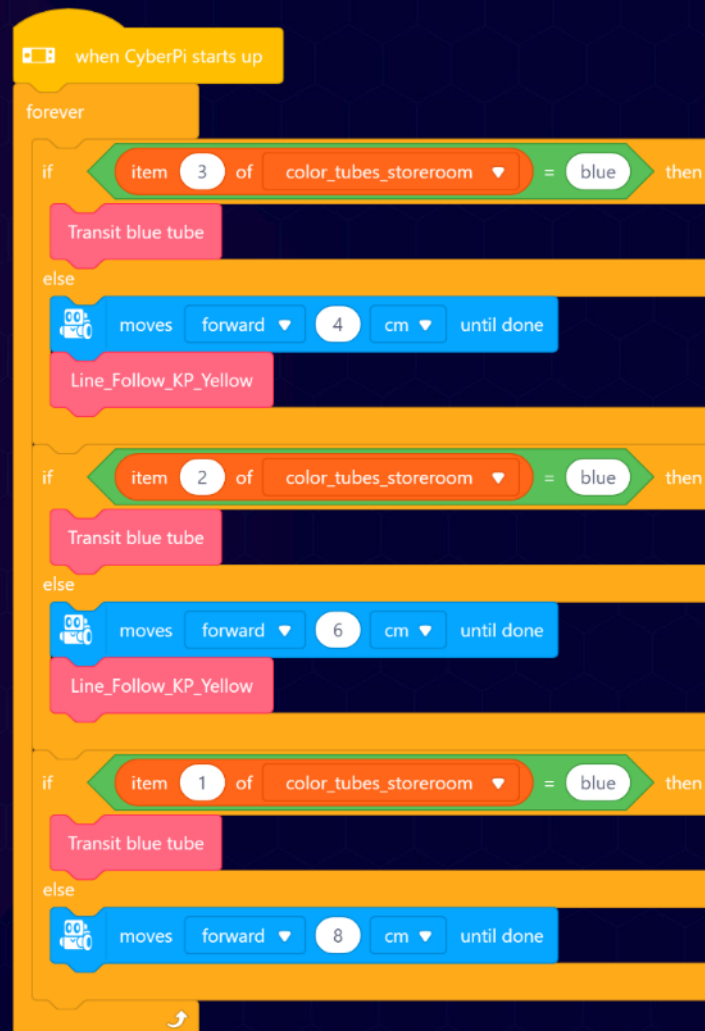


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1	blue
2	yellow
3	blue
+ length 3 =	

Is there any other solution?



02| Analyzing Missions of the Competition – M06 Solution 2

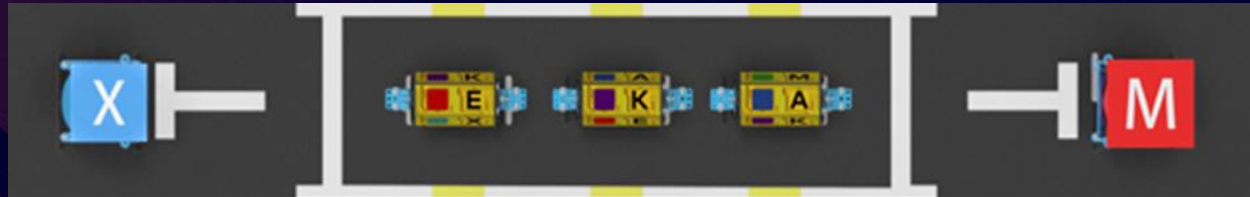




02|M07 Lighting the Antimatter Fuel Rod (Alliance Mission)

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Mission Gameplay

Turn the color-mark on Decoding rotary cylinder to correct order.

Score of mission

A successfully turned color-mark in correct order earns 30 points

Scoring Judgement

- The order of decoding rotary cylinder must be combined with cubes in M05 to form a positive sequence of "MAKEX" or reverse sequence "XEKAM".
 - The robots must have no direct contact with the Decoding rotary cylinder device
 - The color-mark that meets the correct order must be upwards
- If all requirements above are met, both team gets the score for mission M07

Note:

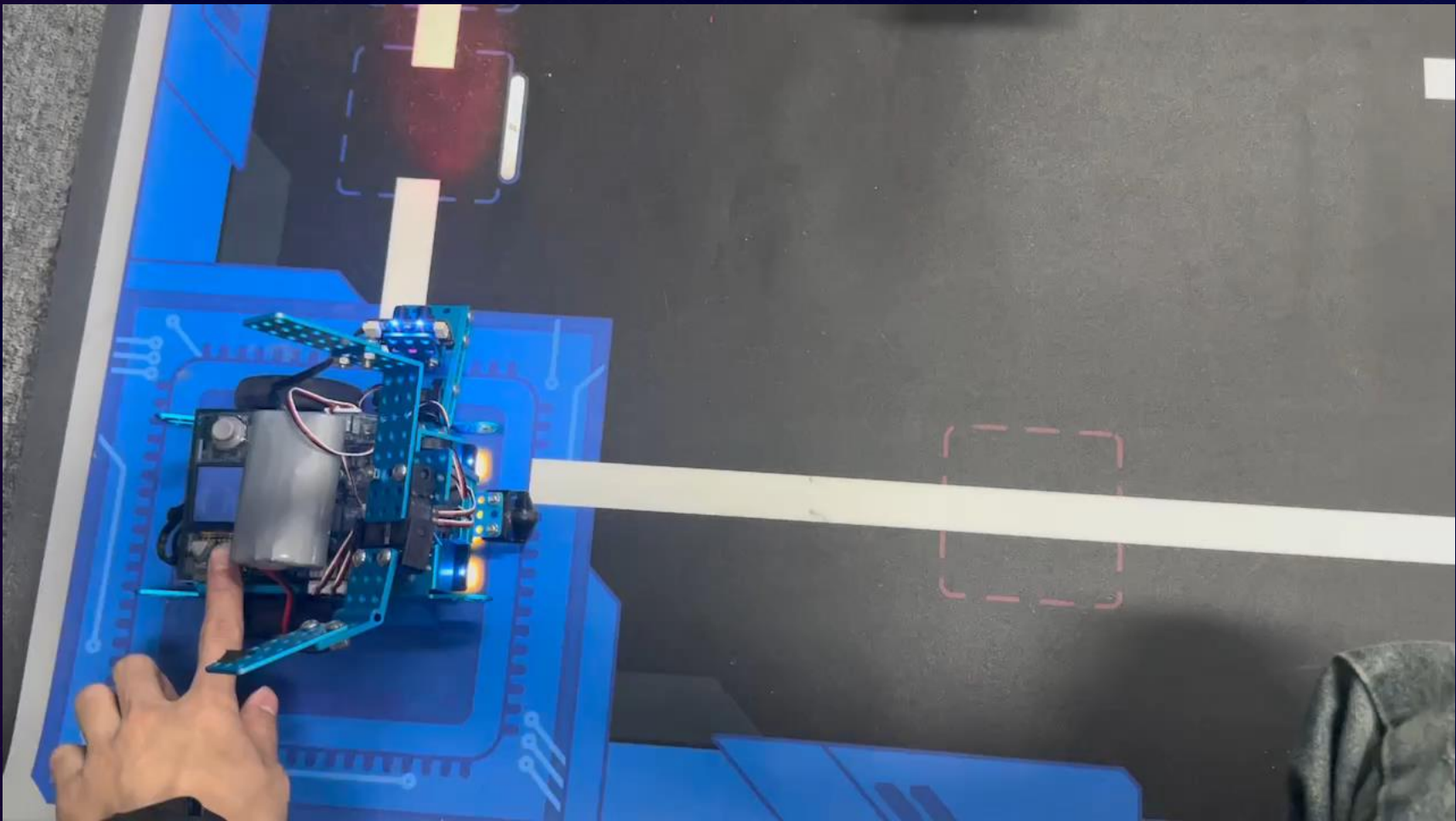
- If neither team scores the password filling (10 points) in M05, neither team scores for this mission also no matter the order of color-mark on Decoding rotary cylinder.
- If there is only one team gets the score for password filling(10 points) in M05, the correct order of color-marks for mission M07 must start from this team's cube and form "MAKEX" or "XEKAM" for points to be awarded in M07.



02 | Analyzing Missions of the Competition – M07

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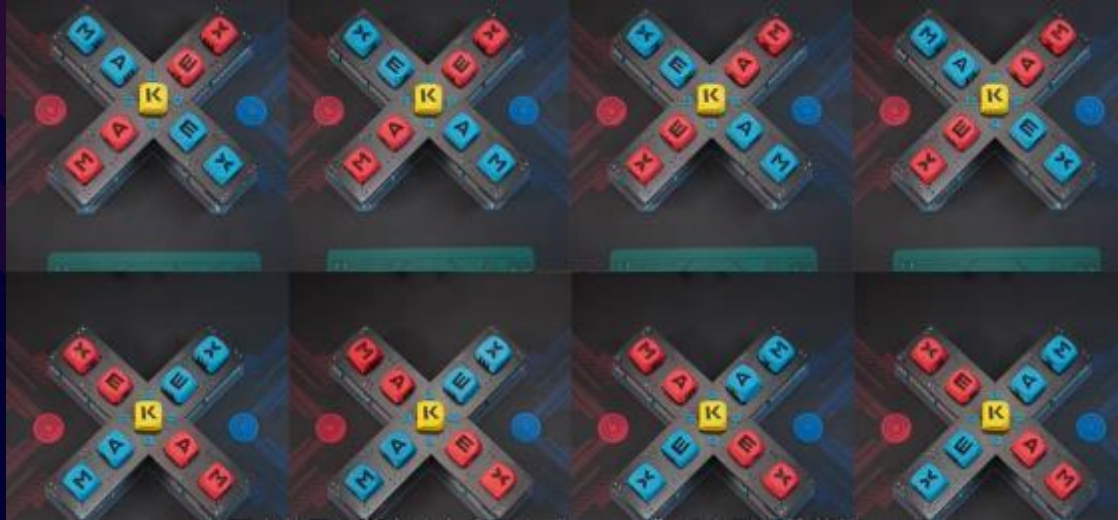




02 | M08 Operating Matrix Research Station (Alliance Mission)

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Scoring Judgement

- Any cubes in the same color must be filled in the same line as above photo shows
 - The robots must have no direct contact with any color cubes and the structure of the Matrix Research Station at the end of mission.
 - The color cube must be completely inserted into the grooves with no part hanging
- If all requirements above are met, the points of corresponding cube will be awarded

Mission Gameplay

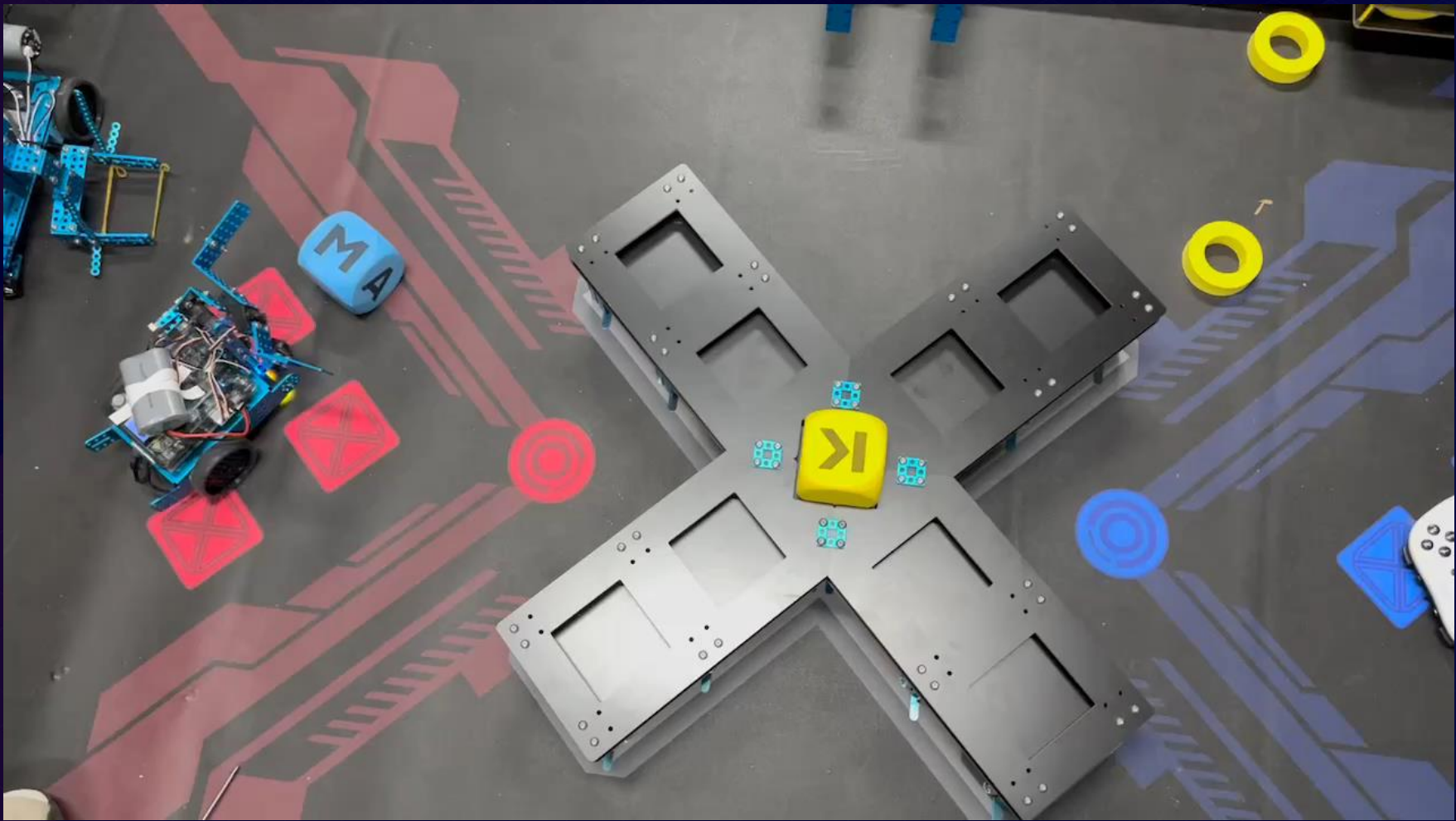
Fill in the same color (blue or red) alphabet cube and yellow alphabet cube(K face upwards) into the same line of the Matrix Research Station. If the cubes are put at the correct order, extra points will be awarded.

Score of Mission

A successful filling of alphabet cube earns 20 points;
If any order of the cube in same color combined to form the sequence of “MAKEX”, extra 50 points will be awarded to both team



02 | Analyzing Missions of the Competition – M08

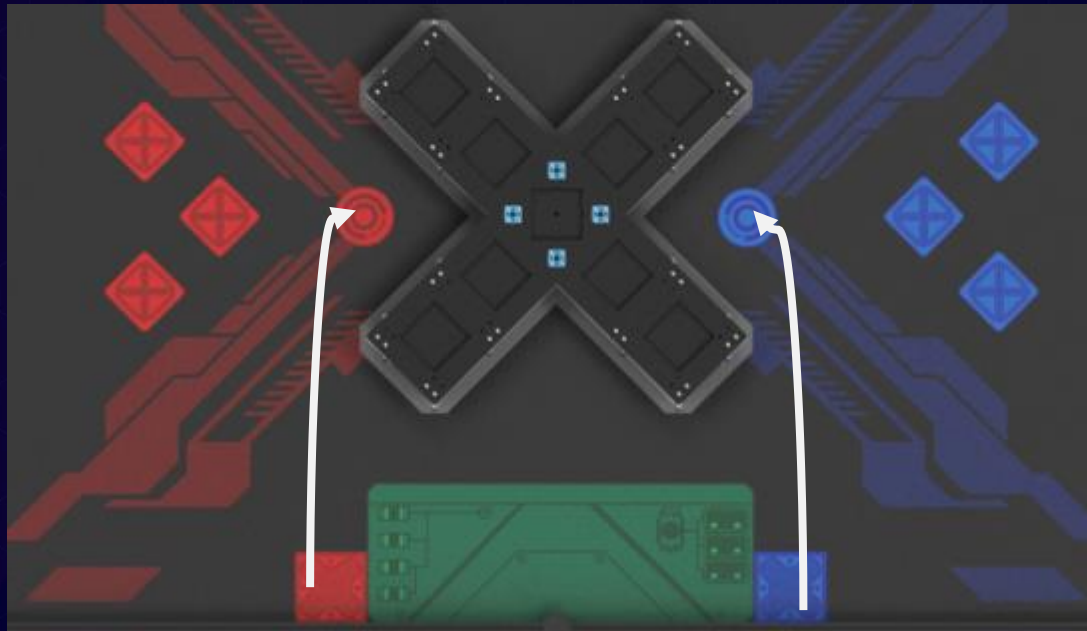




02 | M09 Placing Team Marker

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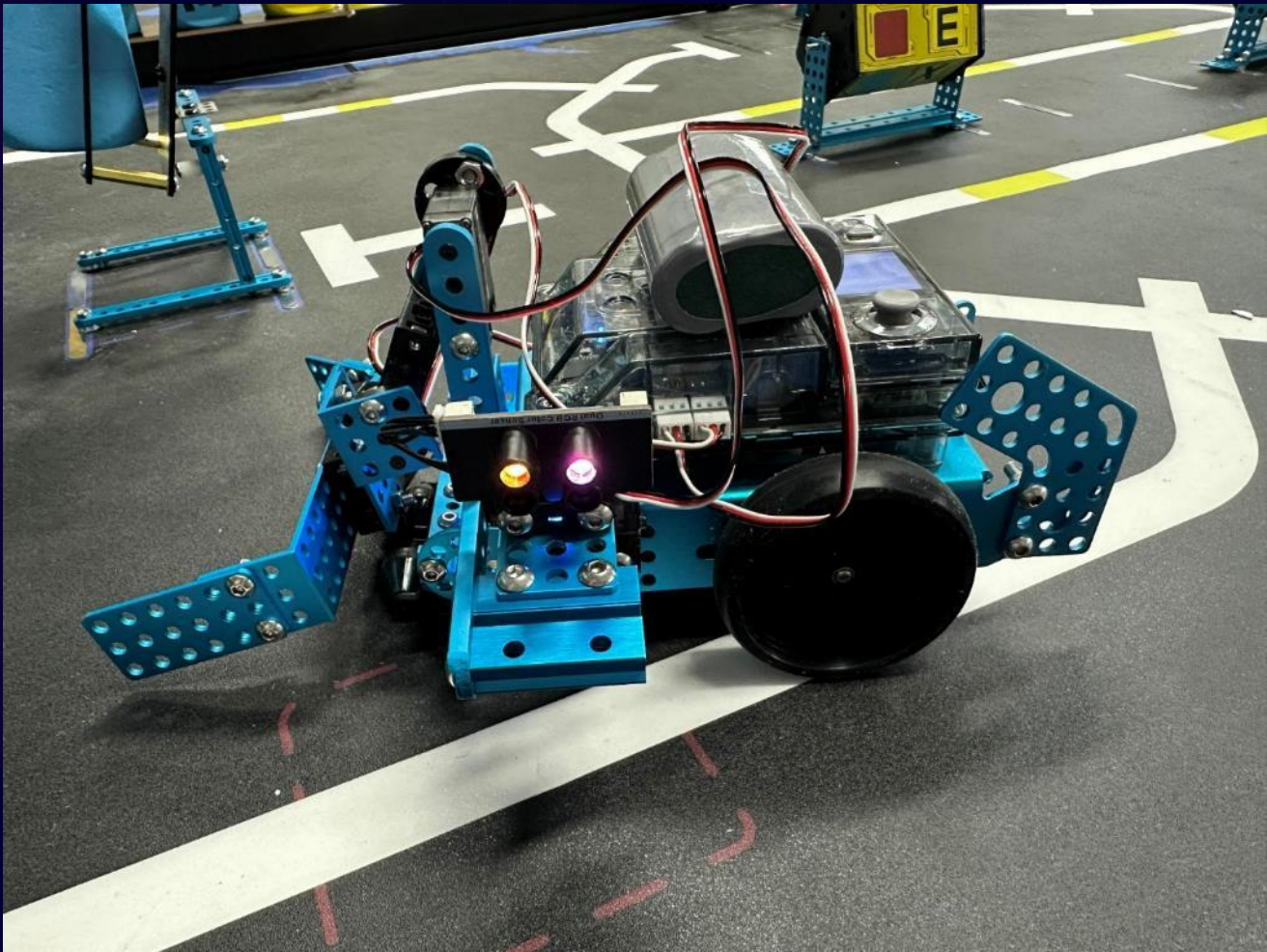


Scoring Judgement

- a. The vertical projection of team marker must be completely inside the circle area
 - b. The team marker must remain upright and have no direct contact with the robot at the end of mission
 - c. The team marker must have direction contact with the baseplate without lifting
- If all requirements above are met, the points of corresponding marker will be awarded



03 Analyzing the demo robot of the Competition





03

The core algorithm of
the competition



03 Core algorithm of the competition



What are the necessary algorithms in the competition?

Line Follow; Intersection Detection;
Breakpoint Detection; Color Detection



03 Core algorithm of the competition - KP (Proportion Line Follow)



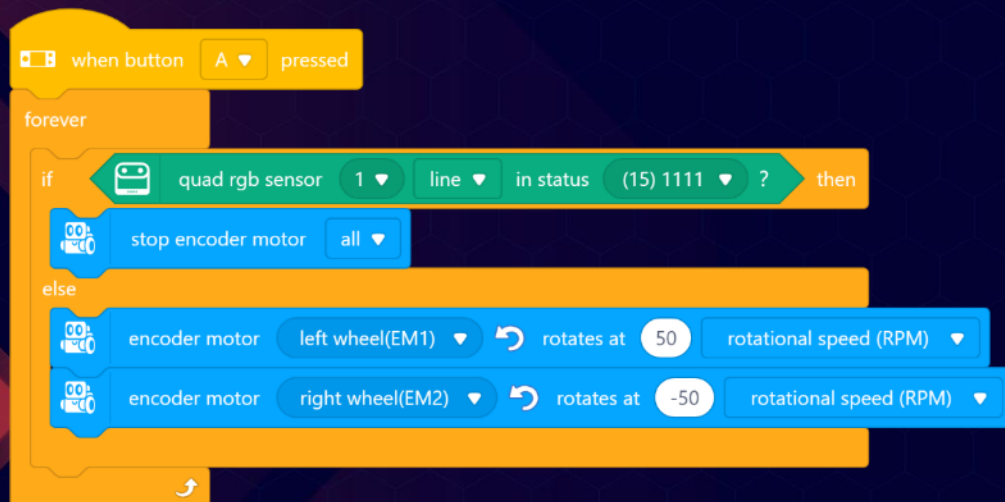
How to let students understand the algorithm of Proportion Line Follow clearly?



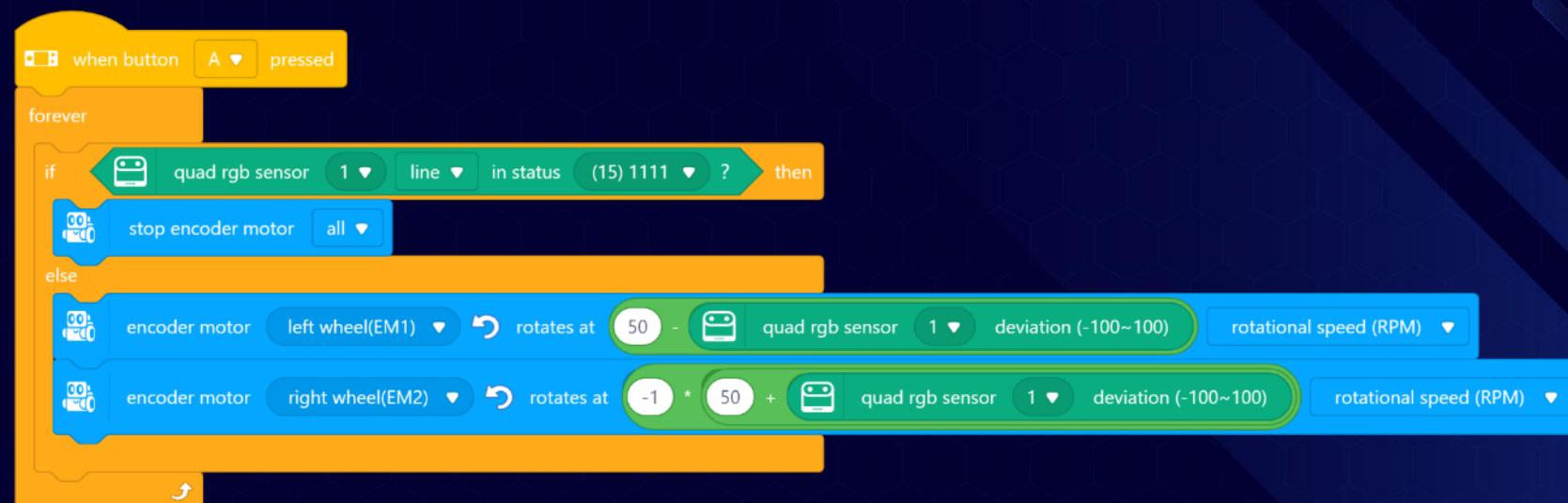
03 Core algorithm of the competition - KP (Proportion Line Follow)

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Oscillation is certain if the speed isn't set smoothly
How to make improvement to the oscillation



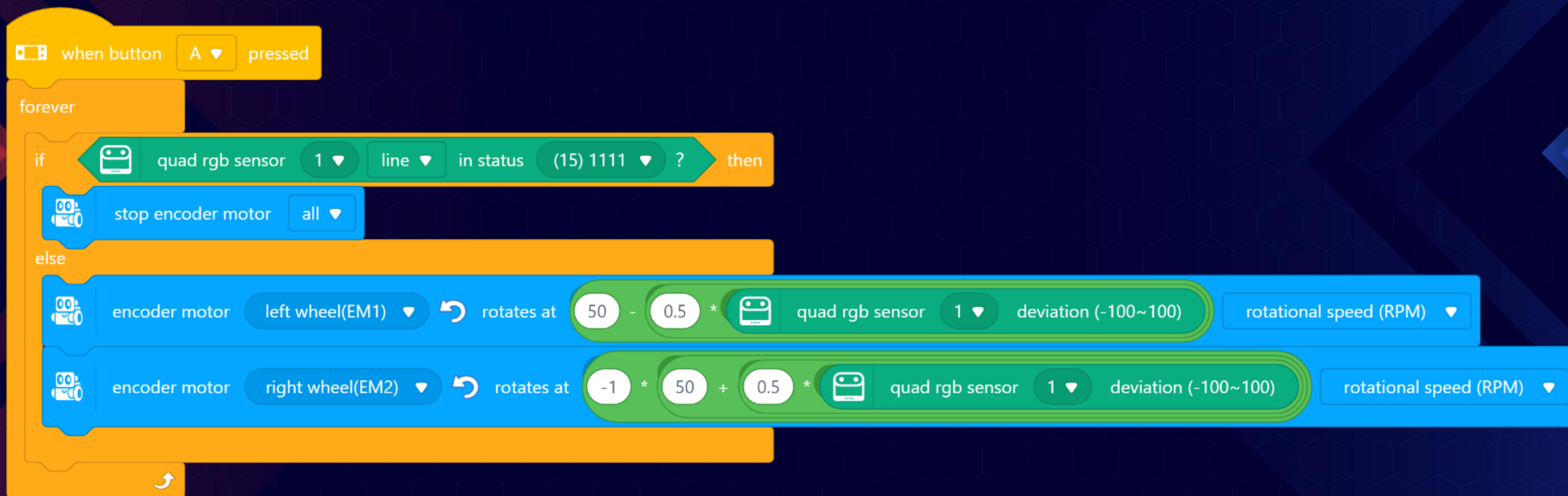


03 Core algorithm of the competition - KP (Proportion Line Follow)

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Adding the factor can adjust the proportion of oscillation, which is the sensitivity



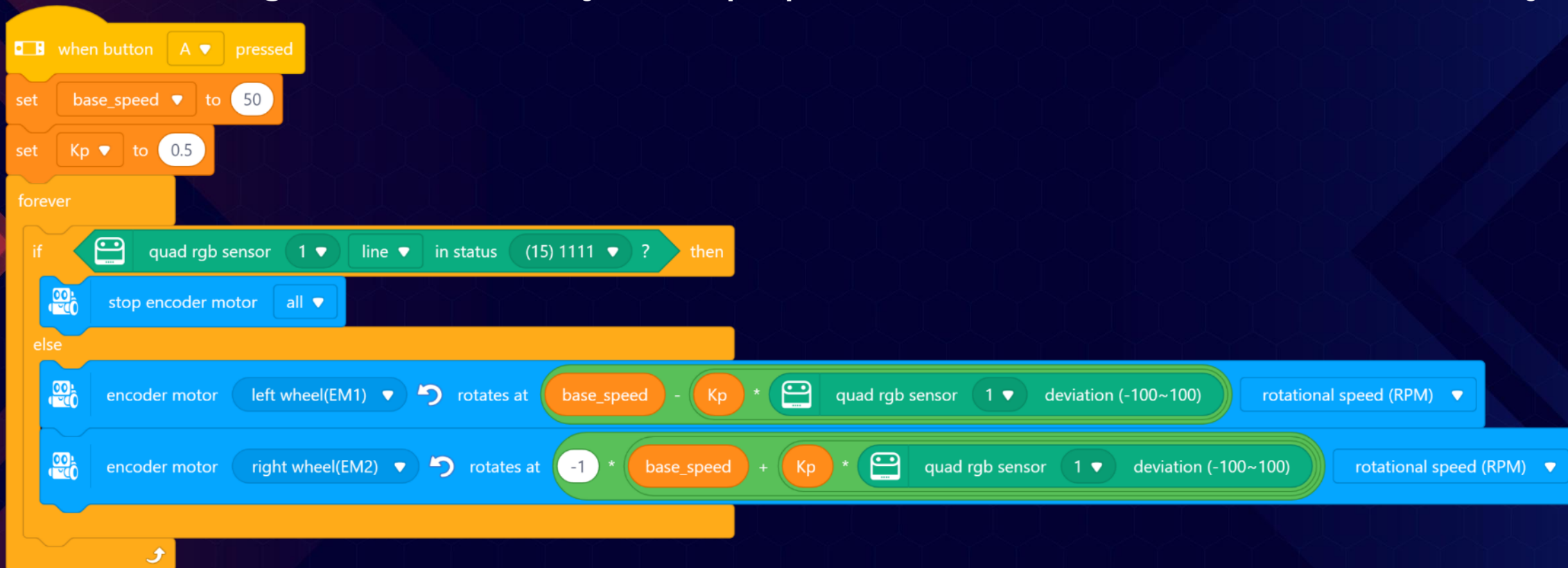


03 Core algorithm of the competition - KP (Proportion Line Follow)

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Adding the factor can adjust the proportion of oscillation, which is the sensitivity





03 Core algorithm of the competition - KP (Proportion Line Follow)

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when button A pressed

KP 0.5 Speed 50

define KP Kp_Value Speed Speed_Value

set Kp to Kp_Value

set base_speed to Speed_Value

repeat until quad rgb sensor 1 line in status (15) 1111 ?

encoder motor left wheel(EM1) rotates at $\text{base_speed} - Kp * \text{quad rgb sensor 1 deviation (-100~100)}$ rotational speed (RPM)

encoder motor right wheel(EM2) rotates at $-1 * \text{base_speed} + Kp * \text{quad rgb sensor 1 deviation (-100~100)}$ rotational speed (RPM)

stop encoder motor all



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03 Core algorithm of the competition - PID Auto Control

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Why PID Auto Control is required?

The PID (Proportional–integral–derivative controller) algorithm is essentially to stabilize the encoder value (or speed) at a specific value.



03 Core algorithm of the competition - PID Auto Control

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When the value of P factor is small, the response speed becomes slower.
When the value of P factor is large, though the response speed is relatively fast, the oscillation is more serious

- 1、Proportional factor: *Increase the speed difference between wheels and increase the responding speed of system*
- 2、Integral factor: *Eliminate the residual steady-state error*
- 3、Derivative factor: *Predict error changes and counteract them before they can occur to reduce the oscillation*

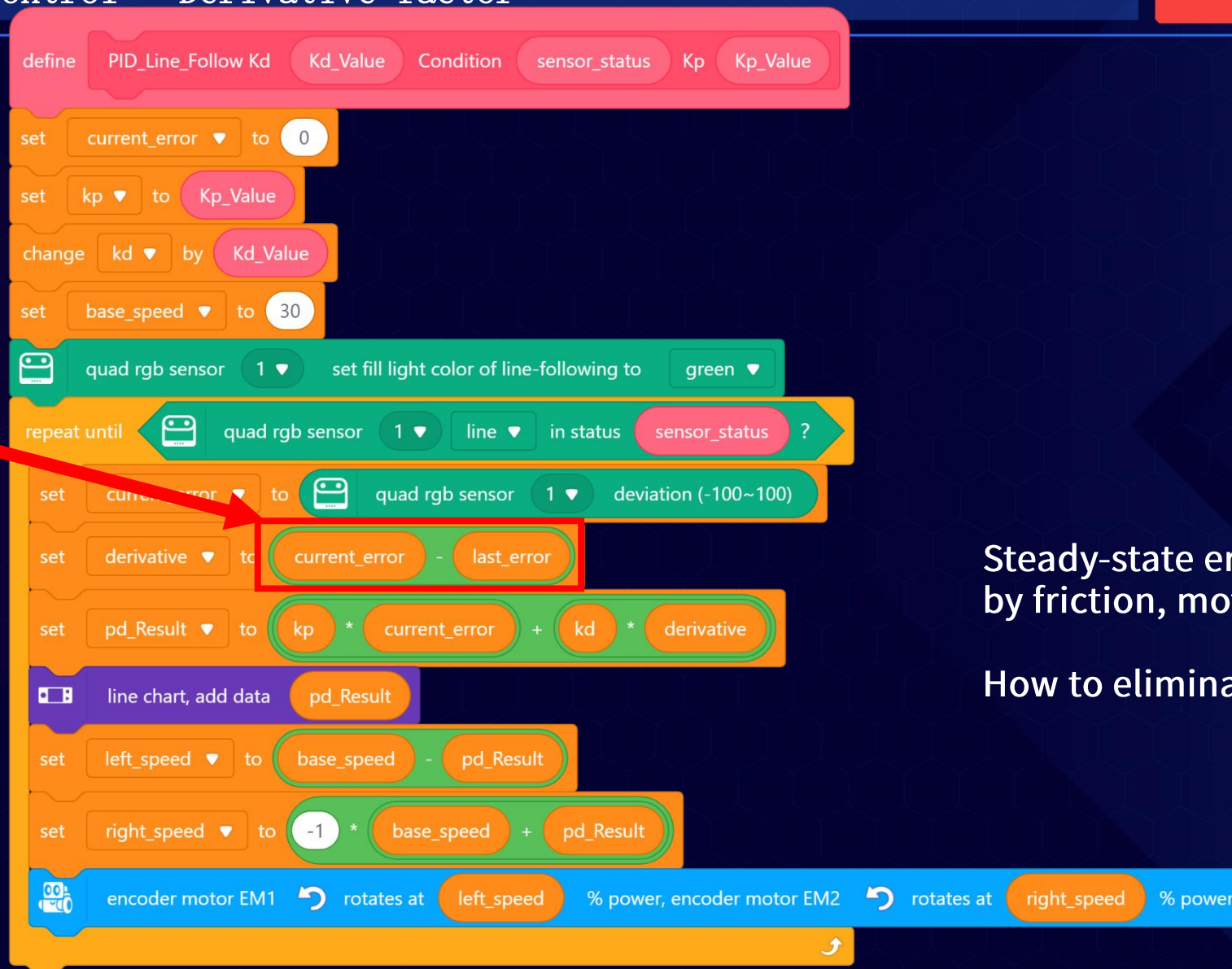


03 PID Auto Control - Derivative factor

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Decrease the deviation value
to make it close to the target
value



Steady-state errors are caused
by friction, motor wear, etc.

How to eliminate them?



03 PID Auto Control – Integral factor

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What is steady-state error?

When the wheel speed is very close to the expected value, the Error difference will be very small, which will cause the power given by the motor to become smaller. When there is friction in the environment, it may cause the motor power equals to friction in force. Although the controller keeps requesting force, due to balancing of the friction, the wheel speed cannot be increased, so it stabilizes in an embarrassing situation where the target has not been reached.

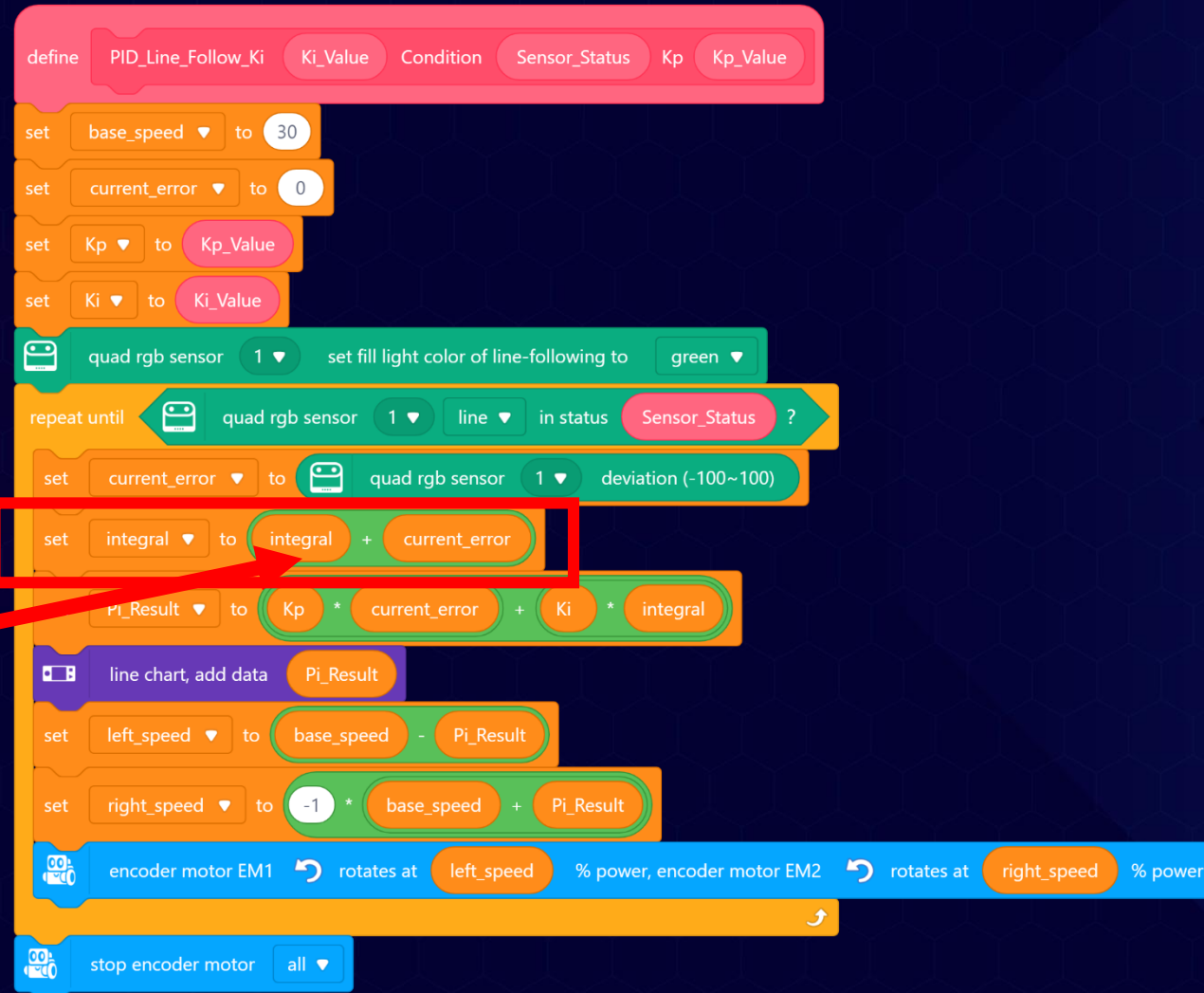
In order to solve this problem of steady-state error, we introduce the integral factor. If the equipment doesn't reach the expected speed value for a long time, the I controller will continue to accumulate errors and add the errors to the output force. In this way, as time accumulates, the output of the controller becomes bigger and bigger. Until the new high power allows the machine to overcome the balancing interference and reach the expected value.



03 PID Auto Control - Integral factor

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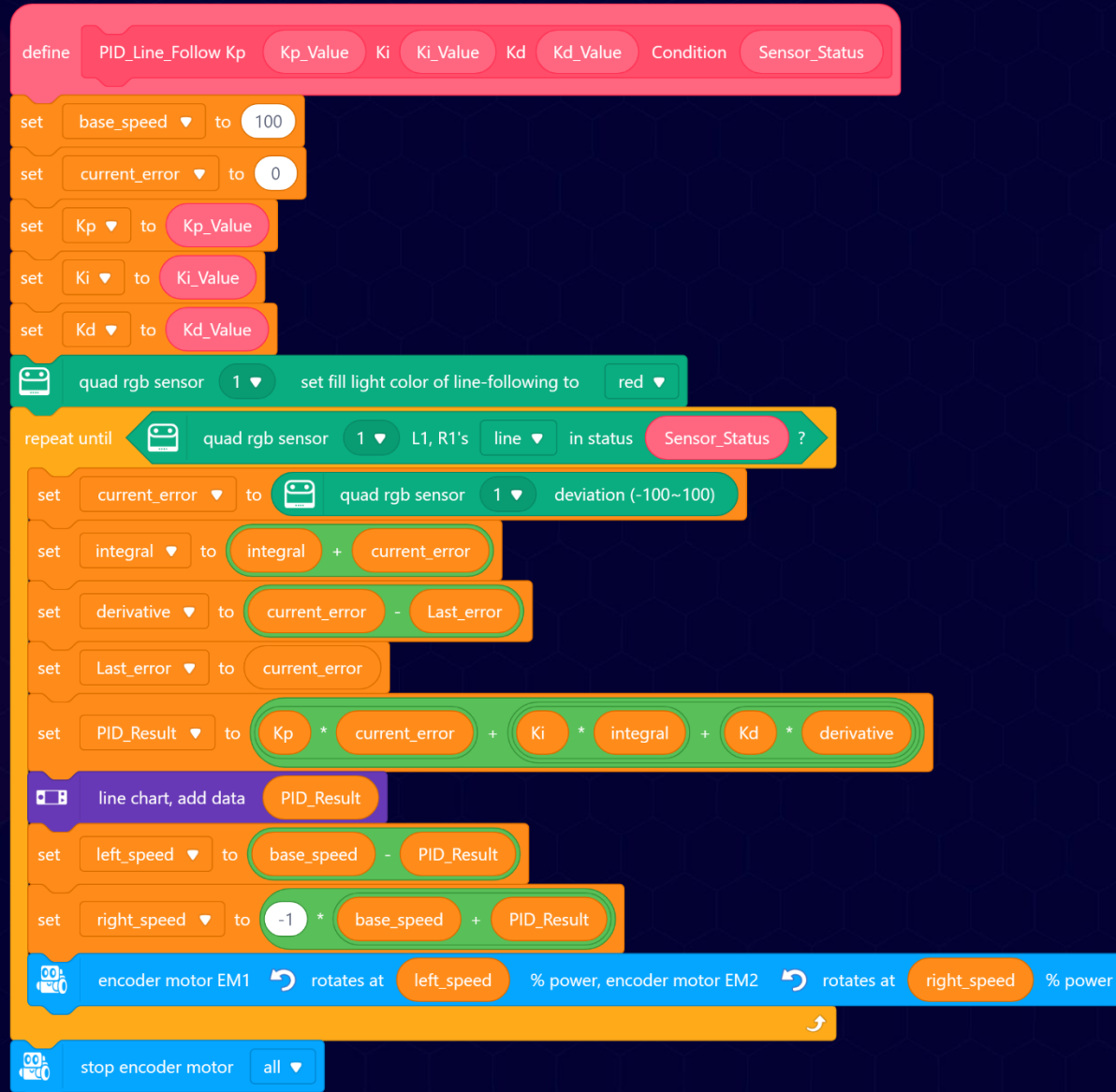
Accumulate the error values
to get them out of the steady
state error



03 PID Auto Control - Demo Version

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