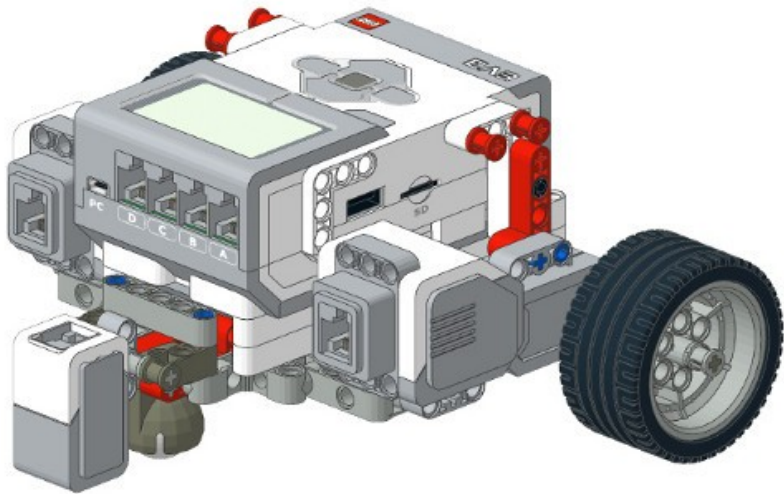




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# Pre-Season Preparations

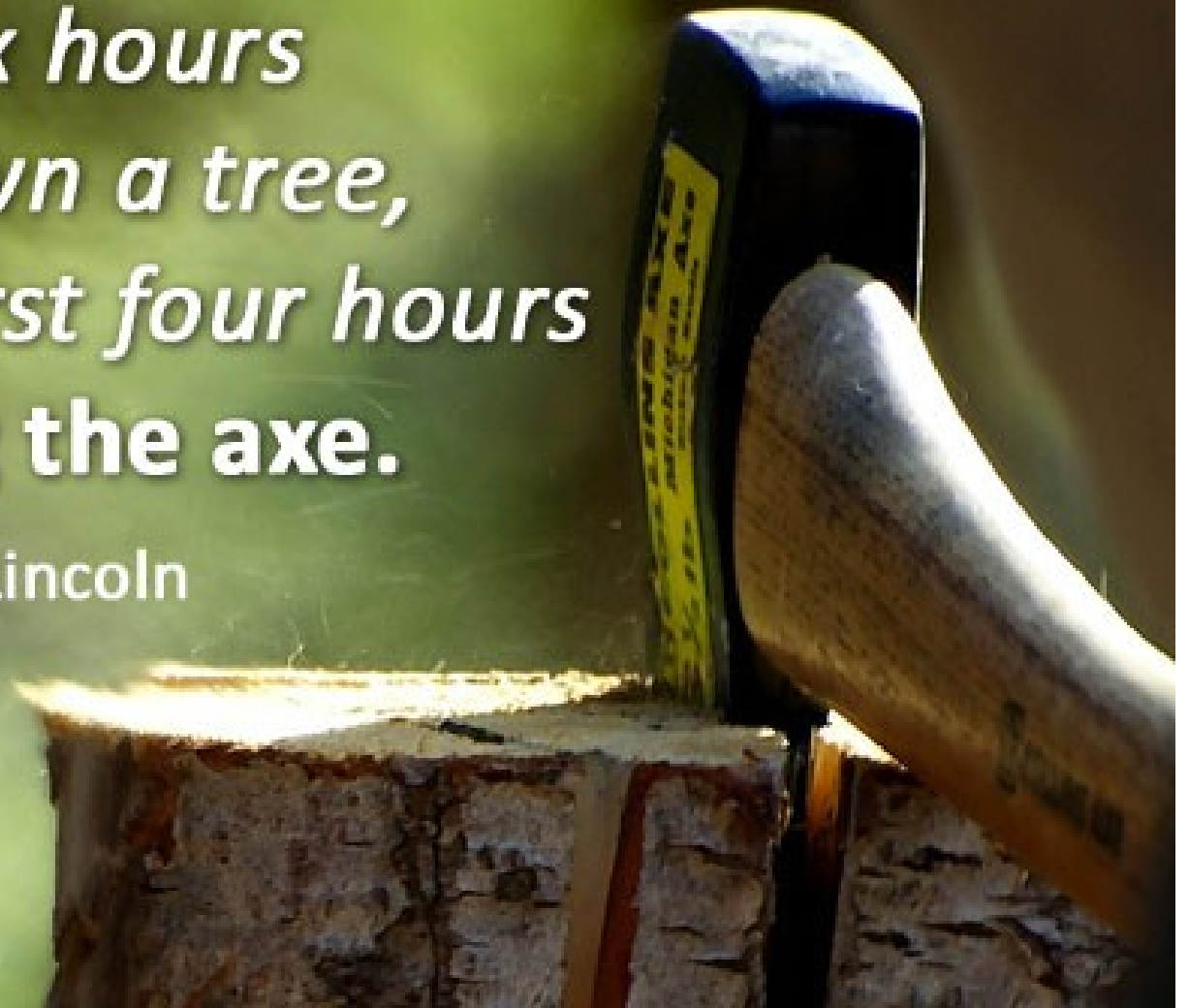


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# Why Prepare?

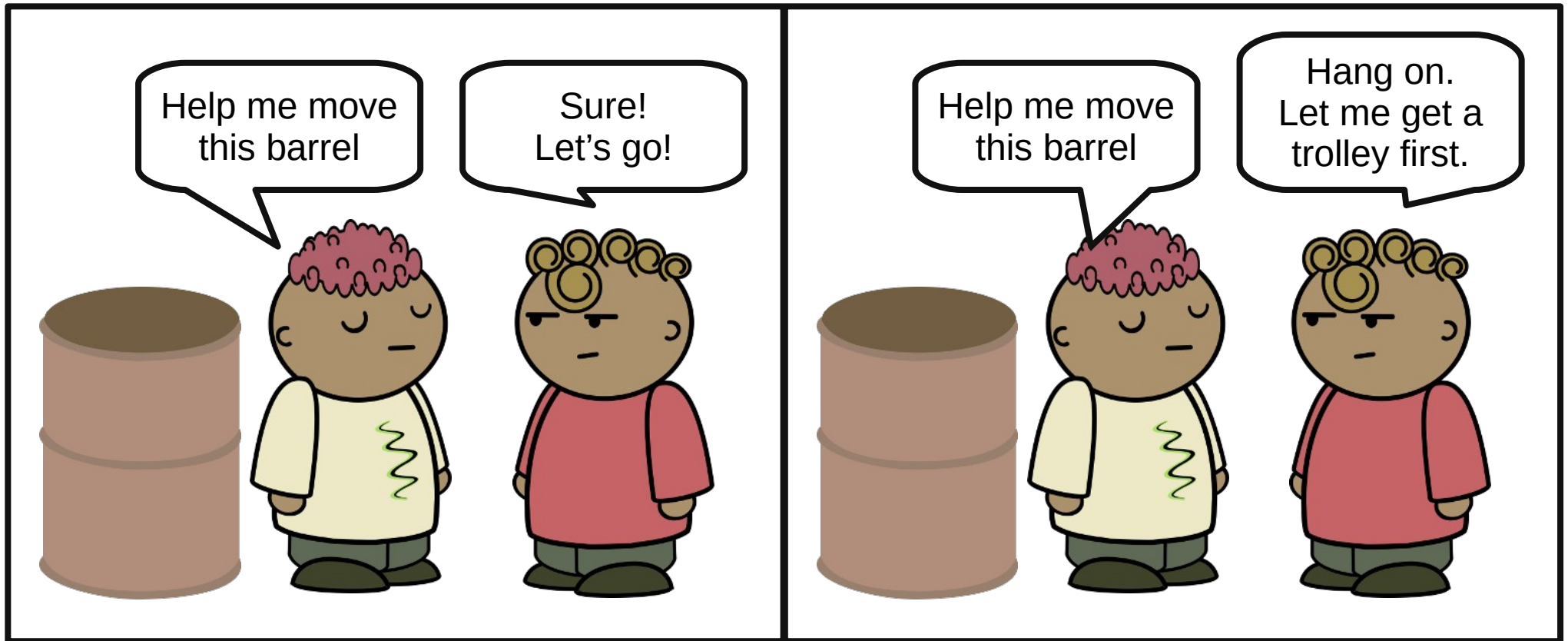
*If I had six hours  
to chop down a tree,  
I'd spend the first four hours  
sharpening the axe.*

~ Abraham Lincoln



# Why Prepare?

- Having the right tools help you work faster



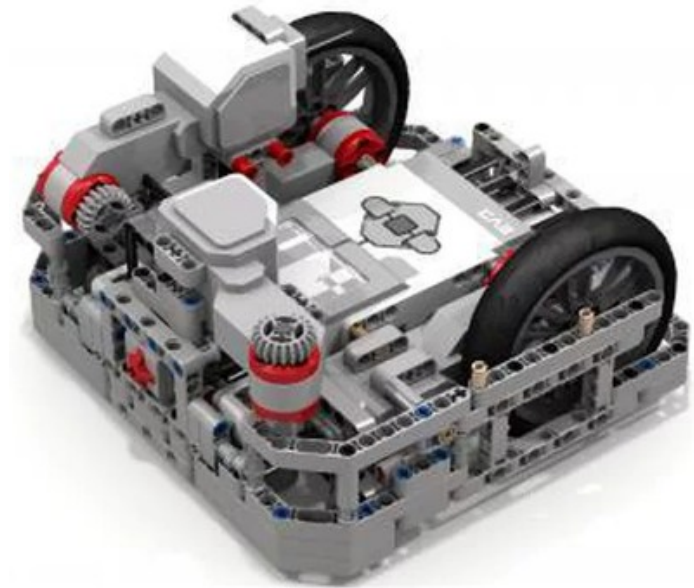
**Who will get the job done faster?**

# What to prepare?

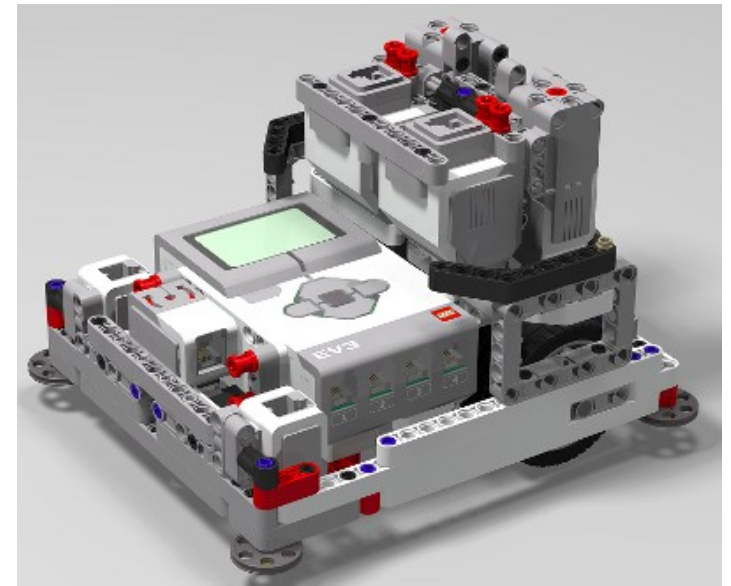
- Base robot
  - The best teams re-uses the same base robot every year (...with modifications and improvements)
  - Can add and remove attachments for each mission
- Useful functions (My blocks)
  - Makes your programming easier
  - Less trial and error
  - Neater and more understandable programs

# Base Robot

- Motors
  - Thin wheels, far apart
- Sensors
  - Far apart and close to ground for accurate line alignment
- Flat front and back
  - For wall alignment
- Flat sides
  - For wall gliding (situational)



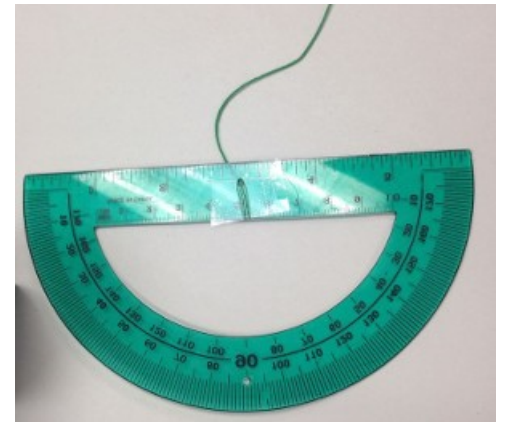
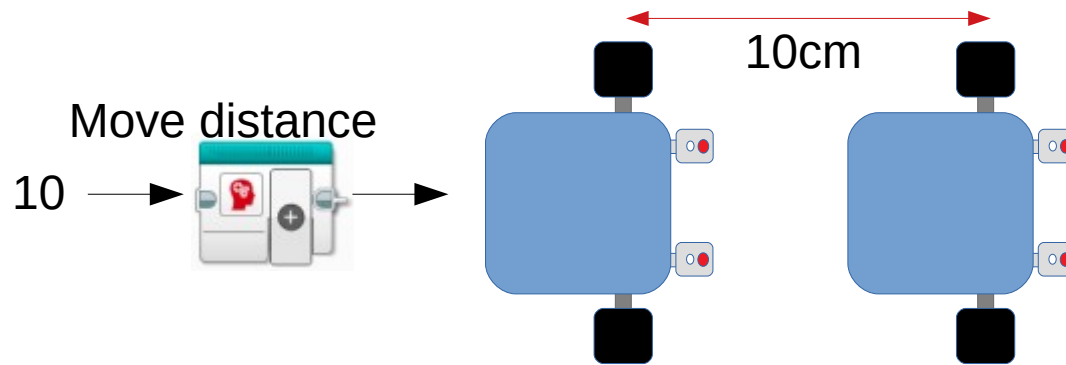
**Flying Tortoise  
(David Luder)**



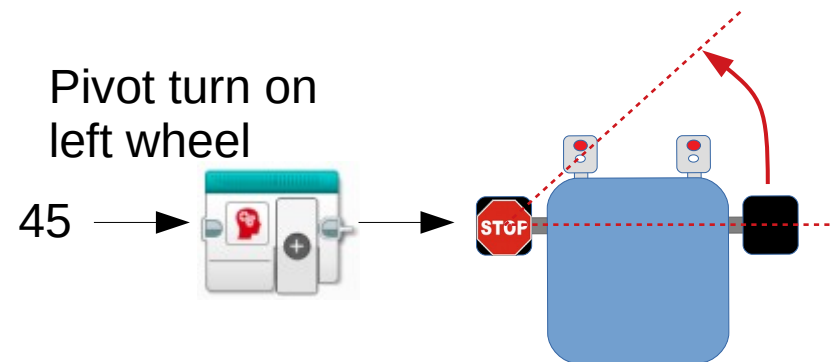
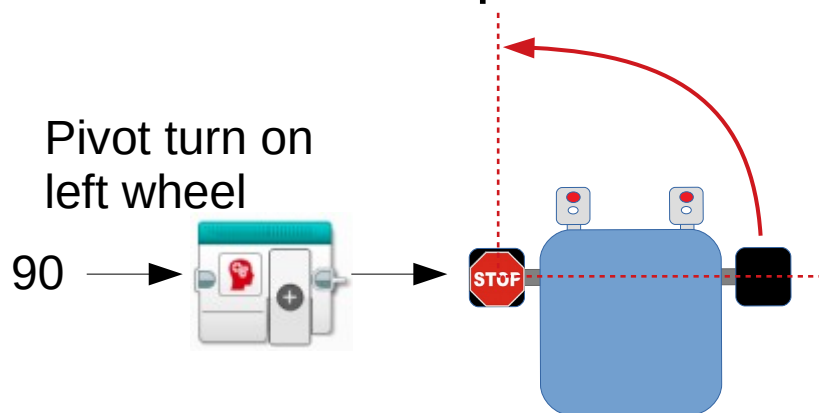
**DroidBot Model C  
(Seshan Brothers)**

# Useful Functions (My Blocks)

- Move distance (cm)
  - Use with a measuring tape to reduce trial and error

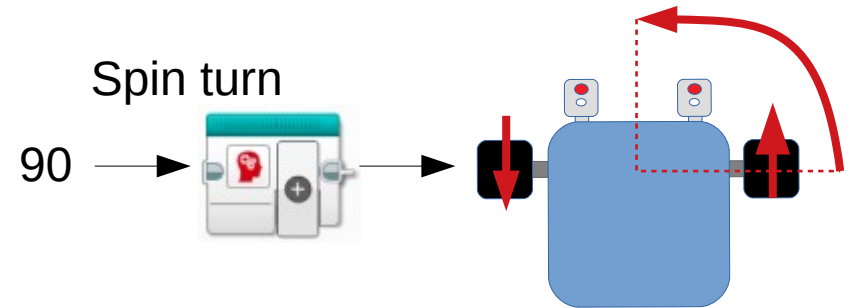


- Pivot turn right and Pivot turn left (degrees)
  - Use with a protractor



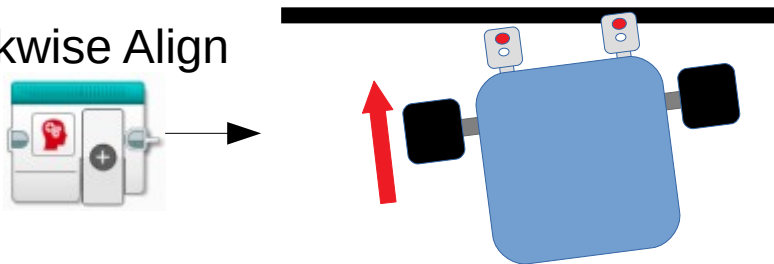
# Useful Functions (My Blocks)

- Spin turn (degrees)

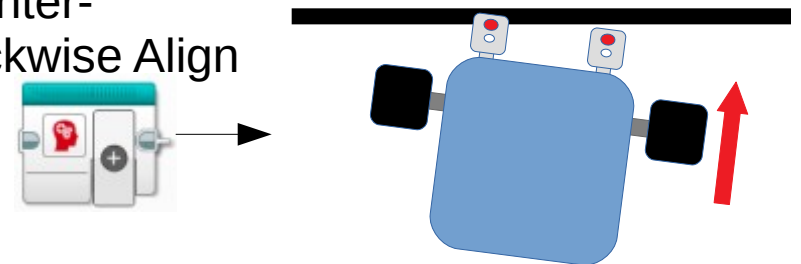


- Move till white (Left and Right)
- Move till black (Left and Right)
- Clockwise align
- Counter-clockwise align

Clockwise Align

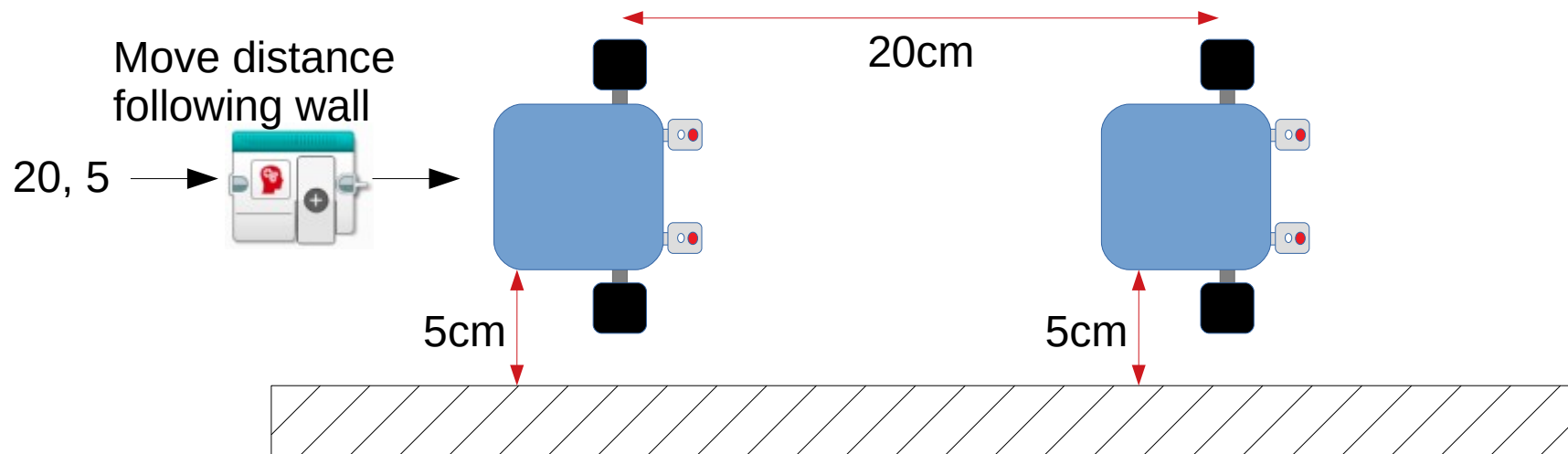


Counter-Clockwise Align



# Useful Functions (My Blocks)

- Move distance following wall
  - Use ultrasonic pointing sideways
  - Useful when traveling long distance
  - Better to glide against wall if not turning





# Useful Functions (My Blocks)

- Move distance following gyro
  - Use the gyro to help robot move in a straight line
  - Better to align to wall if possible
  - MUST calibrate gyro
- Calibration my blocks
  - Calibrate light sensor
  - Calibrate gyro

# Useful Functions Summary

- Move distance (cm)
- Pivot turn left, Pivot turn right (degrees)
- Spin turn (degrees)
- Move till white (one for left and one for right)
- Move till black (one for left and one for right)
- Clockwise align
- Counter-clockwise align
- Move distance following wall
- Move distance following gyro
- Calibrate light sensor, calibrate gyro

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