

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2017 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Light Tracking Robot

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The objective of the project is to see how fast a light tracking robot moves in different intensities of light surroundings.

Methods/Materials

Built a light seeking and directed robot with a breadboard, wiring, photo resistors, MOSFETs, battery holder, potentiometers, toothbrushes, vibration motors and other parts for the circuit obtained from sciencebuddies.com. Used a timer and flashlight to conduct experiments testing robot speed and direction based on three surrounding light settings, high-lit, medium-lit, and non-lit.

Results

The results of my experiments demonstrated that the robot traveled 3 feet faster directed by a flashlight, in a non-lit room. In 4 trials the robot had an average speed of 3 feet per 5.7 seconds performed in the non-lit. The medium-lit room had average of 3 feet per 6.83 seconds, and the high-lit room with an average of 3 feet per 10.73 seconds.

Conclusions/Discussion

I determined that a light seeking and directed robot traveled faster with no surrounding light in the room. In the other tested light surroundings, high-lit and medium-lit, the ambient light in the room negatively effected the performance of the robot.

Summary Statement

I built and created a light tracking robot and learned it has a faster speed with a non-lit light setting in its surroundings.

Help Received

I built the robot, wired the circuit, and conducted the experiment myself. I was given the design and basic instructions from sciencebuddies.com.