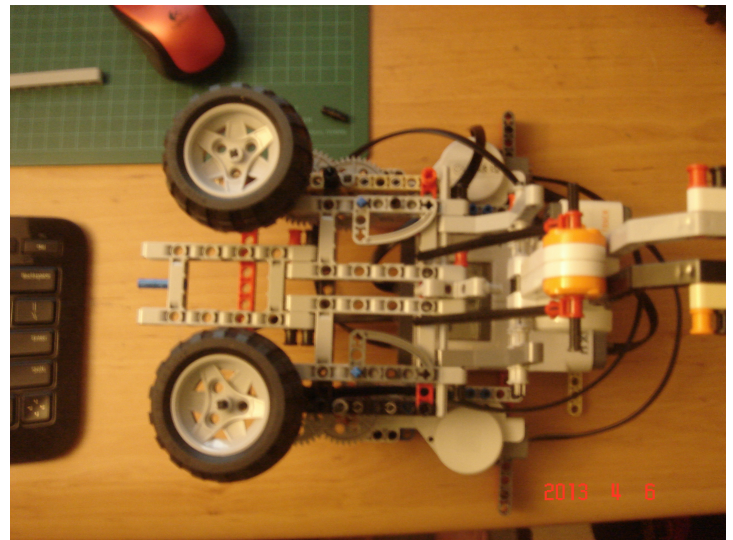
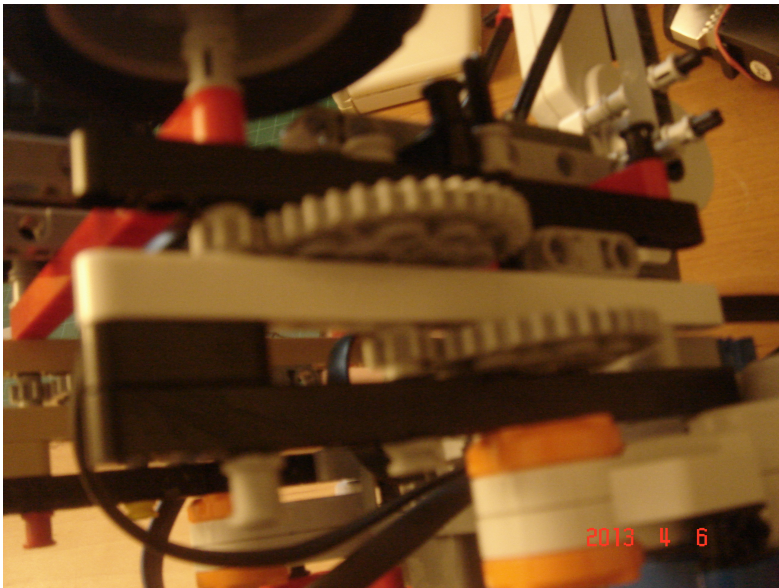
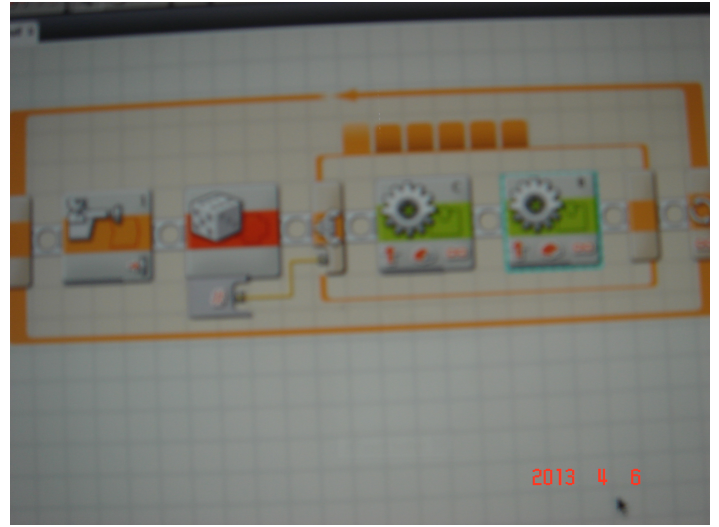
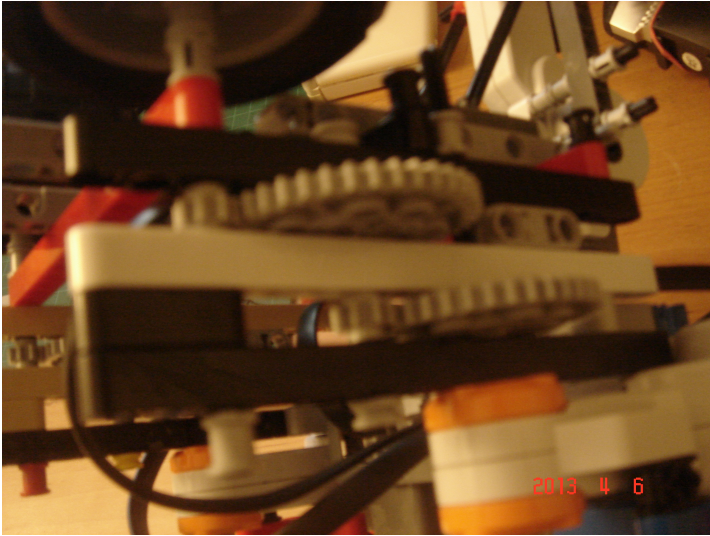


# The NXT Ball Launcher



# what the machine was and what is it now

Before the launcher was a paper airplane launcher for my science fair project it had many imperfect parts like it wasn't stable enough so it didn't have enough power to launch it really far.

Now I have turned it into a ball launcher . It is now very stable now and it has enough power to launch the ball at a great distance. It also have a place so you can hold the ball its programming is now better since it can shoot in random directions to make it unpredictable. My original one was not good. It had to many weak points like the angle changer wasn't very sturdy it might fall some time, the launcher sometime goes wrong just when I needed it the most like when it made my wheel grind together to much which could have ruined the wheels. Or when the wheels wasn't balanced (since the motors weren't very sturdy)

# Improvements

Since the airplane launcher a lot has been improved like it can shoot much farther and faster. All of the things that are improved are listed: it is far more stable, it has much more speed (the gears are big gear to small gear times 2 (which is big gear to small gear to big gear to small gear), a ball rack has been added and with the new upgrades it can now be easily transformed into a marble launcher just by changing the width of the wheel. The programming has been really updated it can now do different speeds and turns too instead of just a one speed launch.

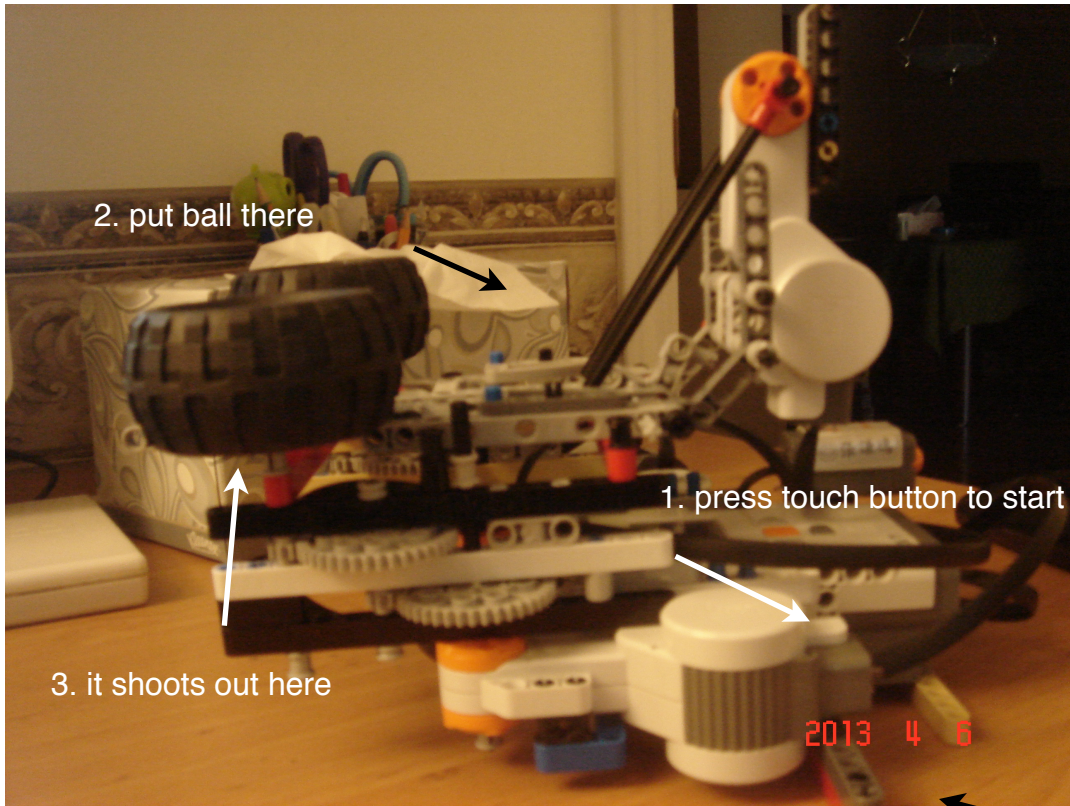
# Needed Improvement

Even though the launcher has been improved a lot there are still improvements needed, here they are: It is not able to change angles anymore, although it's balanced its front isn't very heavy so if it tilts on its front it does a faceplant. When a ball slides down and it bounces it won't shoot properly

## How it became this

1. first the ball launcher was a paper airplane launcher for my science fair project
2. Then I was not satisfied with the results of it
3. I made the ball launcher
4. I upgraded it to make it stronger and its programming better

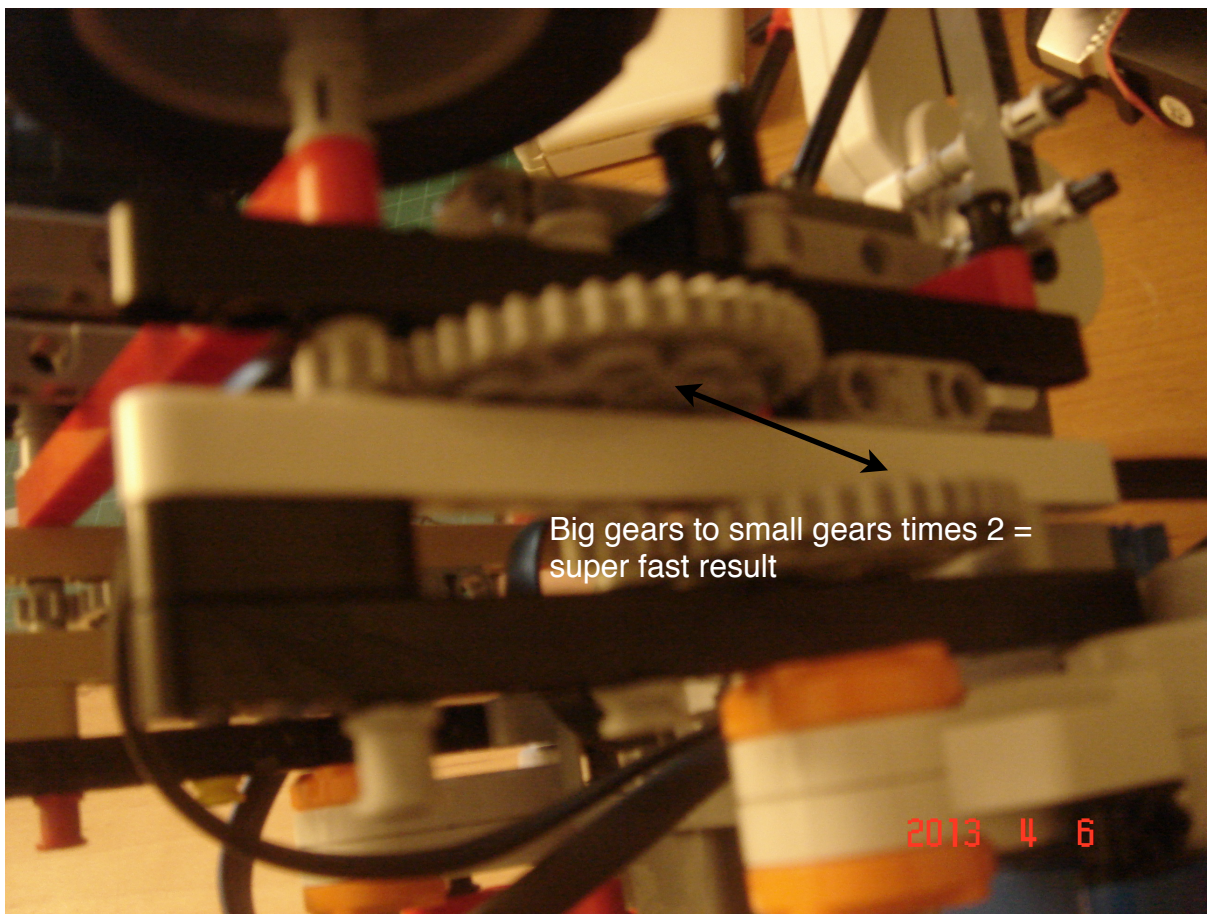
# Pictures



How it works



My Program



Big gears to small gears times 2 =  
super fast result

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