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## ABSTRACT

The pick and place mechanism is one of the technologies in manufacturing industry and designed to automatically perform “Pick and Place” tasks. This system is very important in order to increase productivity besides eliminate human errors and getting precise work. The main concept of this mechanism is about the design and development of pneumatic driven 180 degree rotation picks and place mechanism with conveyor system. This project is a basic development and modification for that type of mechanism where the development project will involve Programmable Logic Control (PLC) which is a digital computer used for automation that are designed for multiple arrangement where in this project it is for the arrangement of digital and analog inputs and outputs, Graphic User Interface (GUI) development that allows users to interact with electronic devices through graphical icons and visual indicators, hardware and software integration. This mechanism is used to pick and place objects only on their specification. The rotation of this mechanism is 180 degree (clockwise) and -180 degree (counter clockwise). The mechanism will pick up the object on conveyor and place the object on the other conveyor.

## ABSTRAK

Mekanisma angkat dan letak adalah salah satu teknologi dalam industri pembuatan dan direka secara automatik untuk melaksanakan tugas "Angkat dan Letak". Sistem ini adalah sangat penting bagi meningkatkan produktiviti di samping menghapuskan kesilapan yang dilakukan oleh pekerja dan memperoleh hasil kerja yang tepat. Konsep utama mekanisme ini adalah mengenai rekabentuk dan pembangunan pneumatik didorong oleh putaran 180 darjah angkat dan letak mekanisma disertakan dengan sistem pengangkut. Projek ini merupakan satu perkembangan asas dan pengubahsuaian untuk jenisme mekanisma di mana penghasilan projek yang melibatkan *Programmable Logic Control* (PLC) yang merupakan komputer digital yang digunakan untuk automasi yang direka untuk aturan pelbagai di mana dalam projek ini ia adalah untuk susunan digital dan analog masuk dan keluaran, *Graphic User Interface* (GUI) yang membolehkan pengguna untuk berinteraksi dengan peranti elektronik melalui kongrafik dan petunjuk visual, perkakasan dan integrasi perisian. Mekanisma ini digunakan untuk mengangkat dan meletakkan objek mengikut pada spesifikasi yang ditetapkan. Putaran mekanisme ini adalah 180 darjah (arah jam) dan -180 darjah (arah lawan jam). Mekanisma akan mengambil objek pada penghantaran dan letakkan objek pada penghantaran yang lain.

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.0 Introduction

Robotics technology has been researched and applicable in the industrial where it has reached to a matured point. Robots are used to replace people especially in the production line and suitable for repetitive work. The main aim of this project is to develop an arm mechanism which could be used as a powerful pick and place which is called as gantry robot. The design of this mechanism is with base rotation and wrist motion with a functional gripper to hold object. This project includes a PLC which used to drive the motor according to the inputs and gear motor to control the rotation of the mechanism.

### 1.1 Background

The Robotic Industries Association defines the industrial robot as: “A reprogrammable, multi-functional machine designed to manipulate material, parts, tools or specialized devices through variable programmed motions for the performance of a variety of tasks.” Robots are capable of performing a wide variety of tasks, such as material handling, spot welding, arc welding assembly, dispensing, material removal, coating and inspection. Because of that, they are widely used in the general industries including foundry, metal fabrication, plastics, consumer electronics, food and beverage, machine tools, solar, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, and wood. As an example is a robot picking objects off a conveyor and placing the object on the other conveyor which require high amount of repetitive motion.

Based on the research carried out by the International Federation of Robotics (IFR), there are top 8 reasons why robot is used in the industries:

- (a) Increase production output rates
- (b) Reduce operating costs
- (c) Improve process quality
- (d) Improve workplace health & safety
- (e) Increase product manufacturing flexibility
- (f) Reduce material waste and increase yield
- (g) Save space in high value manufacturing areas
- (h) Reduce capital costs (inventory, work in progress)

## **1.2 Motivation of Research**

The motivation is to focus on the design and development of pneumatic driven 180 degree rotation pick and place mechanism with conveyor system. The development project will involve Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) which act as the brain of the mechanism and perform work automatically with minimum supervision or intervention, Graphical User interface (GUI) development that shows the motion of the system, hardware and software integration as well as system troubleshooting.

## **1.3 Problem Statement**

The problem statements for this project include pick and place application which requires high amount of repetitive motion that cannot be done by human, insufficient efficiency due to human error and also the deficient of productivity due to limitation of work and time of manpower.

## **1.4 Problem Objectives**

The objectives of the project include to demonstrate the concept of how pick and place mechanism function and operate and to design and develop the hardware for pick and place mechanism with conveyor system and the combination of pneumatic and motion system using the software of Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) and Graphical User Interface (GUI).

## **1.5 Project Scope**

There are two scopes are needed to be done to fulfill the requirement of this project which are to design a program that controls the movement of pick and place and to design and fabricate the mechanical structure for the Pneumatic Driven 180 Degree Rotation Pick and Place Mechanism with Conveyor System.

## **1.6 Report Outline**

This report is divided into five chapters. Chapter 1 is the introduction of the project which explains the background of the project, problem statement, project objectives and the scope of the project. Chapter 2 is the literature reviews of the project which highlights the references and understanding gained from various sources such include popular periodicals, books on specific subject, reviews of research and journals. These materials are used to support the development of this project.

Project methodology, project flowchart, hardware and software overview and process flow of the project are stated in Chapter 3. The progress, analysis and result of the development of the Final Year Project 2 are described in Chapter 4 which is the result and discussion. Chapter 5 is the summary of the discussion and suggestion of the project which is the conclusion.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

#### **2.0 Introduction**

This chapter will discuss mainly on the reference and understanding which is gained from various source such as books, journals, internet and previous projects. These are the materials used as the main source for this entire project by identifying the relevance of the research.

The core focus in this literature is about how a pick and place mechanism operated with different kind of method applied on the mechanism and the characteristic of the pick and place mechanism.

#### **2.1 Journals**

Among all the journals that have been reviewed, these are the nine journals that are most likely related to this project.

### 2.1.1 Simulation of Pick and Place Robotics System Using SolidWorks Soft Motion by Rosidah Sam, KamarulArrifin and NorlidaBuniyamin

This paper is prepared based on the design of pick and place robotics system using Solidwork 3D CAD software where it is used to design a Cartesian robot and articulated industrial robotic arm with different end-effectors [1]. It is designed to shorten the robot development time and to improve the quality and speed of the designed robot. After assembled and simulation was made on the arm robot, it is presented to demonstrate the pick and place system which is proven that by using Solidworks software, it enable the user to design a robotic and assemble it to demonstrate the motion of the system made and also convenient for troubleshooting.

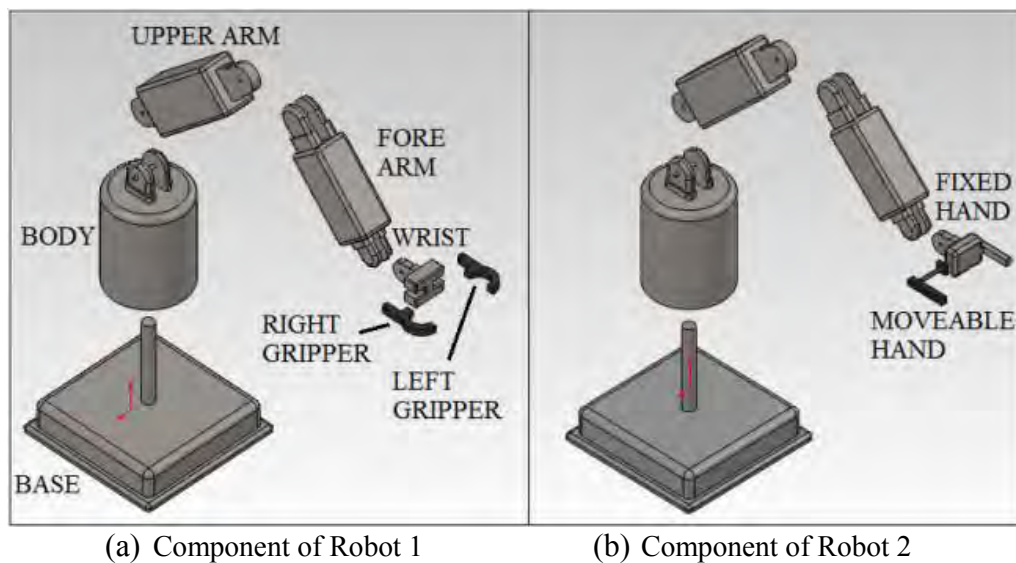
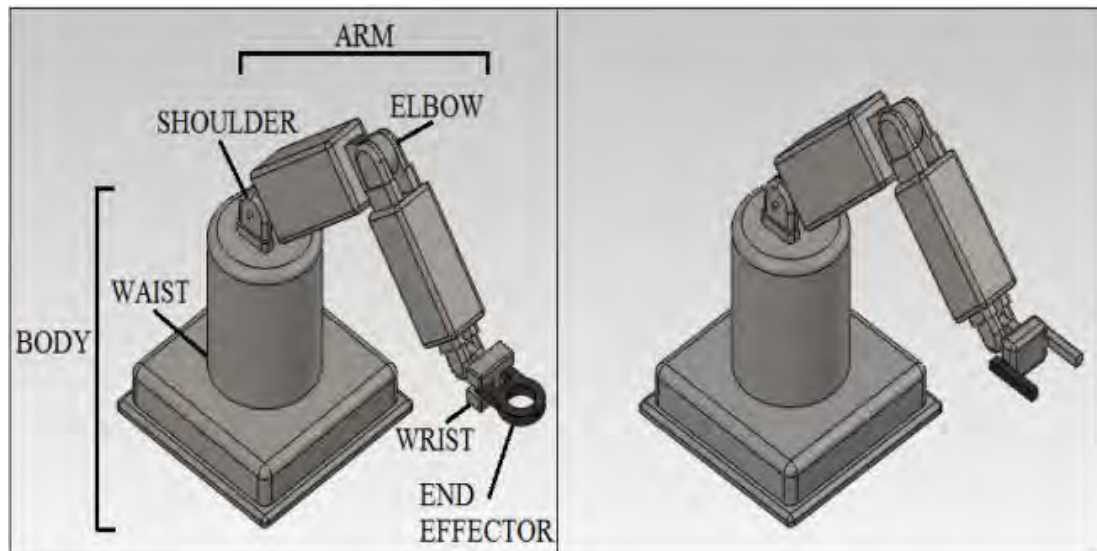


Figure 2.1: Component of Robot 1 and 2



(a) Assembly of Robot 1

(b) Assembly of Robot 2

Figure 2.2: Assembly of Robot 1 and 2

Figure 2.1 shows the parts on the robot 1 and 2. The different between robots 1 and 2 is the end-effectors such as robot 1 has the left gripper and robot 2 is using moveable hand. The parts of the two robots are then assembled by using mate function in the Solidwork software as shown in the Figure 2.2.

### 2.1.2 Pick and Place Robot by Mohammad Hafizuddin bin ahmadSabri

This project [2] is designed to facile the sorting process of heavy materials which requires high amount of repetitive motion. This robot is a basic development for that type of robot where it used Programmable Logic Control (PLC) to control the operation of the robot. It can be rotate 90 degree (clockwise) and -90 degree (counter clockwise). The arm is designed to move horizontally to pick the object without gripping it and place the object on the other side. With this robot, efficiency of the work is increased thus prevent injuries to the manpower plus inexpensive construction cost.

### **2.1.3 Optimal Kinematic Design of a New 3-DOF Planar Manipulator for Pick and Place Application by Bin Liao Yunkiang Lou**

This paper provides an optimal kinematic design of a new 3-DOF planar parallel manipulator for pick-and-place application [3]. The researchers derived the loop-closure equations of the robot as the first step. Then, they discussed the kinematics and singularity analysis in order to use the index of the average inverse condition number. In this paper, it stated that velocities are the important element in kinematic for the pick-and-place applications. A new manipulator named V3 is co-axis actuated arrangement with three sub chains in parallel planes. As the result, an optimal design of manipulator has been design has made which can be operated under high speed.

### **2.1.4 Multisensor Controlled Robotic Tracking and Automatic Pick and Place by IlhanKonukseven, BilginKaftanoglu and Tuna Balkan**

This paper is based on the design of robotic for recognizing and tracking an object which is selected from various unknown object and randomly placed on a moving conveyor belt using sensors in the feedback loop [4]. The robot tracks down the objects and placed them to the other place. The used of vision, infrared and encoder sensors in the feedback loop is for identifying and locates the object and dynamically servoing a manipulator for object tracking, picking and placing.

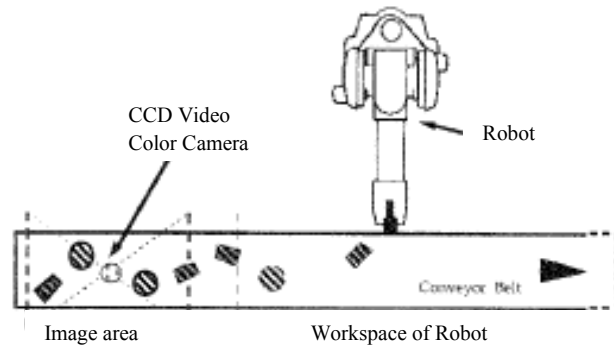


Figure 2.3: Image area and work area of the robot

Figure 2.3 shows the analysis of motion where each frame of the sequence is segmented. The objects are placed randomly on the conveyor belt and the frame-object list is used to store the parameters of the object. Sensor-based system is produced to provide information for the robotic tracking control. The motion of the end-effector is controlled by an end-effector based infrared proximity sensors and conveyor position encoder in order for the grasping system to operate.

### **2.1.5 Modelling and Control of A Joint Driven by Pneumatic Actuator by NonutakaTsujiuchi, Takayuki Koizumi, Hirotokan, Hiroyuki Takeda, TatsuwoKudawara and Masanori Hirano**

This research is based on the focused of robot that has been used widely in the industries and perform flexible as people [5]. However, the robot needs to features safety precaution in order not to injure people. With that, the researchers had come out with the development of robot hand that can use as artificial muscle-type pneumatic actuators which functioned like human hand. In addition, big compressor is needed when a pneumatic actuator is used. To overcome this problem, they developed a low-pressure, low volume pneumatic actuator to drive and enable the robot hand perform flexibly and safely which is assume to have contact with people. PID control system is constructed in order to simulate a 1-link arm that has one degree of freedom.