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## ABSTRAK

Projek ini membincangkan rekabentuk satu robot pembersih hampagas yang menggunakan pengawal mikro. Robot ini berfungsi untuk membersihkan kotoran dan habuk dalam kawasan yang terhad selain berupaya mengelak halangan. Robot pembersih hampagas direka bagi menggantikan sistem vakum manual yang menggunakan elektrik. Oleh itu, robot vakum ini menggunakan sistem kuasa bateri yang mengurangkan bekalan elektrik tetapi pameran prestasinya serasi dengan sistem-sistem vakum manual. Bahagian-bahagian utama dalam pembinaan robot ini terdiri daripada kerangka robot, penderia inframerah, pembersih hampagas, motor arus terus dan pengawal mikro. Satu jenis pengawal mikro PIC16F84 akan digunakan. Tujuan pengawal adalah untuk menguasai pergerakan robot. Motor arus terus akan digunakan untuk menggerakkan robot dan vakum. Bagaimanapun, motor arus terus akan berpusing terlalu cepat dan mempunyai juga sedikit daya kilas untuk mengawal beban. Oleh itu, penurunan gear diperlukan untuk memperlahankan kelajuan berputar dan peningkatan pada daya kilas motor. Robot pengesan halangan di sambung melalui penderia inframerah. Pengesan ini dipasang di depan robot.

## ABSTRACT

This project is concerned with the design of a vacuum robot by using microcontroller. Vacuum robot is designed to clear a limit area of the dirt-track. Vacuum robot is also designed to replace manual vacuum systems which consume electricity. Therefore, this vacuum robot is a battery powered system which consumes less electricity yet exhibit compatible performance with manual vacuum systems. The main part of the robot consists of chassis, infrared sensor, vacuum, DC motor and microcontroller. The type of a PIC16F84 microcontroller will be used. The purpose of the controller is to control the movement of the robot. DC motor will be used to propel the robot and the vacuum. However, DC motor spins too fast and has too little torque to drive the loads. Thus, gear reduction is required to slow down the rotational speed and increase the torque of the motors. The robot senses the obstacles through the infrared sensor. These sensors are installed at the front of the robot.



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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter will discuss about introduction, aim, objectives, scope, problem statement, overview, application, and thesis outline for this project.

#### **1.1 Introduction**

This “Robot Vacuum” guided by PIC Microcontroller Technologies. Major others part robot containing chassis, sensor and engine DC. Basic information about microcontroller, sensor and engine will be decommissioned perform in this project. PIC's microcontroller would control all mobilization robots. PIC's microcontroller would make as a brain for this system.

This robot is programmed to clean up the dust on the floor by turn left and right. It used infrared sensor to avoid the obstacles at the in front of the robot.

#### **1.2 Aim of Project**

The aim of this project is to create and build one of the prototypes of robots to clean up the dust automatically.

### **1.3 Objectives of Project**

The main objective of project is to design and develop the smart of robot that is used to clean up the dust automatically. Besides that, the goals that want to achieve are:

- i. To design electronic system for the movement robot and application
- ii. To program an algorithm in C programming language, which embedded in microcontroller based system.
- iii. To implement the integration of software and hardware part.
- iv. To perform testing and analysis of the robot in obtaining robot's stability

### **1.4 Scopes of Project**

To accomplish this project in order to work successfully, there are a few things defined in the scopes of the project. There are:

- The project using microcontroller to achieve the automation. The microcontroller will control a motor and receive the signal from a sensor
- Vacuum robot suitable using at roomy area.
- The test area must be flat and no curve. Otherwise, the movement is like the "pulse signal".

### **1.5 Problem Statement**

Nowadays a lot of users are using manual vacuum systems that consume Electricity. As we know, the system needs a lot of time and human energy to moving.

So, that is not practical nowadays especially for working person. In this situation, an automatic vacuum is more practical in order to replace manual vacuum system.

In order to solve this problem, smart vacuum robot is develop. Vacuum robot is powered by batteries and can work autonomously to clean up the dust. It is equipped with sensor to make vacuum robot intelligent or smart and can detects the obstacles.

### 1.6 Project Overview

Vacuum Robot construction can be divided into three main parts. There are brain, actuators and the sensors. Figure 1 shows an overview of the system in the Vacuum Robot.

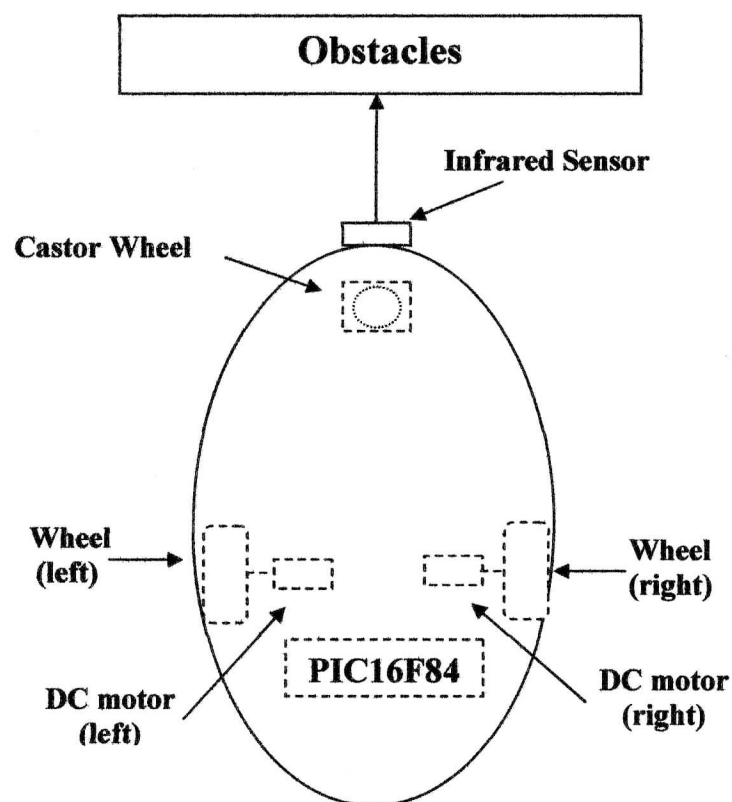


Figure 1.1: An Overview of the System

The three main parts of system are:

- The brain : Microcontroller PIC16F84A
- The actuator : DC motor, gearbox, wheels and castor wheels
- The sensors : Infrared sensors, limit switch

## 1.7 Application

Vacuum Robot is a robot that has all the advantage of cleaning robot with speed and capability to clean up the dust automatically. The characteristic of this robot is it could mobile and should move without human intervention when it is started. This robot uses the infrared sensor to avoid obstacles.

The project is focus on flatten and no curve floor. If the robot detects the obstacles such as furniture, human, wall and so on, the robot will turn different way to avoid it. There are two active wheels. Both of two wheels behind the robot can move to left or right following the programming instruction on microcontroller. A Castor wheel is put at the in front of the robot to stable the body of robot. The whole system of the robot is controlled by PIC16F84A microcontroller that performs as a brain of the system.

## 1.8 Thesis Outline

The project thesis is done basically to document the concept, activities and outcome of the project that is relevant to the project progress. The thesis consists of six main chapters. There are:

- Chapter one describes briefly about the project's introduction. It is also discuss about the objectives, scopes of project and project application.
- Chapter two describes about the literature review that consists of the background of the project. It also describes about the same projects that have been done of previous person and it's more to make research on different, advantages and disadvantages of previous project.
- Chapter three describes about the project planning where the project implementation will be divided into three phase. There are hardware design, software and electrical circuit system. This chapter also discusses more detail about the principle of the component that will be used in the project such as infrared sensor and actuator.

- Chapter four describes about the analysis data. This chapter will discuss about the PIC16F84A microcontroller analysis and output of motor driver analysis.
- Chapter five describes about conclusion and recommendation. This section will conclude about knowledge that comes out from the project and some recommendation to the further study.



## **CHAPTER II**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

This chapter will explain about the review for this project.

#### **2.1 Introduction**

This chapter informs us all about the research before the robot has been set up. To build this project, it requires the knowledge that are not readily offhand. There are three main parts need to be investigated in this project, namely mobile robot design, sensing technology and microcontroller specification. Motor is a one of the method an electronic device achieving movement. Motors are the most important parts of mobile robotics platform. Moreover, a sensor is a device which detects a signal to involve the obstacles. The main objective of incorporating sensors technology in robotic system is to enable the robots to work in non-structured and random environment. The robot needs the microcontroller specification in order build the robot that will follow the project planning. The microcontroller performs as a brain of the system. After that, the mechanical part, electrical part and programming will be combined together to produce an autonomous system.

#### **2.2 Overview of Related Project**

Building an autonomous vacuum robot requires knowledge that not readily offhand. In this chapter, u will discover about previous review that comes from journals, observations and internet.