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## ABSTRACT

A pulley system is design that can be controlled by a microcontroller (PIC). The cable of the pulley system can be positioned up and down with a few sensors to limit its maximum and minimum positions. In this new technology era, manpower is very important in all industries. Although it is important, it can cause problem to the industries especially in handling machine and discipline. Unfortunately for the companies, so much time and money are wasted due to the error, absent and less concentration from the employees. Thus, technologies improvement is important. By implementing the microcontroller replacing human can improve the accuracy, reducing the operating problem and saving more time and money for the industries. In this project, the pulley system consists of a design circuit with microcontroller, push-pull switch, Dc motor, gear, pulley, a few sensors, magnet and the body. A set of program code are programmed using MPLAB for the PIC which enable it to control the pulley system operation. A bidirectional Dc motor allows the pulley cable to be positioned up and down due to the maximum and minimum limit set by the sensors. The Dc motor will move right (clockwise) when the switch is on, simultaneously the cable of the pulley start to go down until it reaches the load. It will stop a moment before the Dc motor start to move left (anti-clockwise) causing the cable to move up again toward its minimum position. As a spin-off benefit, hopefully this project can be applied to improve the existing pulley system in the industries.

## ABSTRAK

Kabel sistem takal dikawal oleh *microcontroller* (PIC) dan kabel nya boleh digerakkan ke atas dan ke bawah dimana kedudukan maksimum dan minimumnya akan dihadkan oleh beberapa pengesan. Pada masa sekarang, tenaga manusia adalah suatu aspek penting dalam sesebuah industri. Walaupun begitu, banyak kesilapan berlaku akibat daripada kecuaiian pengendalian oleh pekerja-pekerja terutama sekali dalam mengendalikan mesin. Oleh itu, banyak masa dan wang telah banyak dihabiskan akibat daripada kesilapan pengendalian mesin atau mesin rosak dan pekerja yang ponteng kerja. Jadi, kemajuan teknologi amat penting dalam menangani masalah ini. Penggunaan *microcontroller* sebagai pengganti kepada manusia dalam mengendalikan mesin boleh mempertingkatkan lagi kejituan dan mengurangkan risiko kerosakan pada mesin sekaligus dapat mengelakkan pembaziran wang dan masa. Sistem takal ini terdiri daripada gabungan litar bersama *microcontroller*, suis, Dc motor, gear, kabel, takal, pengesan, roda dan struktur badan. Kod-kod program akan dihasilkan menggunakan *MPLAB* bagi membolehkan PIC mengawal operasi sistem takal ini. Dc motor pula digunakan untuk menarik atau menurunkan kabel berdasarkan kepada paras maksimum dan minimum yang telah dihadkan oleh beberapa pengesan. Dc motor akan berputar kehadapan apabila suis dihidupkan menyebabkan kabel turun sehingga ke paras maksimum. Setelah itu, putaran motor akan berubah ke belakang menyebabkan kabel tertarik keatas semula sehingga ke paras minimum iaitu paras asal. Sistem takal ini berupaya mengangkat beban yang diperbuat daripada besi. Diharapkan agar sistem takal ini dapat diaplikasikan bagi membantu mempertingkatkan lagi sistem takal yang ada sekarang.



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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Objective

The objective of this project is to design a pulley system that can be controlled by a microcontroller. The cable of the pulley system can be positioned up and down with a few Infrared sensors to limit its maximum and minimum positions.

### 1.2 Scope of Project

In this project, there are three main characteristic that is pulley system controlled by microcontroller, cable can be positioned up and down and its maximum and minimum position is limited by a few Infrared sensors. In order to reach the objectives of the project, the project scope is specified.

- i. The physical design of the pulley system.
- ii. Pulley system controlled by microcontroller.
- iii. Cable can be positioned up and down.
- vi. Maximum and Minimum of the cable is limited by a few Infrared sensors.

### 1.3 Problem Statement

Now a day, technology is a leading subject in all sorts of industries. As we know, machineries such as pulley machines are widely used in car industry, shipping industry and many more. Many companies have to hire a lot of manpower just to handle all sorts of machines. In order to do that, a lot of money needed to pay them just to handle small machines. Sometimes breakdown could happen to the machines because of some small conducting error done by the employees. Problem can also happen if the worker that in charge of the machine is absent for work. All of this can cause a big loss of money and time to the industries. So as a method of solving this problem, an advance pulley system is design, so that it can be controlled by a microcontroller. The microcontroller is use to replace human in conducting the machine whereby it work automatically. With this, the conducting of the machine will be more accurate and the ensure safety of the machines. As a result, the companies can save money and time during their production time.



## **CHAPTER 2**

### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

Nowadays technology is one of the most important aspects to improve industrial production. One of them is pulley system. In this chapter, the history of pulley system is described.

#### **2.1 Project Background**

A machine is a device that helps people doing their work against some resistive force. Some machines are powered by engines, motors and even animals, while many others simply use human power. The basis of all complex machines comes from their simple components. When these components are by themselves, they are called simple machines. The most common simple machines are the lever, rollers, the ramp, and the pulley [8].

##### **2.1.1 Pulley System**

Before engines and motors were invented, people had to do things like lifting heavy loads by hand. Using an animal could help, but what they really needed is some clever ways to either make work easier or faster. Ancient people invented, simple machines that would help them overcome resistive forces and allow them to do the desired work against those forces. A pulley is a way to use your own weight to lift an object to another height. The same force must be used, but it simply changes direction. You pull down and the weight goes up [7].

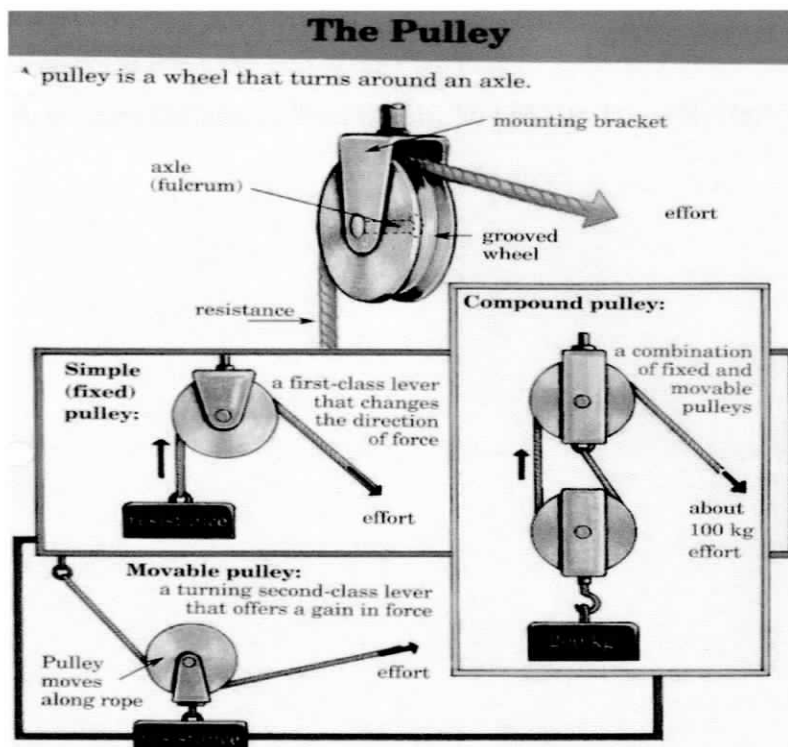


Figure 2.1: The Pulley [8].

1. A Pulley is a Grooved Wheel that turns around an Axle (Fulcrum), and a rope or a chain is used in the groove to lift heavy objects.
2. A Pulley changes the direction of the Force – Instead of lifting up, you can pull down using your body weight against the Resistance (load, what you are lifting).
3. A Pulley may be Fixed, Moveable, or used in combination.
4. The Simple Pulley gains nothing in Force, Distance or Speed, but it changes the Direction of the Force.
5. A Fixed Pulley (attached to something that doesn't move such as the ceiling or wall) acts as a First Class Lever with the Fulcrum located at the Axis, instead of a bar the Pulley uses a Rope.

6. A Moveable Pulley acts as Second Class Lever, the Load (Resistance) is between the Fulcrum and the Effort.

7. Samples of Pulleys in use – On Top of the Flag Pole to Raise and Lower the Flag, To Hoist a Sail, to Open Curtains or Mini Blinds, To Lift Hay into a Hayloft [8].

## CHAPTER 3

### LITERATURE REVIEW

In this chapter, theories that support the project are presented.

#### 3.1 Introduction

To understand this project, some research has been done throughout making this a successful project. The research includes the hardware and software.

#### 3.2 Microcontroller

Microcontroller is the main part of this project. Referring to the objective, microcontroller is used to control the pulley system. In this project, microcontroller PIC16F877a is used. A PIC16F877A features 256 bytes of EEPROM data memory, self programming, an ICD, 2 Comparators, 8 channels of 10-bit Analog-to-Digital (A/D) converter, 2 capture/compare/PWM functions, the synchronous serial port can be configured as either 3-wire Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI™) or the 2-wire Inter-Integrated Circuit (I<sup>2</sup>C™) bus and a Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (USART). All of these features make it ideal for more advanced level A/D applications in automotive, industrial, appliances and consumer applications [5]. Beside that, it consists of many electronic circuits which can decode written instructions and convert them into electrical signals. A PIC microcontroller includes timers, synchronous/asynchronous serial transmission, analog-to-digital converters, voltage comparators, capture/compare/PWM modules, ROM, RAM, EPROM,

PROM, I/O, LCD driver, I2C and SPI peripheral Bus Support, Motor Control Kernels and USB interfacing support.

There are some factors to be considered in order to choose a microcontroller such as the input, output, control, size of program memory storage, number of interrupts, how much data EPROM is needed and etc. there are 105 types of microcontroller at present and they include devices for all kind of applications [4].

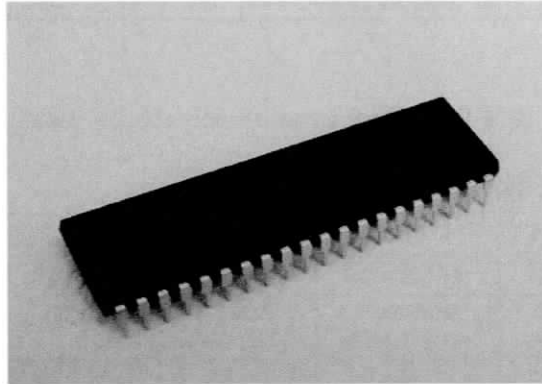


Figure 3.2: Microcontroller PIC16F877A

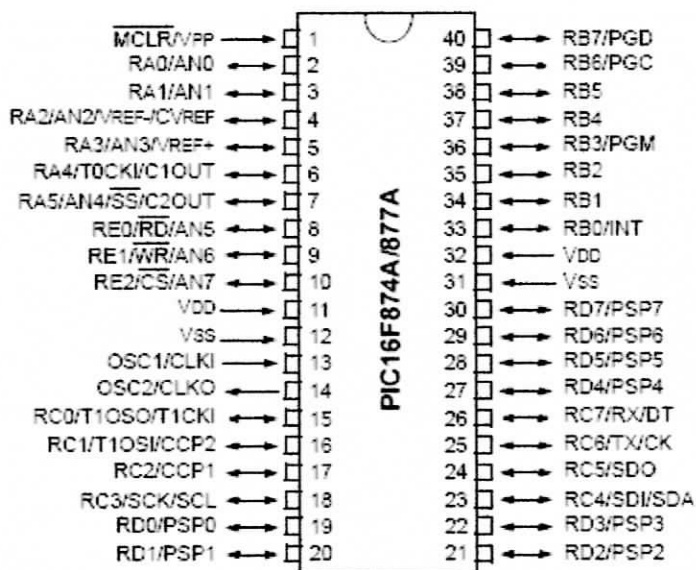


Figure 3.3: PIC16F877 Pin Diagram [4].



Table 3.2: Microcontroller Features [4].

| Device     | Program Memory |                            | Data SRAM (Bytes) | EEPROM (Bytes) | I/O | 10-bit A/D (ch) | CCP (PWM) | MSSP |                         | USART | Timers 8/16-bit | Comparators |
|------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|
|            | Bytes          | # Single Word Instructions |                   |                |     |                 |           | SPI  | Master I <sup>2</sup> C |       |                 |             |
| PIC16F873A | 7.2K           | 4096                       | 192               | 128            | 22  | 8               | 2         | Yes  | Yes                     | Yes   | 2/1             | 2           |
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| PIC16F876A | 14.3K          | 8192                       | 388               | 256            | 22  | 8               | 2         | Yes  | Yes                     | Yes   | 2/1             | 2           |
| PIC16F877A | 14.3K          | 8192                       | 388               | 256            | 33  | 8               | 2         | Yes  | Yes                     | Yes   | 2/1             | 2           |

Table 3.3: Device Features for PIC16F87X [4].

| Key Features                        | PIC16F873A  | PIC16F874A  | PIC16F876A  | PIC16F877A  |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Operating Frequency                 | DC – 20 MHz   | DC – 20 MHz   | DC – 20 MHz   | DC – 20 MHz   |
| Resets (and Delays)                 | POR, BOR (PWRT, OST)                                    | POR, BOR (PWRT, OST)                                    | POR, BOR (PWRT, OST)                                    | POR, BOR (PWRT, OST)                                    |
| Flash Program Memory (14-bit words) | 4K  | 4K  | 8K  | 8K  |
| Data Memory (bytes)                 | 192   | 192   | 368   | 368   |
| EEPROM Data Memory (bytes)          | 128   | 128   | 256   | 256   |
| Interrupts                          | 14  | 15  | 14  | 15  |
| I/O Ports                           | Ports A, B, C   | Ports A, B, C, D, E                                     | Ports A, B, C   | Ports A, B, C, D, E                                     |
| Timers                              | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   |
| Capture/Compare/PWM modules         | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Serial Communications               | MSSP, USART   | MSSP, USART   | MSSP, USART   | MSSP, USART   |
| Parallel Communications             | —   | PSP   | —   | PSP   |
| 10-bit Analog-to-Digital Module     | 5 input channels  | 8 input channels  | 5 input channels  | 8 input channels  |
| Analog Comparators                  | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Instruction Set                     | 35 Instructions   | 35 Instructions   | 35 Instructions   | 35 Instructions   |
| Packages                            | 28-pin PDIP<br>28-pin SOIC<br>28-pin SSOP<br>28-pin QFN | 40-pin PDIP<br>44-pin PLCC<br>44-pin TQFP<br>44-pin QFN | 28-pin PDIP<br>28-pin SOIC<br>28-pin SSOP<br>28-pin QFN | 40-pin PDIP<br>44-pin PLCC<br>44-pin TQFP<br>44-pin QFN |

The data memory of PIC16F877a is positioned into multiple banks which contain the General Purpose Registers and the Special Functions Registers. Bits RP1 (Status<6>) and RP0 (Status<5>) are the bank select



### 3.3 DC Motor

DC motors are widely used, inexpensive, small and powerful for their size. Reduction gearboxes are often required to reduce the speed and increase the torque output of the motor. Unfortunately more sophisticated control algorithms are required to achieve accurate control over the axial rotation of these motors. Although recent developments in stepper motor technologies have come a long way, the benefits offered by smooth control and high levels of acceleration with DC motors far outweigh any disadvantages.

Several characteristics are important when selecting DC motors and these can be split into two specific categories. The first category is associated with the input ratings of the motor and specifies its electrical requirements, like operating voltage and current. The second category is related to the motor's output characteristics and specifies the physical limitations of the motor in terms of speed, torque and power.

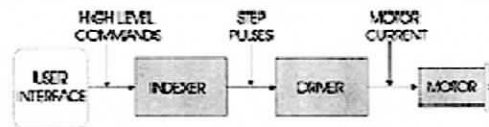


Figure 3.4: A DC Motor System Basic Elements

The Indexer (or Controller) is a microprocessor capable of generating step pulses and direction signals for the driver. In addition, the indexer is typically required to perform many other sophisticated command functions.

The Driver (or Amplifier) converts the indexer command signals into the power necessary to energize the motor windings. There are numerous types of drivers, with different current/ampere ratings and construction technology. Not all drivers are suitable to run all motors, so when designing a Motion Control System the driver selection process is critical.