

Group P22: Pick 'n' Place Robot Competition

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Project Explanation

- Design a robotic arm capable of picking up an object from one location, and then placing the object in another location
- Arduino controlled servo/stepper motors
- Additive and/or Subtractive manufacturing for linkages
- \$250.00 USD Budget
- Final arm must excel in the following areas:
 - Speed
 - Accuracy
 - Precision
 - Minimal Cost



About the Sponsor



Michael A. Brown, PhD, PE

- Experienced in computational dynamics, biomechanics, and a variety of aspects of manufacturing.

Desired Outcomes of Project

The goal of this project is to gain a fundamental understanding of multiple DOF systems and controls. Designing a 6 DOF robotic arm will require knowledge of programming, kinematics, cost analysis, performance analysis, and electronics. A great deal of these topics are covered in the current curriculum, but some will require individual research efforts. Overall, by the end of the project, all group members will be able to demonstrate valuable engineering skills in the working world.

Customer Requirements

Description

A three-link servo/stepper motor controlled mechanism. The mechanism must be able to pick up an object, move it a certain distance, and place it at the new location without damaging said object. The following customer requirements must be met...

Safe - The mechanism should be able to be handled safely by a child

Minimal cost - The project should cost no more than \$250 to assemble

Functional - The mechanism should be able to perform its objective efficiently without error

Durable - The mechanism should be able to perform multiple trials (100) without need for repairs.

Aesthetic - It should be appealing enough for someone to want to purchase a model.

Background Information

Arduinos:

- Programming language based on C/C++
- Open-source software
- Open-source hardware
- Inexpensive: Official Arduinos range from \$15-100 USD
 - Third party platforms start around \$5 USD



Arduinos cont.

Points of Consideration:

- Form Factor
- # of Analog In/Out
- # Digital IO/PWM
- RAM
- Flash Memory

<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Products/Compare>

Name	Processor	Operating/Input Voltage	CPU Speed	Analog In/Out	Digital IO/PWM	EEPROM [kB]	SRAM [kB]	Flash [kB]	USB	UART
101	Intel® Curie	3.3 V / 7-12V	32MHz	6/0	14/4	-	24	196	Regular	-
Gemma	ATtiny85	3.3 V / 4-16 V	8 MHz	1/0	3/2	0.5	0.5	8	Micro	0
LilyPad	ATmega168V ATmega328P	2.7-5.5 V / 2.7-5.5 V	8MHz	6/0	14/6	0.512	1	16	-	-
LilyPad SimpleSnap	ATmega328P	2.7-5.5 V / 2.7-5.5 V	8 MHz	4/0	9/4	1	2	32	-	-
LilyPad USB	ATmega32U4	3.3 V / 3.8-5 V	8 MHz	4/0	9/4	1	2.5	32	Micro	-
Mega 2560	ATmega2560	5 V / 7-12 V	16 MHz	16/0	54/15	4	8	256	Regular	4
Micro	ATmega32U4	5 V / 7-12 V	16 MHz	12/0	20/7	1	2.5	32	Micro	1
MKR1000	SAMD21 Cortex-M0+	3.3 V / 5V	48MHz	7/1	8/4	-	32	256	Micro	1
Pro	ATmega168 ATmega328P	3.3 V / 3.35-12 V 5 V / 5-12 V	8 MHz 16 MHz	6/0	14/6	0.512 1	1 2	16 32	-	1
Pro Mini	ATmega328P	3.3 V / 3.35-12 V 5 V / 5-12 V	8 MHz 16 MHz	6/0	14/6	1	2	32	-	1
Uno	ATmega328P	5 V / 7-12 V	16 MHz	6/0	14/6	1	2	32	Regular	1
Zero	ATSAMD21G18	3.3 V / 7-12 V	48 MHz	6/1	14/10	-	32	256	2 Micro	2

Background Information cont.

Materials : Certain materials can be used in the design of our mechanism based on their respective properties.

- Carbon fiber - Expensive (\$11-16 per Kg), Lightweight (Density = 1.6 g/cm³) , Strong (810 MPa Tensile strength, 200 MPa Yield Strength)
- Aluminum - Cheap (\$2 per Kg), Lightweight (Density = 2.7 g/cm³), Strong (90 MPa tensile strength, 48.3MPa Yield strength), Corrosion resistant.
- Steel - Expensive (\$6 per Kg), Heavy (Density = 8.05 g/cm³), Stronger than Al (696 MPa tensile strength, 301 MPa yield strength)
- Copper - Expensive (\$7 per Kg), Heavy (8.96 g/cm³), Strong (331 Mpa Tensile strength, 310 MPa Yield Strength)
- PVC - Cheap (\$1.55 per Kg), Lightweight (1.48 g/cm³), Weak (52 MPa Tensile strength, 8 MPa Yield strength)

Materials cont.

	Unit	Steel	Aluminum	Magnesium	Titanium
Density, [kg/dm ³]	p	7.83	2.8	1.74	4.5
Young's modulus, [GPa]	E	210	70	45	110
Tensile strength, [N/mm ²]	Rm	300-1200	150-680	100-380	910-1190
Specific strength, [10 ⁶ N mm/kg]	Rm/p	38-153	54-243	57-218	202-264
Specific stiffness, [10 ¹⁰ Nmm/kg]	E/p	26.8	25.0	25.9	24.4

Figure 2

Mechanical Properties of Carbon Fibre Composite Materials, Fibre / Epoxy resin (120°C Cure)

	Symbol	Units	Std CF Fabric	HMF Fabric	E glass Fabric	Kevlar Fabric	Std UD	CF UD	HMF UD	M5** UD	E glass UD	Kevlar UD	Boron UD	Steel S97	AL L65	Tit. dtd S173
Young's Modulus 0°	E1	GPa	70	85	25	30	135	175	300	40	75	200	207	72	110	
Young's Modulus 90°	E2	GPa	70	85	25	30	10	8	12	8	6	15	207	72	110	
In-plane Shear Modulus	G12	GPa	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	2	5	80	25		
Major Poisson's Ratio	v12		0.10	0.10	0.20	0.20	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.25	0.34	0.23				
Ult. Tensile Strength 0°	Xt	MPa	600	350	440	480	1500	1000	1600	1000	1300	1400	990	460		
Ult. Comp. Strength 0°	Xc	MPa	570	150	425	190	1200	850	1300	600	280	280				
Ult. Tensile Strength 90°	Yt	MPa	600	350	440	480	50	40	50	30	30	90				
Ult. Comp. Strength 90°	Yc	MPa	570	150	425	190	250	200	250	110	140	280				
Ult. In-plane Shear Stren.	S	MPa	90	35	40	50	70	60	75	40	60	140				
Ult. Tensile Strain 0°	ext	%	0.85	0.40	1.75	1.60	1.05	0.55	2.50	1.70	0.70					
Ult. Comp. Strain 0°	exc	%	0.80	0.15	1.70	0.60	0.85	0.45	1.50	0.35	1.40					
Ult. Tensile Strain 90°	eyt	%	0.85	0.40	1.75	1.60	0.50	0.50	0.35	0.50	0.60					
Ult. Comp. Strain 90°	eyc	%	0.80	0.15	1.70	0.60	2.50	2.50	1.35	2.30	1.85					
Ult. In-plane shear strain	es	%	1.80	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.40	1.20	1.00	3.00	2.80					
Thermal Exp. Co-e/f 0°	Alpha1	Strain/K	2.10	1.10	11.60	7.40	-0.30	-0.30	-0.30	6.00	4.00	18.00				
Thermal Exp. Co-e/f 90°	Alpha2	Strain/K	2.10	1.10	11.60	7.40	28.00	25.00	28.00	35.00	40.00	40.00				
Moisture Exp. Co-e/f 0°	Beta1	Strain/K	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.01					
Moisture Exp. Co-e/f 90°	Beta2	Strain/K	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30					
Density		g/cc	1.60	1.60	1.90	1.40	1.60	1.60	1.65	1.90	1.40	2.00				

*** Calculated figures

	Symbol	Units	Std. CF	HM CF	E Glass	Std. CF fabric	E Glass fabric	Steel	Al
Longitudinal Modulus	E1	GPa	17	17	12.3	19.1	12.2	207	72
Transverse Modulus:	E2	GPa	17	17	12.3	19.1	12.2	207	72
In Plane Shear Modulus	G12	GPa	33	47	11	30	8	80	25
Poisson's Ratio:	v12		.77	.83	.53	.74	.53		
Tensile Strength	Xt	MPa	110	110	90	120	120	990	460
Compressive Strength	Xc	MPa	110	110	90	120	120	990	460
In Plane Shear Strength	S	MPa	260	210	100	310	150		
Thermal Expansion Co-e/f	Alpha1	Strain/K	2.15 E-6	0.9 E-6	12 E-6	4.9 E-6	10 E-6	11 E-6	23 E-6
Moisture Co-e/f	Beta1	Strain/K	3.22 E-4	2.49 E-4	6.9 E-4				

*** Calculated figures

These tables are for reference / information only and are NOT a guarantee of performance

1 GPa = 1000 MPa = 1000 N/mm² = 145,000 PSI

These tables relate to only 2 of the many fibre orientations possible. Most components are made using combinations of the above materials and with the fibre orientations being dictated by the performance requirements of the product. Performance Composites Ltd. can assist with the design of components where appropriate.

Figure 3

Gripper Options

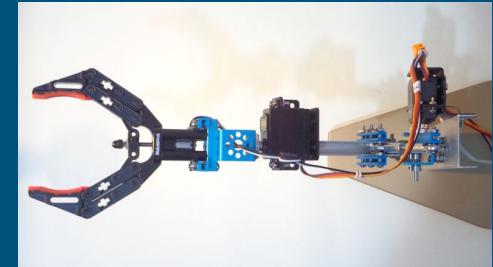


Only Gears

- Two gears with equal teeth count with one gear screwed to the output spline of servo motor
- Most commonly used in similar projects because relatively simple and is fast
- <https://youtu.be/sIP9ujByaLI?t=11s>

Gear and Screw

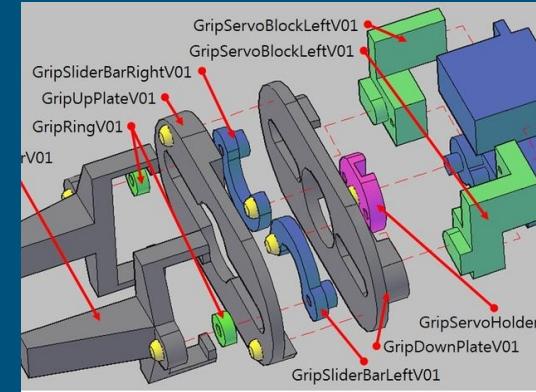
- Threaded shaft connected to servo motor. When screw is lowered, the arms contract.
- Isn't as common, but has a professional model to look off of
- Slower and not as strong as solely gear option
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xSvRSg7VZA>



Gripper Options Continued

Through Connections

- No gears or screws. All parts connected to the one part rotating from servo motor.
- Small range of motion and not a strong grip
- Least amount of effort out of other options <https://youtu.be/ald8dsG8fkk?t=17s>



General Info

- Shape of claw depends on the shape and size of the object
- Most similar projects add a motor at base of claw so that it can rotate 360 degrees
- Material will depend on object characteristics

Motor Comparisons

Servo Motors

- Functional at high speeds
- Accuracy/precision relies on the feedback/encoder system
- Maintains rated torque to about 90% of no load RPM
- Servos can malfunction if overloaded mechanically

Stepper Motors

- High holding torque
- Lose strength at higher RPMs
- Ideal for repeatability and precision (provided microstepping is utilized)
- Encoder can be added to detect incremental or absolute system information
- With no feedback system, a stepper motor can lose positioning when overloaded

Motor Comparisons Cont.

Incremental Encoders

- Often simple systems
- Cost effective due to their simplicity
- Determine “If the position/velocity has changed”

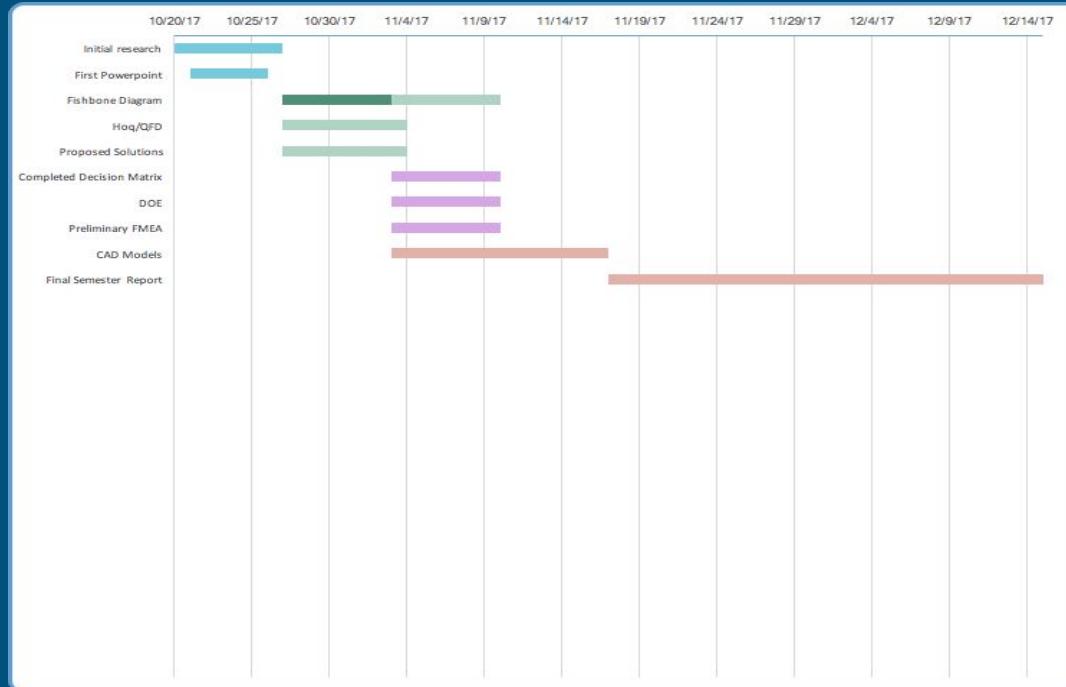
Absolute Encoders

- Determines “How much has the position/velocity changed”
- Can still “remember” output information after a system powers down
- Often more complex systems and therefore costlier

Resolvers

- Uses changes in magnetic fields to detect position changes
- Older technology (has been around since WW2)
- Requires additional specialized components to obtain useful output information, thus driving up costs

Gantt Chart (As of 10/29/2017)



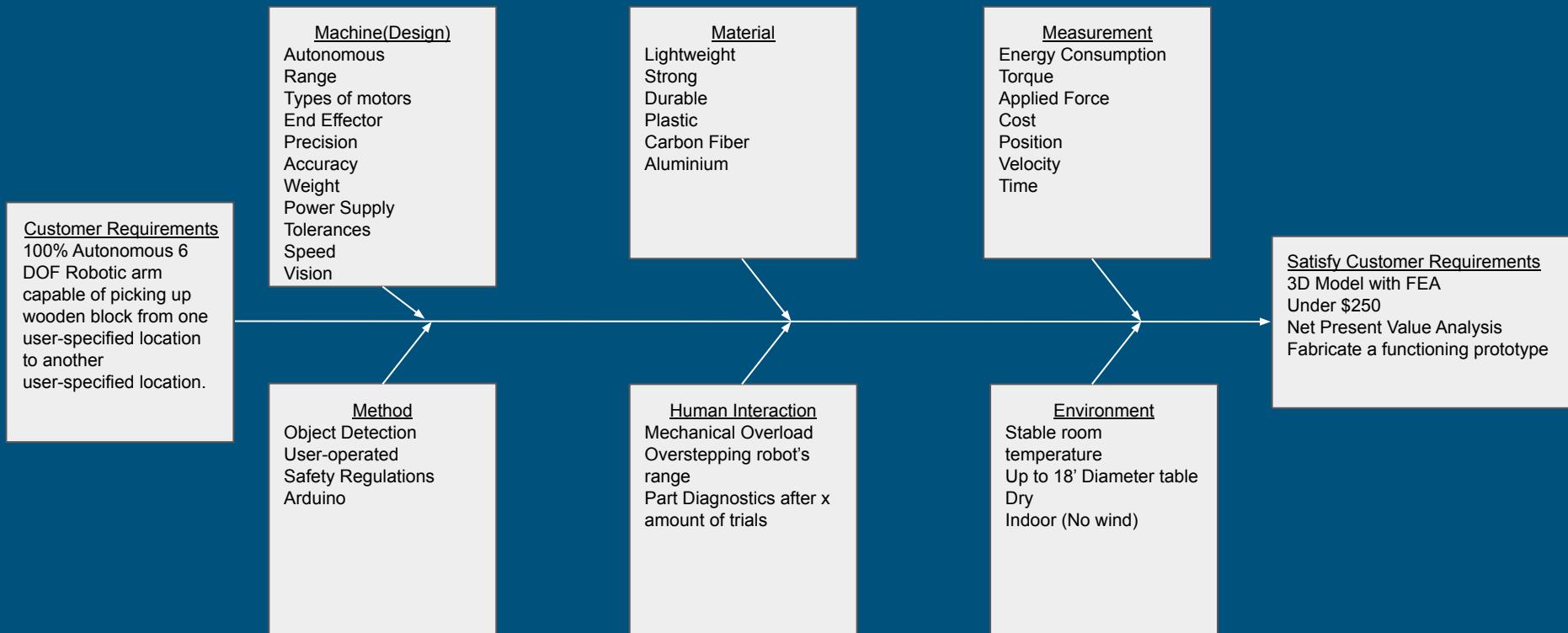
Metrics

Metric	Description
Cost	\$ amount for entire product (parts, assembly etc.)
Speed	Time in seconds for each process (initial movement, pincher contraction etc.)
Strength	Maximum weight that can be lifted as well as the torque of each motor
Accuracy	Distance measurement of how close we place block to desired location

Design Considerations/Criteria

- Material for Arms: Carbon Fiber, ABS, PLA
- Arm Design: What the parts look like and how they fit together
- Motors Used: Stepper or servo motor used for arm movement
- Arduino Board: Ability to support multiple drivers for steppers, voltage/current limits
- “Gripper” Design: Pincher, suction, scoop

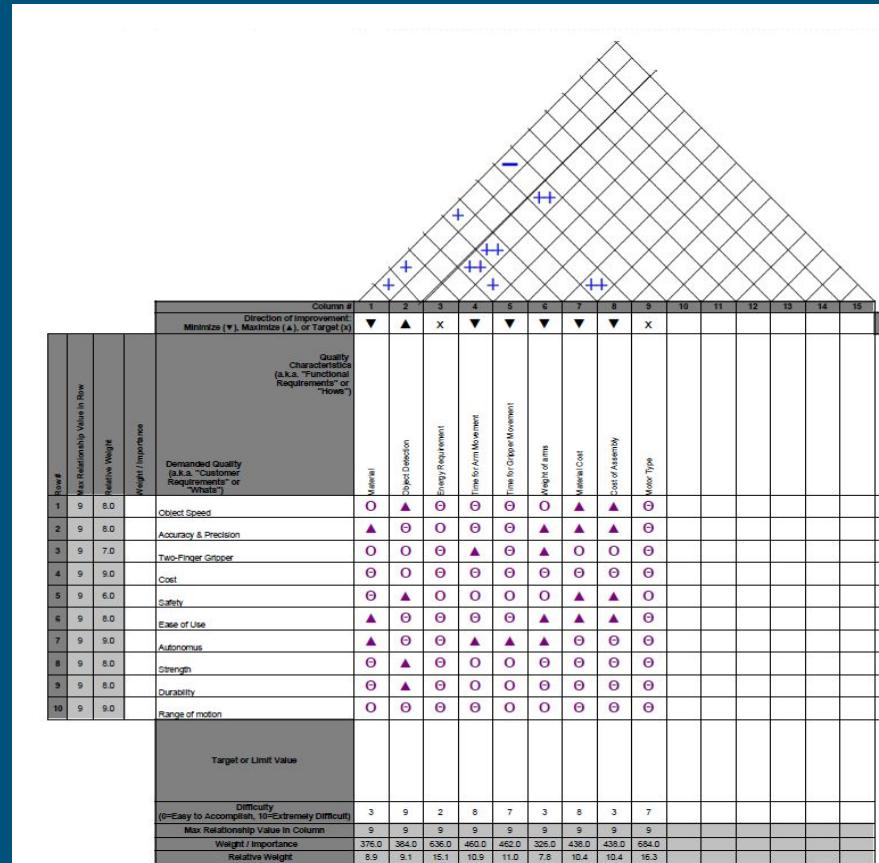
Fishbone Diagram



QFD/HoQ

Demanded Quality Vs The Means of Achievement

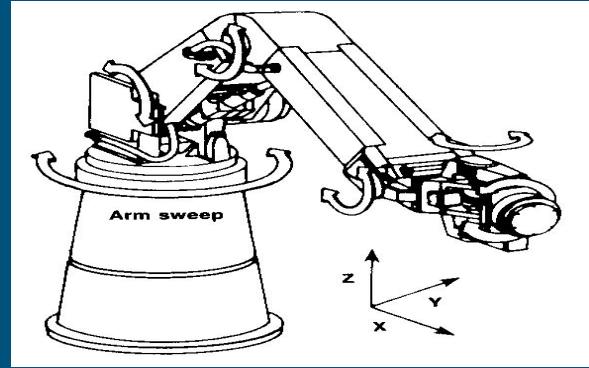
- Determining motors has the most weight
 - Motor leads to energy considerations
 - Speed Capabilities
- Object Detection is the second most concerning
- Cost will be minimized based on the parts needed



Proposed Solution (Saman Hooshyar)

Three link pick and place robot arm with camera

- Consists of four stepper motors and one servo motor. Stepper motors will be implemented on rotational base, shoulder, upper arm, and lower arm. Servo motor will be used to move two finger gripper.
 - This solution is based on initial project description which was picking rectangular block placed between two semi circular segments with 2" radius difference and place it at designated spot and bring it back to its initial position without crossing smaller semi circle.
- Employs finger tracking method [1]
- OpenCV and C programming language [1]
- Motors specifications and Arduino model will be decided after sponsor provides detailed description of new project.



Three linked pick and place robot arm with two finger gripper [2]



Robot arm with camera to detect hand gesture and desired object [3]

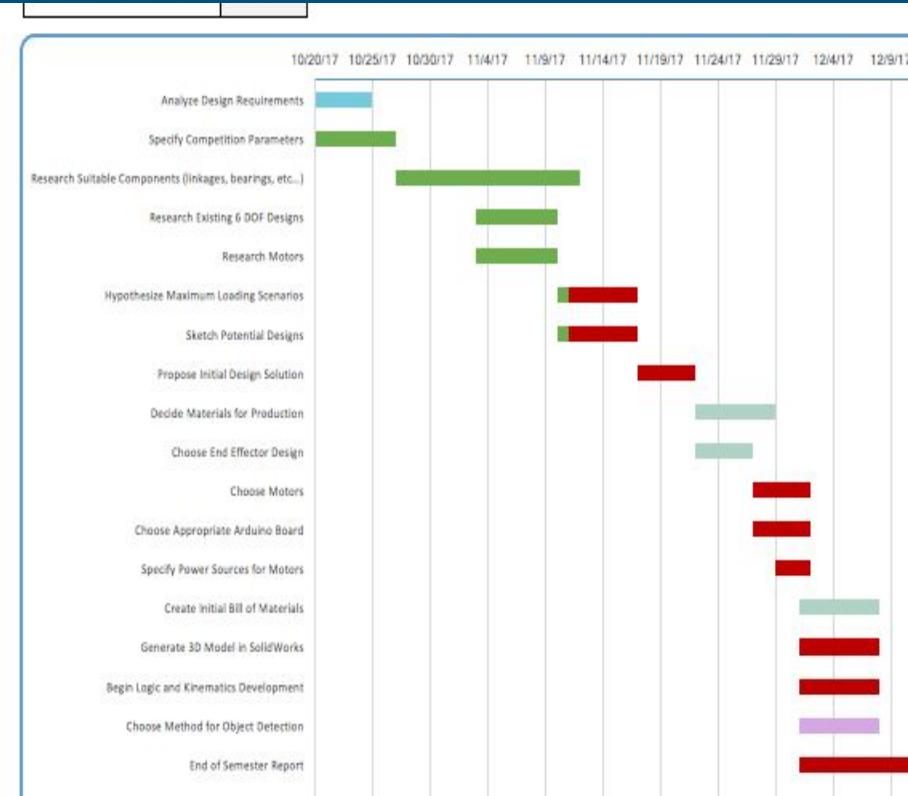
Proposed Solution (Saman Hooshyar)

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Gantt Chart (As of 11/17/2017)

Analyze Design Requirements	10/20/17	10/25/17	5	5.00	0.00	75%
Specify Competition Parameters	10/20/17	10/27/17	7	7.00	0.00	50%
Research Suitable Components (linkages, bearings, etc...)	10/27/17	11/10/17	16	16.00	0.00	75%
Research Existing 6 DOF Designs	11/3/17	11/10/17	7	7.00	0.00	100%
Research Motors	11/3/17	11/10/17	7	7.00	0.00	100%
Hypothesize Maximum Loading Scenarios	11/10/17	11/17/17	7	1.00	6.00	10%
Sketch Potential Designs	11/10/17	11/17/17	7	1.00	6.00	0%
Propose Initial Design Solution	11/17/17	11/22/17	5	0.00	5.00	0%
Decide Materials for Production	11/22/17	11/27/17	5	0.00	7.00	0%
Choose End Effector Design	11/22/17	11/27/17	5	0.00	5.00	0%
Choose Motors	11/27/17	12/1/17	5	0.00	5.00	0%
Choose Appropriate Arduino Board	11/27/17	12/1/17	5	0.00	5.00	0%
Specify Power Sources for Motors	11/29/17	12/1/17	3	0.00	3.00	0%
Create Initial Bill of Materials	12/1/17	12/8/17	7	0.00	7.00	0%
Generate 3D Model in SolidWorks	12/1/17	12/8/17	7	0.00	7.00	0%
Begin Logic and Kinematics Development	12/1/17	12/8/17	7	0.00	7.00	0%
Choose Method for Object Detection	12/1/17	12/8/17	7	0.00	7.00	0%
End of Semester Report	12/1/17	12/15/17	14	0.00	14.00	0%



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Materials

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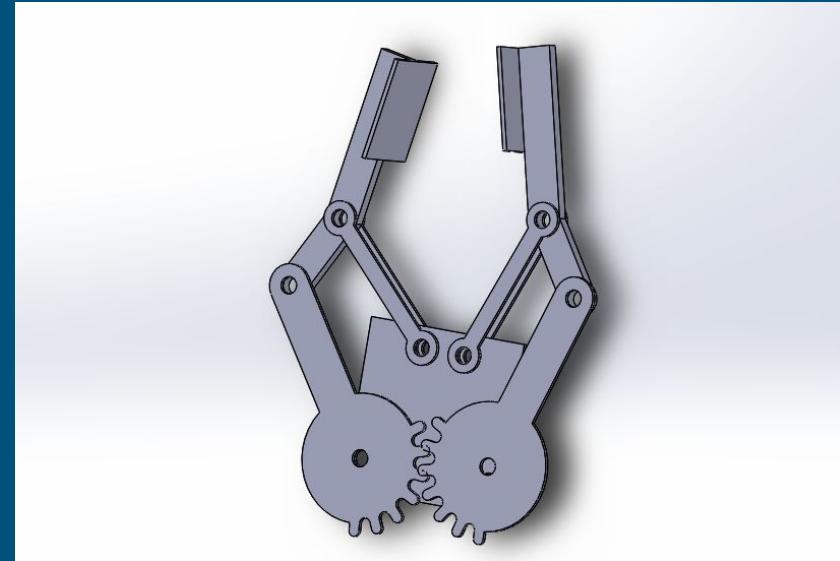
<https://www.alibaba.com/showroom/pvc-price-kg.html>

Decision Matrix (Grippers)

	Speed	Accuracy	Precision	Cost	Safety	Rank
Weighting Factor	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.350	0.275	1.000
Suction	5	6	4	5	7	
Weight	0.625	0.75	0.5	1.75	1.925	5.550
Scooper	7	8	4	8	6	
Weight	0.875	1	0.5	2.8	1.65	6.825
Magnetic	10	5	7	6	5	
Weight	1.25	0.625	0.875	2.1	1.375	6.225
2-Finger Pincher	6	9	9	8	6	
Weight	0.75	1.125	1.125	2.8	1.65	7.450
Adhesive	8	7	6	4	9	
Weight	1	0.875	0.75	1.4	2.475	6.500

2-Finger Gripper

- 2 gears with servo attached to one gear
- Pinchers are wide to account for inaccuracy
- How wide the gripper can open depends on how many teeth are added to gears and by length of both stabilizing bars.
- Can contract to the point of direct contact between both pinchers
- <https://youtu.be/sLP9ujByaLI>
- Can be made of metal or plastic



Gantt Chart (As of 11/27/17)

Task Name	Start Date	End Date	Duration (Days)	Days Complete	Days Remaining	Percent Complete
Analyze Design Requirements	10/20/17	10/25/17	5	5.00	0.00	75%
Specify Competition Parameters	10/20/17	10/27/17	7	7.00	0.00	50%
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Sketch Potential Designs	11/10/17	11/17/17	7	7.00	0.00	25%
Propose Initial Design Solution	11/17/17	11/22/17	5	5.00	0.00	0%
Decide Materials for Production	11/22/17	11/27/17	5	5.00	0.00	25%
Choose End Effector Design	11/22/17	11/27/17	5	5.00	0.00	100%
Choose Motors	11/27/17	12/1/17	5	1.00	4.00	0%
Choose Appropriate Arduino Board	11/27/17	12/1/17	5	1.00	4.00	0%
Specify Power Sources for Motors	11/29/17	12/1/17	3	0.00	3.00	0%
Create Initial Bill of Materials	12/1/17	12/8/17	7	0.00	7.00	0%
Generate 3D Model in SolidWorks	12/1/17	12/8/17	7	0.00	7.00	0%
Begin Logic and Kinematics Development	12/1/17	12/8/17	7	0.00	7.00	0%
Choose Method for Object Detection	12/1/17	12/8/17	7	0.00	7.00	0%
End of Semester Report	12/1/17	12/8/17	7	0.00	7.00	0%

Start Date in Number Form **43028.00**

Use this number for the Minimum Bound of the Horizontal Axis to set the beginning of the chart.



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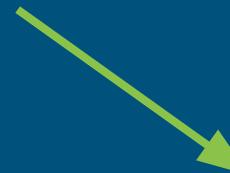
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Assignments

Product Sourcing



Continue Practicing Arduino Programming



Equations of Motion

Work Performed

Sourced a vision system

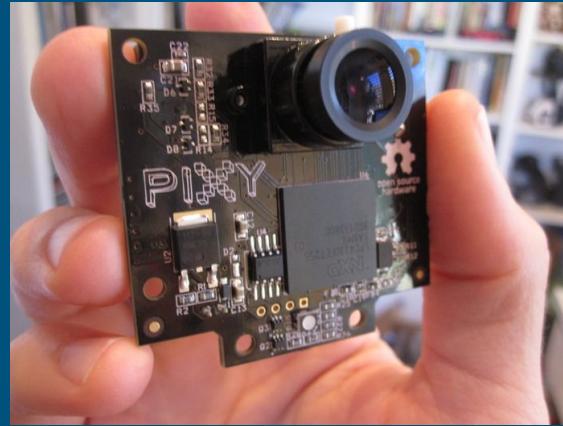
Pros:

- Small
- Connect to Arduino
- Object Learning
- Open-Source Software

Cons:

- Cost (\$75)
- Hue Dependant

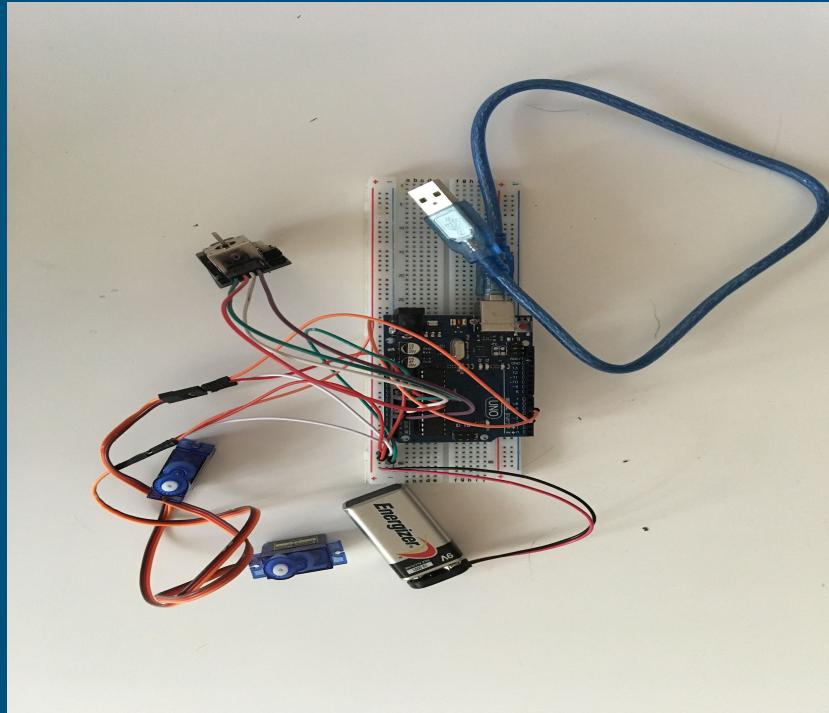
<http://www.cmucam.org/projects/cmucam5>



Running Multiple Motors

Began running multiple motors using one arduino

- No sensors were used
- Single Toggle switch controlled two separate servo motors



Future Work

IMMEDIATE (ASAP)

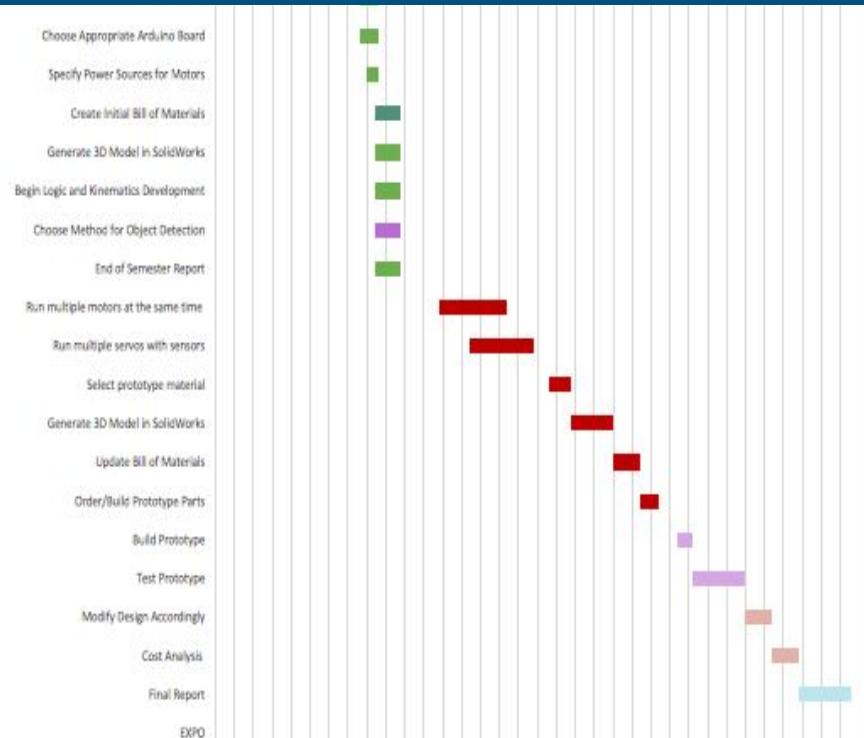
- Order materials / Begin filling out expense reports
- Update 3D Solidworks Model Design and Create code and wired arduino model that can use sensors, motors, ect. in a unified system

AFTER

- Begin building prototype
- Model the system and perform multiple test runs
- Win EXPO

Gantt Chart (as of 1/23/18)

	Start Date	End Date	Duration	Budget	Actual Cost	Progress (%)
Choose Appropriate Arduino Board	11/27/17	12/2/17	5 days	\$10.00	\$0.00	10%
Specify Power Sources for Motors	11/29/17	12/1/17	3 days	\$3.00	\$0.00	10%
Create Initial Bill of Materials	12/1/17	12/8/17	7 days	\$7.00	\$0.00	0%
Generate 3D Model in SolidWorks	12/1/17	12/8/17	7 days	\$7.00	\$0.00	25%
Begin Logic and Kinematics Development	12/1/17	12/8/17	7 days	\$7.00	\$0.00	0%
Choose Method for Object Detection	12/1/17	12/8/17	7 days	\$7.00	\$0.00	75%
End of Semester Report	12/1/17	12/8/17	7 days	\$7.00	\$0.00	100%
Run multiple motors at the same time	12/18/17	1/5/18	18 days	\$0.00	\$18.00	0%
Run multiple servos with sensors	12/26/17	1/12/18	17 days	\$0.00	\$17.00	0%
Select prototype material	1/16/18	1/22/18	6 days	\$0.00	\$6.00	0%
Generate 3D Model in SolidWorks	1/22/18	2/2/18	11 days	\$0.00	\$11.00	0%
Update Bill of Materials	2/2/18	2/9/18	7 days	\$0.00	\$7.00	0%
Order/Build Prototype Parts	2/9/18	2/14/18	5 days	\$0.00	\$5.00	0%
Build Prototype	2/19/18	2/23/18	4 days	\$0.00	\$4.00	0%
Test Prototype	2/23/18	3/9/18	14 days	\$0.00	\$14.00	0%
Modify Design Accordingly	3/9/18	3/16/18	7 days	\$0.00	\$7.00	0%
Cost Analysis	3/16/18	3/23/18	7 days	\$0.00	\$7.00	0%
Final Report	3/23/18	4/6/18	14 days	\$0.00	\$14.00	0%
EXPO	4/28/18					



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Assignments

Completed Work

CAD Drawings

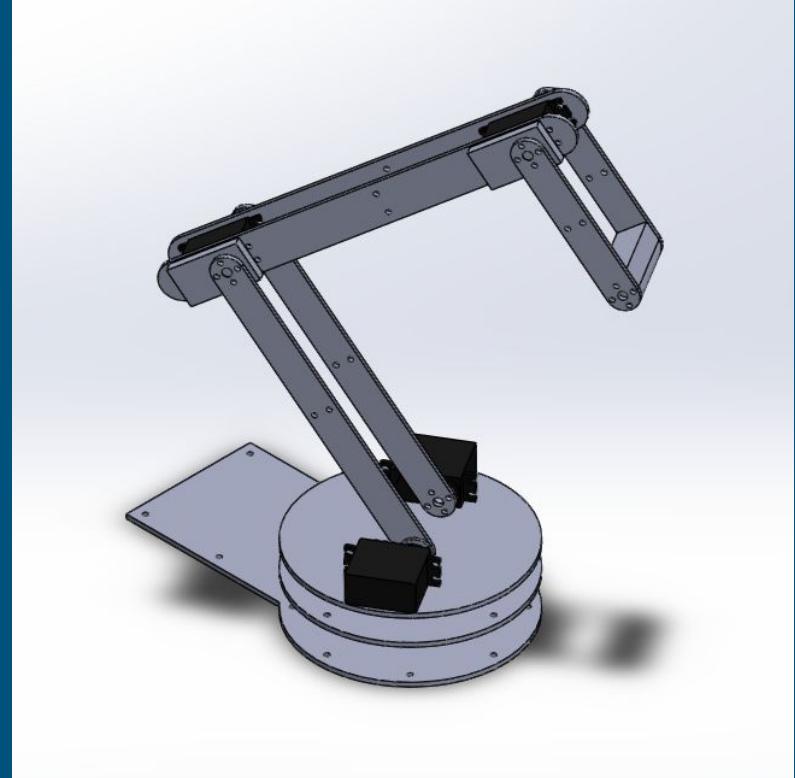
PixyCam Code

Material Selection

Inventory

Work Performed: CAD

- 4x MG966R Motors
- 4x Aluminum Arm Horns
- 12x M3 6mm Female Hex Standoff
- 8x M3 22mm Male-Female Hex Standoff
- 4x M3 45mm Female Hex Standoff
- 2x M3 20mm Female Hex Standoff
- x M3 2.4mm ht. Hex Nut
- x M3 8mm Phillips Screws
- x M3 1mm Spacers
- 28449 mm³ PLA
- 264324.73 mm³ Acrylic



Work Performed: Bill of Materials (BOM)

Items	Quantity	Total Cost	Source
M3x6 Female hex standoff	12	\$ 9.72	McMasterCarr
M3x22 Male-Femal Hex Standoff	8	\$ 14.96	McMasterCarr
M3x45 Female Hex Standoff	4	\$ 6.24	McMasterCarr
M3x20 Female Hex Standoff	2	\$ 1.72	McMasterCarr
M3x8 Screws	100	\$ 2.72	McMasterCarr
M3 Nut	100	\$ 2.12	McMasterCarr
Washers	100	\$ 1.62	McMasterCarr
Arduino	1	\$ 11.00	Walmart
Servo Driver	1	\$ 11.99	Amazon
Servo	5	\$ 37.48	Amazon
Servo Horns	5	\$ 8.99	Amazon
Wire Leads	10	\$ 7.95	Amazon
Pixy CMUcam5	1	\$ 74.95	Adafruit
Acrylic Sheets (24"x48")	1	\$ 24.48	ACME Plastics
Power Adapter for Servo	1	\$ 5.99	Amazon
Gripper Mechanism	1	?	?
Running Total		\$ 221.93	

Work Performed: Pixy Cam

- Pixy cam not yet ordered
- Pixymon add on software downloaded
- Tracking code is being developed using pixy package in arduino
- Pixy cam is a fast digit sensor for robotic applications, it can
 - Detect specific objects
 - Detect hundreds of objects
 - Filter out unwanted objects
 - Connect to an arduino UNO

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DV4YK_Kk5IY



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface with the following details:

- Title Bar:** hello_world | Arduino 1.8.5
- Menu Bar:** File Edit Sketch Tools Help
- Toolbar:** Includes icons for upload, download, and other common functions.
- Code Editor:** Displays the `hello_world` sketch in C++:

```
// This program simply prints the detected object blocks
// (including color codes) through the serial console. It uses the Arduino's
// ICSP port. For more information go here:
//
// http://www.micromouse.org/projects/micromouse5/wiki/Hooking_up_Pixy_to_a_Microcontroller_(like_an_Arduino)
//
// It prints the detected blocks once per second because printing all of the
// blocks for all 50 frames per second would overwhelm the Arduino's serial port.
//

#include <SPI.h>
#include <Pixy.h>

// This is the main Pixy object
Pixy pixy;

void setup()
{
  Serial.begin(9600);
  Serial.print("Starting...\n");

  pixy.init();
}

void loop()
{
  static int i = 0;
  int j;
  uint16_t blocks;
  char buf[32];

  // grab blocks!
  blocks = pixy.getBlocks();

  // If there are detect blocks, print them!
  if (blocks)
  {
    i++;

    // do this (print) every 50 frames because printing every
    // frame would bog down the Arduino
    if (i%50==0)
    {
      sprintf(buf, "Detected %d:\n", blocks);
      Serial.print(buf);
      for (j=0; j<blocks; j++)
      {
        sprintf(buf, "  block %d: ", j);
        Serial.print(buf);
        pixy.blocks[j].print();
      }
    }
  }
}
```
- Status Bar:** Problem uploading to board. See <http://www.arduino.cc/en/Guide/Troubleshooting#upload> for suggestions.

Gripper Options

- All options only take 1 servo motor
- Vacuum-\$8, Claw-\$10, Scoop-\$1
- Gripper is best, but hard to code
- Max Load might be affected by movement, vacuum viability unclear
- Recommend testing of vacuum which will be cheap

	Speed	Accuracy & Precision	Difficulty to Code	Cost	Max Load	Rank
Weighting Factor	0.175	0.175	0.125	0.250	0.275	1.000
Vacuum	10	8	9	6	7	
Weight	1.75	1.4	1.125	1.5	1.925	7.700
Claw	8	9	5	5	9	
Weight	1.4	1.575	0.625	1.25	2.475	7.325
Scoop	5	3	6	10	9	
Weight	0.875	0.525	0.75	2.5	2.475	7.125

Future Work

- Make Base motor brackets
- Holes for Pixy Mount
- Holes for Gripper Mount
- Download McMaster CAD Drawings for Screws etc.
- Submit buy orders
- Continue Coding

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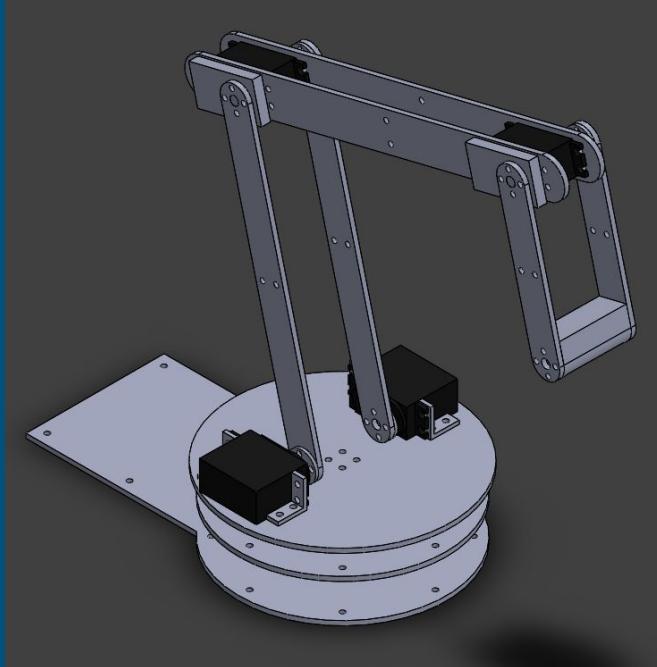
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Work Performed: CAD

- The base motors are now centered at point of rotation (this will simplify coding down the road)
- Mounting Brackets to be 3D printed
- Settled on 24" Maximum Reach (current model is about 20" without gripper)



Work Performed:

Bill of Materials (BOM)

- Significantly reduced cost from initial BOM
- All items have been bought except for gripper
- 3D Printing Cost?
- Shipping/Tax Cost?

Item	Quantity	Total Cost
M3x8 Screw	100	\$2.72
M3 Nut	100	\$2.12
Washers	100	\$1.62
Arduino	1	\$6.95
Servo Driver	1	\$5.75
MG996R Servo	8	\$34.50
Servo Horns	5	\$8.99
30mm Male-Female Jumper Wires	40	\$4.99
Pixy CMUcam5	1	\$74.95
Acrylic Sheets (12"x24")	1	\$9.82
Power Adapter for Servo	1	\$15.98
Gripper Mechanism	1	?
Standoff Assortment	1	\$10.88
Wire Wrap	1	\$4.99
		\$184.26

Analyzing Motion

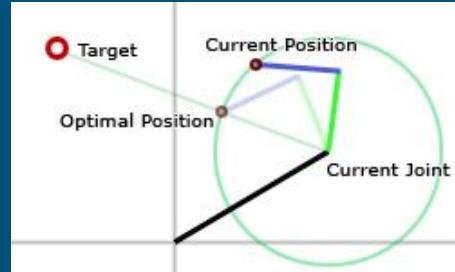
Forward (Direct) Kinematics

- Joint Space to Cartesian Space
- Denavit Hartenberg Convention
- Multiply a series of translation and rotation matrices to find matrix describing end effector location

Inverse Kinematics

- Cartesian Space to Joint Space (often more difficult to compute due to number of possible solutions)
- Complexity increases with DoF
- Cyclic Coordinate Descent
- Jacobian Based Methods

TABLE 7: Modified D-H parameters for fingers 1 to 4.				
Finger i ($i = 1, \dots, 4$)				
Joint	α_{j-1}	a_{j-1}	d_j	θ_j
$j = 1$	$\pi/2$	0	0	$\theta_{CMCf/j}$
$j = 2$	$-\pi/2$	$L_{i\ell}$	0	$\theta_{MCP_{ab}/ad}$
$j = 3$	$\pi/2$	0	0	$\theta_{MCP_{ff}/r}$
$j = 4$	0	$L_{3\ell}$	0	$\theta_{IP_{ff}/r}$
$j = 5$	0	$L_{3\ell}$	0	$\theta_{DIP_{ff}/r}$



Work Performed: Max Torque

- 24" Maximum Reach Assumption
- Gripper and Object Weight Assumptions
- Most likely point of failure is 2nd motor

Length(in)	Length (m)	Mass at Point (kg)	Produce Torque (kg*m)	Torque on Motor (kg*cm)
0	0	0	0	13.1415536
1	0.0254	0	0	
2	0.0508	0.03169	0.001609852	
3	0.0762	0	0	
4	0.1016	0	0	
5	0.127	0	0	
6	0.1524	0	0	
7	0.1778	0	0	
8	0.2032	0.06	0.012192	11.7613684
9	0.2286	0	0	
10	0.254	0	0	
11	0.2794	0	0	
12	0.3048	0.041	0.0124968	
13	0.3302	0	0	
14	0.3556	0	0	
15	0.381	0	0	
16	0.4064	0.06	0.024384	8.0732884
17	0.4318	0	0	
18	0.4572	0.01647	0.007530084	
19	0.4826	0	0	
20	0.508	0.0271	0.0137668	
21	0.5334	0.1	0.05334	
22	0.5588	0	0	
23	0.5842	0	0	
24	0.6096	0.01	0.006096	
		Gripper Weight		
		Object Weight		

Future Work

- Rework of Gripper base
 - Holes for Pixy Mount
 - Holes for Gripper Mount
- Incorporate McMaster CAD Drawings for Screws etc.
- Cut acrylic
- Moment of Inertia Calculations
- 3D Print Parts
- Continue Coding

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Current Order Status

Item	Quantity	Total Cost	Source	Purchased	Consider Price
M3x8 Screw	100	\$2.72	https://www.mcmaster.com/#92005a118/-1bk8cf9		
M3 Nut	100	\$2.12	https://www.mcmaster.com/#90592a085/-1bk8df1		
Washers	100	\$1.62	https://www.mcmaster.com/#93475a210/-1bk6wqz		
Arduino	1	\$6.95	https://www.ebay.com/itm/ATmega328P-CH340G-UNO-R3-Board-USB-Cable-Compatible-with-Arduino-CP/202004659027?hash=item2f086a7b53:g:sAAASw~RhZf-Qe		
Servo Driver	1	\$5.75	https://www.ebay.com/itm/PCA9685-16-Channel-12-bit-PWM-Servo-motor-Driver-I2C-Module-For-Servo-Arduino-US/222487276915?epid=726544424&hash=item33cd466d73:g:gsIAAOswls5Y6xXj		
MG996R Servo	8	\$34.50	https://www.ebay.com/itm/Lot-MG996R-Metal-Torque-Gear-Digital-Servo-For-RC-Truck-Car-Boat-Helicopter-AL/112673220235?hash=item1a3bd8e68b:m:mSxPhCsx6ju0uGUJNibCXcQ		
Servo Horns	5	\$8.99	https://www.amazon.com/Mallcufusa-Servo-Aluminum-Silvery-Helicopter/dp/B00NOGMK3M/ref=pd_bxgy_21_img_2?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B00NOGMK3M&pd_rd_r=ZFPB86MEB41K9MNGDNB&pd_rd_w=FRflw&pd_rd_wg=FRflw&refRID=ZFPB86MEB41K9MNGDNB		
30mm Male-Female Jumper Wires	40	\$4.99	https://www.ebay.com/itm/40-pcs-10cm-20cm-30cm-50cm-2-54MM-Male-to-Female-Wire-Jumper-Cables-For-Arduino/253297077577?hash=item3af9aead49:m:mmXelfnKxClcQxCN3h24Fw		
Pixy CMUcams5	1	\$74.95	https://www.adafruit.com/product/1906		
Acrylic Sheets (12"x24")	1	\$9.82	https://www.acmoplastics.com/acrylic-sheets/acrylic-extruded-clear-sheet		
Power Adapter for Servo	1	\$15.98	https://www.amazon.com/KNACRO-100V-240V-Switching-Interface-Surveillance/dp/B01JI373AY/ref=sr_1_10?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1518588750&sr=1-10&keywords=dc+5v+10a+power+supply		
Gripper Mechanism	1 ?				
Standoff Assortment	1	\$10.88	https://www.amazon.com/Jekewin-120pcs-Universal-Standoffs-Assortment/dp/B01AQSZ262/ref=sr_1_9?s=industrial&ie=UTF8&qid=1518143864&sr=1-9&keywords=m3+metal+standoff		
Wire Wrap	1	\$4.99	https://www.ebay.com/itm/1-2-Polyethylene-Spiral-Cable-Wire-Wrap-Tube-Black-10FT-Length/222791824319?hash=item33df6d73bf9imcAAOSwdTJaV2wW		
					\$184.26

Work Performed: Revised Max Torque

- 24" Maximum Reach Assumption
 - Gripper and Object Weight Assumptions
 - Most likely point of failure is 1st motor

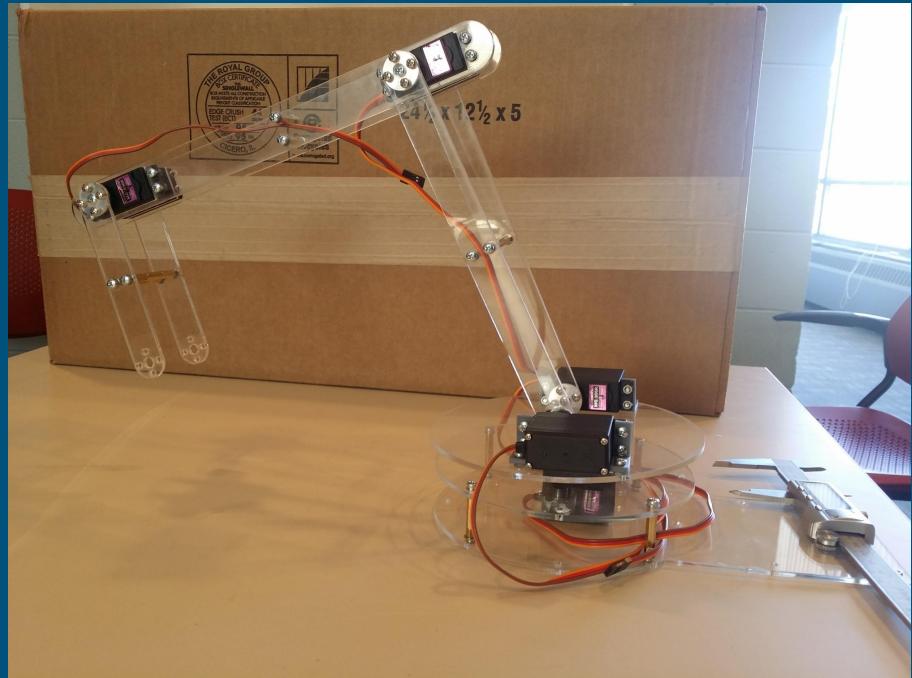
Work Performed: Operating Conditions

- 16.97" Horizontal Max Reach assumption
- 24" at 45 Degrees
- Gripper and Object Weight Assumptions
- Should not fail

Points	Multiplier	Length(in)	Length from motor1 (m)	Length from motor2 (m)	Length from motor3 (m)	Mass at Point (kg)	Torque Motor1 (kg*m)	Torque Motor2 (kg*m)	Torque Motor3 (kg*m)	
0	0.707106	0	0				0	0		
1	0.707106	0.70710678	0.01796051224				0	0		
2	0.707106	1.41421356	0.03592102448				0.03169	0.001138337266		
3	0.707106	2.12132034	0.05388153673				0	0		
4	0.707106	2.82842712	0.07184204897				0	0		
5	0.707106	3.53553390	0.08980256121				0	0		
6	0.707106	4.24264068	0.1077630735				0	0		
7	0.707106	4.94974746	0.1257235857				0	0		
8	0.707106	5.65685424	0.1436840979				0.06	0.008621045876		
9	0.707106	6.36396103	0.1616446102	0.01796051224			0	0	0	
10	0.707106	7.07106781	0.1796051224	0.03592102448			0	0	0	
11	0.707106	7.77817459	0.1975656347	0.05388153673			0	0	0	
12	0.707106	8.48528137	0.2155261469	0.07184204897			0.041	0.008836572023	0.002945524008	
13	0.707106	9.19238815	0.2334866591	0.08980256121			0	0	0	
14	0.707106	9.89949493	0.2514471714	0.1077630735			0	0	0	
15	0.707106	10.6066017	0.2694076836	0.1257235857			0	0	0	
16	0.707106	11.3137085	0.2873681959	0.1436840979			0.06	0.01724209175	0.008621045876	
17	0.707106	12.0208152	0.3053287081	0.1616446102	0.01796051224		0	0	0	
18	0.707106	12.7279220	0.3232892204	0.1796051224	0.03592102448	0.01647	0.005324573459	0.002958096366	0.0005916192733	
19	0.707106	13.4350288	0.3412497326	0.1975656347	0.05388153673	0	0	0	0	
20	0.707106	14.1421356	0.3592102448	0.2155261469	0.07184204897	0.0271	0.009734597635	0.005840758581	0.001946919527	
21	0.707106	14.8492424	0.3771707571	0.2334866591	0.08980256121	0.1	0.03771707571	0.02334866591	0.008980256121	
22	0.707106	15.5563491	0.3951312693	0.2514471714	0.1077630735	0	0	0	0	
23	0.707106	16.2634559	0.4130917816	0.2694076836	0.1257235857	0	0	0	0	
24	0.707106	16.9705627	0.4310522938	0.2873681959	0.1436840979	0.026	0.01077630735	0.007184204897	0.003592102448	
							9.939060107	5.089829564	1.511089737	Static Loading
							14.90859016	7.634744346	2.266634605	Dynamic Loading

Work Performed: Assembly

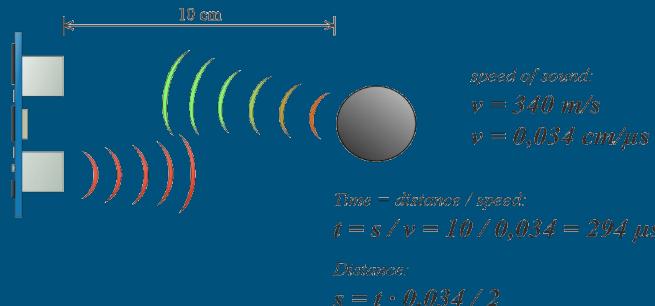
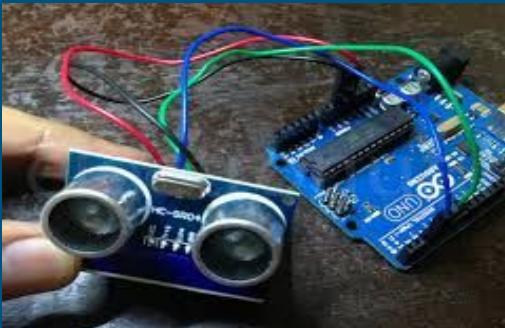
- Had to melt a hole into base for arm horn screw (CAD model updated)
- Mounting Brackets are 3D printed
- Rotation brackets redesigned to lower profile



Fallback Vision System (absolute worst case scenario)

HC-SR04 UltraSonicSensor

- Emmits 40,000 Hz UltraSound which bounces back from objects
- Echo pin receives the “bounceback” signal and outputs the waves travel time in microseconds
- Travel time is then used to calculate distance from echo pin to object.



```
© MotionSensor | Arduino 1.8.5
File Edit Sketch Tools Help
MotionSensor $
```

```
// Define pin numbers
const int trigPin = 9;
const int echoPin = 10;

// Define variables
long duration;
int distance;
|
```

```
void setup() {
pinMode(trigPin, OUTPUT); // Sets the trigPin as an Output
pinMode(echoPin, INPUT); // Sets the echoPin as an Input
Serial.begin(9600); // Starts the serial communication
}

void loop() {
// Clear the trigPin
digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);
delayMicroseconds(2);

// Set the trigPin on HIGH state for 10 micro seconds
digitalWrite(trigPin, HIGH);
delayMicroseconds(10);
digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);

// Read the echoPin, return the sound wave travel time in microseconds
duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH);

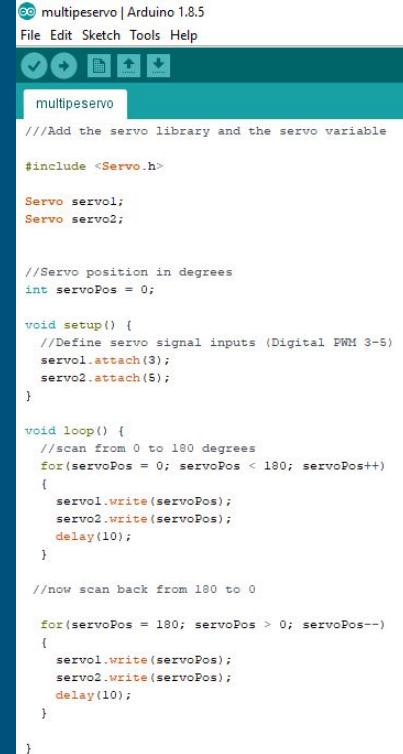
// Calculate the distance
distance= duration*0.034/2;

// Prints the distance on the Serial Monitor
Serial.print("Distance: ");
Serial.println(distance);
}
```

Multiple Servo Motor Control Code

- Need servo driver to run more than two servos at a time.
- Each individual servo is connected to a board pin and a command is issued to each servo pin to rotate the desired degrees.
- Use if...else control structure in arduino to read pixycam detection and move each servo (x) degrees based on recorded distances.

<https://www.arduino.cc/reference/en/>



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface with the title bar "multipeservo | Arduino 1.8.5". The code editor contains C++ code for controlling two servos. It includes the Servo library, initializes two servos (servo1 and servo2), and sets up a loop to scan from 0 to 180 degrees and back again, with a delay of 10ms between servo positions. The code is well-organized with comments explaining the purpose of each section.

```
//multipeservo | Arduino 1.8.5
File Edit Sketch Tools Help
multipeservo
//Add the servo library and the servo variable

#include <Servo.h>

Servo servo1;
Servo servo2;

//Servo position in degrees
int servoPos = 0;

void setup() {
  //Define servo signal inputs (Digital PWM 3-5)
  servo1.attach(3);
  servo2.attach(5);
}

void loop() {
  //scan from 0 to 180 degrees
  for(servoPos = 0; servoPos < 180; servoPos++)
  {
    servo1.write(servoPos);
    servo2.write(servoPos);
    delay(10);
  }

  //now scan back from 180 to 0

  for(servoPos = 180; servoPos > 0; servoPos--)
  {
    servo1.write(servoPos);
    servo2.write(servoPos);
    delay(10);
  }
}
```

Future Work

- Rework of Gripper base
 - Holes for Pixy Mount
 - Holes for Gripper Mount
- Incorporate McMaster CAD Drawings for Screws etc.
- 3D Print Rotating Parts
- Continue Coding
- Look into roller support for rotating base

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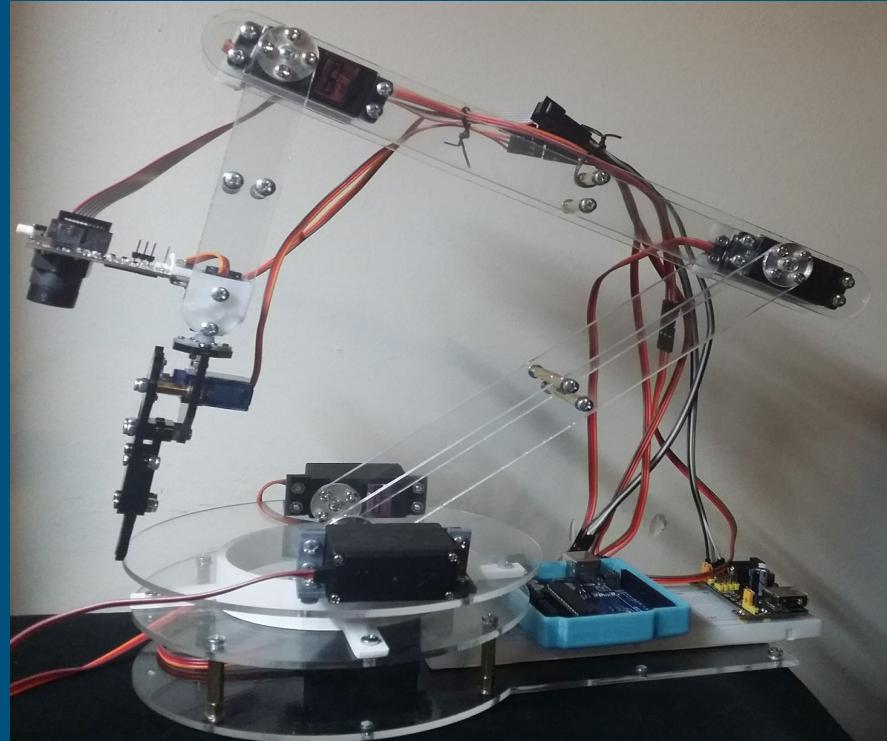
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Work Performed: Assembly

- Gripper Mount Redesigned
- Mounting Brackets are redesigned and 3D printed
- Stabilization base helps with tilting (needs to be about 1.5mm taller)
- Motors attached according to rotation limitations



Work Performed: Motor Alignment

- Each motor is advertised for 0 - 180°
- Actual limitation 0 ~ 170-179°
- Find 0° of motor, then attach it to the corresponding angle on the arm

```
ServoLimitationFinder §

#include <Servo.h>      // Create servo object to control a servo

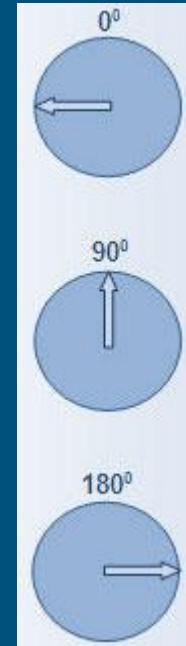
Servo Servo_0;
Servo Servo_1;

void setup()
{
    //Start the serial.
    Serial.begin(9600);

    // Stops the motors from shaking when turning the arduino on
    delay (3000);

    //Attach the servos on pins to the servo object
    Servo_0.attach(4);
    Servo_1.attach(5);
}

void loop()
{
    //Set the initial positions of steering gears
    Servo_0.write(0);
    Servo_1.write(180);
    while(1);
}
```



Forward Kinematics

Denavit–Hartenberg parameters (DH Parameters)

- Most common convention for defining angles and lengths of spatial chain in robotics
- Fundamental to Forward (Direct Kinematics)
- Uses transformation matrices to define location of end effector relative to a global frame

Cyclic Coordinate Descent

- Relatively new and simple method for inverse kinematics
- Typically requires less iterations than other methods (such as Jacobian) to reach a sufficient solution

Forward Kinematics (Matlab Code)

The screenshot shows the Matlab Editor window with the file `KinematicsMatlabCode.m` open. The code implements forward kinematics for a 3-link robot arm. The workspace browser on the right lists variables and their values.

```
Editor - C:\UIC\Senior Design \KinematicsMatlabCode.m
KinematicsMatlabCode.m + 

1 - clc
2 - theta_range = linspace(0, (170*pi)/180,1000);
3 - l1 = 0.15;
4 - l2 = 0.2;
5 - l3 = 0.1;
6 - theta = theta_range.*ones(3,1);
7 - arm_length = [l1; l2; l3].*ones(1,length(theta_range));
8 - alfa = zeros(3,length(theta_range));
9 - distance = zeros(3,length(theta_range));
10 - A=cell(1,3);
11 - for i=1:3
12 -     A{i} = [cos(theta(i,:)), -sin(theta(i,:)).*cos(alfa(i,:)), sin(theta(i,:)).*sin(alfa(i,:)), arm_length(i,:).*cos(theta(i,:));
13 -             sin(theta(i,:)), cos(theta(i,:)).*cos(alfa(i,:)), -cos(theta(i,:)).*sin(alfa(i,:)), arm_length(i,:).*sin(theta(i,:));
14 -             zeros(1,length(theta_range)), sin(alfa(i,:)), cos(alfa(i,:)), distance(i,:));
15 -             zeros(1,length(theta_range)), zeros(1,length(theta_range)), zeros(1,length(theta_range)), ones(1,length(theta_range))];
16 - end
17 - T=cell(1,1000);
18 - for j=1:1000
19 -     T{j} = A{1}(:,4*(j-1)+1:4*j)*A{2}(:,4*(j-1)+1:4*j)*A{3}(:,4*(j-1)+1:4*j);
20 - end |
```

Name	Value
A	1x3 cell
alfa	3x1000 double
arm_length	3x1000 double
distance	3x1000 double
i	3
j	1000
I1	0.1500
I2	0.2000
I3	0.1000
T	1x1000 cell
theta	3x1000 double
theta_range	1x1000 double

Controlling Multiple Servos

- Adafruit 16-channel servo driver
- Add more in the void loop
- Final code would not be a loop

```
#include <Wire.h>
#include <Adafruit_PWMServoDriver.h>

Adafruit_PWMServoDriver pwm = Adafruit_PWMServoDriver();

#define MIN_PULSE_WIDTH      650
#define MAX_PULSE_WIDTH      2350
#define DEFAULT_PULSE_WIDTH  1500
#define FREQUENCY             50

void setup() {
    pwm.begin();
    pwm.setPWMFreq(FREQUENCY);
}

void loop() {
    pwm.setPWM(0, 0, pulsewidth(0));
    delay(1000);
    pwm.setPWM(0, 0, pulsewidth(180));
    delay(1000);
}

int pulsewidth(int angle)
{
    int pulse_wide, analog_value;
    pulse_wide  = map(angle, 0, 180, MIN_PULSE_WIDTH, MAX_PULSE_WIDTH);
    analog_value = int(float(pulse_wide) / 1000000 * FREQUENCY * 4096);
    return analog_value;
}
```

Future Work

- Rework of Stabilization Base (1.5mm taller)
- Incorporate McMaster CAD Drawings for Screws etc.
- Coding

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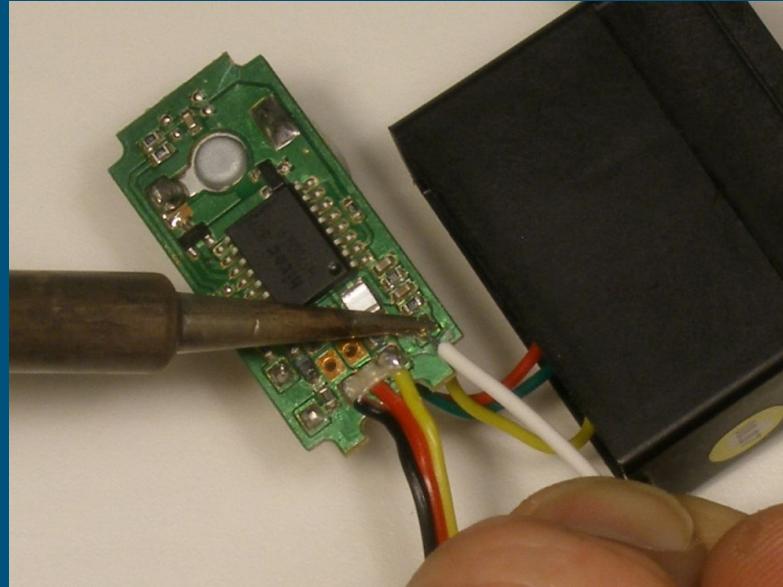
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Work Performed: Motor Feedback Modification

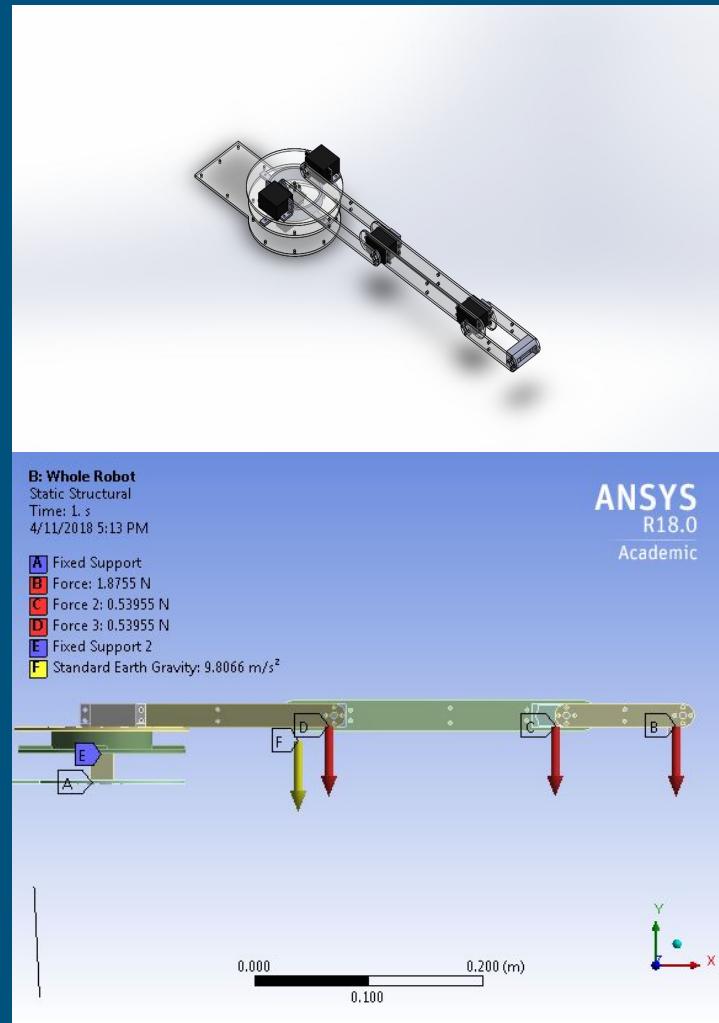
- Each motor is advertised for 0 - 180°
- Actual limitation 0 ~ 170-179°
- When loads are applied angles are not exactly when the code tells them to go
- Use internal potentiometer to see actual physical position
- Current test run says there is a 4-7° delta between software and hardware value



ANSYS Analysis

Began ANSYS Analysis

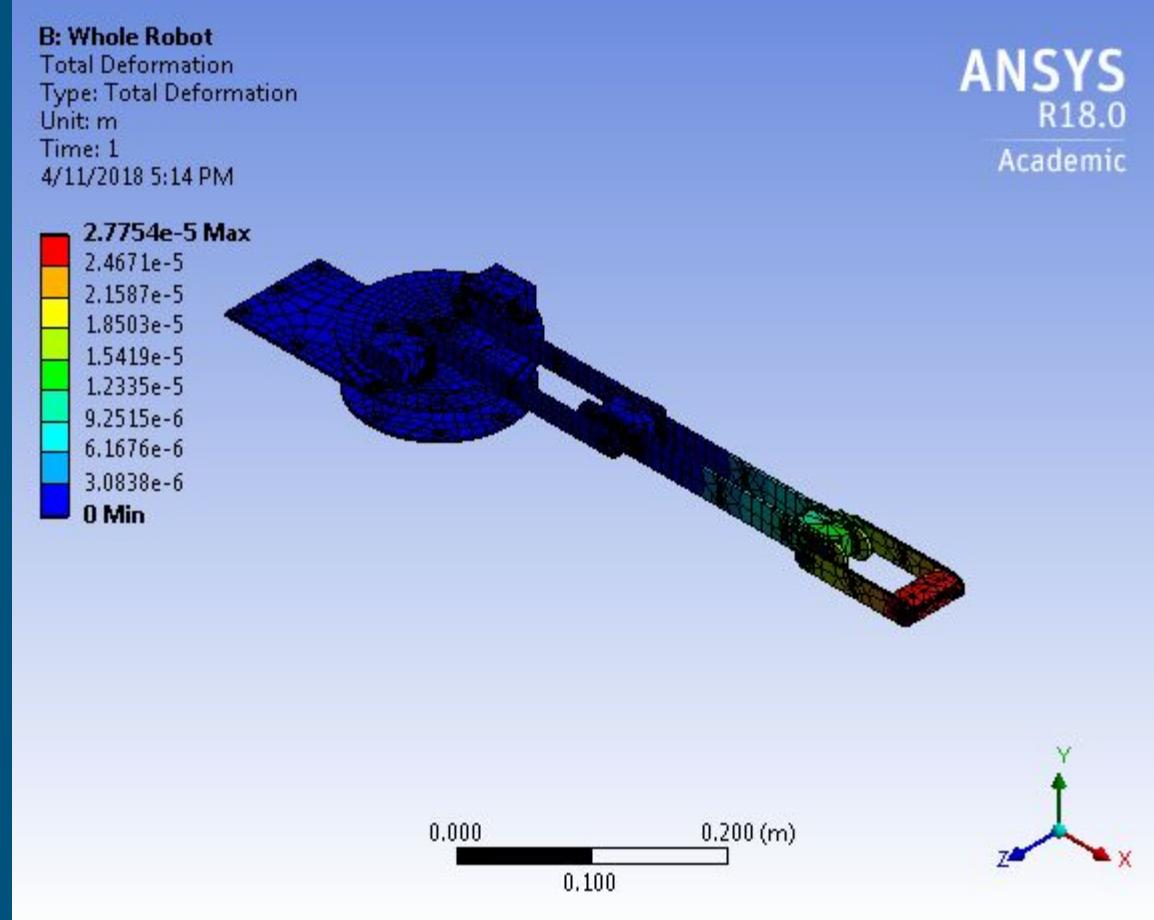
- Dynamic body analysis is very tricky and time consuming in ANSYS
- Decided to perform static analysis with arm at position that generates most torque at base (see image to right)
- The end result will solve for deformation, max stress, safety factor, as well as moment reactions at each joint



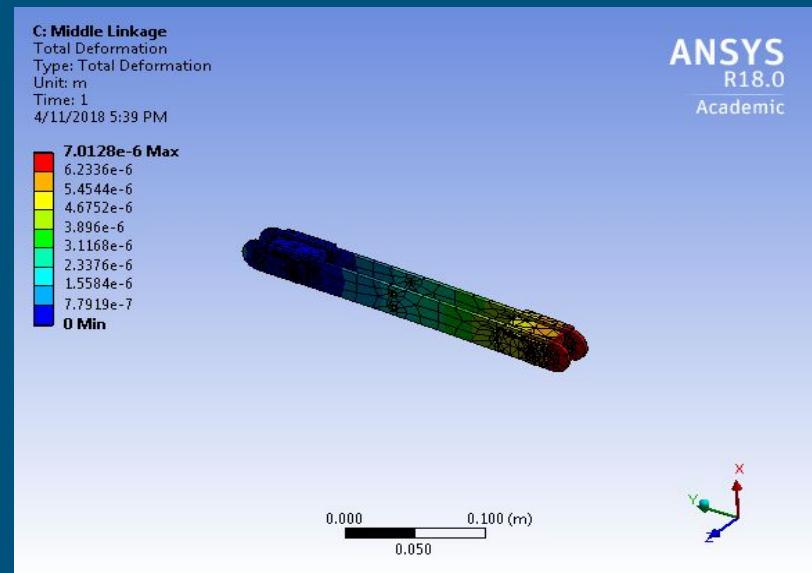
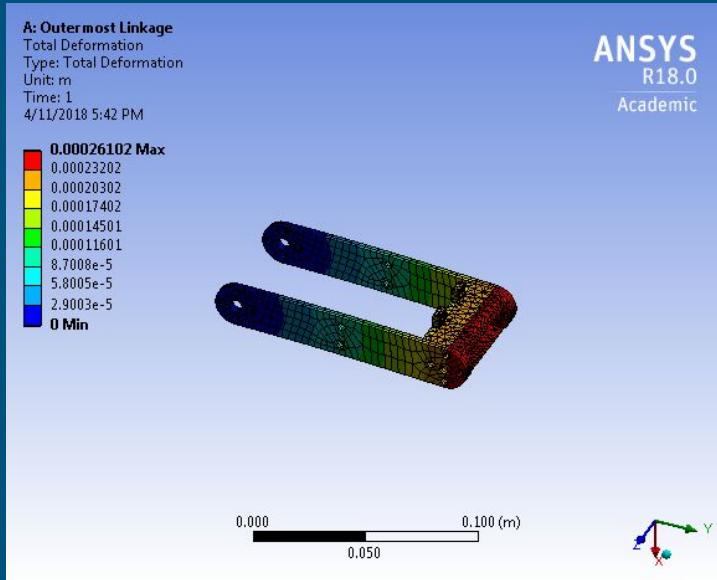
ANSYS Analysis (Cont.)

What is needed to complete analysis

- Update material properties
- Fix solidworks assembly
- Add screws to the assembly
- Ensure proper boundary conditions and fixed supports
- Proper mesh generation



ANSYS Analysis (Cont.)



Future Work

- Gather parts for expo demonstration
- Poster rework
- Incorporate McMaster CAD Drawings for Screws etc.
- Coding
- 3D print wiring cover

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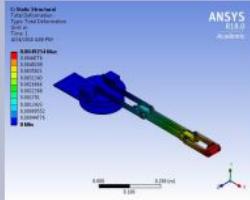
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Applications

Pick n place machines already exist in numerous fields such as assembly lines in factories or in the fabrication of computer hardware. Those devices differ in design however. This product would be more suited for sorting objects. A possible application could be in a sorting center for packages. The main need for the device is color distinction between objects. If that is present, the scale and range of the device can be altered to fit a number of different industries.



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What Does it Do?

The robot arm is able to autonomously determine what object to move and where to place it. The robot will have a maximum horizontal reach of 24 inches and a vertical reach of 16 inches. The operating conditions include the following: Being able to sort several different objects of different colors, and being able to sort within the area of a 180° rotation up to 16 inches from the base of the automated arm.

The arm should be also able to perform this sorting in a time efficient manner comparable to a manually operated machine. The autonomous sorting consists of picking up the object from a random position near the base diameter, and then moving it onto a new designated storage location near the edge of the defined operating range. This process will be completed without direct user input.

How it Works

This robotic arm's main components are linkages, motors, a camera, and an Arduino board. The Arduino board is what controls all of the motors which in turn move the linkages. The selected motors can rotate 180°.



Through lengthy Arduino code that applies equations of motion, the arm is able to move

The motors control the movement and the Arduino code control what the motors do. The robotic arm knows where to move through the use of the Pixy Camera.

Pixy Camera

One way to detect objects is through PixyCam. It is an image sensor board that uses an external camera to get raw image data, thus acting as a visual sensor. Many image sensors output a lot of data that can easily override processors, however Pixy comes with its own processor that filters data so that only the most relevant data is sent to the microcontroller. It works primarily with Arduino and has all Arduino libraries. Pixy is small enough to be mounted onto a robot arm if needed. It uses color signatures to detect objects (up to 7 color signatures). Another feature is that it can be taught to recognize specific objects based on its color. The PixyCam has open source software, making it easier to work with.

Pixy Camera



Future Work

- Competition Wednesday