

Robotic Arm & MATLAB Kinematics Interface

(Intro to Robotics)

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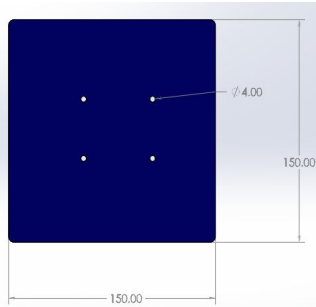
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CAD Design

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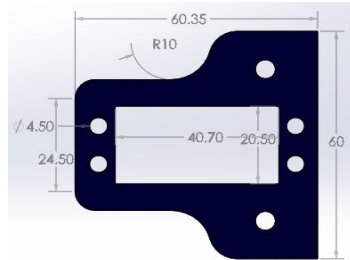
Parts of Robot

Base Plate



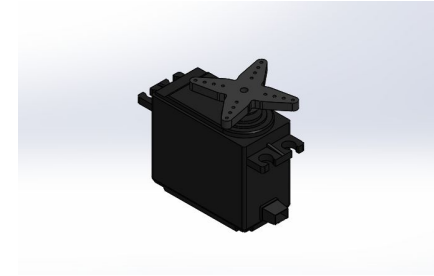
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Servo Mount



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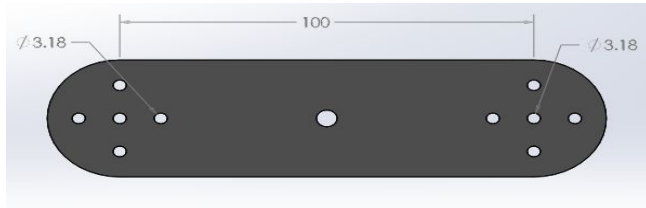
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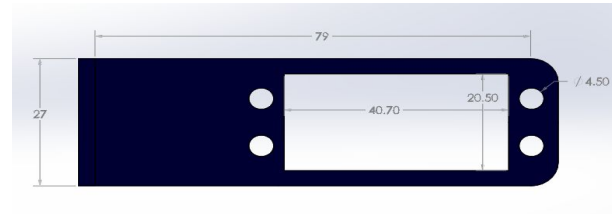
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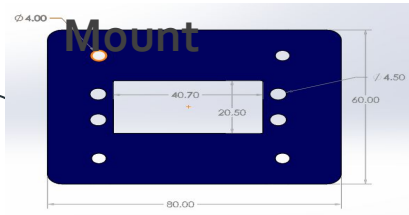


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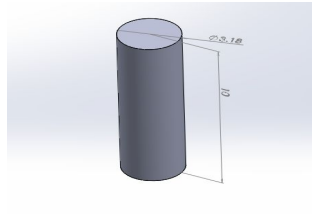
Base Motor Mount



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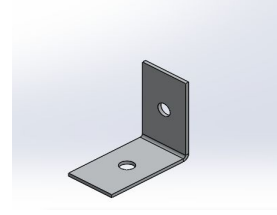
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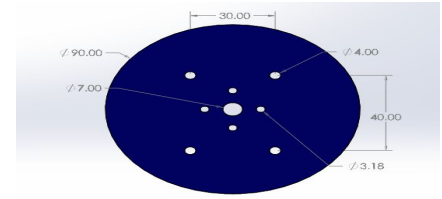
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Base Circular Plate

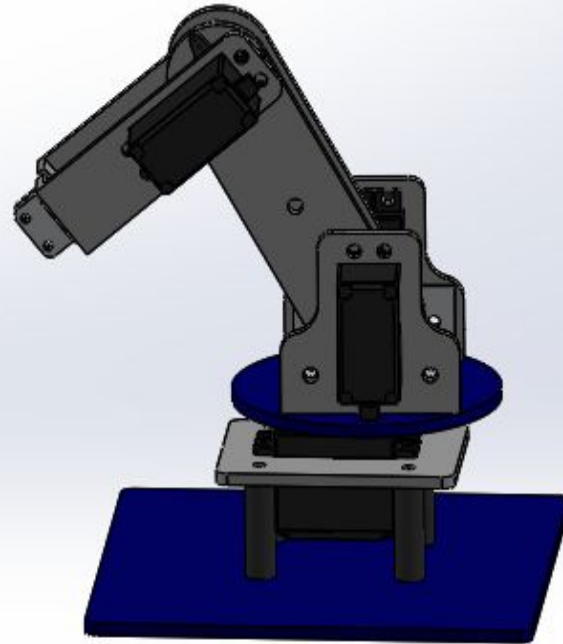


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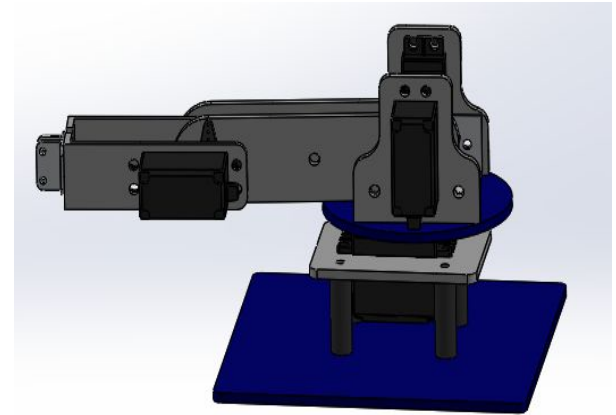
Dimensions

- All Revolute Joints & Links Breakdown
- Joint 1 (Base Rotation) – About Z-axis .
- Joint 2 (Shoulder Joint) – raises or lowers the first arm segment.
- Joint 3 (Elbow Joint) – controls bending between the gripper and lower arm.
- Joint 4 (Gripper Actuation) – servo opens and closes the gripper.



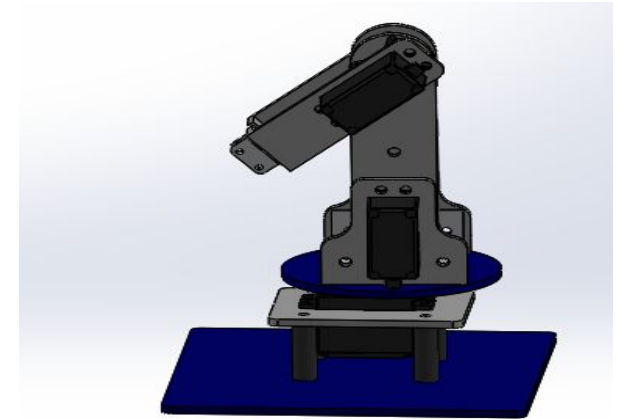
Desired Pose


	$a_{i-1}(\text{mm})$	α_{i-1}	d_i	θ_i
1	0	90°	0	0
2	100	0°	0	0
3	60	0°	0	0
4	0	0°	0	θ_4



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	$a_i(\text{mm})$	α_i	d_i	θ_i
1	0	90°	0	45
2	100	0°	0	-90
3	60	0°	0	0
4	0	0°	0	θ_4



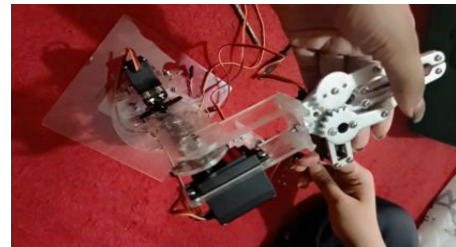


2. Component Selection ,BOM and Calibration

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Hardware Development

- Cutting of Acrylic Sheet and Assembling of robotic arm



Components used

- ESP 32
- Servo motors MG996R
- Spacers
- Gripper
- Charger
- Miscellaneous us Items
- Connecting wires
- Breadboard

Calibration

- For adjusting angles of servo motors and ensure smooth motion

Servo-1: Angle of rotation is from 0 to 180 degrees

Servo-2: Angle of rotation is from 30 to 180 degrees

Servo-3: Angle of rotation is from 0 to 150 degrees

Servo-4: Angle of rotation is from 50 to 180 degrees

Servo-5: Angle of rotation is from 0 to 90 degrees

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ESP32-WROOM-DA Mod... Verify
_may21bser1.ino
#include <ESP32Servo.h>
Servo servo1, servo2, servo3, servo4, servo5; // Declare servos sep
void setup() {
    Serial.begin(115200);
    // Attach each servo to its respective pin
    servo1.attach(18);
    Serial.println("Servo 1 initialized on pin 18");
    servo2.attach(19);
    Serial.println("Servo 2 initialized on pin 19");
    servo3.attach(21);
    Serial.println("Servo 3 initialized on pin 21");
    servo4.attach(22);
    Serial.println("Servo 4 initialized on pin 22");
    servo5.attach(23);
    Serial.println("Servo 5 initialized on pin 23");
}
void loop() {
    // Move each servo separately

    // delay(2000);
    // servo2.write(120); // 150 to 0 // opposite with servo3
    // delay(500);
    // servo3.write(60); // 30 to 180 // opposite with servo2
}
```

BOM

BOM level	Part name	Description	Quantity	Cost
1	Acrylic sheet+ cutting	For making kit of robotic arm	-	$2000+1300=3300$
2	ESP 32	Microcontroller with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth	1	1300
3	Charger	For power supply charger of 5 volt	1	500
4	Servo Motors	For the movement of joints and controlling them accurately	1*5	$1000*5=5000$
5	Gripper	For picking up and gripping objects	1	1000
6	Jumper wires	For making electrical connections	-	100
7	Nuts and spacers	For assembling and connecting the parts of the robotic arm	-	500
			Total	11700.

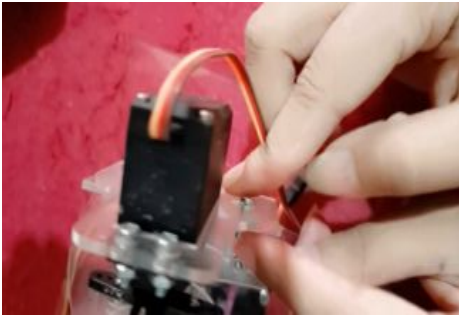
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Wiring Design and Physical Assembly

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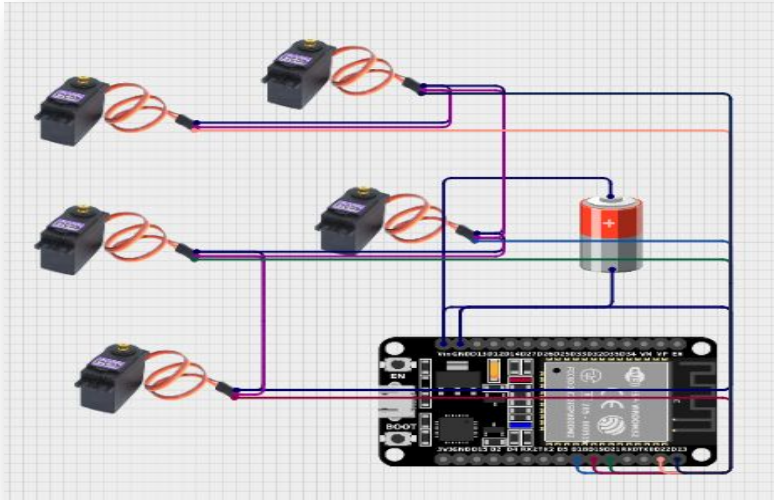
Hardware Development

- Assembling of parts



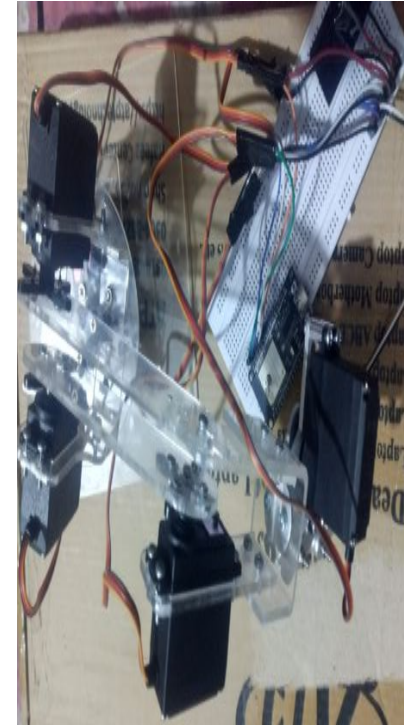
Circuit Design

- Software: `app.cirkitdesigner`



Mechanical Assembly

- Base– Servo-1
- Left side of Joint2 – Servo-2
- Right side of Joint 2 –Servo-3
- Joint 3 – Servo-4
- Gripper – Servo-5
- ESP 32 –Placed on breadboard, centralized all connections



4.

Kinematics Implementation

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System Overview

- Base Rotation (θ_1)
- Shoulder (θ_2)
- Elbow (θ_3)
- Gripper is not modeled in Kinematics
- Link Lengths:
 - $L_1 = 100\text{mm}$
 - $L_2 = 65\text{mm}$

Coordinate System and Movements

- Base Rotation (θ_1)
 - Rotates in XY plane
- Shoulder (θ_2) and Elbow (θ_3)
 - Moves arm in XZ plane
- Gripper/End-Effector
 - It's position is calculated in 3D (X,Y,Z)

DH Table

Joint i	a_{i-1} (mm)	α_{i-1} (°)	d_i (mm)	θ_i	Comment
1	0	90	0	θ_1	Base rotation
2	100	0	0	θ_2	Shoulder (Link 1)
3	65	0	0	θ_3	Elbow (Link 2)

Function 1 – DH_TRANSFORM.m

- A 4x4 matrix is created by this function
 - function A = DH_TRANSFORM(a, alpha, d, theta)
- Trigonometry is used to calculate the effect of each joint on position in space


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DH_TRANSFORM.m × FKINE.m × IKINE.m × PLOT_ARM.m × test_accuracy.m × +
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1 function A = DH_TRANSFORM(A_, ALPHA_DEG, D, THETA_DEG)
2     ALPHA = deg2rad(ALPHA_DEG);
3     THETA = deg2rad(THETA_DEG);
4     A = [ cos(THETA), -sin(THETA)*cos(ALPHA), sin(THETA)*sin(ALPHA), A_*cos(THETA);
5           sin(THETA),  cos(THETA)*cos(ALPHA), -cos(THETA)*sin(ALPHA), A_*sin(THETA);
6           0,          sin(ALPHA),          cos(ALPHA),          D;
7           0,          0,                   0,                   1 ];
8 end
9
```

Function 2 – FKINE.m (Forward Kinematics)

- Input: Joint angles $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$
- Output: End-effector position (X, Y, Z)
- How it works:
 - Uses 3 DH matrices
 - Multiplies them to get the final position

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DH_TRANSFORM.m × FKINE.m × IKINE.m × PLOT_ARM.m × test_accuracy.m ×
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1 function [T_04, POS] = FKINE(THETA_1, THETA_2, THETA_3)
2     L_1 = 100;
3     L_2 = 65;
4     A_1 = DH_TRANSFORM(0, 90, 0, THETA_1);
5     A_2 = DH_TRANSFORM(L_1, 0, 0, THETA_2);
6     A_3 = DH_TRANSFORM(L_2, 0, 0, THETA_3);
7     T_04 = A_1 * A_2 * A_3;
8     POS = T_04(1:3, 4);
9 end
10
```

Function 3 – IKINE.m (Inverse Kinematics)

- Input: Target position (X, Y, Z)
- Output: Joint angles θ_1 , θ_2 , θ_3
- Uses trigonometry (law of cosines)
- Calculates:
 - Base angle using $\text{atan2}(Y, X)$
 - Shoulder & elbow using geometry
- Checks if the point is reachable

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DH_TRANSFORM.m x FKINE.m x IKINE.m x PLOT_ARM.m x test_accuracy.m x
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1 function [THETA_1, THETA_2, THETA_3, SUCCESS] = IKINE(X, Y, Z)
2     L_1 = 100;
3     L_2 = 65;
4     THETA_1 = atan2(Y, X);
5     R = hypot(X, Y);
6     S = Z;
7     D = (R^2 + S^2 - L_1^2 - L_2^2) / (2 * L_1 * L_2);
8     if abs(D) > 1
9         SUCCESS = false;
10        THETA_1 = 0; THETA_2 = 0; THETA_3 = 0;
11        return;
12    end
13    THETA_3 = atan2(sqrt(1 - D^2), D);
14    K_1 = L_1 + L_2 * cos(THETA_3);
15    K_2 = L_2 * sin(THETA_3);
16    THETA_2 = atan2(S, R) - atan2(K_2, K_1);
17    SUCCESS = true;
18    THETA_1 = rad2deg(THETA_1);
19    THETA_2 = rad2deg(THETA_2);
20    THETA_3 = rad2deg(THETA_3);
21    end
22
```

Function 4 – PLOT_ARM.m

- Uses FK to find positions of joints
- Plots the robot in 3D
- Marks the end-effector
- Shows where the target is

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1 function PLOT_ARM(THETA_1, THETA_2, THETA_3, AX)
2     L_1 = 100;
3     L_2 = 65;
4     A_1 = DH_TRANSFORM(0, 90, 0, THETA_1);
5     A_2 = DH_TRANSFORM(L_1, 0, 0, THETA_2);
6     A_3 = DH_TRANSFORM(L_2, 0, 0, THETA_3);
7     T_0 = eye(4);
8     P_0 = T_0(1:3, 4);
9     T_1 = T_0 * A_1; P_1 = T_1(1:3, 4);
10    T_2 = T_1 * A_2; P_2 = T_2(1:3, 4);
11    T_3 = T_2 * A_3; P_3 = T_3(1:3, 4);
12    PTS = [P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3];
13    plot3(AX, PTS(1,:), PTS(2,:), PTS(3,:), '-o', 'LineWidth', 2, 'MarkerSize', 6);
14    hold(AX, 'on');
15    plot3(AX, P_3(1), P_3(2), P_3(3), 'rs', 'MarkerSize', 8, 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r');
16    hold(AX, 'off');
17    xlabel(AX, 'X Axis (mm)');
18    ylabel(AX, 'Y Axis (mm)');
19    zlabel(AX, 'Z Axis (mm)');
20    title(AX, '3-DOF Robot Arm Configuration');
21    grid(AX, 'on');
22    axis(AX, 'equal');
23    xlim(AX, [-200, 200]);
24    ylim(AX, [-200, 200]);
25    zlim(AX, [-50, 200]);
26 end
27
```

Function 5 – test_accuracy.m

- Tests accuracy of FK and IK.
- Steps:
 - Define 5 test target points
 - Use IK to get joint angles
 - Use FK to get actual position
 - Compare with target
 - Calculate error
 - Plot arm and target in subplots


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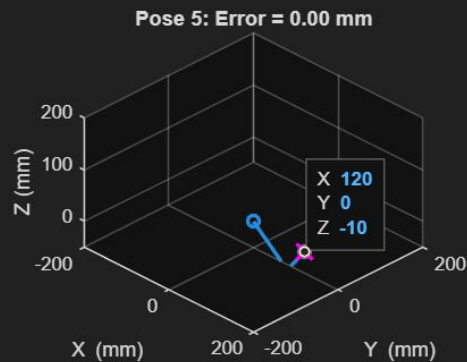
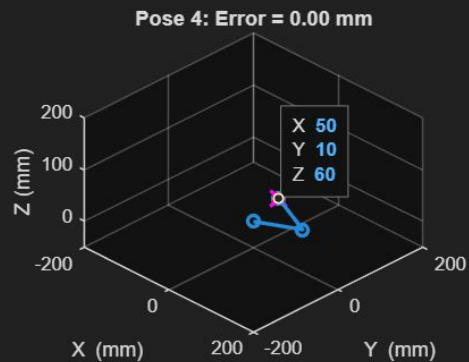
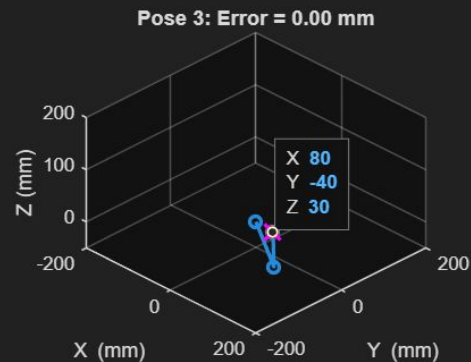
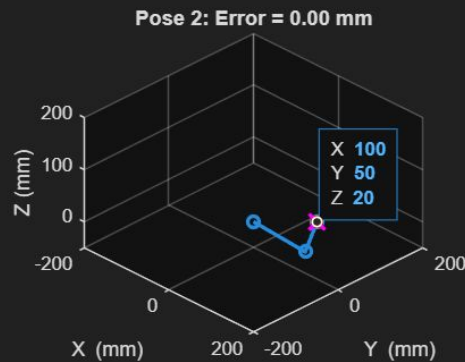
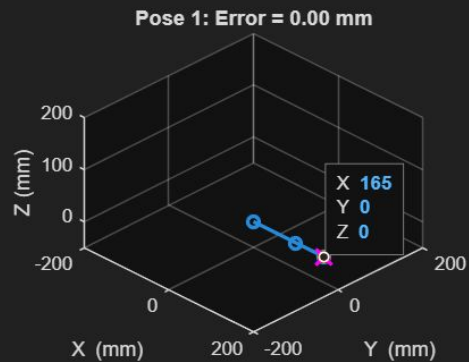
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1  clc; clear;
2  TARGETS = [...
3      165, 0, 0;
4      100, 50, 20;
5      80, -40, 30;
6      50, 10, 60;
7      120, 0, -10;
8  ];
9  N_POSES = size(TARGETS, 1);
10 ERRORS = zeros(N_POSES, 1);
11 figure('Name', 'FK/IK Accuracy', 'Position', [100, 100, 1200, 700]);
12 for I = 1:N_POSES
13     X = TARGETS(I, 1);
14     Y = TARGETS(I, 2);
15     Z = TARGETS(I, 3);
16     [TH1, TH2, TH3, SUCCESS] = IKINE(X, Y, Z);
17     if ~SUCCESS
18         fprintf('Pose %d: Target [%.1f, %.1f, %.1f] out of reach!\n', I, X, Y, Z);
19         ERRORS(I) = NaN;
20         continue;
21     end
22     [~, POS_EST] = FKINE(TH1, TH2, TH3);
23     X_HAT = POS_EST(1); Y_HAT = POS_EST(2); Z_HAT = POS_EST(3);
24     ERRORS(I) = norm([X - X_HAT, Y - Y_HAT, Z - Z_HAT]);
25     AX = subplot(2, 3, I);
26     PLOT_ARM(TH1, TH2, TH3, AX);
27     hold(AX, 'on');
28     plot3(AX, X, Y, Z, 'mx', 'MarkerSize', 12, 'LineWidth', 2);
29     hold(AX, 'off');
30     title(AX, sprintf('Pose %d: Error = %.2f mm', I, ERRORS(I)));
31     xlabel(AX, 'X (mm)\newline');
32     ylabel(AX, 'Y (mm)\newline');
33     zlabel(AX, 'Z (mm)');
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34     view(AX, [45 30]);
35     end
36     fprintf('\nPose Error (mm)\n');
37     for I = 1:N_POSES
38         fprintf('%2d    %.2f\n', I, ERRORS(I));
39     end
40     fprintf('Mean Error = %.2f mm\n', nanmean(ERRORS));
41 
```

Output

- Each subplot:
 - Blue arm: actual configuration
 - Red square: end-effector
 - Magenta 'X': target point
 - Title shows error (e.g., 0.00 mm)
- Interpretation:
 - If red square touches magenta 'X', it's accurate!



Summary of Results

Pose	Target (X, Y, Z)	Error (mm)
1	(165, 0, 0)	0.00
2	(100, 50, 20)	0.00
3	(80, -40, 30)	0.00
4	(50, 10, 60)	0.00
5	(120, 0, -10)	0.00



5. **MATLAB GUI** **Development**

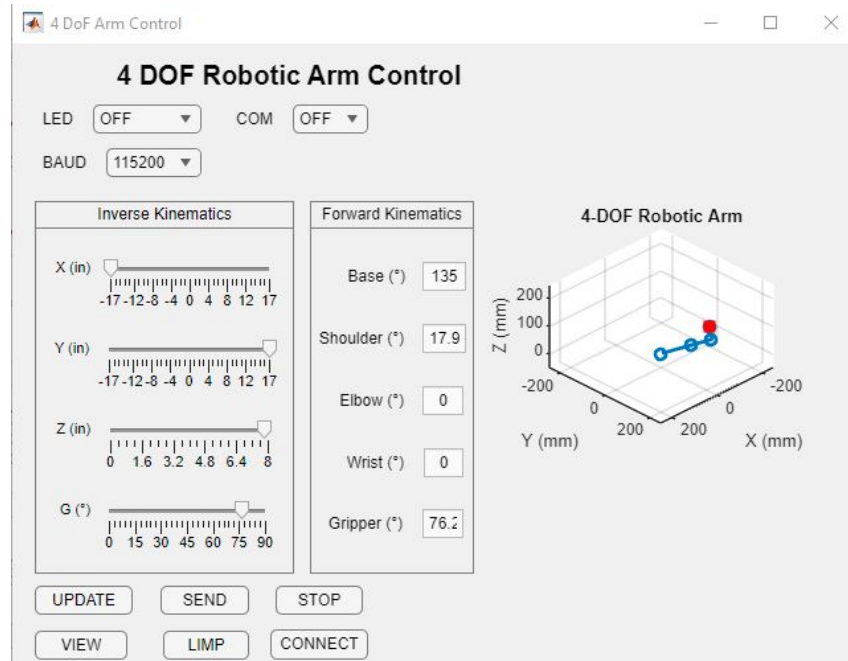
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MATLAB GUI DEVELOPMENT

- Part of the project is to design and build a MATLAB-based GUI to oversee the movements of a 4 DOF robotic arm. Real-time control, 3D imaging, and the use of user input are included in the system.

System Overview

- I have used MATLAB App Designer for design purposes.



GUI Features

- Sliders are found in the Inverse Kinematics system (X, Y, Z, Gripper).
- Fields for storing FK input that use numbers (Joint angles)
- These operations are accessed by the buttons SEND, STOP, UPDATE, and VIEW.
- There is additional support for 3D Arm Plot (ArmAxes).
- Seeing a 3D arm helps a lot.

Plots using the different 3D tools

- Changes can be made to settings as soon as they are saved.
- Describes the two countries' current areas of agreement
- Checks whether the IK & FK are working correctly

Challenges Faced

- Transferring what a user inputs to the right position of the robot arm
- Speedy response from the graphical user interface with several functions
- Concern yourself with how well your movements follow all of the expectations



6.

Integration

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System Overview

- Integrated ESP32 with MATLAB GUI
- Controlled 5 servo motors using sliders in the GUI
- Communication via UART (serial communication)
- Built in MATLAB App Designer

ESP32 Code & Upload

- Connected ESP32 to PC via USB
- Used Arduino IDE for programming
- Code written to send serial data (e.g., LED or temperature)
- Used `Serial.begin(9600);` for UART setup
- Uploaded code successfully to ESP32

MATLAB GUI Creation

- Opened App Designer in MATLAB
- Created GUI with buttons and dropdowns
- GUI features:
 - Connect to ESP32 (COM Port)
 - Read data from ESP32
- Added serial communication functions

Errors in Execution

- Serial object not recognized in callbacks
- Dropdowns & components reported as "unrecognized"
- GUI structure had undeclared or misused elements
- Reserved keywords caused syntax errors
- GUI could not run properly due to these issues



7.

Testing

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Testing Lead

- Assigned role: **Testing Lead**
- Purpose: Test system functionality post-integration
- Couldn't perform testing as integration was incomplete
- Supported the integration process actively

My Contributions

- Designed the **project poster**
- **Compiled and formatted** all team documents
- Ensured the final submission was neat and complete
- Helped ensure the team's effort was well-represented

Conclusion

- The integration of ESP32 with MATLAB GUI faced technical issues like undeclared variables and component errors.
- Due to incomplete integration, the system could not be tested as planned.
- The project helped us to learn about GUI development, serial communication, and teamwork.



Any Question?



Thank You!