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Skills

Mechanical: Solidworks (CSWA), Ansys, GD&T, DFMA, FEA, 3D CAD, Rapid Prototyping, Assembly/Disassembly, Machining, Engineering Drawings, AutoCAD, Iterative Design, Root Cause Analysis, Tolerance Analysis, Actuators
Software: Python, C++, Arduino, MATLAB, Git, HTML, Automation, Web Scraping, NumPy, Matplotlib
Electrical: Altium, Circuit Analysis/Design, Electrical Troubleshooting, Serial, PWM, Stepper and Servo Motors

Experience

Mechanical Design Intern **Sep. 2024 – Dec. 2024**
Sheartak Tools Ltd. *Waterloo, ON*

- 3D modelled 10+ spiral cutterheads in SolidWorks, drafting technical drawings using GD&T and ensuring flawless manufacturing.
- Performed 6 cutterhead installations on planers and jointers in less than 7 hours, installing 50+ carbide blades per cutterhead while prioritizing safety at all times.
- Automated the migration of 500+ products to new website using Python, saving 30+ hours.
- Increased website engagement by 10% by launching an SEO campaign, optimizing 3000+ products' metadata.
- Earned the company 1000+ views by shooting and editing 4 installation videos, outlining best practices to customers.
- Optimized the installation time of 20+ customers by drafting 5 installation manuals.

Mechanical Designer & Project Manager **Aug. 2024 – Present**
Waterloo Aerial Robotics Group *Waterloo, ON*

- Led the design of the drone's landing gear in SolidWorks for the 2025 competition, angling its legs to ensure concentricity with bucket for water retrieval; implementing depth limiters, anti-tipping bars and CF members.
- Optimized main drone assembly in PDM by implementing parametric modelling, allowing team members to change the parameters in real time, saving 10+ hours.
- Designed mount for an optical flow sensor, CV and IR camera, aligning them with the drone's direction of flight, saving weight and eliminating all vibrations.
- Designed and 3D printed mount for air speed sensor, using CFD simulations to optimize its position relative to the airfoil.
- Manufactured aluminum 5+ parts for fixed-wing aircraft using mill and lathe, meeting all tolerances.

Projects

Cycloidal Actuator | *SolidWorks, 3D Printing, DFMA, Python, Stepper Motors, Iterative Design* **July 2024 - Present**

- Designed 130+ part assembly in SolidWorks, achieving a gear ratio of 23:1 with cycloidal speed reducer.
- Developed Python script that outputs instant visualization of the cycloid, reducing modelling time by 50%.
- 3D printed a backlash free functional prototype. Projected to machine all parts after testing torque.

3-DOF Robotic Arm | *SolidWorks, 3D Printing, DFMA, Python, Arduino, Servo Motors* **Apr. 2024 - July 2024**

- 3D printed the robot with tight tolerances by iteratively designing it in SolidWorks and employing DFMA.
- Achieved smooth movement in the x, y and z axes by deriving the arm's inverse kinematics and implementing ramp libraries. This was facilitated by the use of 3 servo motors and 2 four-bar linkages.
- Established serial communication between Python GUI and Arduino IDE, achieving precise movement within workspace.

Autonomous Plant Watering Robot | *SolidWorks, 3D Printing, C++, Sensors* **May 2024 – Aug. 2024**

- Reliably watered 6 plants in less than 1 minute by designing a 3D printed Peristaltic Pump with 20% occlusion.
- Converted rotational motion to linear by designing a 3D printed rack and pinion mechanism, lifting the hose.
- Achieved autonomy through the flawless integration of an ultrasonic sensor, motor encoders and C++ scripts.

Education

University of Waterloo **Sep. 2023 – Present**
Candidate for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechatronics Engineering *Waterloo, ON*
Relevant Coursework: Dynamics, Mechanics II, Data Structures and Algorithms, Materials Science, Circuits I, Calculus II

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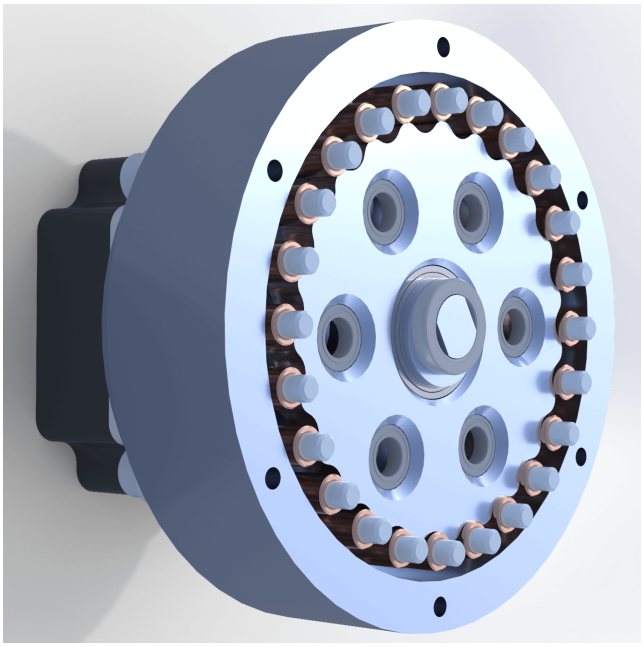
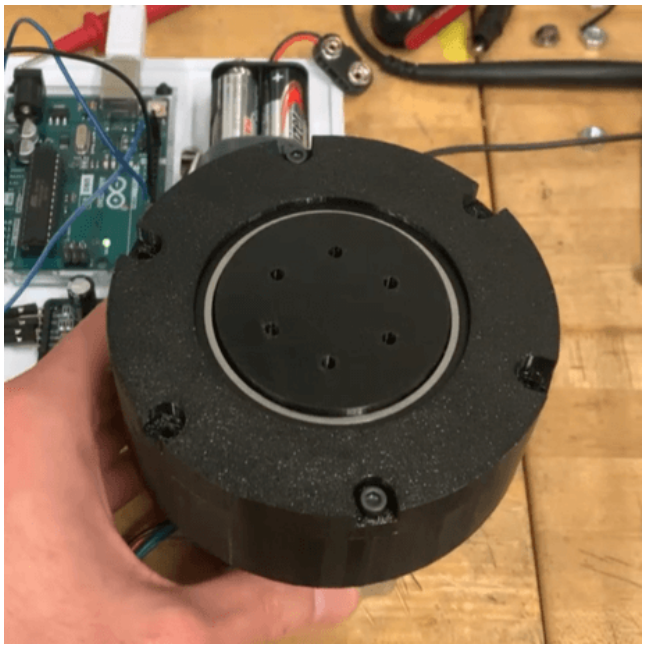
Cycloidal Actuator

Designed a 130+ part assembly achieving a gear ratio of 23:1 using a cycloidal speed reducer. Developed a Python script for instant visualization of the cycloid, reducing design time by 50%. Successfully 3D printed a backlash-free prototype. Currently planning to machine all parts to test torque performance.



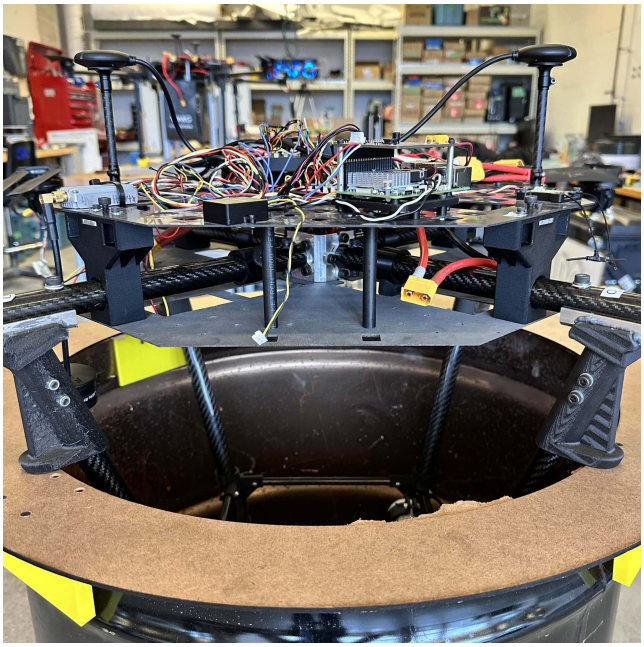
SolidWorks Model



Functional Prototype → WATCH HERE

Angled Landing Gear @ WARG

Designed landing gear tailored towards WARG's competition challenge: water retrieval by landing on a barrel. Implemented parametric modelling, saving 10 hours. Added key features such as: optimal angle, anti-tipping bars and depth limiters. The landing gear was successful every time it was tested.



Drone Resting on Barrel (Depth Limiters)

Landing Gear in Action → WATCH HERE

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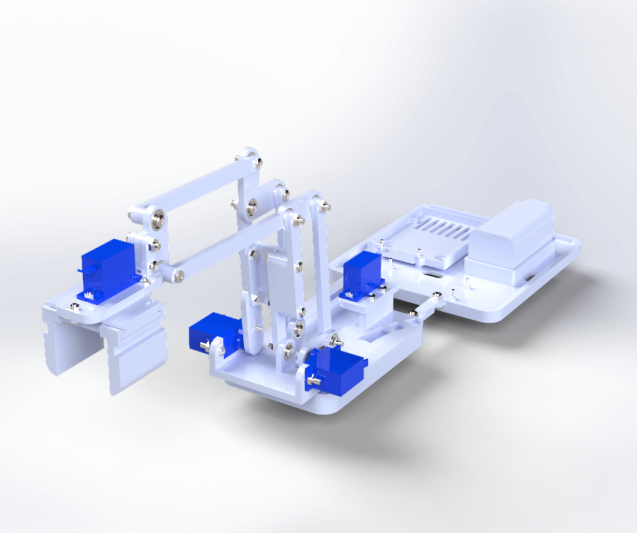
3-DOF Robotic Arm

Designed and programmed a robotic arm with precise movement across x, y, and z axes using servo motors. Designed the arm in SolidWorks, 3D printed parts with tight tolerances, and implemented inverse kinematics for smooth motion. Established serial communication between a Python GUI and Arduino IDE for precise control.

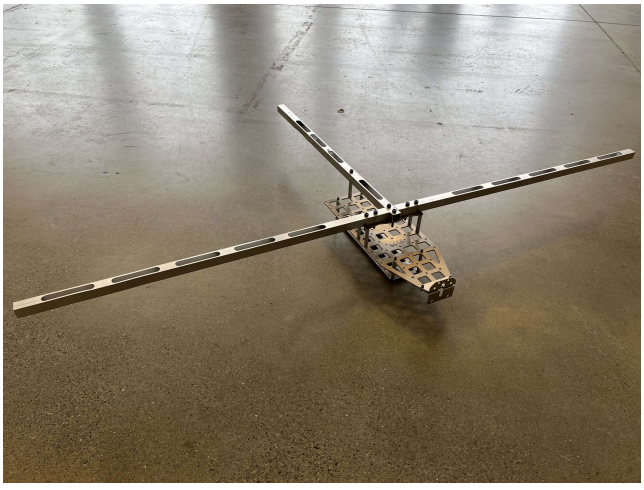


SolidWorks Model

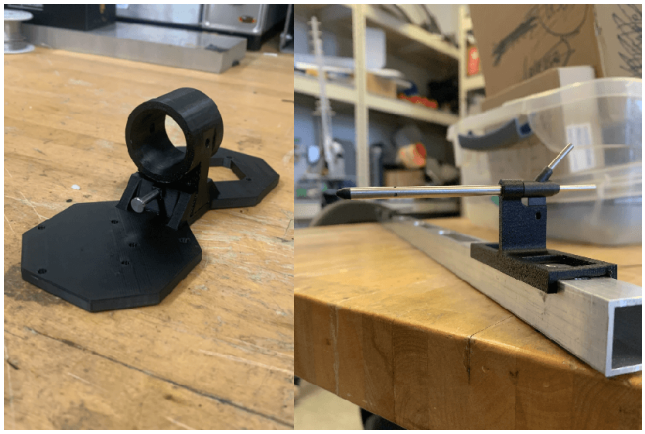
Robotic Arm Controlled with GUI → WATCH HERE

Manufacturing & Prototyping @ WARG

Leading the manufacturing of a fixed wing aircraft at WARG, using Mills, Lathes and 3D . I've also had the opportunity to design weight-saving, vibration-free sensor mounts such as: a pitot tube mount and a mount containing an OFS, IR and CV Camera.



Fixed Wing Frame



Monster Mount & Pitot Tube Mount

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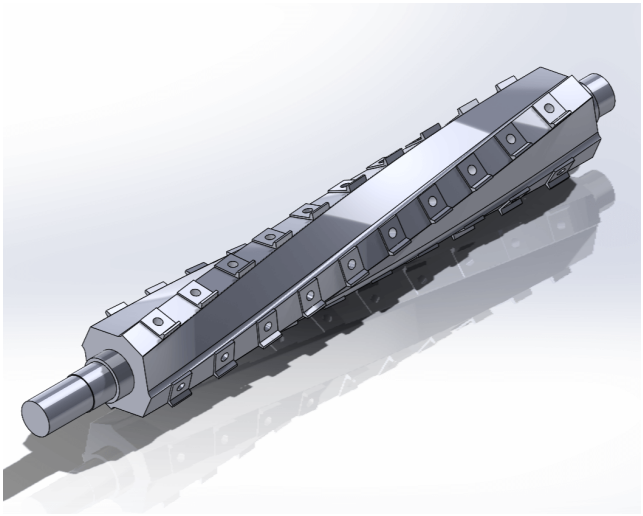
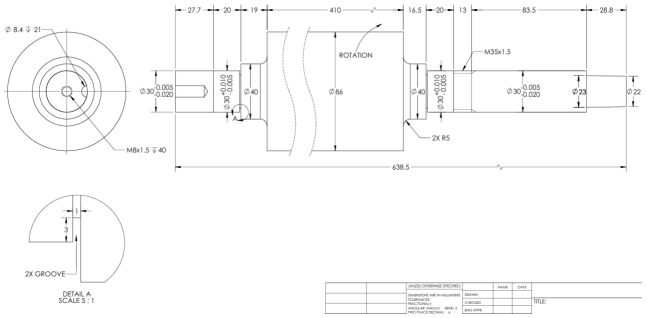
GD&T and Modelling @ Sheartak

During my internship at Sheartak, I had the opportunity to model several spiral cutterheads, creating engineering drawings for them capturing key features and tolerances.



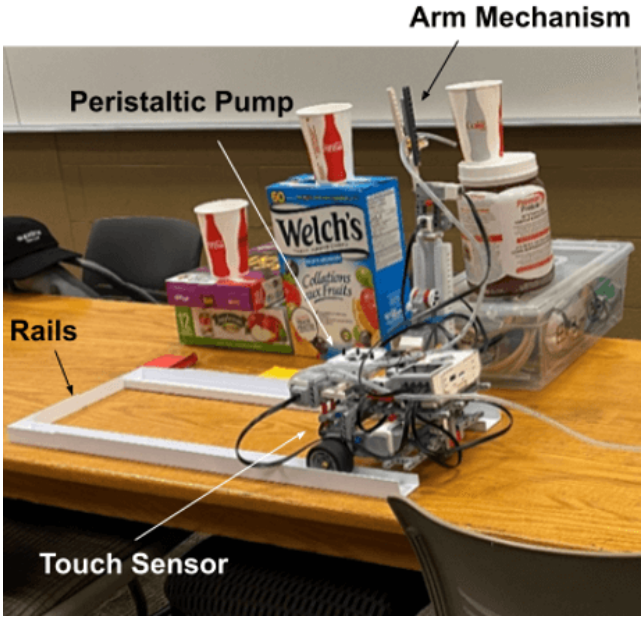
Spiral Cutterhead Solidworks Model



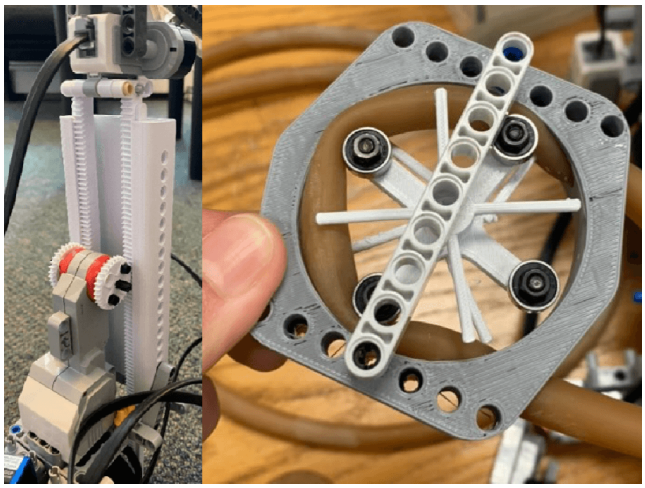
Engineering Drawing

Autonomous Plant Watering Robot

Designed a 3D-printed peristaltic pump with 20% occlusion, capable of watering 6 plants in under a minute. Built a rack-and-pinion mechanism to convert rotational motion into linear movement for lifting hoses. Achieved full autonomy by integrating an ultrasonic sensor, motor encoders, and C++ scripts.



Robot Watering Plant



Rack and Pinion Mechanism & Peristaltic Pump