

Smart robotic arm development (pick & place robo) for domestic applications – A new concept in working of automated machines

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Abstract

In this paper, a smart robotic arm development (pick & place robo) for domestic applications – A new concept in working of automated machines, i.e., a hardware prototype is developed. In recent years the industry and daily routine works are found to be more attracted and implemented through automation via Robots. The pick and place robot is one of the technologies in manufacturing industries which is designed to perform pick and place operations. The system is so designed that it eliminates the human error and human intervention to get more precise work. There are many fields in which human intervention is difficult but the process under consideration has to be operated and controlled this leads to the area in which robots find their applications. Literature suggests that the pick and place robots are designed, implemented in various fields such as; in bottle filling industry, packing industry, used in surveillance to detect and destroy the bombs etc. The project deals with implementing a pick and place robot using Robo-Arduino for any pick and place functions. The pick and place robot so implemented is controlled using RF signal. The chassis is supported for the displacement of robotic arm by four Omni wheels. The robotic arm implemented has two degrees of freedom. Many other features such as line follower, wall hugger, obstacle avoider, metal detector can be added to this robot for versatility of usage. The work presented here is the mini-project work of the second sem students of electronics & communication engineering department of dayananda sagar college of engg., bangalore.

Keywords - Robot, PNP, Domestic, Automation, Hardware, Sensor, Pick, Place.

1. Introduction to the robotic mini-project work

Since many years people try to replace human work with machines. Machines called robots are faster and more effective than people. The term robotics is practically defined as the study, design and use of robot systems for manufacturing. Robots are generally used to perform unsafe, hazardous, highly repetitive, and unpleasant tasks. They have many different functions such as material handling, assembly, arc welding, resistance welding and machine tool load and unload functions, painting, spraying etc. Many elements of robots are built with inspiration from the nature. Construction of the manipulator as the arm of the robot is based on human arm. The robot has the ability to manipulate objects such as pick and place operations. Present day industry is increasingly turning towards computer-based automation mainly due to the need for increased productivity and delivery of end products with uniform quality.

2. Problem statement

This proposed work is an overview of how we can make use of servo motor to make joints of a robotic arm and control it using potentiometer. Arduino UNO board is programmed to control the servo



motors and Arduino's analogue input is given to potentiometer. This modelling resembles like a robotic crane or we can convert it into robotic crane using some tweaks. Robotic arm is one of the major projects in today automation industries. Robotic arm is part of the mechatronic industry today's fast growing industry.

3. Proposed methodologies adopted - Hardware & Software tools used in the mini-project:

- Chassis
- Wheels
- Gear motors
- Clamps
- Nuts and bolts
- Jumper wires
- Screw drivers
- Dc jacks
- Batteries
- Battery caps
- Motor driver hub
- Joystick remote control
- LAN cable
- RF transmitter module
- RF receiver module
- L293D motor drive
- Arduino uno microcontroller

4. Results and discussions

We have designed a fully functioning pick and place robotic arm that can move around and pick the desired object from the source and keep it in the desired destination with the help of wheels. This project is based on RF receiver and transmitter functioning which works wirelessly under long ranges and remote conditions. When the buttons are pressed on the transmitter the receiver receives the signal and turns on the Arduino. The code dumped into the Arduino written on IDE segregates the signal information and concludes on what to carry out as a function. The motors connected to wheels are activated through the L293D motor driver that helps move the wheels in the desired direction and desired speed.



Fig. 1 : Overall block diagram of the proposed robotic PNP system

5. Conclusion and future work

The proposed concept of pick and place robot using Arduino is implemented via RF play station. It is found that, the robot so implemented has the ability to locate itself to the location where the object to be lifted is available with the help of chassis and four dc motors. Further depending upon controlling action provided to servo motor it lifts the object and locates the same at required destination.





Fig. 2 : Proposed driver circuit for driving the actuators



Fig. 3 : Basement portion of the PNP robot with the wheeling mechansims

6. Applications

The designed & developed robot finds a lot of applications in most of the domestic, industrial & other applications, some of them are listed as follows.

- Improved quality
- Consistency
- Time savings
- Operational efficiency

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