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Teleoperated Robot Arm for Human Augments

Jan. 1

Brainstorming - "choose a topic for my Science Fair Project" "Teleoperated Robot Arm for Human Augmentations"

The project idea is: robotic arm that is controlled remotely using potentiometers and a simple joystick with a program.

Jan. 3

- Researched about teleoperation systems.
- Learned about master-slave robotic systems.
- Decided to use Arduino Uno.

Jan. 5

- Made a blueprint for master & slave robotic arm.
- Planned to mount potentiometers directly on motor arm joints.

Jan. 7

- Gathered all the materials I needed:
- Master:
 - Potentiometers
 - Servo
 - Jumper Wires
 - Super Glue
 - Breadboard
 - Arduino Uno
 - Joystick
- Servant:
 - Servo
 - Microservos
 - Super Glue
 - Camera
 - Breadboard
 - Arduino Uno
 - Nuts & Bolts
 - Jumper Wires
 - A.C/D.C. adaptor
 - Extension Cord

Jan. 12

- Bought 5v external supply (AC/DC adaptor).
- Tested all servos independently with simple code.
- Checked if all microservos rotated $0-180^\circ$ successfully.

Jan. 15

- Checked dimensions
- Started building master & servant robotic arm.
- Installed first servo (base)
- Tested if mechanical rotation from 0-180° was successful.

Jan. 17

- Found out torque: $F = \text{mass of object in kg} \times g$
 $T(\text{kg} \cdot \text{cm}) = \text{mass}(\text{kg}) \times \text{distance}(\text{cm})$
 $\text{mass}(\text{kg}) = \frac{T(\text{kg} \cdot \text{cm})}{r(\text{cm})}$

$$\text{mass} = \frac{2}{10} = 0.2 \text{ kg (200g)}$$

$$T_{\text{joint}} = \sum_i m_i \cdot g \cdot l_i$$

$$F = \frac{T}{r} = \frac{2}{10} = \text{kg}$$

$$\text{Torque } T = 2 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{cm}$$

$$\text{Arm length} = 10 \text{ cm}$$

Jan. 18

- Built Master robotic arm frame
- Tested if servos move when connected to potentiometers.
- Ensured if potentiometers work & rotate with arm joint

Jan. 20

- Worked on building the servant robotic arm.
- Wired potentiometers to Arduino analog pins (A0, A1, A2)
- Checked if claw opened & closed with help of joystick.

Jan. 22

- Added changes to initial Arduino code.
- Used serial monitor to function and convert servos from 0-1023 to 0-180°
- Uploaded code
- First successful movement test.

Jan. 25

- Noticed servo jittering
- Problem: insufficient power from Arduino.
- Solution: used external power supply for servos.

Jan. 28

- Delay observed (~150ms)
- Checked wiring
- Reduced delay by simplifying code.

Jan. 30

- Tested all 3 joints moving at the same time.
- Observed slight lag when moving quickly.
- Estimated delay (~140ms)
- Movement still synchronized accurately.

Jan. 31

- Tested lifting different weights
- 50g → stable
- 100g → stable
- 150g → barely shaking
- Added a small dead-zone in code to prevent unwanted movement.

Feb. 3

- Secured connections with electrical tape.
- Movement became more stable

Feb. 6

- Tested lifting different weights again:
- 50g → stable
- 100g → stable

- 150g \rightarrow stable
- 200g \rightarrow slightly shaking

Feb. 8

- Measured voltage from potentiometers.
- Range confirmed from 0 \rightarrow 5v
- Analog readings stable between 0 \rightarrow 1023

Feb. 8

- Re-measured voltage from potentiometers.
- Range confirmed: 0-5v
- Analog readings stable between 0-1023

Feb. 12

- Conducted 5 trial accuracy tests
- Recorded master angle vs slave angle

• Trial results:

• $30^\circ \rightarrow 29^\circ$

• $60^\circ \rightarrow 60^\circ$

• $90^\circ \rightarrow 89^\circ$

• $120^\circ \rightarrow 121^\circ$

• $150^\circ \rightarrow 149^\circ$

• Average error $\approx 1^\circ$

Feb. 15

• Calculated average response delay.

• Trials: 118ms, 125ms, 130ms, 120ms.

• Average delay $\approx 123ms$

• Considered acceptable for teleoperation prototype.

Feb. 18

- Reviewed wiring connections
- Ensured all wires were not loose
- Glued all loose wires.
- Stability improved

Feb. 22

- Evaluated possible improvements

Feb. 24

- Final performance testing
- Moved all joints simultaneously.

Feb. 26

- Reviewed all data.
- Confirmed
- Average error $\approx 1^\circ$