



SINGLE ARM COMPUTERAIDED ROBOT MODELLING AND ANALYSIS

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Abstract

In present investigation, a single arm robot is designed and analysed. Equations of Kinematics are derived by using D-H notation. By this equation and inverse kinematics parameters for the motion trajectory have been determined. Kinematic parameters are divided into two groups namely, link parameters and joint parameters. Geometric model and motion of robotic humanoid arm with two link model with 3 Degree of freedom and arm with palm and fingers with 18 degree of freedom has been realized. Virtual simulation of the arm is also first step in actually controlling the mechanical structure. Based on the dynamic functions, specifications of the system the main features of the robotic arm are initially determined, the detail design study of robotic arm is done. The three-dimensional body of our design would be done on CATIA software and would be analyzed with all the parameters using ANSYS software. Then FEA ANALYSIS for more designs in diverse areas of engineering are being analyzed through the software. FEA provides the ability to analyze the stresses and displacements of a part or assembly, total deformations, life, and damages as well as the reaction forces other elements are to be imposed. This thesis guides the path through Robotic arm design, and analysis the material selection process. The FEA model is described to achieve a better understanding of the mesh type, mesh size and boundary conditions applied to complete an effective FEA model. At last, the design objective could be simply to minimize cost of robotic arm by choosing the desirable material and understand the life of the robotic arm.

Keywords: Single arm robot, CAD design, Analysis, Finite Element Analysis (FEA).



1. INTRODUCTION

A robotic arm is a robotic manipulator, usually programmable, with similar functions to a human arm. The links of such a manipulator are connected by joints allowing either rotational motion or translational displacement. The links of the manipulator can be considered to form a kinematic chain. A robot may be designed to perform any desired task such as welding, gripping, spinning etc., depending on the application. For example, robot arms in automotive assembly lines perform a variety of tasks such as welding and parts rotation and placement during assembly. A rotation of 99 degrees is given to the robot arm in a minimum time (.02 seconds) by supplying power to the robot arm using a switch. Further the arm will settle down with critical damping to an angle of 90 degrees. The FE modal analysis has been performed for the robotic arm to find the natural frequency. Transient analysis is performed to note the displacement, velocity and accelerations during its motion. However, the use of feedback can lead to an unstable system whose output may oscillate or even go to infinity with

a small input signal. Stability determination is therefore an important design consideration. One specification for absolute stability requires that the poles of the transfer function must be in the left half of the s-plane. Absolute stability, often specified in the frequency domain, is essential but not necessary but sufficient. A robotic arm is a robot manipulator, usually programmable, with similar functions to a human arm. The links of such a manipulator are connected by joints allowing either rotational motion (such as in an articulated robot) or translational (linear) displacement. The links of the manipulator can be considered to form a kinematic chain. The end effectors can be designed to perform any desired task such as welding, gripping, spinning etc., depending on the application. The robot arms can be autonomous or controlled manually and can be used to perform a variety of tasks with great accuracy. The robotic arm can be fixed or mobile (i.e. wheeled) and can be designed for industrial or home applications. This report deals with a robotic arm whose objective is to

imitate the movements of a human arm using accelerometers as sensors for the data acquisition of the natural arm movements. This method of control allows greater flexibility in controlling the robotic arm rather than using a controller where each actuator is controlled separately. The processing unit takes care of each actuator's control signal according to the inputs from accelerometer, in order to replicate the movements of the human arm. the block diagram representation of the system to be designed and implemented. We decided to assign aluminium to all parts including part 1. Of course, we always have choice to change the material. Our selection has been proven good as aluminium did good for parts 1,2,3 and 4. But, in the opposite case, we decided to assign Structural steel to the parts. Only part 5 showed less load bearing capacity with aluminium but, we have tried changing the material to Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer. The reason for this is it is stronger and lighter material than aluminium. We cannot assign a material with more density. As density increases, weight increases and increase in weight of Part 5 might have bad effects on other arms. The problem

with CFRP is it is relatively expensive. But again, selection of materials is a completely different study. We limit our study to the usage of requirements of industry.

Table 1.1 Materials And Conditions

Material	Elastic Modulus(Pa)	Poisson's ratio	Density(kg/m)
Cast iron	1.5E11	0.32	7300
Structural steel	2.06E11	0.32	7850
Aluminium 6061 alloy	6.89E10	0.35	2770

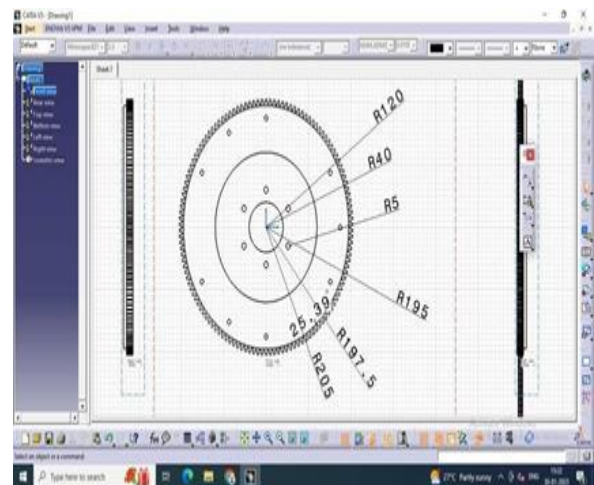


Figure 1 Sketch For The Base. After sketch. Go to features and select shaft boss/base . In shaft, sketch above profile as a object to revolve and specify axis of revolutions Then click ok or click on right mark.

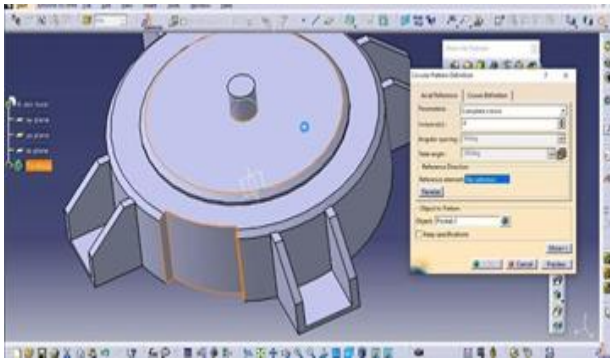


Figure 2 Base On part module go to sketch. And select sketch, then create sketch as shown in figure in below Later select on exit sketcher

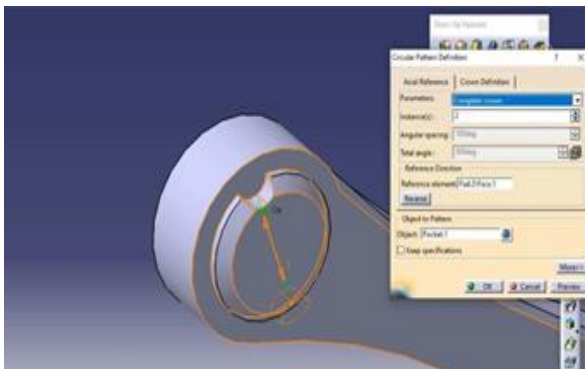


Figure 3 Circular PatternAfter sketch. Go to features and select Pocket cut .In Circular pattern, sketch above profile as a object to depth and specify directionThen click ok or click on right mark.

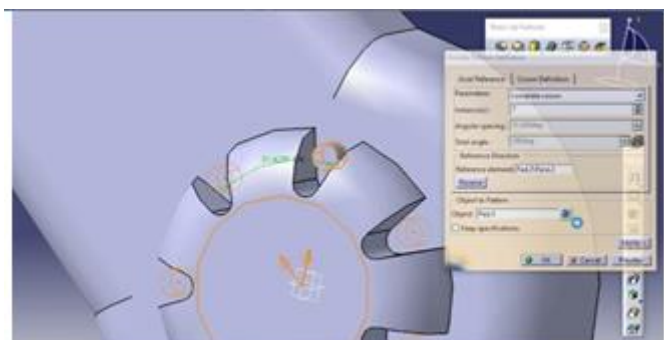


Figure 4 pocket Cut And Circular Pattern

After pocket cut, go to plane in reference and select front plane as a reference and specify offset distance 0.45metre.

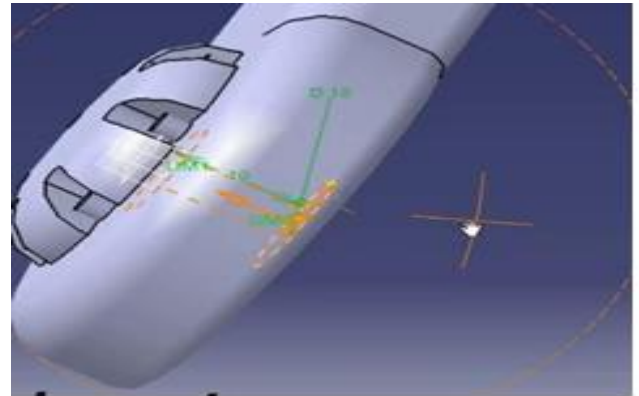


Figure 5 Sketch ForElbowOn part module go to sketch. And select sketch, then create sketch as shown in figureinbelowLaterselectonexitsketcher



Figure 6Model With All Parts

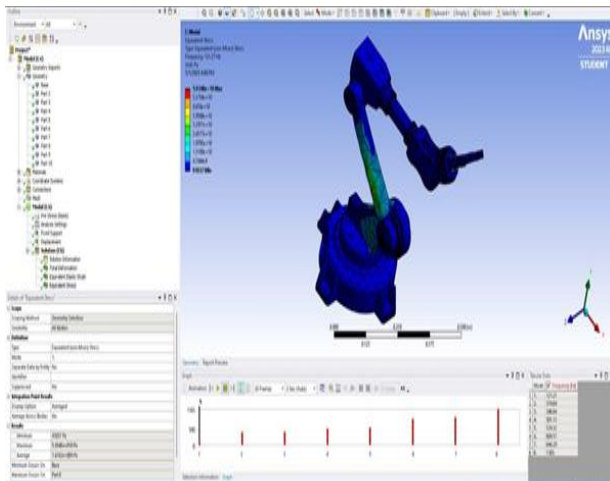


Figure 7 Equivalent Stress analysis of Aluminium alloy. Select the solution node in the tree outline; the graph and tabular data windows are displayed, refer to figure.

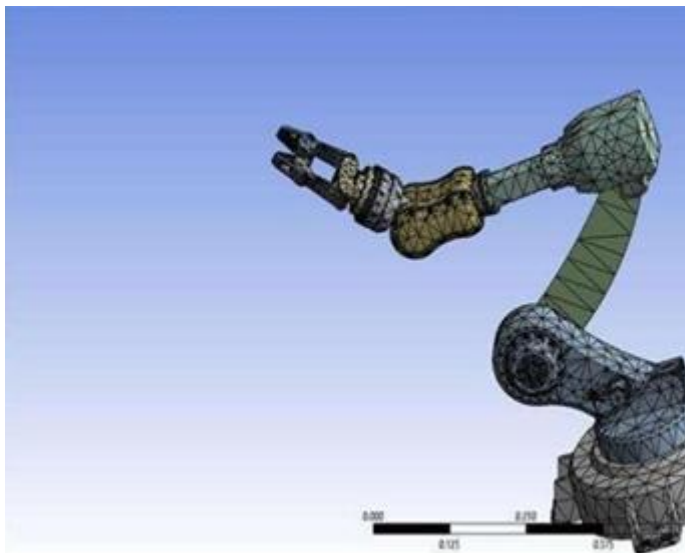


Figure 8 Mesh Generated With Default Mesh Controls Expand the statistics node in the details of "mesh" window to display the total number of elements created. On doing so, you will find that the total number of elements.

Table:1 Modal Analysis Results:

Material	Mode 1	Frequency	Mode 2	Frequency	Mode 3	Frequency
Aluminium alloy 6061	15.711	121.27	15.05	379.89	22.146	398.842
Structural steel	15.712	501.13	15.54	539.31	22.143	809.566
Grey cast iron	31.48	846.28	42.747	1103.0	74.594	1133.01

From the above table we can observe that G.C Iron has increased natural frequency 124 percent when compared to the Aluminium alloy 6061 & Structural Steel.

Table:2 Static Analysis Results

Material	Total Deformation (mm)	Stress (N/mm ²)	Strain
Aluminium alloy 6061	0.01240	0.8953	4.63e-5
Structural steel	0.00950	0.68964	3.544e-6
Grey cast iron	0.006208	0.44976	2.31e-6

We obtained varied stress and strain & total deformation values when evaluating models made of various materials & we can determine that G.C Iron is best as it has less deformation, stress & strain compared to other materials.



Table:3 Fatigue Analysis Results

Material	Safety factor
Aluminium alloy 6061	0.958
Structural steel	1.2499
Grey cast iron	1.9166

From the above table it is observed that G.C Iron has the highest Factor Of Safety .

CONCLUSION

In this research, a robot arm was constructed and valued utilizing a CAD-tool with real-time boundary conditions using three different materials (Al 6061 , Structural steel ,GC iron). The results of deformation and stress, as well as shear stress and strain, frequency values, were displayed and analyzed for all models. We'll determine which material has the least weight and the least number of stress values based on all of these findings. We obtained varied stress and strain values when evaluating models made of various materials. When comparing robotic arm by materials, we can conclude that the GC

iron arm robot has decreased total stress by 50% and increased natural frequency by 124 percent when compared to the Aluminium alloy 6061 arm robot. In comparison to other

materials, GC iron creates significantly less stress and has a high natural frequency. As a result, we know that composite materials are typically high-strength but also costly materials. When comparing the different materials used in arm robots, we can see that GC iron is 47 percent lighter than Aluminium alloy 6061 and also lighter than other materials. We discovered that structural steel has a longer life and a higher safety factor, indicating that structural steel is the best material for high fatigue strength. As a result, we can infer that the design and material of the robot arm have been adjusted for effective operation using GC iron composite material.

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