

Robot social design -Facial expressions

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ABSTRACT - This paper addresses the design of an emotional robot; which will be able to mimic some human expressions using servomotor. This work focuses on imitates the movements of the eyes, mouth. In order to make a face having facial expressions. We did all the modeling giving versatility, in order to approach the human face and imitate their movements. Upon completion of all the mechanisms of emotional robot will be printed using a 3D printing system to complete the assembly. Design the model of an emotional robot; which can imitate the movements of the eyes, mouth, arms and fingers of one person to generate different expressions, such as joy, anger, sadness, and fear.

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I. INTRODUCTION

one of the technologies that is calling powerfully the attention is definitely social Robotics; mainly due to the many applications this can have with service robots; However, to achieve full adaptation to society is necessary to provide machines simulating feelings. To achieve this, it, we must start with the facial expressions of the face; since it is the part of the body where most observe emotions.

Currently, there are already devices that allows the printing of 3D designs, such as printers. Thus the only thing we should do is to generate planes software tools such as Autocad, Rhinoceros or Solidwork.

SolidWorks software is a CAD (computer aided design) for mechanical 3D modeling, currently developed by SolidWorks Corp. The program allows modeling parts, assemblies and removes them both technical drawings and other information necessary for the production. It has a vast array of materials and functions allowing for any project [1]. The introduction of the paper should explain the nature of the problem, previous work, purpose, and the contribution of the paper. The contents of each section may be provided to understand easily about the paper.

II. DEGREES OF FREEDOM

The number of degrees of freedom refers to the minimum number of parameters that need to specify to fully determine the speed of a mechanism or number of reactions of a structure [2] [3]. A common criterion used to know the degrees of freedom of a mechanism is called Grubler- Kutzbach criterion:

$$m = 3(n - 1) - 2j_1 - j_2 \quad (1)$$

Where:

m , mobility.

n , number of elements (links, rods, pieces, etc.) of a mechanism.

j_1 , number of joints of 1 degree of freedom.

j_2 , number of joints of two degrees of freedom.

Note: this formula is valid only if there are no redundant links, That is to say links physically appear in the mechanism but are not necessary for its movement. In order to use the criterion, we must eliminate redundant links and then calculate the degrees of freedom of the mechanism.

All fixed parts (ground connections) are included as the first element. Although the degree of freedom of some unions is easy to visualize, at other times can be changed by equivalent systems [2].

III. ROBOT PARTS

Eyes and eyelids

Ocular eyes have a degree of freedom for the axis of elevation and two for the orientation axis, the greater speed that can be achieved is similar to a human, which is $600^\circ / s$ [4] [5].

Mouth

The human mouth is covered by the upper and lower lips and plays important roles in various activities such as language and facial expressions like smiling [4] [6]. Controlling the opening of the mouth keeps food and fluids within the oral cavity. The size and shape of the mouth are also critical in oral communication, contributing to the variety of vocal and consistent sounds [7]. The mouth is an organ used by humans to communicate large number of expressions, through this body can show happiness, sadness, fear, among other expressions [8].

IV. TWO SPECIAL ROBOTS

WE-4R

In 2003, the robot WE-4R (Waseda Eyes # 4 Refined) that could express its emotions by using its facial expressions, torso and arms [9] was developed. In 2004, developed WE-4RII (Waseda Eyes # 4 Refined II) by integrating the robot anthropomorphic robot hand RCH-1, allowing him skills such as emotional expression, the ability to grasp and touch detection [9] [10]. To see figure 1.

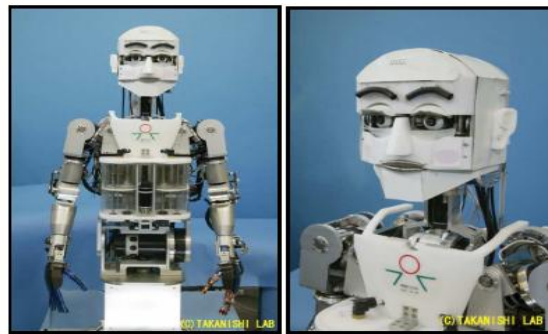


Fig. 1. WE-4RII

KISMET

Kismet is a robot equipped to express feelings with 15 DOF (degrees of freedom) that thanks to its numerous joints. It can simulate a variety of human expressions. It is a development of MIT in the late 90s. These degrees of freedom allow you to simulate emotions such as anger, joy, sadness, worry, concern, disgust, surprise, among others [11] [12]. To see figure 2.

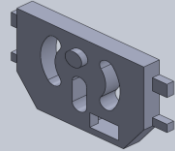
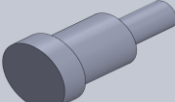
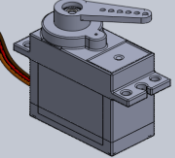
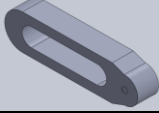
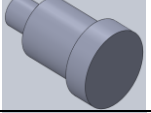




Fig. 2. Expressions generated by Kismet

V. DEVELOPING

For the development of the mouth, a joint mechanism 4 in which is held fixed the top center point is proposed. Thus controlled by the remaining 3 joint movements are possible different expressions such as happiness, sadness, surprise, anger, boredom, among others. The mechanism comprises a mouth 7 different parts assembly attached to a main frame with a maximum of 3 degrees of freedom and approximate dimensions 106mm X 85mm X 35mm. To reduce the size of the mechanism, it is proposed to use servo HEXTRONIK HXT900. Table 1 shows the mechanisms designed.

Table 1: List of components for the mouth

| <i>Number of pieces</i> | <i>1) Component</i> | <i>2) Image</i> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 3) 1 | 4) Main Section |  |
| 5) 2 | 6) lateral bolt |  |
| 7) 3 | 8) Servomotor HXT900 |  |
| 10) 2 | 11) Side rail |  |
| 13) 1 | 14) lower bolt |  |
| 16) 1 | 17) Bottom Rail |  |
| 19) 3 | 20) Stopper bolt |  |

To achieve body movements we must consider the minimum engine, and the increase also leads to an increase in energy consumption. Joining all components, the end mechanism is as shown in the figure 3:

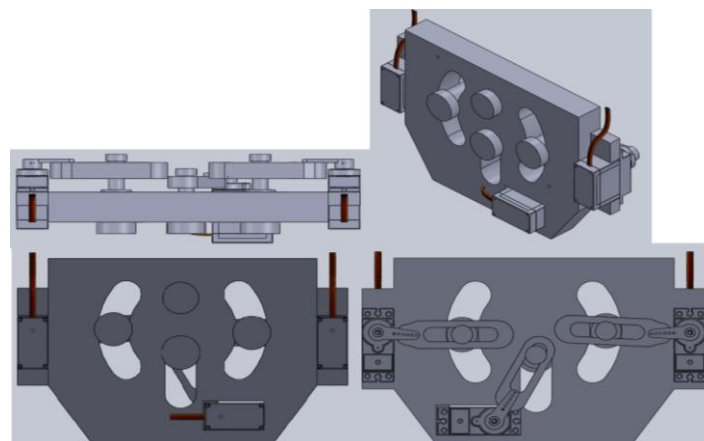
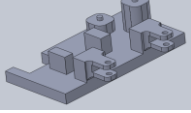

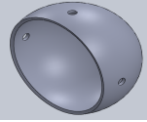
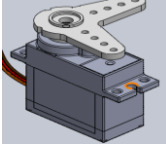
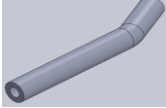
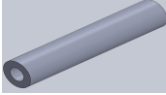


Fig. 3 Join the mouth (top, isometric, front, back)

EYES

A key to give expression to our face part is the eyes. So care must be taken in its design. So we have to use servomotors dimenciones reduced.The mechanism that makes eyes with 2 degrees of freedom allowing mimic the movement of a human eye. The mechanism requires 6 different components assembled on a base. For this mechanism HXT900 two servomotors are used.Table 2 shows the mechanisms designed for the eyes.

Table 2: List of component for eyes

| Number of pieces | Component | Image |
|------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1 | Home Base |  |
| 2 | Inner coupling eye |  |
| 2 | Eye |  |
| 2 | Servomotor HXT900 |  |
| 2 | Lateral eye bolt |  |
| 2 | Superior eye bolt |  |

Joining all components, the end mechanism is as follows:

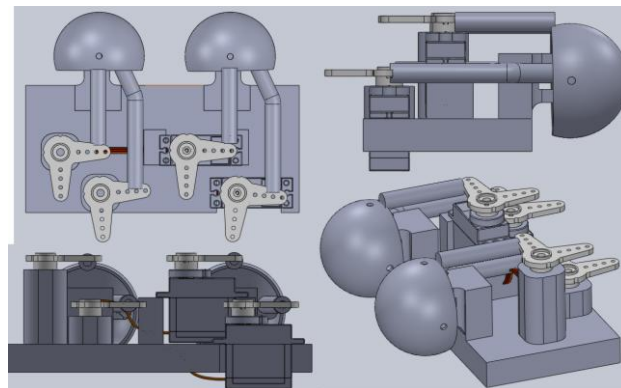


Fig. 4. Assemble eye (top, side, back, isometric)

Figures 5 and 6 we can see the assembly of the head with the mechanisms designed.

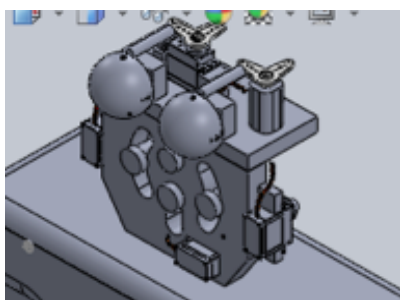


Fig. 5. Three dimensional view of the head.

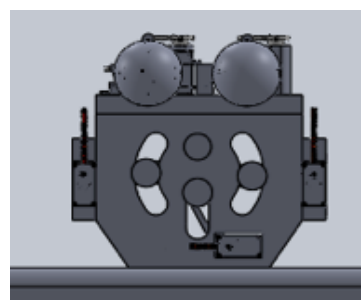


Fig. 6. Front view of the head.

In Figure 7 the head is observed designed placed on a back of a robot.

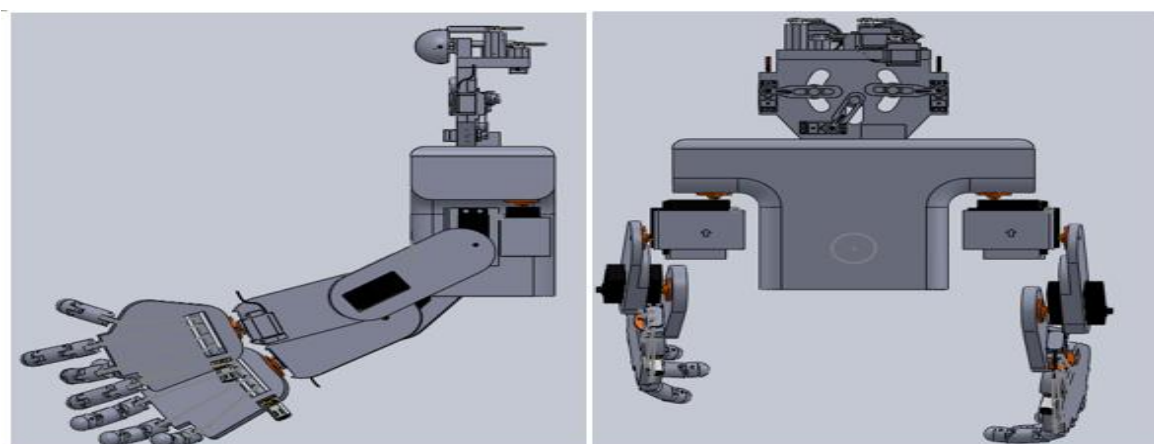


Fig. 7. Mounting the robohead on back

VI. CONCLUSION

The design of an affective robot requires several different mechanisms to mimic human expression; However, try to imitate this type of mechanism is a complex task and that to achieve the full camouflage is necessary various actuators and motors working together in a small space.

Although this design is relatively simple, the mechanisms that allow the movement required of imagination and search various references to understand and simplify movements; allowing, get different expressions with a small number of actuators / motors such as hands and mouth. It is obtained as the end result designing a robot capable of expressing emotions.

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