



Robotics & Automation

– Unit 2.2

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Second Unit of the syllabus

Robot-Basic concepts, Need, Laws of robotics, History, Robot Anatomy, specifications. Robot configurations-cartesian, cylinder, polar and articulate. Robot wrist mechanism, Precision and accuracy of robot. End-effector and Grippers- Classification of robot- progressive advancement in robots, anatomy: links, joint and joint notation scheme, degree of freedom, arm configuration, wrist configuration - Human arm characteristics - applications





Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics

Law One

A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.

Law Two

A robot must obey the orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.

Law Three

A robot must protect its own existence as long as protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.





Robot Anatomy

- Manipulator consists of joints and links
 - Joints provide relative motion
 - Links are rigid members between joints
 - Various joint types: linear and rotary
 - Each joint provides a “degree-of-freedom”
 - Most robots possess five or six degrees-of-freedom
- Robot manipulator consists of two sections:
 - Body-and-arm – for positioning of objects in the robot's work volume
 - Wrist assembly – for orientation of objects





Selection criteria of a Robot

The selection criteria are based upon application, maximum reach, payload, number of axes, repeatability, and mounting position.

<https://tinyurl.com/ywz9hhac>

<https://www.bastiansolutions.com/blog/top-10-things-to-know-about-industrial-robots/>

Robot Specifications

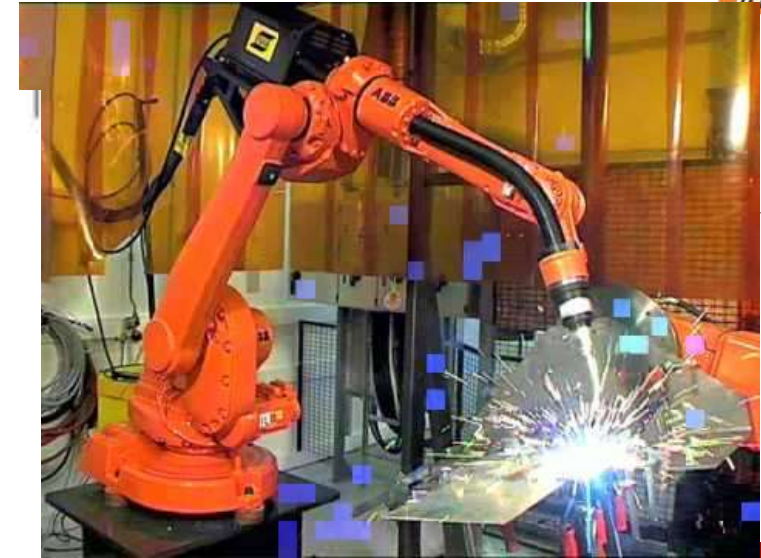
1. Accuracy, resolution, repeatability, speed and payload.
2. Number of degrees of freedom.
3. Geometric configuration of the manipulator.
4. Maximum and Minimum reach.
5. Type of Drive system.
6. Type of Control system.





Table: Selection of Robots

APPLICATION	TYPICAL TECHNICAL FEATURES REQUIRED
Arc Welding	Anatomy: polar, revolute Number of axes: 5 to 6 Control System: continuous path Drive System: electric or hydraulic Programming: manual, powered lead through
Spray Coating	Anatomy: revolute arm Number of axes: 6 or more Control System: continuous path Drive System: hydraulic Programming: manual lead through
Assembly	Anatomy: revolute arm, SCARA Number of axes: 4 to 6 Control System: PTP or Continuous path Drive System: electric Programming: powered lead through, textual language Accuracy and repeatability: high





Factors in Gripper Selection and Design

(as defined by Joseph Engelberger)



FACTOR

CONSIDERATION

Part to be handled

Weight and size
Shape
Changes in shape during processing
Tolerances on the part size
Surface condition, protection of delicate surfaces

Actuation method

Mechanical grasping
Vacuum cup
Magnet
Other methods (adhesives, scoops, etc)

Power and signal

Pneumatic
Electrical
Hydraulic
Mechanical

Gripper force (mechanical gripper)

Weight of the object
Method of holding (physical constriction or friction)
Coefficient of friction between fingers and object
Speed and acceleration during motion cycle

Positioning problems

Length of fingers
Inherent accuracy and repeatability of robot
Tolerances on the part size





Factors in Gripper Selection and Design



FACTOR

CONSIDERATION

Service conditions

Number of actuation during life time of gripper
Replaceability of wear components (fingers)
Maintenance and serviceability

Operating environment

Heat and temperature
Humidity, moisture, dirt, chemicals

Temperature protection

Heat shields
Long fingers
Forced cooling (compressed air, water cooling etc)
Use of heat-resistant materials

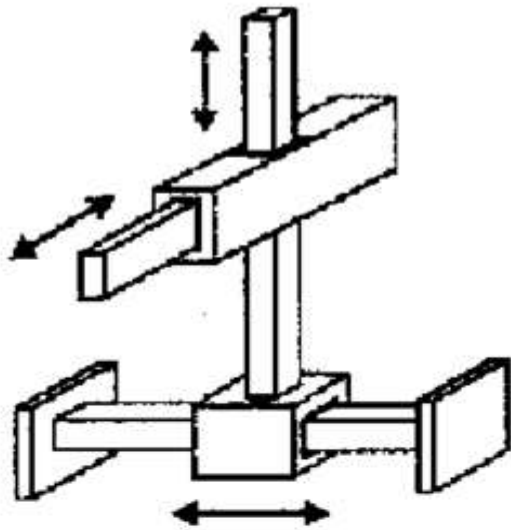
Fabrication material

Strength, rigidity, durability
Fatigue strength
Cost and ease of fabrication
Friction properties for finger surfaces
Compatibility with operating environment

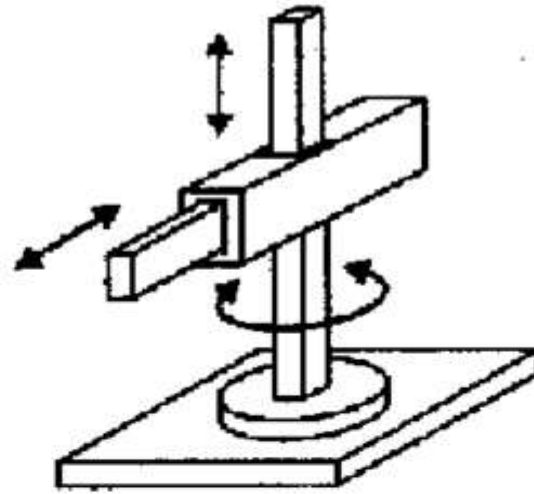
Other considerations

Use of interchangeable fingers
Design standards
Mounting connections and interfacing with robot
Risk of product design changes and their effect on the gripper
Lead time for design and fabrication
Spare parts, maintenance and service
Tryout of the gripper in production

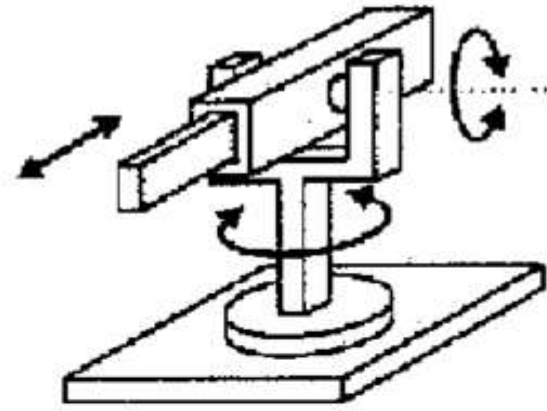




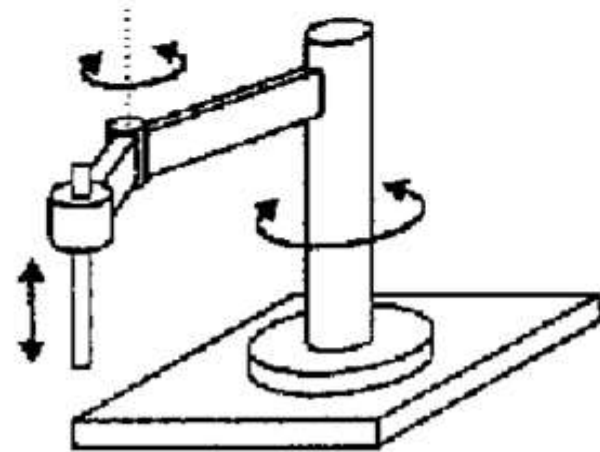
Cartesian Robot



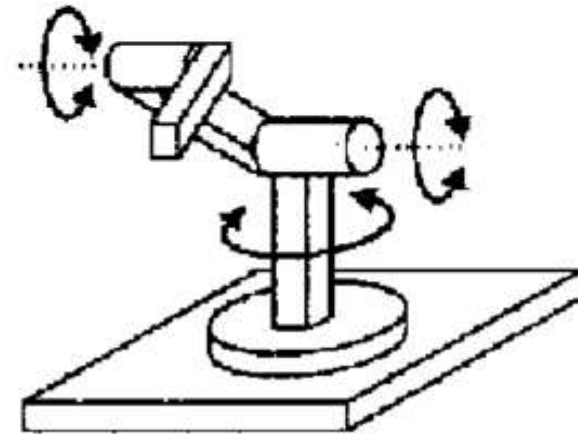
Cylindric Robot



Polar or spheric Robot



SCARA Robot



Angular or anthropomorphic Robot





Summary

Robot Anatomy,
specifications.

Robot configurations-
cartesian,
cylinder,
polar
and articulate.

