

Determining the kinematics of trolley movement using 4 mechanical wheels

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ABSTRACT

4.0 Industrial Revolution brings significant changes across various aspects of life, including the retail sector. The adoption of automation technology in supermarkets can enhance efficiency and consumer convenience. One of the challenges is the use of conventional shopping carts, which require pushing and pulling, often creating difficulties for customers with physical limitations. To address this issue, this study proposes the development of an automated robotic cart using mechanical wheels. Mecanum wheels enable dynamic movement in all directions without the need to change the wheel orientation, making them a more flexible solution compared to traditional differential wheels. The robotic cart is equipped with four 120 mm mecanum wheels and uses DC motors controlled by Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) through an H-bridge circuit and microcontroller. This technology implementation is expected to facilitate smoother cart movement and improve the shopping experience. The study presents the design and kinematic movement of the robot, demonstrating the advantages of using mecanum wheels in enhancing the mobility and flexibility of automated shopping carts.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Industrial Revolution 4.0 is rapidly changing the way we live and work through automation technology [1]-[3]. Machines can now replace humans, control work processes, and increase efficiency and company profits [4]-[6]. However, the application of this automation technology is still minimal in shopping centers [7]-[8]. Supermarkets usually provide shopping trolleys, but manual trolleys often make it difficult for some consumers, especially those with limited hand mobility [9]-[13]. The use of manual trolleys increases consumer hand activity, making them less free to do other activities [14]-[18]. Therefore, a solution is needed in the form of an automatic trolley that can follow consumers consistently to make the shopping experience easier [19]-[21].

This automatic trolley is designed as a holonomic robot equipped with Mecanum wheels, allowing free movement in all directions without the need to turn [22]-[24]. Mecanum wheels are considered more dynamic and efficient than ordinary differential wheels which have limited movement [25]-[27]. In addition, in the movement of the trolley, kinematics is used to determine the position and orientation or direction of the robot [28]-[31]. Kinematics is a field of mechanics that studies the motion of an object without considering the reason why the object moves [32]-[35]. This study uses a DC motor as a driver, which can withstand heavy loads and speeds that are regulated through Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) with an H-bridge circuit controlled by a microcontroller [36]-[39]. To facilitate data collection, this trolley can be controlled using a PS2 joystick, which is a game controller from Sony Playstation. The type of joystick used is a wireless PS2 Joystick which consists of a receiver and transmitter [40]. With this design, the automatic trolley is expected

to increase shopping efficiency and comfort, provide an effective solution for consumers with limited mobility, and overcome the problem of less dynamic movement in manual trolleys.

2. METHOD

Tool design is an important step in determining the components that will be used in the final project. This aims to ensure that the tool created can operate as desired. This research method includes designing and manufacturing hardware and software. In hardware design, the Autodesk Inventor application is used, while in software design, the Proteus application is used to create diagrams and the Arduino IDE to create tool programming sketches. The creation of this final project begins with the creation of hardware in the form of a trolley modified using mechanical wheels, followed by the design of the tool control system and movement testing. The components used in this final project can be seen in Figure 1.

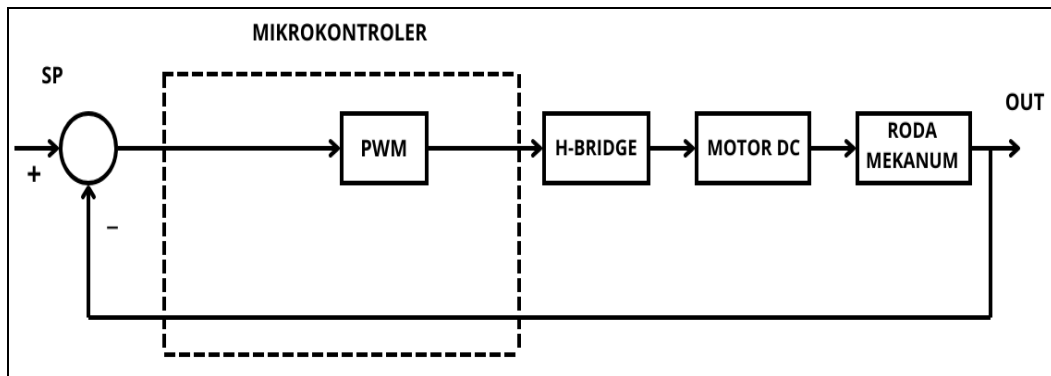


Figure 1. Diagram block of trolley using 4 mechanism wheels

Based on the block diagram above, the design of each block diagram has the following functions: Set point is a value that is set as a reference for the controlled variable. In this final project, the set point value is the desired RPM value and is initialized on the Arduino, a microcontroller that functions to process data or signals that come in as input, an H-bridge circuit that is used to regulate the speed and direction of rotation of the DC motor, a DC motor functions as a driver with a fairly high torque, a mechanical wheel is a type of wheel that is used as a tool to help move the tool.

The working principle of the designed tool is that the process carried out by the microcontroller is an important part of data processing in the tool control system. The data issued by the microcontroller is control data that is sent to the H-bridge module as a component used to regulate the direction and speed of the DC motor as a driver on the trolley. The DC motor used is a DC motor that works at a voltage of 24 VDC, the DC motor can be controlled using the PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) control method, with this method the speed and torque of the DC motor can be adjusted according to needs. The movement of this trolley is assisted by the configuration of four mechanical wheels that allow the trolley to move more efficiently. To facilitate data collection, this trolley can be controlled using a PS2 joystick which is a game controller from the game manufacturer Sony Playstation. The wireless PS2 stick consists of a receiver module and a transmitter module.

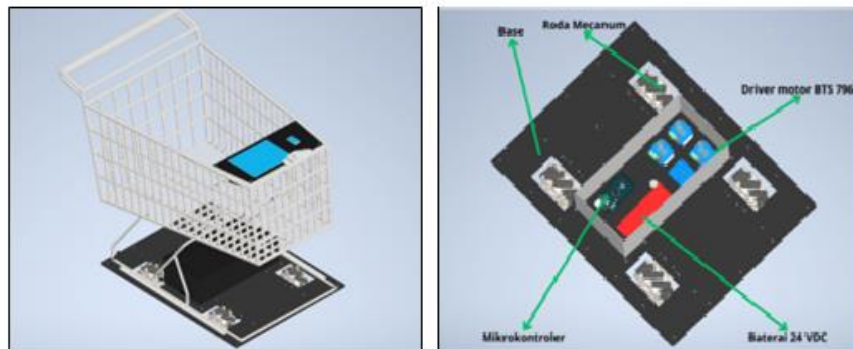


Figure 2. Design of trolley using 4 mechanism wheels

Figure 2 is a mechanical design of the tool making which is used as a reference in the research so that it can reduce errors when making the tool. The mechanical design of the tool on the frame is dominated by iron material with overall dimensions of 850 x 550 mm, while the base uses acrylic material with dimensions of 650 x 500 mm. The system circuit in Figure 3 is a design of the components that will be used in the Trolley using 4 mechanical wheels.

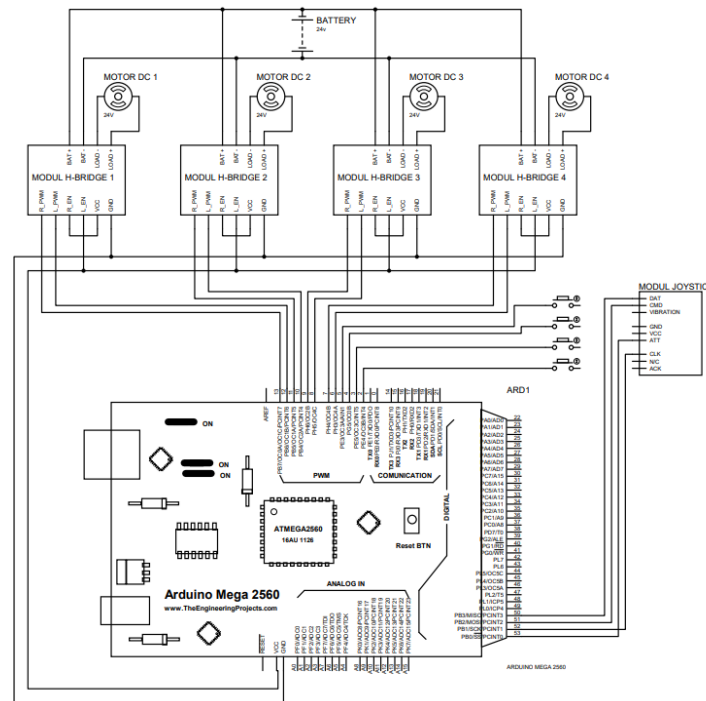


Figure 3. Trolley Hardware circuit using 4 mechanism wheels

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Testing of this tool is carried out after the mechanical design of the trolley is continued by assembling all the components that will be used, namely the microcontroller, H-bridge module, PS2 joystick receiver, DC motor, and several other electrical components. All components used are components that have been tested before being connected to other components, this aims to prevent errors in the testing process. Testing is carried out on a track that is divided into two distances, namely four meters and eight meters, this track is used to visually see the movement of the trolley to be tested. In this test, two comparisons are made, namely the movement of the trolley using kinematics and the movement of the trolley without using kinematics. Figure 4 shows the initial position of the trolley in the test.



Figure 4. Initial position of trolley during testing

The trolley is positioned at the starting point of the track, the DC motor is given a 24V voltage sourced from a 24VDC battery connected through an H-bridge module and other control components are given voltage from a power bank connected through a microcontroller. The control system on the trolley uses a PS 2 joystick by connecting the receiver to the microcontroller. Testing is done by controlling the trolley to move forward using the PS 2 joystick following the track line that has been made with three trials. In a movement with a distance of four meters, the trolley's movement comes out quite far from the track line as seen in Figure 5. In the first trial, the trolley came out 18 cm from the track line, in the second trial, the trolley came out 13 cm from the track line, and in the third trial, the trolley came out 10 cm from the track line.

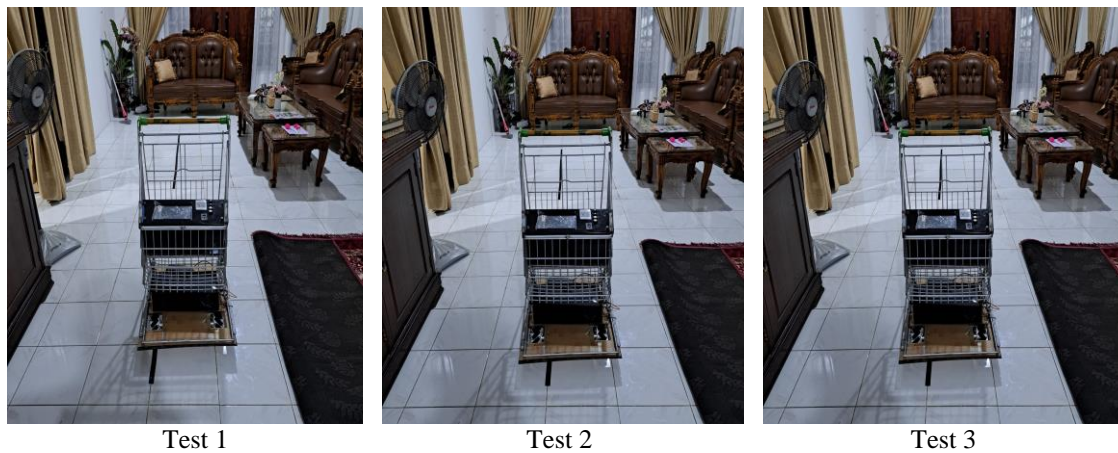


Figure 5. Test without kinematics on the 4 meter track

The experiment using kinematics showed that the accuracy of the trolley's movement was quite good, as can be seen in Figure 6. In the first and third experiments, the trolley moved according to the track, in the second experiment the trolley moved 1 cm out from the track line.

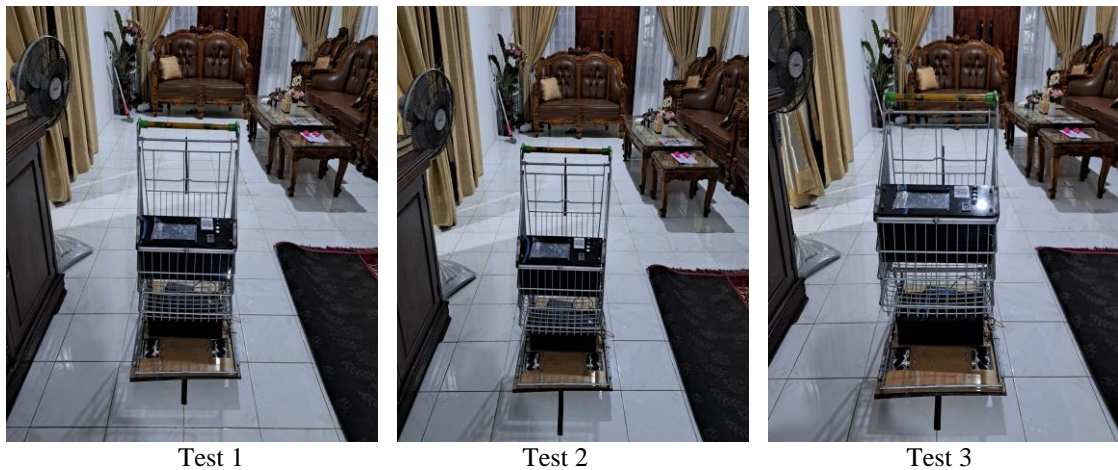


Figure 6. Trolley test using kinematics on the 4 meter track

Testing with a distance of 8 meters the movement of the trolley out is very far when not using kinematics. The first trial the trolley moved out as far as 44 cm from the track line, the second trial the trolley came out as far as 19 cm from the track line, and in the third trial the trolley came out as far as 31 cm from the track line. In the movement using kinematics the movement of the trolley is much more efficient than without kinematics. In the first trial the trolley managed to move straight according to the track, the second trial the trolley came out as far as 2 cm from the track line, and in the third trial the trolley came out as far as 1 cm from the track line. Tables 1 and 2 describe the test data for trolleys using 4 mechanical wheels.

Table 1. Testing movement trolley at four meters distance

Movement	Robot Center Distance From Black Line (cm)		
	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3
Without Kinematics	18 cm	13 cm	10 cm
Using Kinematics	-	1 cm	-

Table 2. Testing movement trolley at a distance of eight meters

Movement	Robot center distance from black line (cm)		
	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3
Without Kinematics	44 cm	19 cm	31 cm
Using Kinematics	-	2 cm	1 cm

After testing with two distances, namely four meters and eight meters, it was seen that the movement of the trolley using kinematics had a more precise movement compared to the movement of the trolley without kinematics. The purpose of testing with these two distances was to determine the movement of the trolley at short distances and long distances.

4. CONCLUSION

From the results of testing and analysis in the study on Determining Trolley Movement Kinematics Using 4 Mecanum Wheels, it can be concluded that the application of kinematics to the trolley using four Mecanum wheels was successful, as evidenced by the system's ability to operate according to the planned program. In addition, the application of the PS2 Joystick controller was also successful with good command responsiveness. Testing shows that the trolley with four Mecanum wheels has successfully moved according to the created track, although at a long distance, the trolley moves out of the track about 1-2 cm.

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