

Numerical Analysis of Pipe Cleaning Machine

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Abstract: Now a day inspection and cleaning of inner side of pipes is difficult because pipelines are frequently hidden underground they are in contact with the soil subjected to corrosion where pipes made up of steel are effectively oxidizing and get corroded. Although it is less common corrosion also occurs on the inward surface of the pipe and lowers the strength of the pipe. If a crack goes undiscovered and becomes wider therefore by the pipe cleaning machine the surveillance of the innermost of the pipe cleaning can be done by using a surveillance camera and a cutting cleaning mechanism robot can move in horizontal and vertical pipes. It has been designed and fabricated. The robot consists of a motor for propulsion and a camera for investigation and by which the streaming of cutting action can be seen on android and IOS software.

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I- INTRODUCTION

The robotics is a fastest growing field in engineering and now they are used in a wide range in many fields to make the work easier. Generally robots are used in many industries. Due to this application they vary in sizes and work easily at any condition and atmosphere where manual operations are impossible. Due to these applications of robots in oil and gas industries and pipelines, cracks and corrosion occur and leakage of fluids will happen and because these pipes are hidden underground they are difficult to inspect and clean. For that Hoon Jong Kim &

Gokarna Sharma proposed a "Pipe Inspection autonomous mobile exploration robot" for 150mm pipeline and which can control independently called FARMER 'A Fully Autonomous Mobile Robot for Pipeline Exploration'[1]. Also Mihita Horodincea and Loan Doroftei proposed a miniature inspection robot, with a stator rotor and universal joint used for the mobility of the robot[5]. Zhelong Wang and Hong Gu proposed a brush pipeline robot used to clean a pipeline with stubby bristles between a diameter of 9 to 15 called 'A Bristle-Based Pipeline Robot'[3]. Hyouk Ryeol Choi and Se-Gon Roh proposed a miniature in-pipe inspection MRINSPECT series robot for practical application.[4]

II- OBJECTIVE

- To make a flexible robotic design so as to regulate according to the pipeline parameters.
- To add a gripper to the robot which can contract and enlarge according to the pipeline parameters?
- To regulate the whole system remotely.
- The cleaning and surveillance of the interior of the pipe by mechanism.

III- WORKING PRINCIPLE

The working principle used in this robot is the inversion of a four-bar chain mechanism or GROSEFF Law.

A. Condition for four bar Kinematic chain or GROSEFF Law

“It states that the sum of the shortest and longest link in the kinematic chain must be less than the sum of other two remaining links.”

B. Inversion of Mechanism

A mechanism is a kinematic chain with one link fixed. The fixed is called as frame. Distinctive mechanisms are obtained by fixing distinctive link in a kinematic chain. The process of choosing different link in a kinematic chain for the frame is known as invasion.

Inversion of Four bar chain Mechanism

Various types of inversions are;

- a) Coupled wheels of Locomotive(Double crank Mechanism)
- b) Pentograph (Double Lever Mechanism)

For inserting robot in the pipe we have to pull the translation element backward there by compressing the spring as shown in fig A. due to the arrangement of links according to four bar mechanism the outer most link move inward. After introducing robot in pipe we have to leave the translation element, then spring expand and due to the fore of spring and arrangement of link again the outmost link move outward and robot get hold in the pipe.

KINEMATICS OF MECHANISM

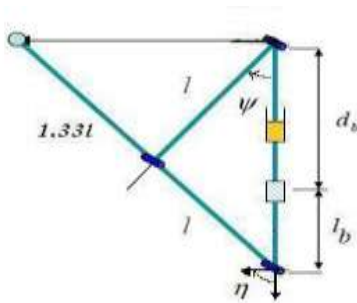
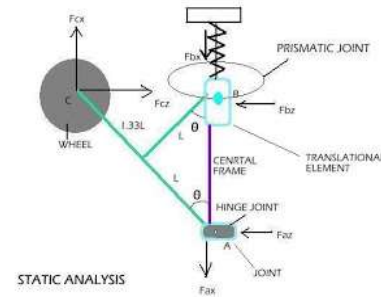


Fig :- Kinematics of Mechanism

This is a four-bar mechanism consisting of three revolute joints and one shimming as depicted. Thus, the passage of all revolute joints can be specify in terms of the movement d_b .

A Static analysis



Fig; Static analysis

$$\delta W = F_{cz}\delta z - F_{bx}\delta x = 0 \text{ where } F_{bx} \text{ is a spring force.}$$

This is because only F_{cz} and F_{bx} manipulation work. The comparable coordinates of these forces analogous to the coordinate located at the A hook are expressed as

$$\delta W = F_{cz}\delta z - F_{bx}\delta x = 0$$

$$\delta W = F_{cz}\delta(2.33l\sin\theta) - F_{bx}\delta(-2.33l\cos\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{cz} * 2.33l\cos\theta\delta\theta - F_{bx} * 2.33l\sin\theta\delta\theta = 0$$

Rearranging gives

$$F_{bx} = F_{cz} * \cos\theta / \sin\theta$$

Thus, the spring force at the shimmering joint B is related to the regular force F_{cz} by

$$F_{bx} = F_{cz} * \tan\theta$$

And total weight W of robot is the sum of the six suction forces strive on the belt. Thus, each suction force F_{cx} is one six of the whole weight of the robot structure. Thus, dimensions of the actuator boxed-in within the wheel is compured by $F_{cx} * R = WR/6$

Where R is that the radius of wheel. From the top of static analysis .it's additionally known that the massive weight of mechanism doesn't influence the folding motion of the linkage .The spring stiffness is found to be 0.9N/mm and also the spring force to be 4.5 . so we tends to came the conclusion that the mechanism ought to have atleast 3kg torque . So,we used 3 actuators with 1.5kg torque(total 4.5kg torque).It's safe to use an actuator with additional torque than the desired torque.

b) Basic construction Design

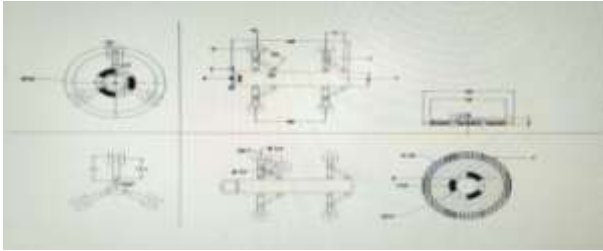


Fig:- Basic construction Design

METHODOLOGY

The principle of this project is to audit various pipes and provide its actual picture to operator. Robot works on the chuck jaw mechanism. Robot is draft in such a way that lower human efforts while audit the industrial pipes. Various steps carried out to lower weight of robot. Hence audit of pipes is done by robot to get vital data.

CONSTRUCTION

This robot comprise of following parts

- Central Body Parts
- Interpretation Element
- Connections
- Motors
- Wheel
- circuit
- battery
- spring

Central body is the casing of robot. On this edge joints are brazed at 120 degree, spring and interpretation is mounted on it combined with principle frame of focal body toward one side of spring by packing the spring . The connections are appended the joints on focal components and interpretation with the assistance of nut and fasteners engine is mounted on the furthest connection through an opening penetrated on it.

Central Body Element



Inner dia - 12mm
 Outer dia - 15 mm
 Length of body- 625mm
 Material – mild steel

Fig :- central Body Element

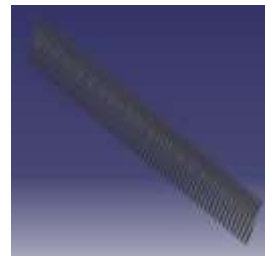
a) Translation Element



Inner dia- 17mm
 Outer dia- 20mm
 Length of Body- 70mm
 Material- Mild Steel

Fig :- Translation Element

b) Spring



Spring dia -2mm
 Free
 Length- 300mm
 Compressive Length-240mm

Fig :- Spring

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c) Link



Length-63mm
 Width-20mm
 Thickness-2mm
 Material -Aluminium

d) Cutter



Material Used For Cutter is High Speed

f) DC motor

ADVANTAGES



50 rpm 12 volt dc
along with gear box
for enhancing
torque

Fig :- DC Motor

- It will alter itself per specific vary of pipe diameter
- Robot is simplest ,most energy economical and have the simplest potential for long vary
- This will move on pipeline with sensing element
- It may also sight tiny defects and flaws by scanning the surface of pipes.
- Simple in style and construction
- Low maintenance.
- Rechargeable batteries.
- Special varieties of accessories are often mounted on that.

g) Wheel



Diameter-70mm
Thickness-4 mm

Fig :- Wheel

FUTURE SCOPE

- To design the robot with track and wheel.
- To resolve type of flow and fluid employing sensors.
- To improve buckle by mounting autonomous roboti arm.
- To audit and improve flaws in a nuclear reactors pipeline.

h) Actual Design of Construction

CONCLUSION



Fig :- Actual Design Of Construction.

Pipe cleaning robot is working on the mechanism of four bar mechanism which is to audit the pipe of four bar mechanism which is t audit the pipes of 9 inches to 12 inches horizontal and vertical pipes with maximum crawl of 2 km/hr and for cleaning the cutter sizes can varies as per requirement with Wi-Fi connectivity video monitoring of interior of pipes for inspection and cutting can be seen IOS and android software , also brushing action also allow on cutter mechanism for corrosion and oxide flames inside of pipes due to this inspection and cleaning of pipes done together

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