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MOTION

TYPES OF MOTORS

CONCEPT There are several types of motors commonly used in robotics, including DC motors, servo motors, stepper motors, AC motors, hydraulic motors, and pneumatic motors. DC motors are simple to control and can be used for a wide range of applications. Servo motors are designed for precise positioning and are commonly used in robotic arms. Stepper motors move in small, precise steps and are used in applications that require precise control. AC motors are commonly used in industrial applications and large robotic systems, while hydraulic and pneumatic motors are used in heavy-duty applications and environments where electric motors are not practical.

REAL WORLD CONNECTIONS

DC motors are used in the development of autonomous agricultural robots. As a major agricultural state, Nebraska funds ongoing research into the use of robots in farming to increase efficiency and reduce costs. DC motors are commonly used to power the wheels or tracks of these robots, allowing them to move autonomously through fields to perform tasks such as planting, harvesting, and crop monitoring. These motors can be controlled using sensors and software to ensure precise movement and positioning, allowing the robots to operate efficiently and effectively in a variety of agricultural settings.

BACKGROUND

The history of motors used in robotics dates back to the mid-20th century when the first industrial robots were developed. Early robots were often powered by hydraulic or pneumatic systems, providing high torque for heavy-duty tasks such as welding or painting in assembly lines. As technology advanced, electric motors, especially DC motors, became popular for their simplicity and versatility, allowing for finer control in a variety of applications. Today, a wide range of motor types are used in robotics.

EXAMPLES

DC MOTORS are widely used in robotics due to their simplicity, versatility, and controllability. They can provide high torque and are often used in applications that require precise speed and position control.

SERVO MOTORS are a type of DC motor that are designed to rotate to a specific angle or position. They are commonly used in robotic arms and other precision applications where accurate positioning is critical.

STEPPER MOTORS are another type of motor used in robotics that can provide precise control over movement. They move in small, precise steps, allowing for accurate positioning and speed control. Stepper motors are often used in 3D printers, CNC machines, and other applications that require high precision.

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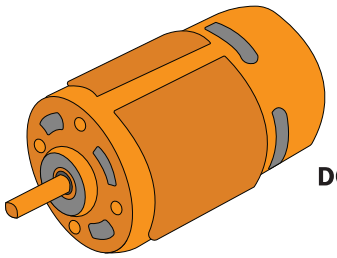
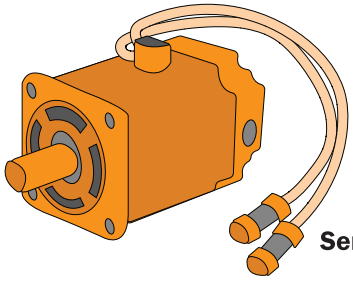
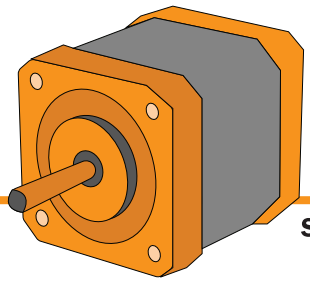


DC Motor



Servo Motor



Stepper Motor

DATA

POWER AND TORQUE: Data on the amount of force a motor can generate and its efficiency, used to select motors for specific tasks.

SPEED AND POSITION: Data on how quickly a motor can rotate and how accurately it can be positioned, crucial for controlling robot movement.

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS: Data on voltage, current, size, and weight of the motor, used to ensure compatibility with other components.

EFFICIENCY AND HEAT DISSIPATION: Data on power consumption and heat generation during operation, used to design efficient and reliable robotic systems.