Exoskeleton Mount

Background Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The work displayed here is a review of the interface and control framework for rehabilitation robot framework which coordinates the human neuromusculoskeletal (NMS) show into the framework. Consolidating with assessment module of natural electrical signs, the NMS model can foresee the administrator development expectation that is utilized as the base for the advancement of the control procedure. The Bio Mechatronics Lab utilizes mechanical exoskeletons to enhance strolling biomechanics in people with the neuromuscular issue. Active engines and transmission frameworks act to give help at the knee and lower leg joints. Appending the transmission structure to the body is testing. The objective of this venture is to outline a flexible framework that mounts the exoskeleton's mechanical segments to the lower-furthest point. Exceptionally shaped orthotics are customarily utilized for this reason; in any case, they require tedious throwing and costly trim manufacture

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1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Introduction

Recovery is to reestablish the capacities of performing day by day life, for example, eating and strolling. Its undertaking is to reintegrate them into social life to enhance the patients' personal satisfaction. The reestablishing level of legged portability for people with paraplegia can clearly advance personal satisfaction. In this manner, the work will concentrate on the capacity restoration of lower-limit. The number of the patients with the need of practical rehabilitation is increasing by the day. With the expanding of the patients with physical development issue, the conventional recovery has been not able to fulfill the necessities, since it is high treatment cost, requests for word related specialists, and predominantly depends on rehabilitation treatment [1]. What's more, besides, the deficiency of word related specialists has likewise turned into a significant social issue. Therefore Adjustable Human-Exoskeleton Mounting Interface for Assisted Gait Rehabilitation is introduced, in attempt to mitigate the aforementioned problems and cater to the needs of the society

1.2 Project Description

Patients with lower and upper limp muscles inabilities usually require assistive devices to allow them perform tasks that require the use of these muscles. The human exoskeletons were designed for purposes of providing these assistive activities. The exoskeletons help in providing the functions that the weak muscles are not able to perform. In addition to that, the exoskeletons help in exercising these muscles in order for them to recover over time and regain their strength. The figure below shows how a human exoskeleton looks like and how it functions (Fig. 1).

Figure 1. Exoskeleton mounted to custom-molded orthotic

1.3 Original System

Engineers have always been interested in coming up with various designs that are able to improve that was people do different thinks. As a result of such interest, engineers ventured into the medical fields, among other fields, to come up with machines that are able to assist the medical practitioners in performing their talks in an effective way [1]. Due to such interests, engineers have developed different kinds of exoskeletons for lower limb, upper limb, or food body assistance. These designs have existed for quite a long time but are consistently changing over time due to significant changes in the worldly activities, including changes in technological knowhow.

1.3.1. Original System Structure

Exoskeletons have existed for quite some time now and have been used for providing assistance to individuals who have issues with their muscles. They help in supporting them and assisting them in exercising their muscles. The original designs were built in different sizes, which help in fitting individuals that range in age difference [2]. The systems use materials that are readily available, including strong metals to providing enough support to the users. In addition, there are soft materials that help in improving the comfort of the system, which allows for use for long hours. Despite the designs, they still need improvements to make them better.

1.3.2. Original System Operations

The exoskeletons have been operating in different ways, which have been changing over the years with development in technology and knowhow. The earlier systems were manually used, where the users had to be supported and manually moved for purposes of providing motion. This did not work well, which led to the introduction of control by a third party, where an individual had to help the users to operate the skeleton [4]. To further advance the designs, the systems now include operations that allow the users to control the skeletons by themselves, which has proven to be more effective and user friendly.

1.3.3. Original System Performance

The system designs have been performing their expected tasks as they were meant to. They did this with minimal challenges. The designs were created for purposes of providing assistance in movements for persons with limited muscle strength. However, the systems need constant improvements for purposes of increasing user satisfaction as well as meeting the increasing needs of patients [1].

1.3.4. Original System Deficiencies

Despite the original systems service the purposes that they were built for, these systems have various deficiencies that require being looked into. For example, the materials that were used in constructing the exoskeletons were quite heavy. These materials made it a challenge for the users to comfortably operate the skeletons for long hours. In addition, these systems are no comfortable to put on as they do not have sufficient protectors to the users [1]. The systems are also limited to specific users since they are not adjustable, which is a major reason why many individuals have to look for designs that are custom made to fit their sizes. In addition, the systems are outdated in technology since technology has significantly developed without seeing a change in the systems.

2. REQUIREMENTS

The client and users have various requirements for the design. The client seeks to improve the original system to have mounting points that are rigid, both to the thigh and to the shank. In addition, the clients want a design that is adjustable to fit people that are of various sizes, specifically those ranging from five year of age to seventy-five years [1]. Other requirements include ease of putting on and removing, minimizing of the irritation caused by the system, and ensuring that the design is light in weigh for effectiveness in its use.

2.1. Customer Requirements (CRs)

In this some portion of our venture we coordinated clients' necessities in our tasks. Our goal is to make it as indicated by the necessities of the clients. While meeting the customer everything turned out to be clear to us that the planning procedure must concentrate on the requirements of the clients. If we outline it as indicated by the necessities of the clients, it will give them a ton of chances to investigate their life and demonstrate their shrouded aptitudes and

improve them feel than laying symbol.

2.2. Engineering Requirements (ERs)

From the client's requirements, the engineering requirements may be interpreted to include:

- Use strong materials
- Adjustability
- Use soft fabric
- Limited weight
- System's size

2.5. House of Quality (HoQ)

We have a goal to make it modest to fulfill client needs. This will be troublesome, yet at the same time, we will adjust our plan to meet the necessity. Our point is to concentrate on what we are outlining and to actualize the thoughts of the better plan to our unique outline to make an ideal item. Through this progression, the group understood that the elements like power, life expectancy, cost, weight, ease of use, all-climate readiness, short setup time, nonhazardous, standard parts utilized and Level of inventiveness are most imperative to be given first significance while outlining the gadget.

HOQ helps us analyze gadgets given various parameters. It investigates the plan to be chosen. This helps us in settling on the choice of selecting the plan. Remembering every one of the prerequisites, which we have investigated above, does this [3]. The requirements list encase that the plan must be moveable, light in weight, adaptable, simple to deal with, minimal effort, less settling time and the simplicity of use. This rundown helped us a considerable measure while planning the gadget. This procedure helped us in making functional enhancements.

3.0. EXISTING DESIGNS

There are numerous gadgets in the business and market which are intended for debilitating individuals. We have inquired about various gadgets on intrigue, particularly which have been intended for disabled patient. We focused on systems that can help the debilitate individuals to do their specialty with no trouble. People with restricted versatility are regularly not able to mingle; prompting to formative difficulties sometime down the road [3]. To discover the requirements of these sorts of outlines we looked into many articles and went by sites. The site handicapped world additionally gave a total diagram on how the plans must be made to feel the incapacitated individual more effective. Moreover, the site was additionally a decent source which helped us a ton to comprehend the prerequisites

3.1. Design Research

Different designs have been created ever since the first exoskeleton was invented. These designs have been improving on their abilities over the years, which make them function in a better manner compared to the previous designs. In order to ensure that the team comes up with the best design, one that is better compared to the rest within the markets, the team took time to analyze the downsides of the existing designs [3]. From getting to know the different challenges and downsides facing these designs, the team formulated a formula to design a system that solves all these problems, which is the design that the team is working on.

3.2. System Level

The exoskeleton systems have undergone different forms of changes over the last couple of years. Existing exoskeleton restoration robot contemplates have for the most part centered on the position and drive control, and they go through three phases of advancement in previous decades. The first stage is to play out the robot control by giving position order from the

administrator, for instance, the control of Hardyman exoskeleton [4]. This project proposed a mixture and various leveled dynamic, responsive control design for the created exoskeleton restoration robot framework. Amid the creating of control calculation, the neuromusculoskeletal model is received, which is useful in building up a natural intuitive interface amongst exoskeleton and administrator.

3.2.1. Existing Design #1: The ReWalk exoskeleton

This exoskeleton provides powered knee and hip motion in order to enable people with SCI to be able to stand in an upright position as well as allow them to walk. This is among the few exoskeleton suits that have been cleared by the United States. The system is controlled using an on board computer that includes motion sensors that help in restoring self-initiated walking through sensing of the forward tilt of user's upper body. It then mimics the gait pattern of able-bodied individuals.

3.2.2. Existing Design #2: The Vanderbilt Exoskeleton

The Vanderbilt exoskeleton is a design that was made by Goldfarb. This exoskeleton is advanced in nature as it assist users in performing the basic motions, including walking, standing, sitting, as well as walking up and down stairs cases. The design provides a modular-based design in which users can assemble and then wear it and also disable after use. Each of the thigh segments has been designed to include two different brushless direct current motors used in actuating the knee and hip joints.

3.3 Subsystem Level

In this project, the LRRSym is intended to give independent preparing where patients are occupied with rehashed and serious assignment particular practice to enhance bring down

furthest point engine work. Plus, studies have demonstrated that dynamic association for administrators in the creation of an engine design brings about more noteworthy engine learning and maintenance than detached development. Wellbeing: The recovery framework is a patient questioned framework [4]. Guaranteeing the security of the subject is an essential issue. The patient ought to guarantee the most astounding need in the execution of the context because the human is inside the control circle. Both programming and equipment ensures the dependability in the proposed framework. For equipment outline, it incorporates selecting secure gadgets, setting crisis to stop catch, and sensible component plan. For programming outline, it incorporates the impediment of servomotors' torque and turns point through servomotor drivers, including important security judging explanations, and so forth.

3.3.1. Existing Design #1: The ReWalk exoskeleton

Based on the clinical studies results of this exoskeleton, the paralyzed patients have the abilities of standing upright and also walk in an independent manner. It helps in improving the quality of their life. This design has incorporated the use of technology to allow for movement by the users. It is among the few exoskeletons to be manufacture that include the use of advanced and up to date technologies that influence its reliability.

3.3.2. Existing design #2: The Vanderbilt Exoskeleton

The Vanderbilt exoskeleton has been design in a way that it includes brushless direct current motors used to actuate the knee and hip joints. The design has a total weight of 12 kilograms making it among the lightest exoskeletons to be built. The exoskeleton has been used by individuals with T10 motor and sensory injury where it worked in a deserved manner. It provides repeatable gait with hip and knee joints aptitudes that are same to the ones observed while in non-SCI walking.

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