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Individualized Finger Prosthesis

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Overview

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Problem Statement

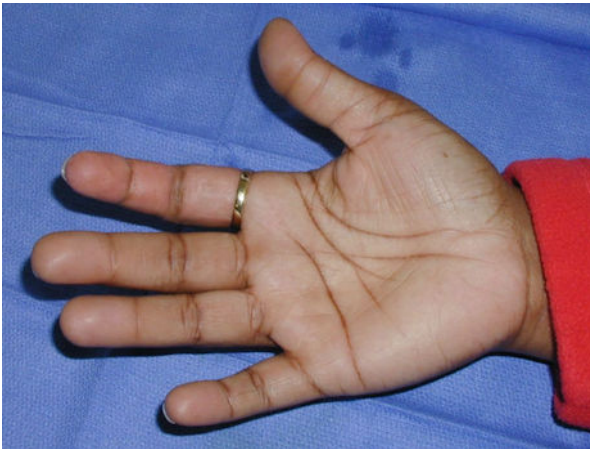
The Challenge: Design a financially reasonable and mechanically functional finger prosthesis without sacrificing aesthetics.



Background

- Approximately 61,000 partial hand amputations a year in the U.S.
- Current options restore phalange include a cosmetic or functional prosthesis
- Costs roughly \$4,000-\$8,000 to acquire prosthesis

Cosmetic



<http://www.medicalartresources.com/services-directory/finger-toe-2/>

Functional



<http://www.npdevices.com/patients/pipdriver>



Product Design Specifications

- Client Requirements
 - Connect our mechanism to the residual finger
 - Easily reproduced within the client's laboratory
 - Max budget of \$500



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- Design Requirements
 - Provide proper tension and flexion
 - Small enough to be concealed underneath a cosmetic coating provided by client
 - Durable for everyday tasks

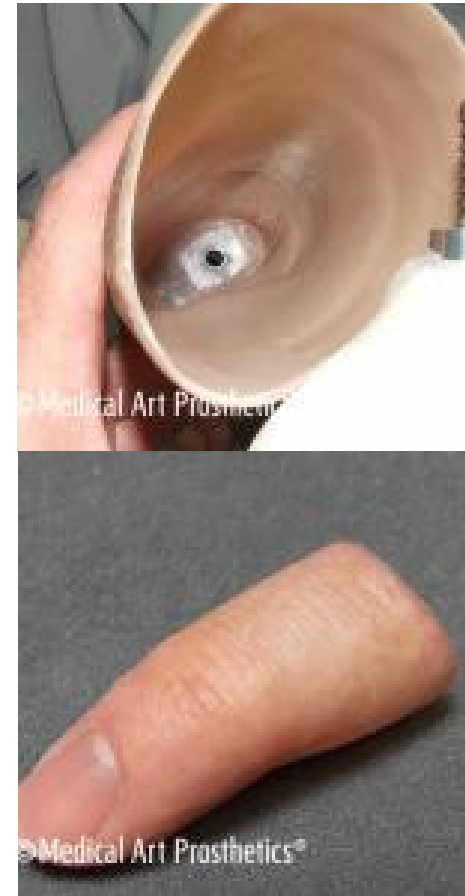


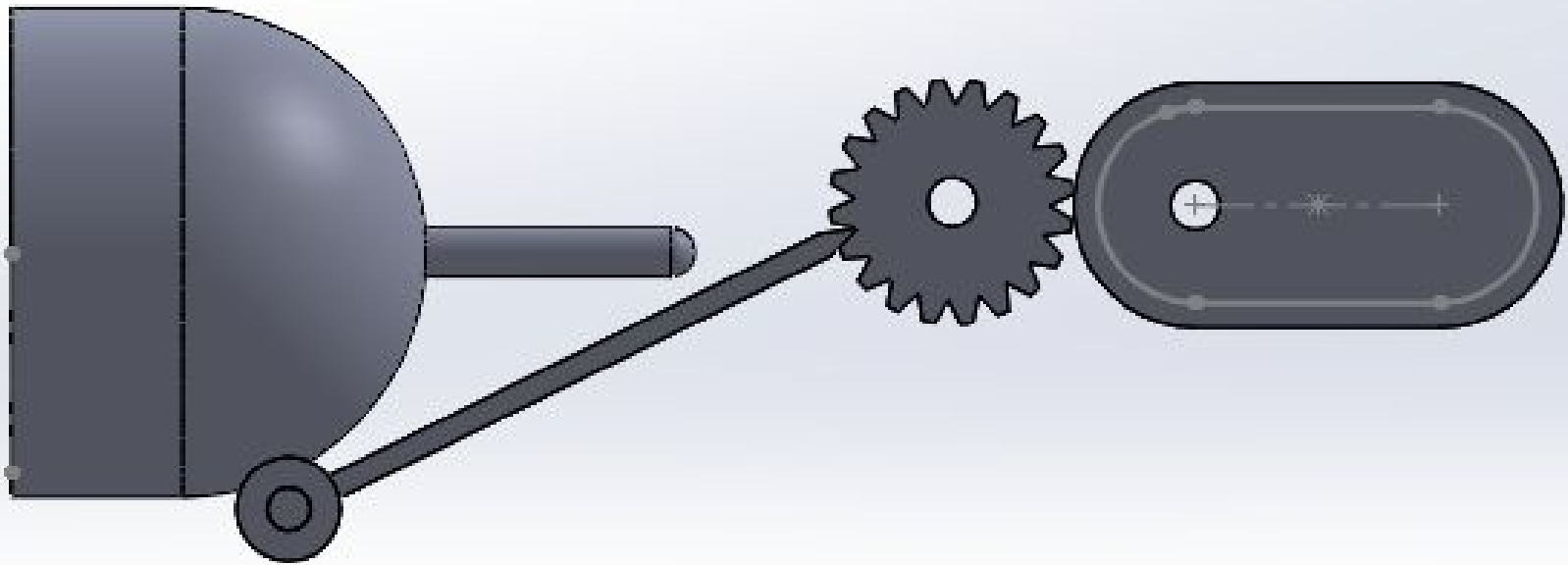
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Design Alternatives



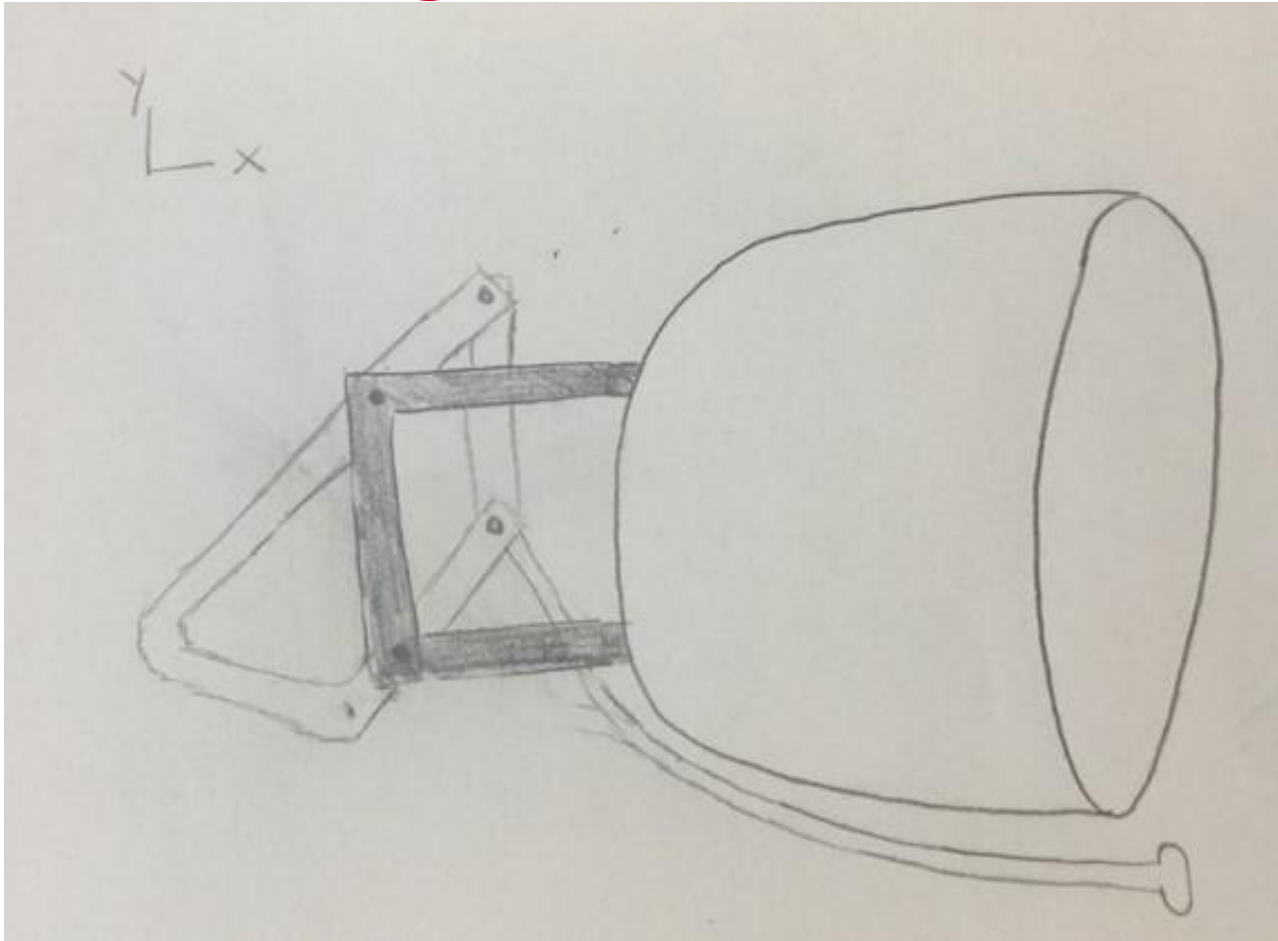
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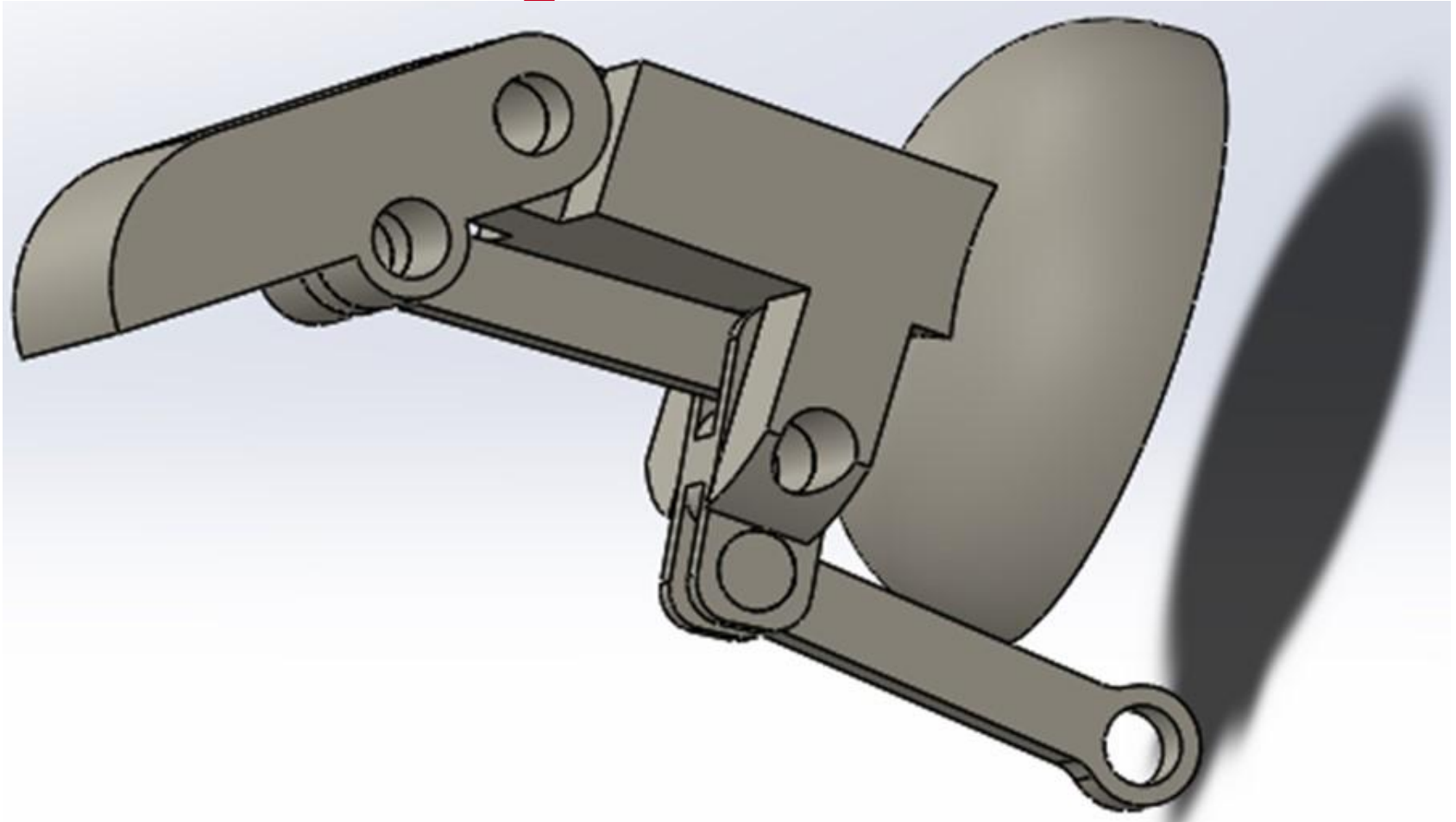
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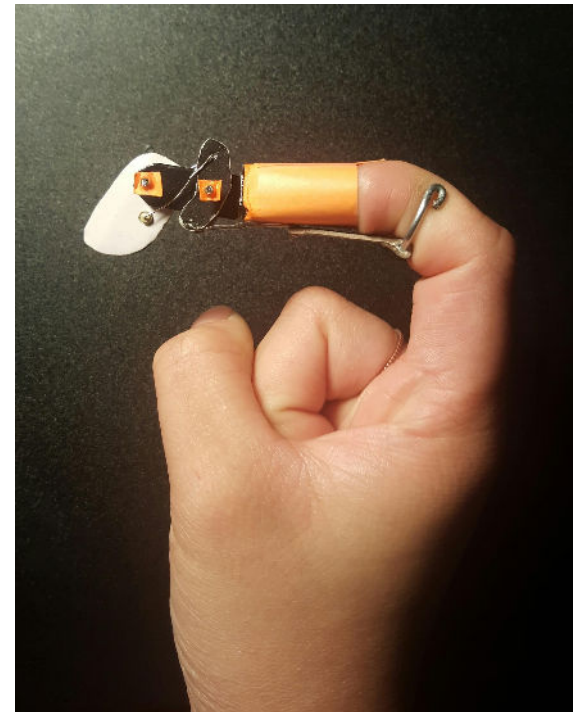
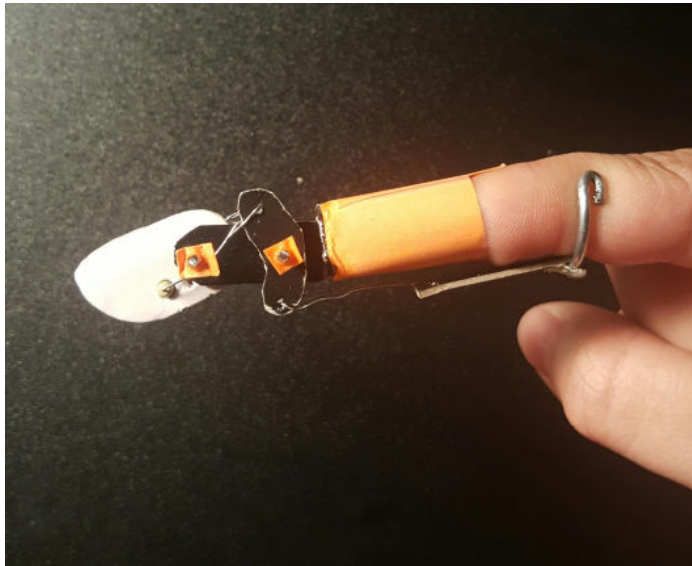
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Design Matrix

	Weight	Links		Two Bar Push / Pull		Leverage Joint	
							
Ease of fabrication	20	4/5	16	4/5	16	4/5	16
Functionality	20	4/5	16	4/5	16	3/5	12
Simplicity of design	15	4/5	12	3/5	9	4/5	12
Estimated lifespan	15	4/5	12	4/5	12	3/5	9
Weight	10	4/5	8	5/5	10	4/5	8
Safety	10	5/5	10	5/5	10	4/5	8
Cost	10	5/5	10	5/5	10	4/5	8
Total			84		83		73



Future Work

- Creating a natural look
 - Preventing abnormalities while bending
 - Bulkiness
- Moisture control - worn 16 hrs/day
- Device adjustment
- Resilience to various amounts of pressure
- Durability - device should last 3-5 years
- Safety concerns



Future Work

- Final prototype



Image Source: <http://cticit.services/home.html/single-page.html>



References

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