Rotary Encoders & Human-Computer Interaction — Pre-Activity Worksheet – ANSWERS

1. Do you know what a rotary encoder is? If so, please explain what a rotary encoder is as best you can.

Yes, a rotary encoder is an electro-mechanical device that converts the angular motion of an axle to an analog or digital code.

2. Have you ever used a rotary encoder? List some examples of devices that have rotary encoders:

Yes. Elevators, computer mouse, escalators, electric wheelchairs, wind turbines, etc.

- 3. How familiar are you with the topic of angles? Rate from 1 (not familiar) to 10 (very familiar) <u>10</u>
- 4. What do you think is the angle shown in each picture? (Write the answer in degrees.)

