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Control of an autonomous aerodynamic airshield for training Olympics 100m sprint athletes

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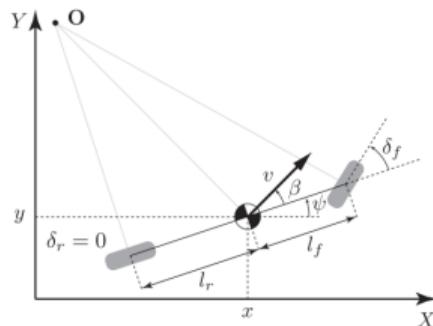
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- ▶ Model of the system: the autonomous go-kart with the airshield attached
- ▶ Design a controller for the system to regulate it with respect to the runner
- ▶ Test the controller

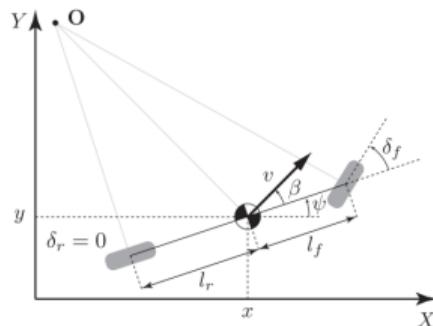
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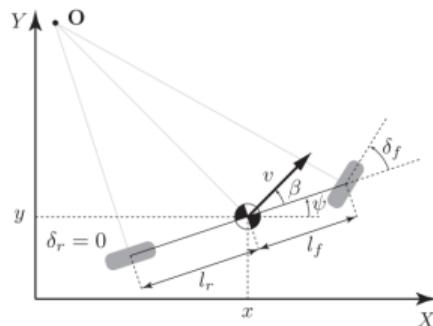


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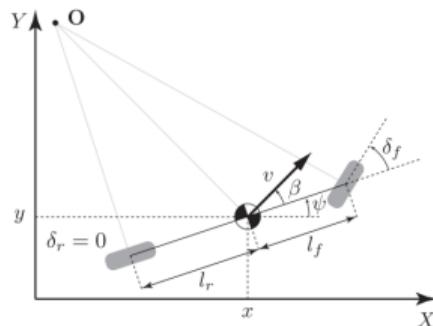
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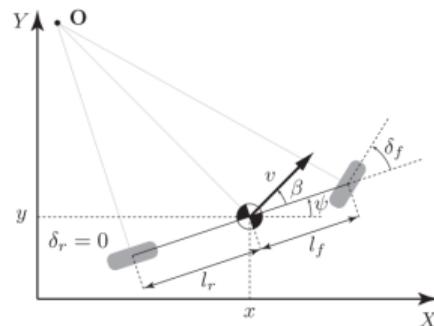
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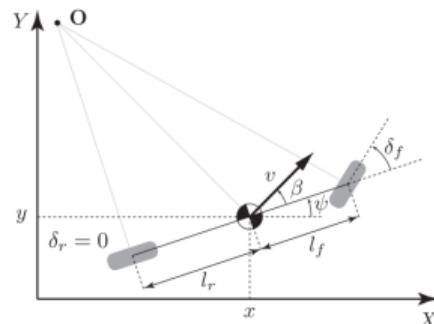
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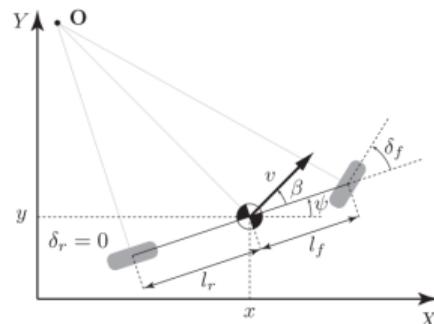
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Linear time-invariant system

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