
Crank-slider displacement

Front matter

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Setup the notebook

Reset the environment

```
Remove["Global`*"];
```

Expressions like **Reduce** do not have an option for assumptions. For that case add kinematic bounding assumptions as a list of equations

```
eqnKinAssumptions = r > 0 && l > r && -π ≤ θ2 < π && -π / 2 ≤ θ3 < π / 2
```

$$r > 0 \ \&\& \ l > r \ \&\& \ -\pi \leq \theta_2 < \pi \ \&\& \ -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta_3 < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

For **Simplify** and **FullSimplify** a list of assumptions is needed

```
lstKinAssumptions = {r > 0, l > 0, r < l, d > 0, -π ≤ θ2 < π, -π / 2 ≤ θ3 < π / 2}
```

$$\left\{ r > 0, l > 0, r < l, d > 0, -\pi \leq \theta_2 < \pi, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta_3 < \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}$$

Worksheet assumptions:

```
$Assumptions = 0 ≤ θ2 < 2 π && 0 ≤ θ3 < 2 π && r ∈ Reals && l ∈ Reals && d ∈ Reals;
```

Without this line, *Mathematica* replaces 1/Cos with Sec and 1/Sin with Csc:

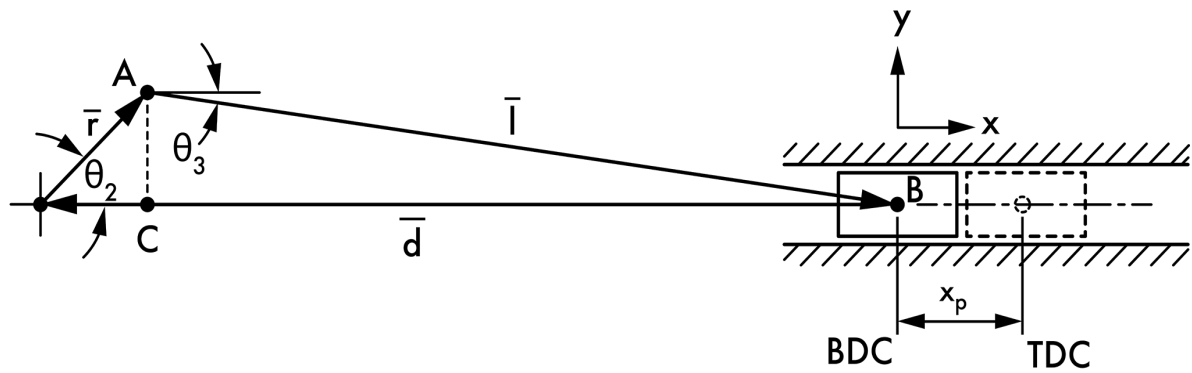
```
$PrePrint = # /. {Csc[z_] => 1 / Defer@Sin[z], Sec[z_] => 1 / Defer@Cos[z]} &;
```

Create publication-ready equations

```
subPretty = {xp → xp, θ2'[t] → ω, dDist → d, mcp → mcp, mcr → mcr, θ2 → θ2}
```

```
{xp → xp, θ2'[t] → ω, dDist → d, mcp → mcp, mcr → mcr, θ2 → θ2}
```

Problem setup



Symbol	Definition	Units
\bar{r}	Crank Radius (Stroke/2)	mm [in]
\bar{l}	Connecting Rod Length (Crank Pin Centerline to Crosshead Pin Centerline)	mm [in]
\bar{d}	Distance from Crosshead Pin to Main Bearing Centerline	mm [in]
θ_2	Crank Angle (RPM * time: $\theta_2 = \omega t$)	rad
θ_3	Connecting Rod Angle	rad
x_p	Piston Displacement from Top Dead Center (TDC)	mm [in]

- \bar{r} Crank radius (stroke/2), mm [in]
 \bar{l} Connecting rod length, mm [in]
 θ_2 Crank angle, radians (equals ωt)
 θ_3 Connecting rod angle, radians
 \bar{d} Distance from crankshaft centerline to slider pin centerline, mm [in]
 x_p Displacement from top-dead center (TDC), mm [in]
 ω Rotational speed, radians/second

Setup the vector loop equations

In this system the sum of the vectors must all equal zero:

$$\bar{r} + \bar{l} + \bar{d} = 0$$

$$\bar{d} + \bar{l} + \bar{r} = 0$$

This can be re-written using Euler's identity, then solved for the distance between crank centerline and crosshead centerline, $\text{Abs}[\bar{d}]$:

$$\text{eqn1} = r e^{i\theta_2} + l e^{i\theta_3} + d e^{i\theta_4} = 0$$

$$d e^{i\theta_4} + e^{i\theta_3} l + e^{i\theta_2} r = 0$$

Since θ_4 is fixed at 180 degrees, substitute this value:

$$\text{eqn2} = \text{eqn1} /. \theta_4 \rightarrow \pi$$

$$-d + e^{i\theta_3} l + e^{i\theta_2} r = 0$$

$$-d + e^{i\theta_3} l + e^{i\theta_2} r = 0 e^{i\theta_4}$$

$$-d + e^{i\theta_3} l + e^{i\theta_2} r = 0$$

Separate into real and imaginary parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eqn2a} &= \text{Simplify}[\text{Re}[\text{ComplexExpand}[\text{eqn2}][[1]]], \\ &\quad \text{Assumptions} \rightarrow \{r > 0, l > 0, d > 0, 0 \leq \theta_2 < 2\pi, 0 \leq \theta_3 < 2\pi\}] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eqn2b} &= \text{Simplify}[\text{Im}[\text{ComplexExpand}[\text{eqn2}][[1]]], \\ &\quad \text{Assumptions} \rightarrow \{r > 0, l > 0, d > 0, 0 \leq \theta_2 < 2\pi, 0 \leq \theta_3 < 2\pi\}] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$-d + r \cos[\theta_2] + l \cos[\theta_3] = 0$$

$$r \sin[\theta_2] + l \sin[\theta_3] = 0$$

The imaginary part, equation 2b, has only one unknown, the connecting rod angle θ_3 , solve for this:

```
eqn3 = Last[Reduce[eqn2b && eqnKinAssumptions,  $\theta_3$ ]]
```

$$\theta_3 = -\text{ArcSin}\left[\frac{r \sin[\theta_2]}{l}\right]$$

Equation 3 can be substituted into Equation 2a and solve for the distance from the crank centerline to the crosshead pin centerline, d:

```
eqn4a = eqn2a /. ToRules[eqn3]
```

$$-d + r \cos[\theta_2] + l \sqrt{1 - \frac{r^2 \sin[\theta_2]^2}{l^2}} = 0$$

```
eqn4 = Last[Reduce[eqn4a && eqnKinAssumptions, d]]
```

$$d = r \cos[\theta_2] + l \sqrt{\frac{l^2 - r^2 \sin[\theta_2]^2}{l^2}}$$

In practice it is more common to reference the displacement to the top dead center (TDC) position so displacement is usually written as:

```
eqnDistTDC = xp == (l + r) - d;  
eqnDistTDC = Reduce[eqnDistTDC, d]
```

$$d = l + r - xp$$

Substitute in the replacement expression for d:

```
eqn5 = eqn4 /. (eqnDistTDC /. Equal -> Rule)
```

$$l + r - xp = r \cos[\theta_2] + l \sqrt{\frac{l^2 - r^2 \sin[\theta_2]^2}{l^2}}$$

```
eqnSliderDisp = Last[Reduce[eqn5 && eqnKinAssumptions, xp]];  
eqnSliderDisp = Collect[eqnSliderDisp, r];  
eqnSliderDisp /. subPretty
```

$$x_p = l + r (1 - \cos[\theta_2]) - l \sqrt{\frac{l^2 - r^2 \sin[\theta_2]^2}{l^2}}$$

Test #1 - Simple crank slider

This test uses round numbers making tracing and debug easier.

```
rIn = Quantity[1, "Inches"];
lIn = Quantity[5, "Inches"];
```

Find the value at 0° :

```
subTest001 = {r → rIn, l → lIn,  $\theta_2$  → Quantity[0, "Degrees"]};
eqnSliderDisp /. subTest001
```

```
xp == 0 in
```

Find the value at 90° :

```
subTest001 = {r → rIn, l → lIn,  $\theta_2$  → Quantity[90, "Degrees"]};
eqnSliderDisp /. subTest001
```

```
xp == (6 - 2  $\sqrt{6}$ ) in
```

Find the value at 180° :

```
subTest001 = {r → rIn, l → lIn,  $\theta_2$  → Quantity[180, "Degrees"]};
eqnSliderDisp /. subTest001
```

```
xp == 2 in
```

Find the value at 270° :

```
subTest001 = {r → rIn, l → lIn,  $\theta_2$  → Quantity[270, "Degrees"]};
eqnSliderDisp /. subTest001
```

```
xp == (6 - 2  $\sqrt{6}$ ) in
```