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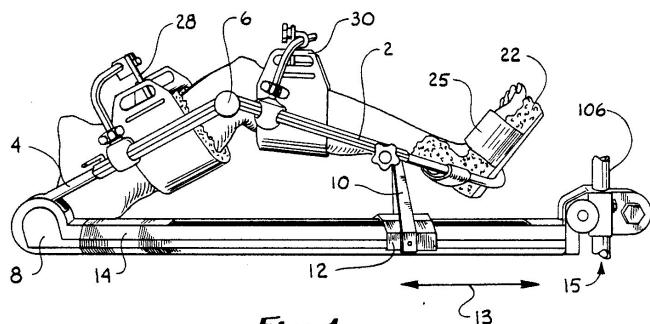
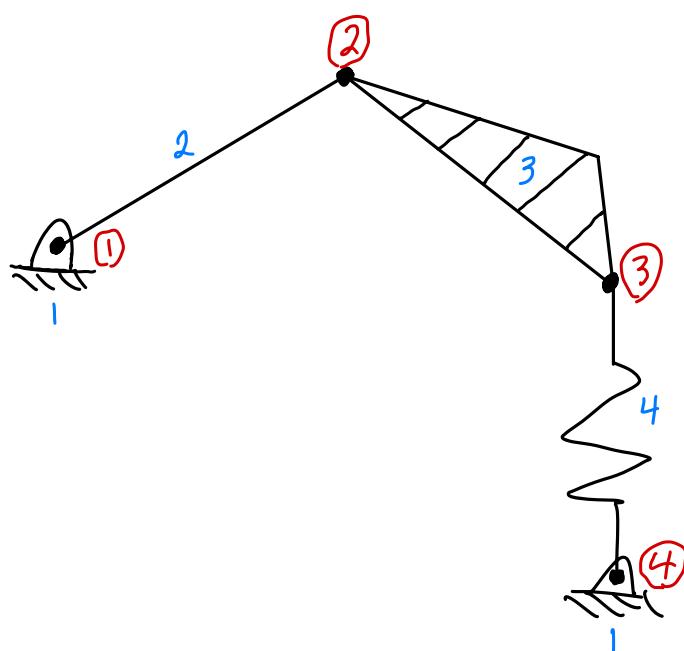
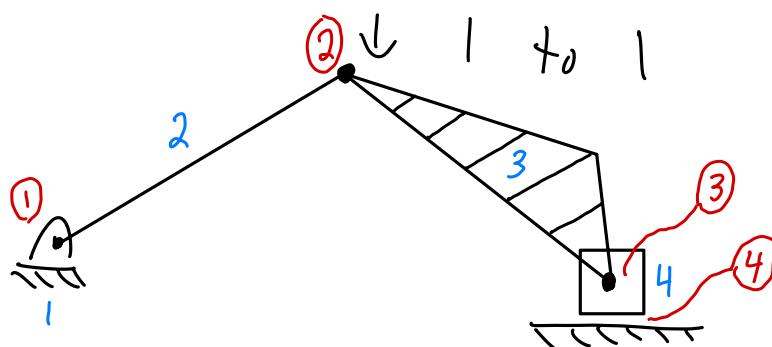


Fig. 1



4-bar

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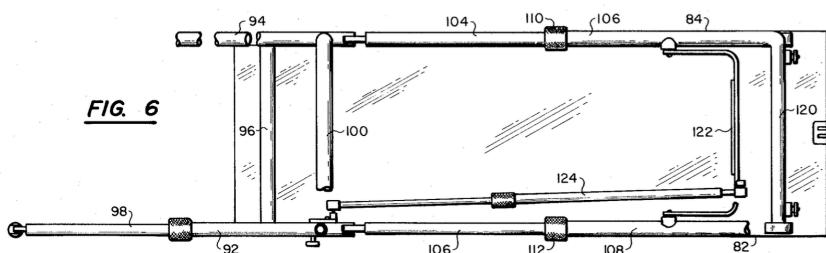


FIG. 6

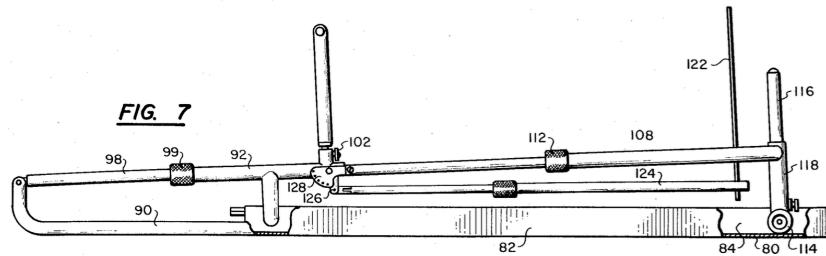
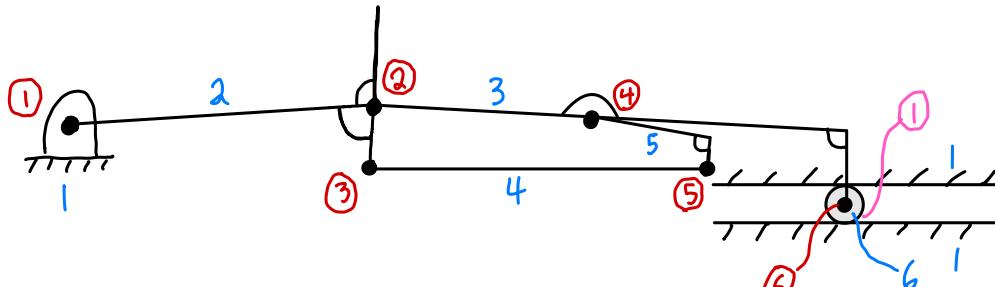
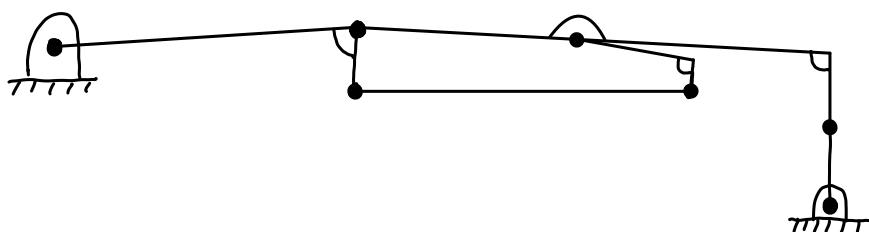


FIG. 7

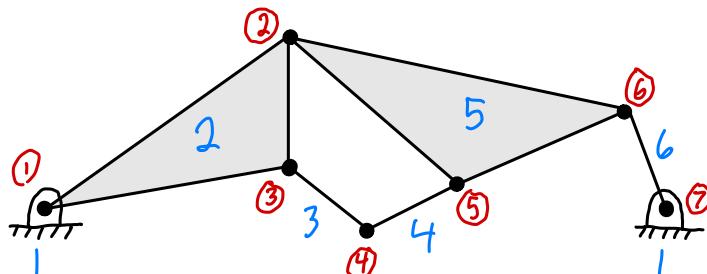


$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOF} &= 3(6-1) - 2(6) - 1 \\ &= 15 - 12 - 1 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

2 DOF



- One DOF for the major motion of the mechanism
- One DOF for the angle of the roller



$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOF} &= 3(6-1) - 2(7) - 0 \\ &= 15 - 14 \end{aligned}$$

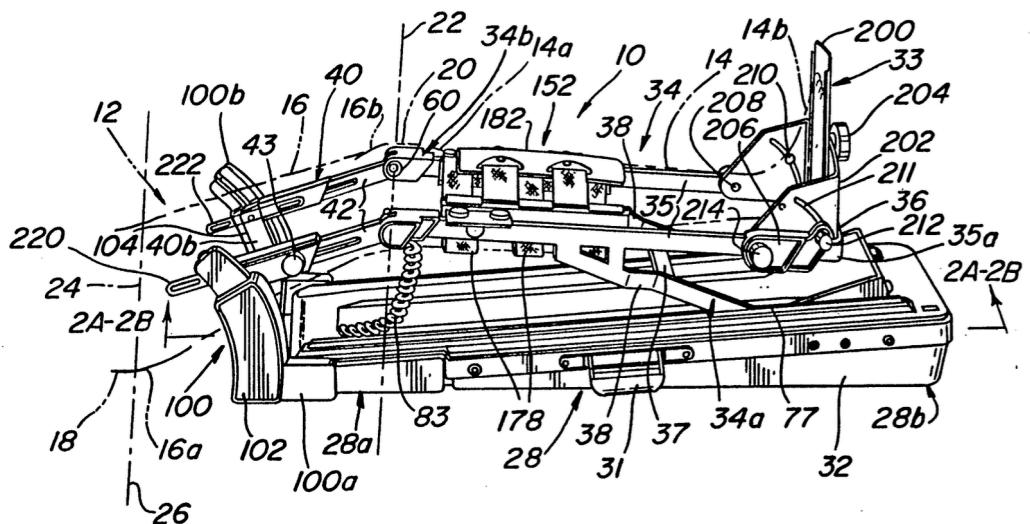
1 DOF

eliminated the roller because its angle is irrelevant, so one less DOF than the original

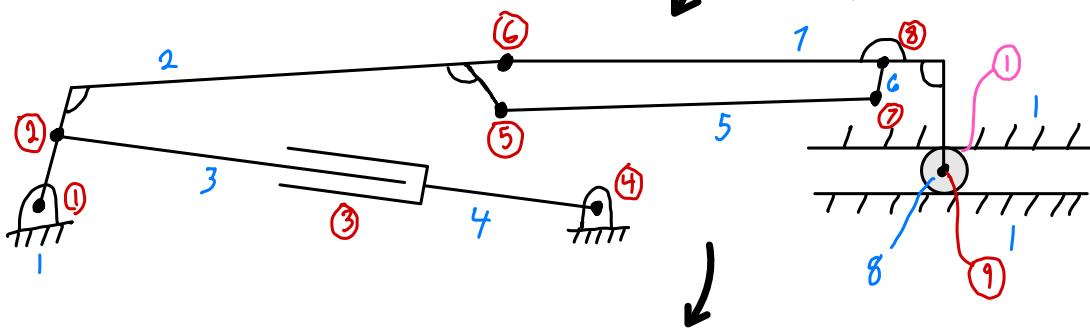
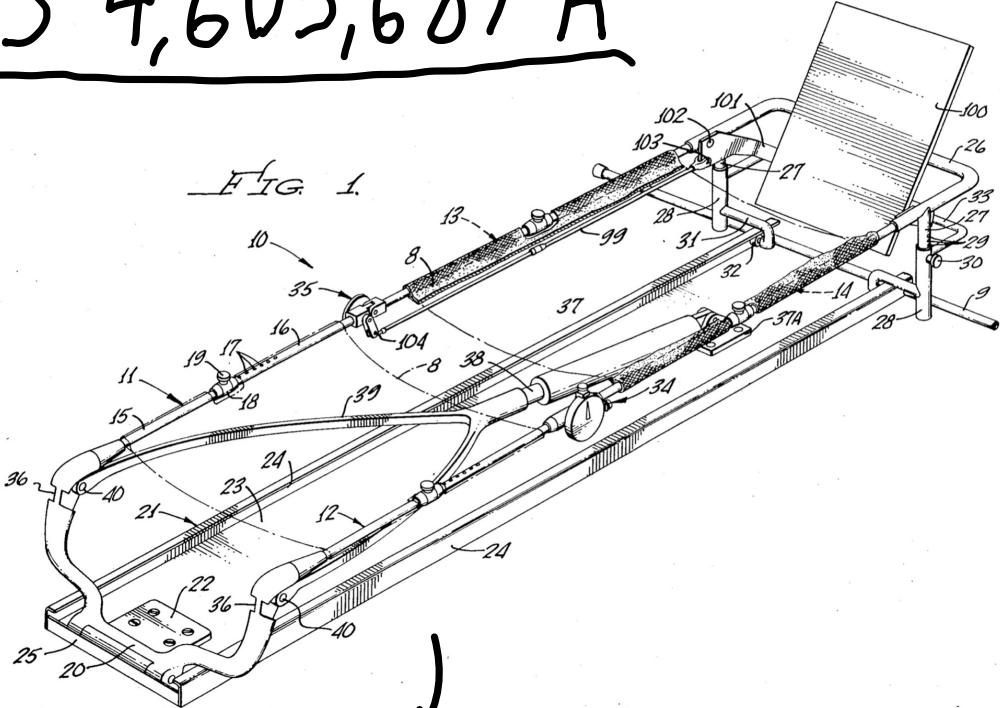
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FIG. 1



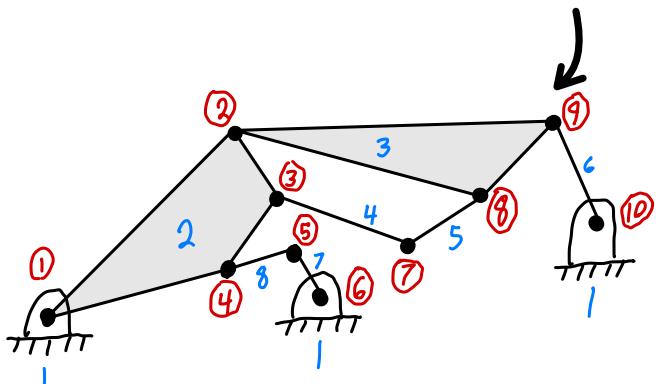
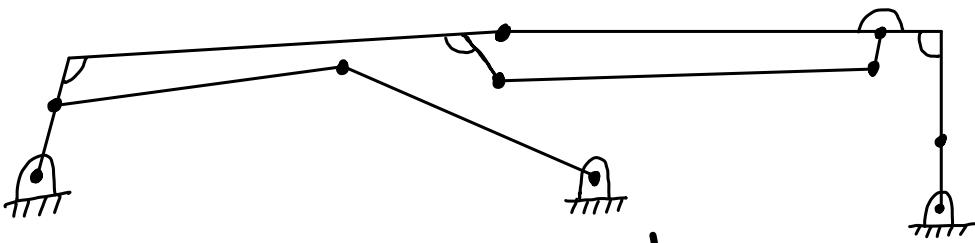
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$$DOF = 3(8-1) - 2(9) - 1 \\ = 21 - 18 - 1$$

2 DOF

- One DOF for the major motion of the mechanism
 - One DOF for the angle of the roller



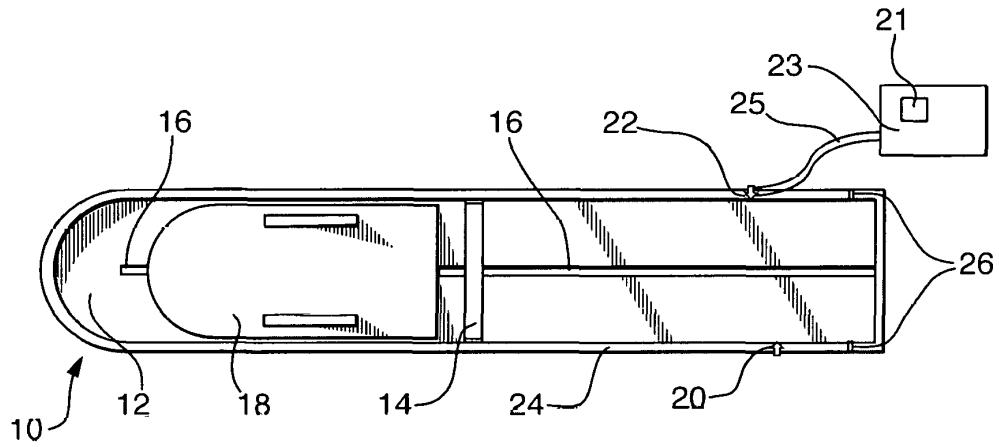
$$DOF = 3(8-1) - 2(10) - 0$$

$$= 21 - 20$$

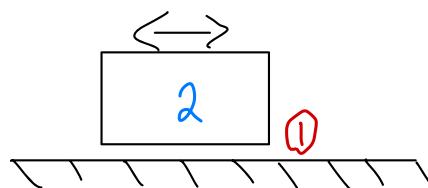
1-2-5

1 DOF

One less DOF
than the original
mechanism due to the
elimination of the roller
because its angle isn't
relevant



↓ 1 + 0 1 side view

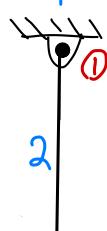


$$\text{DOF} = 3(2-1) - 2(1) - 0$$

$$= 3 - 2$$

1 DOF

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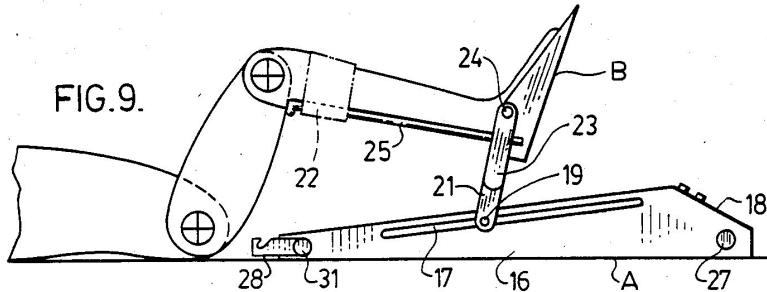


$$\text{DOF} = 3(2-1) - 2(1) - 0$$

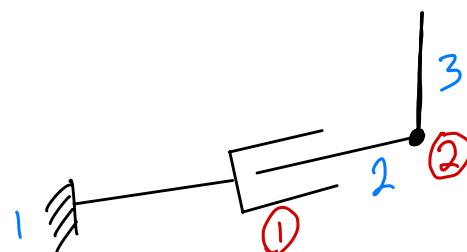
$$= 3 - 2$$

1 DOF

2-Bar

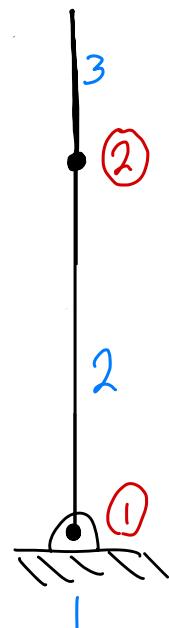


↓ 1 to 1



$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOF} &= 3(3-1) - 2(2) - 0 \\ &= 6 - 4 - 0 \\ &\boxed{2 \text{ DOF}} \end{aligned}$$

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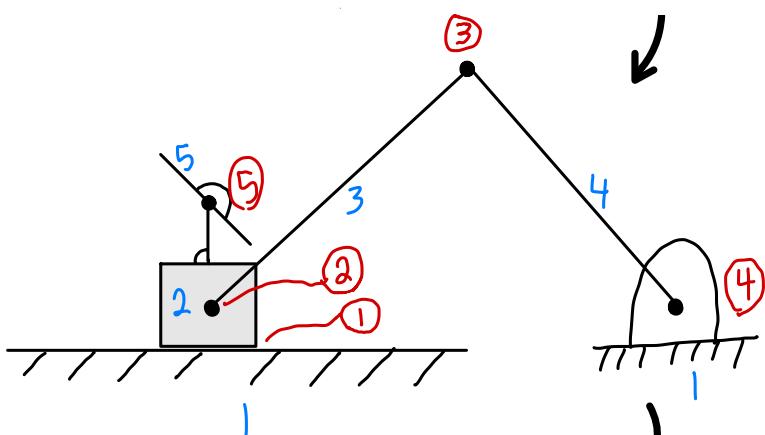
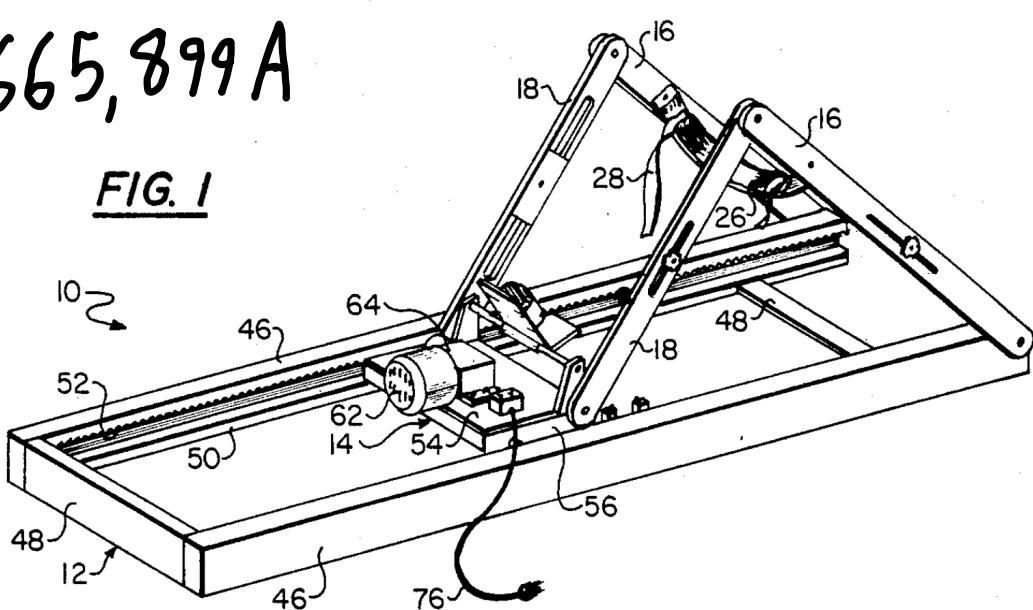


$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOF} &= 3(3-1) - 2(2) - 0 \\ &= 6 - 4 - 0 \\ &\boxed{2 \text{ DOF}} \end{aligned}$$

3-Bar

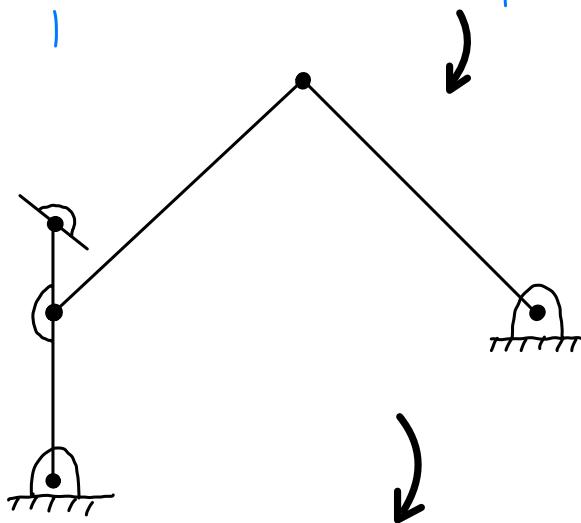
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FIG. 1



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{DOF} &= 3(5-1) - 2(5)-0 \\
 &= 12 - 10 \\
 &= \boxed{2 \text{DOF}}
 \end{aligned}$$

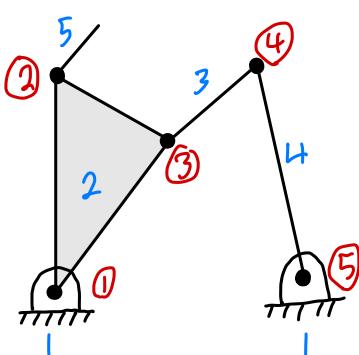
- one DOF for the major motion of the mechanism
- one for the tilt of the foot rest



$$\text{DOF} = 3(5-1) - 2(5)-0$$

$$= 12 - 10$$

$$= \boxed{2 \text{DOF}}$$



4-bar w/ extra link

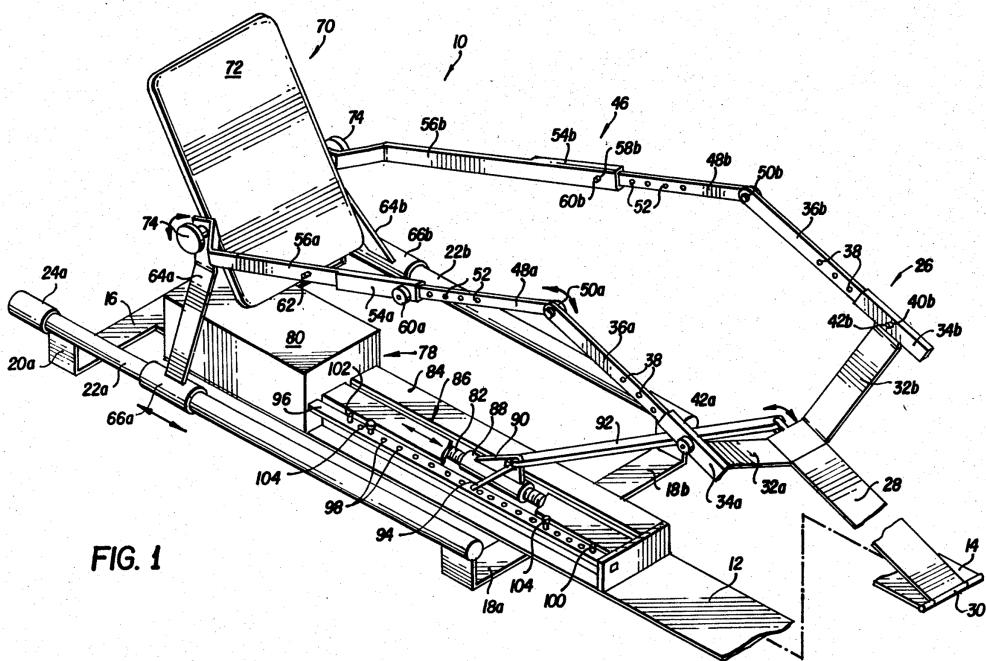
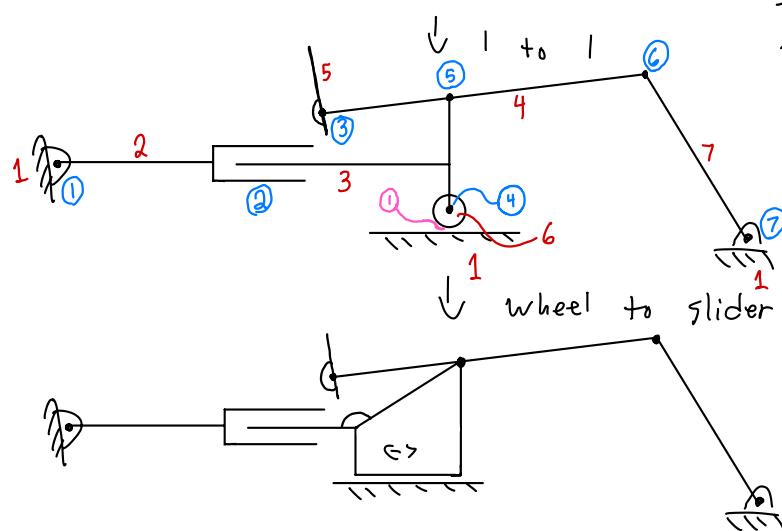
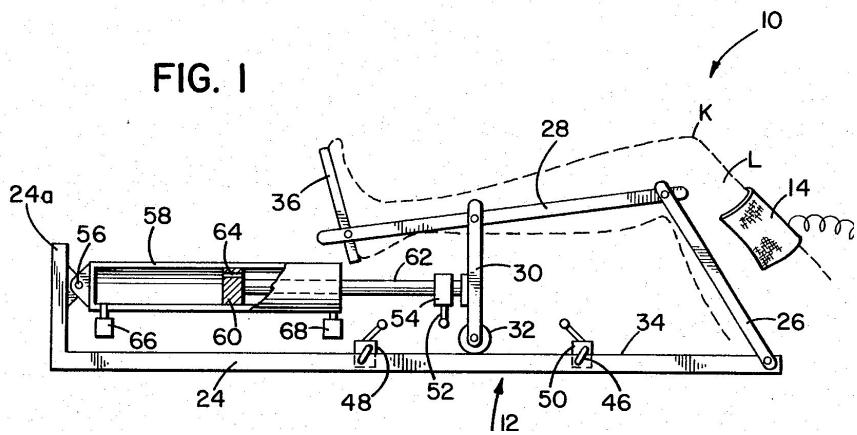


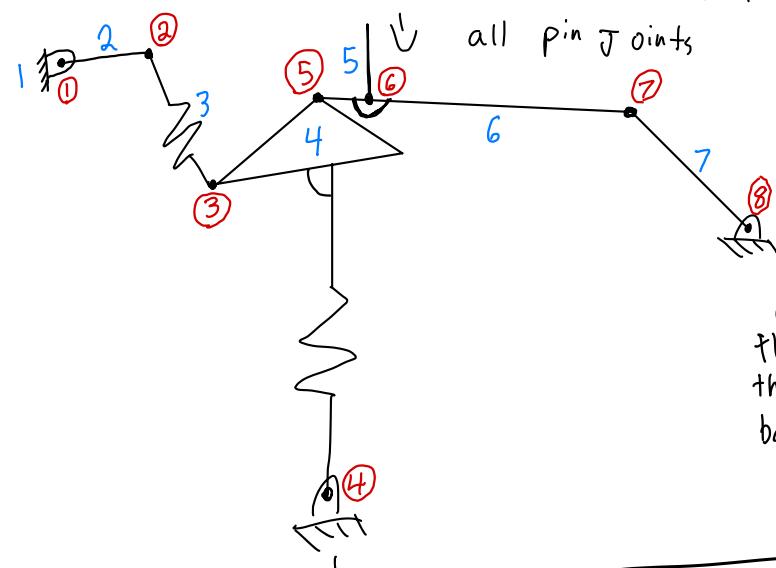
FIG. 1

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOF} &= 3(n-1) - 2f_1 - f_2 \\ &= 3(7-1) - 2(7) - 1 \\ &= 18 - 14 - 1 \\ &\boxed{3 \text{ DOF}} \end{aligned}$$

One degree of freedom for the foot rest.
One degree of freedom for the major motion of the mechanism.
One degree of freedom for the roller.



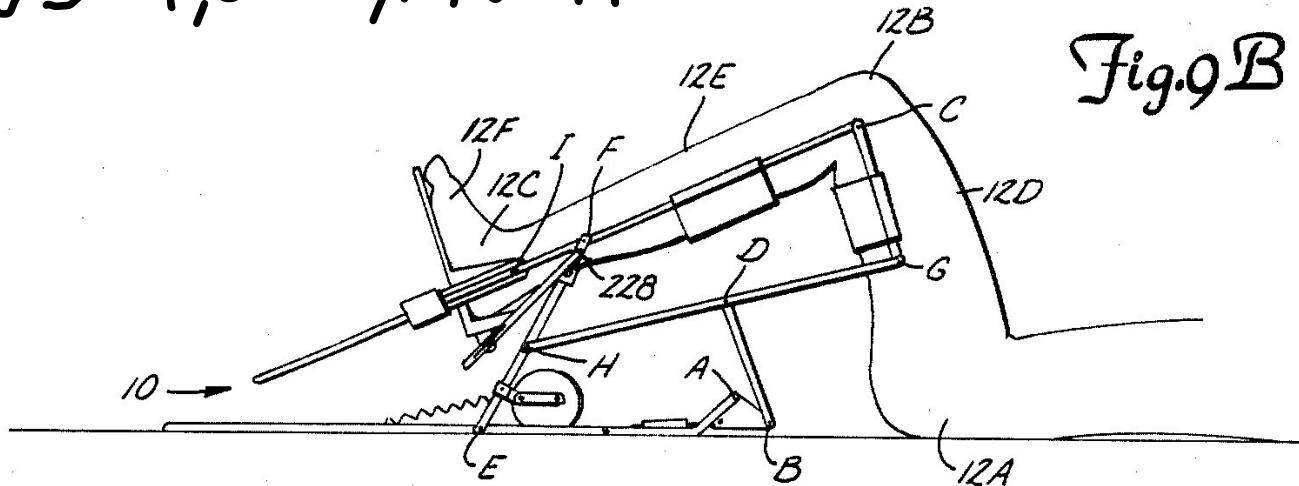
$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOF} &= 3(n-1) - 2f_1 - f_2 \\ &= 3(7-1) - 2(8) - 0 \\ &= 18 - 16 \end{aligned}$$

One less DOF than the original mechanism because the angle of the roller has been neglected

Watt II w/ extra link

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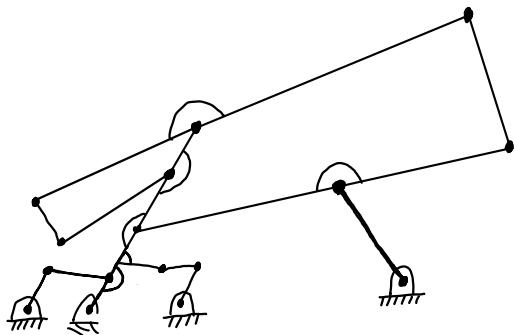
Fig. 9B



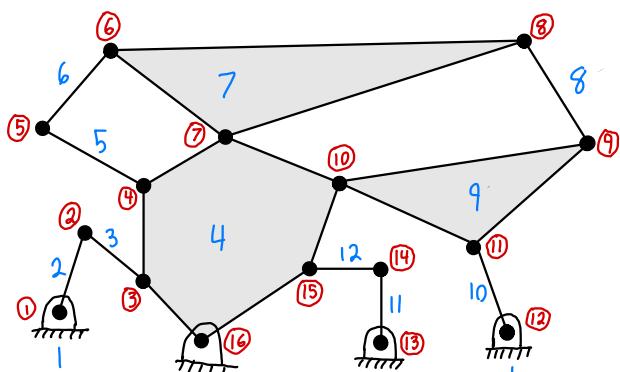
$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOF} &= 3(n-1) - 2f_1 - f_2 \\ &= 3(14-1) - 2(19) - 0 \\ &= 39 - 38 \end{aligned}$$

1 DOF

Convert sliders to dyads and remove immobile links



Redraw in easier to understand way

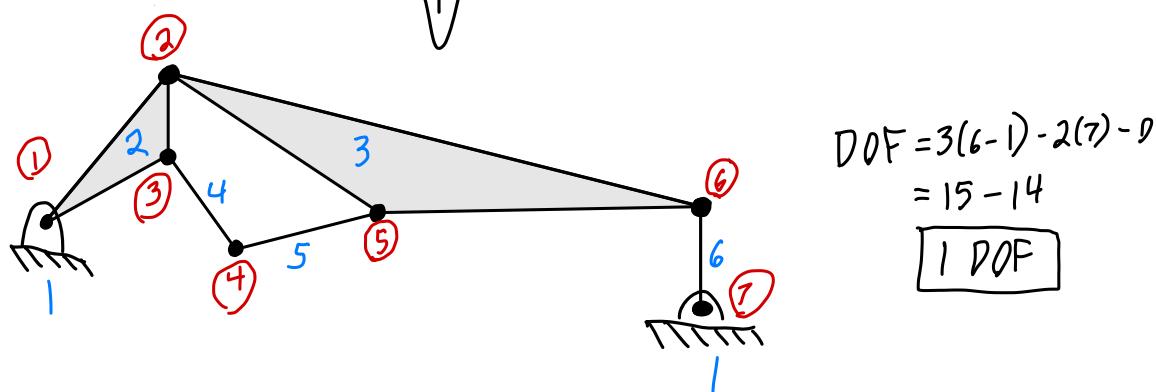
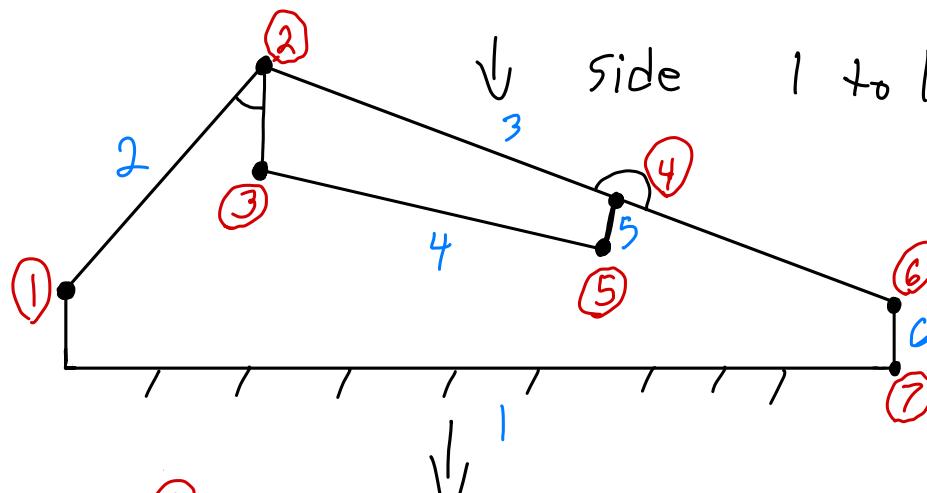
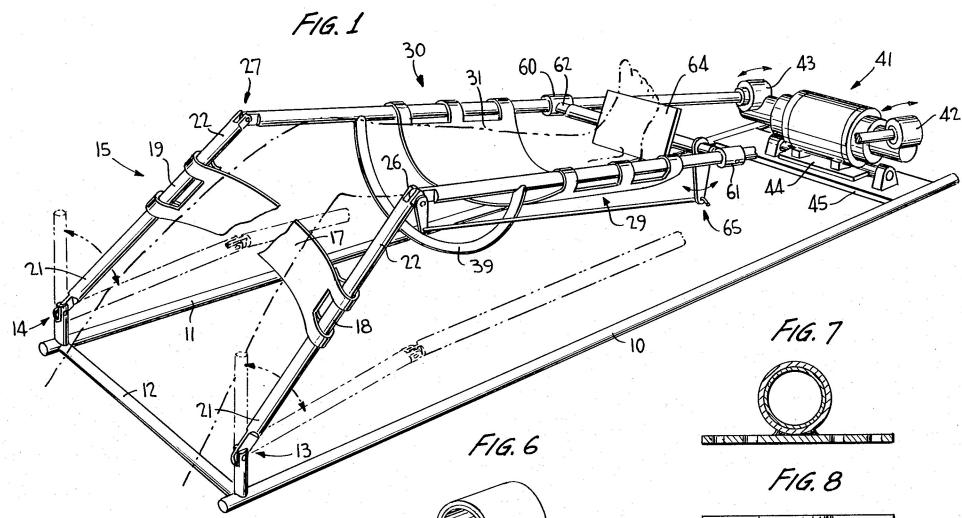


$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOF} &= 3(12-1) - 2(16) - 0 \\ &= 33 - 32 \end{aligned}$$

1 DOF

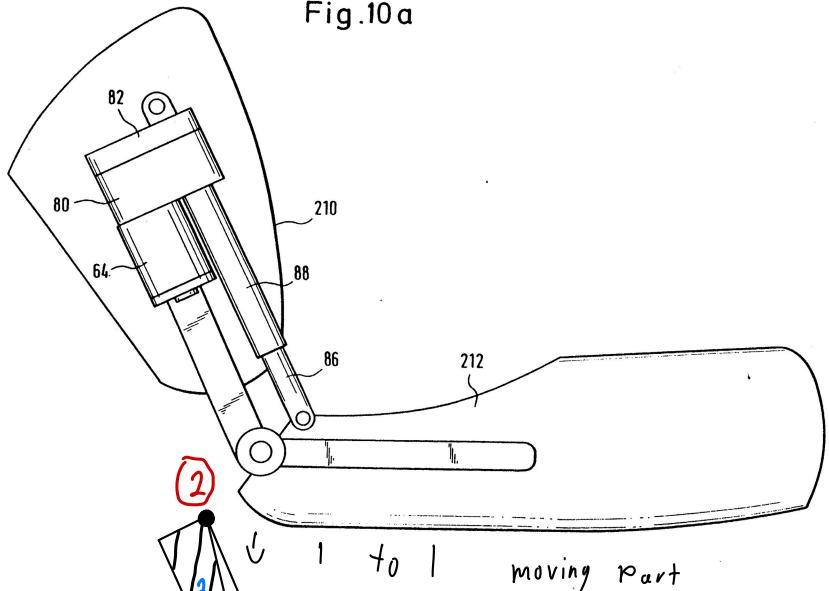
12 Bar linkage
At its heart is a Watt I with 3 other dyads tacked on

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Watt I

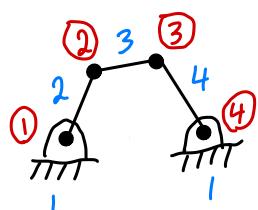
Fig. 10a



$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOF} &= 3(4-1) - 2(4) - 0 \\ &= 9 - 8 \end{aligned}$$

1 DOF

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{DOF} &= 3(4-1) - 2(4) - 0 \\ &= 9 - 8 \end{aligned}$$

1 DOF

4-bar

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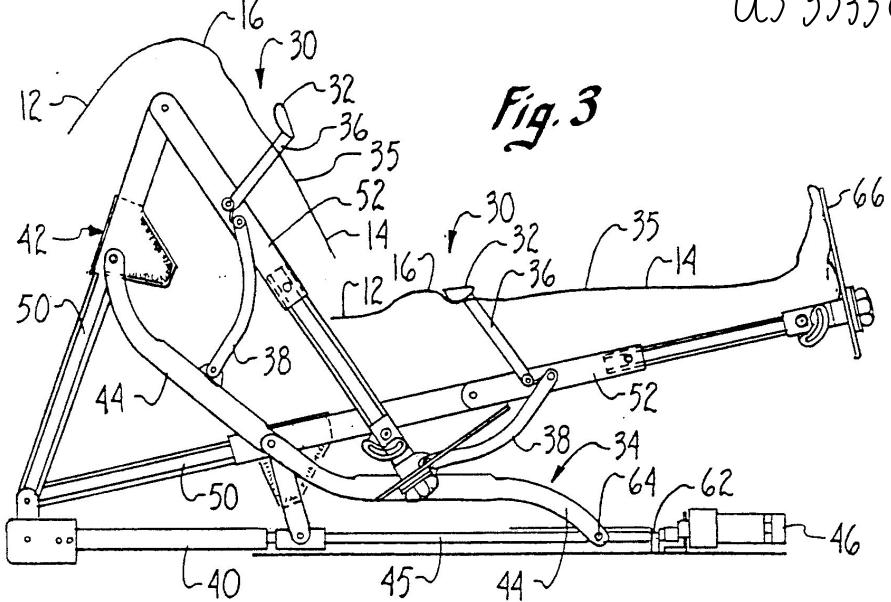
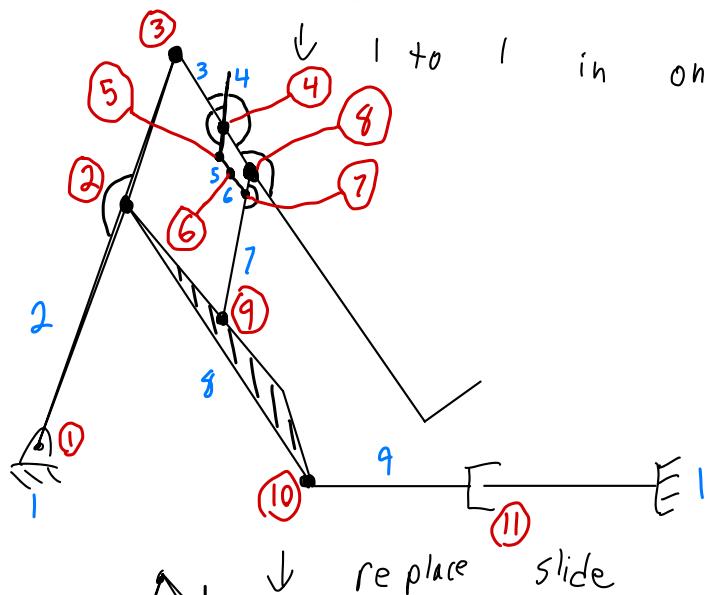


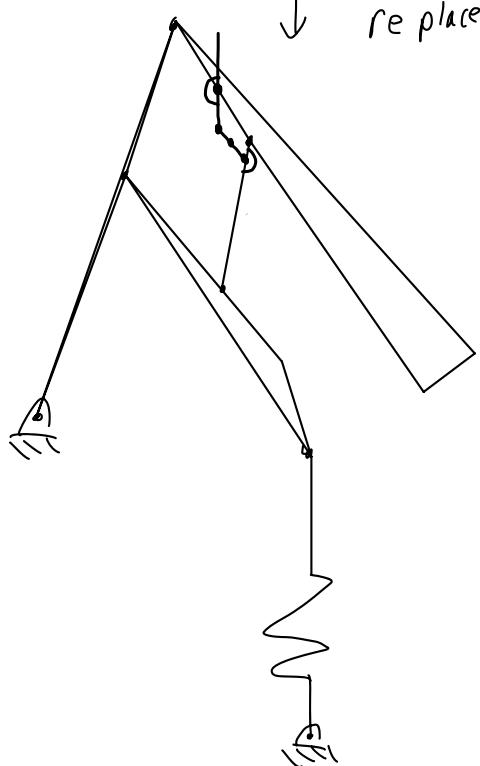
Fig. 3



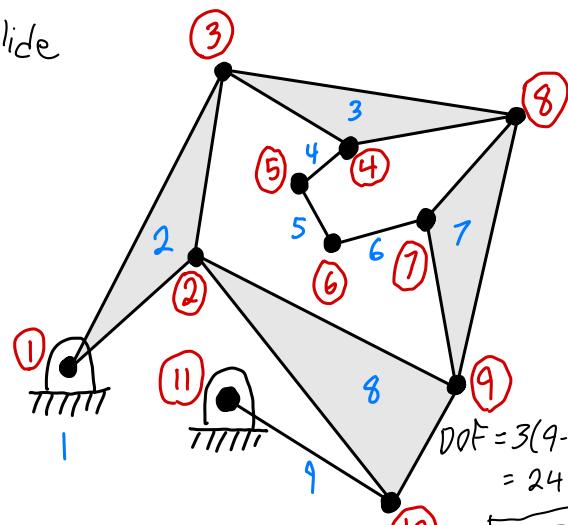
in one position

$$\text{DOF} = 3(9-1) - 2(11) - 0 \\ = 24 - 22$$

2 DOF



replace slide

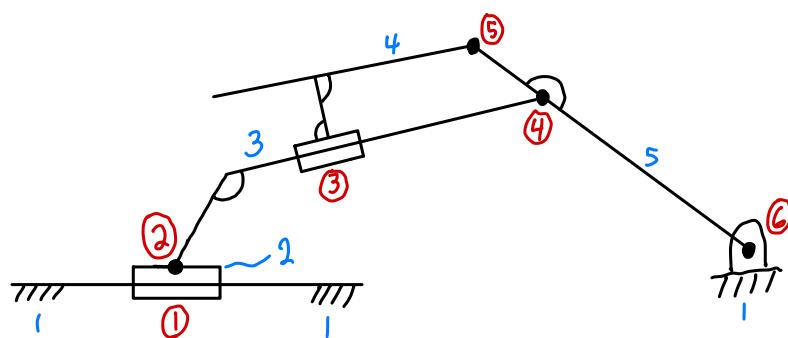
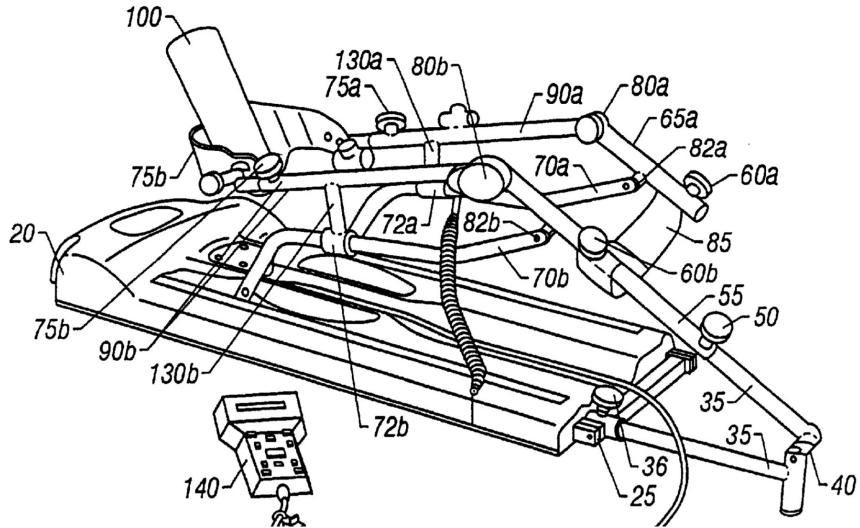


Watt 1 with a
4-bar added

$$\text{DOF} = 3(9-1) - 2(11) - 0 \\ = 24 - 22$$

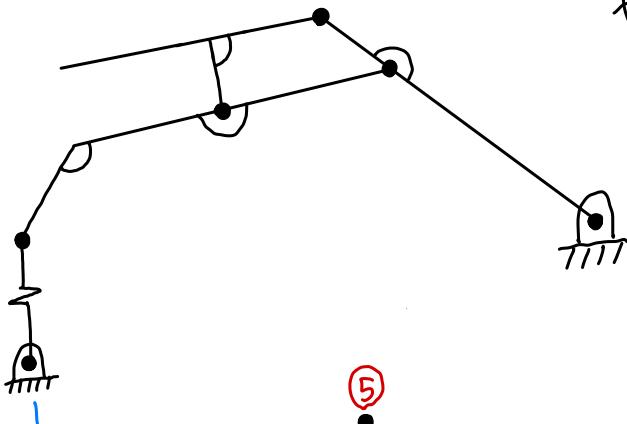
2 DOF

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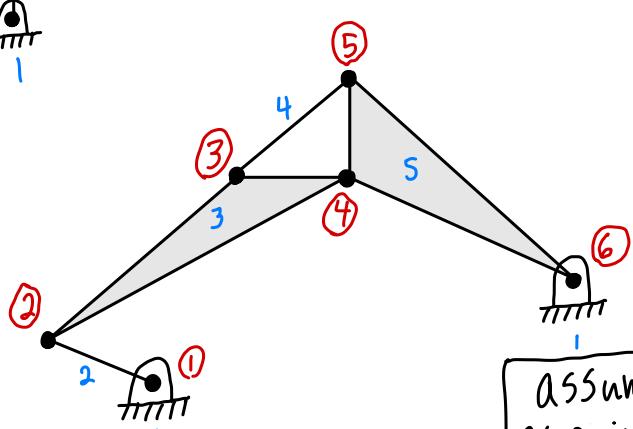


$$\text{DOF} = 3(5-1) - 2(6) - 0 \\ = 12 - 12 \\ \boxed{0 \text{ DOF}}$$

In practice
there must be enough
rotation allowed in joint 3
for the mechanism to move



$$\text{DOF} = 3(5-1) - 2(6) - 0 \\ = 12 - 12 \\ \boxed{0 \text{ DOF}}$$



assuming enough
slop in joint 3
its a Watt 1

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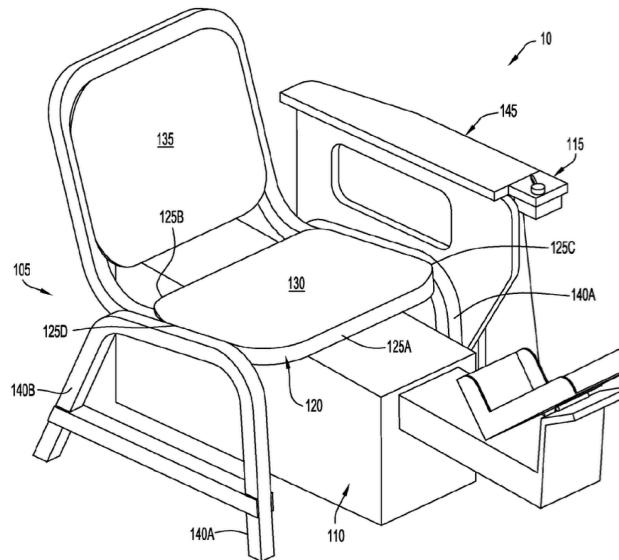
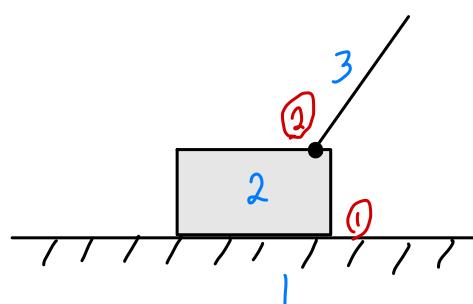


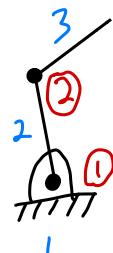
FIG.1A



$$DOF = 3(3-1) - 2(2) - 0$$

$$= 6 - 4 - 0$$

2 DOF



$$DOF = 3(3-1) - 2(2) - 0$$

$$= 6 - 4 - 0$$

2 DOF

3-Bar