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Mechanics

4 bar Mechanism Links which are
• Has 4
joined to make a loop.

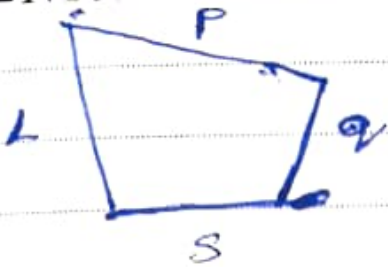
Planar 4 bar Mechanism

• If the links have a DOF of 1. Then it is a planar 4 bar Mechanism. It can move only in ^{it's} a specified plane.

Grashof Condition

For a four bar mechanism the sum of the shortest and longest ~~link~~ link lengths must be lesser than or equal to the sum of remaining 2 link lengths to have a continuous range of motion

$$S + L \leq P + Q$$

NotesInversion of a Link Mechanism

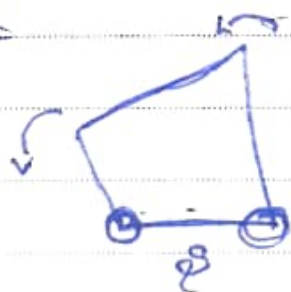
By fixing the links in different ways, we can obtain numerous variants of mechanisms.

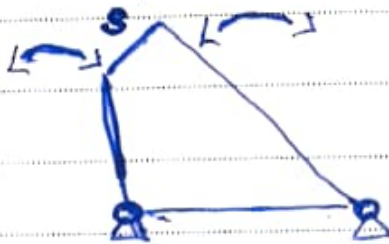
Types

1) Grashof ($S + L < P + Q$)

A) Double-crank

If the smallest link is grounded



NotesB) Double Rocker

condn: Smaller side should be opposite to grounded link

~~Both~~ Both pair of links oscillates

C) Crank rocker

• In ~~all~~ other cases



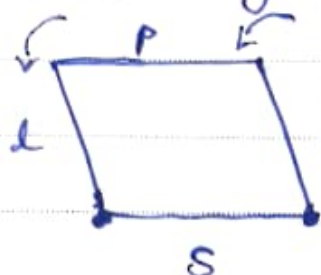
condn: Link adjacent to shortest link is fixed.

one pair rotates
another pair oscillates

Notes

2.) Folding $S + L = P + q$

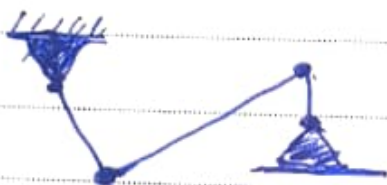
A) Parallelogram (Double Crank)



$$L = q$$

$$P = S$$

B) Anti-Parallelogram



$$L = q$$

$$P = S$$

C) Kite Link



$$L = P$$

$$q = S$$

D) Galloway



$$L = S$$

$$P = q$$

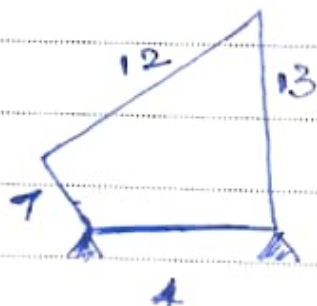
Notes

3) Non-Gears

Examples of Four-Bar Mechanism

- Table Fan
- Automatic door closer
- Winshield wiper
- Legs movement of four legged animal. Each a pair act as 4 bar mechanism
- Swings.

b)



$$4 + 13 < 7 + 12$$

$$17 < 19$$

Since it follows Gerashof's Law, it is possible to rotate it using a DC motor.