

Theory of Machines

Module : Linkage Mechanisms

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Mechanisms

Analysis of Mechanisms

Position, Velocity and Acceleration Analysis

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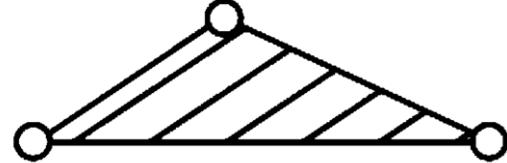
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Links

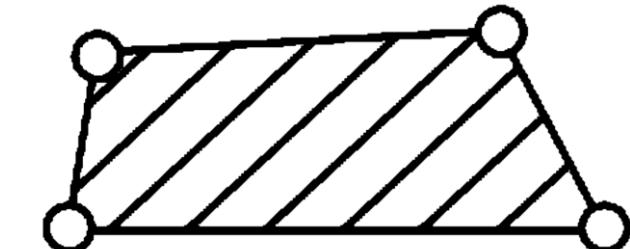
- A resistant body or a group of resistant bodies with rigid connections preventing their relative motion is known as **link**.
- It may also be defined as a member or a combination of members of a mechanism, connecting other members and having motion relative to them.
- A link may consist of one or more resistant bodies.
- A link may also be known as **kinematic link** or element.
- Types of link: Binary, Ternary and Quaternary



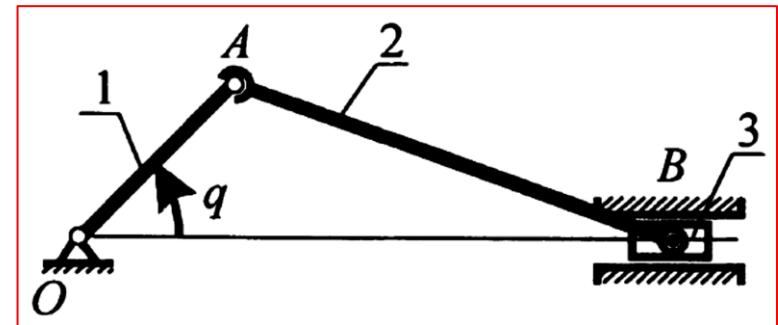
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Ternary

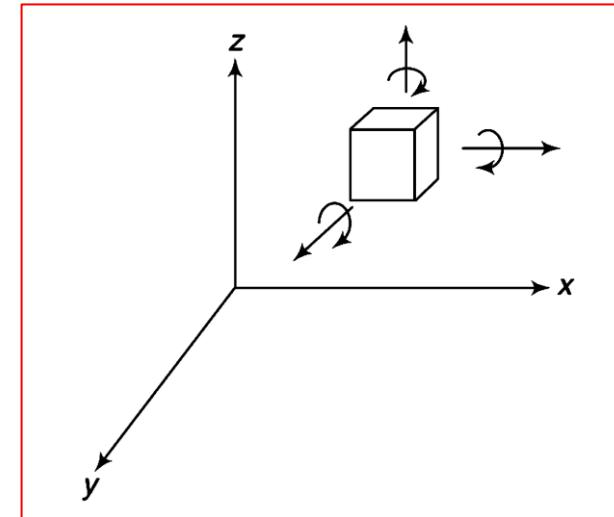


Quaternary



Degrees of Freedom

- Unconstrained rigid body moving in a space:
 1. *Translational motion along any three mutually perpendicular axes x, y and z*
 2. *Rotational motion about these axes*
- Thus a rigid body posses a **six** degrees of freedom.
- Connection of a link with another posses a certain constrains over relative motion
- The restrains never be zero (joint is disconnected) or six (joint becomes solid)
- *Degrees of freedom* of a pair can be defines as the number of independent relative motions, both translational and rotational a pair can have.



Degrees of Freedom = 6 – Number of restrains

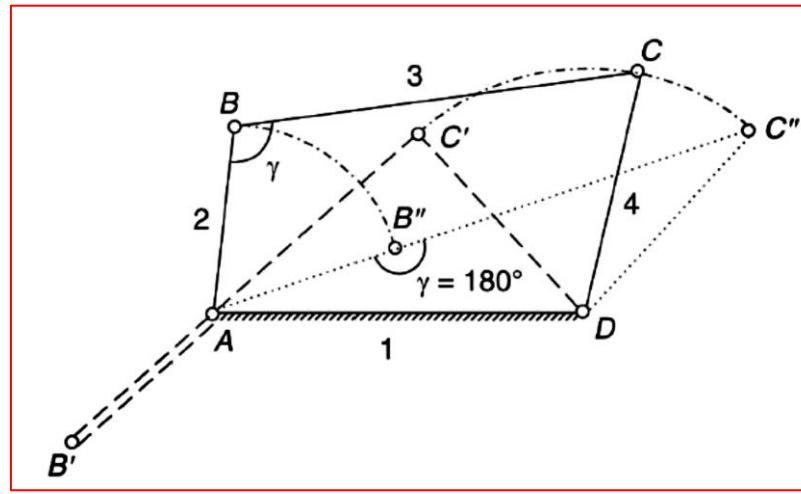
Mechanical Advantage

- **Definition:** The ratio of the output force or torque to the input force or torque at any instant.
- **Assumption:** Friction and inertia forces are ignored
- Input torque T_2 is applied at link 2 to drive the output link 4 with a resisting torque T_4 , then

Power input = Power output

$$T_2 \omega_2 = T_4 \omega_4 \rightarrow MA = \frac{T_4}{T_2} = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_4}$$

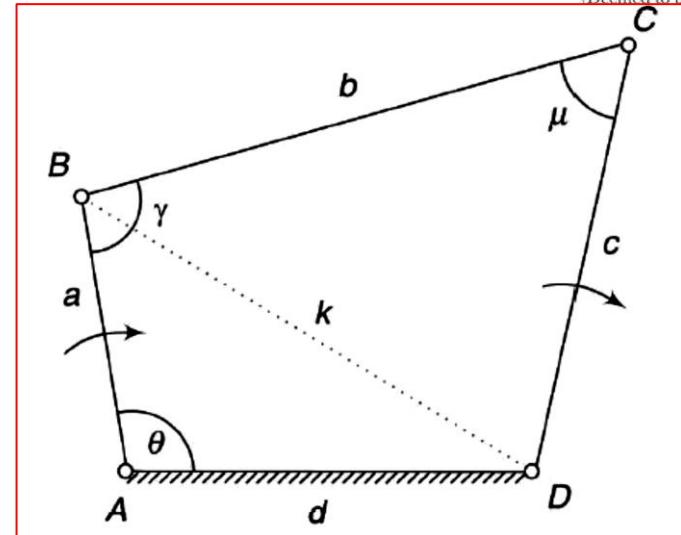
- Thus it is reciprocal of velocity ratio
- At extreme positions ($AB'C'D$) and ($AB''C''D$), the velocity ω_4 of the output link DC (rocker) is zero, it makes mechanical advantage equal to infinity. A small input torque can overcome large output torque load.
- The extreme positions are called as *toggle* positions.



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Transmission Angle

- **Definition:** The angle μ between output link(rocker) and coupler is known as transmission angle.
- Link AB is the input link and the force applied to the output link DC is transmitted through coupler BC .
- For a particular value of force in the coupler rod, the torque transmitted to the output link is maximum when $\mu = 90^\circ$
- If μ deviates significantly from 90° , the torque on the output link decreases and mechanism will get jam.
- If link BC and CD becomes coincident, the transmission angle is zero and the mechanism would lock or jam.
- Hence μ is usually kept more than 45° .
- The best mechanisms, therefore, have a transmission angle that does not deviate much from 90°



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Transmission Angle contd..

- Applying cosine rule to triangles ABD and BCD

$$a^2 + d^2 - 2ad \cos\theta = k^2 \rightarrow 1$$

$$b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos\mu = k^2 \rightarrow 2$$

- From equations (1) and (2)

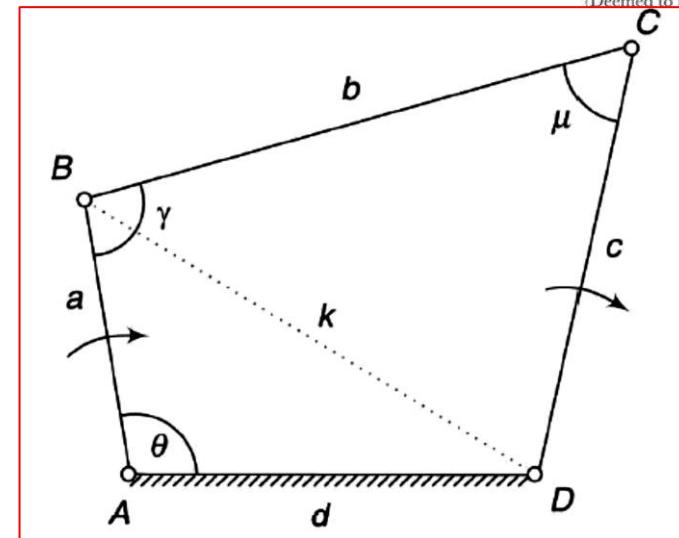
$$a^2 + d^2 - 2ad \cos\theta = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos\mu$$

$$a^2 + d^2 - b^2 - c^2 - 2ad \cos\theta + 2bc \cos\mu = 0$$

- Maximum or minimum values of the transmission angle can be found by putting $d\mu/d\theta$ equal to zero.
- Differentiating above equation with respect to θ :

$$2ad \sin\theta - 2bc \sin\mu \cdot d\mu/d\theta = 0$$

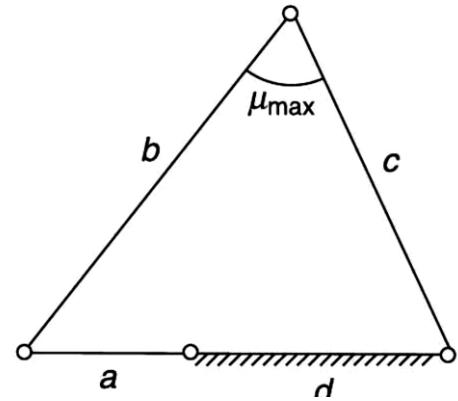
$$\frac{d\mu}{d\theta} = \frac{ad \sin\theta}{bc \sin\mu}$$



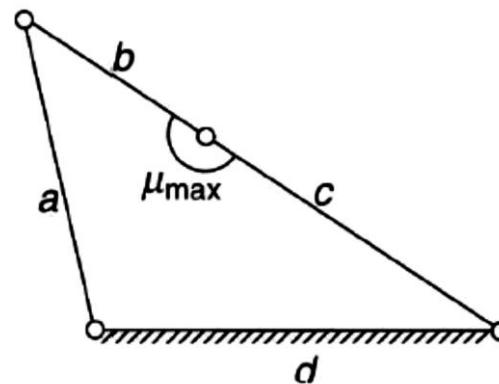
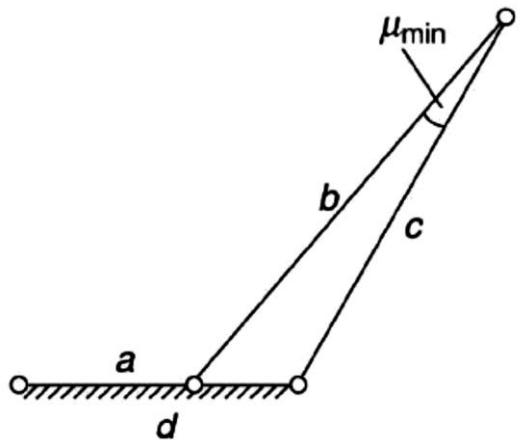
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Transmission Angle contd..

- If $d\mu/d\theta$ is to be zero, the term $ads\sin\theta$ has to be zero, which means θ is either zero or 180° .
- It can be seen that μ is maximum when θ is 180° and minimum when θ is 0° .



Crank rocker Mechanism



Double-rocker Mechanism

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Vector Approach: Position and Velocity Analysis

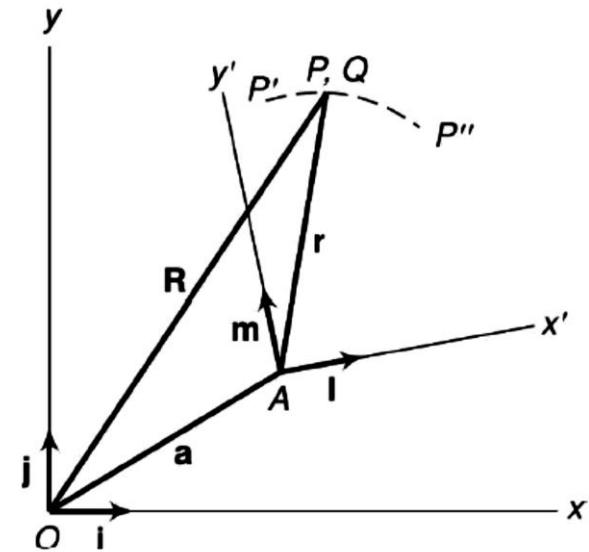
- Let xyz : Fixed co-ordinate system, $x'y'z'$: Moving co-ordinate system, OAQ : Plane moving body
- Let i, j, k : unit vectors for absolute co-ordinate system, l, m, n : unit vectors for moving co-ordinate system, ω : Angular velocity of rotation of moving system, R : vector relative to fixed system, r : vector relative to moving system, $P'PP''$: Path on which P moves relative to moving co-ordinate system.
- At any instant, the position of P relative to the fixed system is given by the equation

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{r} \longrightarrow 1$$

where $r = x'l + y'm + z'n$

- Equation (1) may be rewritten as $R = a + x'l + y'm + z'n$
- Taking derivatives with respect to time to find the velocity

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}} = \dot{\mathbf{a}} + (\dot{x}'\mathbf{l} + \dot{y}'\mathbf{m} + \dot{z}'\mathbf{n}) + (x'\mathbf{i} + y'\mathbf{j} + z'\mathbf{k}) \longrightarrow 2$$



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First term: velocity of the origin of the moving system, Second term: velocity of P relative to the moving system, Third term: due to rotary motion with velocity ω .

Vector Approach: Position and Velocity Analysis

- Also, $\dot{\mathbf{i}} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{i}$, $\dot{\mathbf{m}} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{m}$, $\dot{\mathbf{n}} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{n}$
- Therefore, equation (2) becomes, $\dot{\mathbf{R}} = \dot{\mathbf{a}} + (\dot{x}'\mathbf{i} + \dot{y}'\mathbf{m} + \dot{z}'\mathbf{n}) + \boldsymbol{\omega}(x'\mathbf{i} + y'\mathbf{m} + z'\mathbf{n})$
- The above equation can be written in the form, $\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{v}_a + \mathbf{v}^R + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$ → 3
- The second term known as relative velocity which an observer attached to the moving system would report for point P . This also implies that the velocity relative to the coincident point Q on the moving body since the observer may be stationed at the point Q on the moving body.
- Now the absolute velocity of coincident point Q on the moving system which coincides with the point P at any instant may be written as
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_{qo} &= \mathbf{v}_{qa} + \mathbf{v}_{ao} \\ &= \mathbf{v}_{ao} + \mathbf{v}_{qa} \\ &= \mathbf{v}_a + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}\end{aligned}$$
- and equation (3) changes to $\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{v}_{qo} + \mathbf{v}^R$

Vector Approach: Position and Velocity Analysis

- Thus absolute velocity of the point P moving relative to a moving reference system is equal to the velocity of the point relative to the moving system plus the absolute velocity of a coincident point fixed to the moving reference system
- The above equation may be written as

$$\mathbf{v}_{po} = \mathbf{v}_{qo} + \mathbf{v}_{pq}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{po} = \mathbf{v}_{pq} + \mathbf{v}_{qo}$$

Vel. of P rel. to O = Vel. of P rel. to Q + Vel. of Q rel. to O

Vector Approach: Acceleration Analysis

- Equation (3) is $\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{v}_b + \mathbf{v}^R + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$
- Differentiating it to obtain the acceleration of P ,

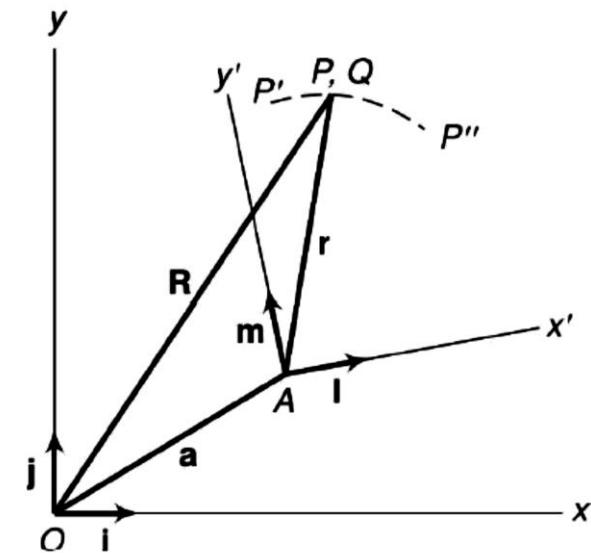
$$\dot{\mathbf{v}}_p = \dot{\mathbf{v}}_b + \dot{\mathbf{v}}^R + \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}$$

where $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ is the angular acceleration of rotation of the moving system.

and $\dot{\mathbf{v}}^R$ is obtained by differentiating $(\dot{x}'l + \dot{y}'m + \dot{z}'n)$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{v}}^R &= (\ddot{x}'l + \ddot{y}'m + \ddot{z}'n) + (\dot{x}'\dot{l} + \dot{y}'\dot{m} + \dot{z}'\dot{n}) \\ &= (\ddot{x}'l + \ddot{y}'m + \ddot{z}'n) + \boldsymbol{\omega}(\dot{x}'l + \dot{y}'m + \dot{z}'n) \\ &= \mathbf{f}^R + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{v}^R\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}} &= \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \frac{d}{dt} (x'l + y'm + z'n) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{v}^R + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r})\end{aligned}$$



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Vector Approach: Acceleration Analysis

- But $\dot{\mathbf{v}}_p = \mathbf{f}_p$ and $\dot{\mathbf{v}}_b = \mathbf{f}_b$
- Therefore

$$\mathbf{f}_p = \mathbf{f}_b + (\mathbf{f}^R + \omega \times \mathbf{v}^R) + \dot{\omega} \times \mathbf{r} + [\omega \times \mathbf{v}^R + \omega \times (\omega \times \mathbf{r})]$$

$$= \mathbf{f}_b + \mathbf{f}^R + 2\omega \times \mathbf{v}^R + \dot{\omega} \times \mathbf{r} + \omega \times (\omega \times \mathbf{r}) \longrightarrow 4$$

- Now absolute acceleration of Q , the coincident point may be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{f}_{qa} &= \mathbf{f}_{qb} + \mathbf{f}_{ba} \\ &= \mathbf{f}_{ba} + \mathbf{f}_{qb} \\ &= \mathbf{f}_b + \frac{\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{dt}}(\omega \times \mathbf{r}) \\ &= \mathbf{f}_b + \dot{\omega} \times \mathbf{r} + \omega \times (\omega \times \mathbf{r})\end{aligned}$$

- Equation (4) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{f}_p &= \mathbf{f}_{qa} + \mathbf{f}^R + 2\omega \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v}^R \\ &= \mathbf{f}_{qa} + \mathbf{f}^R + \mathbf{f}^C\end{aligned}$$

Vector Approach: Acceleration Analysis

- Equation (4) reduces to

$$\mathbf{f}_p = \mathbf{f}_{qa} + \mathbf{f}^R + 2\omega \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v}^R$$

$$= \mathbf{f}_{qa} + \mathbf{f}^R + \mathbf{f}^C$$

where f_{qa} is the absolute acceleration of Q , f^R is the acceleration of P relative to the moving system or relative to Q , and f^C is known as the Coriolis component of acceleration

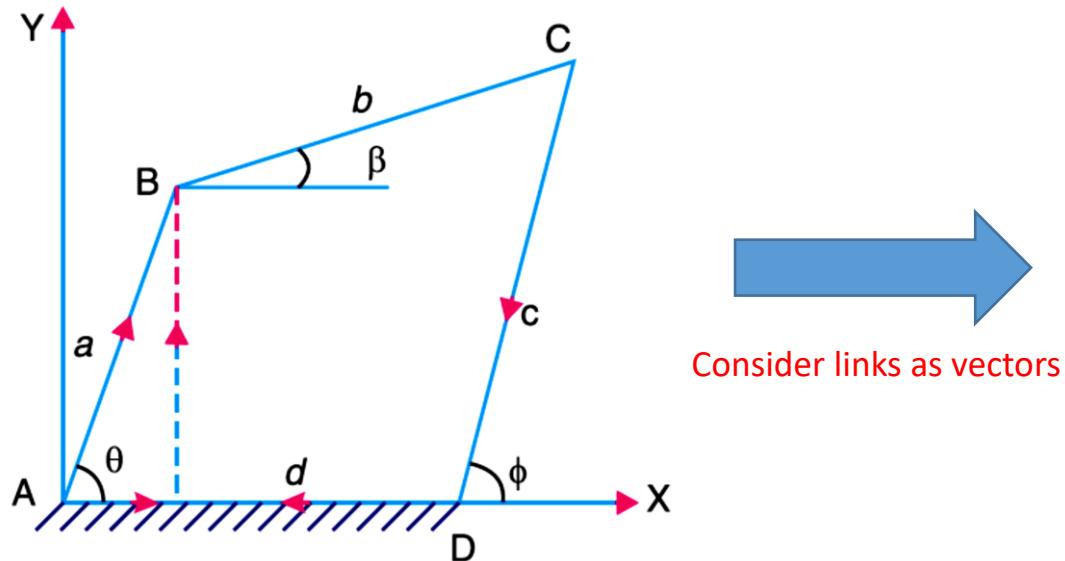
- Above Equation may be written as

$$\mathbf{f}_{pa} = \mathbf{f}_{qa} + \mathbf{f}_{pq} + \mathbf{f}^c$$

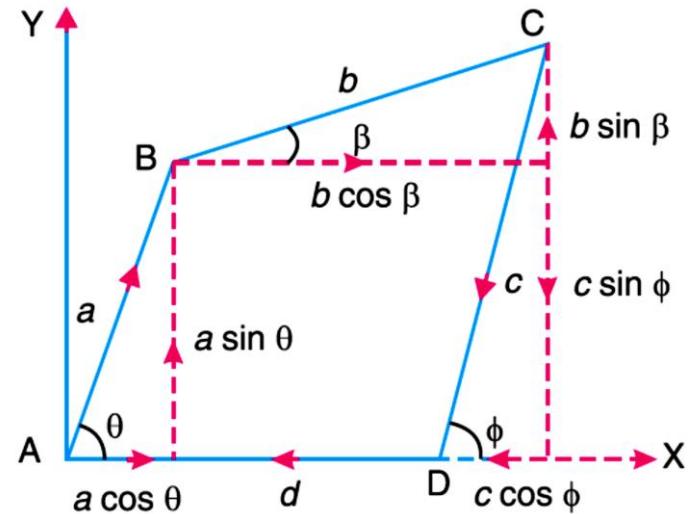
$$\mathbf{f}_{pa} = \mathbf{f}_{pq} + \mathbf{f}_{qa} + \mathbf{f}^c$$

Acc. of P rel. to A = Acc. of P rel. to Q + Acc. of Q rel. to A + Coriolis Acc.

Analysis of Four-bar Chain Mechanism



Consider links as vectors



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Displacement/ Position Analysis:

- For equilibrium of the mechanism, the sum of the components along X-axis and along Y-axis must be equal to zero
- Taking sum of components along X-axis

$$a \cos \theta + b \cos \beta - c \cos \phi - d = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad b \cos \beta = c \cos \phi + d - a \cos \theta \longrightarrow 1$$

Analysis of Four-bar Chain Mechanism

- Squaring both sides

$$b^2 \cos^2 \beta = (c \cos \phi + d - a \cos \theta)^2 = c^2 \cos^2 \phi + d^2 + 2cd \cos \phi + a^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2ac \cos \phi \cos \theta - 2ad \cos \theta \longrightarrow 2$$

- Taking sum of components along Y-axis

$$a \sin \theta + b \sin \beta - c \sin \phi = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad b \sin \beta = c \sin \phi - a \sin \theta \longrightarrow 3$$

- Squaring both sides

$$b^2 \sin^2 \beta = (c \sin \phi - a \sin \theta)^2 = c^2 \sin^2 \phi + a^2 \sin^2 \theta - 2ac \sin \phi \sin \theta \longrightarrow 4$$

- Adding equation (2) and (4)

$$b^2(\cos^2 \beta + \sin^2 \beta) = c^2(\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) + d^2 + 2cd \cos \phi + a^2(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) - 2ac(\cos \phi \cos \theta + \sin \phi \sin \theta) - 2ad \cos \theta$$

$$\longrightarrow b^2 = c^2 + d^2 + 2cd \cos \phi + a^2 - 2ac(\cos \phi \cos \theta + \sin \phi \sin \theta) - 2ad \cos \theta$$

$$\longrightarrow 2ac(\cos \phi \cos \theta + \sin \phi \sin \theta) = a^2 - b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + 2cd \cos \phi - 2ad \cos \theta$$

$$\longrightarrow \cos \phi \cos \theta + \sin \phi \sin \theta = \frac{a^2 - b^2 + c^2 + d^2}{2ac} + \frac{d}{a} \cos \phi - \frac{d}{c} \cos \theta \longrightarrow 5$$

Analysis of Four-bar Chain Mechanism

- Let $\frac{d}{a} = k_1; \frac{d}{c} = k_2; \frac{a^2 - b^2 + c^2 + d^2}{2 a c} = k_3 \longrightarrow 6$

- Equation (5) may be written as

$$\cos\phi\cos\theta + \sin\phi\sin\theta = k_1 \cos\phi - k_2 \cos\theta + k_3 \quad \text{or} \quad \cos(\theta - \phi) = k_1 \cos\phi - k_2 \cos\theta + k_3 \longrightarrow 7$$

- Equation (7) is known as Freudenstein's equation

- Simplifying equation (7) we can write an expression for ϕ and β as

$$\phi = 2 \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \right] \longrightarrow 8$$

where

$$A = k - a(d - c) \cos\theta - cd$$

$$B = -2ac \sin\theta$$

$$C = k - a(d + c) \cos\theta + cd$$

$$a^2 - b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 2k$$

$$\beta = 2 \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{-E \pm \sqrt{E^2 - 4DF}}{2D} \right] \longrightarrow 9$$

where

$$D = k' - a(d + b) \cos\theta + bd$$

$$E = 2ab \sin\theta$$

$$F = k' - a(d - b) \cos\theta - bd$$

Analysis of Four-bar Chain Mechanism

Velocity Analysis:

- Let ω_1 = Angular velocity of link $AB = d\theta/dt$, ω_2 = Angular velocity of link $BC = d\beta/dt$, ω_3 = Angular velocity of link $CD = d\phi/dt$

- Differentiating Equation (1) with respect to time

$$-a \sin \theta \times \frac{d\theta}{dt} - b \sin \beta \times \frac{d\beta}{dt} + c \sin \phi \times \frac{d\phi}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow -a \omega_1 \sin \theta - b \omega_2 \sin \beta + c \omega_3 \sin \phi = 0 \quad \text{---} 10$$

- Differentiating Equation (3) with respect to time

$$a \cos \theta \times \frac{d\theta}{dt} + b \cos \beta \times \frac{d\beta}{dt} - c \cos \phi \times \frac{d\phi}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow a \omega_1 \cos \theta + b \omega_2 \cos \beta - c \omega_3 \cos \phi = 0 \quad \text{---} 11$$

- Multiplying the equation (10) by $\cos \beta$ and equation (11) by $\sin \beta$

$$-a \omega_1 \sin \theta \cos \beta - b \omega_2 \sin \beta \cos \beta + c \omega_3 \sin \phi \cos \beta = 0 \quad \text{---} 12$$

$$a \omega_1 \cos \theta \sin \beta + b \omega_2 \cos \beta \sin \beta - c \omega_3 \cos \phi \sin \beta = 0 \quad \text{---} 13$$

- Adding equation (12) and (13)

$$a \omega_1 \sin(\beta - \theta) + c \omega_3 \sin(\phi - \beta) = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{\omega_3 = \frac{-a \omega_1 \sin(\beta - \theta)}{c \sin(\phi - \beta)}} \quad \text{---} 13$$

Analysis of Four-bar Chain Mechanism

Velocity Analysis contd..:

- Multiplying the equation (10) by $\cos\phi$ and equation (11) by $\sin\phi$

$$-a\omega_1 \sin\theta \cos\phi - b\omega_2 \sin\beta \cos\phi + c\omega_3 \sin\phi \cos\phi = 0 \longrightarrow 14$$

$$a\omega_1 \cos\theta \sin\phi + b\omega_2 \cos\beta \sin\phi - c\omega_3 \cos\phi \sin\phi = 0 \longrightarrow 15$$

- Adding equation (14) and (15)

$$a\omega_1 \sin(\phi - \theta) + b\omega_2 \sin(\phi - \beta) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\omega_2 = \frac{-a\omega_1 \sin(\phi - \theta)}{b \sin(\phi - \beta)}} \longrightarrow 16$$

- From equations (13) and (16), we can find ω_3 and ω_2 , if $a, b, c, \theta, \phi, \beta$ and ω_1 are known

Analysis of Four-bar Chain Mechanism

Acceleration Analysis:

- Let α_1 = Angular acceleration of link $AB = d\omega_1/dt$, α_2 = Angular acceleration of link $BC = d\omega_2/dt$, α_3 = Angular acceleration of link $CD = d\omega_3/dt$
- Differentiating Equation (10) with respect to time

$$-a \left[\omega_1 \cos \theta \times \frac{d\theta}{dt} + \sin \theta \times \frac{d\omega_1}{dt} \right] - b \left[\omega_2 \cos \beta \times \frac{d\beta}{dt} + \sin \beta \times \frac{d\omega_2}{dt} \right] + c \left[\omega_3 \cos \phi \times \frac{d\phi}{dt} + \sin \phi \times \frac{d\omega_3}{dt} \right] = 0$$

$\xrightarrow{-a \omega_1^2 \cos \theta - a \sin \theta \alpha_1 - b \omega_2^2 \cos \beta - b \sin \beta \alpha_2 + c \omega_3^2 \cos \phi + c \sin \phi \alpha_3 = 0}$ 17

- Differentiating Equation (11) with respect to time

$$a \left[\omega_1 \times -\sin \theta \times \frac{d\theta}{dt} + \cos \theta \times \frac{d\omega_1}{dt} \right] + b \left[\omega_2 \times -\sin \beta \times \frac{d\beta}{dt} + \cos \beta \times \frac{d\omega_2}{dt} \right] - c \left[\omega_3 \times -\sin \phi \times \frac{d\phi}{dt} + \cos \phi \times \frac{d\omega_3}{dt} \right] = 0$$

$\xrightarrow{-a \omega_1^2 \sin \theta + a \cos \theta \alpha_1 - b \omega_2^2 \sin \beta + b \cos \beta \alpha_2 + c \omega_3^2 \sin \phi - c \cos \phi \alpha_3 = 0}$ 18

Analysis of Four-bar Chain Mechanism

Acceleration Analysis contd..

- Multiplying the equation (17) by $\cos\phi$ and equation (18) by $\sin\phi$

$$-a\omega_1^2 \cos\theta \cos\phi - a\alpha_1 \sin\theta \cos\phi - b\omega_2^2 \cos\beta \cos\phi - b\alpha_2 \sin\beta \cos\phi + c\omega_3^2 \cos^2\phi + c\alpha_3 \sin\phi \cos\phi = 0 \rightarrow 19$$

$$-a\omega_1^2 \sin\theta \sin\phi + a\alpha_1 \cos\theta \sin\phi - b\omega_2^2 \sin\beta \sin\phi + b\alpha_2 \cos\beta \sin\phi + c\omega_3^2 \sin^2\phi - c\alpha_3 \cos\phi \sin\phi = 0 \rightarrow 20$$

- Adding equation (19) and equation (20)

$$\begin{aligned} -a\omega_1^2(\cos\phi \cos\theta + \sin\phi \sin\theta) + a\alpha_1(\sin\phi \cos\theta - \cos\phi \sin\theta) - b\omega_2^2(\cos\phi \cos\beta + \sin\phi \sin\beta) + b\alpha_2(\sin\phi \cos\beta - \cos\phi \sin\beta) \\ + c\omega_3^2(\cos^2\phi + \sin^2\phi) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$-a\omega_1^2 \cos(\phi - \theta) + a\alpha_1 \sin(\phi - \theta) - b\omega_2^2 \cos(\phi - \beta) + b\alpha_2 \sin(\phi - \beta) + c\omega_3^2 = 0$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{-a\alpha_1 \sin(\phi - \theta) + a\omega_1^2 \cos(\phi - \theta) + b\omega_2^2 \cos(\phi - \beta) - c\omega_3^2}{b \sin(\phi - \beta)} \rightarrow 21$$

Analysis of Four-bar Chain Mechanism

Acceleration Analysis contd..

- Multiplying the equation (17) by $\cos\beta$ and equation (18) by $\sin\beta$

$$-a\omega_1^2 \cos\theta \cos\beta - a\alpha_1 \sin\theta \cos\beta - b\omega_2^2 \cos^2\beta - b\alpha_2 \sin\beta \cos\beta + c\omega_3^2 \cos\phi \cos\beta + c\alpha_3 \sin\phi \cos\beta = 0 \quad \text{---} 22$$

$$-a\omega_1^2 \sin\theta \sin\beta + a\alpha_1 \cos\theta \sin\beta - b\omega_2^2 \sin^2\beta + b\alpha_2 \cos\beta \sin\beta + c\omega_3^2 \sin\phi \sin\beta - c\alpha_3 \cos\phi \sin\beta = 0 \quad \text{---} 23$$

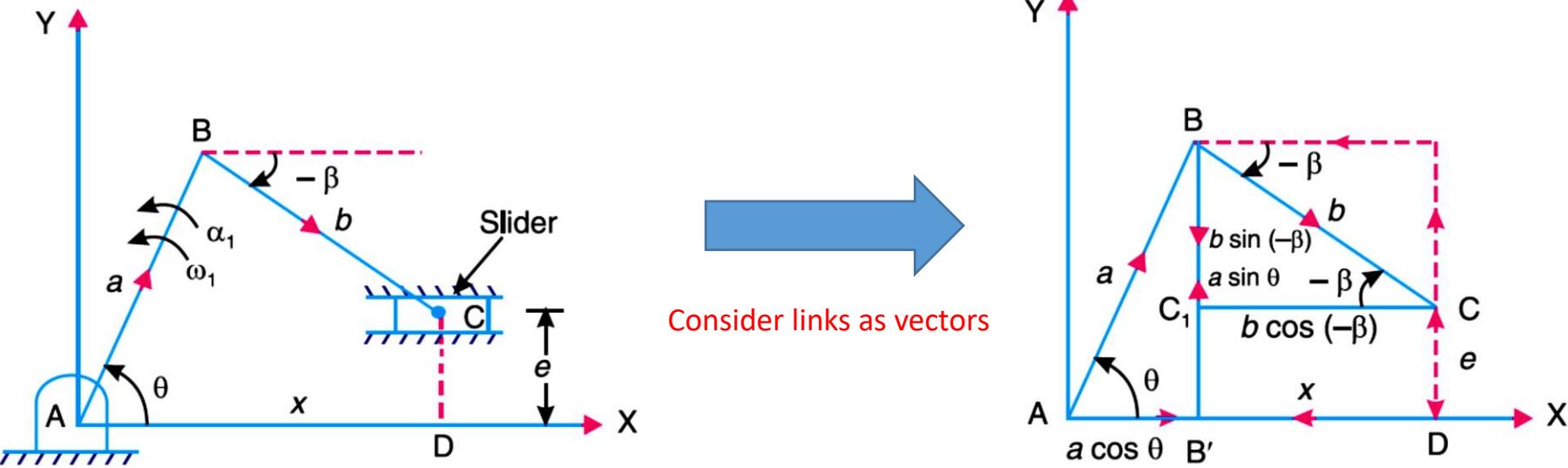
- Adding equation (22) and (23)

$$\begin{aligned} -a\omega_1^2(\cos\beta \cos\theta + \sin\beta \sin\theta) + a\alpha_1(\sin\beta \cos\theta - \cos\beta \sin\theta) - b\omega_2^2(\cos^2\beta + \sin^2\beta) \\ + c\omega_3^2(\cos\phi \cos\beta + \sin\phi \sin\beta) + c\alpha_3(\sin\phi \cos\beta - \cos\phi \sin\beta) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$-a\omega_1^2 \cos(\beta - \theta) + a\alpha_1 \sin(\beta - \theta) - b\omega_2^2 + c\omega_3^2 \cos(\phi - \beta) + c\alpha_3 \sin(\phi - \beta) = 0$$

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{-a\alpha_1 \sin(\beta - \theta) + a\omega_1^2 \cos(\beta - \theta) + b\omega_2^2 - c\omega_3^2 \cos(\phi - \beta)}{c \sin(\phi - \beta)} \quad \text{---} 24$$

Analysis of Slider-crank Mechanism



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Displacement/ Position Analysis:

- For equilibrium of the mechanism, the sum of the components along X-axis and along Y-axis must be equal to zero
- Taking sum of components along X-axis

$$a \cos \theta + b \cos(-\beta) - x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad b \cos \beta = x - a \cos \theta$$

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β in clockwise direction from X-axis is taken -ve

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- Squaring both sides

$$b^2 \cos^2 \beta = x^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2xa \cos \theta \longrightarrow 2$$

- Taking sum of components along Y-axis

$$b \sin(-\beta) + e + a \sin \theta = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad -b \sin \beta + e = a \sin \theta \rightarrow b \sin \beta = e - a \sin \theta \longrightarrow 3$$

- Squaring both sides

$$b^2 \sin^2 \beta = e^2 + a^2 \sin^2 \theta - 2ea \sin \theta \longrightarrow 4$$

- Adding equation (2) and (4)

$$b^2(\cos^2 \beta + \sin^2 \beta) = x^2 + e^2 + a^2(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) - 2xa \cos \theta - 2ea \sin \theta$$

$$\rightarrow b^2 = x^2 + e^2 + a^2 - 2xa \cos \theta - 2ea \sin \theta$$

$$\rightarrow x^2 + (-2a \cos \theta)x + a^2 - b^2 + e^2 - 2ea \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x^2 + k_1 x + k_2 = 0 \longrightarrow 5$$

$$\text{where } k_1 = -2a \cos \theta, k_2 = a^2 - b^2 + e^2 - 2ea \sin \theta \longrightarrow 6$$

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- The equation (5) is quadratic equation in x . Its two roots are

$$x = \frac{-k_1 \pm \sqrt{k_1^2 - 4k_2}}{2} \longrightarrow 7$$

- From this expression, the output displacement x may be determined if the values of a , b , e and θ are known.

The position of the connecting rod BC (i.e. angle β) is given by both sides

$$\sin(-\beta) = \frac{a \sin \theta - e}{b} \longrightarrow \sin \beta = \frac{e - a \sin \theta}{b} \longrightarrow \beta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{e - a \sin \theta}{b}\right) \longrightarrow 8$$

- Special case:** When the slider lies on the X -axis, i.e. the line of stroke of the slider passes through the axis of rotation of the crank, then eccentricity, $e = 0$. In such a case, equations (6) and (8) may be written as

$$k_1 = -2a \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad k_2 = a^2 - b^2$$

and

$$\boxed{\beta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-a \sin \theta}{b}\right)}$$

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Velocity Analysis:

- Let ω_1 = Angular velocity of link $AB = d\theta/dt$, ω_2 = Angular velocity of link $BC = d\beta/dt$, V_s = Linear velocity of the slider = dx/dt

- Differentiating Equation (1) with respect to time

$$b \times -\sin \beta \times \frac{d\beta}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} - a \times -\sin \theta \times \frac{d\theta}{dt} \rightarrow -a \omega_1 \sin \theta - b \omega_2 \sin \beta - \frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow 9$$

- Differentiating Equation (3) with respect to time

$$b \cos \beta \times \frac{d\beta}{dt} = -a \cos \theta \times \frac{d\theta}{dt} \rightarrow a \omega_1 \cos \theta + b \omega_2 \cos \beta = 0 \rightarrow 10$$

- Multiplying the equation (9) by $\cos \beta$ and equation (10) by $\sin \beta$

$$-a \omega_1 \sin \theta \cos \beta - b \omega_2 \sin \beta \cos \beta - \frac{dx}{dt} \times \cos \beta = 0 \rightarrow 11$$

$$a \omega_1 \cos \theta \sin \beta + b \omega_2 \cos \beta \sin \beta = 0 \rightarrow 12$$

- Adding equation (11) and (12)

$$a \omega_1 \sin(\beta - \theta) = \frac{dx}{dt} \times \cos \beta \rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{a \omega_1 \sin(\beta - \theta)}{\cos \beta} \rightarrow 13$$

From equation (13), the linear velocity of the slider (V_s) may be determined.

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Velocity Analysis contd..:

- The angular velocity of the connecting rod BC (i.e. ω_2) may be determined from equation (10) and it is given by

$$\omega_2 = \frac{-a \omega_1 \cos \theta}{b \cos \beta}$$

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Acceleration Analysis:

- Let α_1 = Angular acceleration of crank $AB = d\omega_1/dt$, α_2 = Angular acceleration of connecting rod $= d\omega_2/dt$,
 α_s = Linear acceleration of slider $= d^2x/dt^2$
- Differentiating Equation (9) with respect to time

$$-a \left[\omega_1 \cos \theta \times \frac{d\theta}{dt} + \sin \theta \times \frac{d\omega_1}{dt} \right] - b \left[\omega_2 \cos \beta \times \frac{d\beta}{dt} + \sin \beta \times \frac{d\omega_2}{dt} \right] - \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow -a \left[\alpha_1 \sin \theta + \omega_1^2 \cos \theta \right] - b \left[\alpha_2 \sin \beta + \omega_2^2 \cos \beta \right] - \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 0 \longrightarrow 14$$

- Differentiating Equation (10) with respect to time

$$a \left[\omega_1 \times -\sin \theta \times \frac{d\theta}{dt} + \cos \theta \times \frac{d\omega_1}{dt} \right] + b \left[\omega_2 \times -\sin \beta \times \frac{d\beta}{dt} + \cos \beta \times \frac{d\omega_2}{dt} \right] = 0$$

$$\rightarrow a \left[\alpha_1 \cos \theta - \omega_1^2 \sin \theta \right] + b \left[\alpha_2 \cos \beta - \omega_2^2 \sin \beta \right] = 0 \longrightarrow 15$$

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Acceleration Analysis contd..

- Multiplying the equation (14) by $\cos\beta$ and equation (15) by $\sin\beta$

$$-a[\alpha_1 \sin\theta \cos\beta + \omega_1^2 \cos\theta \cos\beta] - b[\alpha_2 \sin\beta \cos\beta + \omega_2^2 \cos^2\beta] - \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \times \cos\beta = 0 \quad \rightarrow 16$$

$$a[\alpha_1 \cos\theta \sin\beta - \omega_1^2 \sin\theta \sin\beta] + b[\alpha_2 \cos\beta \sin\beta - \omega_2^2 \sin^2\beta] = 0 \quad \rightarrow 17$$

- Adding equation (16) and equation (17)

$$a[\alpha_1 (\sin\beta \cos\theta - \cos\beta \sin\theta) - \omega_1^2 (\cos\beta \cos\theta + \sin\beta \sin\theta)] - b\omega_2^2 (\cos^2\beta + \sin^2\beta) - \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \times \cos\beta = 0 \quad \rightarrow 18$$

$$a\alpha_1 \sin(\beta - \theta) - a\omega_1^2 \cos(\beta - \theta) - b\omega_2^2 - \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \times \cos\beta = 0 \quad \rightarrow 19$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{a\alpha_1 \sin(\beta - \theta) - a\omega_1^2 \cos(\beta - \theta) - b\omega_2^2}{\cos\beta} \quad \rightarrow 20$$

- From this equation, the linear acceleration of the slider (α_s) may be determined

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Acceleration Analysis contd..

- The angular acceleration of the connecting rod BC (i.e. α_2) may be determined from equation (10) and it is given by

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{a(\alpha_1 \cos \theta - \omega_1^2 \sin \theta) - b \omega_2^2 \sin \beta}{b \cos \beta}$$

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