# **Assignment 1 - Computational Dynamics**

# Assignment 1 - 4 bar linkage

The goal of this assignment is to perform a full kinematic analysis of a four-bar linkage.

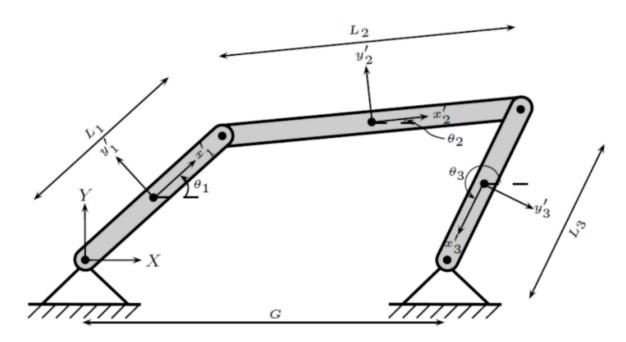


Figure 1: Four-bar linkage

Use the following lengths:

$$L_1 = 10m; L_2 = 26m; L_3 = 18m; G = 20m$$

### **Problem:**

### 1. Identify the number of bodies, joints and degrees of freedom for the mechanism.

The number of bodies (nb) is 3 and there are 4 joints with 1 degree of freedom each (nh = 8).

Therefore there degrees of freedom for the model is  $3 \cdot nb - nh = 1$ 

The remaining DoF will be governed by a driving constraint  $\Phi^D(q,t)=\phi_1-\omega t, \quad \omega=1.5 {{\rm rad} \over {\rm s}}$ 

## 2. Setup the kinematic constraints $\Phi^K$ for all the joints

First A and r are defined:

$$A(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix}, \quad r^p = r + A(\phi) s'^P, \quad q = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & \phi_1 & x_2 & y_2 & \phi_2 & x_3 & y_3 & \phi_3 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

The points for the joints are described by:

$$s_1'^{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{pl}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{L_1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_1'^{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{p2}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{L_1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_2'^{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{p2}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{L_2}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_2'^{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{p3}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{L_2}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_3'^{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{p3}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{L_3}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_3'^{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{p4}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{L_3}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

so that e.g.  $s_1^{p^2}$  describes the local point p2 in body 1.

The coordinates for the C-vectors are:

$$C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

And the coordinates for the r-vectors are:

$$m{r_1} = egin{bmatrix} x_1 \ y_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad m{r_2} = egin{bmatrix} x_2 \ y_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad m{r_3} = egin{bmatrix} x_3 \ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The Kinematic constraint equations are as follows:

$$\Phi^{\mathrm{abs1}}(q) = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 + A s_1'^{P^1} - C_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ y_1 - \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi^{\mathrm{rel1}}(q) = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 + A s_1'^{P^2} - \left( r_2 + A s_2'^{P^2} \right) - C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) - \left( x_2 - \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) \right) \\ y_1 + \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) - \left( y_2 - \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) \right) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi^{\mathrm{rel2}}(q) = \begin{bmatrix} r_2 + A s_2'^{P^3} - \left( r_3 + A s_3'^{P^3} \right) - C_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) - \left( x_3 - \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \right) \\ y_2 + \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) - \left( y_3 - \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \right) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi^{\mathrm{abs2}}(q) = \begin{bmatrix} r_3 + A s_3'^{P^4} - C_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 + \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) - 20 \\ y_3 + \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

As a system of constraints the vectorfunction the above equations become:

$$\Phi^K(q) = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^{\mathrm{abs1}}(q) \\ \Phi^{\mathrm{rev1}}(q) \\ \Phi^{\mathrm{rev2}}(q) \\ \Phi^{\mathrm{abs2}}(q) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \frac{L_1}{2}\cos(\phi_1) \\ y_1 - \frac{L_1}{2}\sin(\phi_1) \\ x_1 + \frac{L_1}{2}\cos(\phi_1) - \left(x_2 - \frac{L_2}{2}\cos(\phi_2)\right) \\ y_1 + \frac{L_1}{2}\sin(\phi_1) - \left(y_2 - \frac{L_2}{2}\sin(\phi_2)\right) \\ x_2 + \frac{L_2}{2}\cos(\phi_2) - \left(x_3 - \frac{L_3}{2}\cos(\phi_3)\right) \\ y_2 + \frac{L_2}{2}\sin(\phi_2) - \left(y_3 - \frac{L_3}{2}\sin(\phi_3)\right) \\ x_3 + \frac{L_3}{2}\cos(\phi_3) - 20 \\ y_3 + \frac{L_3}{2}\sin(\phi_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{o} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# 3. Setup of the driving constraint $\Phi^D$ that imposes $\phi_1=\omega t, \quad \omega=1.5 {{\rm rad} \over { m s}}$

As there is 1 DoF for the system, an absolute driving constraint is added to the system:

$$\Phi^D(q,t) = \left[\phi_1 - \omega t\right] = 0$$

## 4. Calculate the constraint jacobian $\Phi_q$

by combining  $\Phi^K$  and  $\Phi^D$  into  $\Phi$  and then taking the partial derivative with respect to q the constraint jacobian  $\Phi_q$  can be obtained:

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\Phi_q} &= \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial q} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \Phi^K}{\partial q} \\ \frac{\partial \Phi^D}{\partial q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2x2} & B_1 s'^{\text{pl}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I_{2x2} & -B_1 s'^{\text{pl}} & -I_{2x2} & B_2 s'^{\text{p2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{2x2} & -B_2 s'^{\text{p2}} & -I_{2x2} & B_3 s'^{\text{p3}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{2x2} & -B_3 s'^{\text{p3}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & -1 & 0 & \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & -1 & 0 & \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{split}$$

### 5. Setup of the velocity and acceleration equations $\nu$ and $\gamma$

First the equations for the velocities will be setup and then the accelerations.

### **Velocities:**

The velocity equation is defined as:

$$u = -\Phi_t = \Phi_q \dot{q}, \text{ where } \dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & \phi_1 & x_2 & y_2 & \phi_2 & x_3 & y_3 & \phi_3 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

as only  $\mathbf{\Phi}^D$  is a function of time  $(\phi_1-\omega t)$  the vector  $-\mathbf{\Phi}_t$  becomes:

$$oldsymbol{
u} = egin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w \end{bmatrix}^T = oldsymbol{\Phi_q} \dot{oldsymbol{q}}$$

By left multiplying with  ${f \Phi_q}^{-1}$  the equation can be rewritten as to obtain  $\dot q$ :

$$\dot{q}=\Phi_{a}^{\phantom{a}-1}
u$$

Which when written out in matrices is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x_1} \\ \dot{y_1} \\ \dot{y_1} \\ \dot{x_2} \\ \dot{y_2} \\ \dot{y_2} \\ \dot{x_3} \\ \dot{y_3} \\ \dot{\phi_3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & -1 & 0 & \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & -1 & 0 & \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for which the velocities can be calculated for each time instance.

### **Accelerations:**

The acceleration equations are defined as:

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma} = \boldsymbol{\Phi_q} \ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} = - \left(\boldsymbol{\Phi_q} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\right)_{\boldsymbol{q}} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} - 2\boldsymbol{\Phi_{qt}} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} - \boldsymbol{\Phi_{\text{tt}}}, \quad \text{where } \ddot{\boldsymbol{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\boldsymbol{x_1}} & \ddot{\boldsymbol{y_1}} & \ddot{\boldsymbol{x_2}} & \ddot{\boldsymbol{y_2}} & \ddot{\boldsymbol{x_3}} & \ddot{\boldsymbol{y_3}} & \ddot{\boldsymbol{q_3}} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

As  $m{\Phi_q}$  does not contain t,  $m{\Phi_{qt}} = \left[ ec{0} \right]$  and as only  $m{\Phi}^D$  is dependant on time:

$$\mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathrm{tt}} = rac{\partial^2 \mathbf{\Phi}^D}{\partial^2 t} = rac{\partial \mathbf{\Phi}_t^D}{\partial t} = \left[ ec{0} 
ight]$$

The expression for  $\gamma$  then becomes:  $\gamma=\Phi_{m q}\ddot{m q}=-ig(\Phi_{m q}\dot{m q}ig)_{m q}\dot{m q},$  where when solving for  $\ddot{m q}$ :

$$\ddot{oldsymbol{q}} = {oldsymbol{\Phi_q}}^{-1} \Big( - ig( {oldsymbol{\Phi_q}} \dot{oldsymbol{q}} \Big)_{oldsymbol{q}} \dot{oldsymbol{q}} \Big)$$

Before  $\ddot{q}$  can be solved for the term  $-ig(\Phi_{\!m{q}}\dot{q}ig)_{m{q}}\dot{q}$  has to be calculated in the order:

1. 
$$\Phi_q \dot{q}$$

2. 
$$\left(\mathbf{\Phi}_{\boldsymbol{q}}\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}\right)$$

2. 
$$(\Phi_q \dot{q})_q$$
  
3.  $-(\Phi_q \dot{q})_q \dot{q}$ 

First:

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi_{q}\dot{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2x2} & B_{1}s'^{\text{pl}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I_{2x2} & -B_{1}s'^{\text{pl}} & -I_{2x2} & B_{2}s'^{\text{p2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{2x2} & -B_{2}s'^{\text{p2}} & -I_{2x2} & B_{3}s'^{\text{p3}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{2x2} & -B_{3}s'^{\text{p3}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{r}_{1} \\ \dot{\phi}_{1} \\ \dot{r}_{2} \\ \dot{\phi}_{2} \\ \dot{r}_{3} \\ \dot{\phi}_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_{1} + \dot{\phi}_{1} \frac{L_{1}}{2} \cos(\phi_{1}) \\ \dot{y}_{1} - \dot{\phi}_{1} \frac{L_{1}}{2} \cos(\phi_{1}) \\ \dot{x}_{1} - \dot{\phi}_{1} \frac{L_{1}}{2} \sin(\phi_{1}) - \dot{x}_{2} + \dot{\phi}_{2} \frac{L_{2}}{2} \sin(\phi_{2}) \\ \dot{y}_{1} + \dot{\phi}_{1} \frac{L_{1}}{2} \cos(\phi_{1}) - \dot{y}_{2} - \dot{\phi}_{2} \frac{L_{2}}{2} \cos(\phi_{2}) \\ \dot{x}_{2} - \dot{\phi}_{2} \frac{L_{2}}{2} \sin(\phi_{2}) - \dot{x}_{3} + \dot{\phi}_{3} \frac{L_{3}}{2} \sin(\phi_{3}) \\ \dot{y}_{2} + \dot{\phi}_{2} \frac{L_{2}}{2} \cos(\phi_{2}) - \dot{y}_{3} - \dot{\phi}_{3} \frac{L_{3}}{2} \cos(\phi_{3}) \\ \dot{\phi}_{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

and lastly

$$\left(\Phi_{m{q}}\dot{m{q}}
ight)_{m{q}}\dot{m{q}}=$$

Then the expression for  $\gamma$  is:

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma} = - \left( \boldsymbol{\Phi_q} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} \right)_{\boldsymbol{q}} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{\phi_1}^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ -\dot{\phi_1}^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \\ \dot{\phi_1}^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) - \dot{\phi_2}^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) \\ \dot{\phi_1}^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) - \dot{\phi_2}^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) \\ \dot{\phi_2}^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) - \dot{\phi_3}^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi_2}^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) - \dot{\phi_3}^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi_3}^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi_3}^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

With the accelerations solved for:

$$\ddot{oldsymbol{q}} = oldsymbol{\Phi_q}^{-1}igg(-ig(oldsymbol{\Phi_q}\dot{oldsymbol{q}}ig)_{oldsymbol{q}}\dot{oldsymbol{q}}igg)$$

and with matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x_1} \\ \ddot{y_1} \\ \ddot{y_1} \\ \ddot{\phi_1} \\ \ddot{x_2} \\ \ddot{y_2} \\ \ddot{\phi_2} \\ \ddot{x_3} \\ \ddot{\phi_3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & -1 & 0 & \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & -1 & 0 & \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 6. Code for the system of equations in python:
- 7. The motion of the mechanism plotted for 10 seconds:
- 8. Initial configuration of the mechanism and the trajectories of the revolute joints: