

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.

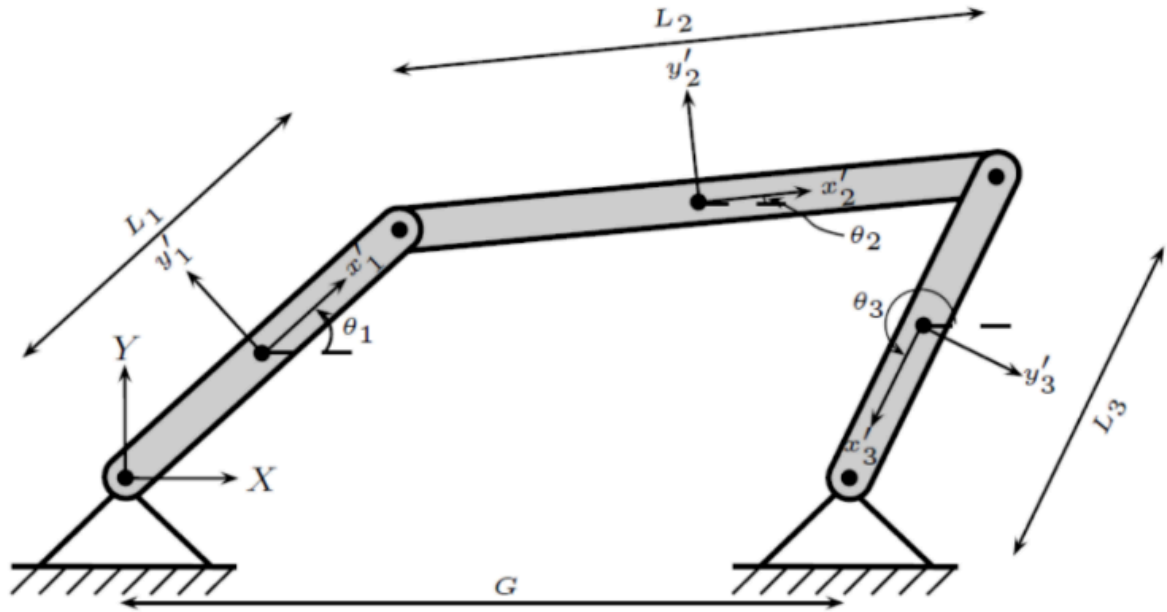


Figure 1: Four-bar linkage

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 $\Phi^D(q, t) = \phi_1 - \omega t$, $\omega = 1.5 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$

2. Setup the kinematic constraints Φ^K for all the joints

First A and r are defined:

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

The points for the joints are described by:

$$s_1^{p1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{L_1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_1^{p2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{L_1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_2^{p2} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{L_2}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_2^{p3} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{L_2}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_3^{p3} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{L_3}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s_3^{p4} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{L_3}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

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

The points

The Kinematic constraint equations are as follows:

- $\Phi^{\text{abs1}}(q) = [r_1 + As_1^{P1}] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ y_1 - \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\Phi^{\text{rel1}}(q) = [r_1 + As_1^{P2} - r_2 + As_2^{P2}] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) - x_2 - \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) \\ y_1 + \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) - y_2 - \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\Phi^{\text{rel2}}(q) = [r_2 + As_2^{P3} - r_3 + As_3^{P3}] = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) - x_3 - \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ y_2 + \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) - y_3 - \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\Phi^{\text{abs2}}(q) = [r_3 + As_3^{P4}] = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 + \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ y_3 + \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$$\Phi^K(q) = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^{\text{abs1}}(q) \\ \Phi^{\text{rel1}}(q) \\ \Phi^{\text{rel2}}(q) \\ \Phi^{\text{abs2}}(q) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ y_1 - \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \\ x_1 + \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) - x_2 - \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) \\ y_1 + \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) - y_2 - \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) \\ x_2 + \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) - x_3 - \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ y_2 + \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) - y_3 - \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ x_3 + \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ y_3 + \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{o}]$$

3. Setup of the driving constraint Φ^D that imposes $\phi_1 = \omega t$, $\omega = 1.5 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$

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

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

4. Calculate the constraint jacobian Φ_q

by combining Φ^K and Φ^D into Φ and then taking the partial derivative with respect to q the constraint jacobian Φ_q can be obtained:

$$\Phi_q = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial q} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \Phi^K}{\partial q} \\ \frac{\partial \Phi^D}{\partial q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2 \times 2} & B_1 s'^{p1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I_{2 \times 2} & -B_1 s'^{p1} & -I_{2 \times 2} & B_2 s'^{p2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{2 \times 2} & -B_2 s'^{p2} & -I_{2 \times 2} & B_3 s'^{p3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{2 \times 2} & -B_3 s'^{p3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

5. Setup of the velocity and acceleration equations ν and γ

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

Velocities:

The velocity equation is defined as:

$$\nu = -\Phi_t = \Phi_q \dot{q}, \quad \text{where } \dot{q} = [x_1 \ y_1 \ \dot{\phi}_1 \ x_2 \ y_2 \ \dot{\phi}_2 \ x_3 \ y_3 \ \dot{\phi}_3]^T$$

as only Φ^D is a function of time ($\phi_1 - \omega t$) the vector $-\Phi_t$ becomes:

$$\boldsymbol{\nu} = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ w]^T = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \dot{\mathbf{q}}$$

By left multiplying with $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_q^{-1}$ the equation can be rewritten as to obtain $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$:

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_q^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}$$

Which when written out in matrices is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{\phi}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{y}_2 \\ \dot{\phi}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \dot{y}_3 \\ \dot{\phi}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & -1 & 0 & \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & -1 & 0 & \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Accelerations:

The acceleration equations are defined as:

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \ddot{\mathbf{q}} = -(\boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \dot{\mathbf{q}})_q \dot{\mathbf{q}} - 2\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{qt} \dot{\mathbf{q}} - \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{tt}, \quad \text{where } \ddot{\mathbf{q}} = [\ddot{x}_1 \ \ddot{y}_1 \ \ddot{\phi}_1 \ \ddot{x}_2 \ \ddot{y}_2 \ \ddot{\phi}_2 \ \ddot{x}_3 \ \ddot{y}_3 \ \ddot{\phi}_3]^T$$

As $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_q$ does not contain t , $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{qt} = [\vec{0}]$ and as only $\boldsymbol{\Phi}^D$ is dependant on time:

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{tt} = \frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{\Phi}^D}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\Phi}_t^D}{\partial t} = [\vec{0}]$$

The expression for $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ then becomes: $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \ddot{\mathbf{q}} = -(\boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \dot{\mathbf{q}})_q \dot{\mathbf{q}}$, where when solving for $\ddot{\mathbf{q}}$:

$$\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_q^{-1} \left(-(\boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \dot{\mathbf{q}})_q \dot{\mathbf{q}} \right)$$

Before $\ddot{\mathbf{q}}$ can be solved for the term $-(\boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \dot{\mathbf{q}})_q \dot{\mathbf{q}}$ has to be calculated in the order:

1. $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \dot{\mathbf{q}}$
2. $(\boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \dot{\mathbf{q}})_q$
3. $-(\boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \dot{\mathbf{q}})_q \dot{\mathbf{q}}$

First:

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi}_q \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2 \times 2} & B_1 s'^{p1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I_{2 \times 2} & -B_1 s'^{p1} & -I_{2 \times 2} & B_2 s'^{p2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{2 \times 2} & -B_2 s'^{p2} & -I_{2 \times 2} & B_3 s'^{p3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{2 \times 2} & -B_3 s'^{p3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{r}}_1 \\ \dot{\phi}_1 \\ \dot{\mathbf{r}}_2 \\ \dot{\phi}_2 \\ \dot{\mathbf{r}}_3 \\ \dot{\phi}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \\ y_1 - \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ x_1 - \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) - x_2 + \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) \\ y_1 + \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) - y_2 - \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) \\ x_2 - \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) - x_3 + \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ y_2 + \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) - y_3 - \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ x_3 - \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ y_3 + \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi}_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$(\Phi_q \dot{q})_q = \frac{\partial \Phi_q \dot{q}}{\partial q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and lastly

$$(\Phi_q \dot{q})_q \dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{\phi}_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dot{y}_2 \\ \dot{\phi}_2 \\ x_3 \\ \dot{y}_3 \\ \dot{\phi}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ \dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \\ -\dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) + \dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) \\ -\dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) + \dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) \\ -\dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) + \dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ -\dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) + \dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ -\dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ -\dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the expression for γ is:

$$\gamma = -(\Phi_q \dot{q})_q \dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ -\dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \\ \dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) - \dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) \\ \dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) - \dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) \\ \dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) - \dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) - \dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

With the accelerations solved for:

$$\ddot{q} = \Phi_q^{-1} \left(-(\Phi_q \dot{q})_q \dot{q} \right)$$

and with matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{y}_1 \\ \ddot{\phi}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \\ \ddot{y}_2 \\ \ddot{\phi}_2 \\ \ddot{x}_3 \\ \ddot{y}_3 \\ \ddot{\phi}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & -1 & 0 & \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & -1 & 0 & \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & -1 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ -\dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \\ \dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) - \dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) \\ \dot{\phi}_1^2 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) - \dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) \\ \dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) - \dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi}_2^2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) - \dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi}_3^2 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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: