

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.

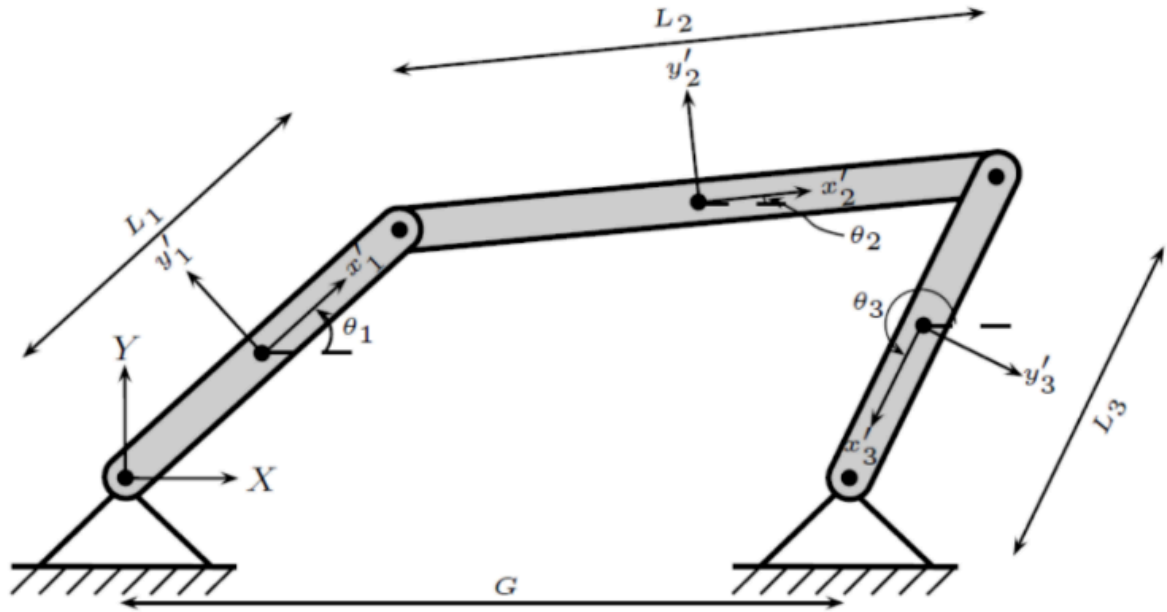


Figure 1: Four-bar linkage

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 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:

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

The Kinematic constraint equations are as follows:

- $\Phi^{\text{abs1}}(q) = [r_1 + A s_1'^{P^1} - C_1] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ y_1 - \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\Phi^{\text{rel1}}(q) = [r_1 + A s_1'^{P^2} - (r_2 + A s_2'^{P^2}) - C_2] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) - (x_2 - \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2)) \\ y_1 + \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) - (y_2 - \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2)) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\Phi^{\text{rel2}}(q) = [r_2 + A s_2'^{P^3} - (r_3 + A s_3'^{P^3}) - C_3] = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) - (x_3 - \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3)) \\ y_2 + \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) - (y_3 - \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3)) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\Phi^{\text{abs2}}(q) = [r_3 + A s_3'^{P^4} - C_4] = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 + \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) - 20 \\ y_3 + \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$$\Phi^K(q) = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^{\text{abs1}}(q) \\ \Phi^{\text{rel1}}(q) \\ \Phi^{\text{rel2}}(q) \\ \Phi^{\text{abs2}}(q) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ y_1 - \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \\ x_1 + \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) - (x_2 - \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2)) \\ y_1 + \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) - (y_2 - \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2)) \\ x_2 + \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) - (x_3 - \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3)) \\ y_2 + \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) - (y_3 - \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3)) \\ x_3 + \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) - 20 \\ y_3 + \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [\vec{o}]$$

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

First B is defined:

$$B(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\phi) & -\cos(\phi) \\ \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

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:

$$\Phi_q = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial q} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \Phi_K}{\partial q} \\ \frac{\partial \Phi_D}{\partial q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2 \times 2} & B_1 s_1^{p1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I_{2 \times 2} & B_1 s_1^{p2} & -I_{2 \times 2} & -B_2 s_2^{p2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{2 \times 2} & B_2 s_2^{p3} & -I_{2 \times 2} & -B_3 s_3^{p3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{2 \times 2} & B_3 s_3^{p4} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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:

$$\nu = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ w]^T = \Phi_q \dot{q}$$

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

$$\dot{q} = \Phi_q^{-1} \nu$$

Which when written out in matrices is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ \dot{\phi}_1 \\ x_2 \\ y_2 \\ \dot{\phi}_2 \\ x_3 \\ y_3 \\ \dot{\phi}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) & -1 & 0 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) & 0 & -1 & \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) & -1 & 0 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) & 0 & -1 & \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Accelerations:

The acceleration equations are defined as:

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

As Φ_q does not contain t , $\Phi_{qt} = [\vec{0}]$ and as only Φ^D is dependant on time:

$$\Phi_{tt} = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi^D}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial \Phi_t^D}{\partial t} = [\vec{0}]$$

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

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

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

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

First:

$$\Phi_q \dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2 \times 2} & B_1 s_1^{p1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ I_{2 \times 2} & B_1 s_1^{p2} & -I_{2 \times 2} & -B_2 s_2^{p2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{2 \times 2} & B_2 s_2^{p3} & -I_{2 \times 2} & -B_3 s_3^{p3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{2 \times 2} & B_3 s_3^{p4} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{r}_1 \\ \dot{\phi}_1 \\ \dot{r}_2 \\ \dot{\phi}_2 \\ \dot{r}_3 \\ \dot{\phi}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) \\ y_1 - \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) \\ x_1 - \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \sin(\phi_1) - x_2 - \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) \\ y_1 + \dot{\phi}_1 \frac{L_1}{2} \cos(\phi_1) - y_2 + \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) \\ x_2 - \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \sin(\phi_2) - x_3 - \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ y_2 + \dot{\phi}_2 \frac{L_2}{2} \cos(\phi_2) - y_3 + \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ x_3 - \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \sin(\phi_3) \\ y_3 + \dot{\phi}_3 \frac{L_3}{2} \cos(\phi_3) \\ \dot{\phi}_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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:

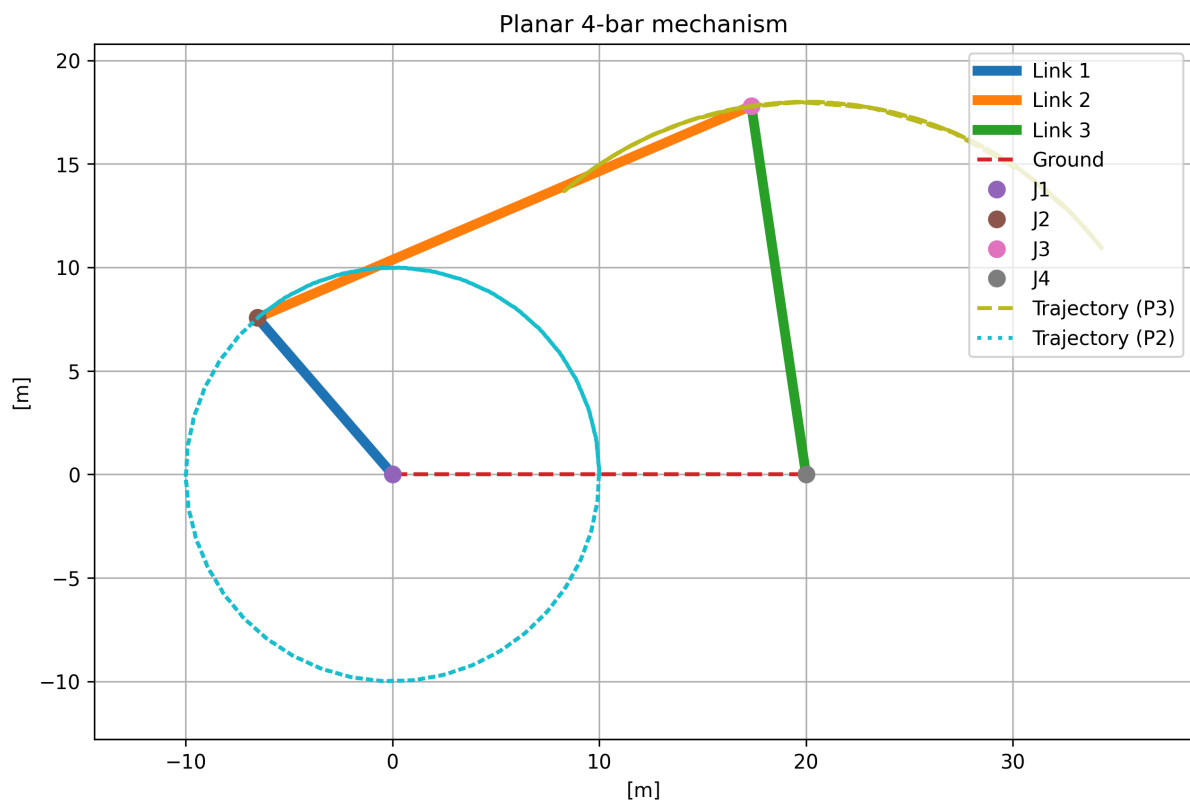
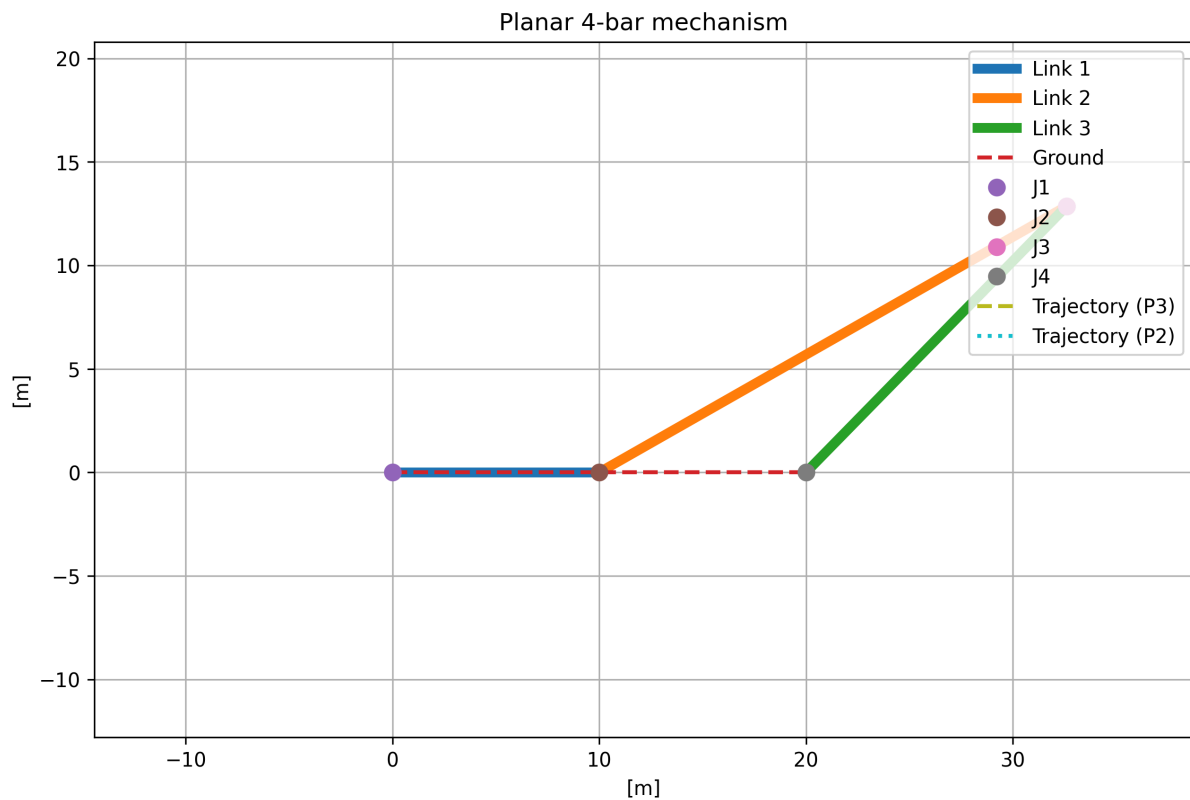
$$\ddot{q} = \Phi_q^{-1} \left(-(\Phi_q \dot{q})_q \dot{q} \right)$$

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: