

Module 7
Lecture 21:
Dynamic Force
Analysis (DFA) - 2



ME 370 - Mechanical Design 1

"Colibri" by Derek Hugger

** www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iscj5sotD-E*

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Today (Reading, Norton Ch 10.1-10.8, 11)

11/5/25

Activities & Upcoming Deadlines

- **Week 11:**
 - **HW 10 (Motor, Cam, Motion 1):** posted and due Tuesday 11/11
 - **Lab 10 (Motors):** Team post-lab due before lab
 - **Lab 11 (Dynamic Force Analysis with Python)** – Meet in 1001 MEL. Prelab – required
- **Project 2:**
 - **[Project 2 Description](#)** - Follow this document for expected deliverables for P2D2. Submit materials to Gradescope prior to lab 12 (slides + PVA appendix + CAD animation). Demonstration of prototype of entire robot (walker + dispensing mechanism together), grade will depend on level of function
 - **Grading Rubric and PPTX template are posted**
 - **Lab 12:** Meet in 1001 MEL for presentation

DFA 7 Steps

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- Draw complete system

2

- Draw free-body diagram of each segment

3

- Symbolically write out equations of motion

4

- Convert to matrix format

5

- Insert known values

6

- Invert matrix to solve for unknown forces and torques

Force Analysis Procedure: 7 steps to solve for forces and torques

1. **Draw complete system.** Label points, dimensions, external forces & torques, kinematics.
2. **Draw free-body diagram of each segment.** On each link, label local coordinate systems, external joint forces & torques, kinematics, internal forces & torques, and position vectors. Note equal and opposite forces on links at joints. Label forces such that force vector \vec{F}_{ij} represents the force of link i on link j and is applied at the common joint on link j .
3. **Symbolically write out equations of motion** for each moving link. (For planar mechanism, 3 EOM)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (1) \sum F_{ix} = m_i A_{CGix} \\ (2) \sum F_{iy} = m_i A_{CGiy} \end{array} \right\} \sum \vec{F}_i = m_i \vec{A}_{CGi} \quad (3) \sum T_{iz} = I_{CGi} \alpha_i$$

Force Analysis Procedure (con't)

4. Convert to matrix format $[A] \{B\} = \{C\}$, where

$[A]$ contains geometric info (e.g., position vector dimensions),

$\{B\}$ contains all unknowns, and

$\{C\}$ contains dynamic info

(e.g., external forces & torques, PVA analysis results, mass, moments of inertia).

5. Insert known values into $[A]$ & $\{C\}$

Force Analysis Procedure (con't)

6. **Solve for unknown forces and torques** (typically internal joint forces and torques) using

$$\{\mathbf{B}\} = [\mathbf{A}]^{-1} \{\mathbf{C}\}$$

$$A \vec{b} = \vec{c} \rightarrow A^{-1} A \vec{b} = A^{-1} \vec{c}.$$
$$\vec{b} = A^{-1} \vec{c}$$

Solve for $\{\mathbf{B}\}$ using matrix calculator or software programs like MATLAB.

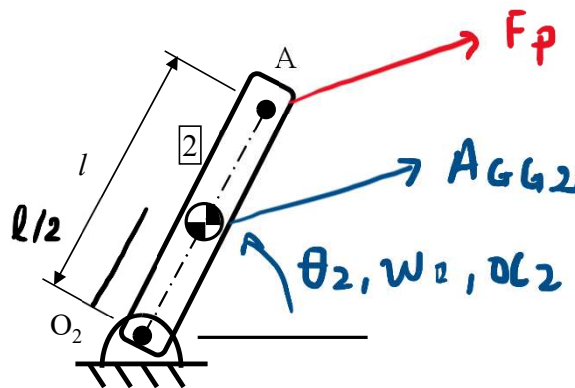
for a particular pose of the mech.

Note: This procedure only provides solution for unknown forces and torques at the specified, instantaneous position. Need to repeat steps 5 & 6 for changing values of parameters in $[\mathbf{A}]$ and $\{\mathbf{C}\}$.

Single Link in Rotation (Ex. 11-1)

- **Given:** A single link of mass m and length l rotates about a fixed point O_2 . The link has uniform cross-section. An external force, \vec{F}_P , is applied at point A. Assume that, at this instant in time, the following kinematic data are known $\theta_2, \omega_2, \alpha_2, \vec{A}_{CG2}$
- **Find:** The reaction force \vec{F}_{12} at O_2 and driving torque T_{12} needed to maintain motion at this instant of time.

(1) *Draw complete system. Label points, dimensions, external forces & torques, kinematics.*

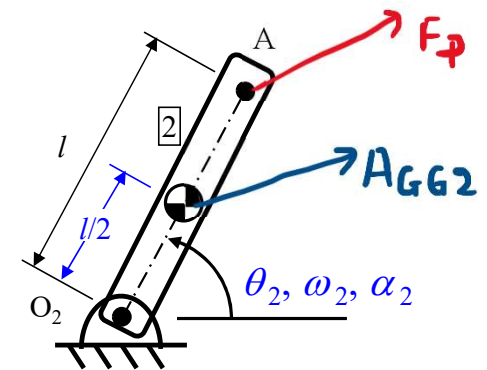
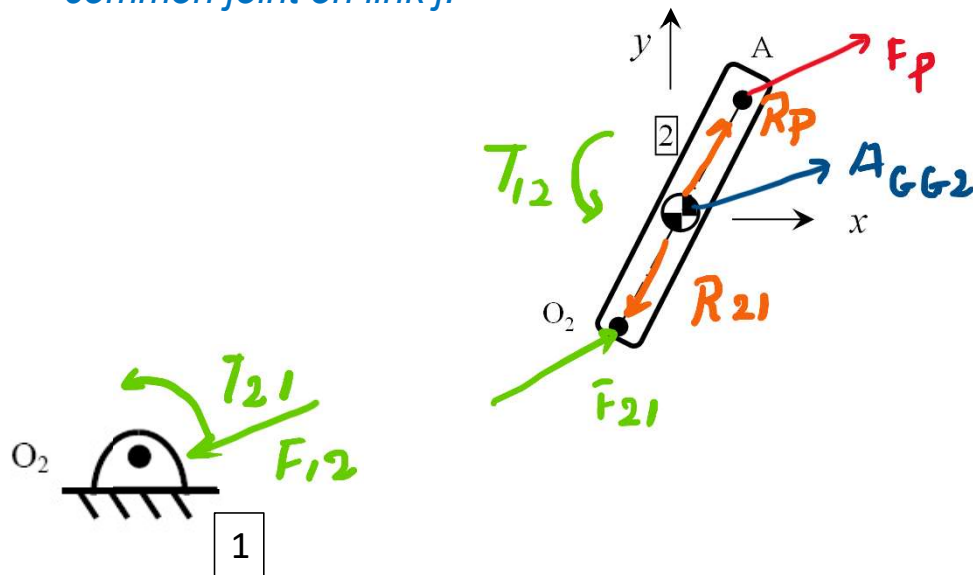


Note: assume that vectors are pointing in direction as shown. True directions will be determined when solved.

Single Link in Rotation (con't)

(2) Draw free-body diagram of each segment.

- On each link, label local coordinate systems, external joint forces & torques, kinematics, internal forces & torques, and position vectors.
- Note equal and opposite forces on links at joints.
- Label forces such that force vector \vec{F}_{ij} represents the force of link i on link j and is applied at the common joint on link j .



Single Link in Rotation (con't)

(3) Symbolically write out equations of motion for each moving link

- **Assume all unknown forces or torques are positive. True signs will be determined later.**

$$\sum \vec{F}_i = m_i \vec{A}_{CGi} \quad \sum T_{iz} = I_{CGi} \alpha_i$$

Link 2:

$$\sum \vec{F} =$$

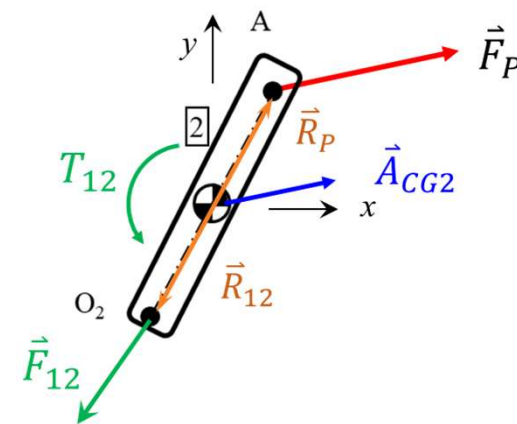
$$\sum T_z =$$

In Cartesian (x, y) terms these equations become:

$$\sum f_x = F_{12x} + F_{Px} = m_2 A_{CG2x}$$

$$\sum f_y = F_{12y} + F_{Py} = m_2 A_{CG2y}$$

$$\sum T_z = T_{12} + (R_{12x} F_{12y} - R_{12y} F_{12x}) + (R_{Px} F_{Py} - R_{Py} F_{Px}) = I_{CG2} \alpha_2$$



Recall: $\vec{R} \times \vec{F} = R_x F_y - R_y F_x$

Single Link in Rotation (con't)

$$x: F_{12x} = m_2 A_{CG2x} - F_{Px}$$

$$y: F_{12y} = m_2 A_{CG2y} - F_{Py}$$

$$T: -R_{12y} F_{12x} + R_{12x} F_{12y} + T_{12} = I_{CG2} \alpha_2 - R_{Px} F_{Py} + R_{Py} F_{Px}$$

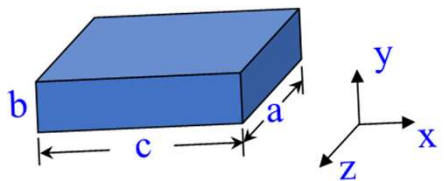
(4) Convert to matrix format $[A] \{B\} = \{C\}$, where

$[A]$ contains geometric info (e.g., position vector dimensions),

$\{B\}$ contains all unknowns,

$\{C\}$ contains dynamic info (e.g., external forces & torques, PVA analysis results, mass, moments of inertia)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -R_{12y} & R_{12x} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} F_{12x} \\ F_{12y} \\ T_{12} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} m_2 A_{CG2x} - F_{Px} \\ m_2 A_{CG2y} - F_{Py} \\ I_{CG2} \alpha_2 - R_{Px} F_{Py} + R_{Py} F_{Px} \end{Bmatrix}$$



$$I_x = \frac{m(a^2 + b^2)}{12}; I_y = \frac{m(a^2 + c^2)}{12}; I_z = \frac{m(b^2 + c^2)}{12}$$

(5) Insert known/given values for variables in $[A]$ & $\{C\}$.

(6) Solve for unknown forces and torques in $\{B\}$ (typically internal joint forces and torques) using $\{B\} = [A]^{-1} \{C\}$.

Practice: Fourbar slider-crank (crank = link 2)

Given: Applied external force \vec{F}_P at P. Know kinematics for link 2, 3 & 4, CGs (e.g., PVA); inertial props (m_i, I_{CGi})

Find: Reaction forces at each pin joint and driving torque T_{12} .

(1) Draw complete system

- Label points, dimensions, external forces & torques, kinematics.

Unknowns:

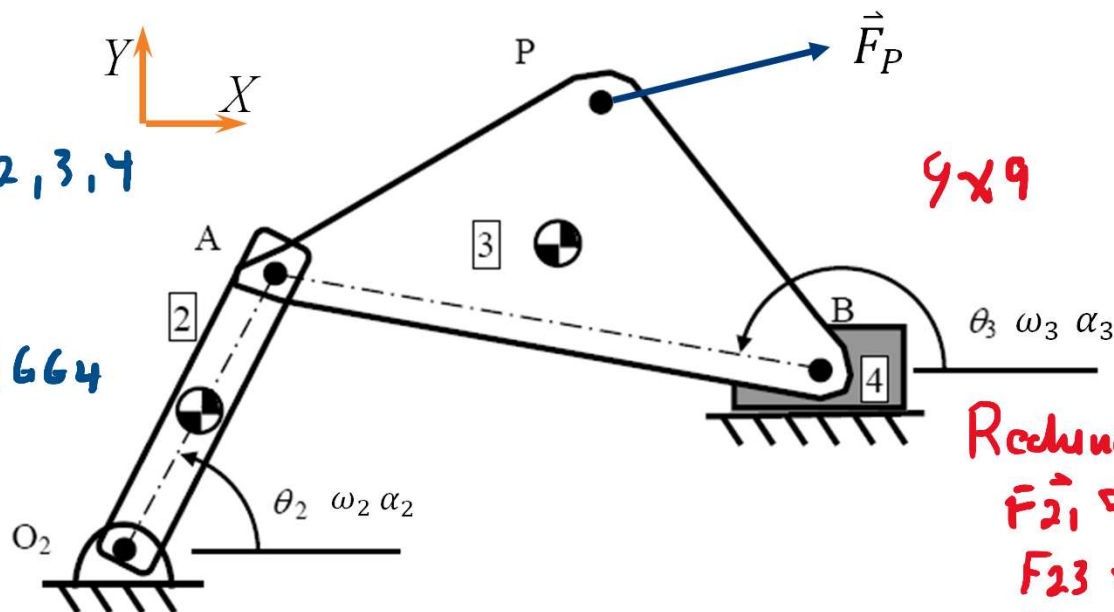
Knowns:

\vec{F}_P

$m_i, I_{CGi}; i=2,3,4$

$\theta_i, \omega_i, \alpha_i$

$A_{CG2}, A_{CG3}, A_{CG4}$



9x9

T_{12}
 $\vec{F}_{12} = F_{12x}, F_{12y}$
 $\vec{F}_{32} = F_{32x}, F_{32y}$
 $\vec{F}_{43} = F_{43x}, F_{43y}$
 $\vec{F}_{14} = F_{14x}, F_{14y}$

Redundant

$\vec{F}_{21} = -\vec{F}_{12}$

$F_{23} = -F_{32}$

$F_{34} = -F_{43}$

$\vec{F}_{13} = -\vec{F}_{31}$

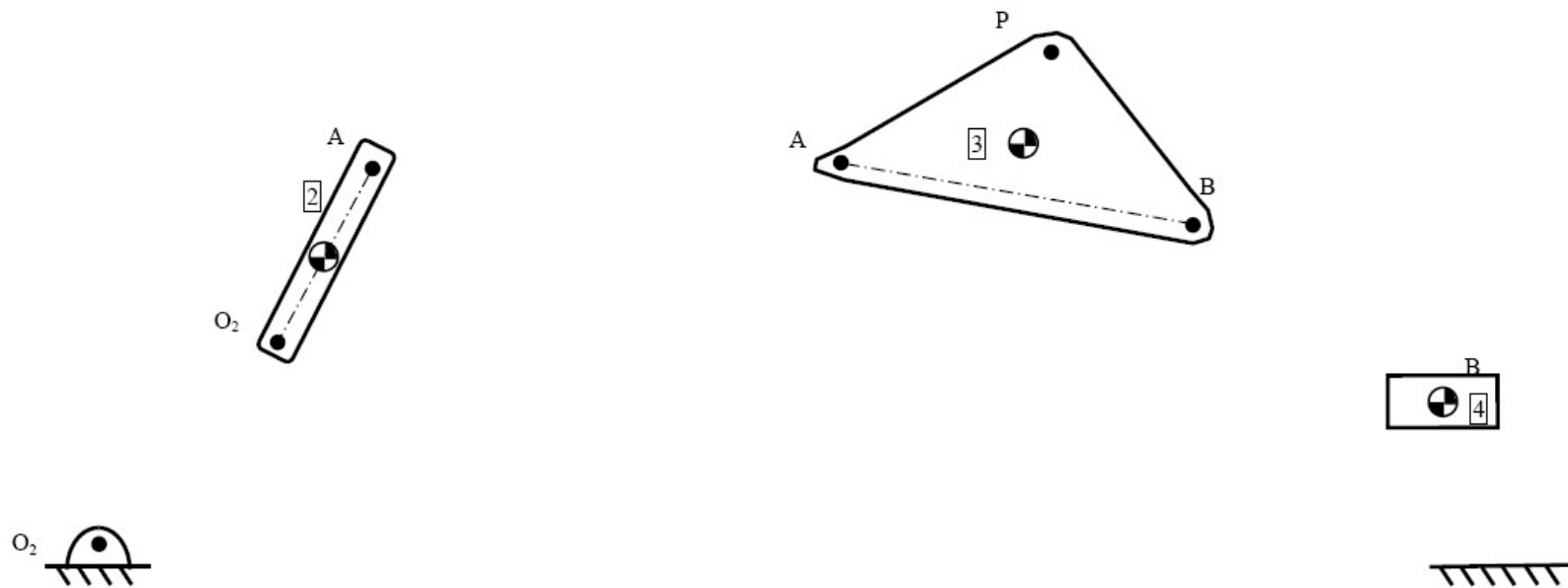
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Note: assume that vectors are pointing in direction as shown. True directions will be determined when solved.

Fourbar slider-crank

(2) Draw free-body diagram of each segment.

On each link, label local coordinate systems, external joint forces & torques, kinematics, internal forces & torques, and position vectors. Label forces such that force vector \vec{F}_{ij} represents the force of link i **on** link j and is applied at the common joint on link j .



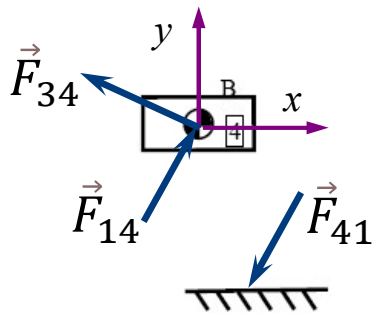
Fourbar slider-crank

How do we best represent forces on sliders, when the pin joint goes through the CG?

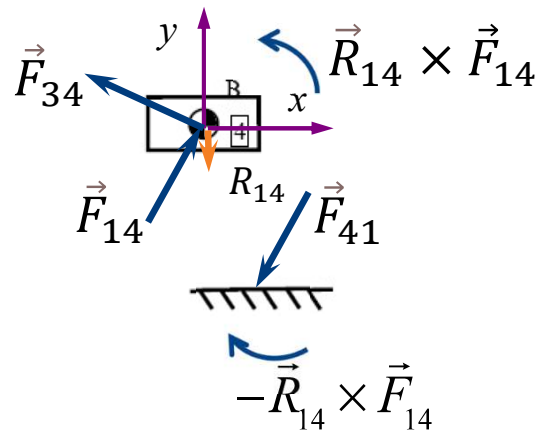


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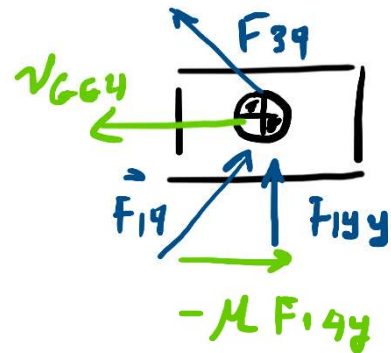
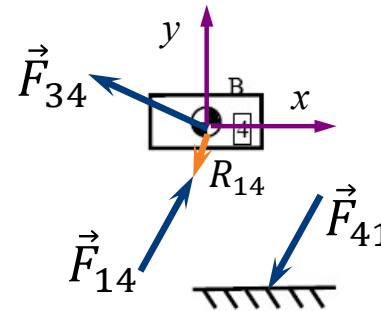
Case A



Case B



Case C



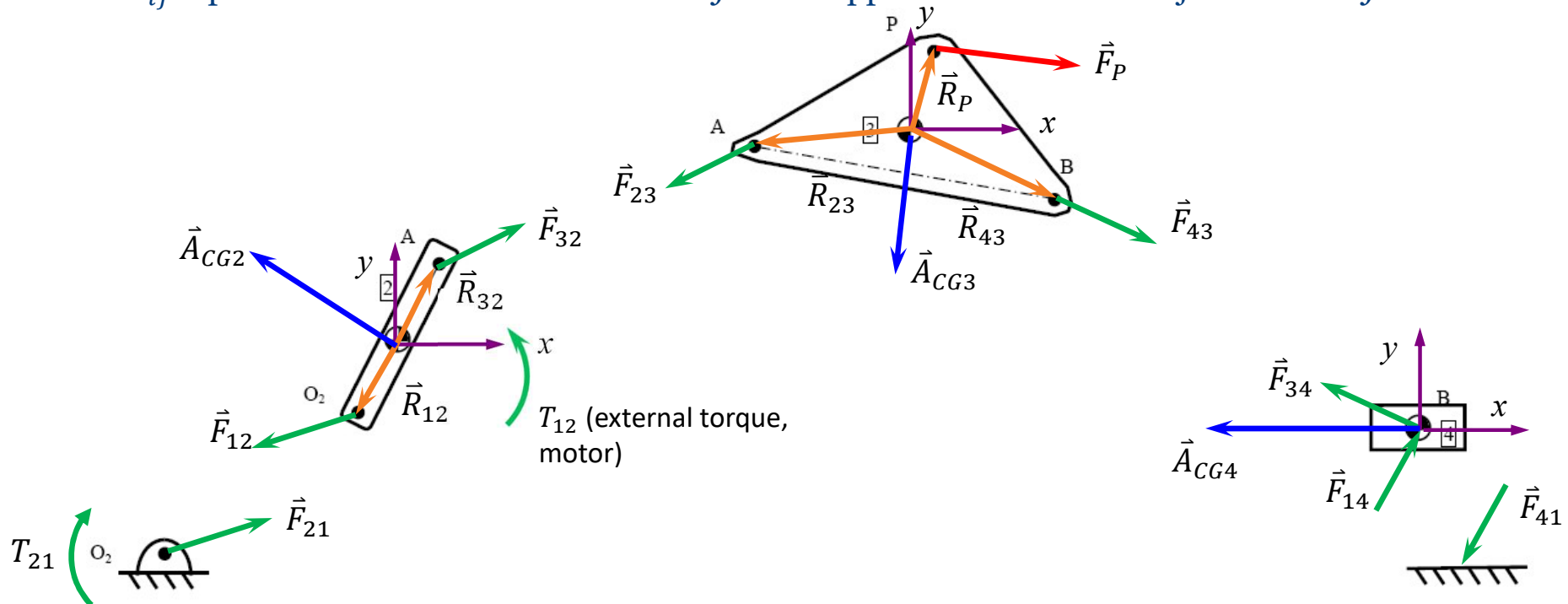
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answer is A

Fourbar slider-crank

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Fourbar slider-crank

(3) Symbolically write out equations of motion for each moving link

For Link 2:

$$\sum \vec{F}_i = m_i \vec{A}_{CGi}$$

$$\sum T_{iz} = I_{CGi} \alpha_i$$

$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{F}_{12} + \vec{F}_{32} = m_2 \vec{A}_{CG2}$$

$$\sum T_z = T_{12} + (\vec{R}_{12} \times \vec{F}_{12}) + (\vec{R}_{32} \times \vec{F}_{32}) = I_{CG2} \alpha_2$$

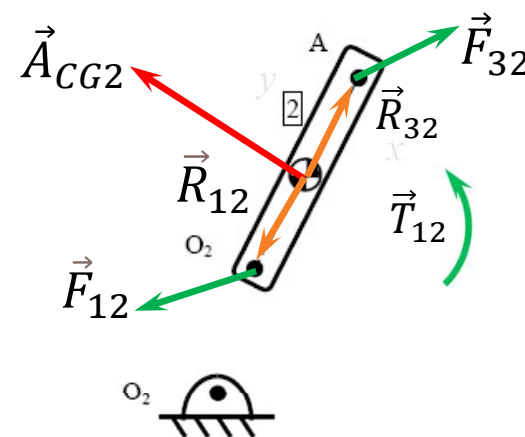
in cartesian

5 unknown,
3 Eqs

$$1) \underline{F_{12x}} + \underline{F_{32x}} = m A_{CG2x}$$

$$2) \underline{F_{12y}} + \underline{F_{32y}} = m A_{CG2y}$$

$$3) \underline{T_{12}} + (\underline{R_{12x}} \underline{F_{12y}} - \underline{R_{12y}} \underline{F_{12x}}) + (\underline{R_{32x}} \underline{F_{32y}} - \underline{R_{32y}} \underline{F_{32x}}) = I_{CG2} \alpha_2$$



recall

$$\vec{R} \times \vec{F} = R_x F_y - R_y F_x$$

Fourbar slider-crank

(3) Symbolically write out equations of motion for each moving link

For Link 3:

$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{F}_P + \vec{F}_{23} + \vec{F}_{43} = m_3 \vec{A}_{CG3}$$

$$\sum T_{iz} = I_{CGi} \alpha_i$$

$$\sum T_z = (\vec{R}_P \times \vec{F}_P) + (\vec{R}_{23} \times \vec{F}_{23}) + (\vec{R}_{43} \times \vec{F}_{43}) = I_{CG} \alpha_3$$

Recall: $\vec{F}_{23} = -\vec{F}_{32}$

$F_{23x} + F_{43x} + F_{Px} = m_3 A_{CG3x}$

(new variables are introduced with positive sign)

$-F_{32x} + F_{43x} + F_{Px} = m_3 A_{CG3x}$

Add 2 more unknowns, and 3 more equations

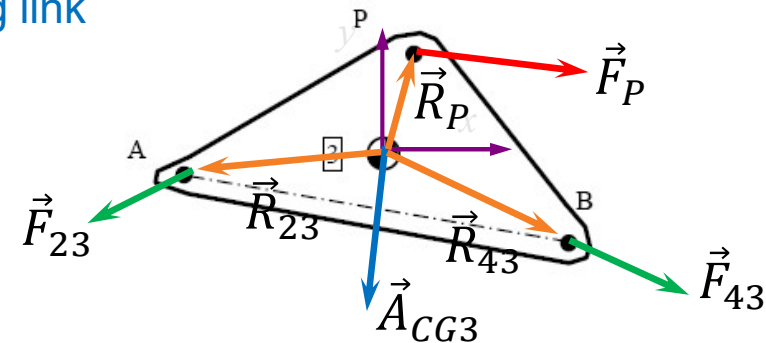
$-F_{32y} + F_{43y} + F_{Py} = m_3 A_{CG3y}$

$(-R_{23x}F_{32y} + R_{23y}F_{32x}) + (R_{43x}F_{43y} - R_{43y}F_{43x}) + (R_{Px}F_{Py} - R_{Py}F_{Px}) = I_{CG3}\alpha_3$

Torque of F_{32}

torque of F_{43}

Torque of Event force



Fourbar slider-crank

(3) Symbolically write out equations of motion for each moving link

For Link 4:

$$\sum \vec{F}_i = m_i \vec{A}_{CGi}$$

$$\sum T_{iz} = I_{CGi} \alpha_i$$

close not rotate so

$$\alpha_4 = 0$$

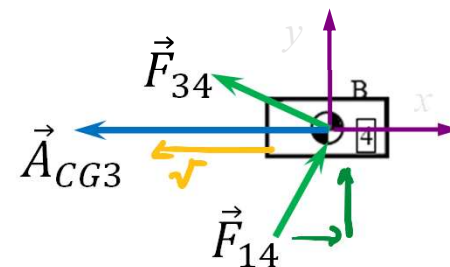
$$A_{CG4y} = 0$$

$$R_{ij} = 0$$

No torque balance necessary!

not an unknown

all force pass through CG
0 = 0



Friction on slider:

$$F_{14x} = \pm \mu F_{14y} = -\text{sign}(V_{CG4x}) \mu F_{14y}$$

$$F_{14x} = -\text{sign}(v) \mu F_{14y}$$

$$F_{14x} - F_{43x} = m_4 A_{CG4x} \rightarrow \pm \mu F_{14y} - F_{43x} = m_4 A_{CG4x}$$

$$F_{14y} - F_{43y} = 0$$

Add 1 unknown, and 2 more equations

→ 8 unknowns, 8 equations

(note: originally 9 unknowns, but can find F_{14x} through friction equation)

(4) Convert to matrix format $[A] \{B\} = \{C\}$,

Link2: $\boxed{F_{12x}} + \boxed{F_{32x}} = m_2 A_{CG2x}$
 $\boxed{F_{12y}} + \boxed{F_{32y}} = m_2 A_{CG2y}$
 $\boxed{T_{12}} + (R_{12x}F_{12y} - R_{12y}F_{12x}) + (R_{32x}F_{32y} - R_{32y}F_{32x}) = I_{CG2}\alpha_2$

Link3: $-F_{32x} + \boxed{F_{43x}} + F_{Px} = m_3 A_{CG3x}$
 $-F_{32y} + \boxed{F_{43y}} + F_{Py} = m_3 A_{CG3y}$
 $(-R_{23x}F_{32y} + R_{23y}F_{32x}) + (R_{43x}F_{43y} - R_{43y}F_{43x})$
 $+ (R_{Px}F_{Py} - R_{Py}F_{Px}) = I_{CG3}\alpha_3$

Link4:

$F_{14x} - F_{43x} = m_4 A_{CG4x} \rightarrow \pm \mu F_{14y} - F_{43x} = m_4 A_{CG4x}$
 $\boxed{F_{14y}} + F_{43y} = 0$
 Recall: $F_{14x} = \pm \mu F_{14y} = -\text{sign}(V_{4x}) \mu F_{14y}$

Write out unknowns above $[A]$ for bookkeeping

| | F_{12x} | F_{12y} | F_{32x} | F_{32y} | F_{43x} | F_{43y} | F_{14x} | T_{12} |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| F_{12x} | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| F_{12y} | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| F_{32x} | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| F_{32y} | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| F_{43x} | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| F_{43y} | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| F_{14x} | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| T_{12} | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

$$[A] \begin{Bmatrix} F_{12x} \\ F_{12y} \\ F_{32x} \\ F_{32y} \\ F_{43x} \\ F_{43y} \\ F_{14x} \\ T_{12} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} m_2 A_{CG2x} \\ m_2 A_{CG2y} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{Bmatrix}$$

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Link2: $F_{12x} + F_{32x} = m_2 A_{CG2x}$
 $F_{12y} + F_{32y} = m_2 A_{CG2y}$

$$T_{12} + (R_{12x}F_{12y} - R_{12y}F_{12x}) + (R_{32x}F_{32y} - R_{32y}F_{32x}) = I_{CG2}\alpha_2$$

Link3: $-F_{32x} + F_{43x} + F_{Px} = m_3 A_{CG3x}$
 $-F_{32y} + F_{43y} + F_{Py} = m_3 A_{CG3y}$
 $(-R_{23x}F_{32y} + R_{23y}F_{32x}) + (R_{43x}F_{43y} - R_{43y}F_{43x})$
 $+ (R_{Px}F_{Py} - R_{Py}F_{Px}) = I_{CG3}\alpha_3$

Link4:

$$F_{14x} - F_{43x} = m_4 A_{CG4x} \rightarrow \pm \mu F_{14y} - F_{43x} = m_4 A_{CG4x}$$

$$F_{14y} - F_{43y} = 0$$

$$\text{Recall: } F_{14x} = \pm \mu F_{14y} = -\text{sign}(V_{4x}) \mu F_{14y}$$

Write out unknowns above $[A]$ for bookkeeping

| F_{12x} | F_{12y} | F_{32x} | F_{32y} | F_{43x} | F_{43y} | F_{14x} | T_{12} |
|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $-R_{12y}$ | R_{12x} | $-R_{32y}$ | R_{32x} | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | R_{23y} | $-R_{23x}$ | $-R_{43y}$ | R_{43x} | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | $\pm \mu$ | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 0 |

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_{12x} \\ F_{12y} \\ F_{32x} \\ F_{32y} \\ F_{43x} \\ F_{43y} \\ F_{14y} \\ T_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_2 A_{CG2x} \\ m_2 A_{CG2y} \\ I_{CG2} \alpha_2 \\ m_3 A_{CG3x} - F_{Px} \\ m_3 A_{CG3y} - F_{Py} \\ I_{CG3} \alpha_3 - R_{Px} F_{Py} + R_{Py} F_{Px} \\ m_4 A_{CG4x} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$