

**Module 7**  
**Lecture 22:**  
**Dynamic Force**  
**Analysis (DFA) - 3**



**ME 370 - Mechanical Design 1**

*"Colibri" by Derek Hugger*

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# Lecture 22: Dynamic Force Analysis - 3

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

11/10/25

## Activities & Upcoming Deadlines

- **Week 12:**
  - **HW 10 (Motor, Cam, Motion 1):** posted and due Tuesday 11/11
  - **HW 11 (Motor, Cam, Motion 2):** posted shortly
  - **Lab 11 (Dynamic Force Analysis with Python)** – Post-lab due the night before your lab section during the week of Nov 19 (delayed by 2 weeks due to P2D2 during Lab 12).
  - **Lab 12:** Meet in 1001 MEL for P2D2 presentation
- **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
  - **Complete CATME peer evaluation after finishing P2D2.**

Next lecture : start Module 8 : Virtual Work

# DFA topics

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- Reading: Chap 10.1-10.8, 11
- Dynamics Fundamentals
  - Newton's laws
  - Mass moment ,Center of gravity
  - Mass moment of inertia, Parallel axis theorem
  - Radius of gyration
- Forward and Inverse Dynamics
- Force Analysis Procedure
  - Free body diagrams and equation development
  - Matrix format and solution
- Examples
  - Single link in rotation
  - Four bar slider crank *↔ see lecture 21 post lecture slides for complete*
  - Gear set

# Recall: DFA 6 Steps

1

- Draw complete system, identify knowns and unknowns

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

# Gearset

Given a simple gear train of a gear (body 2) and the pinion (body 3). Consider the torque at the pinion,  $T_{13}$ , to be known. Assume that each gear has mass  $m_i$ , radius  $r_i$ , moment of inertia  $I_{CGi}$ , and the PVA analysis is already solved.

*Find: internal forces between links, and driving torque  $T_{12}$*

1. *Draw complete system. Label points, dimensions, external forces & torques, kinematics.* **List known and unknown terms (kinematics, kinetics, property constants).** Categorize into property constants (e.g., properties of links that will never change), knowns (e.g., solved variables from the PVA analysis or defined input terms that may/may not change as the mechanism moves), and unknowns (e.g., output variables that need to be solved). If any variables are constrained by the design to be zero or a fixed value, identify that value.

Knowns:

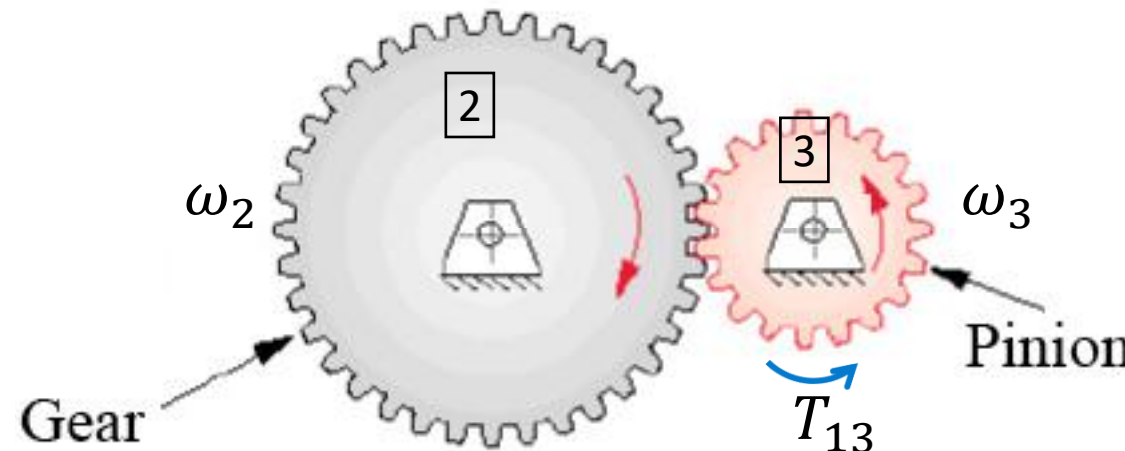
$$T_{13}$$

For  $i = 2, 3$ :

$$m_i, r_i, I_{CGi}$$

$$\theta_i, \omega_i, \alpha_i$$

$$\vec{A}_{CGi} = 0 \quad \vec{s}_{CGi} = \vec{v}_{CGi} = 0$$



Unknowns:

$$T_{12}$$

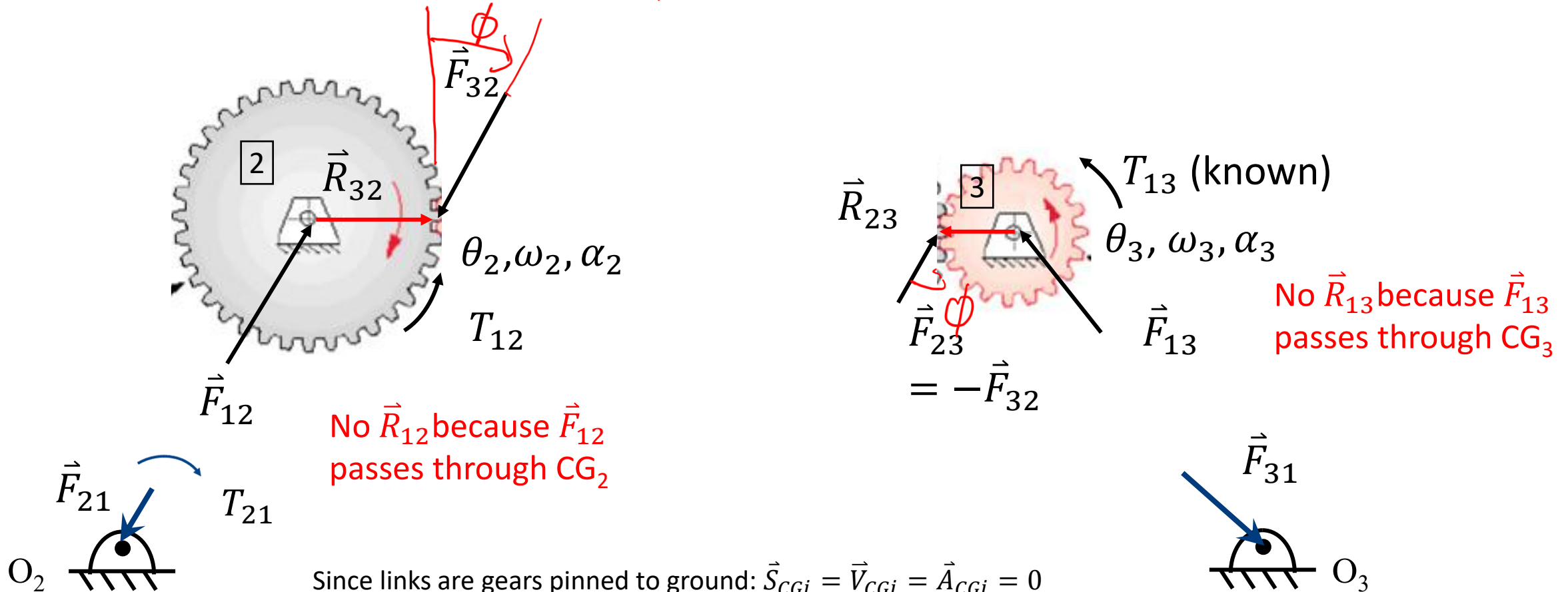
$$\vec{F}_{12}, \vec{F}_{13}, \vec{F}_{23}$$

Break into x,y components

⇒ 7 unknowns

# Gearset

2. Draw free body diagrams for each link. Label points, dimensions, external ~~forces~~ internal forces & torques, kinematics. *Position vectors*

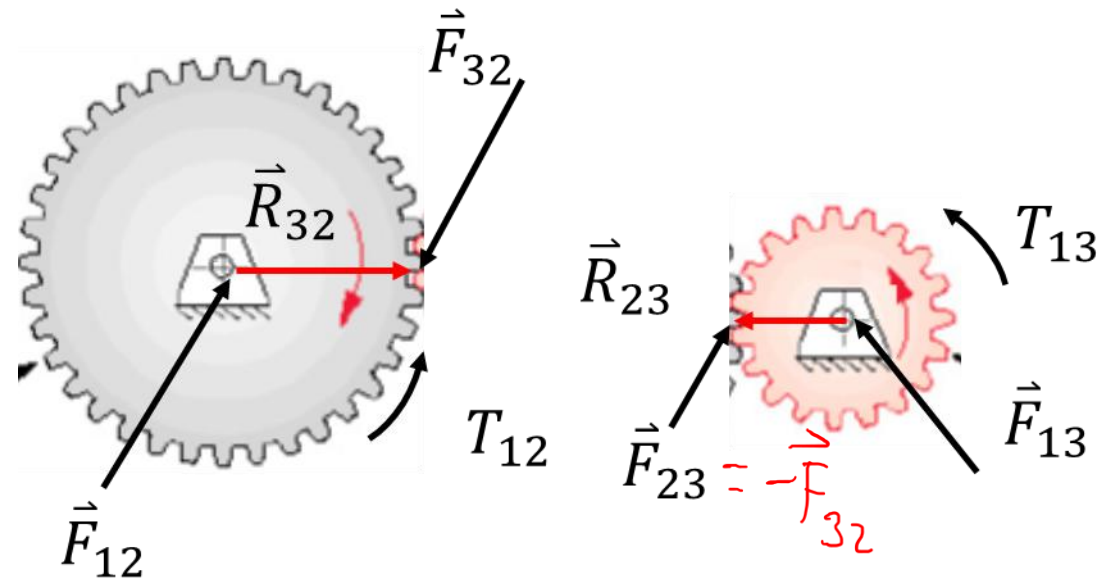


# Gearset

3. Write the set of equations for each of the gears. You should have 3 equations for each gear.  
List the unknown forces & torques.

Recall:  $\sum \vec{F}_i = m_i \vec{A}_{CGi}$ ,  $\sum T_{iz} = I_{CGi} \alpha_i$   
 $\vec{T} = \vec{R} \times \vec{F}$

Gear	$F_{12x} + F_{32x} = m_2 A_{CG2x}$ $F_{12y} + F_{32y} = m_2 A_{CG2y}$ $T_{12} + (R_{32x} F_{32y} - R_{32y} F_{32x}) = I_{CG2} \alpha_2$
Pinion	$F_{13x} - F_{32x} = m_3 A_{CG3x}$ $F_{13y} - F_{32y} = m_3 A_{CG3y}$ $T_{13} - (R_{23x} F_{32y} - R_{23y} F_{32x}) = I_{CG3} \alpha_3$



7 unknowns, but only 6 equations

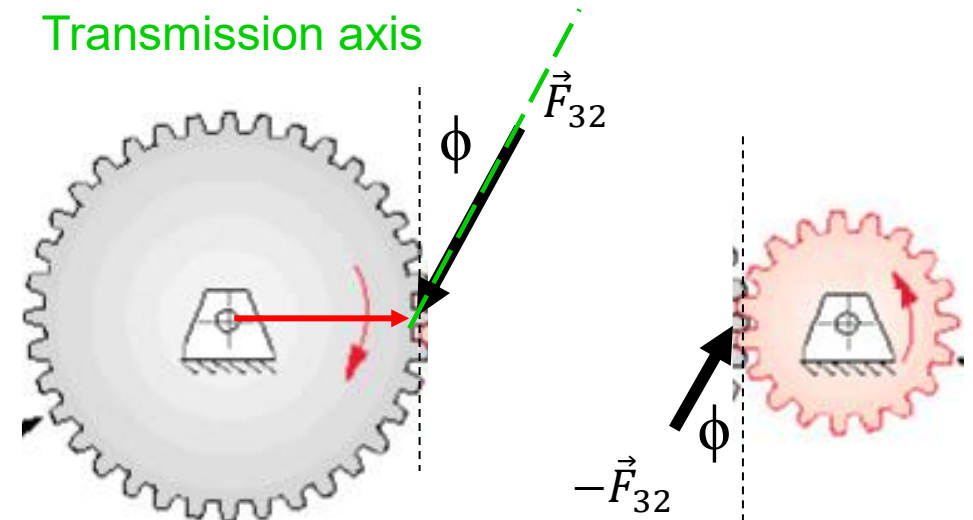
# Gearset – identifying constraints

Too many unknowns, need an additional constraint

Fixed pressure angle adds constraint for gear set:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{32x} &= \tan(\phi) |F_{32y}| \\ &= \tan(\phi) \text{sign}(F_{32y}) F_{32y} \\ &= c F_{32y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{32x} &= c F_{32y} \\ \Rightarrow c &= \tan(\phi) \text{sign}(F_{32y}) \end{aligned}$$



where  $\phi$  is the pressure angle from gear tooth geometry



# Gearset

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

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

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

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

$$(4) F_{13x} - F_{32x} = m A_{CG3x}$$

$$(5) F_{13y} - F_{32y} = m A_{CG3y}$$

$$(6) T_{13} - (R_{23x} F_{32y} - R_{23y} F_{32x}) = I_{CG3} \alpha_3$$

$$(7) F_{32x} = c F_{32y}$$

$$c = \tan(\phi) \text{ sign}(F_{32y})$$

Matrix solves for 6 unknowns. Use equation 7 to solve for  $F_{32x}$

Write out unknowns above [A] for bookkeeping

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_{12x} & F_{12y} & F_{32y} & F_{13x} & F_{13y} & T_{12} \\ 1 & 0 & c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & X & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -c & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Y & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} F_{12x} \\ F_{12y} \\ F_{32y} \\ F_{13x} \\ F_{13y} \\ T_{12} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} m_2 A_{CG2x} \\ m_2 A_{CG2y} \\ I_{CG2} \alpha_2 \\ m_3 A_{CG3x} \\ m_3 A_{CG3y} \\ I_{CG3} \alpha_3 - T_{13} \end{Bmatrix} = \vec{A}_{CGi} = 0$$

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

$$X = R_{32x} - c R_{32y}$$

$$Y = c R_{23y} - R_{23x}$$

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

If want to solve for  $T_{12}$ , need to solve Eq (3), which requires solving matrix.

# Gearset

How many rows in unknown {B} for the gearset problem?

5	1%
6	93%
7	6%
8	



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# Summary: Gearset example: solve for unknown internal and external (applied) forces and/or torques

For each MOVING link:

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

Link 2

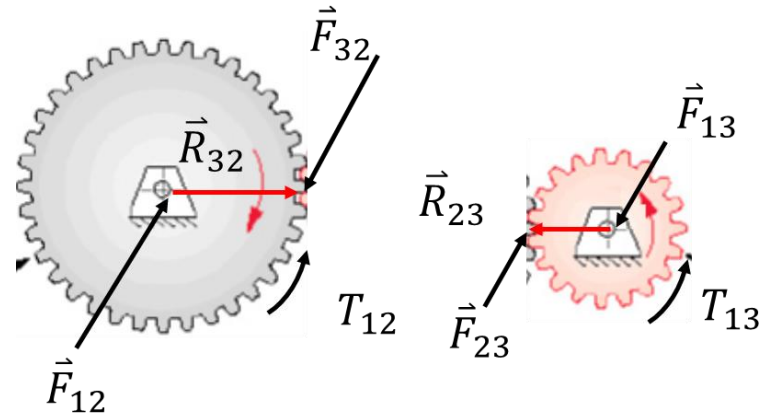
$$\begin{cases} (1) F_{12x} + F_{32x} = m A_{CG2x} \\ (2) F_{12y} + F_{32y} = m A_{CG2y} \\ (3) T_{12} + (R_{32x} F_{32y} - R_{32y} F_{32x}) = I_{CG2} \alpha_2 \end{cases}$$

Link 3

$$\begin{cases} (4) F_{13x} - F_{32x} = m A_{CG3x} \\ (5) F_{13y} - F_{32y} = m A_{CG3y} \\ (6) T_{13} - (R_{23x} F_{32y} - R_{23y} F_{32x}) = I_{CG3} \alpha_3 \end{cases}$$

Due to gears

$$(7) F_{32x} = c F_{32y}, c = \tan(\phi) \text{ sign}(F_{32y})$$



Knowns:

$$\begin{aligned} &T_{13} \\ &\text{For } i = 2, 3: \\ &m_i, r_i, I_{CGi}, \\ &\theta_i, \omega_i, \alpha_i \\ &\vec{A}_{CGi} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Unknowns:

$$\begin{aligned} &T_{12} \\ &\vec{F}_{12}, \vec{F}_{13}, \vec{F}_{23} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & X & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -c & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Y & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} F_{12x} \\ F_{12y} \\ F_{32y} \\ F_{13x} \\ F_{13y} \\ T_{12} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ I_{CG2} \alpha_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ I_{CG3} \alpha_3 - T_{13} \end{Bmatrix}$$

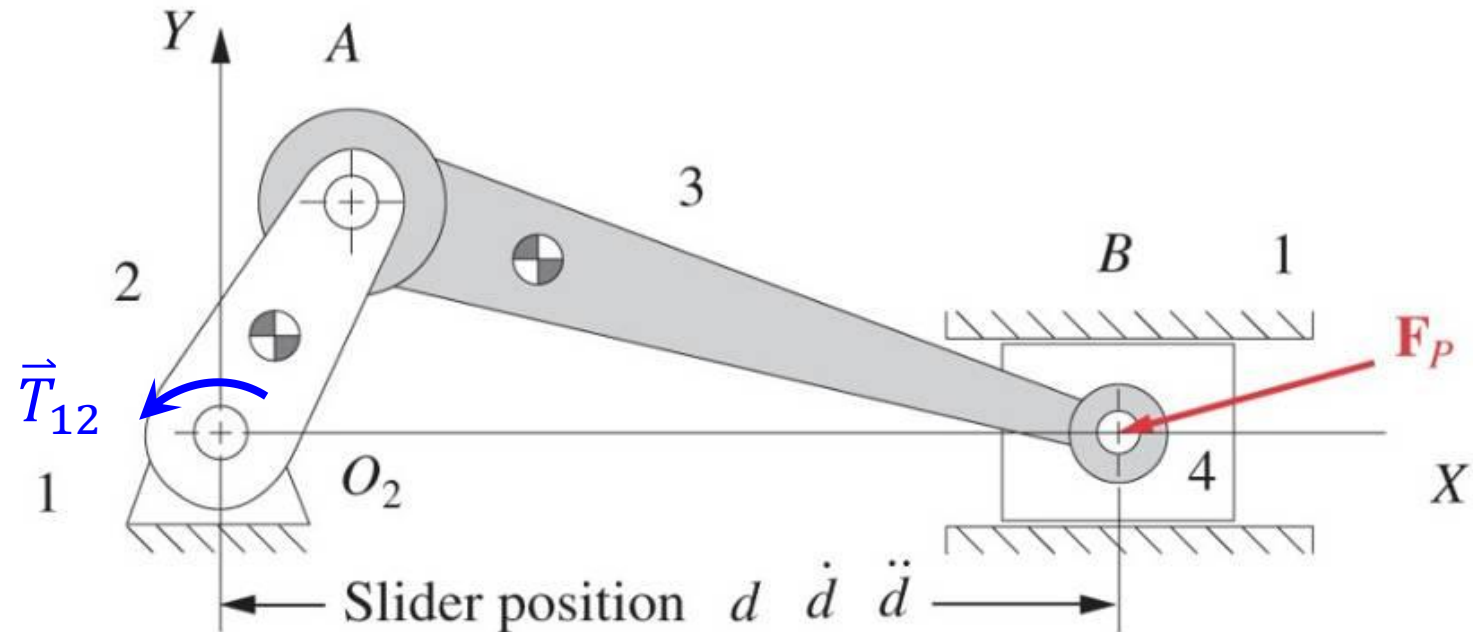
$$\text{Where } X = R_{32x} - c R_{32y} \text{ and } Y = c R_{23y} - R_{23x}$$

If want to solve for  $T_{12}$ , need to solve Eq (3), which requires solving matrix.

# Class Exercise 1: Piston (slider-crank)

For a given time-varying force applied to link 4 ( $\vec{F}_P(t)$ ), we want to know the output torque with respect to time ( $\vec{T}_{12}(t)$ ). Assume (a) each link has mass  $m_i$  and length  $l_i$ , (b) the PVA analysis for this mechanism is already solved, including piston kinematics ( $d, \dot{d}, \ddot{d}$ ), and (c) there is friction at link 4, so:  $F_{14x} = \pm \mu F_{14y}$

Solve for output torque  $\vec{T}_{12}$  via Dynamic Force Analysis (perform steps 1-3)



# Class Exercise 1: Piston (slider-crank)

## DFA Step 1:

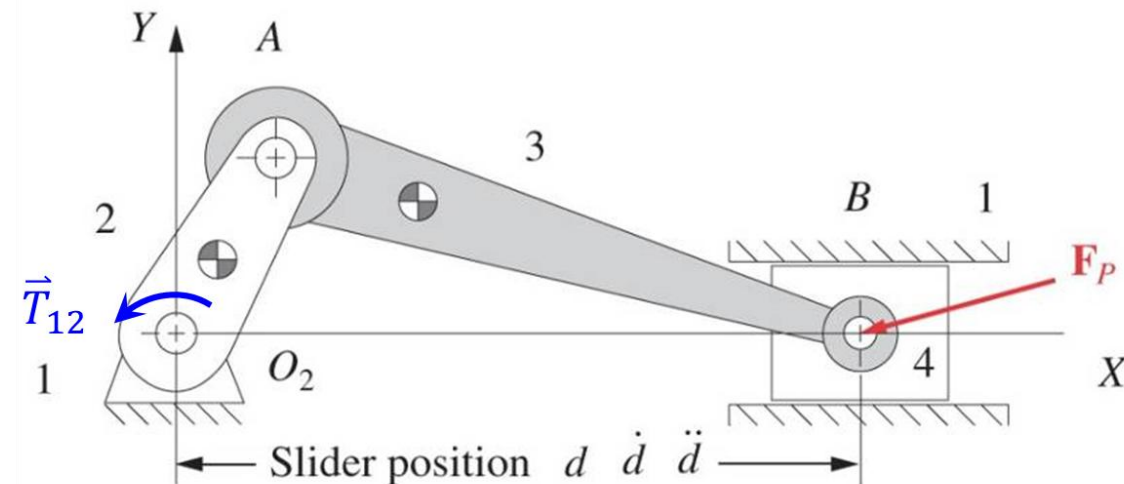
- A) On the figure, label each link's kinematic terms (rotational and translational).
- B) List all known and unknown terms (kinematics, kinetics, property constants)

Known:

Unknown:

**DFA Step 2:** Draw a free-body diagram of each segment. On each link: label local coordinate systems, kinematics, external and 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.

**DFA Step 3:** Symbolically write out equations of motion for each moving link. On each equation, indicate which terms are unknown and need to be solved. How do we solve for output torque  $\vec{T}_{12}$ ?



# Step 1: label each link's kinematic terms, identify knowns and unknowns

Knowns:

$\vec{F}_P$

$\theta_i, \omega_i, \alpha_i$

$\vec{V}_{CGi}, \vec{A}_{CGi}$

$I_{CGi}, m_i$

$l_i$

where  $i = (1:4)$

$d, \dot{d}, \ddot{d}$

Unknowns:

$T_{12}$

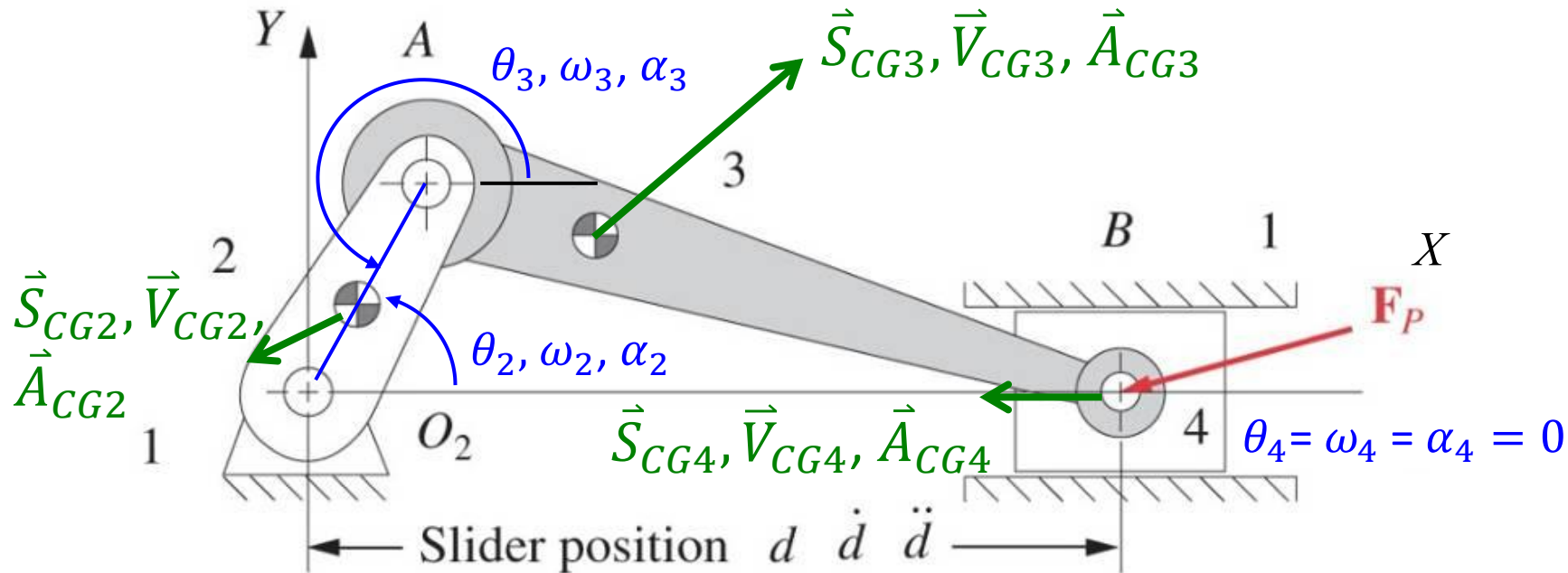
DFA only:

$\vec{F}_{12} = F_{12x}, F_{12y}$

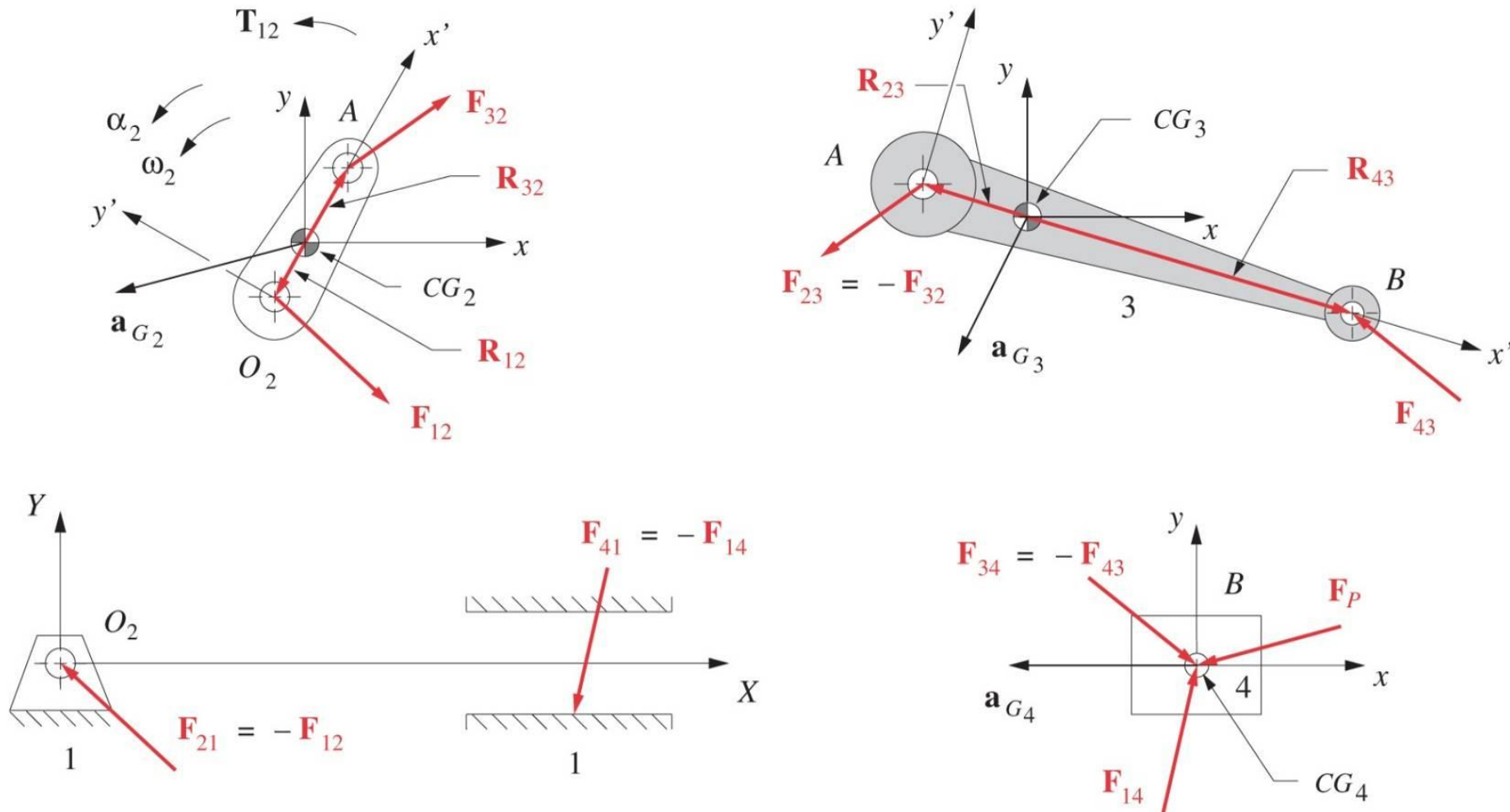
$\vec{F}_{32} = F_{32x}, F_{32y}$

$\vec{F}_{43} = F_{43x}, F_{43y}$

$\vec{F}_{14} = F_{14x}, F_{14y}$



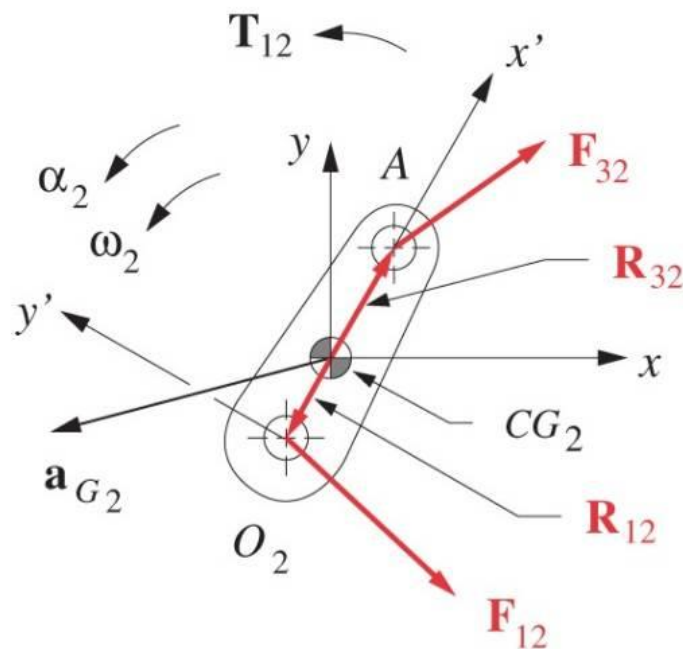
# Step 2: draw free body diagrams



# Step 3: Write out EOMs for each link

## Write EOM for Link 2

On each equation, indicate which terms are unknown and need to be solved.



$$\boxed{F_{12x}} + \boxed{F_{32x}} = m_2 a_{CG2x}$$

$$\boxed{F_{12y}} + \boxed{F_{32y}} = m_2 a_{CG2y}$$

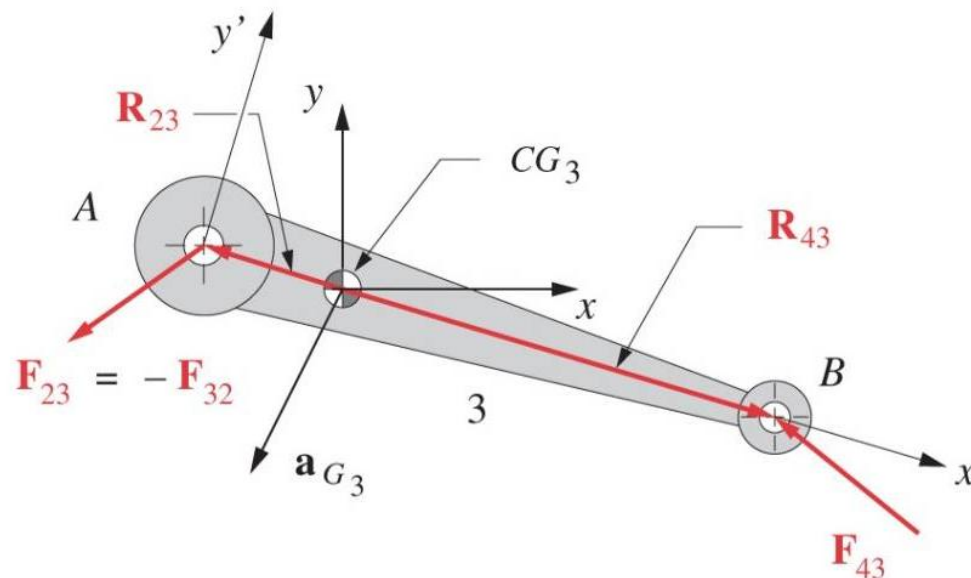
$$\boxed{T_{21}} + (R_{12x}F_{12y} - R_{12y}F_{12x}) + (R_{32x}F_{32y} - R_{32y}F_{32x}) = I_{CG2}\alpha_2$$



# Step 3: Write out EOMs for each link (con't)

## Write EOM for Link 3

On each equation, indicate which terms are unknown and need to be solved.



$$\boxed{F_{43x}} - \boxed{F_{32x}} = m_3 a_{CG3x}$$

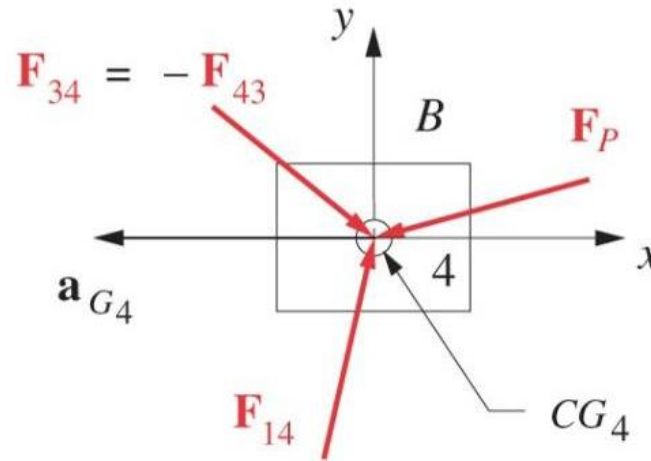
$$\boxed{F_{43y}} - \boxed{F_{32y}} = m_3 a_{CG3y}$$

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

# Step 3: Write out EOMs for each link (con't)

## Write EOM for Link 4

On each equation, indicate which terms are unknown and need to be solved.



$$\begin{aligned} F_{14x} - F_{43x} &= m_4 a_{CG4x} \\ F_{14y} - F_{43y} &= m_4 a_{CG4y} = 0 \\ F_{14x} &= \pm \mu F_{14y} \end{aligned}$$

# Step 4: Convert to matrix format $[A] \{B\} = \{C\}$

Link 2:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{12x} + F_{32x} &= m_2 a_{CG2x} \\ F_{12y} + F_{32y} &= m_2 a_{CG2y} \\ T_{21} + (R_{12x}F_{12y} - R_{12y}F_{12x}) \\ &+ (R_{32x}F_{32y} - R_{32y}F_{32x}) = I_{CG2}\alpha_2 \end{aligned}$$

Link 3:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{43x} - F_{32x} &= m_3 a_{CG3x} \\ F_{43y} - F_{32y} &= m_3 a_{CG3y} \\ (R_{43x}F_{43y} - R_{43y}F_{43x}) - (R_{32x}F_{32y} \\ &- R_{32y}F_{32x}) = I_{CG3}\alpha_3 \end{aligned}$$

Link 4:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{14x} - F_{43x} + F_{px} &= m_4 a_{CG4x} \\ F_{14y} - F_{43y} + F_{py} &= m_4 a_{CG4y} = 0 \\ F_{14x} &= \pm \mu F_{14y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -R_{12y} & R_{12x} & -R_{32y} & R_{32x} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_{23y} & -R_{23x} & -R_{43y} & R_{43x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -\mu \text{SGN}(\dot{d}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} F_{12x} \\ F_{12y} \\ F_{32x} \\ F_{32y} \\ F_{43x} \\ F_{43y} \\ F_{14y} \\ T_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_2 a_{G2x} \\ m_2 a_{G2y} \\ I_{G2} \alpha_2 \\ m_3 a_{G3x} \\ m_3 a_{G3y} \\ I_{G3} \alpha_3 \\ m_4 a_{G4x} - F_{Px} \\ -F_{Py} \end{bmatrix}$$