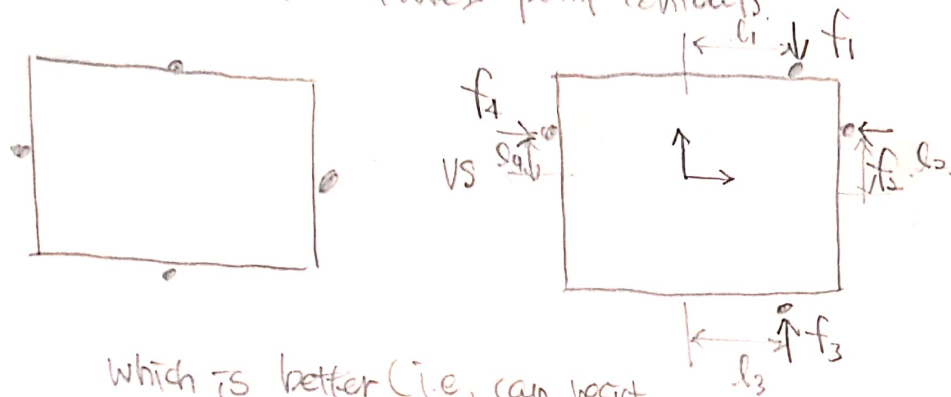


(Week 2) Grasp Statics (2): Planar Grasps with Friction

< VOD 1 > Review of planar frictionless grasps

- Last Time: If frictionless point contacts.



Which is better (i.e., can resist external forces/moments)?

$$f_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -x_1 \end{bmatrix}, f_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, f_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, f_4 = \begin{bmatrix} x_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0$$

(Only pushing allowed).

- Static equilibrium:

$$\sum \text{forces} = 0$$

$$\sum \text{moments} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -l_1 & l_2 & l_3 & -l_4 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}}_x = \begin{bmatrix} -f_{ext, x} \\ -f_{ext, y} \\ -m_{ext, z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Equation of form $Ax = b$

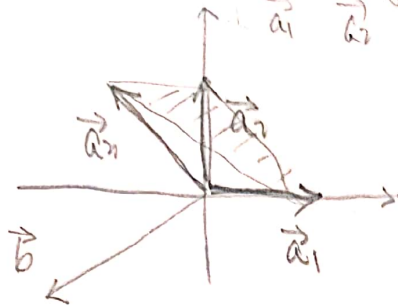
Q: Does there exist, for any arbitrary b , a solution $x \geq 0$?

To answer this.

Consider

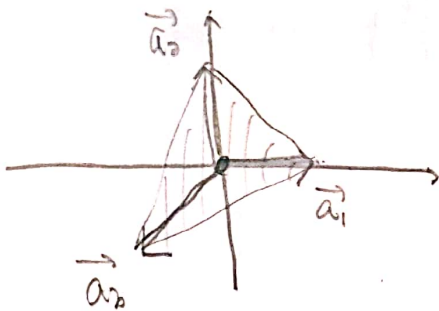
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{a}_1 \quad \vec{a}_2 \quad \vec{a}_3$



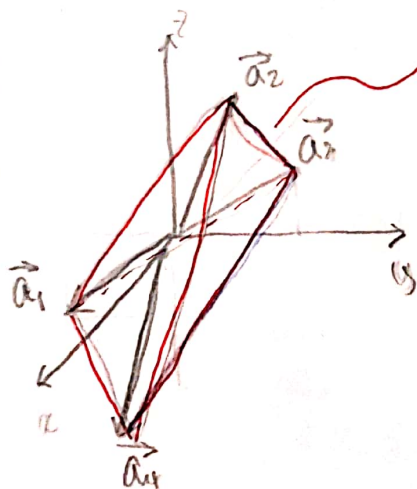
\leadsto No sol'n.

However, if $\vec{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$



Sol'n. \exists
exists. for all b .

$\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3, \vec{a}_4$



tetrahedron.

* tetrahedron should contain origin in its interior for sol'n \exists for arbitrary b .
(in fact it does).

(Vop2) Computational tests for force/corn closure

• Positive linear combination of columns of A should span all of \mathbb{R}^n .

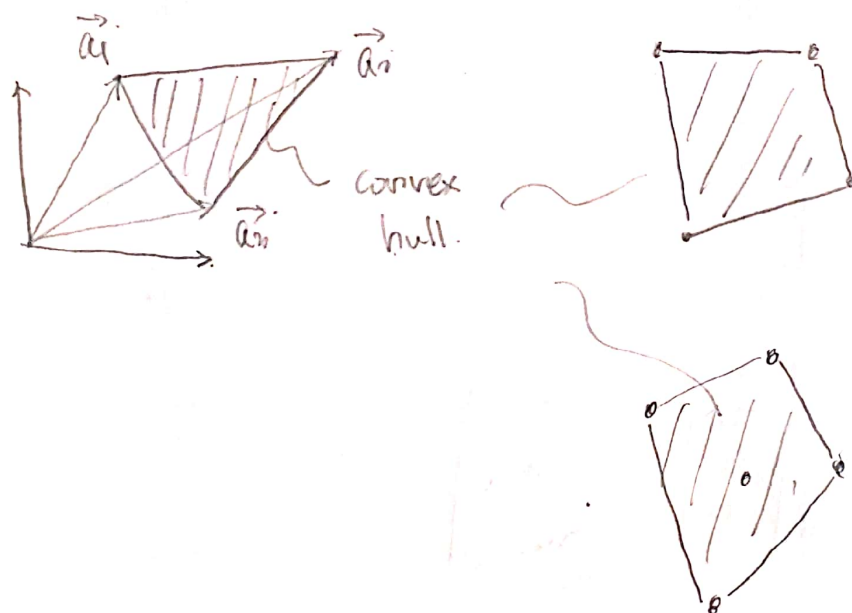
• State the above more precisely:

(1) Given $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$, (where $n \geq 1$)
the "convex hull" of these vectors.

is the set

$$\left\{ \vec{z} = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \vec{a}_i \mid \begin{array}{l} w_i \geq 0, \\ w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

(ex) In \mathbb{R}^2

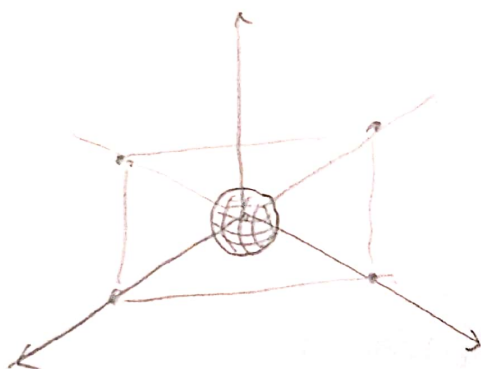
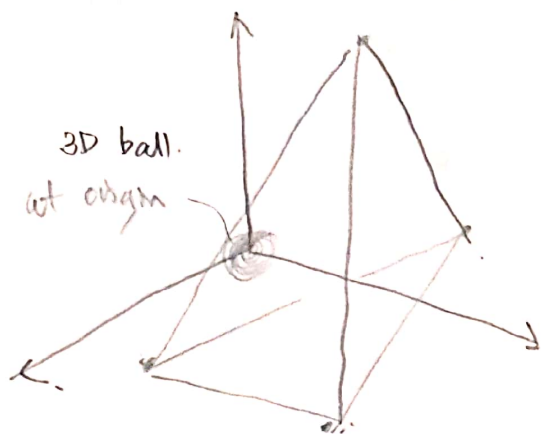


• Consider $Ax = b$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

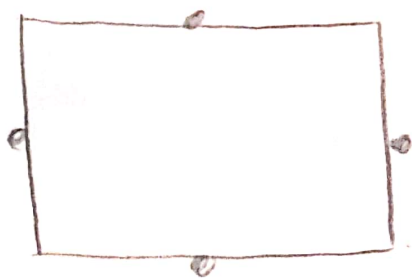
$b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. A sol'n $x \geq 0$.

exists for all arbitrary b .

\Leftrightarrow There exists an open ball in \mathbb{R}^n centered at the origin ^{that} lies in the interior of the convex hull of columns of A .



$$l_1 = l_2 = l_3 = l_4 = 0.$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -f_{ext, x} \\ -f_{ext, y} \\ \hline -m_{ext, z} \end{bmatrix}$$

→ "Unable to resist external moments!"

* Remarks

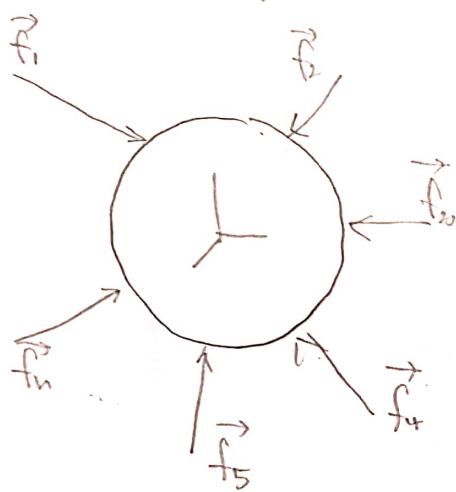
(1) For planar grasps,

a. minimum of "four"

frictionless point contacts are required.

(needs 3D convex hull).

(2) For spatial grasps (of 3-D objects)



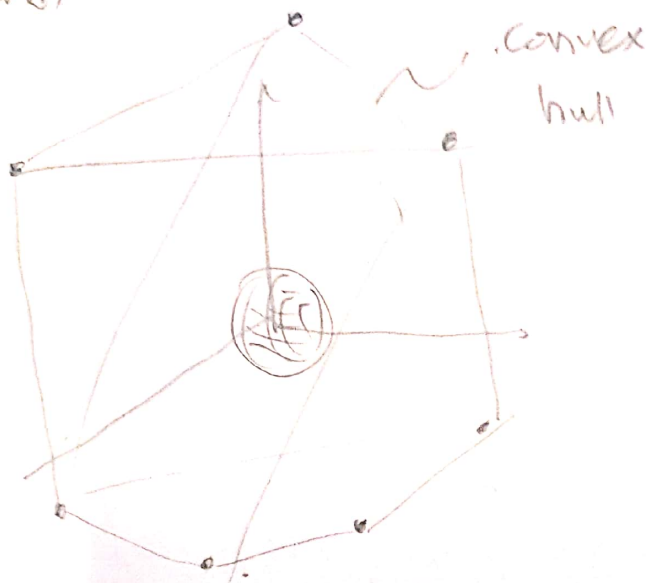
• Static equilibrium:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{f}_i + \vec{f}_{\text{ext}} = 0 \quad (3 \text{ eqns}) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{r}_i \times \vec{f}_i + \vec{m}_{\text{ext}} = 0 \quad (3 \text{ eqns}) \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{f}_i = \hat{n}_i x_i, \quad i=1, \dots, n.$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{n}_1 & \dots & \hat{n}_n \\ \vec{r}_1 \times \hat{n}_1 & \dots & \vec{r}_n \times \hat{n}_n \end{bmatrix}}_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times n}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\vec{f}_{\text{ext}} \\ -\vec{m}_{\text{ext}} \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbb{R}^6 (figure)



• for spatial grasps.

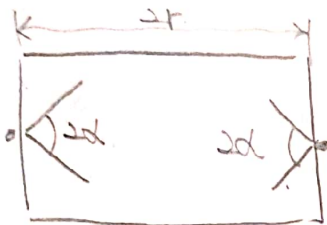
need a minimum of "7" frictionless
point contacts

(VOD3) Force closure for grasps with friction.

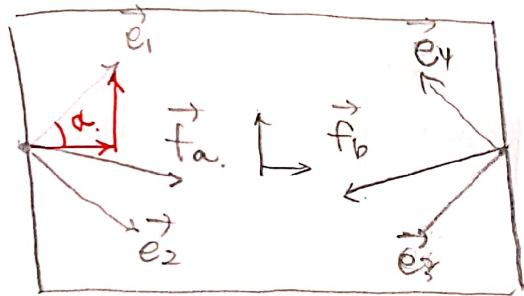
Nguyen's Theorem

Grasps with friction:

- let's start with an example:



Two point contacts
with friction.



$$\vec{f}_a = \alpha_1 \vec{e}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{e}_2$$

$$\vec{f}_b = \alpha_3 \vec{e}_3 + \alpha_4 \vec{e}_4$$

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4 \geq 0)$$

$$\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mu \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\mu \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -\mu \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{e}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

(Recall $\mu = \tan \alpha$)

• Static equilibrium:

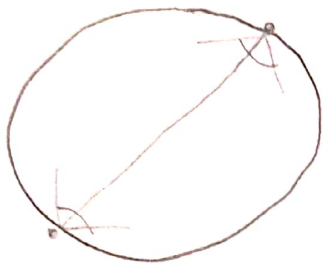
$$\vec{f}_a + \vec{f}_b + \vec{f}_{ext} = 0$$

$$m_a + m_b + m_{ext} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ \mu & -\mu & -\mu & \mu \\ -\mu r & \mu r & -\mu r & \mu r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -f_{ext, x} \\ -f_{ext, y} \\ -m_{ext, z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use the same test!

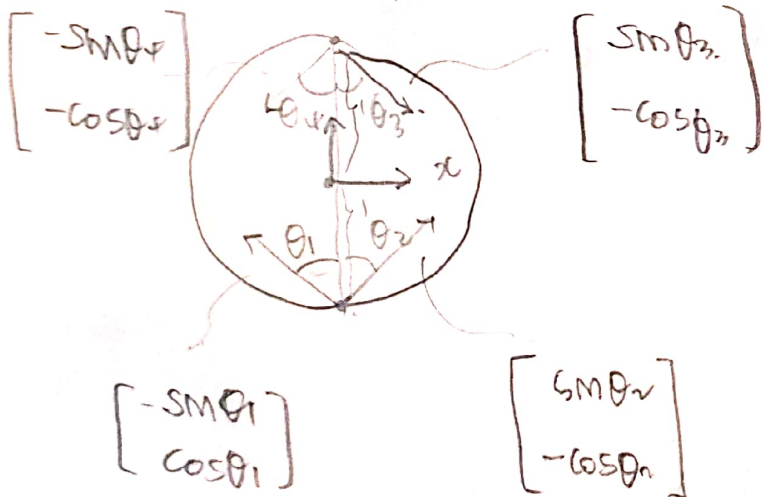
Nguyen's Theorem:



For a planar object constrained by 2 point contact with friction.

force closure \Leftrightarrow line connecting 2 contacts lies inside both friction cones.

An informal proof: (case 1)

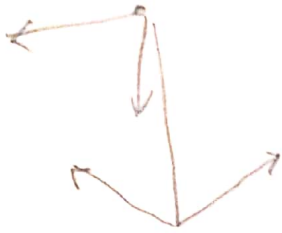


$\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4$ angles of the contact points relative to the x-axis!

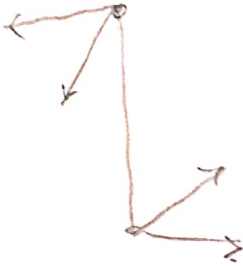
$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -\sin\theta_1 & \sin\theta_2 & \sin\theta_3 & -\sin\theta_4 \\ \cos\theta_1 & \cos\theta_2 & -\cos\theta_3 & -\cos\theta_4 \\ -\sin\theta_1 & \sin\theta_2 & -\sin\theta_3 & -\sin\theta_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \\ r_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

"This case works!"

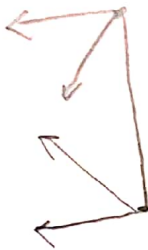
(Case 2):



(Case 3):



(Case 4):



Case 2, 3, 4 don't work!