

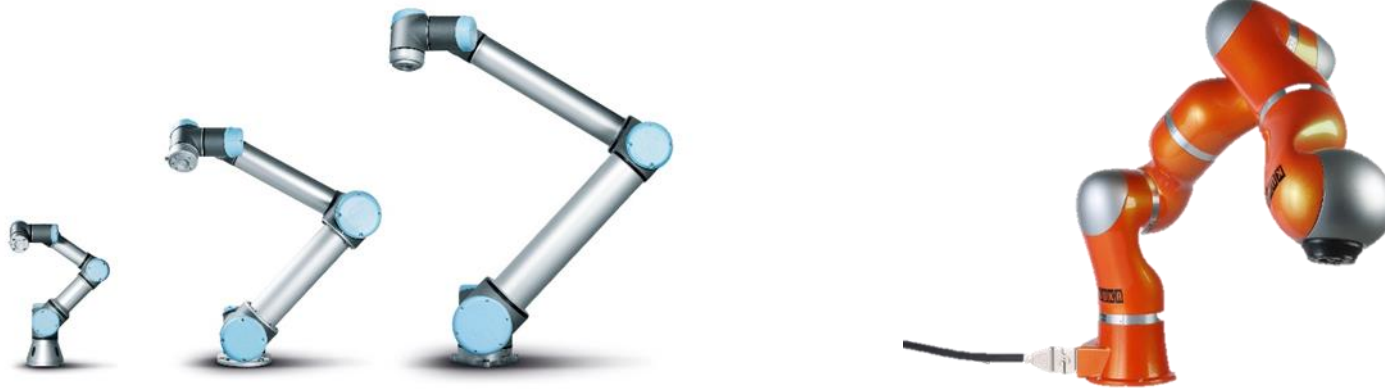
# Foldable Robotics

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Class 2: Origami & Kinematics I

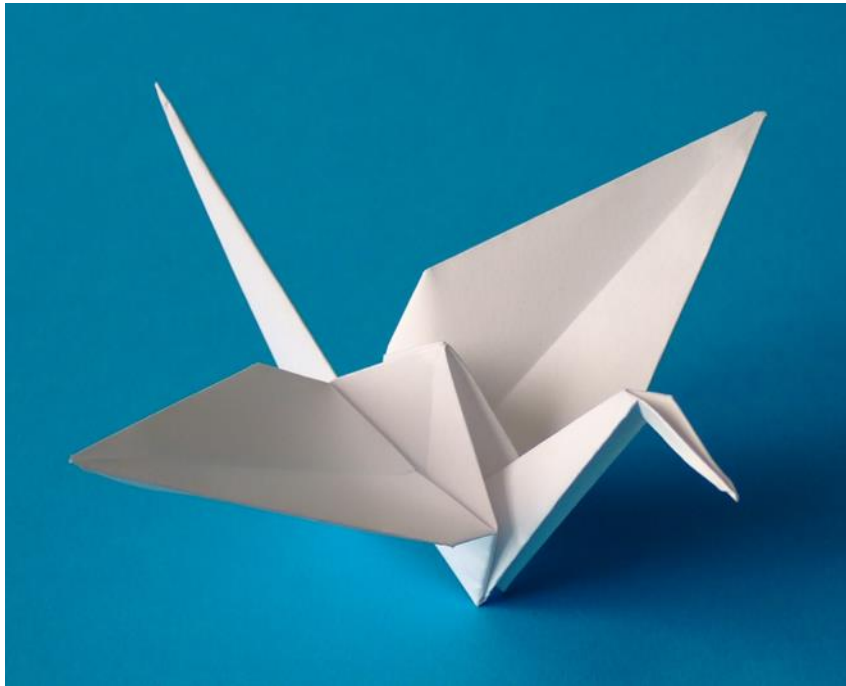
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# Robotics



- Kinematics: DH Parameters, Jacobians
- Dynamics: Motion, Mass
- Control: Inverse Kinematics, Dynamics
- Traditional Link-joint-link-joint construction
  - Typical materials: metal, gears, belts, drives

# Origami/Kirigami/Popups



# Miura Fold



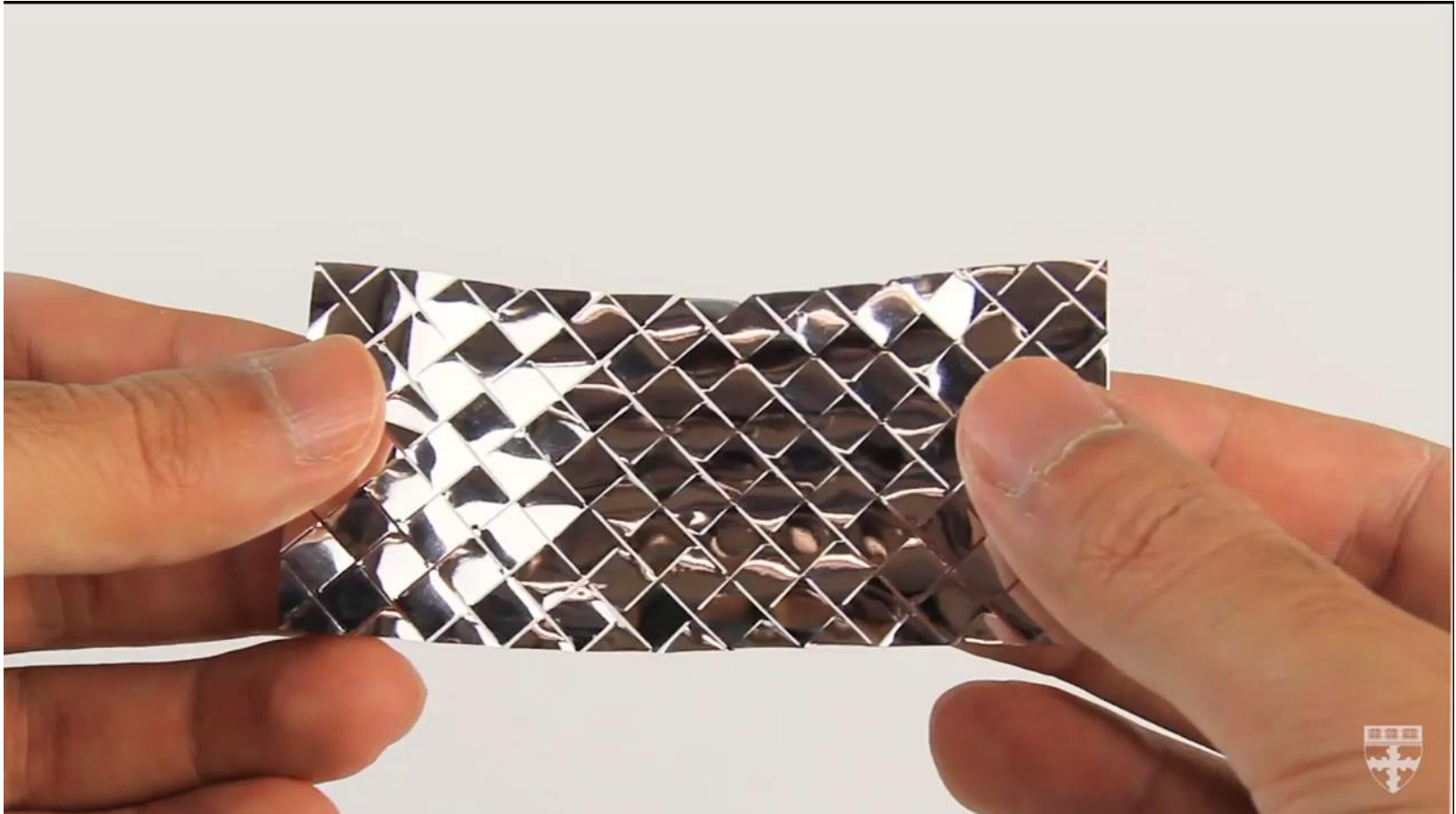
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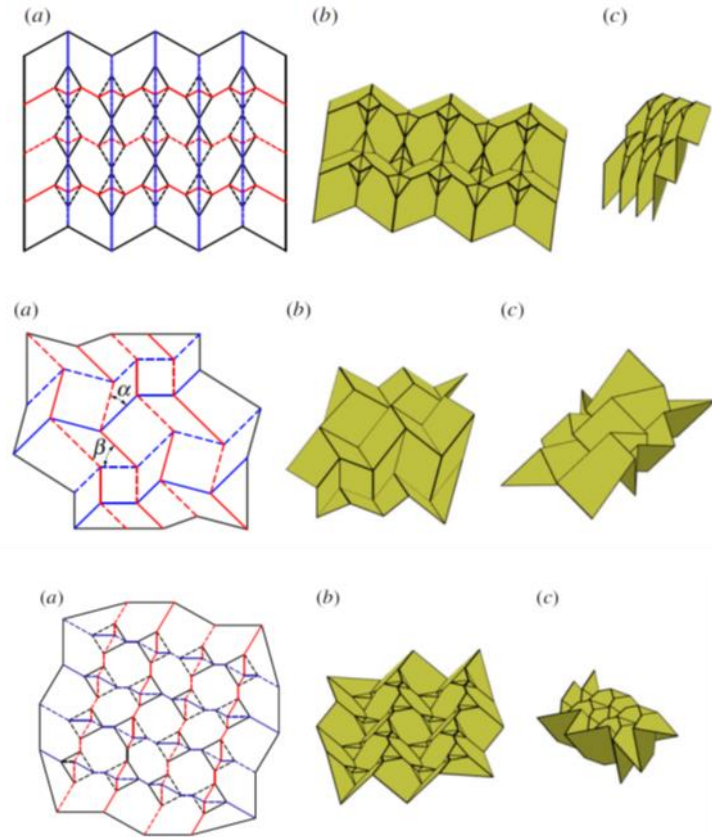
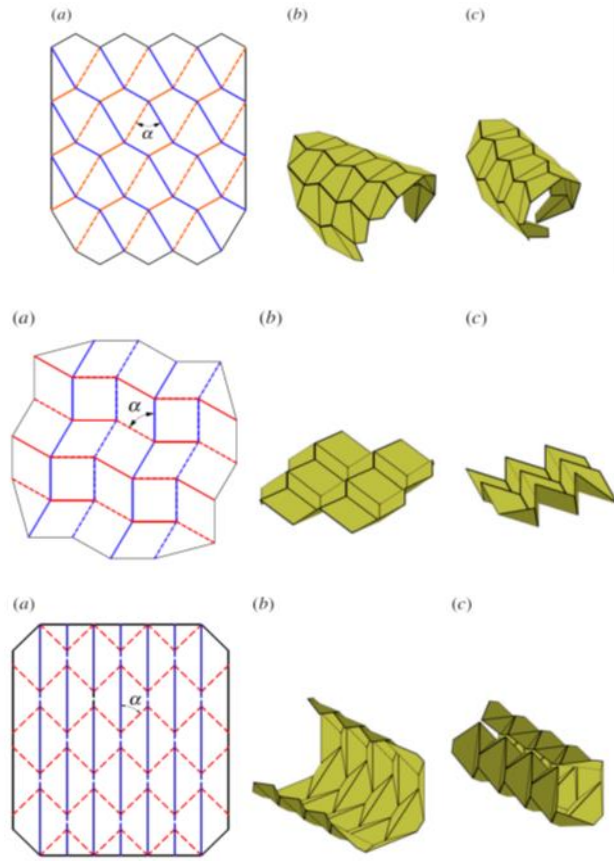


# Kirigame+Buckling



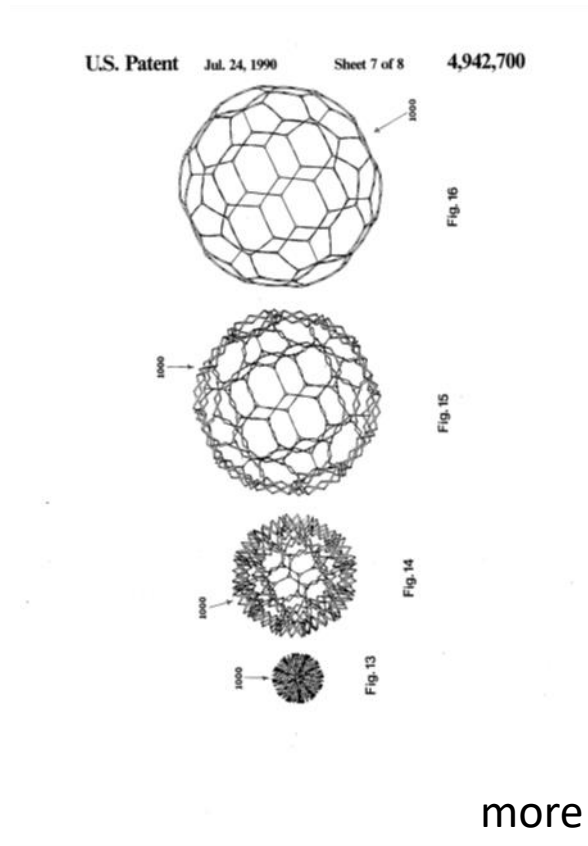


# Tessellations





# Deployable Structures

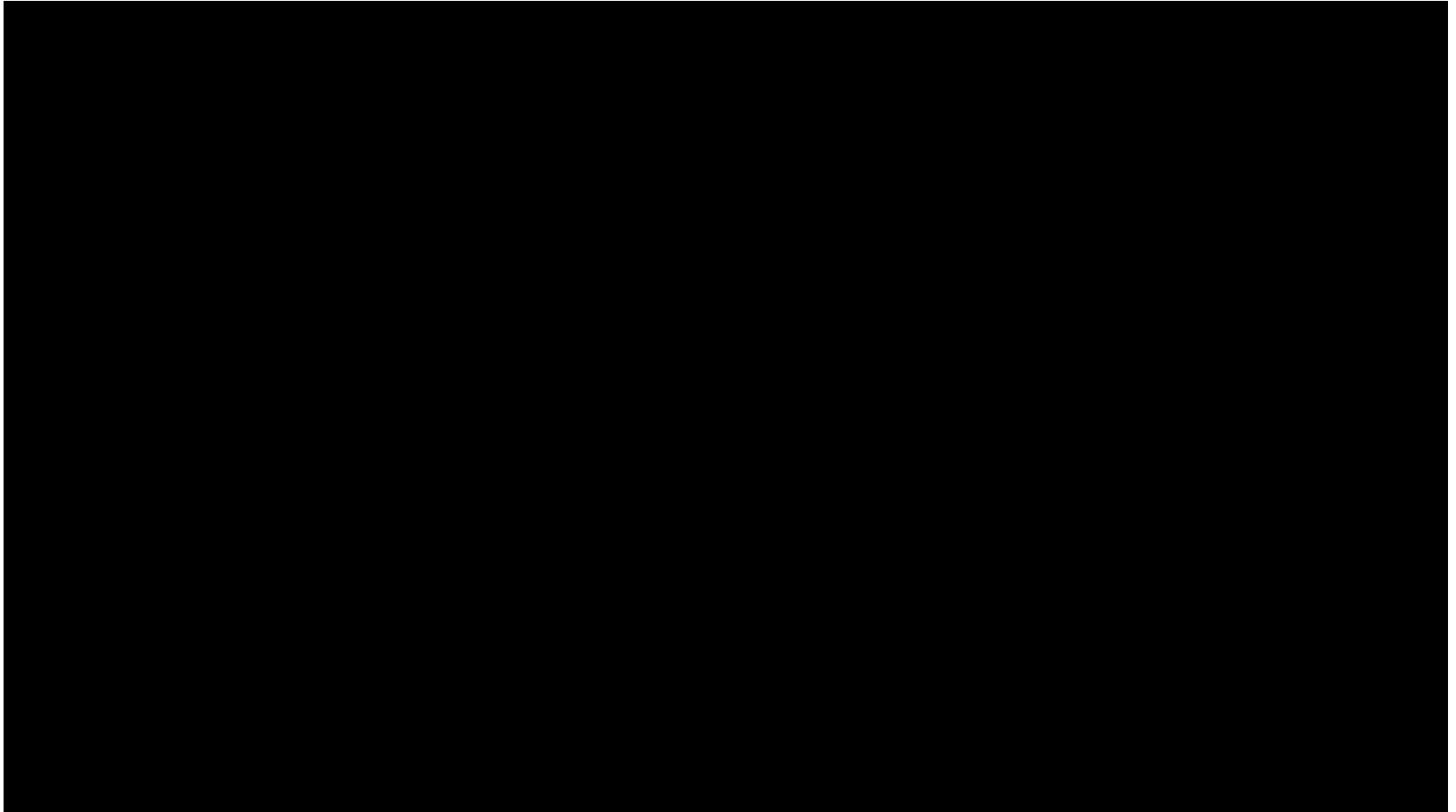


more on this later...

# Deployable Structure



# Reconfigurable Materials



# Deployable Structure

A three-dimensional actuated origami-inspired transformable metamaterial with multiple degrees of freedom



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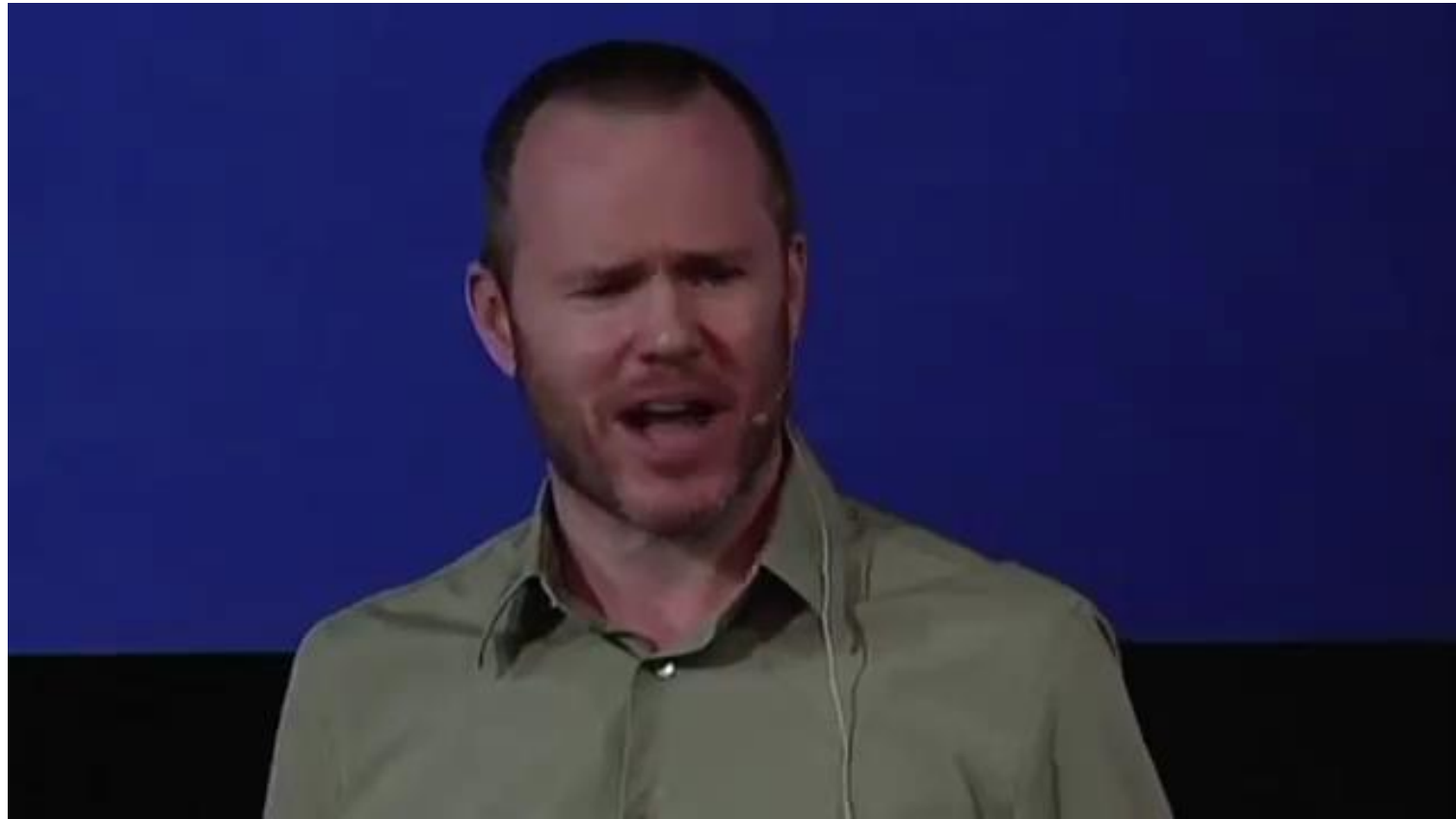
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# Popup Books



# Kinematics

- Language used to describe this...to a point
- Then you have to start “bending” the rules
- But first, what are the rules?

# Kinematics

- What are the different kinds of joints?



# Lower Order Pairs

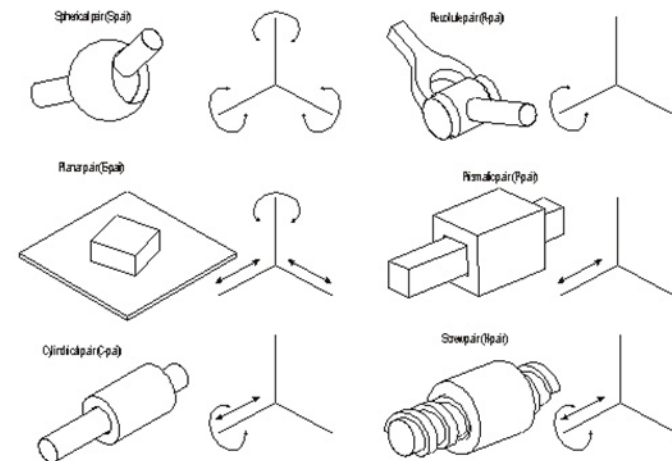


# Kinematics: Joints

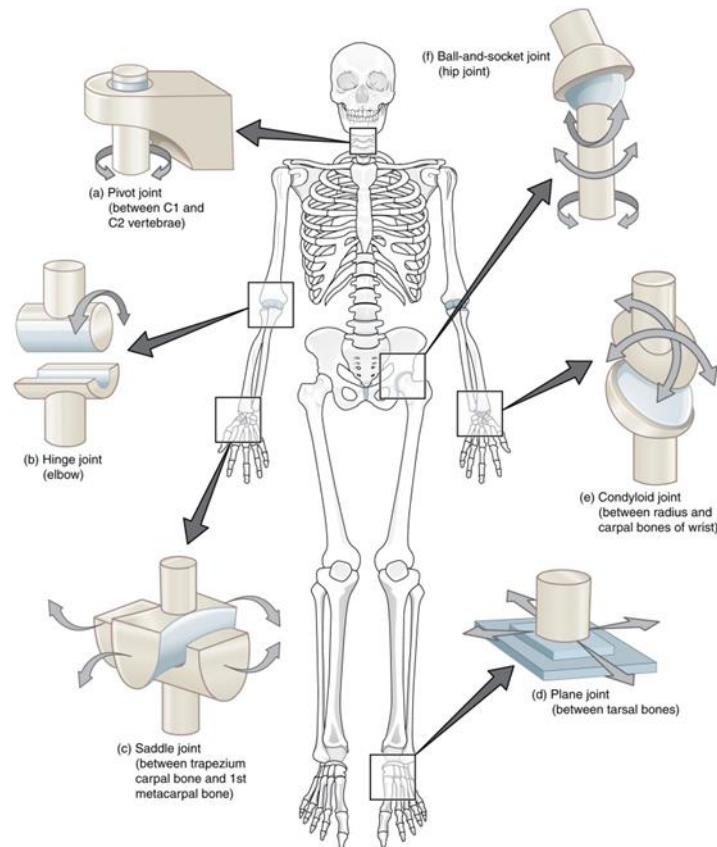
- Rigid

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- Revolute
  - Prismatic
  - Helical
  - Cylindrical
  - Spherical
  - Planar

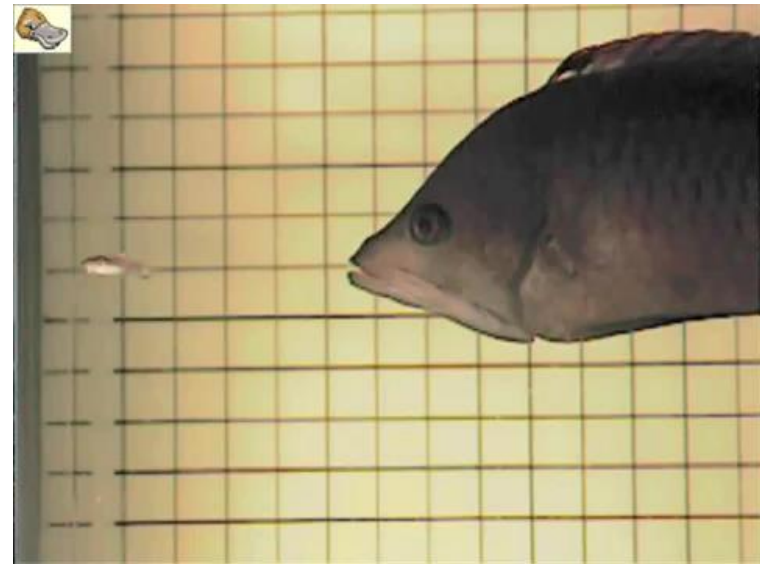
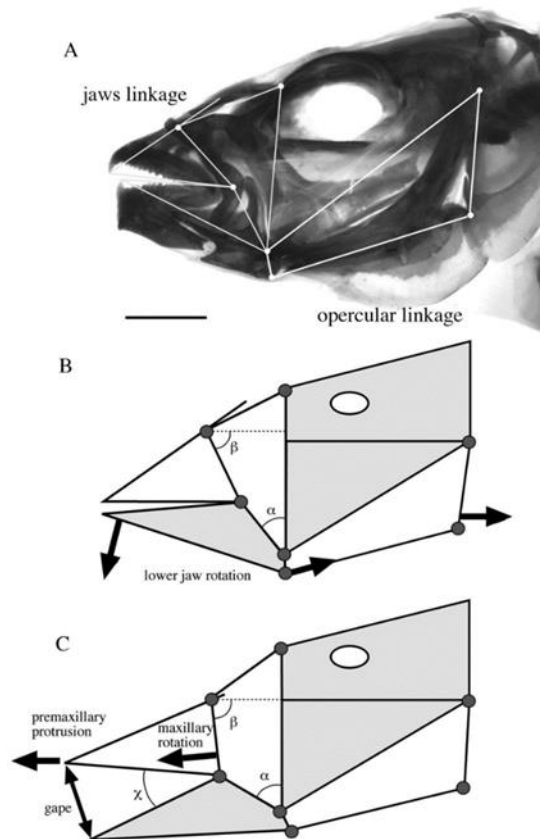
**FIGURE 7.** There are six lower order kinematic pairs -, spherical, planar, cylindrical, revolute, prismatic and screw can be represented easily in the Physical Markup Language.



# Biological Connection



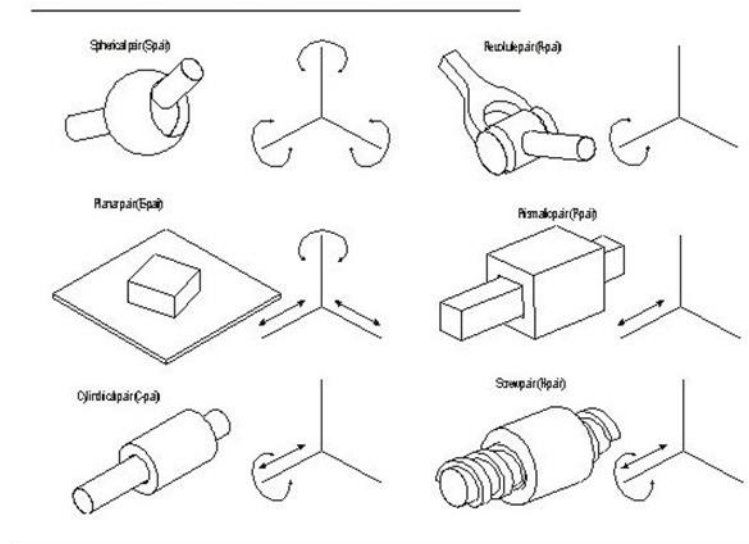
# Linkage Inspiration



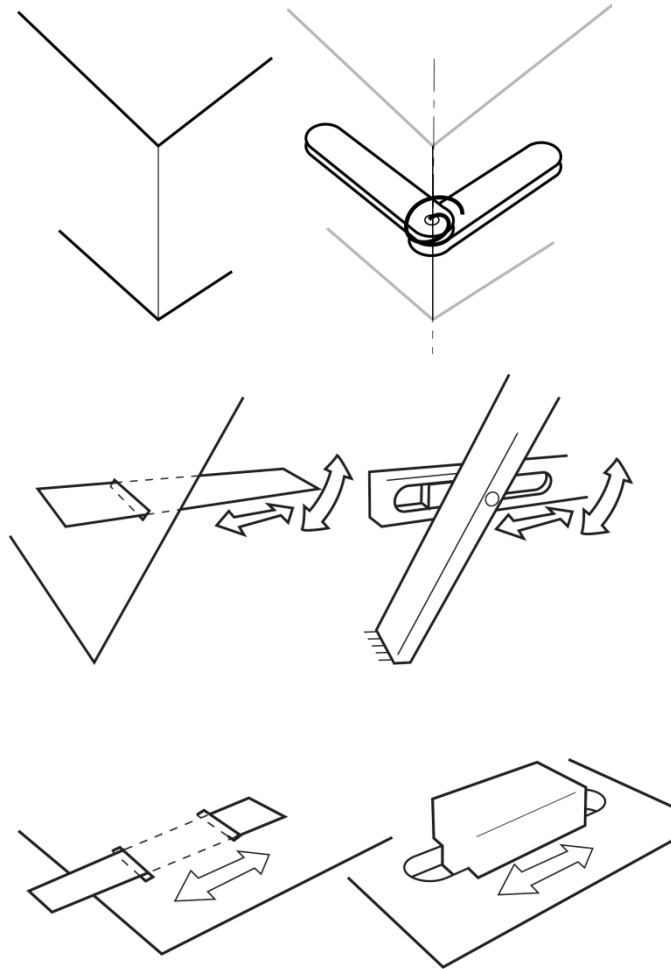
# Linkages & Kinematics

- Easy to fabricate
- Easy to connect
- Low friction, even with bushings
  - Linear not as good, jamming

# Traditional Robotic Degrees of Freedom

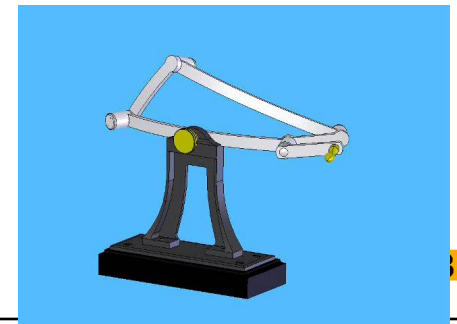
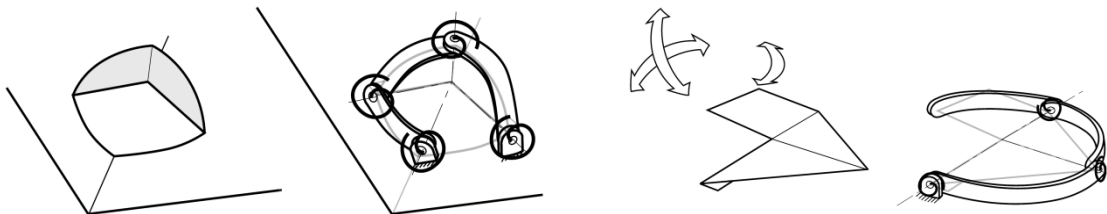
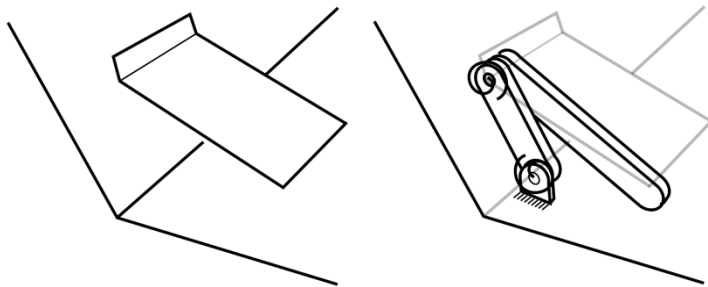
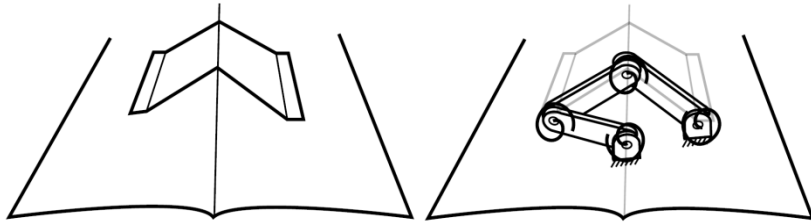


# Origami & Popups:

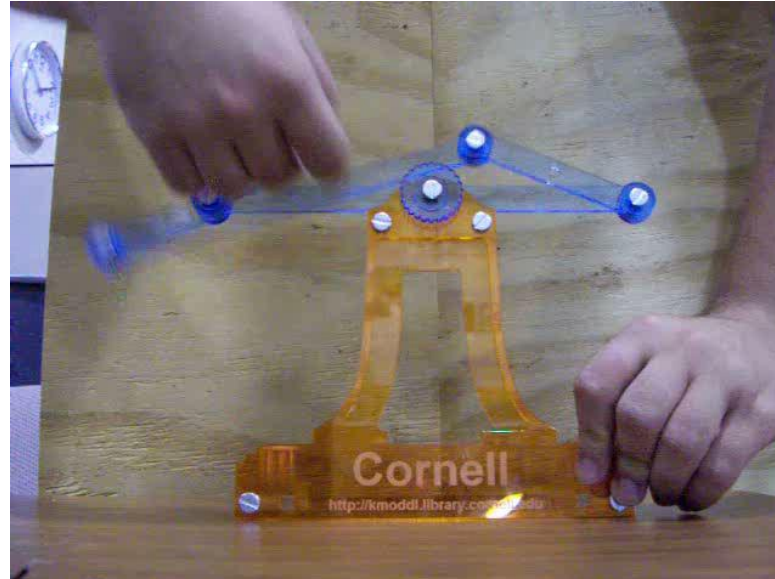
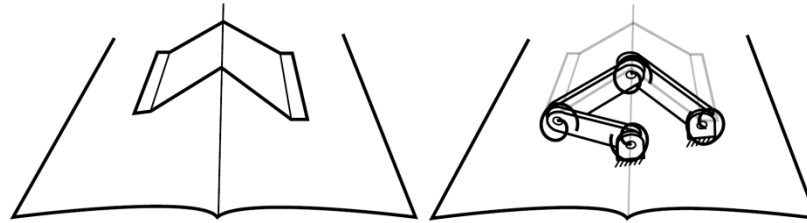




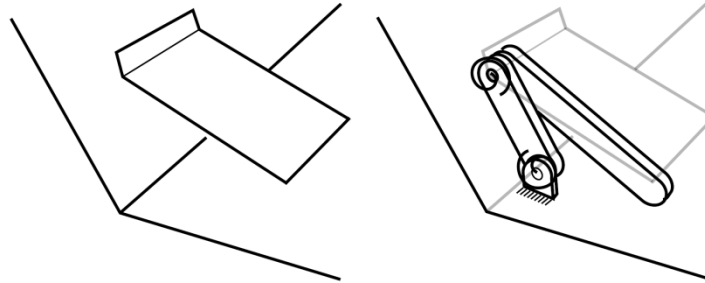
# Loop Mechanisms



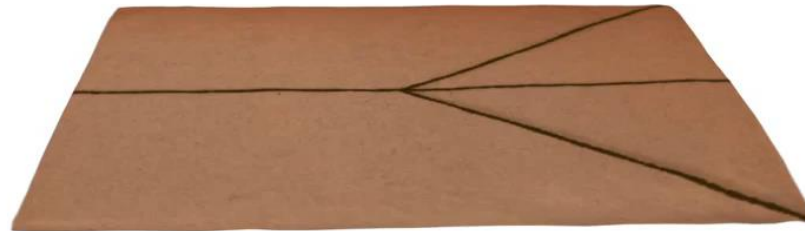
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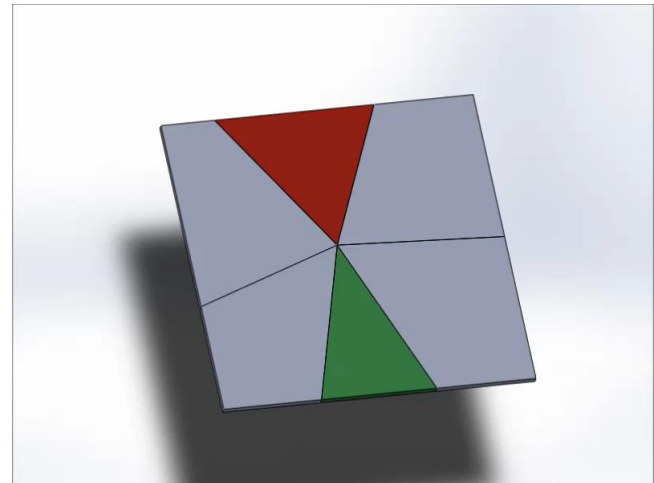
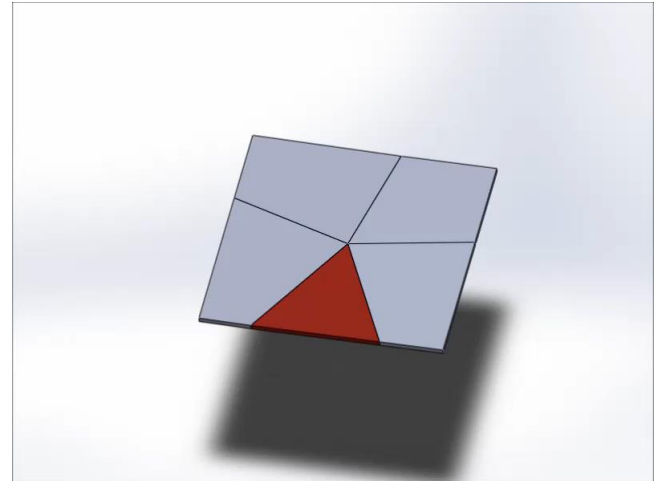
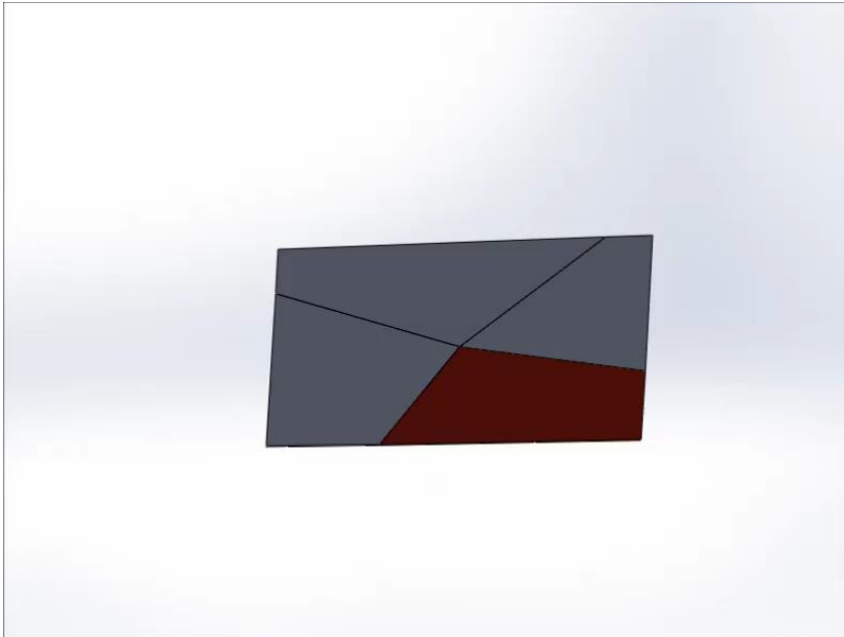
# Loop Mechanisms



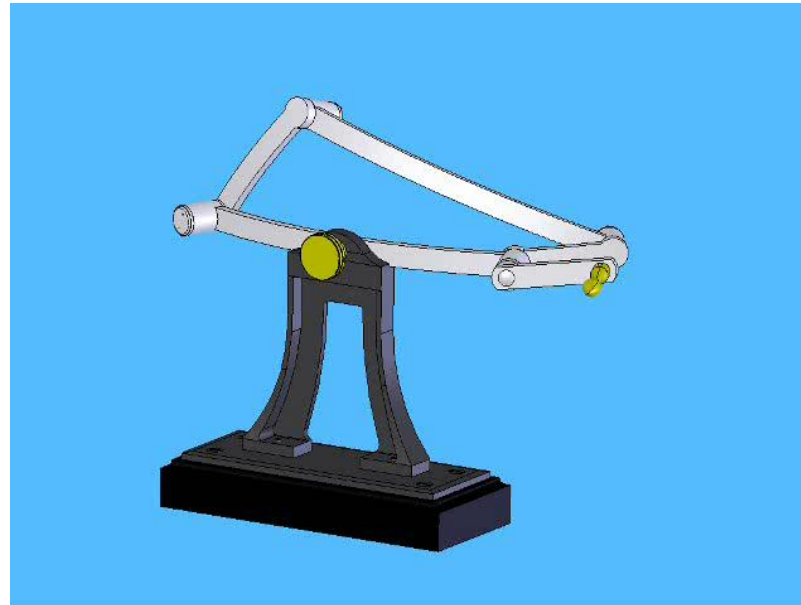
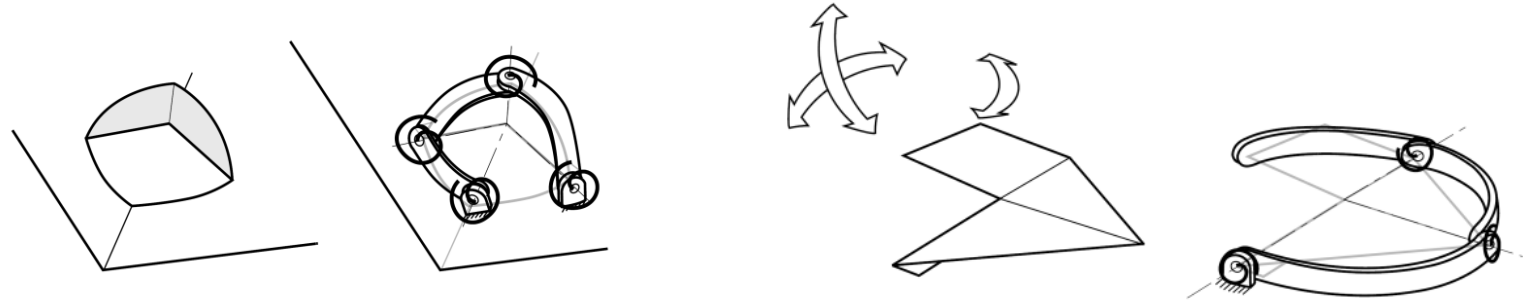
# Folded Paper – Kinematics



# Hinges arranged about a vertex



# Loop Mechanisms



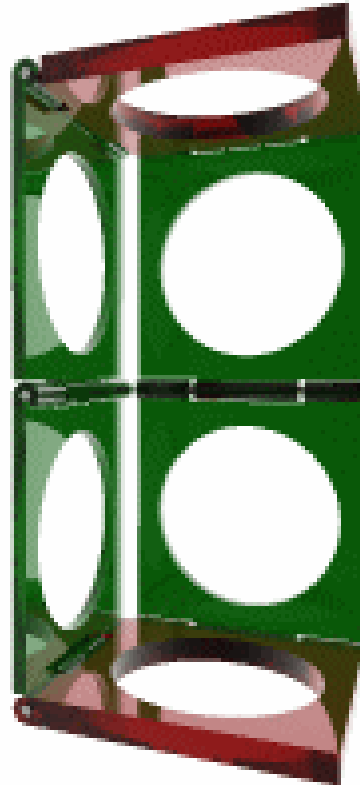
# Spherical Mechanisms



- Similar to four-bar linkages.
- Same as the v-fold we saw earlier
- Rotations about a point
- Will study more...



# Sarrus Linkage



How do you make a sarrus linkage in a flat sheet?

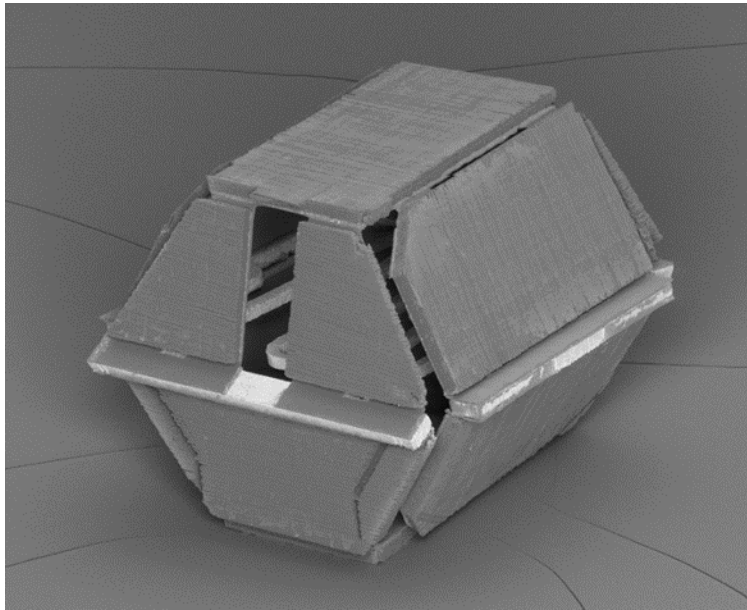
# Sarrus Linkage in one Layer



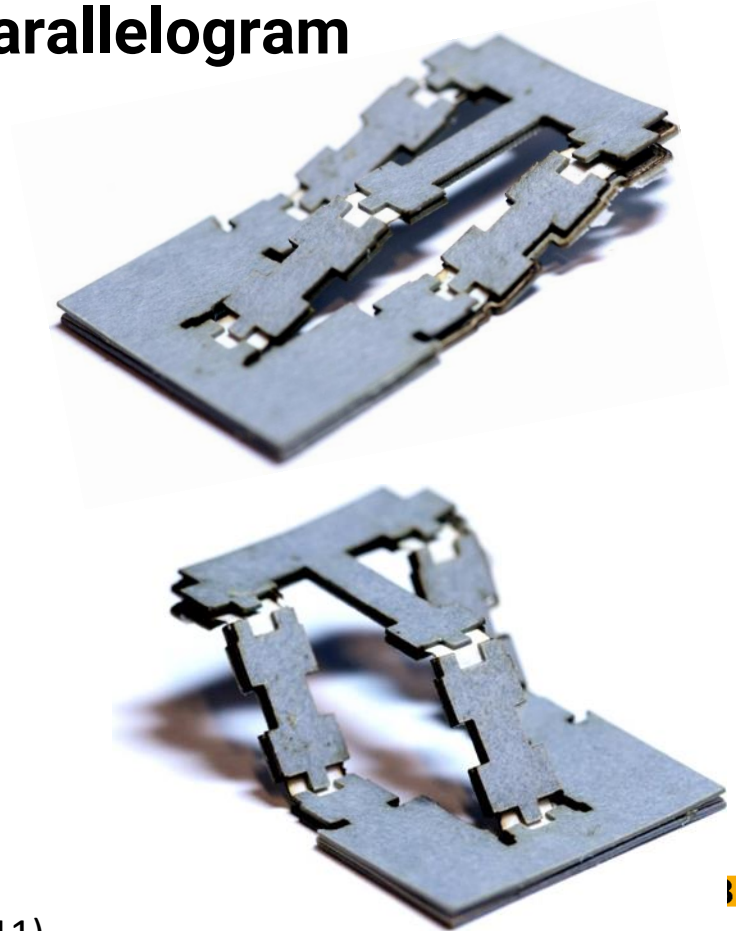
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# What devices can a hinge make?

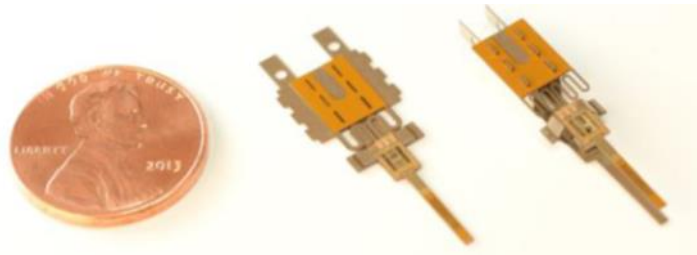
## Sarrus Linkage



## Parallelogram



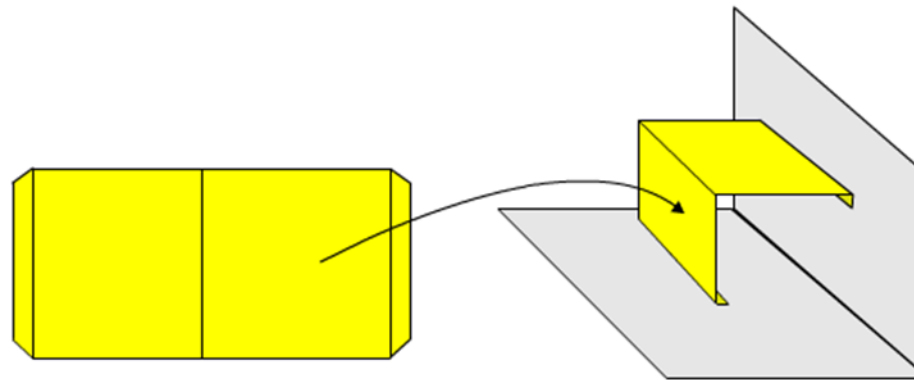
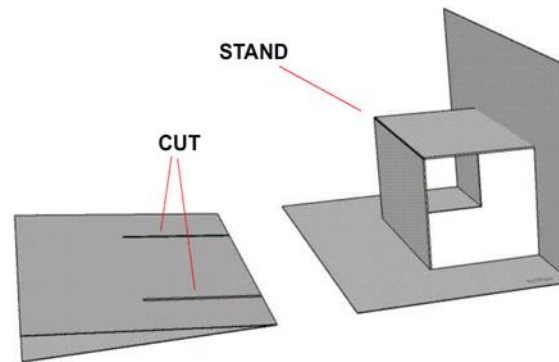
# Sarrus-based microrobots



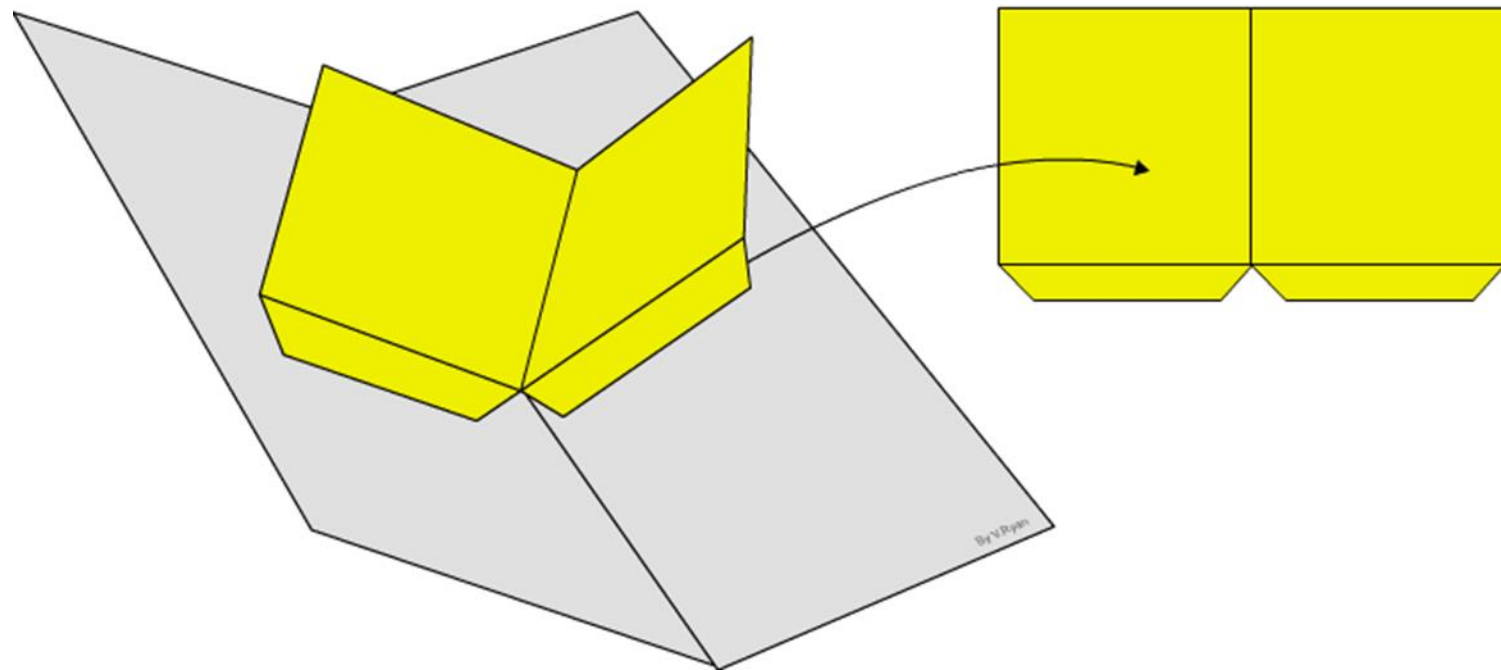
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# Parallelogram



# V-Fold(Spherical)

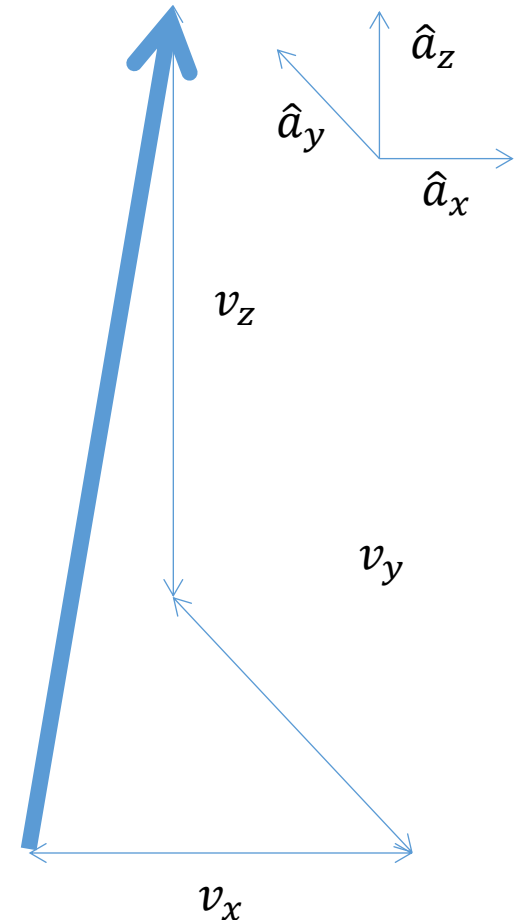


# Vectors

- Magnitude and Direction
- Often split into components:

$$\vec{v} = v_x \hat{a}_x + v_y \hat{a}_y + v_z \hat{a}_z$$

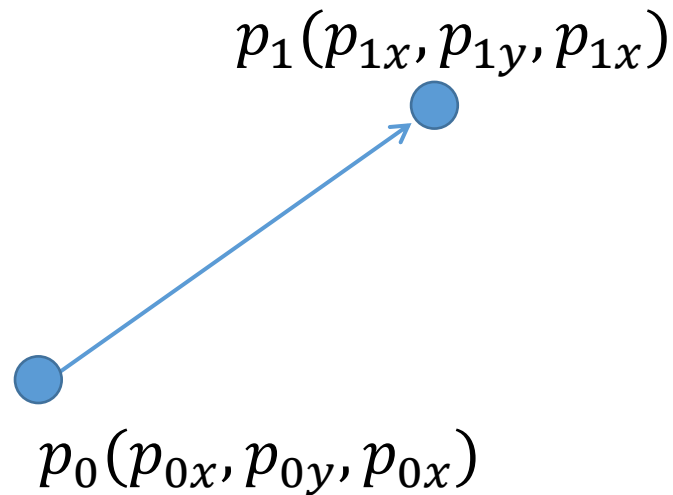
- Regular vectors use an *arrow*.
- Unit vectors use a *hat*.
- Zero vector looks like this:  $\vec{0}$



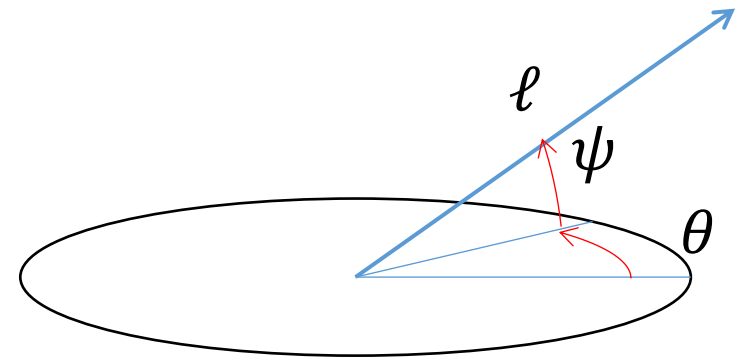


# How many numbers in a vector?

Two Points

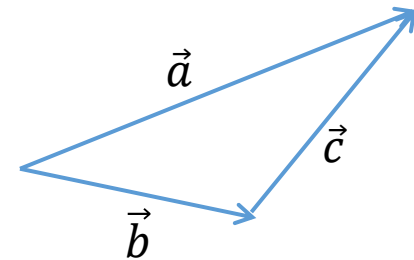
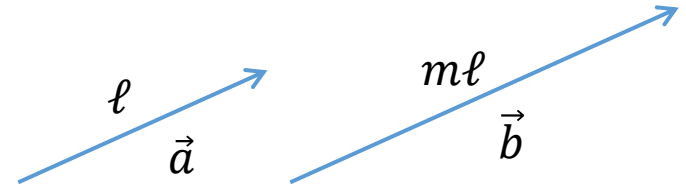


Spherical Coordinates

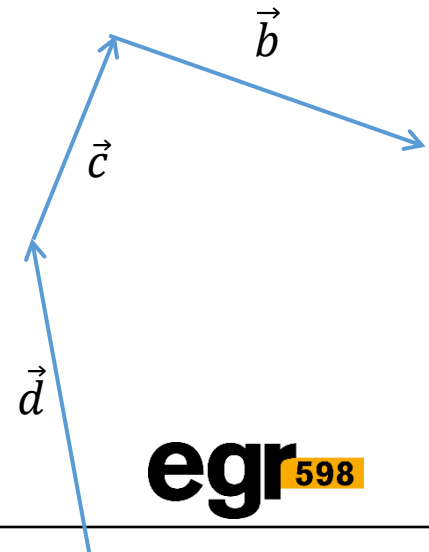
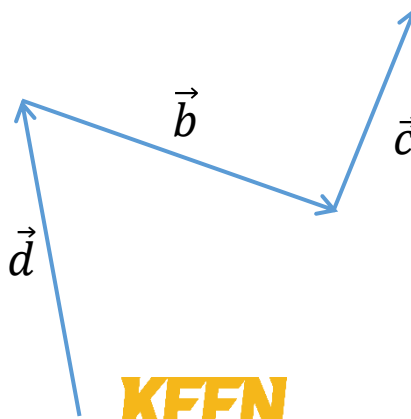
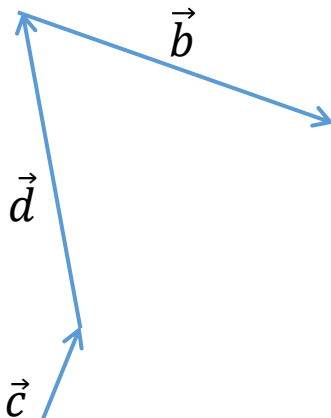
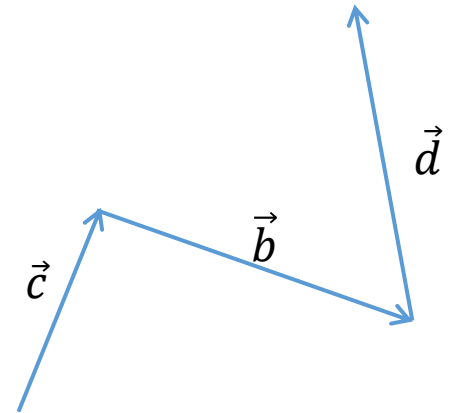
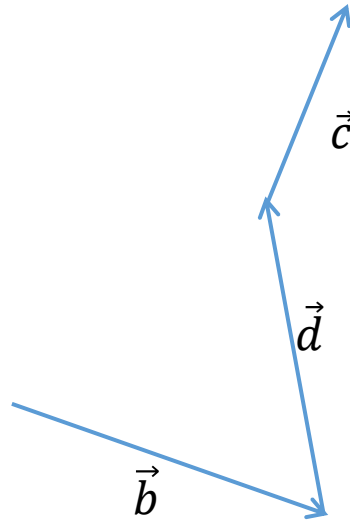
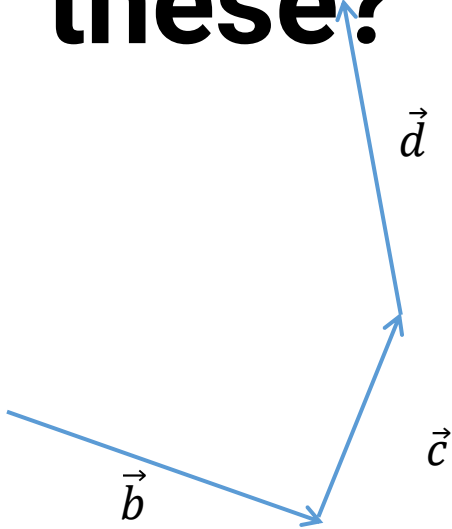


# Vector Math

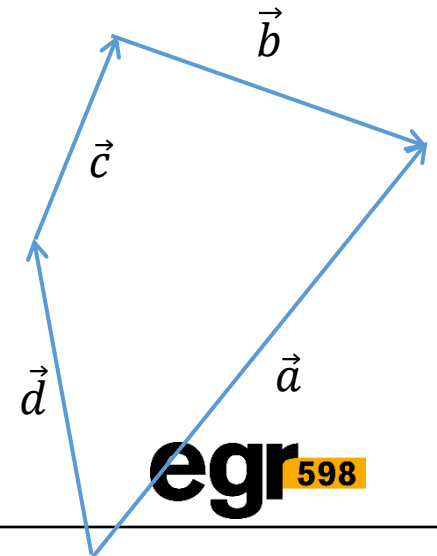
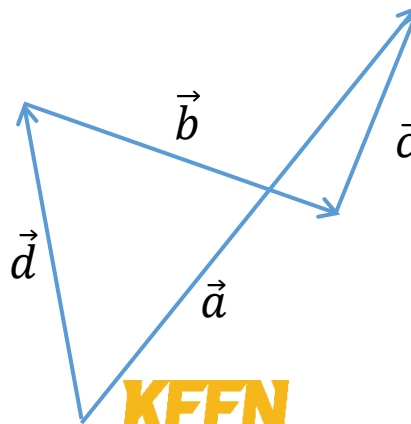
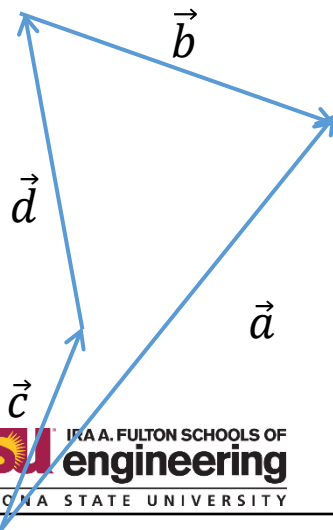
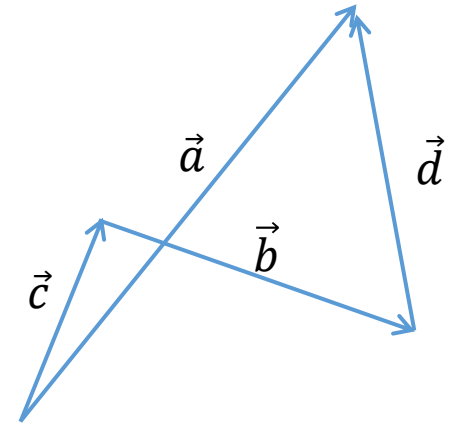
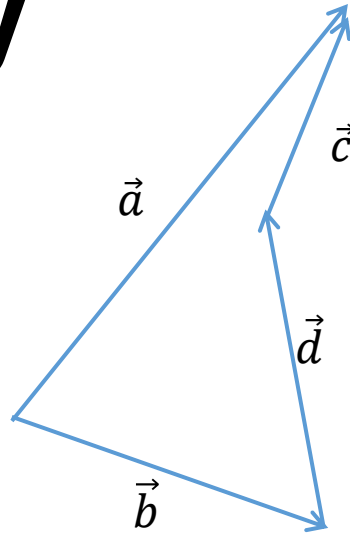
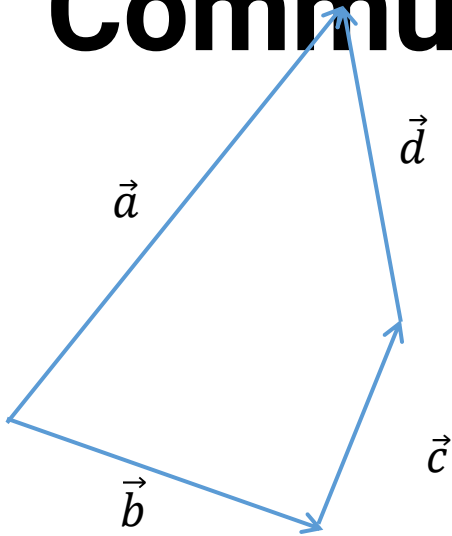
- Multiplication:  $\vec{a} = m\vec{b}$
- Negativity:  $\vec{a} = -\vec{b}$
- Addition:  $\vec{a} = \vec{b} + \vec{c}$



# What is similar about all these?



# Equivalent Systems from Commutativity



# Mathematical Properties

- Commutativity:

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$$

- Associativity:

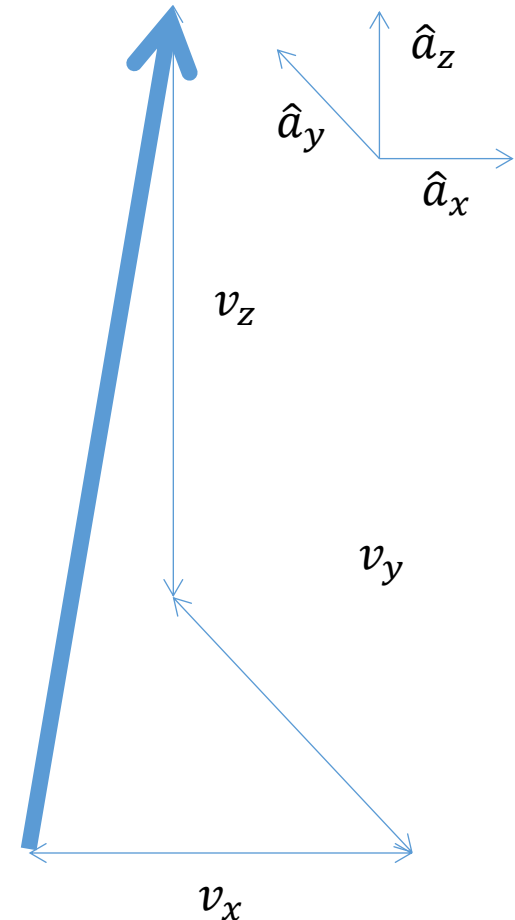
$$\vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w}$$

- Distributivity:

$$a(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = a\vec{v} + a\vec{w}$$

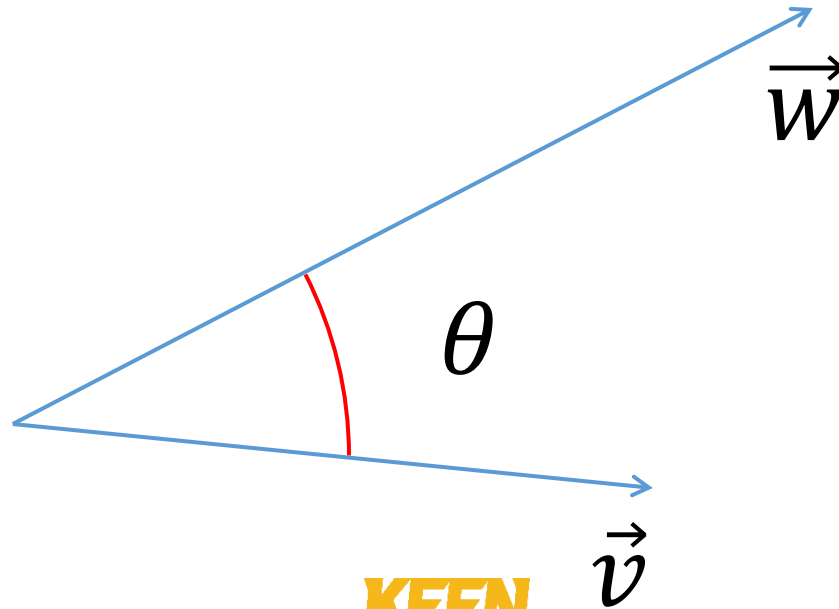
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# Dot product

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} \triangleq |\vec{v}| |\vec{w}| \cos \theta$$



# Magnitude of a Vector

$$|v| = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}$$



# Properties of Dot Product

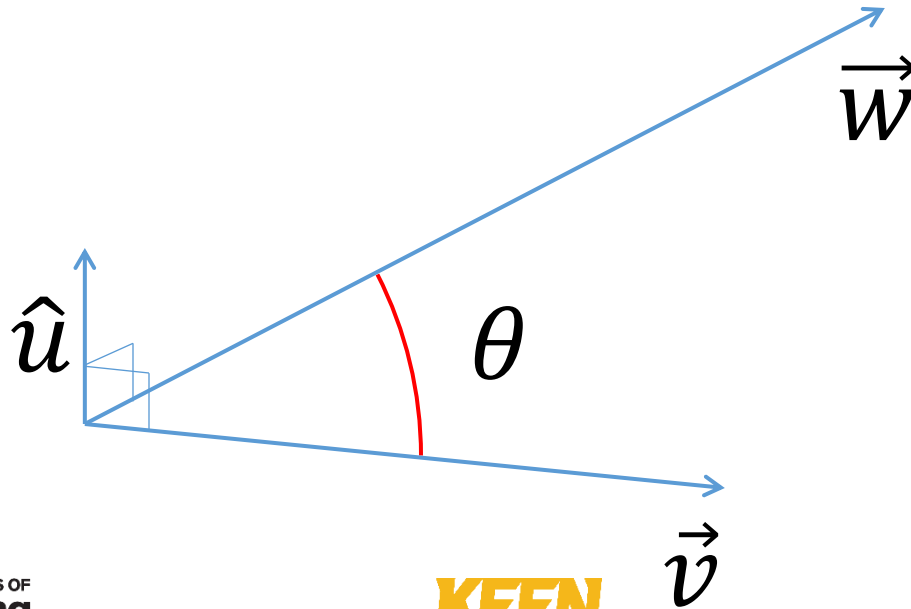
- Commutative

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$$

- Distributive
- $$\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$$

# Cross Product

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} \triangleq |\vec{v}| |\vec{w}| \sin \theta \hat{u}$$



# Cross Product Properties

- $(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = |u||v| \sin(\theta) \hat{w}, \vec{u} \perp \hat{w}, \vec{v} \perp \hat{w}$
- $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = -\vec{v} \times \vec{u}$
- $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \times \vec{v} + \vec{u} \times \vec{w}$
- $c\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \vec{u} \times c\vec{v} = c(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$
- $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = (\vec{w} \times \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v}$
- $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) \neq (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \times \vec{w}$
- $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = \vec{v}(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}) - \vec{w}(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})$

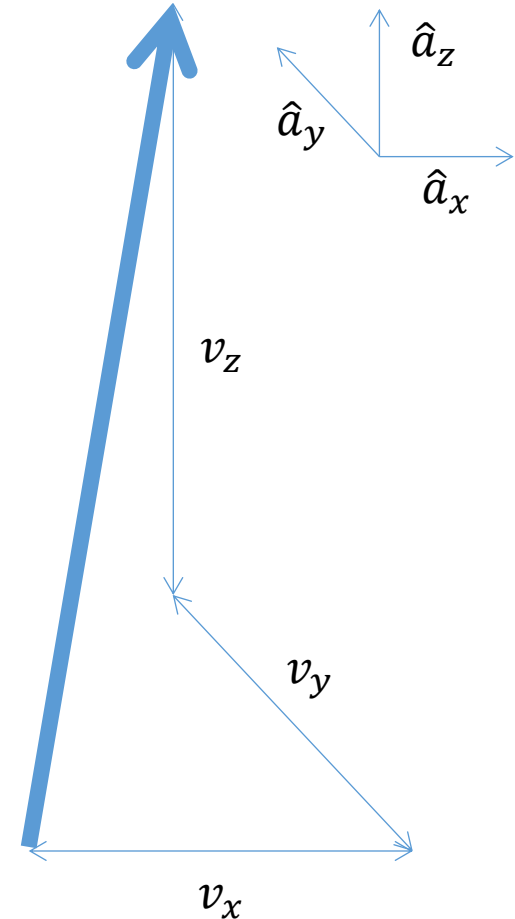
# No-no's

- Multiply a vector by another vector
- Equate scalars to vectors
- Use a cross product on a scalar
- ...lots more

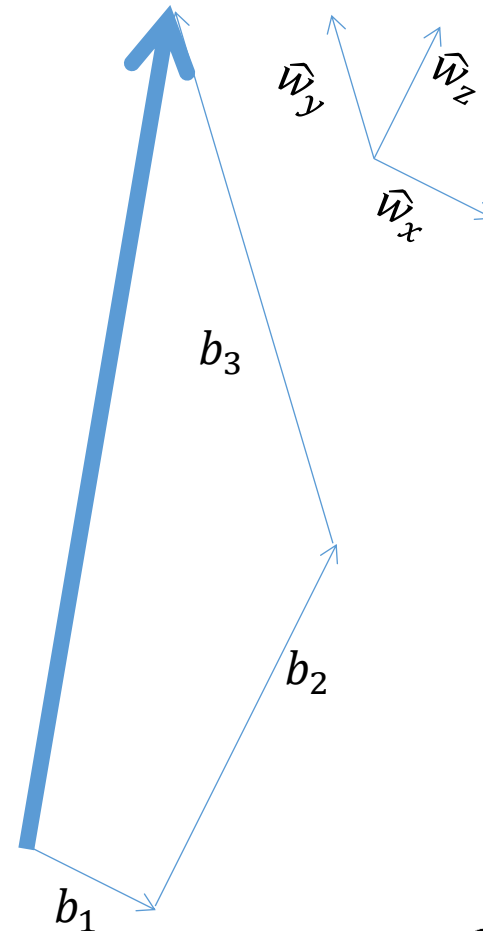
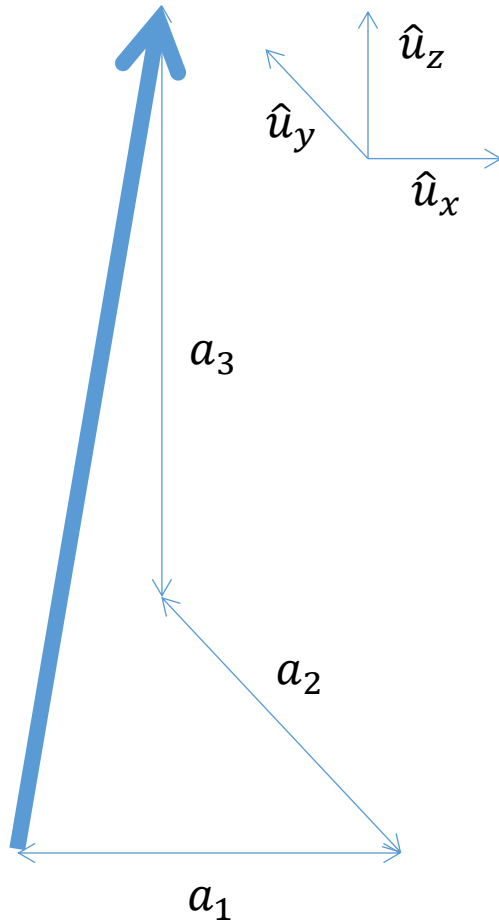
# Basis Vectors

- Orthogonality
- Unit length
- Not unique, just handy
- Expand vector into components

$$\vec{v} = v_x \hat{a}_x + v_y \hat{a}_y + v_z \hat{a}_z$$



# Alternate Basis Vectors



$$\vec{v} = a_1 \hat{u}_x + a_2 \hat{u}_y + a_3 \hat{u}_z \quad \vec{v} = b_1 \hat{w}_x + b_2 \hat{w}_y + b_3 \hat{w}_z$$

# Angle between basis vectors

- $a_x \angle a_x = ?$

- $a_y \angle a_y = ?$

- $a_z \angle a_z = ?$

- $a_x \angle a_y = ?$

- $a_y \angle a_z = ?$

- $a_z \angle a_x = ?$

- $\cos 0 = ?$

- $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = ?$

- $\sin 0 = ?$

- $\sin \frac{\pi}{2} = ?$

# Angle between basis vectors

$$\blacksquare a_x \angle a_x = 0$$

$$\blacksquare a_y \angle a_y = 0$$

$$\blacksquare a_z \angle a_z = 0$$

$$\blacksquare a_x \angle a_y = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\blacksquare a_y \angle a_z = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\blacksquare a_z \angle a_x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\blacksquare \cos 0 = 1$$

$$\blacksquare \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$\blacksquare \sin 0 = 0$$

$$\blacksquare \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$$



# Extended Expressions: Dot Product

- How do I get from:

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = (u_x \hat{a}_x + u_y \hat{a}_y + u_z \hat{a}_z) \cdot (v_x \hat{a}_x + v_y \hat{a}_y + v_z \hat{a}_z)$$

- To:

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = u_x v_x + u_y v_y + u_z v_z$$

# Extended Expressions: Cross Product

- How do I get from:

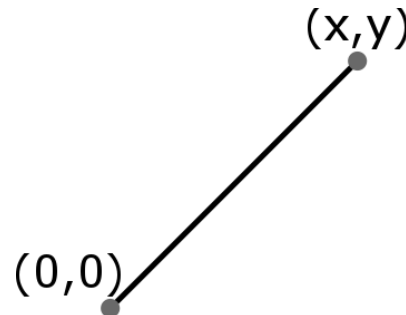
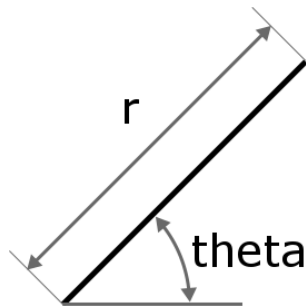
$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = (u_x \hat{a}_x + u_y \hat{a}_y + u_z \hat{a}_z) \times (v_x \hat{a}_x + v_y \hat{a}_y + v_z \hat{a}_z)$$

- To:

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{w} = u_x v_y \hat{a}_z - u_x v_z \hat{a}_y - u_y v_x \hat{a}_z + u_y v_z \hat{a}_x + u_z v_x \hat{a}_y - u_z v_y \hat{a}_x$$

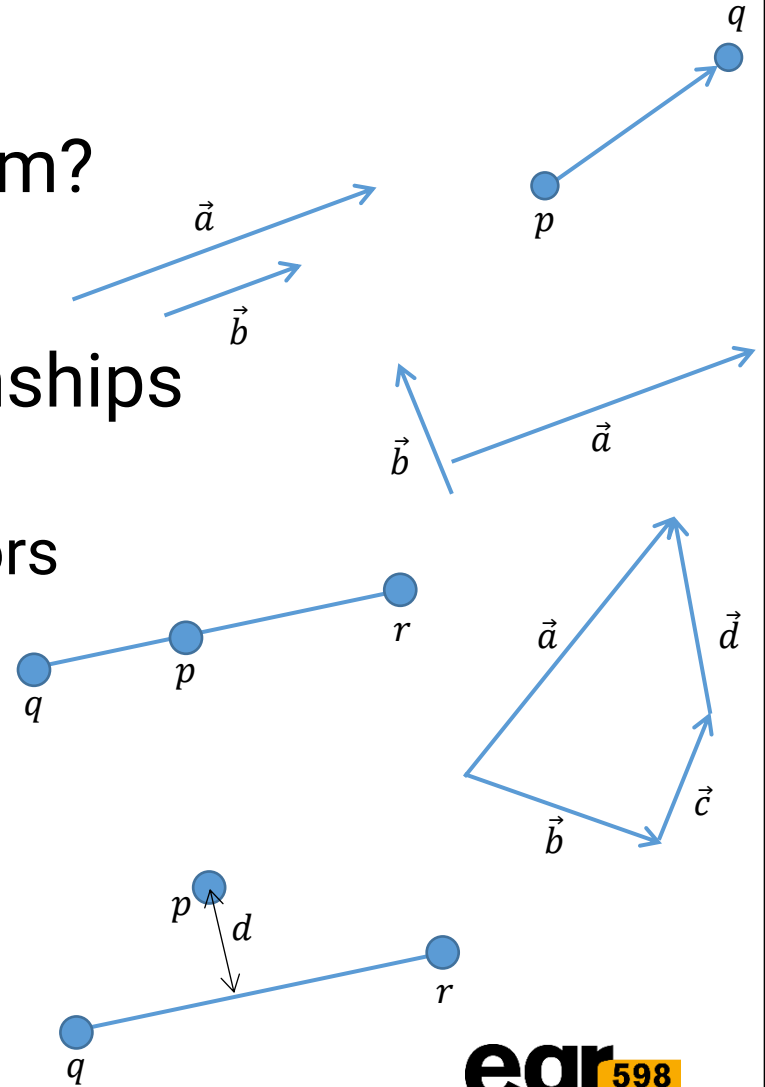
# Constraint Equations

- Many ways to represent the same constraint
- Variables don't necessarily map to DOF



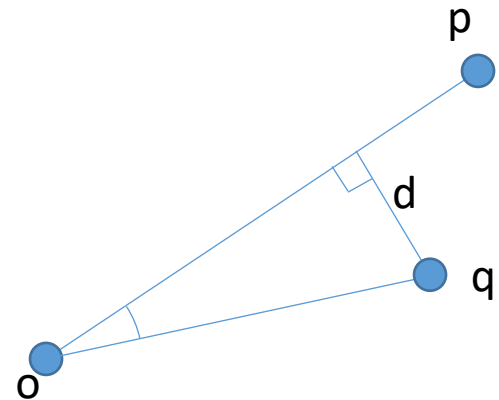
# Constraints, Degrees of Freedom

- What are degrees of freedom?
- What is a constraint?
- Describe geometric relationships
  - Distances
  - Perpendicular, Parallel Vectors
  - Point on a line
  - Loops
  - Point a distance from a line
- Resolve Vector Equations



# Distance from a Line

- $(\vec{r}^{oq}) \times (\vec{r}^{op}) = |\vec{r}^{oq}| |\vec{r}^{op}| \sin(\theta) \hat{u}$
- $|(\vec{r}^{oq}) \times (\vec{r}^{op})| = |\vec{r}^{oq}| |\vec{r}^{op}| \sin(\theta)$
- $\frac{|(\vec{r}^{oq}) \times (\vec{r}^{op})|}{|\vec{r}^{op}|} = |\vec{r}^{oq}| \sin(\theta) = d$
- $\frac{|(\vec{r}^{oq}) \times (\vec{r}^{op})|}{|\vec{r}^{op}|} - d = 0$



# Degrees of Freedom

$$M = (6 - d)(m - 1) - \sum_{i=1}^p (6 - d - f_i)$$

d: mechanism family

m: number of links

p: number of joints

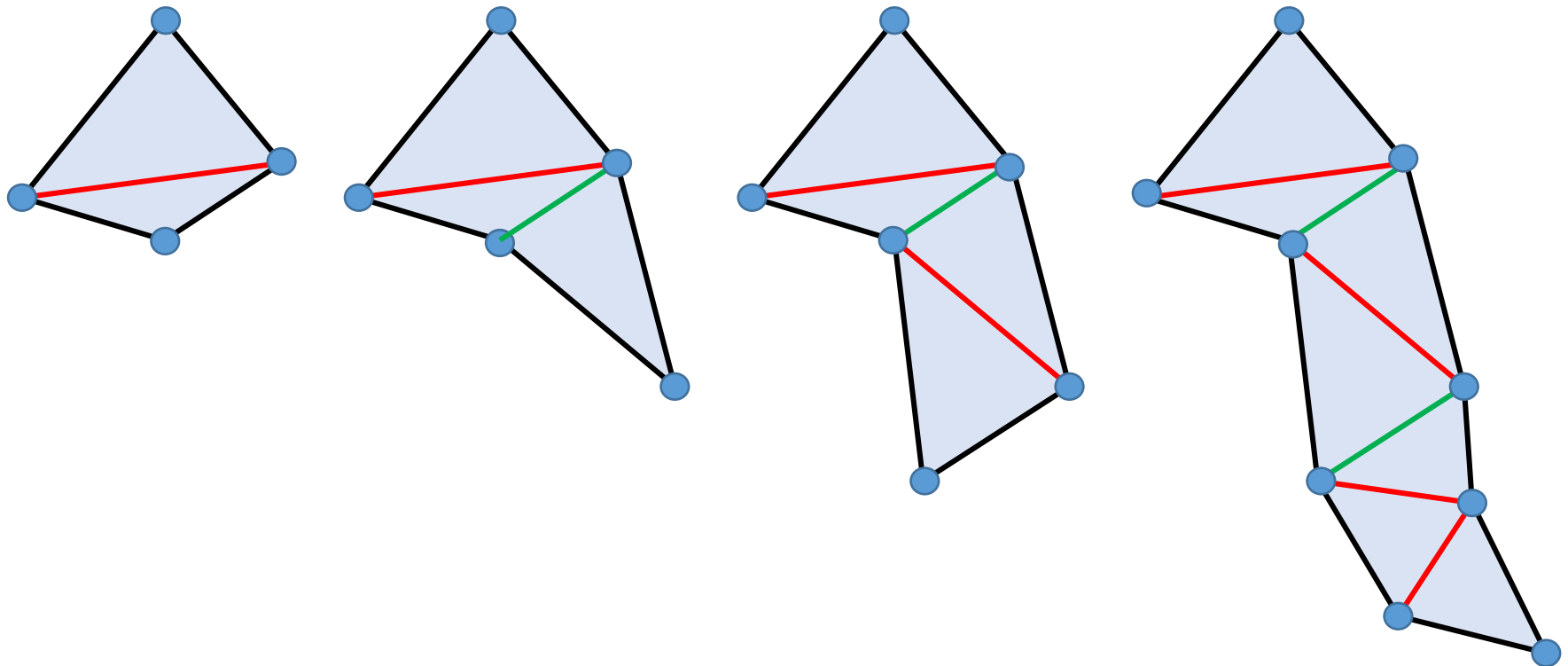
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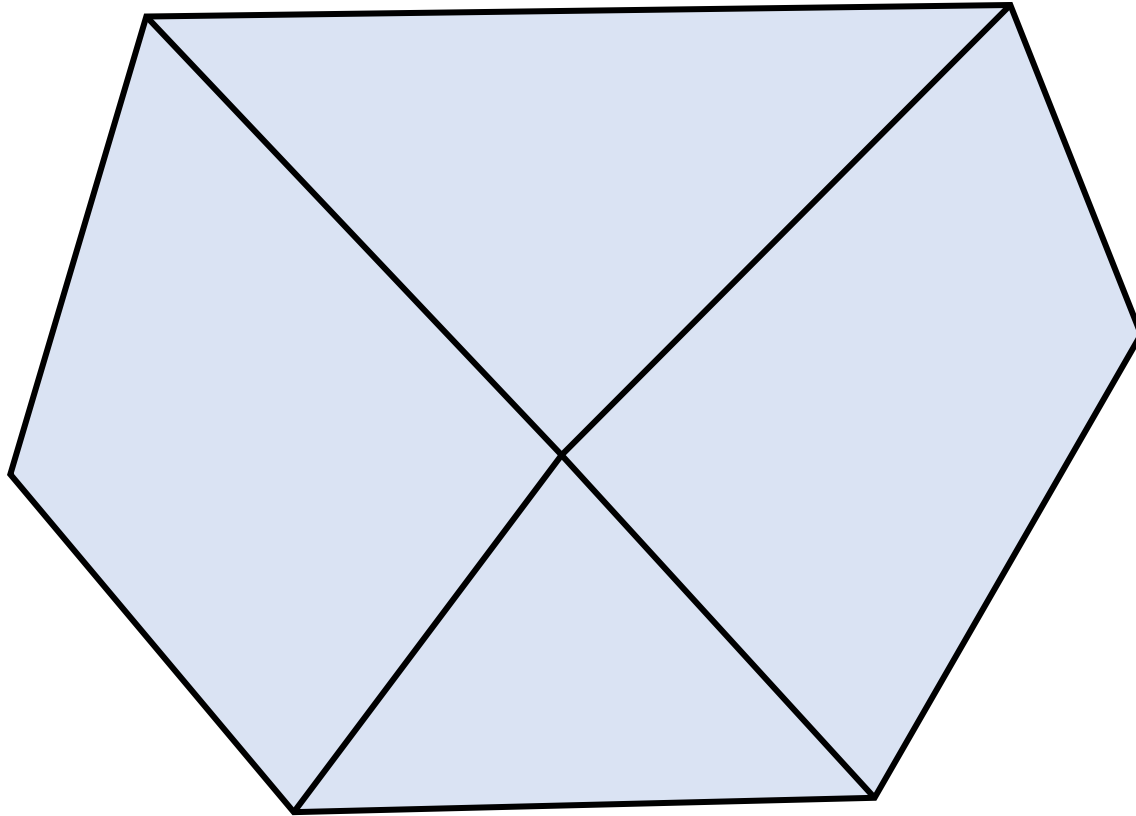
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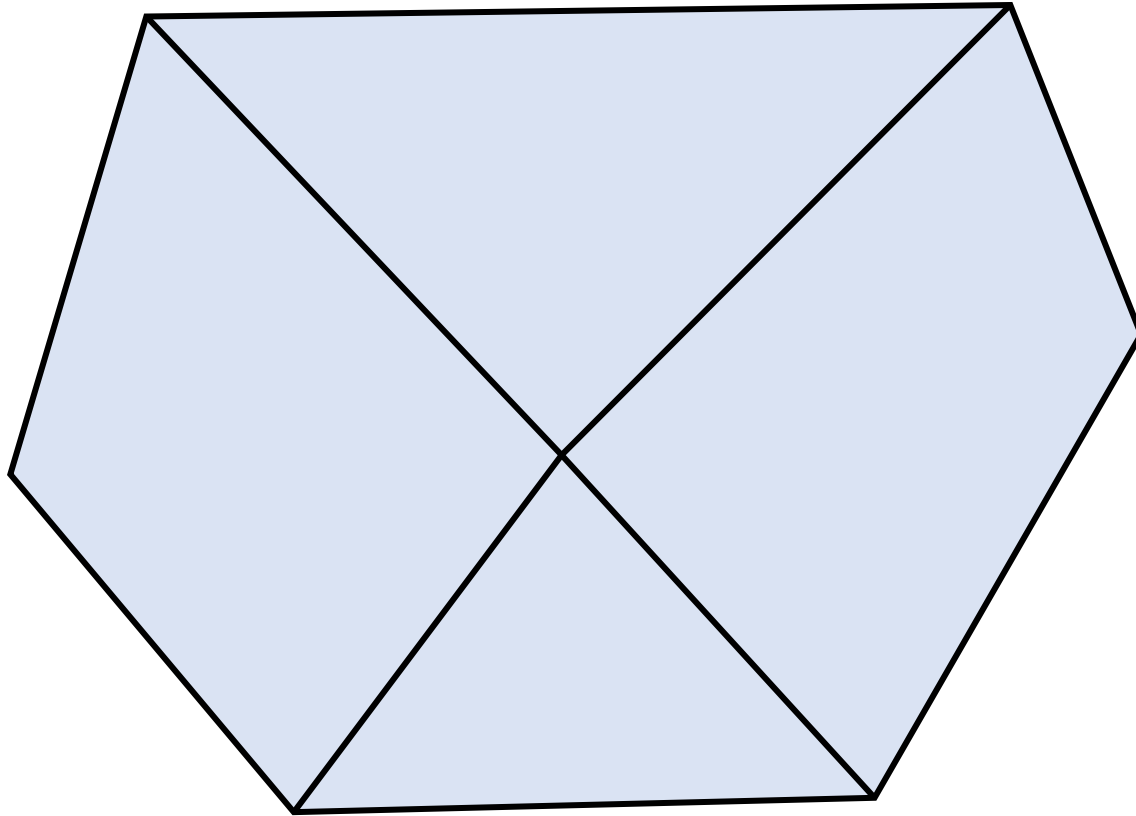


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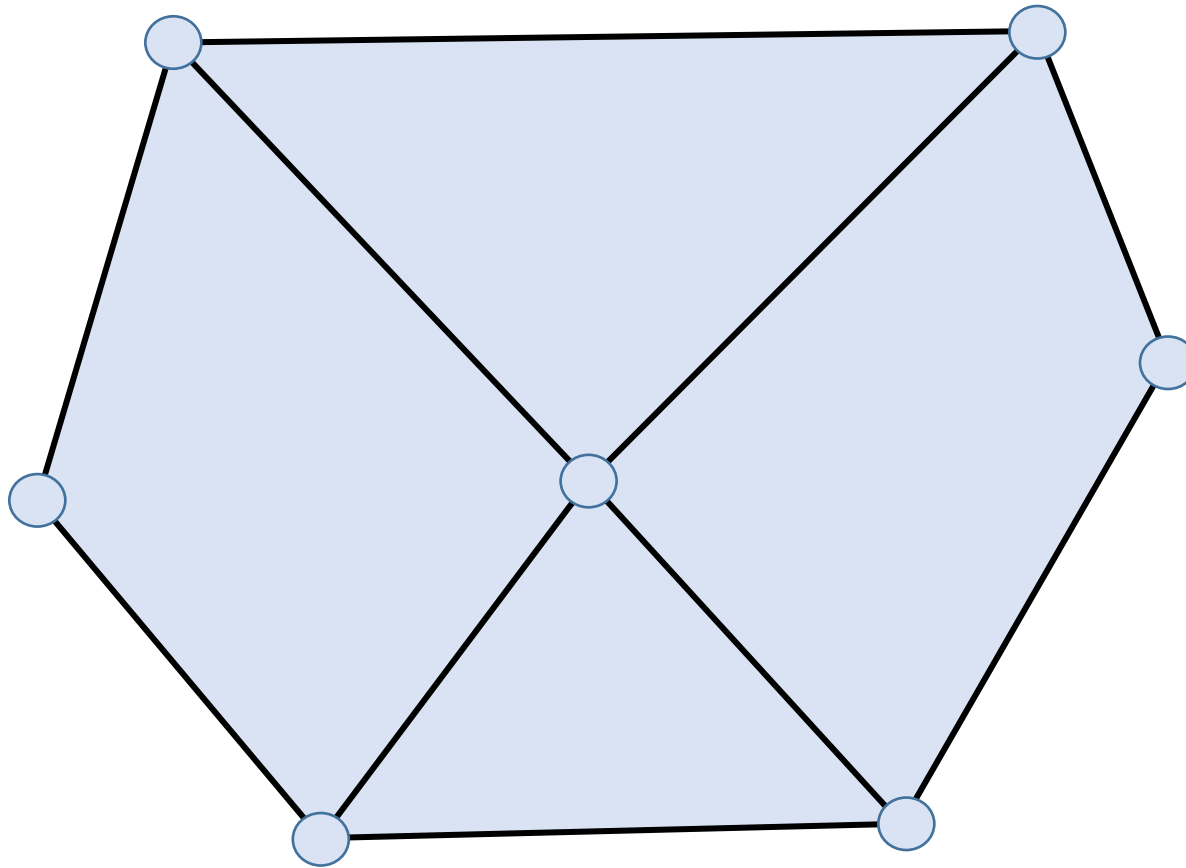




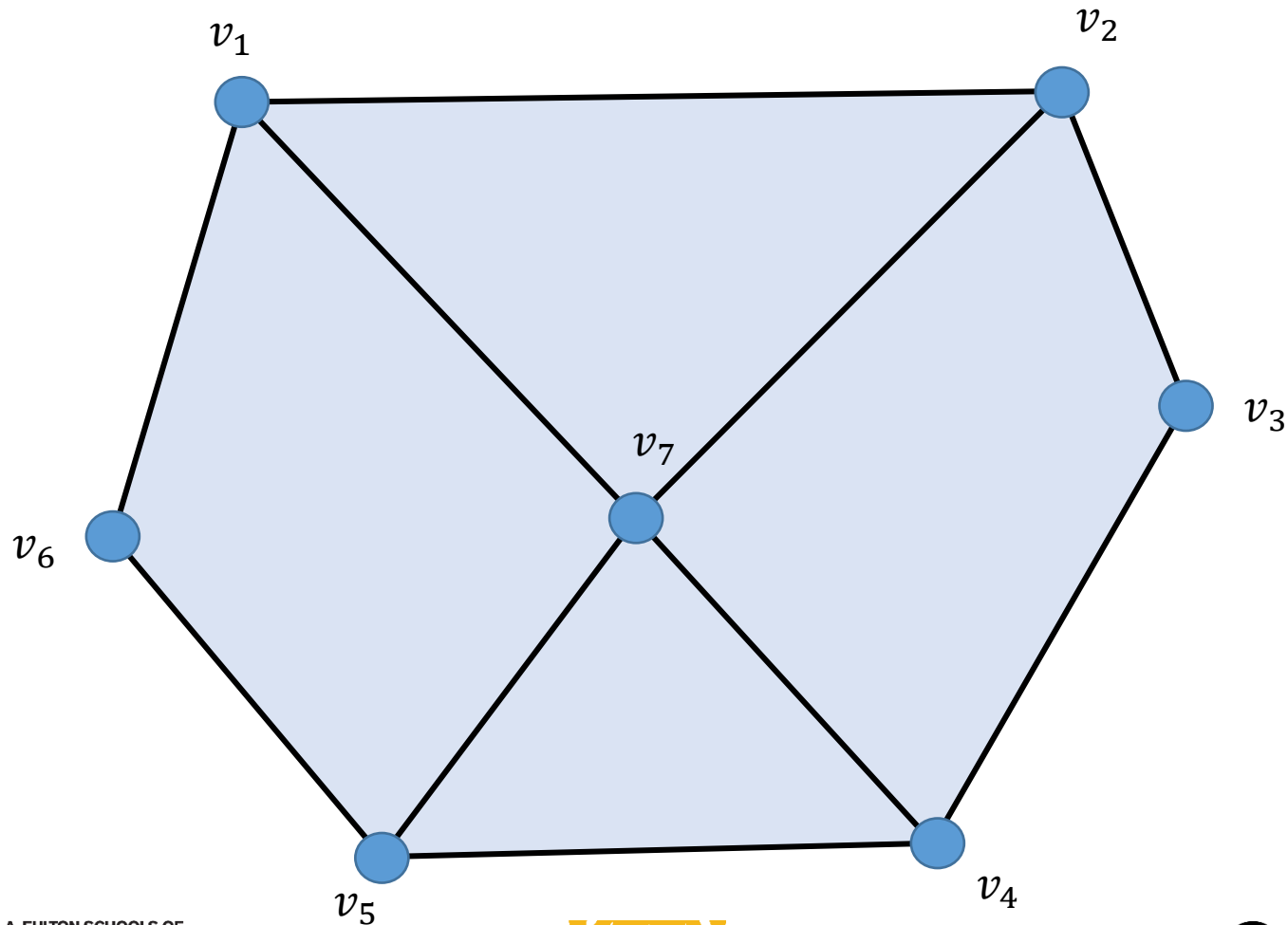
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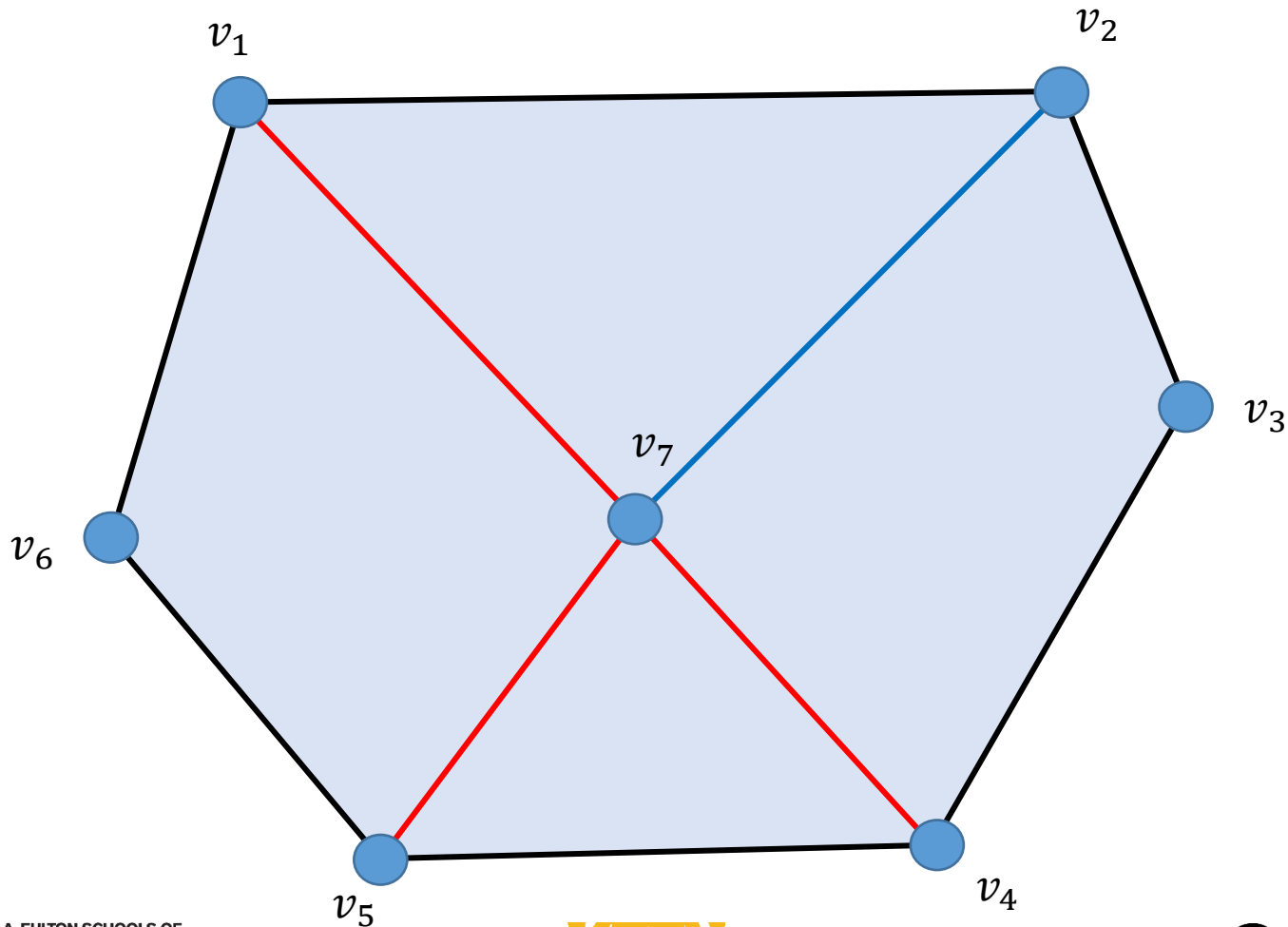
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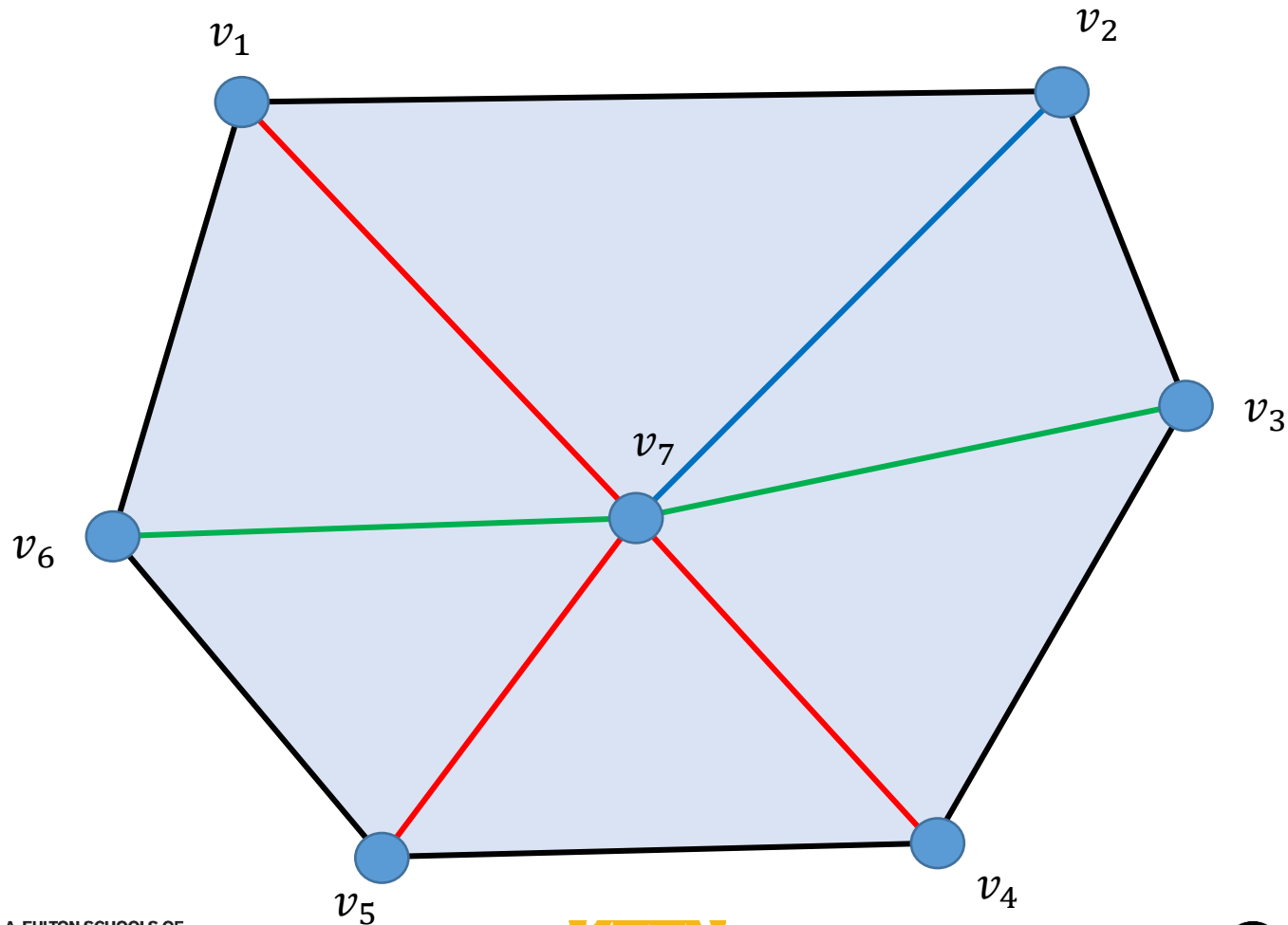
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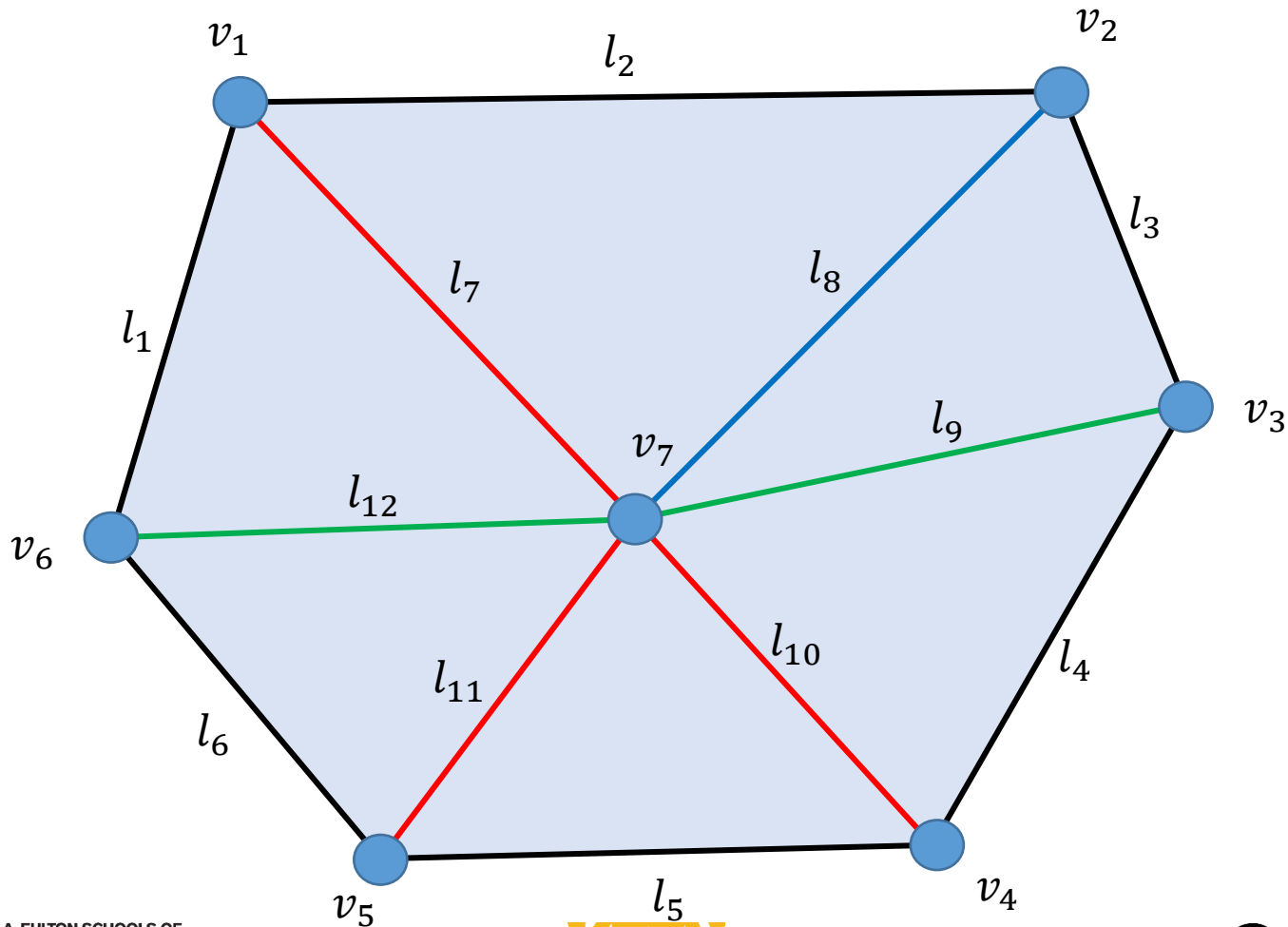
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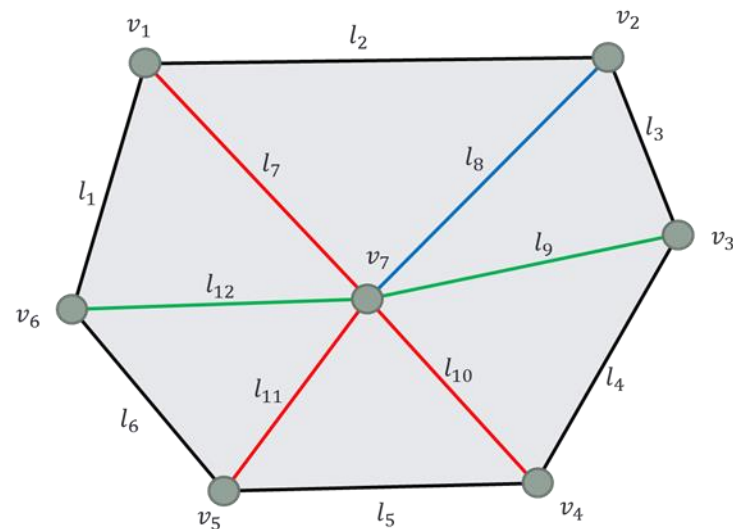


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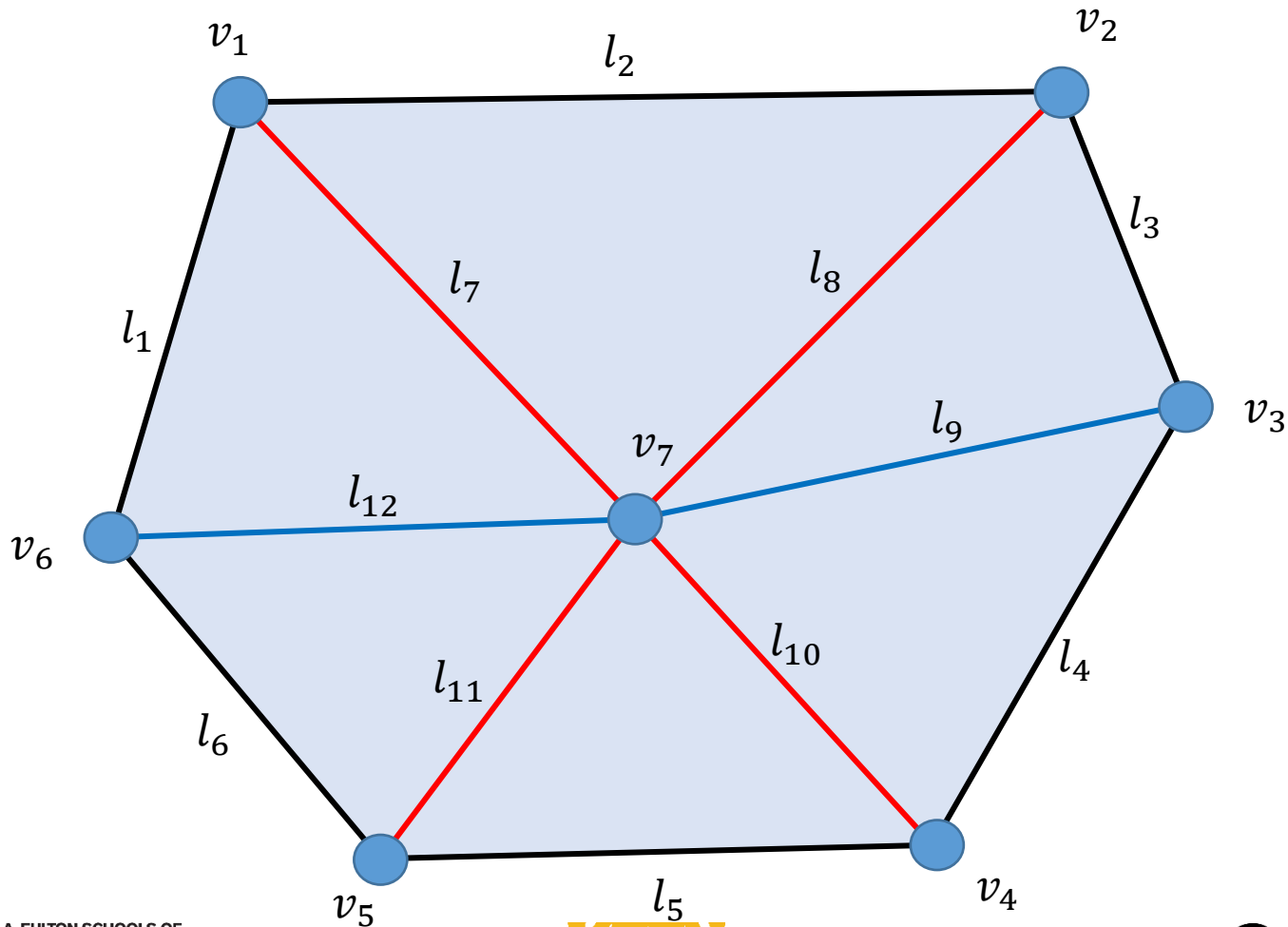


# Number of Degrees of Freedom

- $n$ : number of vertices
  - $n = 7$
- $m$ : number of lines
  - $m = 12$
- $r$ : number of green lines
  - $r = 2$
- $f$ : degrees of freedom
  - $f = n * 3 - m - r - 6$
  - $f = 1$



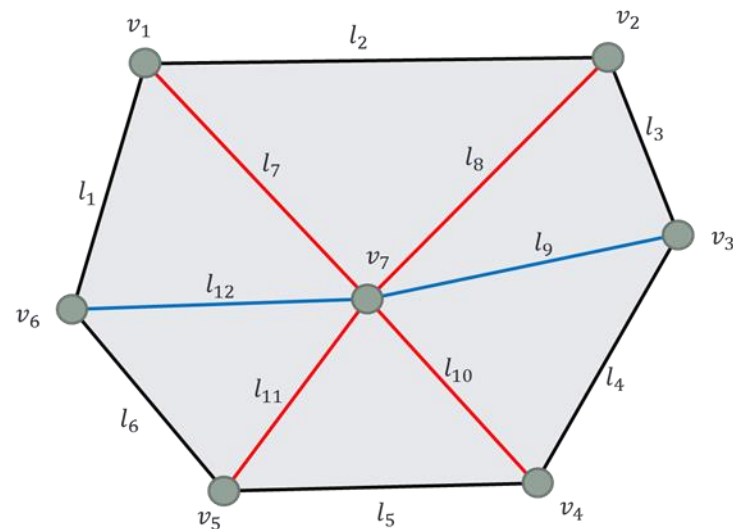
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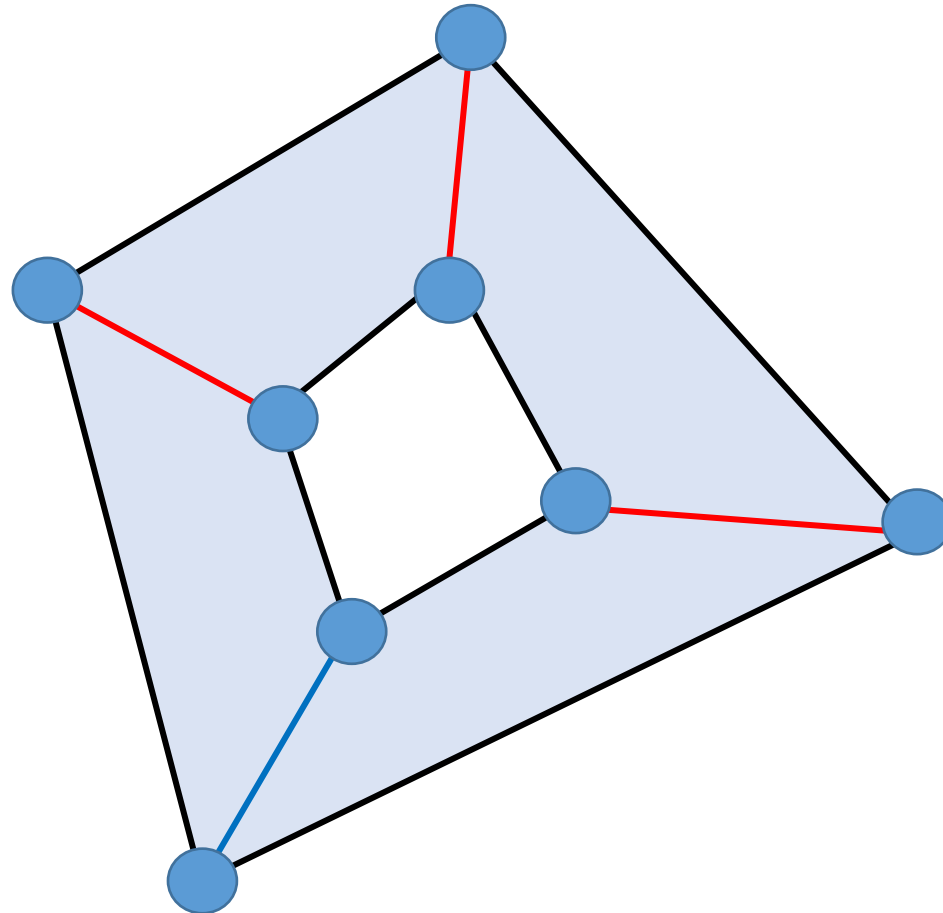


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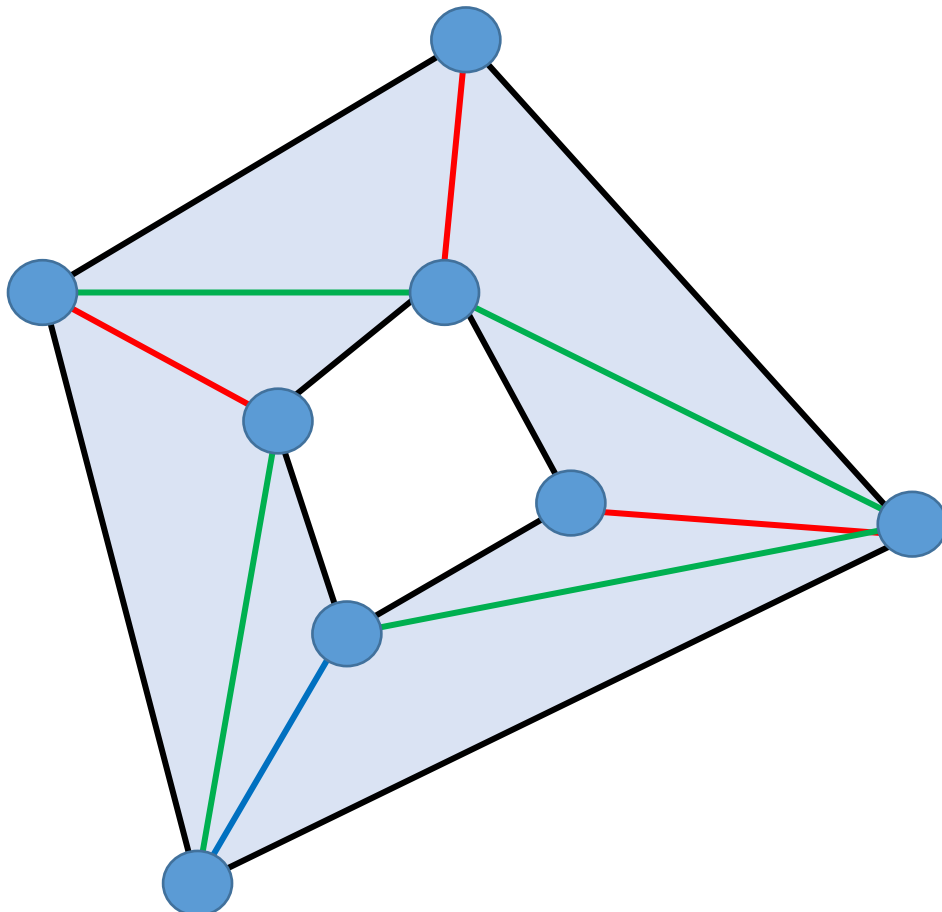
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# Failures: What's the problem?



# Failures: What's the problem with holes?

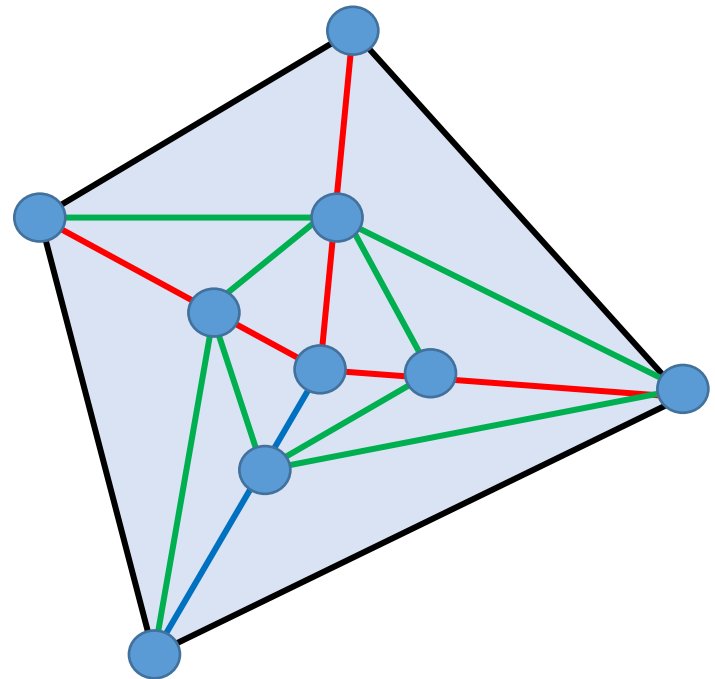
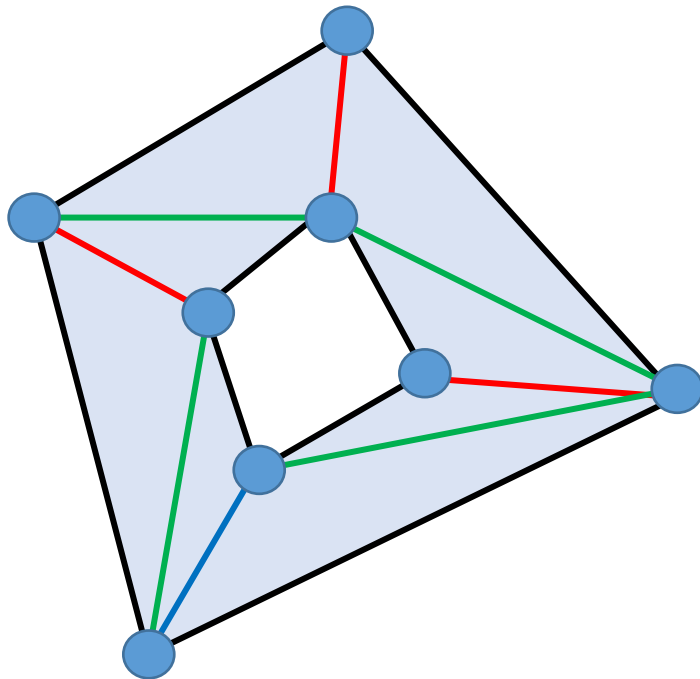


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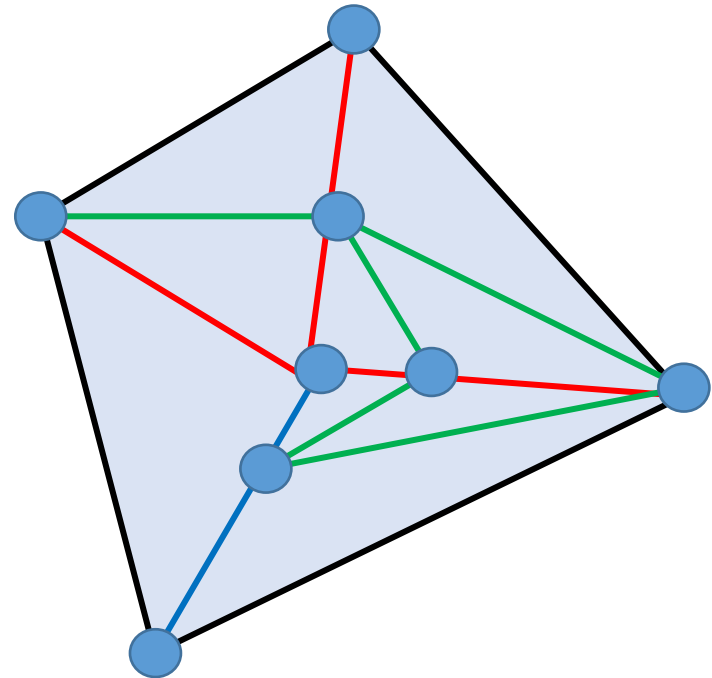
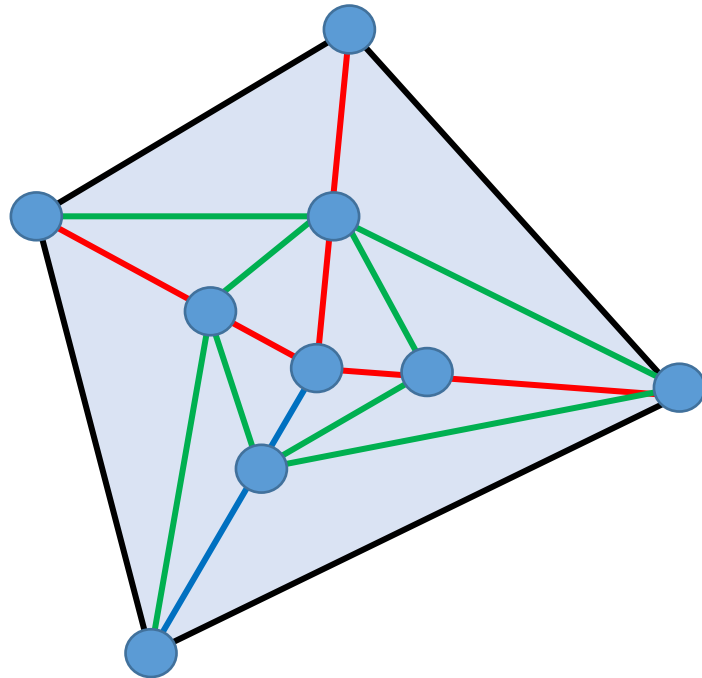
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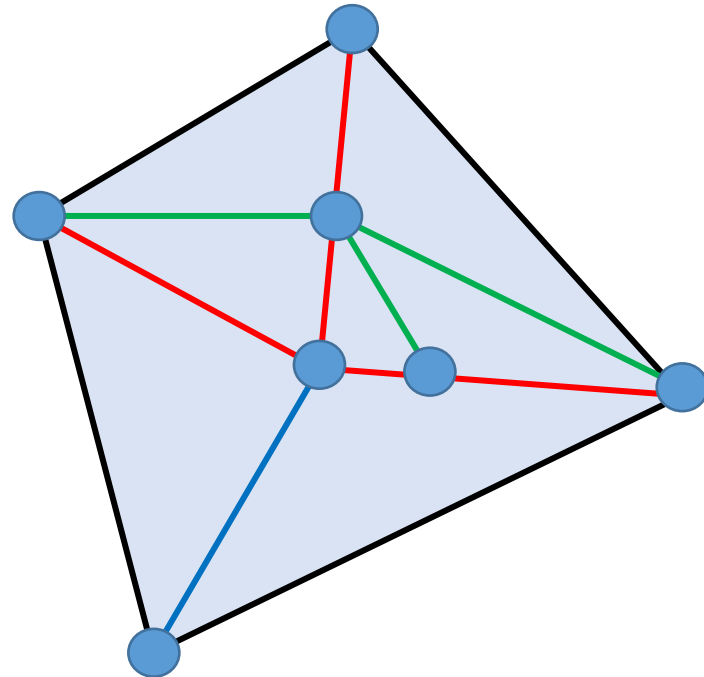
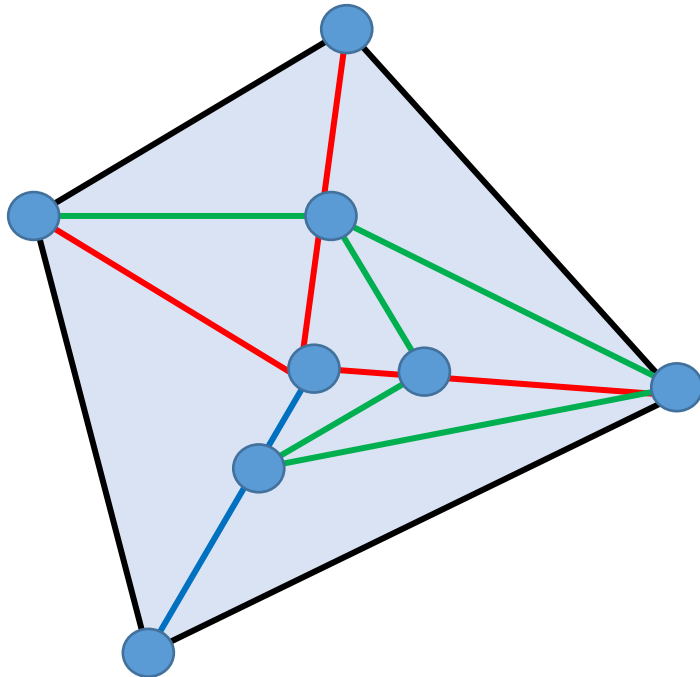
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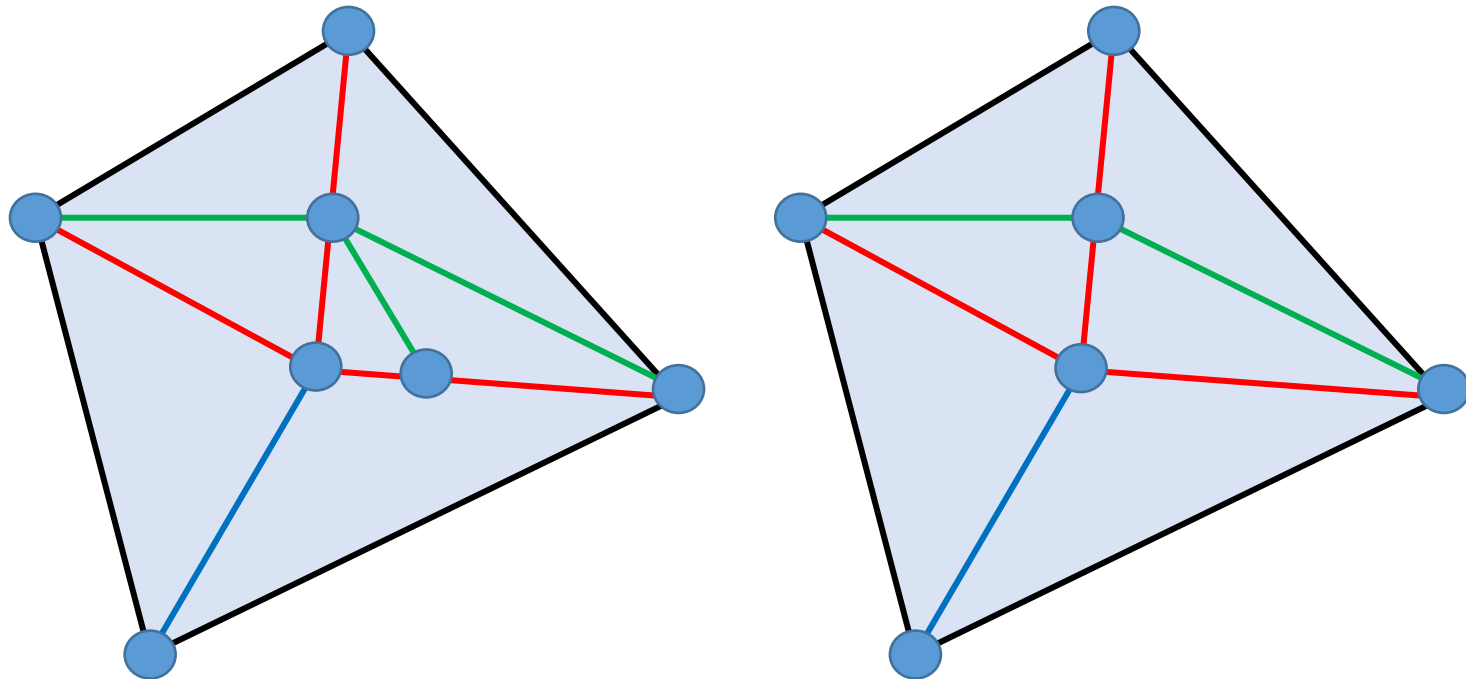
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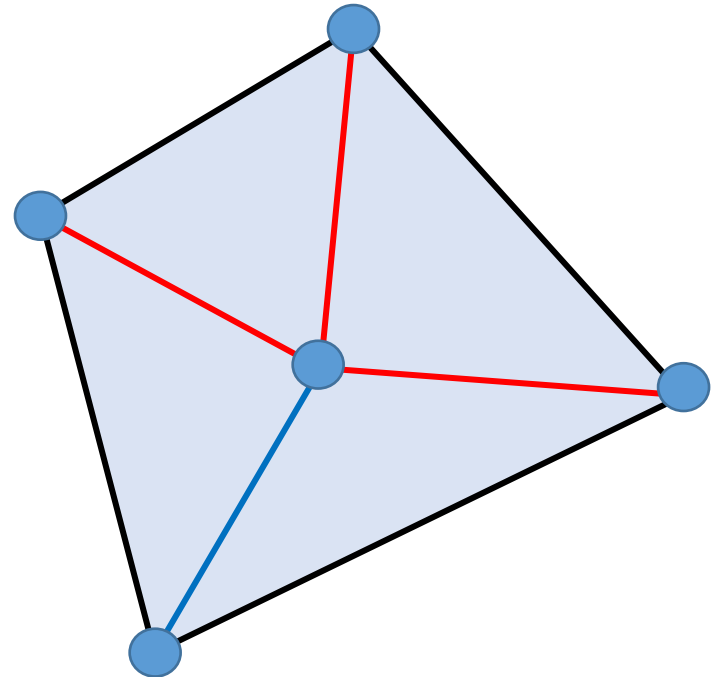
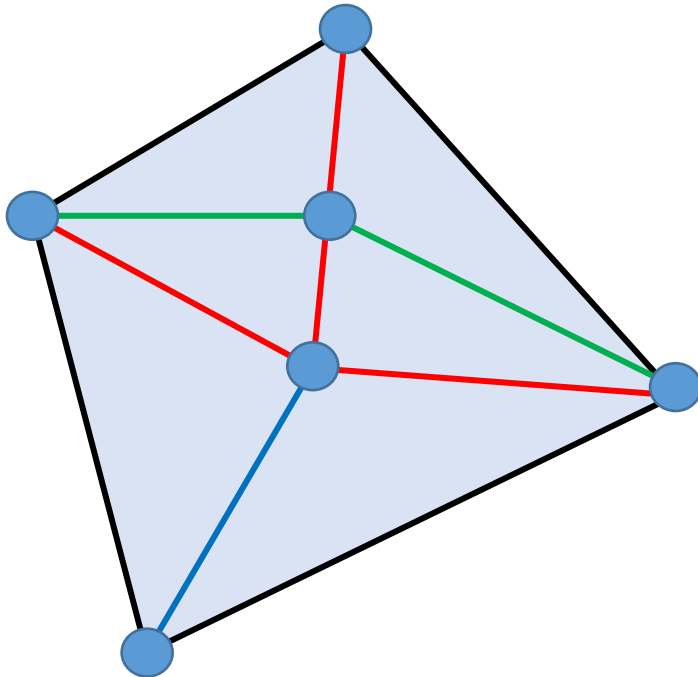
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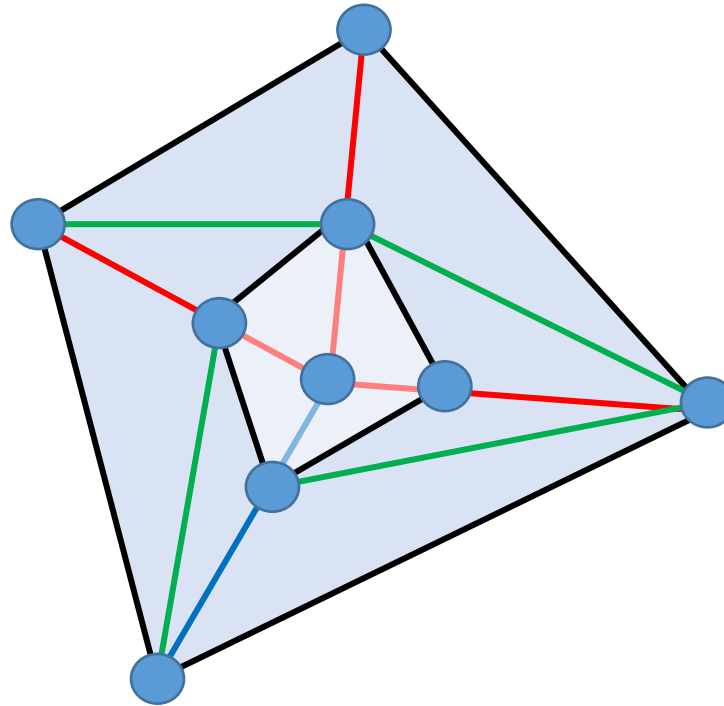


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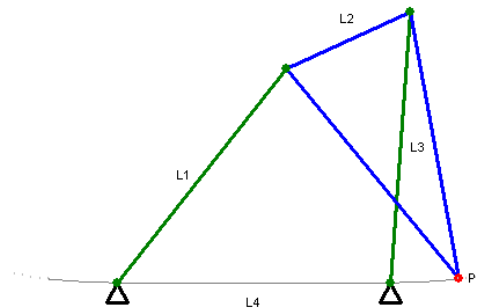
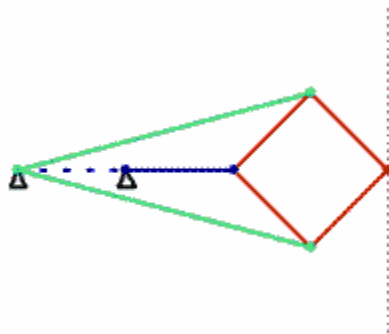
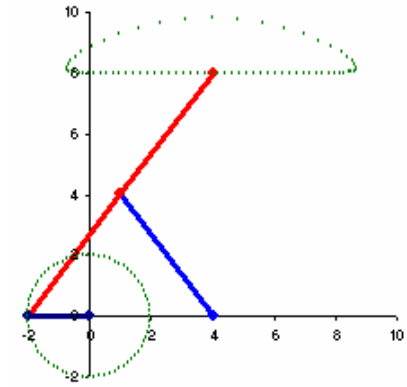
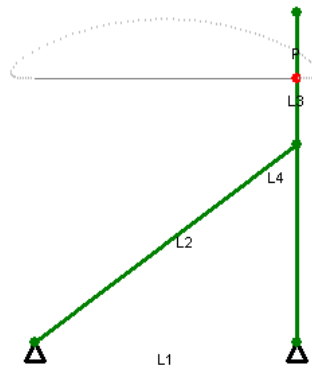
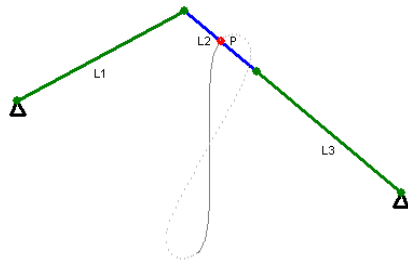


# Failures: What's the problem with holes?



Holes hide geometric constraints

# Straight-line mechanisms



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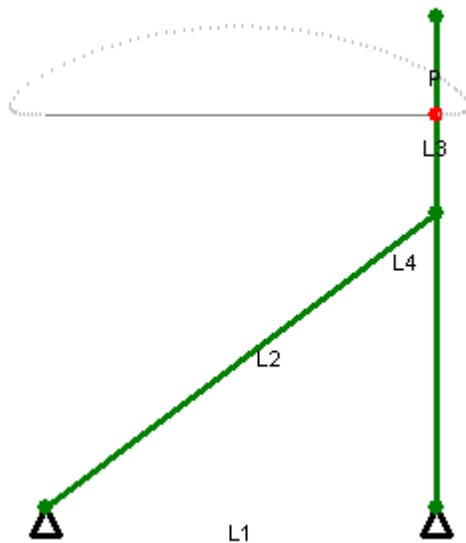
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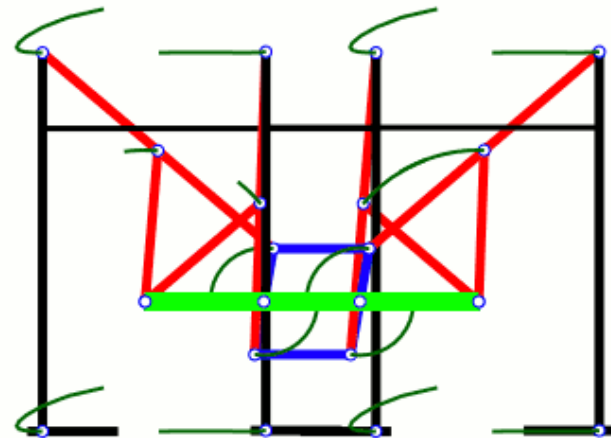
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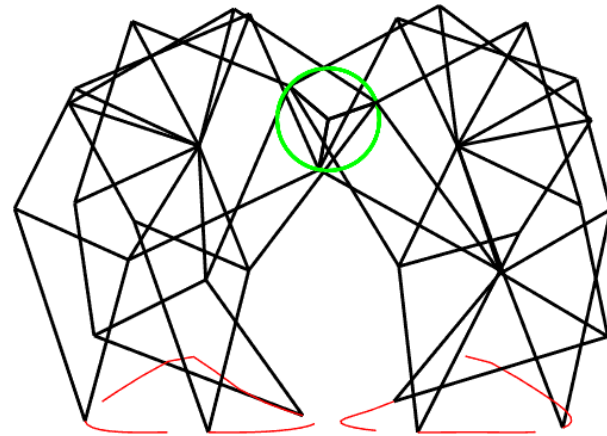
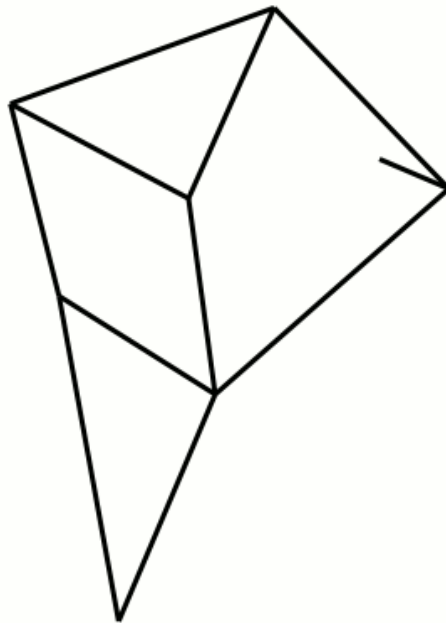


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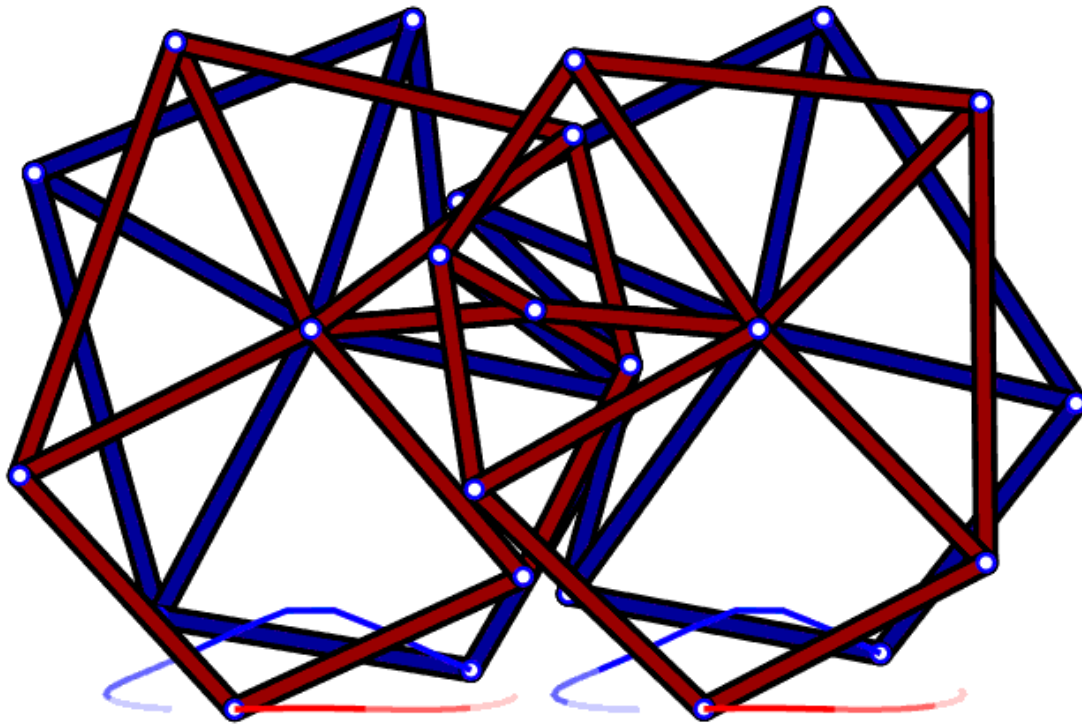
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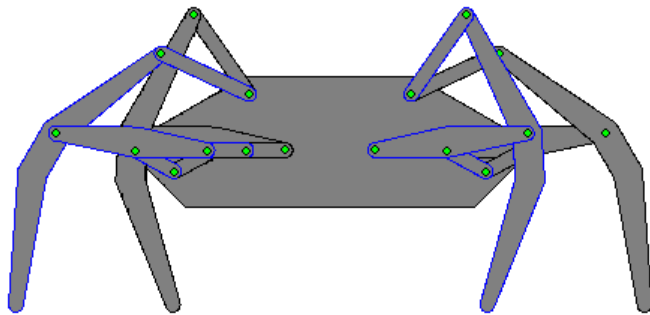


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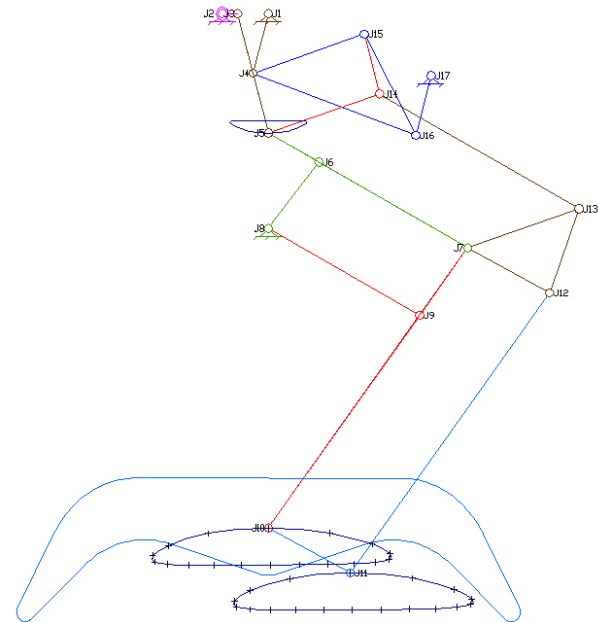


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