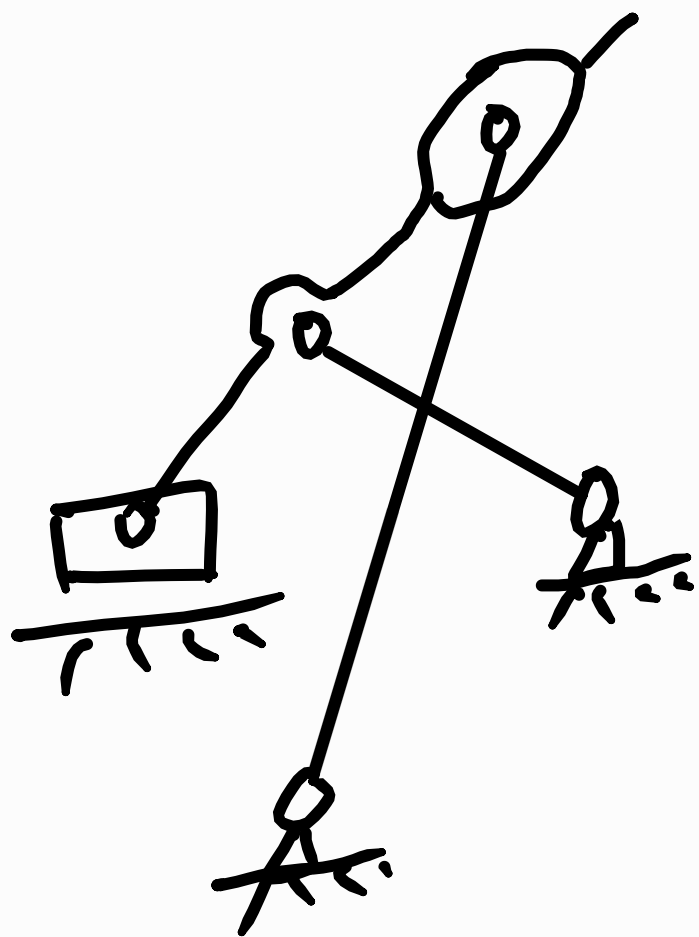


1.1)



Types of links:

- 2 ternary links
- 3 binary links

Types of joints:

- 4 revolute joints
- 1 prismatic joint
- 1 pin-in-slot joint

$$DoF = 3(n_L - 1) - 2n_J' - n_J''$$

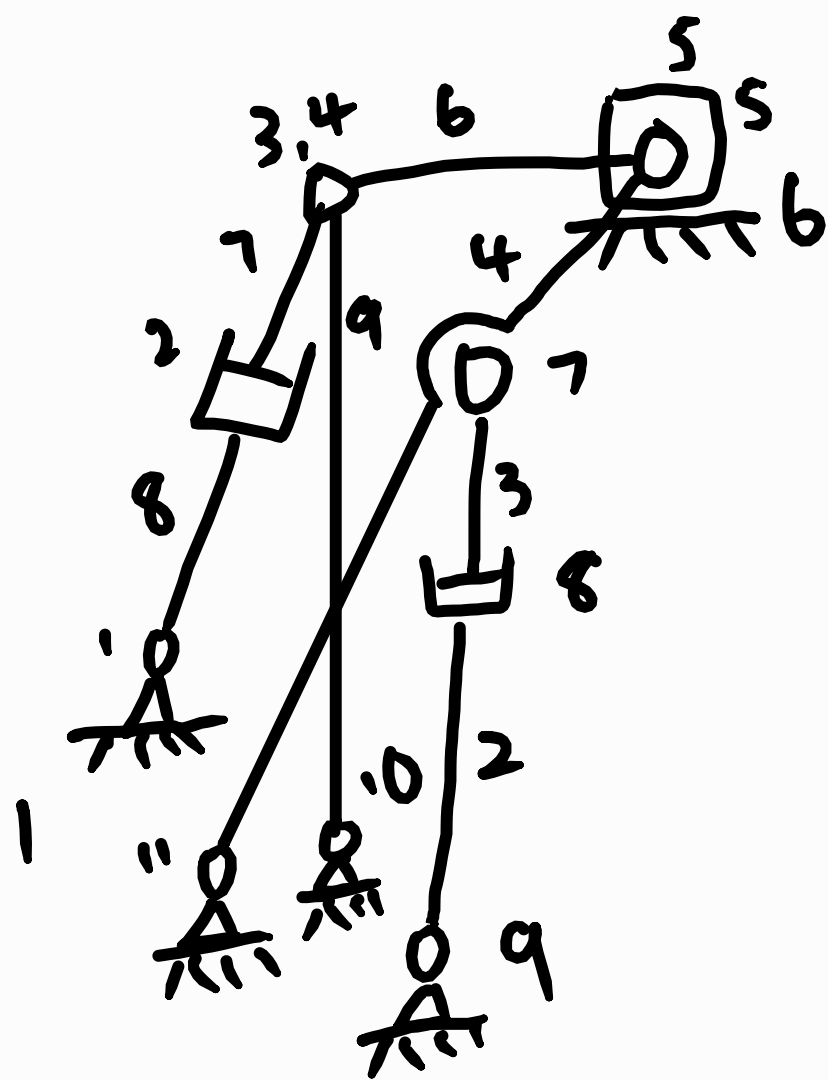
$$n_L = 5, n_J' = 5, n_J'' = 1$$

$$\therefore DoF = 3(5 - 1) - 2(5) - 1$$

$$= 1$$

The degree of freedom of the mechanism is 1.

1.2a)



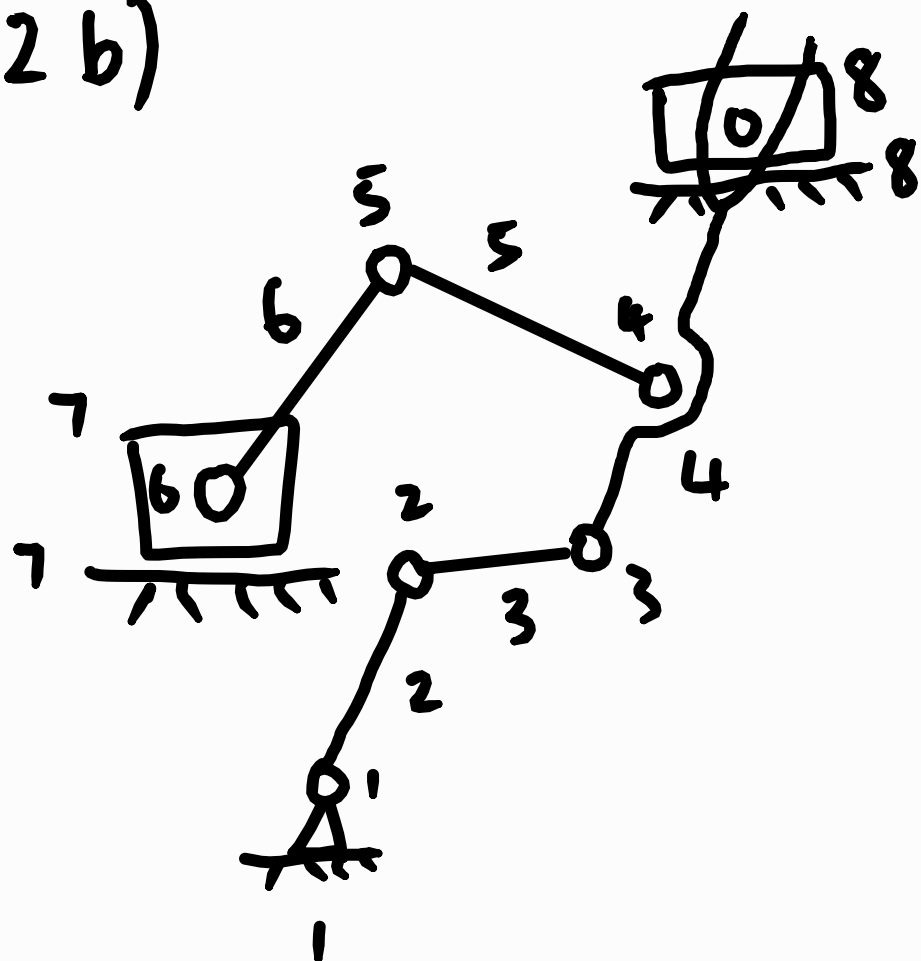
$$DOF = 3(n_L - 1) - 2n_J' - n_J''$$

$$n_L = 9, \quad n_J' = 11, \quad n_J'' = 0$$

$$DOF = 3(9 - 1) - 2(11) - 0$$

$$= 2$$

1.2 b)

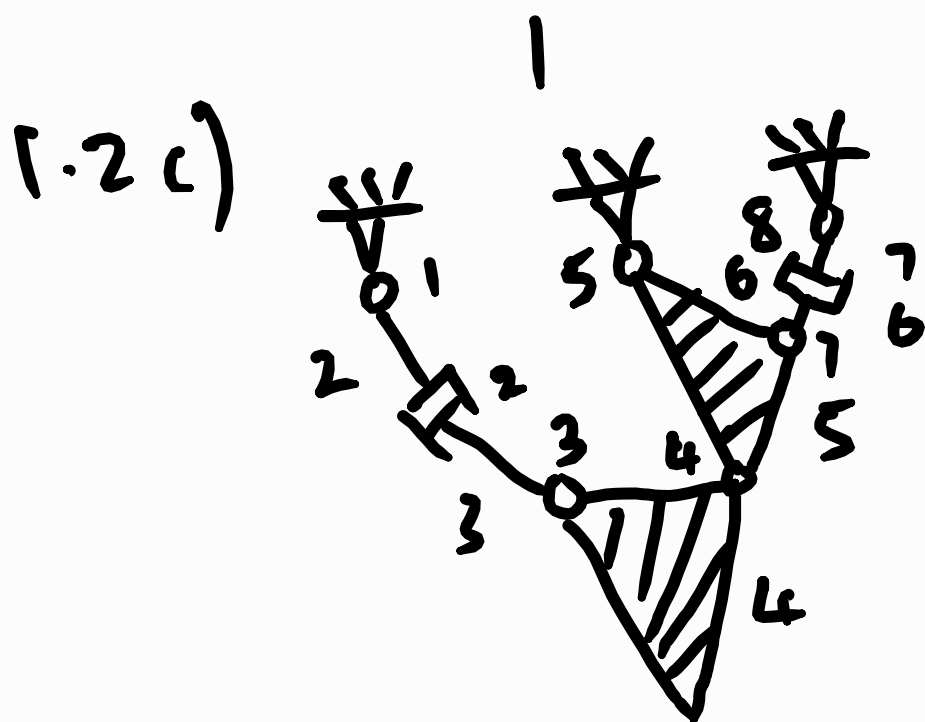


$$DOF = 3(n_L - 1) - 2n'_J - 2n''_J$$

$$n_L = 8, n'_J = 8, n''_J = 1$$

$$DOF = 3(8 - 1) - 2(8) - 1$$

$$= 4$$



$$DOF = 3(n_L - 1) - 2n'_J - n''_J$$

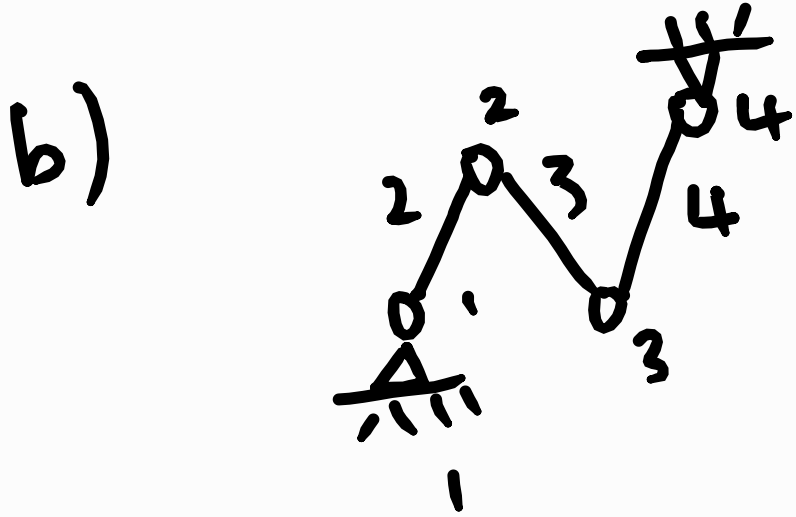
$$n_L = 7, n'_J = 8, n''_J = 0$$

$$DOF = 3(7 - 1) - 2(8) - 0$$

$$= 2$$

1.3a) There are two reasons for this system to be a planar mechanism:

1. The axis of all revolute joints are parallel
2. The links are moving on parallel planes.

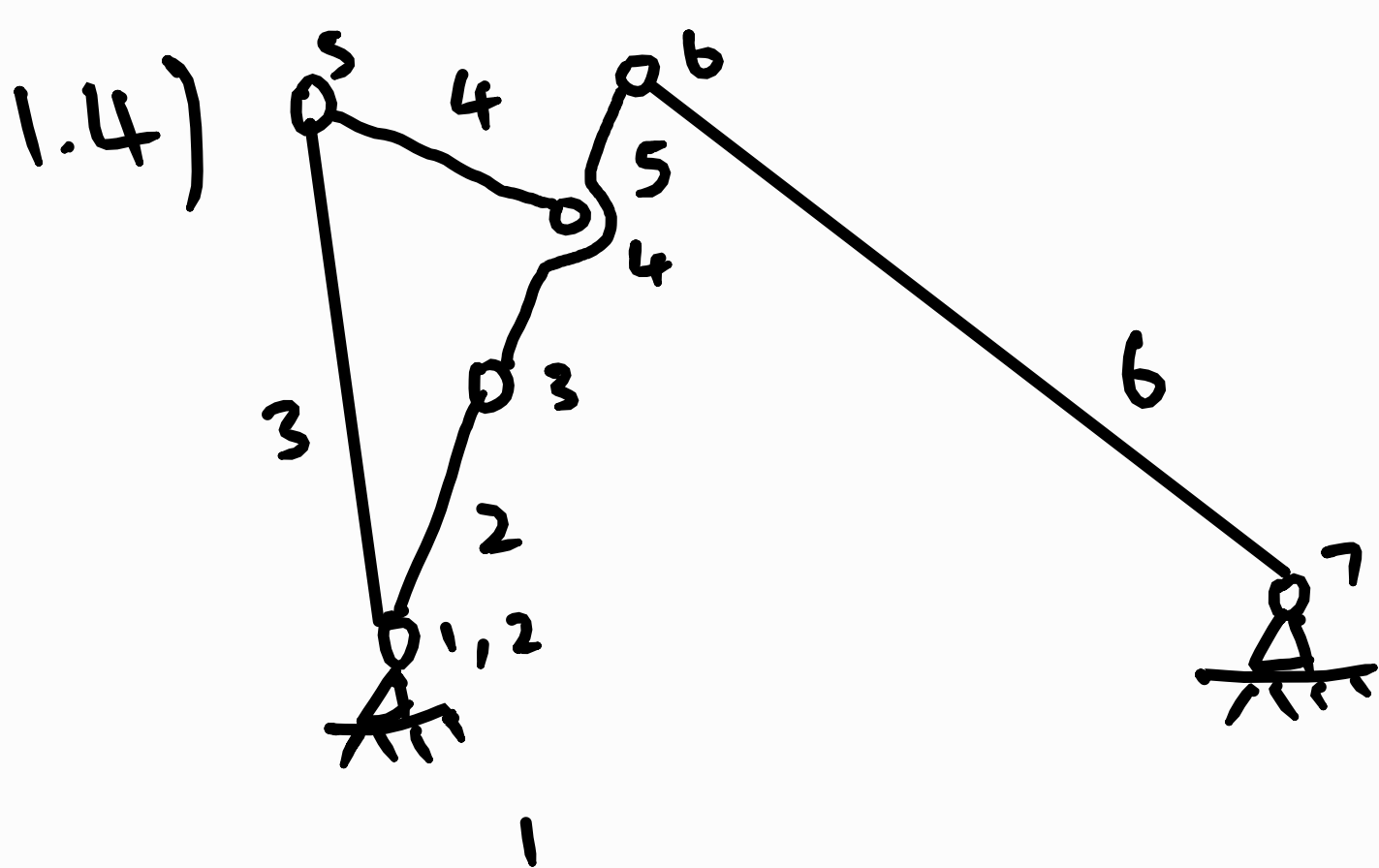


$$Dof = 3(n_L - 1) - 2(n_J) - n_J''$$

$$n_L = 4, n_J = 4, n_J'' = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} Dof &= 3(4 - 1) - 2(4) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

c) It will make the workout easier, because of the shorter leverage.



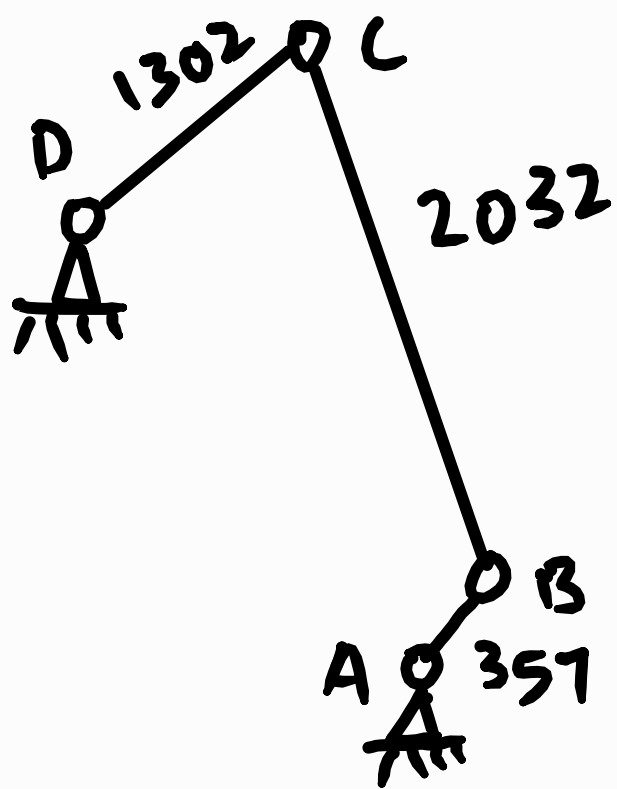
$$DOF = 3(n_L - 1) - 2n'_J - n''_J$$

$$n_L = 6, n'_J = 7, n''_J = 0$$

$$DOF = 3(6 - 1) - 2(7) - 0$$

$$= 1$$

1.5a)



$$DoF = 3(n_L - 1) - 2n'_J - n''_J$$

$$n_L = 4, n'_J = 4, n''_J = 0$$

$$DoF = 3(4 - 1) - 2(4) - 0$$

$$= 1$$

Grashof criterion

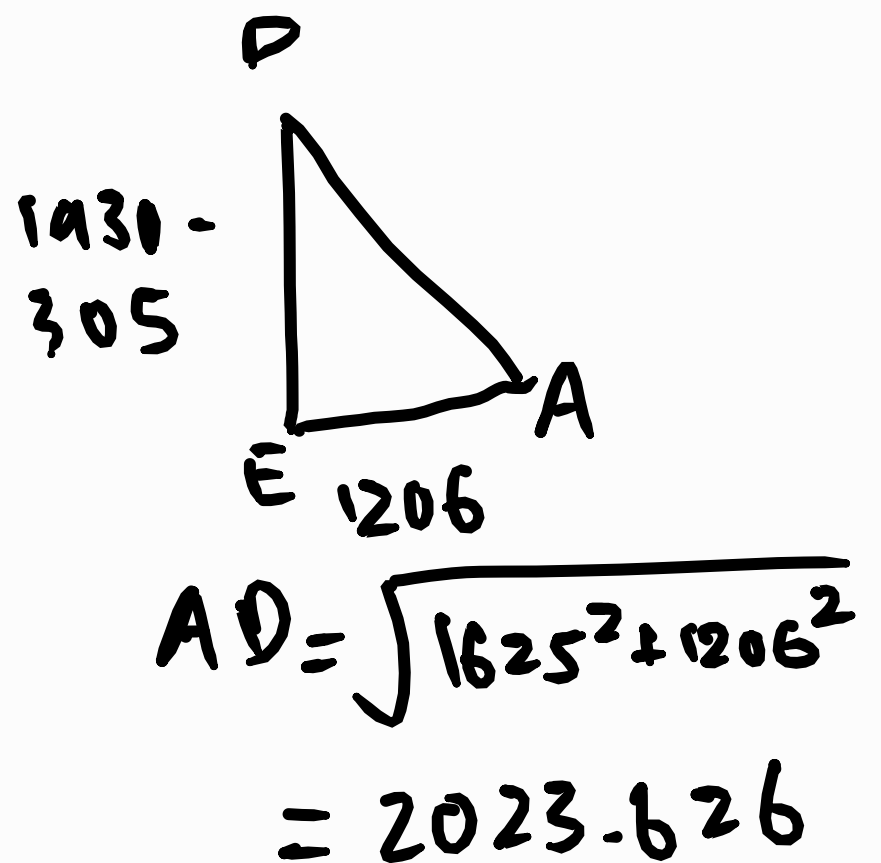
$$L_{max} + L_{min} \leq L_a + L_b$$

$$2032 + 357 \leq 2023.626 + 1302$$

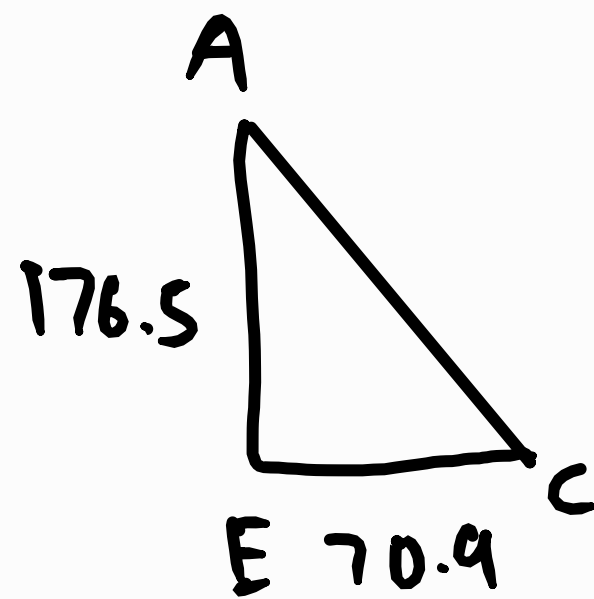
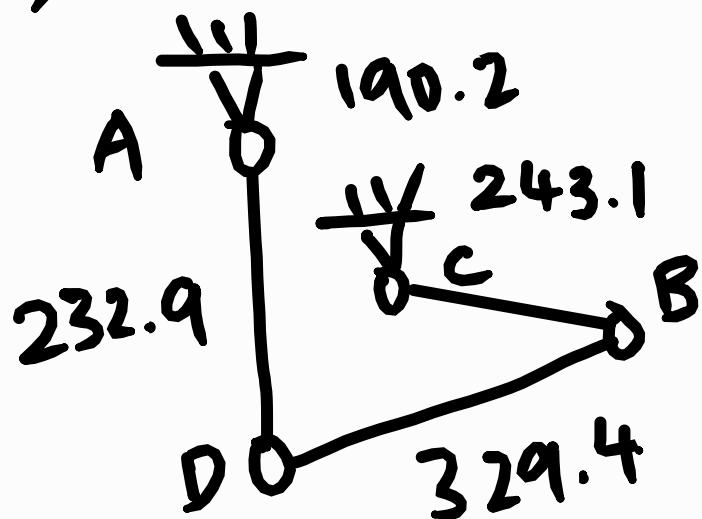
$$2389 \leq 3325.626$$

Since the shortest link AB is next to the fixed link AD, it is a crank-rocker

Grashof linkage.



1.5b)



$$AC = \sqrt{176.5^2 + 70.9^2} \\ \approx 190.2$$

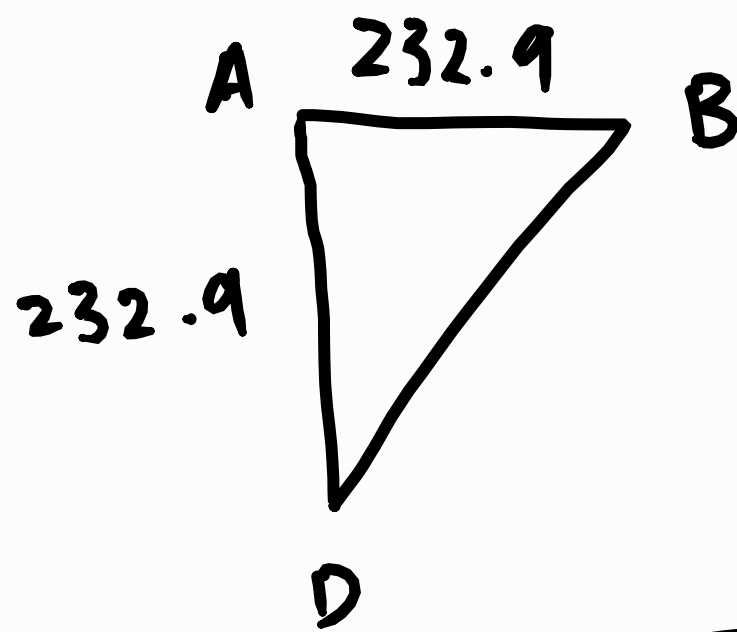
Grashof condition:

$$L_{\max} + L_{\min} \leq L_a + L_b$$

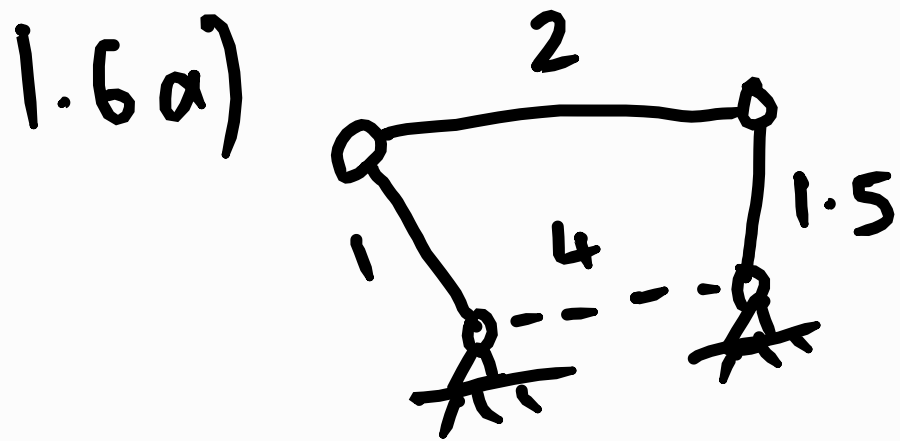
$$329.4 + 190.2 \leq 232.9 + 243.1$$

$$519.6 \not\leq 475.9$$

$\therefore$  The linkage is a non-Grashof triple rocker linkage.



$$BD = \sqrt{232.9^2 + 232.9^2} \\ \approx 329.4$$



i) Yes, a 4-bar linkage can be formed.

ii) Grashof condition:

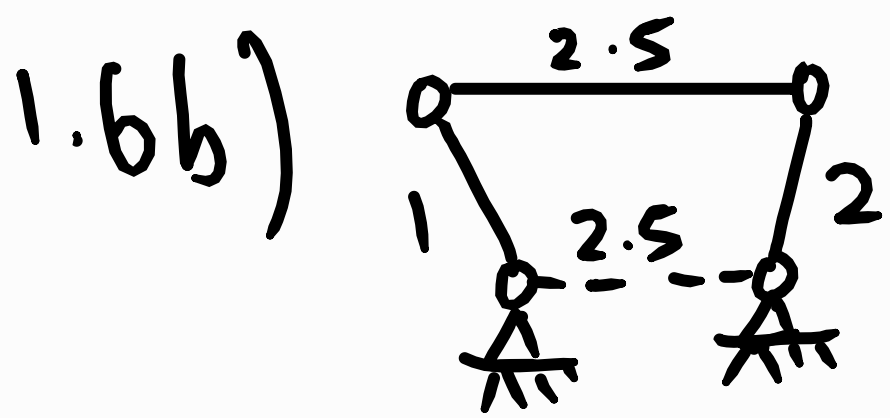
$$L_{\max} + L_{\min} \leq L_a + L_b$$

$$4 + 1 \not\leq 2 + 1.5$$

$$5 \not\leq 3.5$$

$\therefore$  The linkage formed is a non-Grashof triple rocker linkage.





i) Yes, a 4-bar linkage can be formed.

ii) Grashof condition:

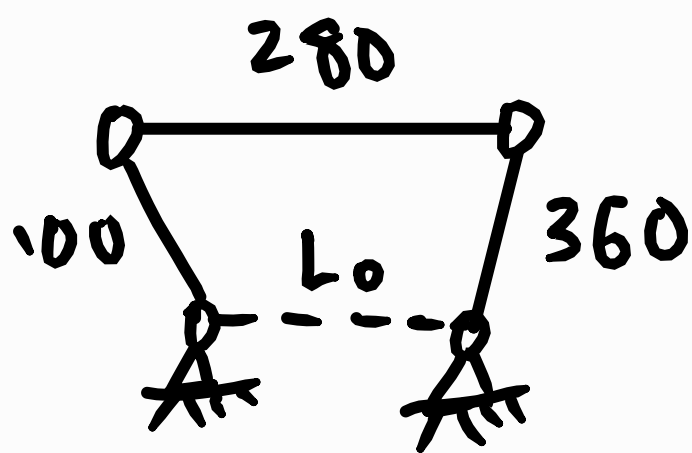
$$L_{\max} + L_{\min} \leq L_a + L_b$$

$$1 + 2.5 \leq 2.5 + 2$$

$$3.5 \leq 4.5$$

$\therefore$  The linkage is a Grashof crank-rocker linkage.

1.7)



For a Grashof linkage,

$$L_{\max} + L_{\min} \leq L_a + L_b$$

a) For a crank-rocker, the shortest link must be next to the fixed link, so

$$L_0 > 100$$

$$L_0 \neq L_{\min}$$

$$\therefore L_0 = L_{\max}, L_a \text{ or } L_b$$

For  $L = L_{\max}$ ,

$$L_0 + 100 \leq 360 + 280$$

$$L_0 \leq 540$$

For  $L = L_a \text{ or } L_b$

$$100 + 360 \leq L_0 + 280$$

$$L_0 \geq 180$$

$$\therefore 180 \leq L_0 \leq 540$$

1.7b) For a drag-link, the shortest link must be the fixed link, so

$$L_0 < 100$$

$$L_0 = L_{\min}$$

$$\therefore L_0 + 360 \leq 100 + 280$$

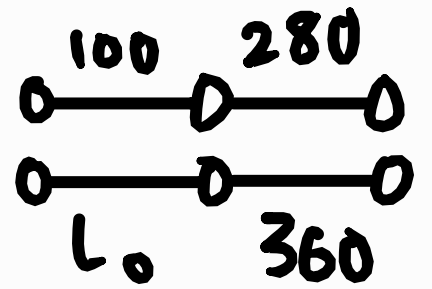
$$0 < L_0 \leq 20$$

c) For a double-rocker, the shortest link must be opposite the fixed link. However, since the shortest link of the given links,  $L_1$ , is beside the fixed link, a double-rocker mechanism is impossible.

1.7d) For a change-point, all the links must be collinear, so by either

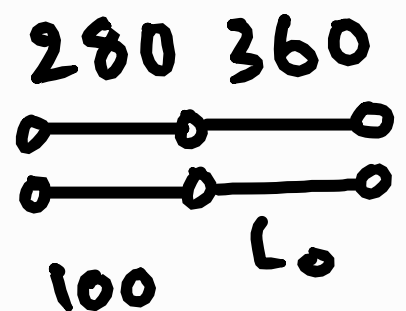
collapsing the links to the right,

$$L_0 + 360 = 100 + 280$$
$$L_0 = 20$$



collapsing the links to the left,

$$100 + L_0 = 280 + 360$$
$$L_0 = 540$$



e) For Grashof linkages, we combine the solutions from part (a) to (d)

$$\therefore 0 < L_0 \leq 20 \text{ or } 180 \leq L_0 \leq 540$$

f) For a non-Grashof linkage, we take the range outside of part (e), so

$$20 < L_0 < 180 \text{ or } L_0 > 540$$

Condition for forming a 4-bar linkage:

$$L_{\max} \leq L_{\min} + L_a + L_b$$

$$L_0 \leq 100 + 280 + 360$$

$$L_0 \leq 740$$

$$\therefore 20 < L_0 < 180 \text{ or } 540 < L_0 \leq 740$$