

MA2002 Theory of Mechanism Notes

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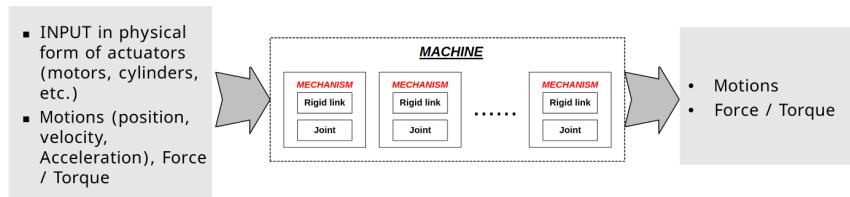
1 Definitions

1.1 Machine

A machine is a combination of interrelated parts having **definite motions** and capable of performing useful work.

Machines may range from:

- Transportation machine
 - Automotives
 - Motorbikes
 - Aeroplanes
 - Space shuttle
- Construction machinery
- Industry machinery
- Daily life devices
 - Umbrella
 - Exercise machines
 - Toys
 - Micro or nano world devices



1.2 Mechanism

A mechanism is a component of a machine consisting of two or more solid members (moving elements) connected together by joints.



1.3 Kinematics

Study of motions, (position, velocity and acceleration of points and angular position, velocity, and acceleration of rigid bodies) in mechanism without references to forces.

1.4 Dynamics

Study of motions in mechanisms with exerted forces and torques.

1.5 Kinematic analysis

Kinematic analysis is determining position, velocity, and acceleration of points in members of specific mechanisms.

You can use kinematic analysis to evaluate performance.

1.6 Kinematic synthesis

Kinematic synthesis is determining geometry or dimensions of a mechanism to produce a desired set of position, velocity and acceleration.

You use kinematic synthesis to design something to meet requirements.

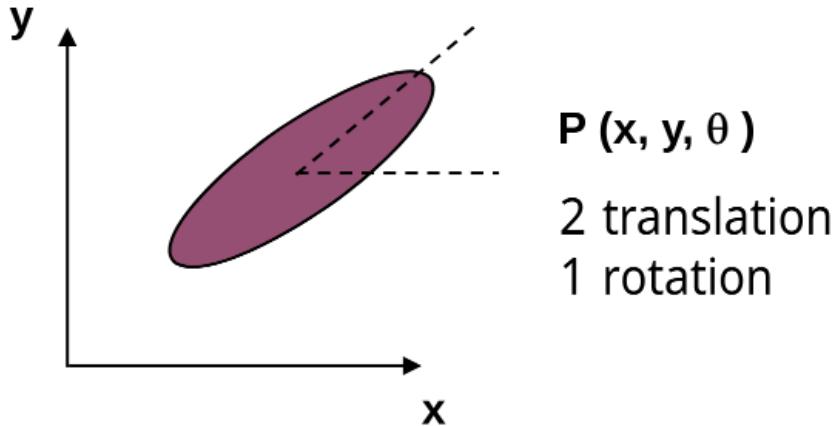
1.7 Link

Link refers to one of the **rigid bodies** or members joined together to form a kinematic chain (linkage).

1.7.1 Degrees of freedom

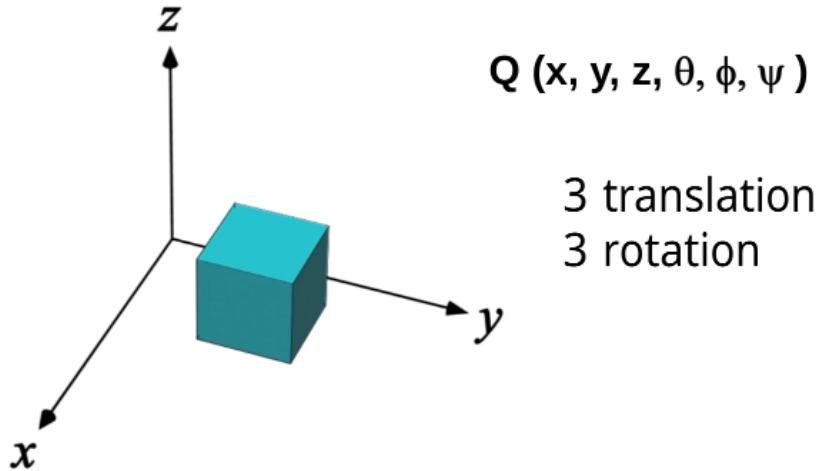
The number of independent parameters specifies the **location and configuration** of a rigid link (body).

3 degrees of freedom for a plane:



6 degrees of freedom for a space:

In space: 6



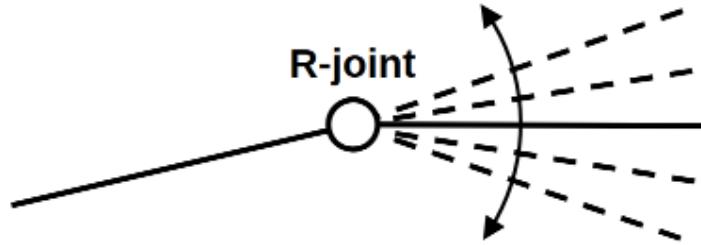
1.8 Joint

Joint refers to the connections between links that permit relative movement.

1.8.1 Classification of joints

1. Motion (degree of freedom) between connected links:

- Revolute joints: Revolution, measured by angles, 1 degree of freedom.



- Prismatic joints: Linear, measured by distance, 1 degree of freedom.

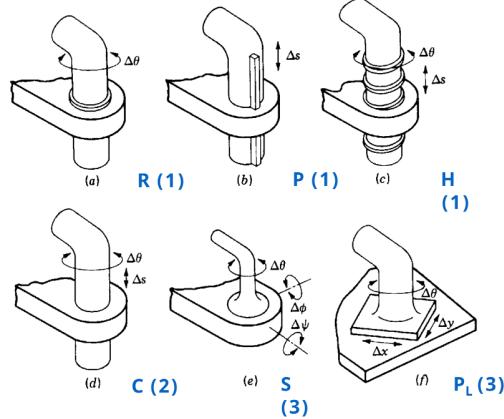


Table:

Type of joint (pair)	Lower pair (<i>L</i>) or higher pair (<i>H</i>)	Symbol	Degrees-of-freedom (connectivity) of the joint in a spatial linkage	Schematic representation	Possible configuration	Descriptive example
Revolute	<i>L</i> , <i>R</i>	1θ	R			A pin joint that permits rotation only
Prism	<i>L</i>	<i>P</i>	1_x			A straight spline that permits sliding only
Helix	<i>L</i>	<i>H</i>	$1_x \text{ or } \theta$			Power screw or helical spline
Cylinder	<i>L</i>	<i>C</i>	$2_{x, \theta}$			A sleeve that permits both rotation and sliding

1. Nature of contact

- Lower pairs: Surface contact between two links.



- Higher pairs: Point or line contact between two links.



Connectivity (No. of Degrees of Freedom)	Names	Typical Form	Comments
1	Cylindrical roller		Roller rotates about this line at this instant in its motion. Roller does not slip on the surface on which it rolls.
2	Cam pair		Cam rolls and slides on follower.
3	Rolling ball		Ball rolls without slipping.
4	Ball in cylinder		Ball can rotate about any axis through its center and slide along cylinder axis.
5	Spatial point contact		Body can rotate about any axis through the contact point and slide in any direction in the tangent plane.

1.9 Fixed link / Stationing link

- A fixed link or stationing link are links between two joints connected to a fixed point.
- All joints connected to a fixed point are connected to each other through a fixed link.

1.10 Frame

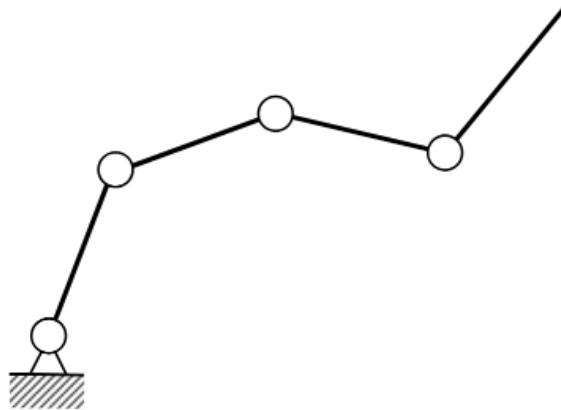
A frame is a fixed or stationing link in a mechanism.

1.11 Kinematic chains / linkages

An assembly of links and joints. It is also known as linkages.

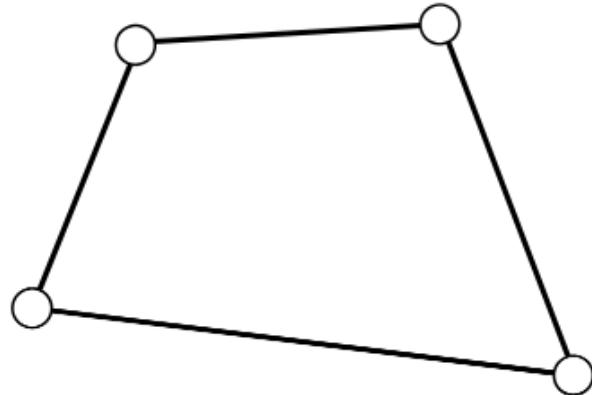
1.11.1 Open loop linkages

For open loop linkages, the motion of the tip has no constraint. An example is a robot arm.



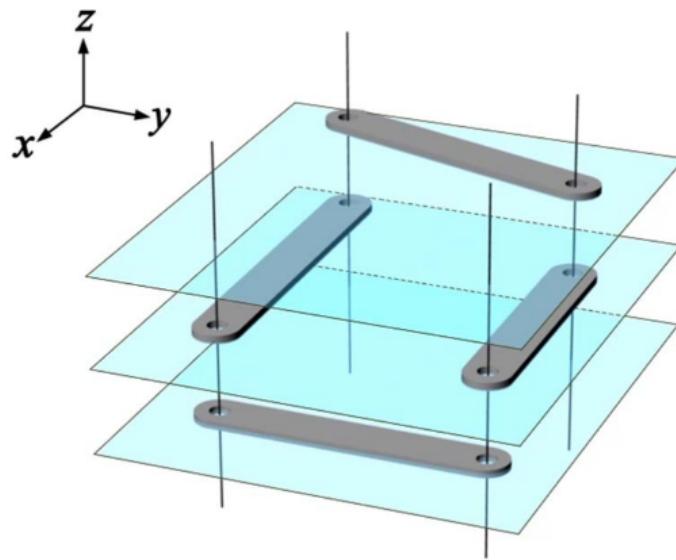
1.11.2 Closed loop linkages

For closed loop linkages, the motion of the links are constrained by the loop.



1.12 Planar linkages

Planar linkages are linkages where the motion of all members are along parallel planes (different layers of planes).



1.12.1 Revolute joints

The axes of rotation of revolute joints are normal to the plan.

1.12.2 Prismatic joint

The direction of sliding is parallel to the plane.

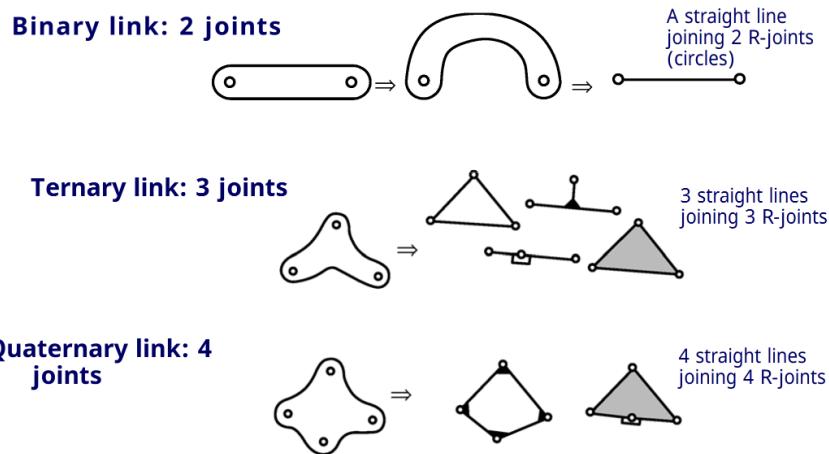
1.13 Kinematic diagrams

A kinematic diagram is a simplified drawing or sketch of a mechanism showing:

- Types of links
- Types of joints
- Arrangement of links and joints
- Dimensions of links

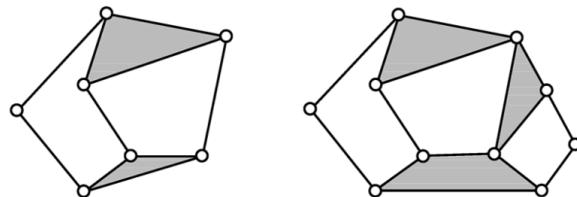
It is the "skeleton" of the mechanism.

1.13.1 Types of links

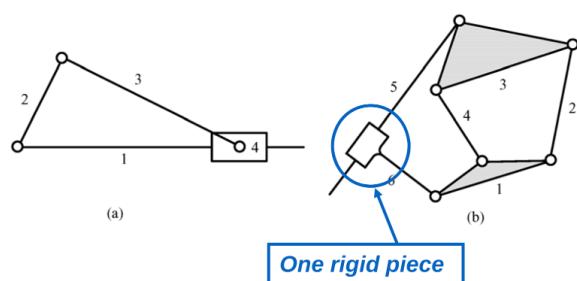


1.13.2 Types of joints

Revolute joints - circles or dots

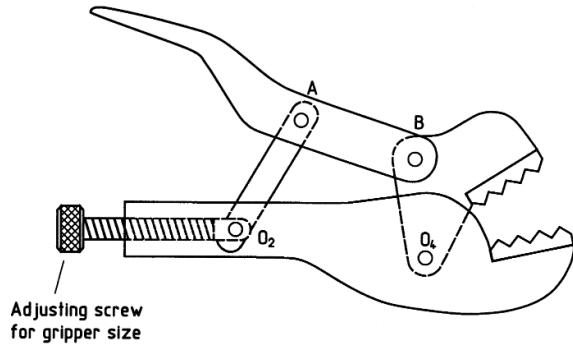


Prismatic joints - sliding blocks, pistons



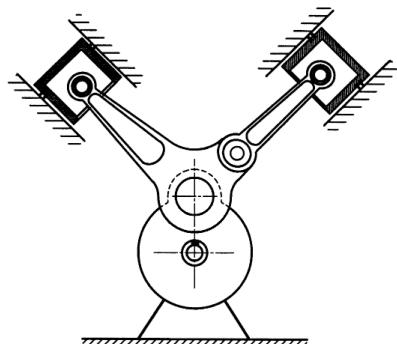
1.13.3 Examples

- Vice-grip pliers



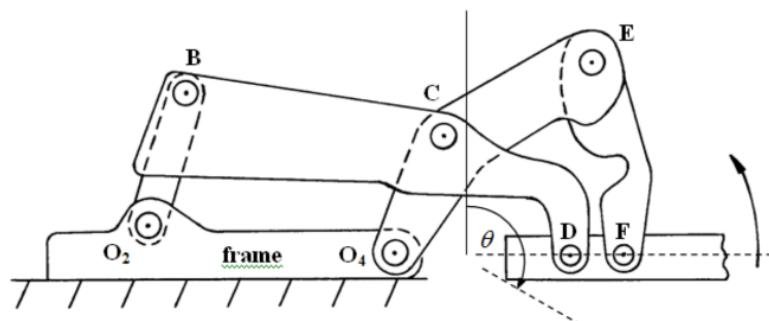
5-Bar linkage

- V-engine



6-Bar linkage

- Door hinge mechanism



1.14 Multiple joints

Multiple joints refer to joints that join 3 or more links. These joints need to be counted once more for every link after the second link.

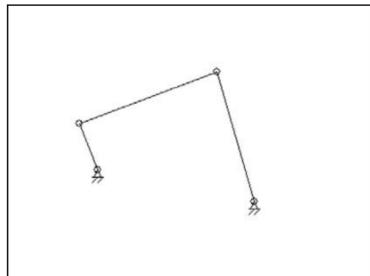
1.14.1 Actual number of joints

The actual number of joints is given by the equation below:

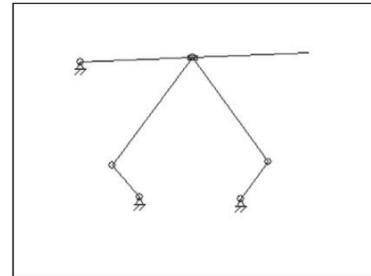
$$\text{Actual number of joints} = \text{Number of links connected to joints} - 1$$

1.15 Degrees of freedom (DoF) of linkages

- The degrees of freedom of linkages refers to the number of **independent** coordinates or parameters needed to specify the position of every link relative to the frame.
- Motion of connected links are constrained by the number and types of joints in the overall system.
- The degrees of freedom are always less than the number of joints.
- The degrees of freedom are **equal to the number of inputs** (motors, drivers, actuators) to control the mechanism.



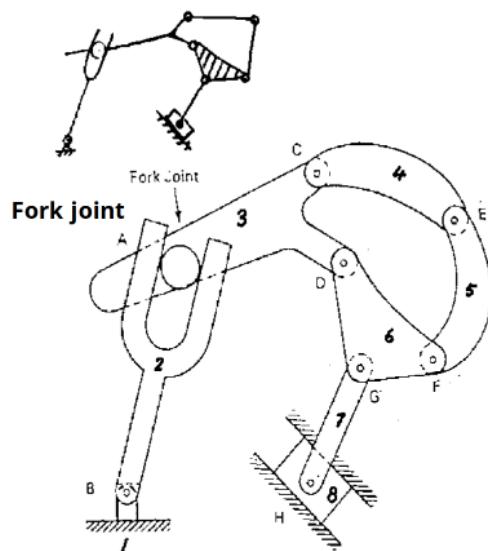
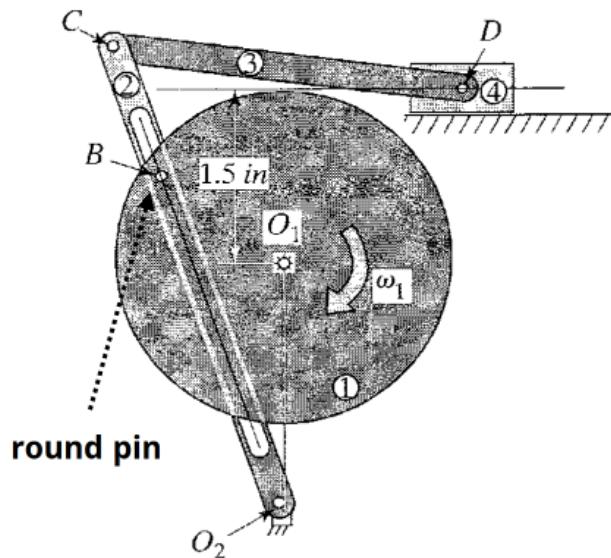
DF = 1



DF = 2

1.15.1 2 DoF example

Pin-in-slot joints and fork joints have 2 degrees of freedom, 1 for rotation and 1 for rotation.



1.15.2 Equation

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

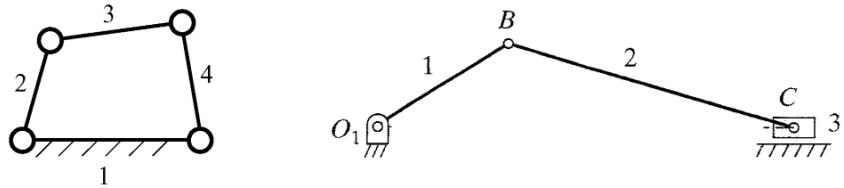
Where:

- n_L is the number of links
- n'_J is the number of 1-DoF joints (revolute and prismatic)
- n''_J is the number of 2-DoF joints (round pin in a slot)

$DF > 0$	Mechanism (movable)
$DF = 0$	Structure (no moving parts)
$DF < 0$	Over-constrained structure

1.15.3 4-bar linkage

Four-bar linkage mechanisms are the most frequently used (with either R-joint or P-joint).

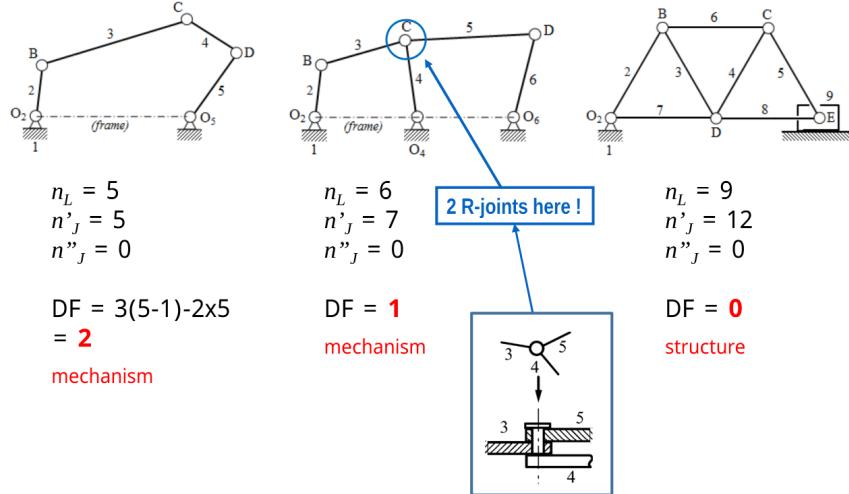


$$n_L = 4 \quad n'_J = 4 \quad n''_J = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} DF &= 3(n_L - 1) - 2n'_J - n''_J \\ &= 3(4 - 1) - 2 \times 4 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

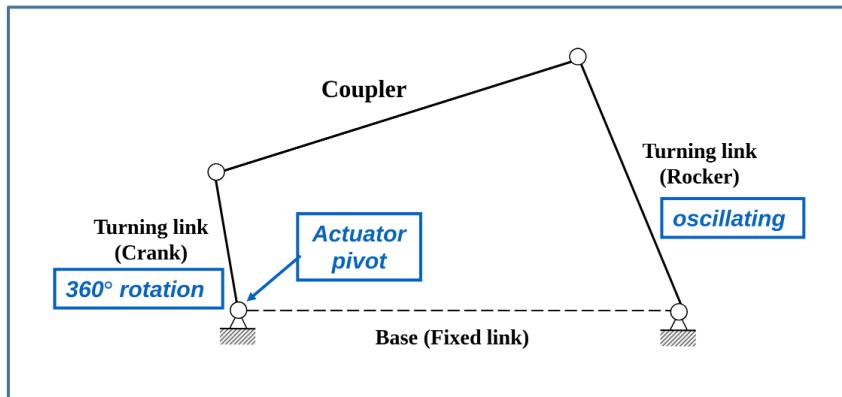
1.15.4 Multiple joints

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



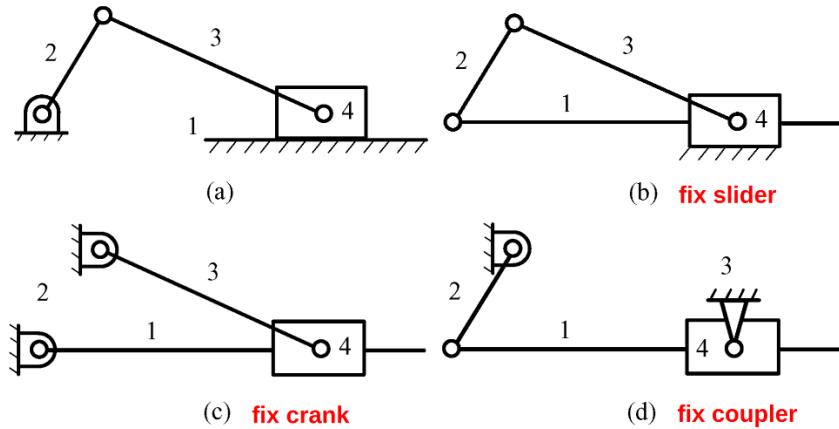
1.16 Naming convention

Naming conventions are based on input and output relations. A 4-bar linkage has 1 degree of freedom, thus there is one input and one output.



1.17 Kinematic inversion

Choosing different links in a mechanism to be the fixed link or reference frame will result in different motion characteristics.



1.18 Crank

A crank is a link that rotates continuously.

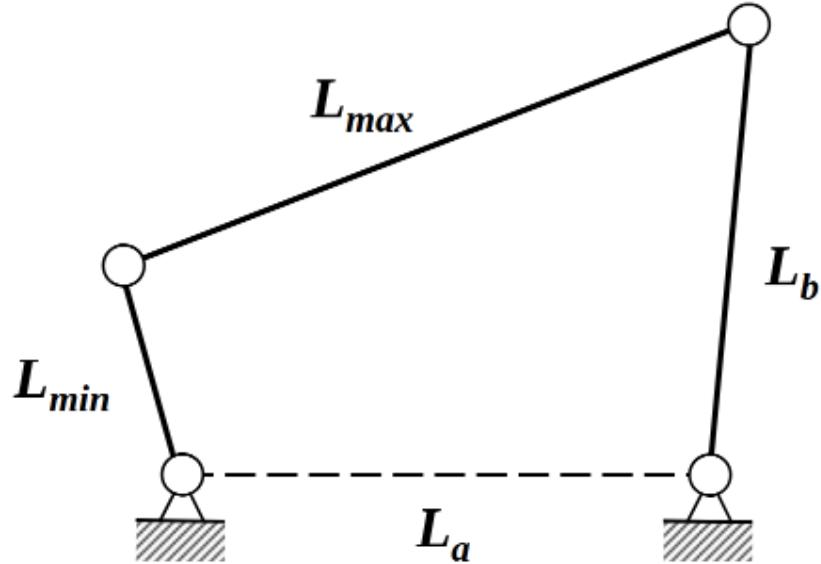
1.19 Condition to form a 4-bar linkage

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

Where:

- L_{max} is the length of the longest link
- L_{min} is the length of the shortest link
- L_a, L_b are the lengths of the other two links

1.20 Grashof condition



For a planar 4-bar linkage, if the dimensions of links satisfy the below condition, it is called a **Grashof** linkage.

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

Where:

- L_{max} is the length of the longest link
- L_{min} is the length of the shortest link
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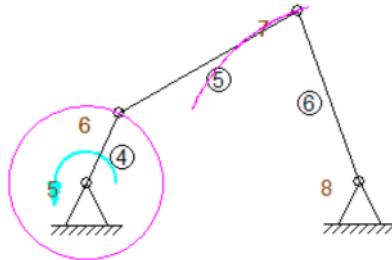
Grashof linkages also have at least one link can rotate 360° .

If the linkage doesn't satisfy the condition above, the linkage is called a **non-Grashof** linkage.

1.20.1 Types of linkages

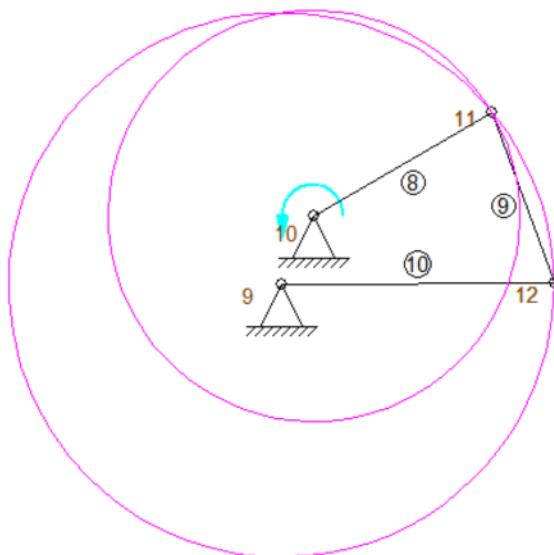
1. Crank-rocker linkage.

- The shortest link is **next to the fixed link**.
- The shortest link rotates 360° .



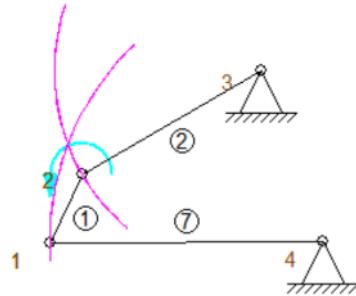
2. Drag-link linkage, also known double-crank linkage.

- The shortest link is the **fixed link**.
- Both input and output links rotate 360° .



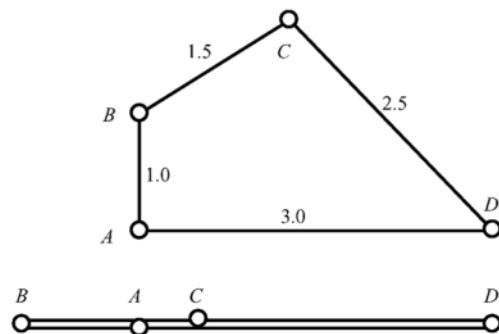
3. Double rocker linkage.

- Shortest link is opposite the fixed link.
- The coupler rotates 360° .



4. Change-point linkage, also known as crossover-position linkage.

- All links can be collinear.

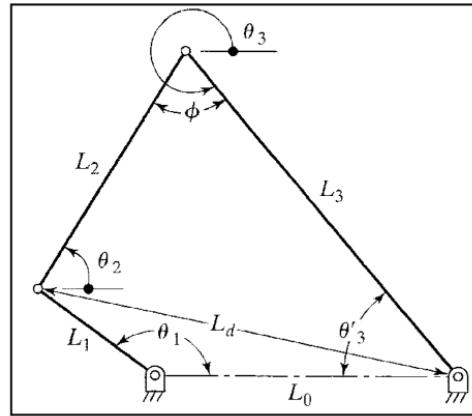


5. Triple rocker, which is a non-Grashof linkage.

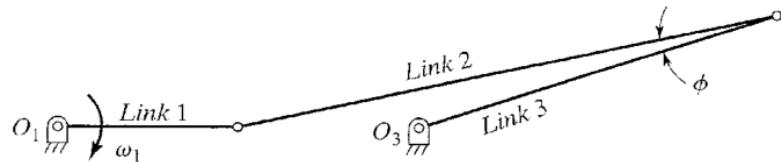
- None of the links makes a 360° rotation.

1.21 Transmission angle (ϕ)

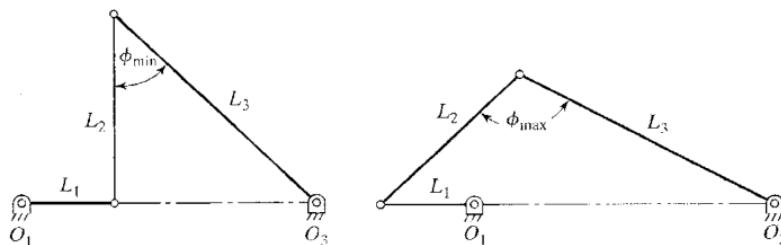
- The transmission angle is the angle between the coupler centreline and the output rocker centreline.



- A small transmission angle results in very small output torque on rocker but high bearing force at O_3 .

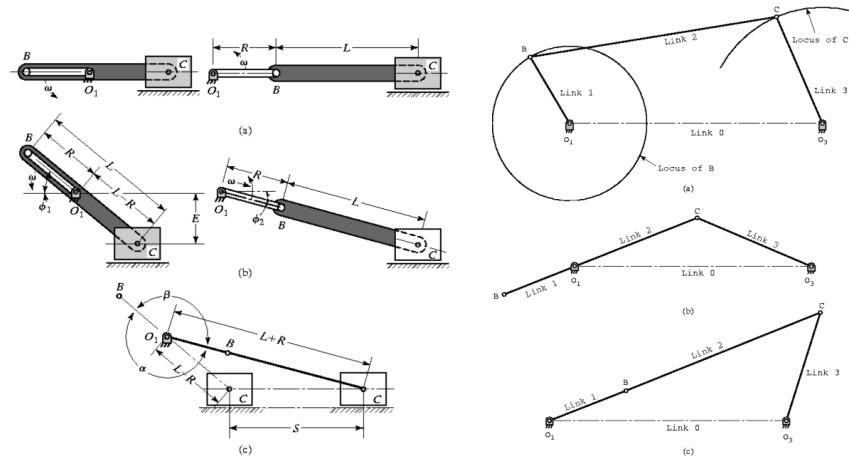


- The usual range of transmission angles is $40^\circ \leq \phi \leq 140^\circ$.
- The optimal transmission angle is 90° .
- The minimum and maximum transmission angle occur when the crank aligns with the fixed link.

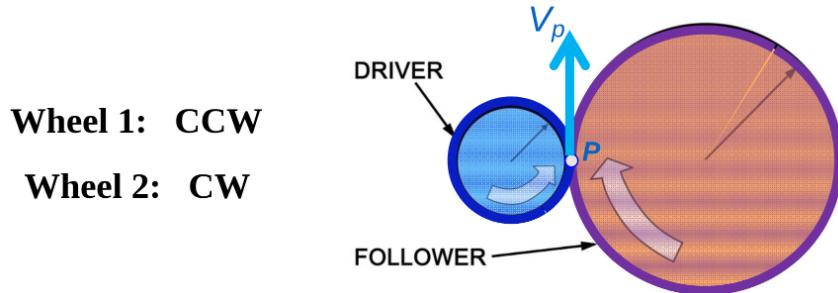


1.22 Limiting position

- The limiting position occurs when the input link aligns with the coupler.
- It defines the range of motion of the output link geometrically.



1.23 Two external friction wheels



- Wheels are in perfect contact (no slip), instantaneous velocities at contact point, P , should be the same for both wheels.
- We have:

$$V_p = r_1\omega_1 = r_2\omega_2$$

- Hence:

$$V_r = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \quad (1)$$

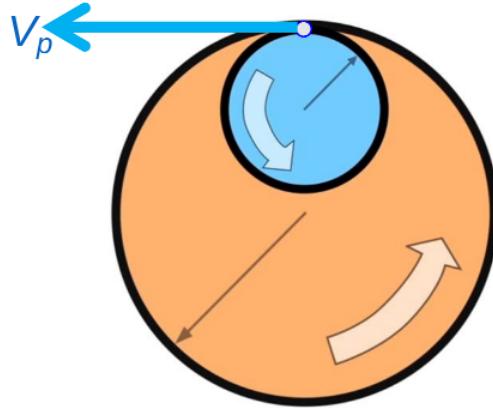
Where:

- V_p is the velocity of the point of contact of both gears
- r_1 is the radius of one circle
- ω_1 is the angular velocity of the circle
- r_2 is the radius of the other circle
- ω_2 is the angular velocity of the other circle

1.24 Two internal friction wheels

Wheel 1: CCW

Wheel 2: CCW



- For two internal wheels, equation (1) above still holds except that two wheels rotate in the same direction.

$$V_r = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \quad (1)$$

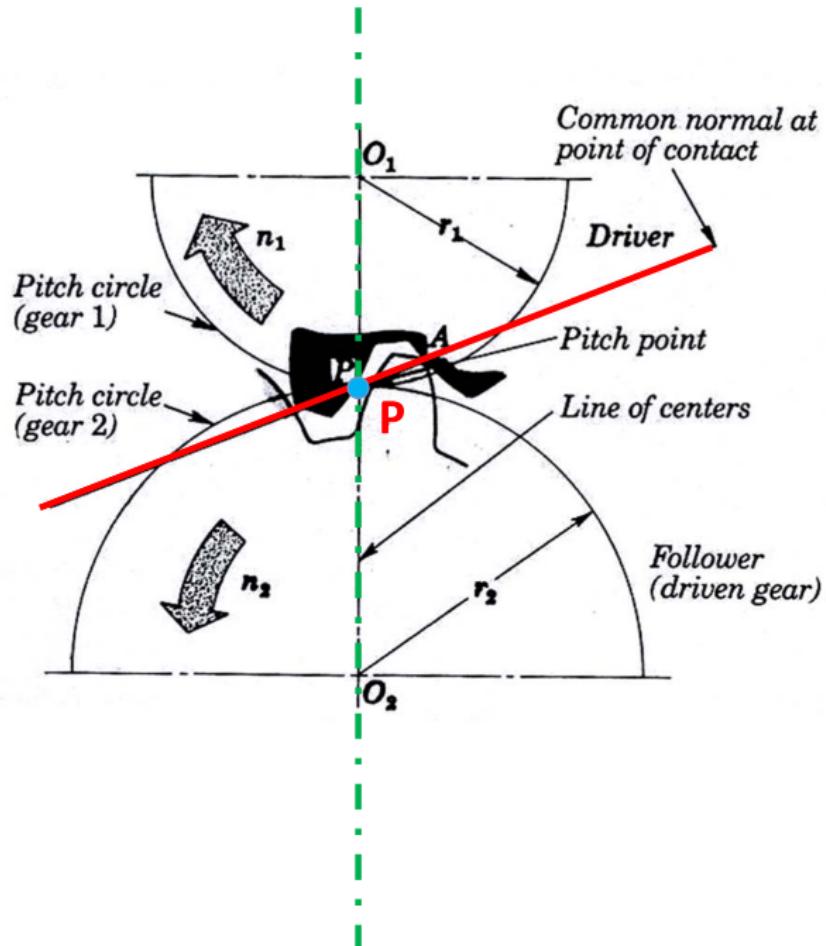
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1.25 Gears

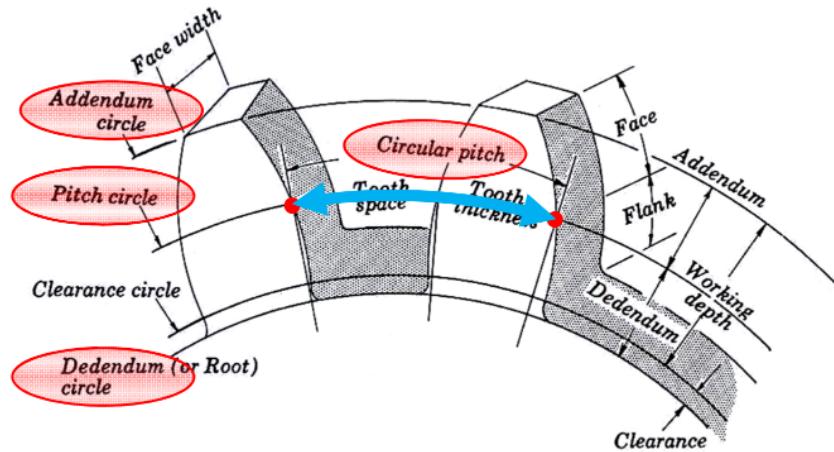
Gears are used to transmit power and displacement between shafts.

1.26 Laws of gearing



- To maintain constant angular velocity ratio, the shape (profile) of teeth of a gear requires that a **common normal** at the point of contact between two teeth always passes through a fixed point on the line of centres of the gears.
- This point is called the **pitch point**.
- When the fundamental law is satisfied, gears in mesh are said to produce **conjugate action**.
- The involute tooth profile provides this constant velocity ratio.

1.27 Spur gear terminology



1.27.1 Pitch circle

The pitch circle is the circle on a gear that corresponds to the contact point of a friction wheel.

1.27.2 Addendum circle

The addendum circle is the circle drawn through the top of the gear tooth, and its centre is at the gear centre.

1.27.3 Dedendum circle

The dedendum circle is the circle drawn through the bottom of the gear tooth, and its centre is at the gear centre.

1.27.4 Circular pitch

The circular pitch is the arc distance along the pitch circle from a point on one tooth to the corresponding point on the adjacent tooth of the gear.

$$p_c = \frac{\pi d_p}{N} = \pi m$$

Where:

- p_c is the circular pitch
- d_p is the pitch diameter of the gear, which is the diameter of the pitch circle on the gear
- N is the number of teeth on the gear
- m is the module of the gear

1.28 Module (m)

Module m in SI units is used to express the gear tooth size rather than the diametral pitch P used in US units.

$$m = \frac{d_p}{N}$$

Where:

- m is the module of the gear, or the gear tooth size in millimetres (mm)
- d_p is the pitch diameter of the gear, which is the diameter of the pitch circle on the gear
- N is the number of teeth on the gear

1.28.1 Converting to diametral pitch (P)

$$\frac{m}{25.4} = \frac{1}{P}$$

Where:

- m is the module of the gear, or the gear tooth size in millimetres (mm)
- P is the diametral pitch of the gear

1.29 Radius in terms of module (r)

$$r = \frac{mN}{2}$$

Where:

- r is the radius of the pitch circle of the gear
- m is the module of the gear
- N is the number of teeth on the gear

1.30 Tooth thickness in terms of module (t)

$$t = \frac{\pi}{2}m$$

Where:

- t is the tooth thickness
- m is the module

1.31 Base circle

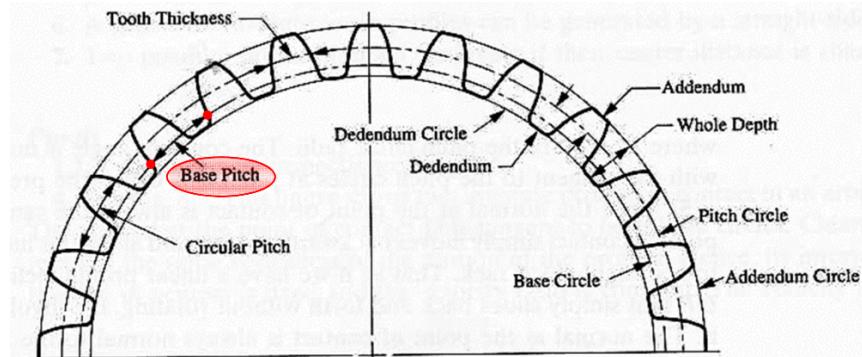


Figure 8.9 Gear tooth in-plane geometry terminology.

1.31.1 Addendum (a)

The addendum is the length of the top half of the gear tooth. It should be equal to the dedendum. It is equal to the module of the gear, i.e.

$$a = m$$

Where:

- a is the addendum of the gear
- m is the module of the gear

1.31.2 Dedendum

The dedendum is the length of the bottom half of the gear tooth. It should be equal to the addendum.

1.32 Velocity ratio

- The velocity ratio is equal to the angular speed (ω) of the follower or driven gear (ω_2) divided by the angular speed of the driving gear (ω_1), i.e.

$$r_v = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}$$

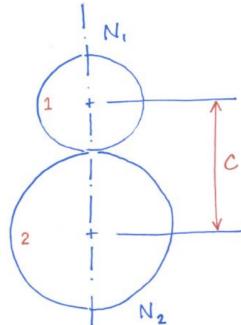
Where:

- r_v is the velocity ratio
- ω_2 is the angular velocity of the follower or driven gear
- ω_1 is the angular velocity of the driving gear

- It can also be expressed in terms of the ratio of rounds per minutes (RPM), the pitch radii, and the number of gear teeth:

$$r_v = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \frac{RPM_2}{RPM_1} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

1.33 Centre distance



$$m = \frac{d}{N} = \frac{2r}{N}$$

- The centre distance is the distance c shown in the image above.
- This distance represents the spacing between the centres of the shafts upon which the gears are mounted.

1.33.1 In terms of pitch diameter (d_p)

$$c = \frac{d_{p1} + d_{p2}}{2}$$

Where:

- c is the centre distance
- d_{p1} is the pitch diameter of the first gear
- d_{p2} is the pitch diameter of the second gear

1.33.2 In terms of module in SI units (m)

$$c = \frac{m(N_1 + N_2)}{2}$$

Where:

- c is the centre distance
- m is the module of the gears
- N_1 is the number of teeth on the first gear
- N_2 is the number of teeth on the second gear

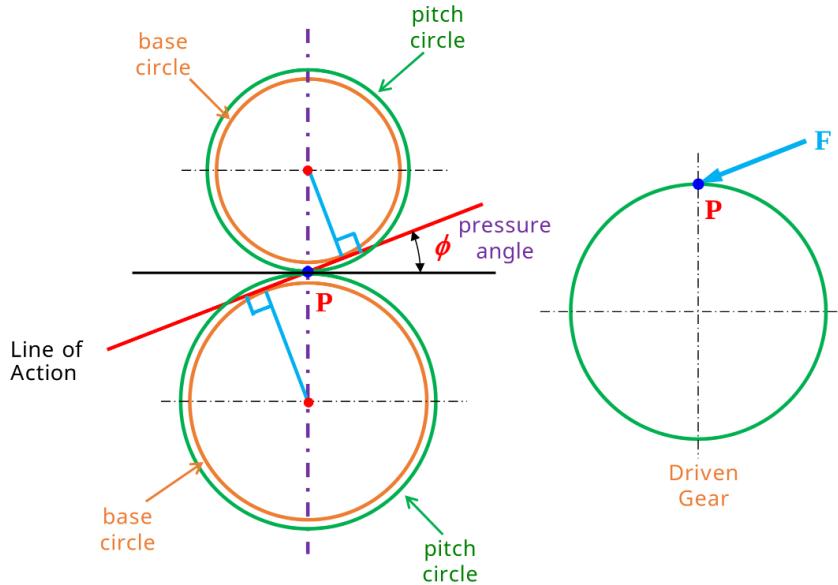
1.33.3 In terms of diametral pitch in English units (P_d)

$$c = \frac{N_1 + N_2}{2P_d}$$

Where:

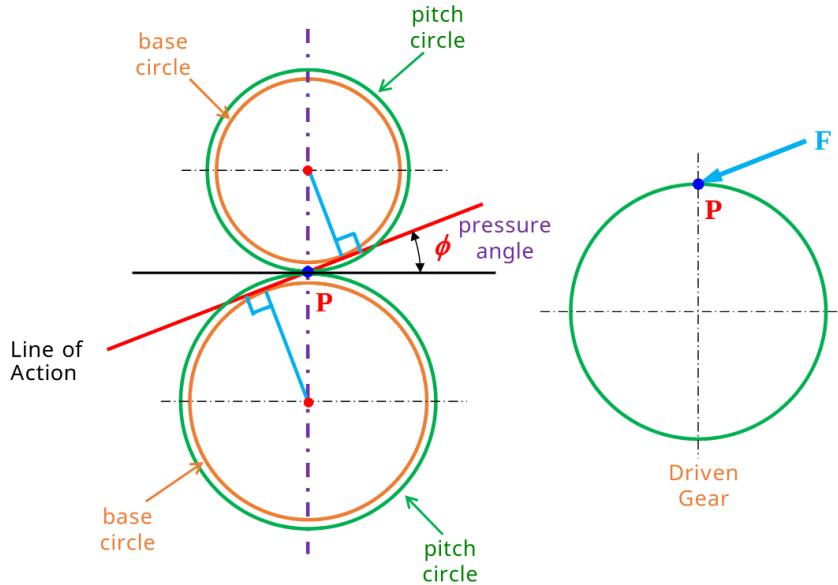
- N_1 is the number of teeth on the first gear
- N_2 is the number of teeth on the second gear

1.34 Line of action



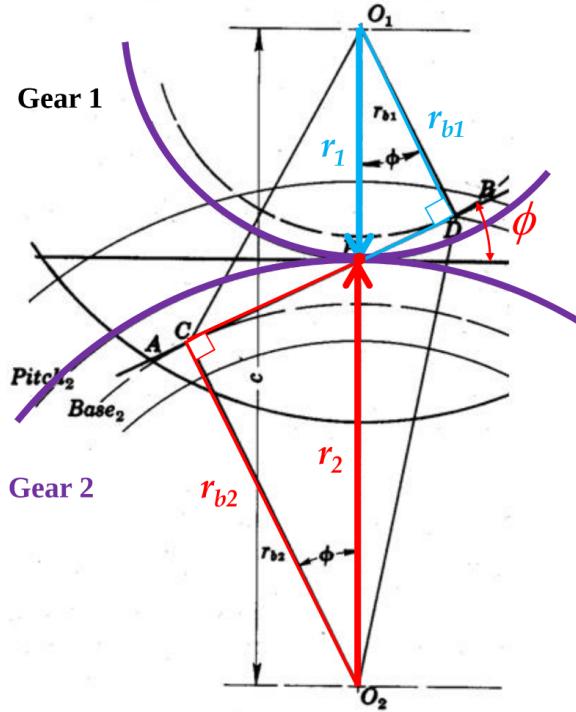
- The red line in the image above is called the line of action because the contact points of two gears in mesh must lie along it.
- The force that one gear tooth exerts on the tooth of the meshing gear acts along the common normal, which is also the red line in the image above.
- Therefore, another name commonly given to the line of action is the pressure line.

1.35 Pressure angle (ϕ)



- The angle ϕ between the line of action and the common tangent to the pitch circles of both gears is called the pressure angle.
- Most gears have a 20° or 25° pressure angle.
- Gears are designated by their pressure angles, but one has to be careful.
- Changes in the centre distance will result in changes in the pressure angle.

1.35.1 Relationship between base-circle radius and pitch-circle radius



One of the properties of an involute tooth profile is that the normal to the involute at any point of the curve is tangent to the base circle.

$$r_{b1} = r_1 \cos \phi$$

$$r_{b2} = r_2 \cos \phi$$

Where:

- \$r_{b1}\$ is the radius of the base circle for the first gear
- \$r_1\$ is the radius of pitch circle for the first gear
- \$\phi\$ is the pressure angle between the two gears
- \$r_{b2}\$ is the radius of the base circle for the second gear
- \$r_2\$ is the radius of pitch circle for the second gear

1.36 Meshing conditions

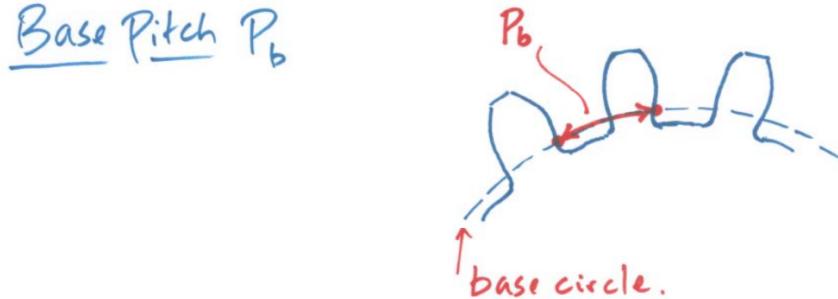
For two gears to mesh, the following conditions are required:

- Pressure angle must be the same.
- Modules m (or diametral pitches P_d) must be the same.
- Gears must have the same addendum and dedendum.
- Tooth thickness must be equal to one-half the circular pitch.
- Gears must have the same circular pitch.

1.37 Pinion

A pinion is the **smaller** gear in a pair of meshing gears, and is the driver gear.

1.38 Base pitch



The base pitch is the arc distance along the **base circle** from a point on one tooth to the corresponding point on the adjacent tooth of the gear.

1.38.1 In terms of module in SI units (m)

$$p_b = m\pi \cos \phi$$

Where:

- p_b is the base pitch of the gears
- m is the module of the gears
- ϕ is the pressure angle between the two gears

1.38.2 In terms of diametral pitch in English units (P)

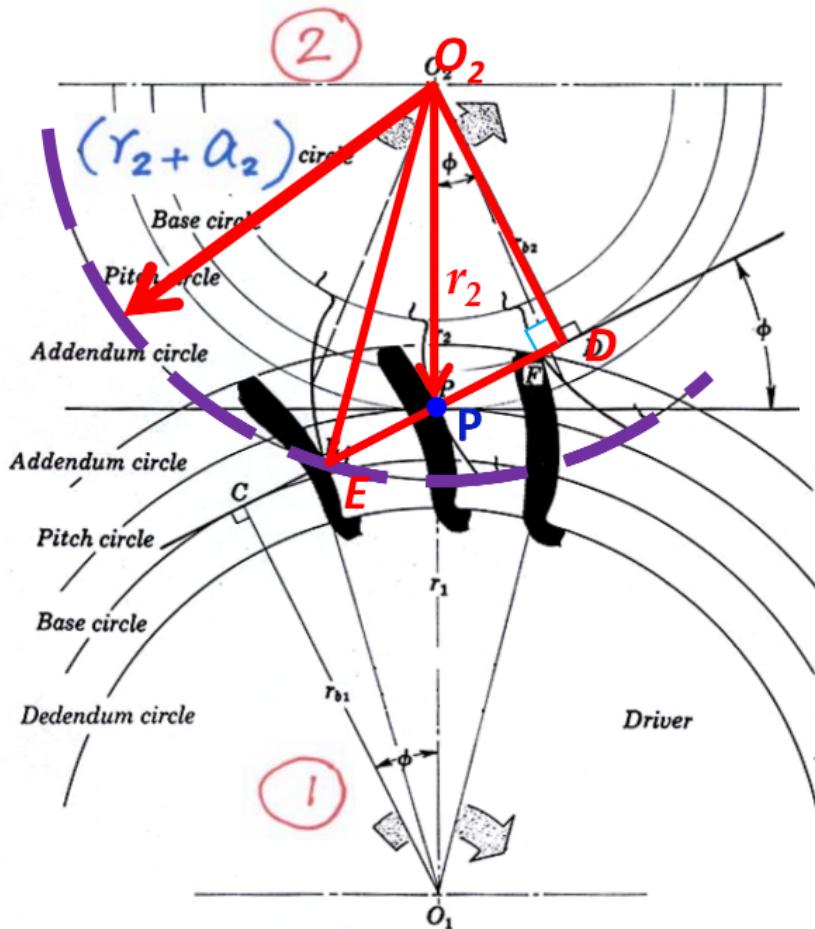
$$p_b = \frac{\pi}{P} \cos \phi$$

Where:

- p_b is the base pitch of the gears
- P is the diametral pitch of the gears
- ϕ is the pressure angle between the two gears

1.39 Contact ratio (C.R.)

1.39.1 Diagram



1.39.2 Description

- The contact ratio is an indicator of the **average number of pairs of teeth** in contact.
- The contact ratio being equal to 1 ($C.R. = 1$) means that there is only one pair of teeth in contact.

$$C.R. = \frac{\sqrt{(r_2 + a_2)^2 - r_2^2 \cos^2 \phi} - r_2 \sin \phi}{p_b} + \frac{\sqrt{(r_1 + a_1)^2 - r_1^2 \cos^2 \phi} - r_1 \sin \phi}{p_b}$$

Where:

- $C.R.$ is the contact ratio
- r_2 is the radius of pitch circle for the second gear
- a_2 is the addendum for the second gear
- ϕ is the pressure angle between the two gears
- p_b is the base pitch of the gears

1.40 Interference

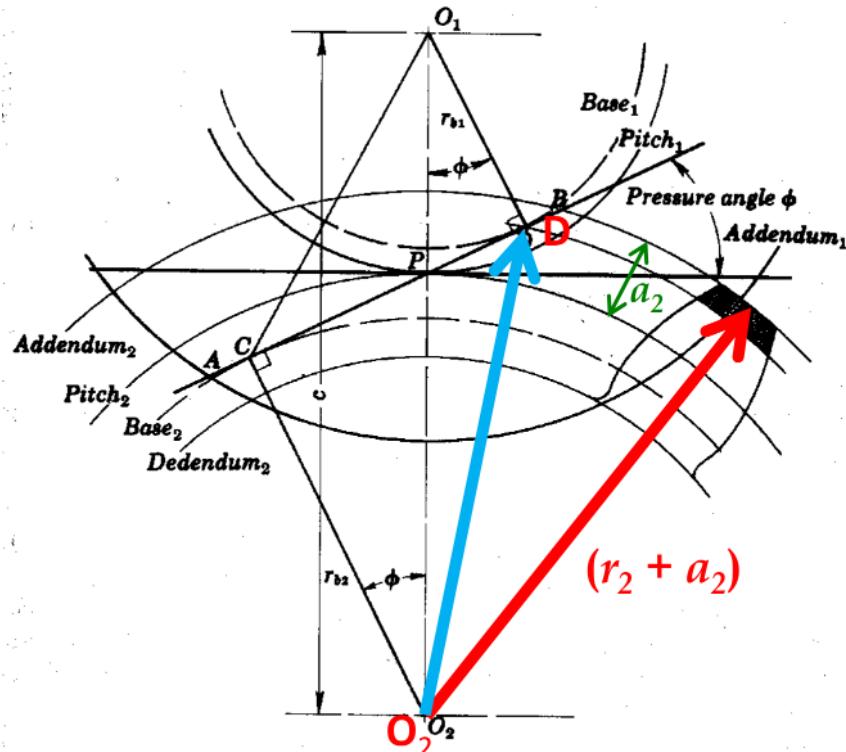
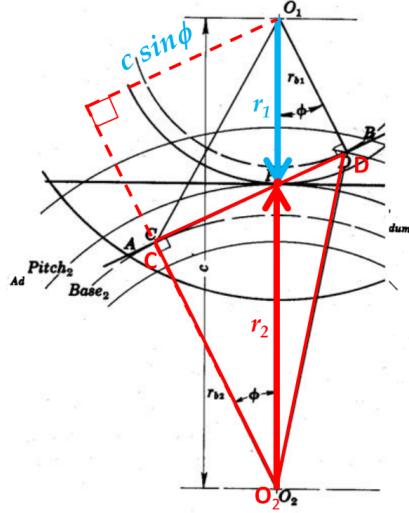


Figure 6.26 Points *C* and *D* are referred to as *interference points*. The part of the tooth that would have to be removed in order to prevent interference is shown shaded.

- Involute gear teeth have involute profiles between the **base circle** and the **addendum circle**.
- Below the base circle, there is no involute profile.
- If contact between the two gears occurs below the base circle of one of the gears, interference is said to occur.

1.40.1 Avoiding interference



To avoid interference, the following conditions must be met:

$$r_1 + a_1 \leq \sqrt{r_1^2 \cos^2 \phi + c^2 \sin^2 \phi}$$

$$r_2 + a_2 \leq \sqrt{r_2^2 \cos^2 \phi + c^2 \sin^2 \phi}$$

Where:

- r_1 is the radius of the pitch circle of the first gear
- a_1 is the addendum of the first gear
- ϕ is the pressure angle between the two gears
- r_2 is the radius of the pitch circle of the second gear
- a_2 is the addendum of the second gear

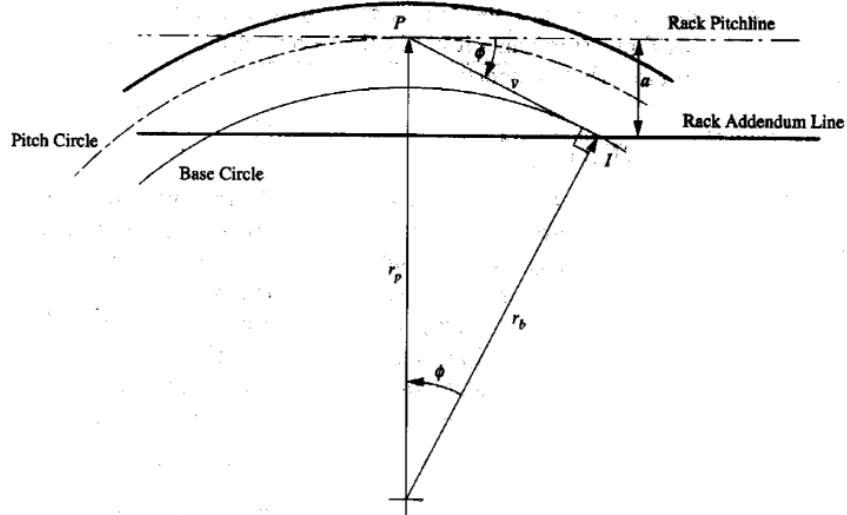
For gear 2, the expression can be simplified to:

$$r_2 + a_2 \leq O_2 D$$

Where:

- r_2 is the radius of the pitch circle of the second gear
- a_2 is the addendum of the second gear
- $O_2 D$ is the length defined in the diagram above

1.40.2 Interference of rack and pinion



- The worst possible case for interference.
- If interference does not occur under this condition, it will never occur to the pinion when it meshes with a gear with the same or more teeth.
- To avoid interference between a pinion and a rack, the number of teeth on the pinion, N , must satisfy the following condition.

$$N \geq \frac{2k}{\sin^2 \phi}$$

Where:

- N is the number of teeth on the pinion
- k is the addendum constant (in km)
- ϕ is the pressure angle between the rack and the pinion

1.40.3 Minimum number of teeth to avoid interference

System	Full Depth	Full Depth	Full Depth	Stub
ϕ	$14\frac{1}{2}^\circ$	20°	25°	20°
k	1	1	1	0.8
N	31.9	17.10	11.20	13.68
N_{\min}	32	18	12	14

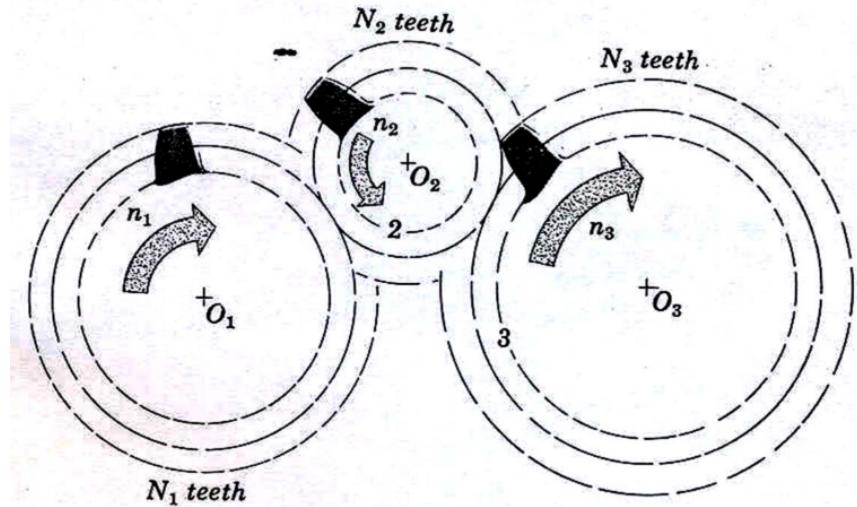
- When a generation method is used in gear manufacturing, such as with a rack cutter, the interference problem will transform into an "undercutting" problem of removing materials in the interference regions, thus weakening the gear teeth.

1.40.4 Rules on sizes of pinion and gear (or rack)

1. For a given gear (N_G) or rack, there exists a minimum number of teeth for the pinion, N_P^* , such that there is no interference if the pinion tooth number $N_P \geq N_P^2$, and that interference occurs if $N_P < N_P^*$.
2. For a given pinion (N_P), there exists a maximum number of teeth for the gear, N_G^* , such that there is no interference if the gear tooth number $N_G \leq N_G^*$, and that interference occurs if $N_G > N_G^*$.

Note that the "gear" and "pinion" refer to the larger and smaller parts of a (single-stage) gear transmission. Therefore, the relationship $N_G > N_P$ always holds true.

1.41 Idler



For the equations below:

- n is the RPM of the gear
- N is the number of teeth on the gear

1.41.1 For gears 1 and 2

$$\frac{n_2}{n_1} = -\frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

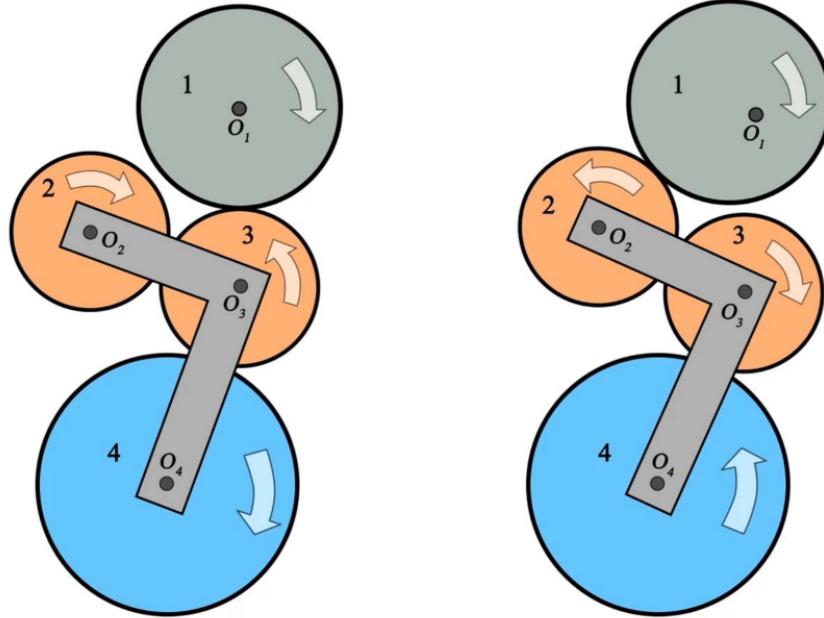
1.41.2 For gears 2 and 3

$$\frac{n_3}{n_2} = -\frac{N_2}{N_3}$$

1.41.3 For gears 1 and 3

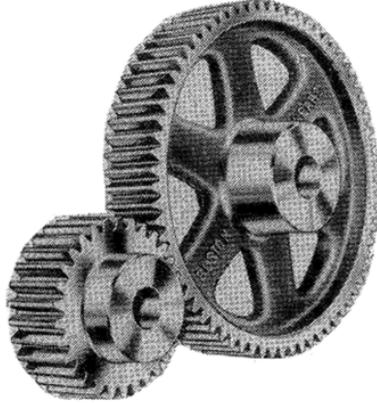
$$\frac{n_3}{n_1} = \left(\frac{n_3}{n_2}\right) \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right) = \left(-\frac{N_2}{N_3}\right) \left(-\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right) = \frac{N_1}{N_3}$$

1.42 Reversing gear box



- Two idlers are used between the input and output gears to change the direction of the output on the fly.
- When the L-shaped arm is moved to the position shown in the right picture above, the input and output shafts will have opposite directions of rotation.

1.43 Velocity ratio for spur gears (R or r_v)



$$R \text{ or } r_v = \frac{|\omega_2|}{|\omega_1|} = \frac{|RPM_2|}{|RPM_1|} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{d_{p1}}{d_{p2}} = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

Where:

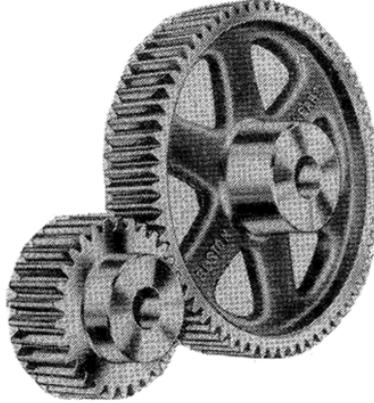
- R or r_v is the velocity ratio
- ω is the angular velocity of the gear
- RPM is the rotations per minute of the gear
- r is the pitch radii of the gear
- d_p is the pitch circle diameter of the gear
- N is the number of teeth on the gear

$$r_v = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = -\frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

Where:

- R or r_v is the velocity ratio
- ω_2 is the angular velocity of the second gear
- ω_1 is the angular velocity of the first gear
- N_1 is the number of teeth on the first gear
- N_2 is the number of teeth on the second gear

1.44 Output-to-input speed ratio



- The general relationship between the output rotational speed to the input rotational speed is given by:

$$\left| \frac{n_{output}}{n_{input}} \right| = \frac{\text{product of driving gear teeth}}{\text{product of driven gear teeth}}$$

Where:

- n_{output} is the rotations per minute of the output gear
- n_{input} is the rotations per minute of the input gear

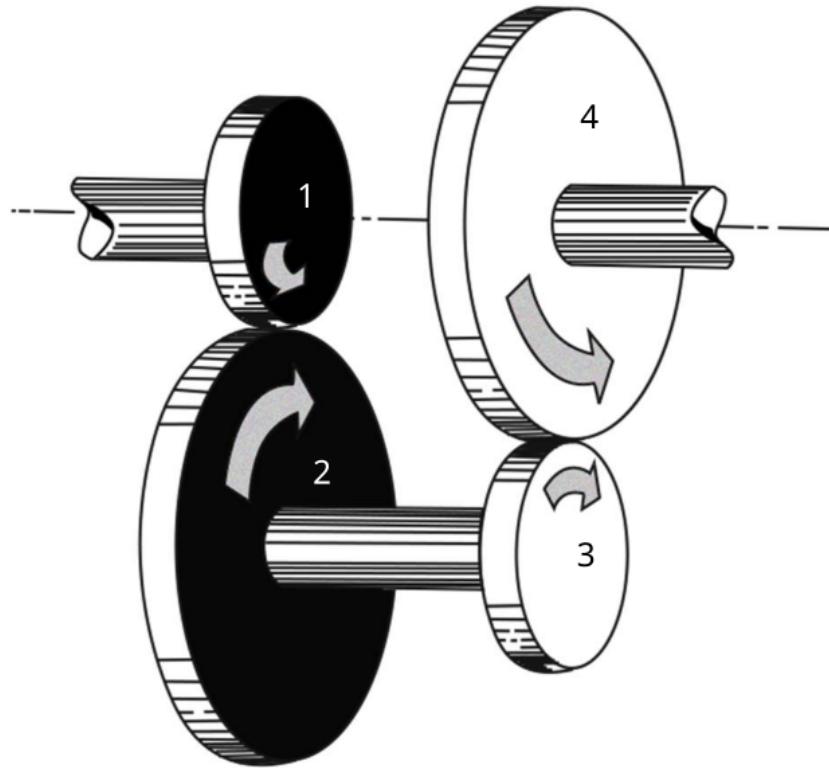
- For the double-stage gear reducer above, it is:

$$\frac{n_4}{n_1} = \frac{N_1 N_3}{N_2 N_4}$$

Where:

- n_4 is the rotations per minute of the gear 4
- n_1 is the rotations per minute of the gear 1
- N_1 is the number of teeth on gear 1
- N_2 is the number of teeth on gear 2
- N_3 is the number of teeth on gear 3
- N_4 is the number of teeth on gear 4

1.45 Reverted gear train



In a reverted (or concentric) gear train, the input and output shaft have the same centreline.

Geometric constraint:

$$r_1 + r_2 = r_3 + r_4$$

Where:

- r_1 is the radius of gear 1 in the image above
- r_2 is the radius of gear 2 in the image above
- r_3 is the radius of gear 3 in the image above
- r_4 is the radius of gear 4 in the image above

1.46 Gear reducer

One can ideally use two gears (single-stage gear transmission) to achieve the needed speed reduction, but due to size and cost constraints, multi-stage gear reducers are used.

1.46.1 Double-stage gear reducer

Velocity ratio:

$$\frac{n_4}{n_1} = \left(-\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right) \left(-\frac{N_3}{N_4}\right)$$

Where:

- N_1 is the number of teeth on the first gear
- N_2 is the number of teeth on the second gear
- N_3 is the number of teeth on the third gear
- N_4 is the number of teeth on the fourth gear

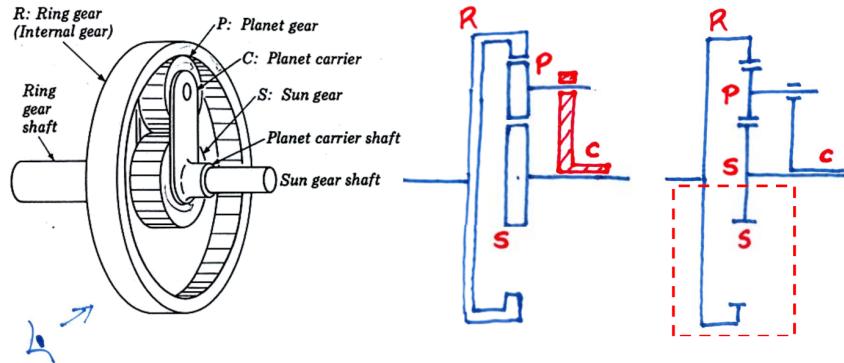
1.47 Speed ratio of planetary gear trains

$$\frac{n_{output} - n_c}{n_{input} - n_c} = \pm \frac{\text{product of driving gear teeth}}{\text{product of driven gear teeth}}$$

Where:

- **input** is an arbitrarily chosen starting point (not necessarily the real input)
- **output** is an arbitrarily chosen ending point (not necessarily the real output)
- n_{output} is the rotations per minute of the output gear
- n_c is the rotations per minute of the carrier link
- n_{input} is the rotations per minute of the input gear

1.47.1 Example

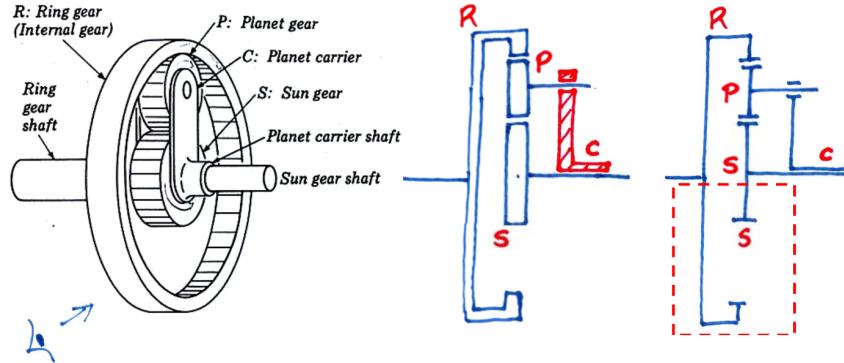


$$\frac{n_R - n_C}{n_S - n_C} = \left(-\frac{N_S}{N_P} \right) \left(\frac{N_P}{N_R} \right)$$

Where:

- n_R is the rotations per minute of the ring gear
- n_C is the rotations per minute of the planet carrier gear
- n_S is the rotations per minute of the sun gear
- N_S is the number of gear teeth on the sun gear
- N_P is the number of gear teeth on the planet carrier gear
- N_R is the number of gear teeth on the ring gear

1.48 Velocity ratio for planetary gear trains



Consider the sun gear (s) as the input and the ring gear (r) as the output ($s \rightarrow p \rightarrow r$) to set up the equation.

$$\frac{\omega_r - \omega_c}{\omega_s - \omega_c} = -\frac{N_s}{N_r}$$

Where:

- ω_r is the angular velocity of the ring gear
- ω_c is the angular velocity of the planet carrier gear
- ω_s is the angular velocity of the sun gear
- N_s is the number of teeth on the sun gear
- N_r is the number of teeth on the ring gear

1.48.1 Locked carrier

A locked carrier means $\omega_c = 0$, so:

$$\frac{\omega_r}{\omega_s} = -\frac{N_s}{N_r}$$

1.48.2 Locked sun

A locked sun means $\omega_s = 0$, so:

$$\frac{\omega_r}{\omega_c} = 1 + \frac{N_s}{N_r}$$

1.48.3 Locked ring

A locked ring means $\omega_r = 0$, so:

$$\frac{\omega_s}{\omega_c} = 1 + \frac{N_r}{N_s}$$

1.49 Scalar

- A quantity with magnitude only, one-dimensional.
- Examples:
 - Temperature
 - Mass
 - Height
 - Pressure
 - Power

1.50 Vector

- A quantity with magnitude and direction, can be visualised using a line segment with an arrow, multidimensional.
- Magnitude: Length of the line segment.
- Direction: Direction of the arrow.
- Examples:
 - Force
 - Torque
 - Displacement
 - Velocity

1.51 Unit vector

- A vector with a magnitude of 1.
- Unit vectors along coordinate axes in 3D space:

$$\mathbf{i} = (1 \ 0 \ 0)$$

$$\mathbf{j} = (0 \ 1 \ 0)$$

$$\mathbf{k} = (0 \ 0 \ 1)$$

1.52 Position vector

- A position vector describes the location of a point P in space by drawing a line segment from the origin of the coordinate system to P .
- Magnitude: Length of the line segment.
- Direction: Arrow from origin to P .

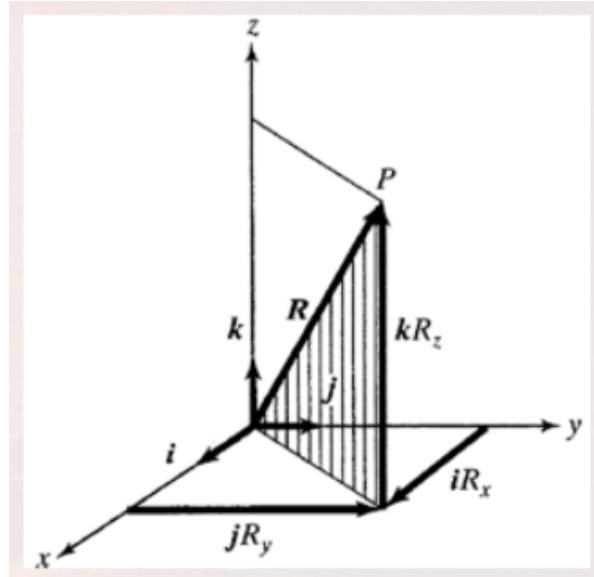
1.53 Vector components

- A vector can be expressed in terms of the summation of vectors along the coordinate axes (vector components).
- Magnitude:

$$R = |\mathbf{R}| = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2 + R_z^2}$$

- Unit vector (direction):

$$\mathbf{R}^u = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R} = \frac{R_x}{R} \mathbf{i} + \frac{R_y}{R} \mathbf{j} + \frac{R_z}{R} \mathbf{k}$$



1.54 2D planar vectors

- Position vector of P :

$$\mathbf{R} = iR_x + R_y j \equiv (R_x, R_y)$$

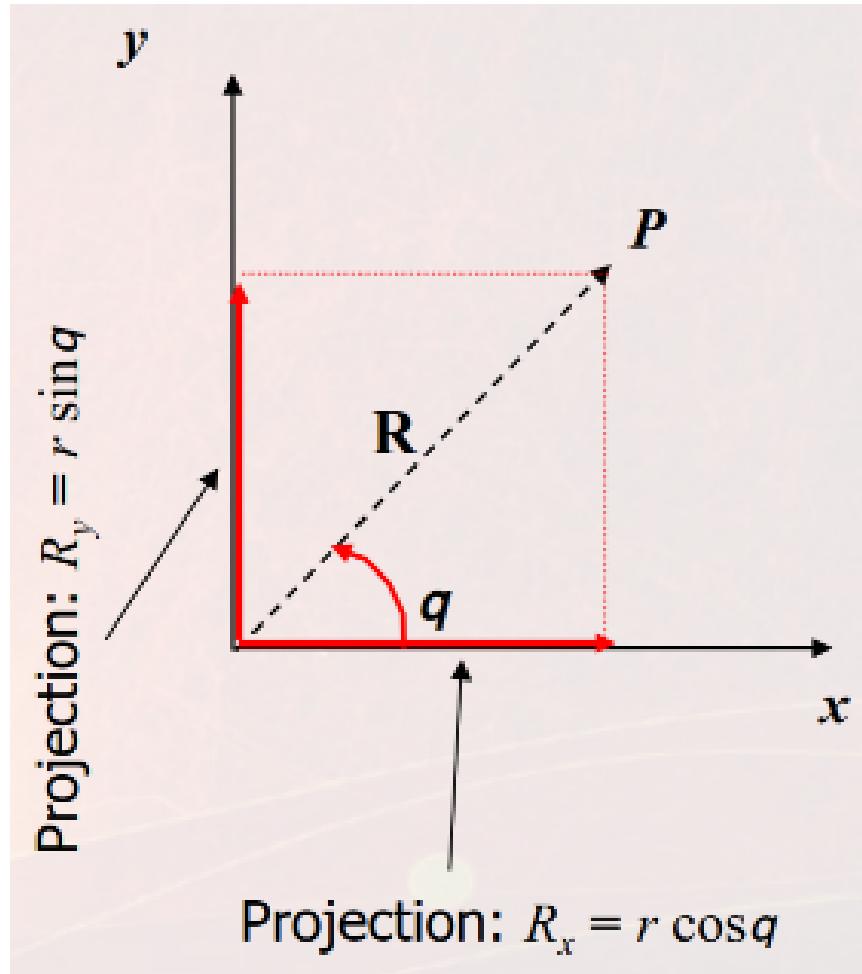
$$\mathbf{R} = (r \cos \theta) i + (r \sin \theta) j$$

- Magnitude:

$$r = |\mathbf{R}| = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2}$$

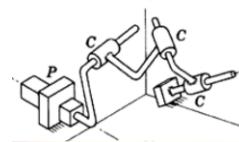
- Direction:

$$\mathbf{R}^u = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{r} = \cos \theta i + \sin \theta j$$

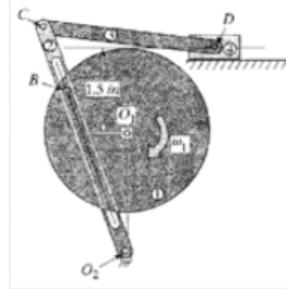


1.55 Motion

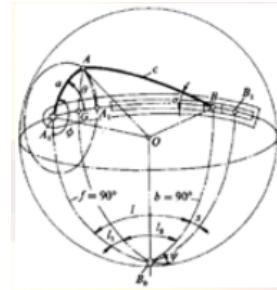
- Motion is the way a rigid body moves in space.
 - Most unrestrictive: 3D spatial motion, which is roughly 6 degrees-of-freedom (one body)



- Restrictive: 2D planar motion, which is roughly 3 degrees-of-freedom (one body)



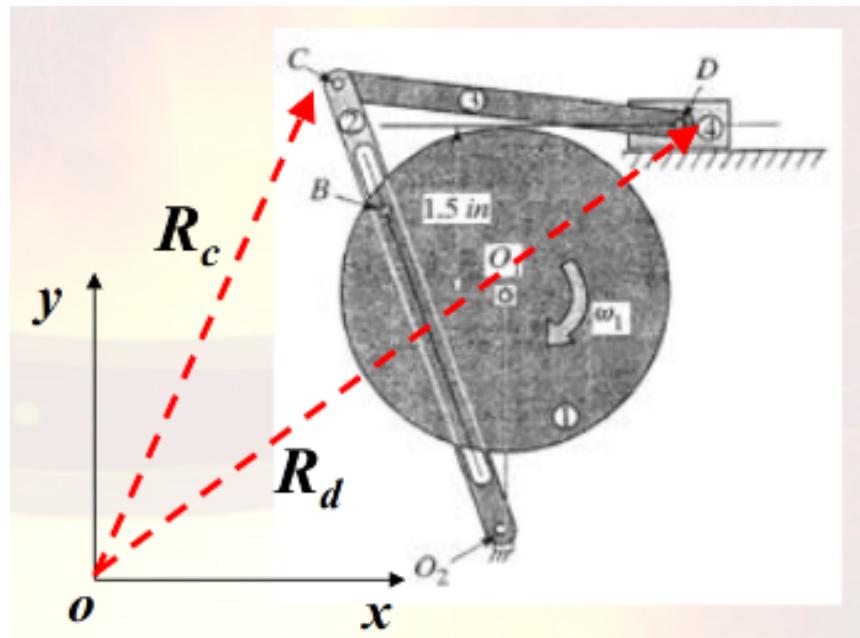
- Restrictive: 3D spherical motion, which is roughly 3 degrees-of-freedom (one body)



- Any motion can be characterised by:
 - Displacement with respect to a reference frame.
 - Velocity or speed of motion (displacement over time).
 - Acceleration of motion (velocity over time).

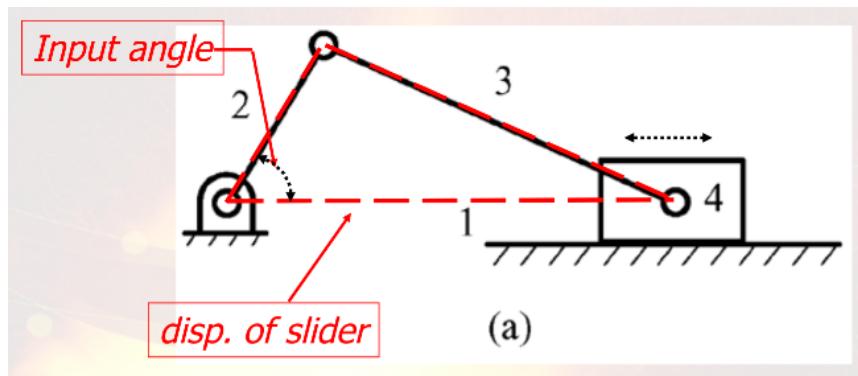
1.56 Planar motion

All points on the links of a mechanism is restricted to **one plane** or to a set of parallel planes. It is described and characterised by 2D vectors.



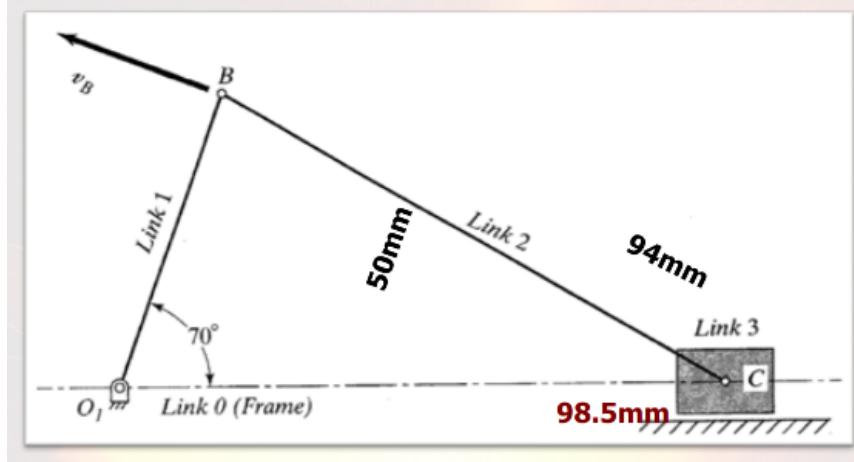
1.57 Purpose of position analysis

- Given a fixed position or displacement of the input link, which can be an angle or a distance, depending on the type of joint or actuator.
- Determine the position and orientation of all other links, including the output link.



1.58 Purpose of velocity analysis

- Given the velocity of the input link at a particular position.
- Determine the velocities and angular velocities of all other links, including the output link.



1.59 Velocity of points

- Velocity of a point in space is the time change of position with respect to a fixed reference frame. The direction is tangent to the trajectory, and the speed is the magnitude.

$$\mathbf{V} = \frac{d\mathbf{R}}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{R}} = \dot{R}_x \mathbf{i} + \dot{R}_y \mathbf{j} + \dot{R}_z \mathbf{k}$$

- Relative velocity is the velocity between two points.

- Points A and B with V_A and V_B .
 - Velocity of B relative A (V_{BA}):

$$\mathbf{V}_{BA} = \mathbf{V}_B - \mathbf{V}_A \text{ or } \mathbf{V}_B = \mathbf{V}_A + \mathbf{V}_{BA}$$

- Take reference to the moving point.
 - Absolute velocity is the velocity with respect to a fixed point O :

$$\mathbf{V}_{AO} = \mathbf{V}_A - \mathbf{V}_O = \mathbf{V}_A - 0 \equiv \mathbf{V}_A$$

1.60 Planar rigid body motion

- Fixed point, pure rotation, one point has no velocity.
- Pure translation, all points have the same velocity.
- General rotation and translation, the velocity different for every point.

1.61 Velocity of rigid body

- Angular velocity for a body:

– Scalar: Time changes the angular position of a body.

$$\omega = \lim_{N \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \omega_x \mathbf{i} + \omega_y \mathbf{j} + \omega_z \mathbf{k}$$

– Vector: Showing rotation axis and speed:

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \omega \mathbf{k}$$

- Right-hand rule for ω :

– Counter-clockwise is positive
– Clockwise is negative

- Velocity of points on the rotating body:

$$\mathbf{V}_A = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_A$$

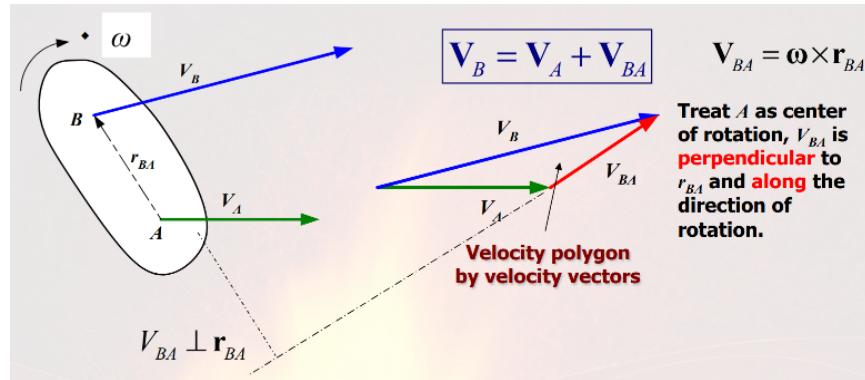
For planar object: $v_A = \omega \cdot r_A$

1.62 Relative velocity of rigid body

- Use graphical construction of the **velocity polygon** formed by **velocities of points on link members** to find angular velocity of link and linear velocity of other points on link.
- **Each link member** can form one relative velocity equation.

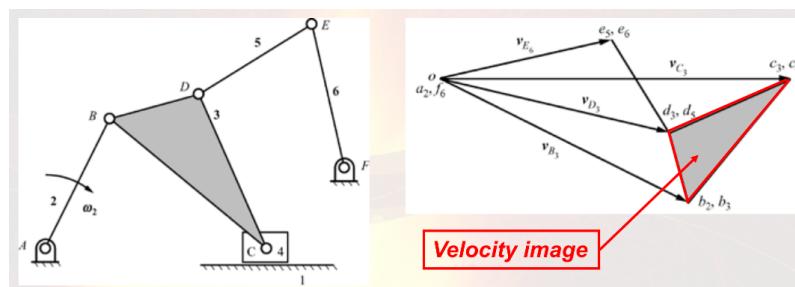
$$\mathbf{V}_B = \mathbf{V}_A + \mathbf{V}_{BA}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{BA} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{BA}$$

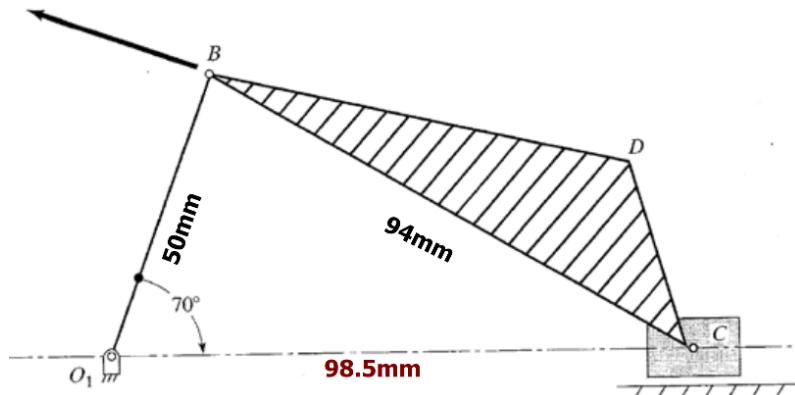


1.63 Velocity image

- It is a **similar-shaped figure** in the velocity diagram to the original link (object).
- The line is mapped to a line, a triangle is mapped to a triangle, and a circle is mapped to a circle, etc.
- The **orientation and size** will be different.



- It is used to determine the velocity of points on linkages not on the joint centres, like point *D* in the image below.



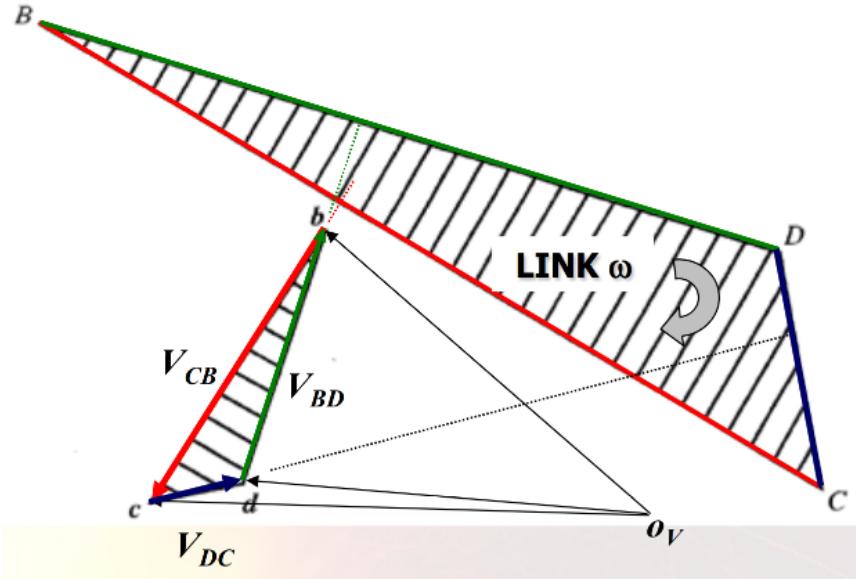
1.63.1 Example

- $DBCD$ is a rigid body, and $D_b c_d$ are points in a velocity diagram.
- $D_b c_d$ is the velocity image of $DBCD$, i.e. $DBCD$ is similar to $D_b c_d$.
 - $D_b c_d$ is $DBCD$ rotated 90° counter-clockwise.
 - It is magnified by a factor of ω .
- The edges of the velocity image are relative velocity.

$$\mathbf{V}_{CB} = \omega \times \mathbf{r}_{CB} \sim \vec{bc}$$

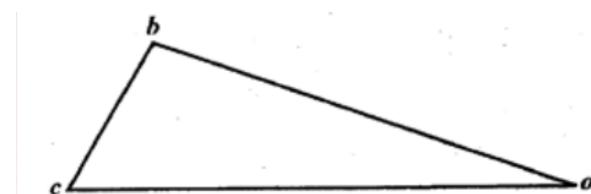
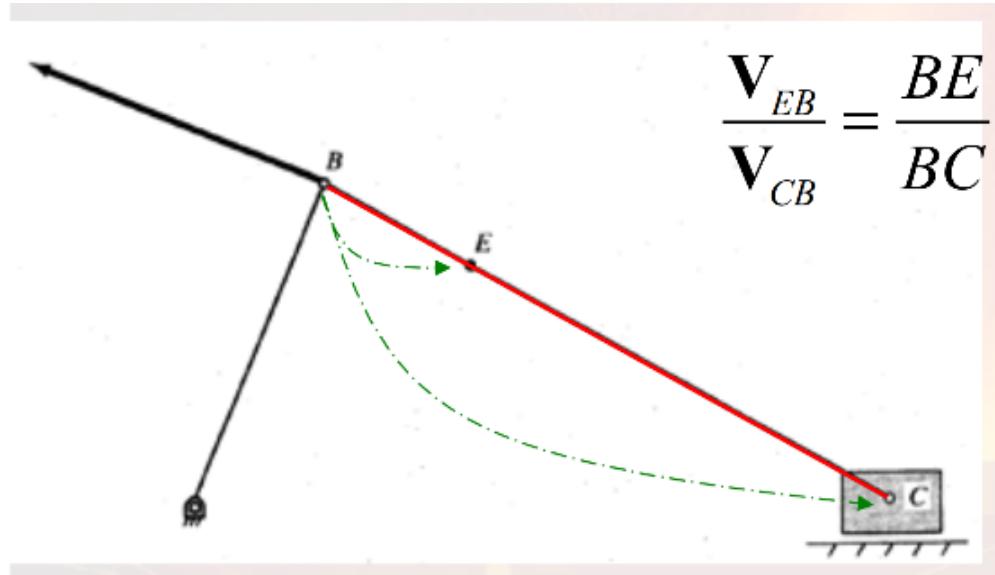
$$\mathbf{V}_{DC} = \omega \times \mathbf{r}_{DC} \sim \vec{cd}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{BD} = \omega \times \mathbf{r}_{BD} \sim \vec{bd}$$

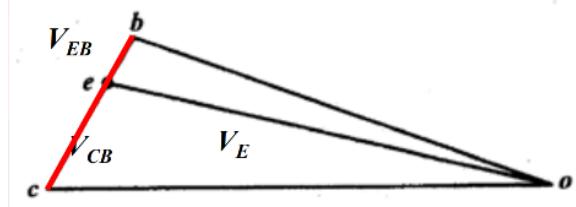


1.63.2 Velocity image of collinear points

- Velocity image of link BC is a straight line segment.
- Velocity of points on link can be obtained proportionally.



Velocity polygon



1.64 Purpose of acceleration analysis

- Given the acceleration of the input link at a particular position.
- Determine the accelerations and angular accelerations of all other links, including the output link.

1.65 Acceleration of points

- The acceleration of a point in space is the time change of velocity with respect to the fixed reference frame:

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} \ddot{\mathbf{R}}_x \mathbf{i} + \ddot{R}_y \mathbf{j} + \ddot{R}_z \mathbf{k}$$

- Relative acceleration is the acceleration between two points.
 - Points A and B with \mathbf{A}_A and \mathbf{A}_B .
 - Acceleration of B relative to A (\mathbf{A}_{BA}):

$$\mathbf{A}_{BA} = \mathbf{A}_B - \mathbf{A}_A$$

$$\mathbf{A}_B = \mathbf{A}_A - \mathbf{A}_{BA}$$

- Take reference to the moving point.
- Absolute acceleration is the acceleration taken with reference to a fixed point O :

$$\mathbf{A}_{AO} = \mathbf{A}_A - \mathbf{A}_O = \mathbf{A}_A - 0 \equiv \mathbf{A}_A$$

1.66 Angular acceleration of a rigid body

- Angular acceleration for a body:
 - Scalar: Time changes the angular velocity of a body:

$$\alpha = \lim_{N \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta\omega}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \alpha_x \mathbf{i} + \alpha_y \mathbf{j} + \alpha_z \mathbf{k}$$

- Vector: Showing rotation axis and speed:

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \omega \mathbf{k}$$

- Right-hand rule for α :
 - Counter-clockwise is positive
 - Clockwise is negative

1.67 Motion of rigid body at fixed point

- Velocity of point on rigid body rotating about a fixed axis:

$$\mathbf{V} = \dot{\mathbf{R}} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{R}$$

- Acceleration of point:

$$\ddot{\mathbf{V}} = \ddot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \mathbf{R} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \ddot{\mathbf{R}}$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{A}} = \ddot{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \times \mathbf{R} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \ddot{\mathbf{R}}) = \mathbf{A}^t + \mathbf{A}^n$$

- Tangential acceleration is the acceleration tangent to the path and perpendicular to R .

$$\mathbf{A}^t = \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{R}$$

- Normal or radian acceleration is the acceleration parallel to R , pointing towards O .

$$\mathbf{A}^n = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{R})$$

- For planar motion:

$$A^t = \alpha R$$

$$A^n = \omega^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

Total magnitude: $A = \sqrt{(A^n)^2 + (A^t)^2}$

1.68 Relative accelerations

- Differentiate relative velocity equation:

$$\mathbf{V}_B = \mathbf{V}_A + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{BA}$$

- To form the relative acceleration equation:

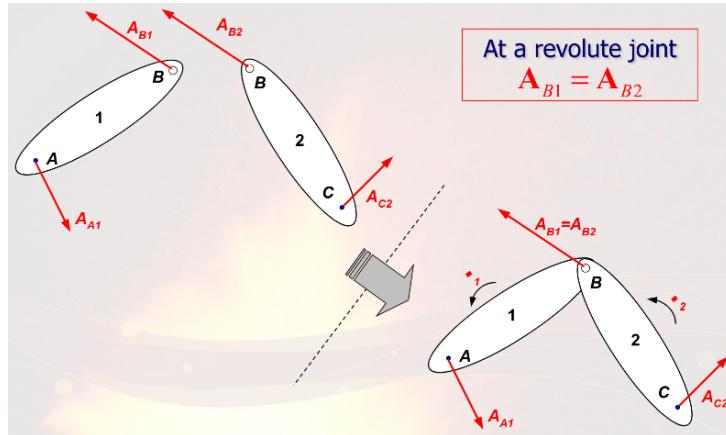
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_B &= \mathbf{A}_A + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{BA}) + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{r}_{BA} \\ &= \mathbf{A}_A - \omega^2 \mathbf{r}_{BA} + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{r}_{BA} \\ &= \mathbf{A}_A + \mathbf{A}_{BA}^t + \mathbf{A}_{BA}^n \\ \mathbf{A}_{BA}^t &= \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{r}_{BA} \\ \mathbf{A}_{BA}^n &= \omega^2 \mathbf{r}_{BA}\end{aligned}$$

Where:

- $\mathbf{A}_A, \mathbf{A}_B$ are the absolute accelerations of point A and B relative to the fixed frame.
- \mathbf{A}_{BA}^t is the tangential acceleration of B relative to A .
- \mathbf{A}_{BA}^n is the normal acceleration of B relative to A , $\mathbf{A}_{BA}^n \parallel \mathbf{r}_{BA}$
- \mathbf{r}_{BA} is the position vector of B relative to A , $\mathbf{A}_{BA}^t \perp \mathbf{r}_{BA}$
- $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ is the angular acceleration of the body relative to the fixed frame.

1.69 Acceleration at revolute joints

$$\mathbf{A}_{B1} = \mathbf{A}_{B2}$$

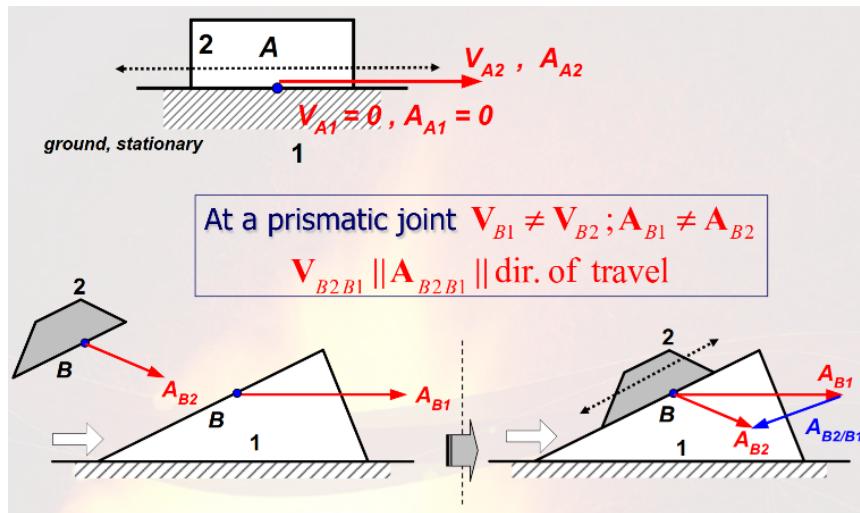


1.70 Acceleration at prismatic joints

$$V_{B1} \neq V_{B2}$$

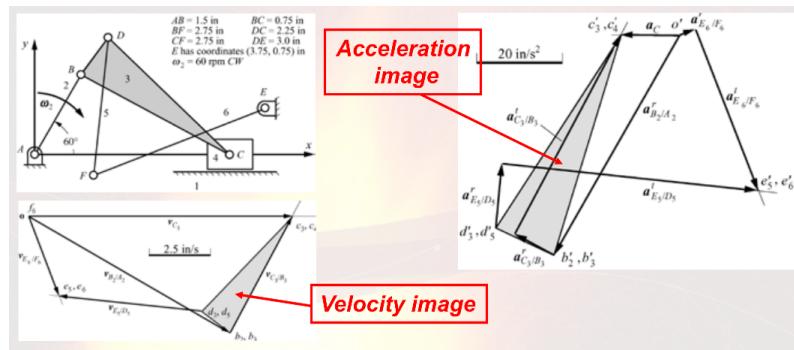
$$A_{B1} \neq A_{B2}$$

$V_{B2B1} \parallel A_{B1B2} \parallel$ Direction of travel

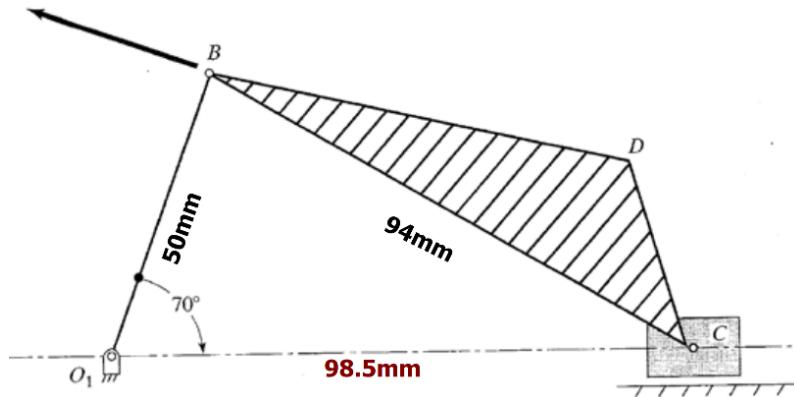


1.71 Acceleration image

- A **similar-shaped** figure in the acceleration diagram to the original link (object).
 - Orientation and size are different from the link and its velocity image.



- It is used to determine the acceleration of points on linkages not on the joint centres, e.g. point D in the image below.

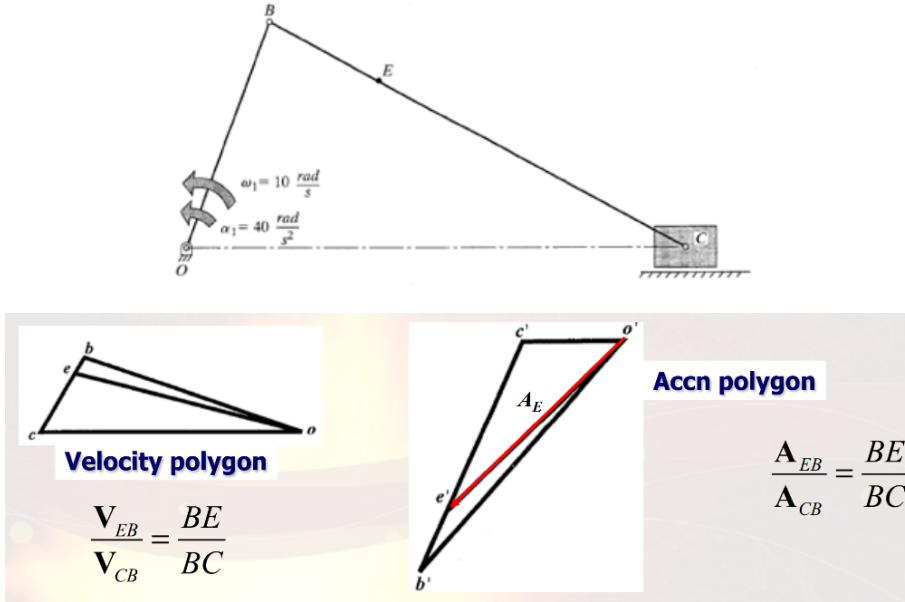


1.71.1 Example

- $DBCD$ is a rigid body, and $D b' c' d'$ are points an acceleration diagram.
- $D b' c' d'$ is the velocity image of $DBCD$, i.e. $DBCD$ is similar to $D b' c' d'$.
 - $D b' c' d'$ is $DBCD$ rotated $\theta = \pi - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\omega^2} \right)$
 - It is magnified by a factor of $\sqrt{\omega^4 + \alpha^2}$.
- Order of the points remains:
 - Links: $B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D$
 - Velocity polygon: $b \rightarrow c \rightarrow d$
 - Acceleration polygon: $b' \rightarrow c' \rightarrow d'$
 - When one side of the acceleration image is found, e.g. A_{BC} , the orientation of the acceleration image can be determined.

1.71.2 Acceleration image of collinear points

- Acceleration image of link BC to a is a straight line segment.
- Acceleration of points on the link can be obtained proportionally from the acceleration polygon.



1.72 Jerk (J)

- Jerk (J) is defined as the third-order derivative of the displacement with respect to time.

$$J = \frac{d^3s}{dt^3}$$

- It is equal to the derivative of the acceleration.

$$J = \frac{da}{dt}$$

- Jerk is an important variable to characterise the smoothness of motion of an object or a mechanism.
- In addition to a finite acceleration, a finite jerk is desirable for the smooth operation of a cam-follower system.
- For high speed operation of cams, displacement, velocity and acceleration must be continuous, and jerk must be finite.

1.73 Newton's first law

Every object remains at rest or moves with constant velocity, unless an unbalanced force acts on it.

1.74 Newton's second law

And object that has an unbalanced force, has an acceleration that is:

1. Proportional to the force
2. In the direction of the force
3. Inversely proportional to the mass of the object

For translation:

$$\sum \vec{F}_i = m\vec{a}$$

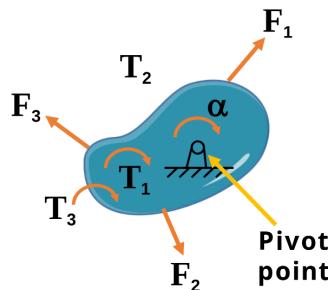
In two-dimensions, two scalar equations can be created from the above equation:

$$\sum F_{ix} = ma_x$$

$$\sum F_{iy} = ma_y$$

For rotation about a fixed point:

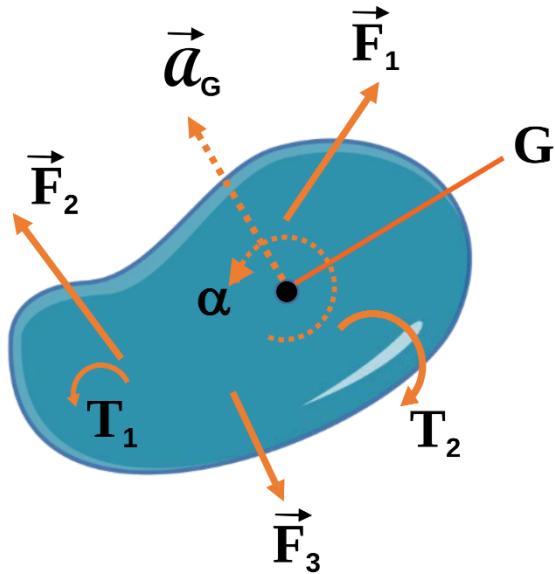
$$\tau = \sum M_i = I\alpha$$



Where:

- $\sum \vec{F}$ is the sum of the forces acting on the object
- m is the mass of the object
- \vec{a} is the acceleration of the object
- τ is the torque on the object
- $\sum M_i$ is the sum of the moments on the object
- I is the moment of inertia about a fixed point
- α is the angular acceleration of the object

1.74.1 General planar motion



Translation of the centre of gravity (CG):

$$\sum \vec{F}_j = m\vec{a}_G$$

Rotation about the centre of gravity (CG):

$$\sum M_{jG} = I_G \alpha$$

Where:

- $\sum \vec{F}_j$ is the sum of the forces acting on the object
- m is the mass of the object
- G denotes the centre of mass of the object
- \vec{a}_G is the acceleration of the centre of mass of the object
- $\sum M_{jG}$ is the sum of moments acting about the centre of mass of the object
- I_G is the moment of inertia of the object about G
- α is the angular acceleration of the object

1.75 Newton's third law

For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

1.76 Statics

Statics deals with the equilibrium of bodies that are either **at rest** or move with a **constant velocity**.

1.77 Dynamics

Dynamics deals with the **accelerated motion** of bodies.

1.78 Kinematics

Kinematics is the study of motion, **quite apart from the forces** which produce that motion. More particularly, it is the study of position, displacement, rotation, velocity, and acceleration.

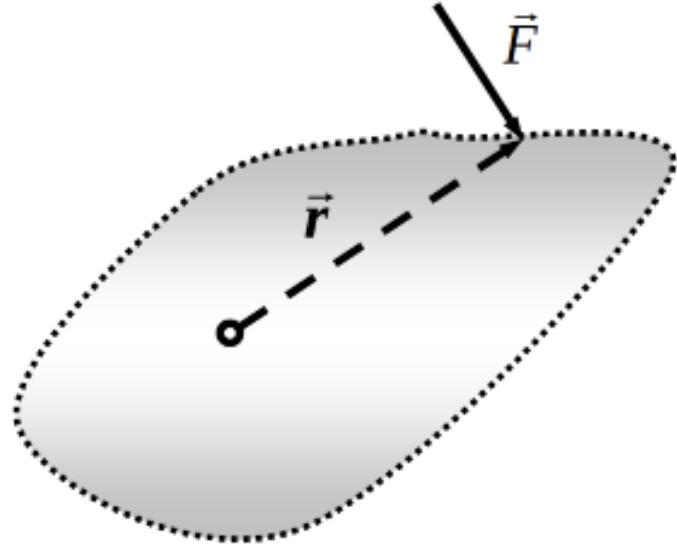
1.79 Forces and moments

- Forces and moments (couples) are vectors.

$$\vec{F} = F_x \vec{i} + F_y \vec{j} + F_z \vec{k}$$

- There are **three** components in the x, y and z directions in the Cartesian coordinate system.
- \vec{r} is a position vector from a **reference point** to the point where a force is applied.
- A **reference point** is needed to define **the moment** but not for the force.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{M} &= \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ r_x & r_y & r_z \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (r_y F_z - r_z F_y) \vec{i} + (r_z F_x - r_x F_z) \vec{j} + (r_x F_y - r_y F_x) \vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

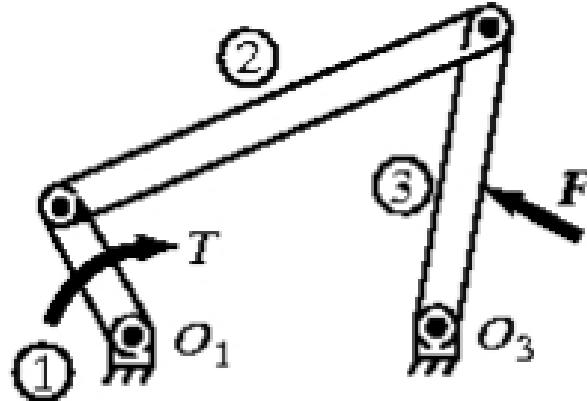


1.80 Free-body diagram

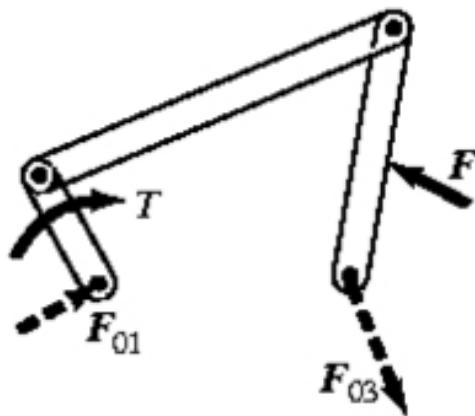
- A free-body diagram is a sketch or drawing of part or all of a system, isolated to determine the nature of the forces acting on the body.
- An isolated part is separated from the system.
- All external forces and moments on the part are depicted.
- Static or dynamic analysis is carried out.

1.80.1 Examples

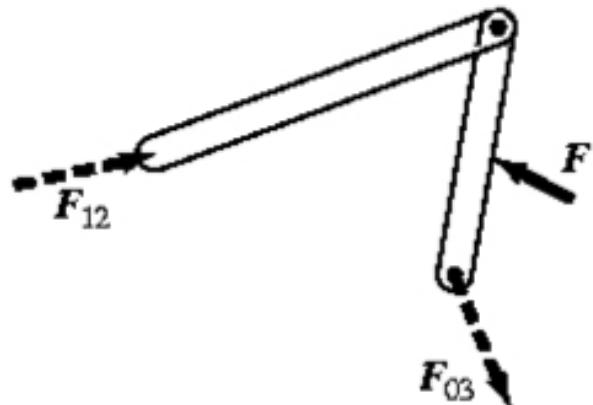
1. A four-bar linkage.



2. Free-body diagram of the three moving links.



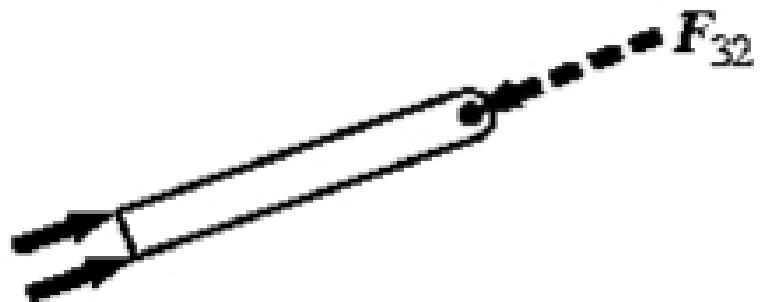
3. Free-body diagram of two connected links.



4. Free-body diagram of a single link.



5. Free-body diagram of part of a link.



1.81 Static equilibrium

If a system is in static equilibrium, i.e. $\vec{a} = 0$ and $\alpha = 0$, then:

$$\sum \vec{F} = 0 \quad \text{Resultant force} = 0$$

$$\sum \vec{M}_G = 0 \quad \text{Resultant moment} = 0$$

1.82 Graphical force analysis

- Graphical force analysis employs **scaled free-body diagrams** and **vector graphics** in the determination of unknown machine forces.
- The graphical approach is best suited for planar force systems.

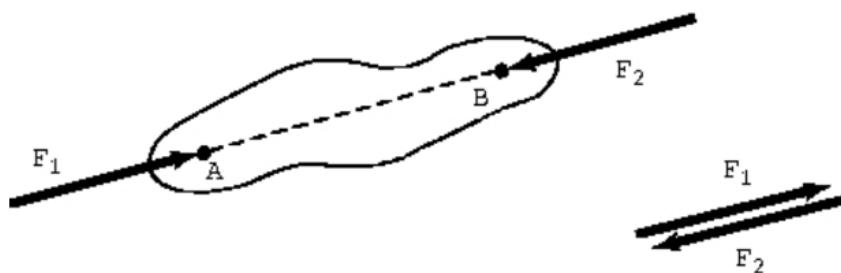
1.83 Special free-body diagrams

- Two-force member
- Three-force member
- Two-force and a couple member
- N-force members $N > 3$ are not of much practical interest

1.83.1 Two-force member

When a link is subjected to only two forces:

- We refer to the link as a "2-force member".
- The forces must be **axial** (along the axis).
- The 2 forces must be **equal and opposite**.
- The two external forces are **equal, opposite and co-linear aligned with the link**.



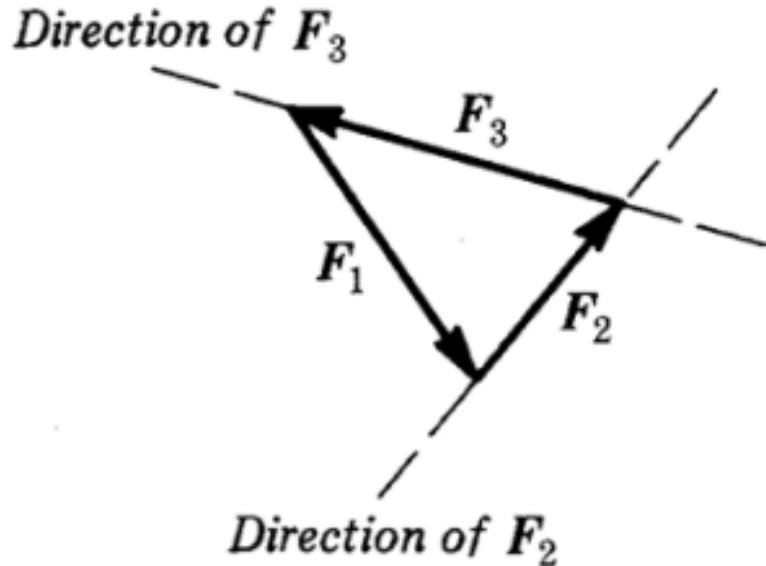
1.83.2 Three-force member

A member subjected to three forces is in equilibrium if and only if:

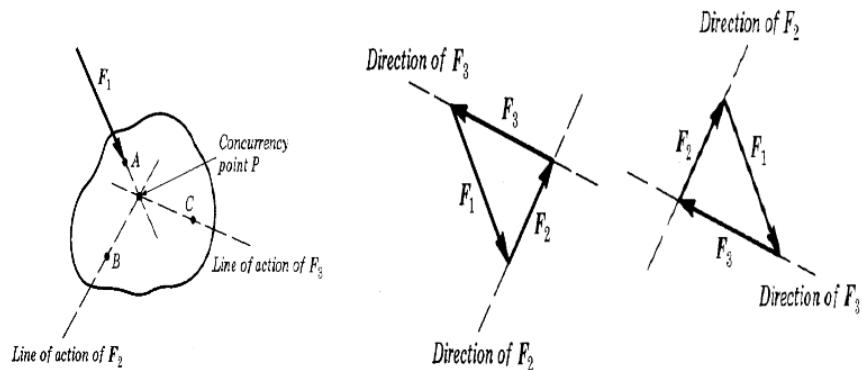
- The resultant of the three forces is zero.
- The action lines of the forces all intersect at the same point.
- Force equilibrium condition states that:

$$F_1 + F_2 + F_3 = 0$$

Three forces form a closed vector loop, a force polygon:

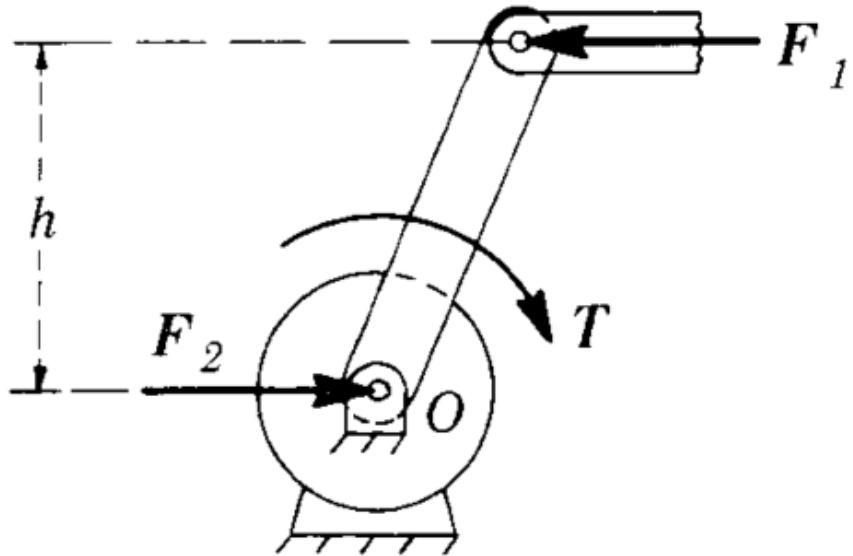


- All three external forces are **co-centred** and form a **closed triangle**.



1.83.3 Two-force and a couple member

Two external forces are parallel, opposite and equal.



1.84 Friction

- Friction is everywhere in our daily life and in machines.
- Friction can dissipate energy by converting mechanical work into heat.
- It reduces the efficiency of a machine.

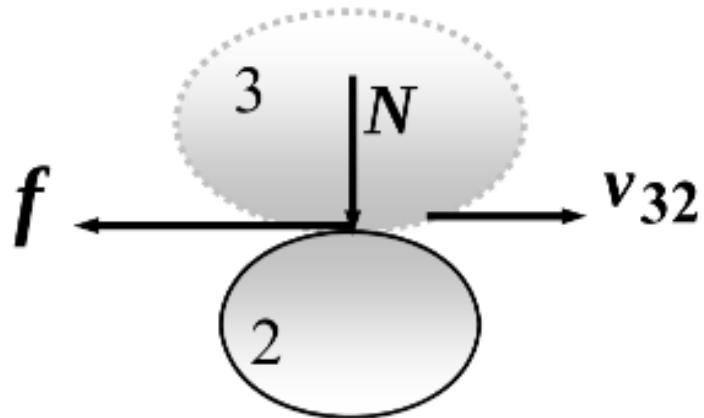
1.85 Coulomb friction

- A friction is called **Coulomb Friction** when it is linearly proportional to the normal contact force.

$$f = \mu N$$

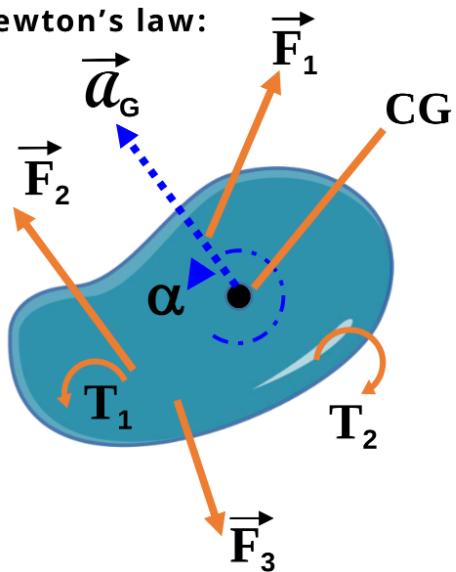
Where:

- f is the friction
- μ is the coefficient of friction
- N is the normal contact force
- The direction of friction is opposite to the **relative velocity** between two contact surfaces.



1.86 D'Alembert's principle

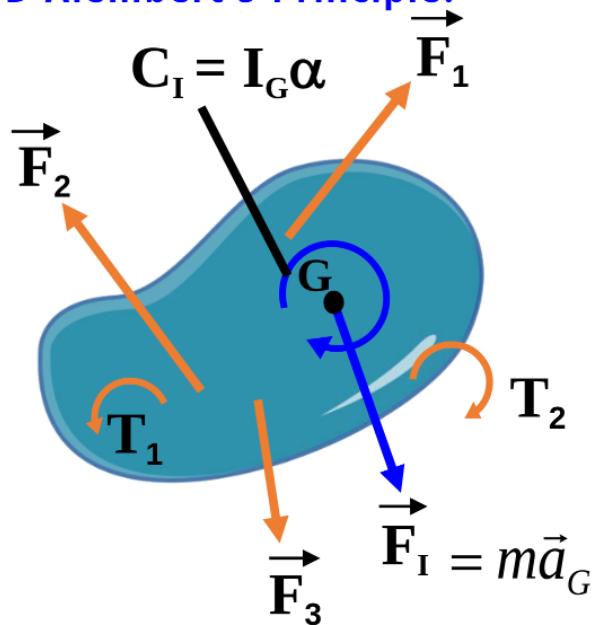
Newton's law:



$$\sum \vec{F}_j = m\vec{a}_G$$

$$\sum M_{jG} = I_G \alpha$$

D'Alembert's Principle:



$$\sum \vec{F}_i = 0$$

$$\sum M_i = 0$$

1.86.1 Force equation

Newton's second law:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum \vec{F}_j &= m\vec{a}_G \\ \sum \vec{F}_j - m\vec{a}_G &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Defining inertial force to be:

$$\vec{F}_I = -m\vec{a}_G$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum \vec{F}_j + \vec{F}_I &= 0 \\ \sum \vec{F}_i &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Imaginary (mathematic) "static" equilibrium state with an additional inertial force:

$$\vec{F}_I = -m\vec{a}_G$$

1.86.2 Moment equation

Newton's second law:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum M_{jG} &= I_G \alpha \\ \sum M_{jG} - I_G \alpha &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Defining inertial moment to be:

$$C_I = -I_G \alpha$$

We have:

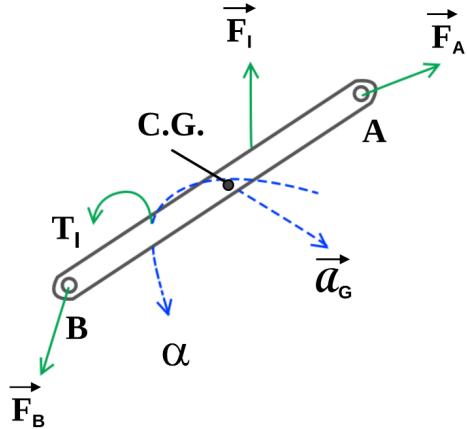
$$\begin{aligned}M_{jG} + C_I &= 0 \\ \sum M_i &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Imaginary (mathematic) "static" equilibrium state with an additional inertial moment:

$$C_I = -I_G \alpha$$

1.86.3 Link example

Newton's second law:

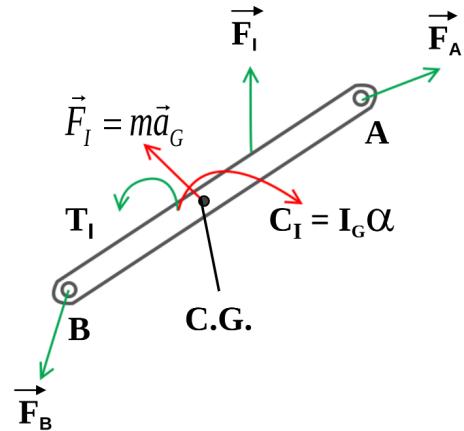


Dynamic problem:

$$\sum \vec{F}_j = m\vec{a}_G$$

$$\sum M_{jG} = I_G \alpha$$

D'Alembert's principle:

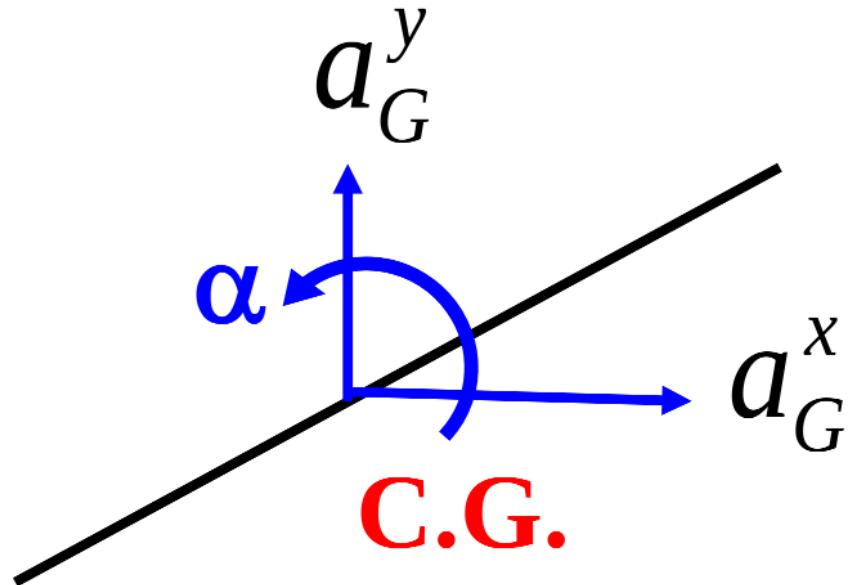


$$\sum \vec{F}_j = 0$$

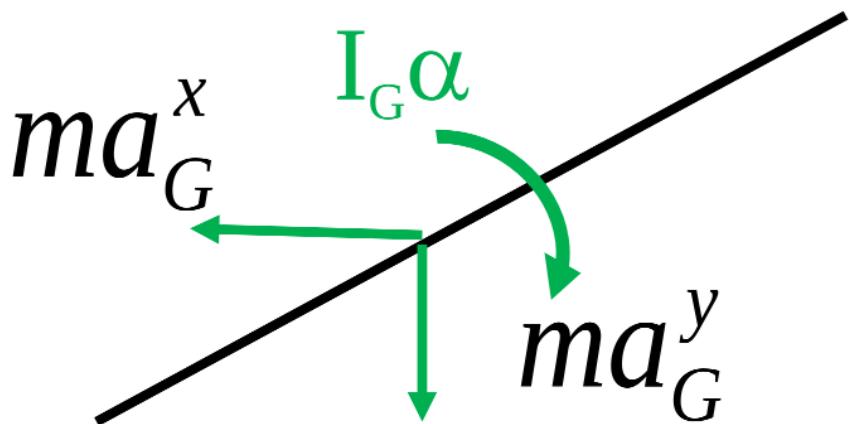
$$\sum \vec{M}_j = 0$$

1.86.4 Convention for inertial force and moment

For motion:



For inertial force and moment:



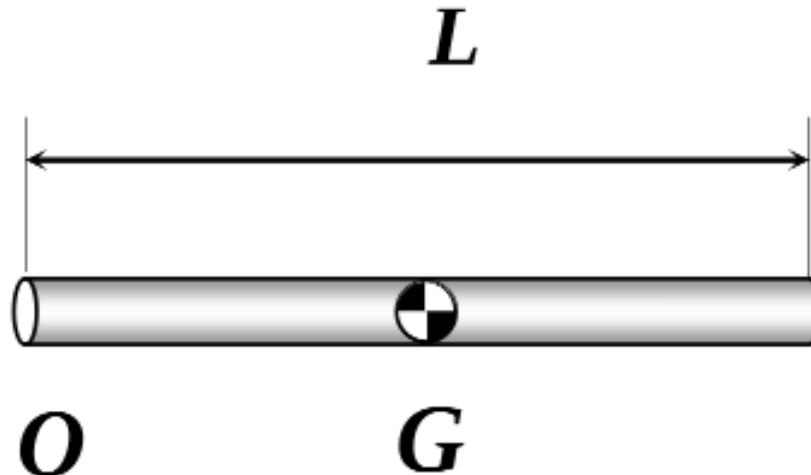
1.87 Mass moment of inertia

$$I_G = \int r^2 \rho dV$$

Where:

- I_G is the moment of inertia about the centre of the body
- ρ is the density of the body
- r is the distance from the centre of mass to an arbitrary point inside the body.

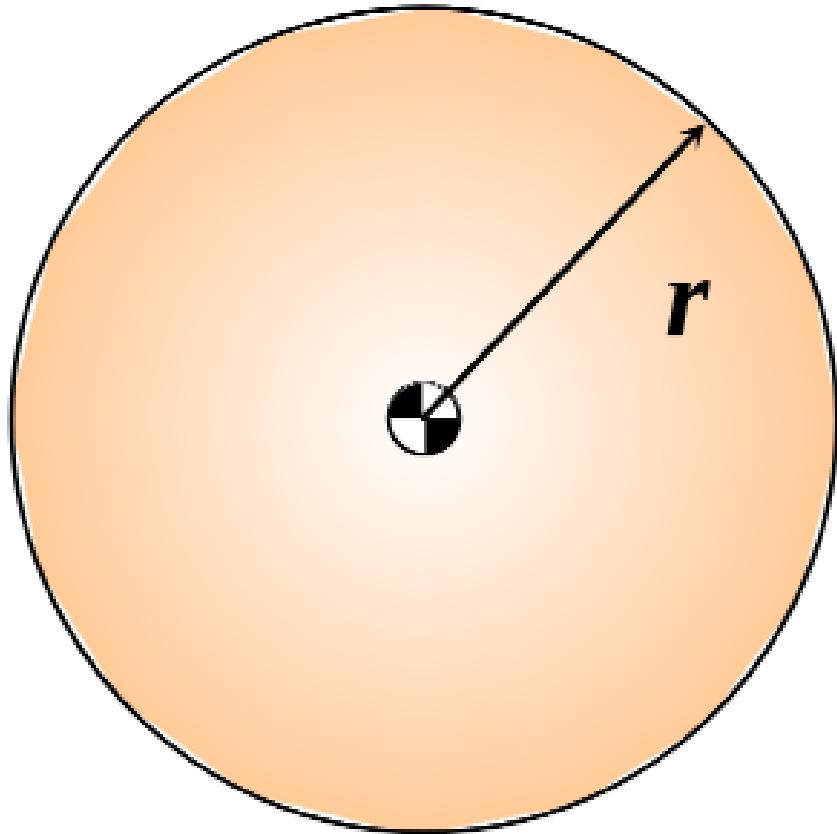
1.87.1 Slender rod



$$I_G = \frac{1}{12}mL^2$$

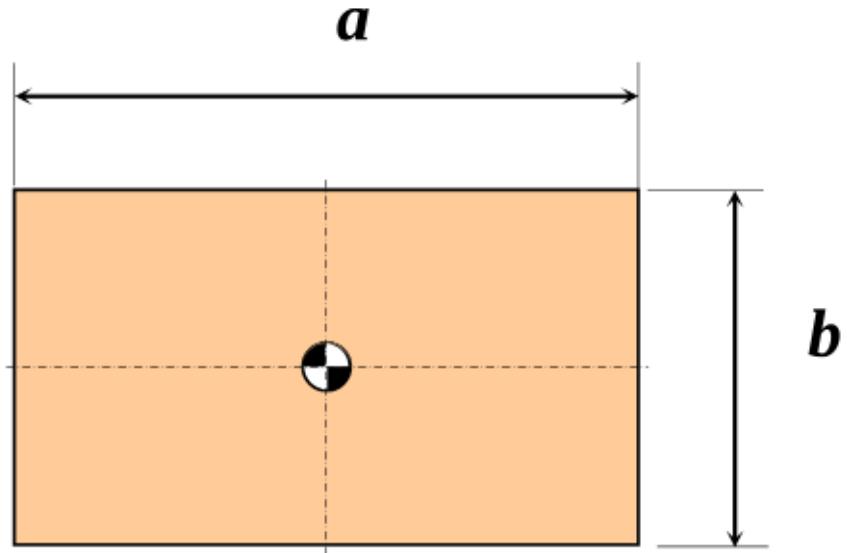
$$I_O = \frac{1}{3}mL^2$$

1.87.2 Disk or cylinder



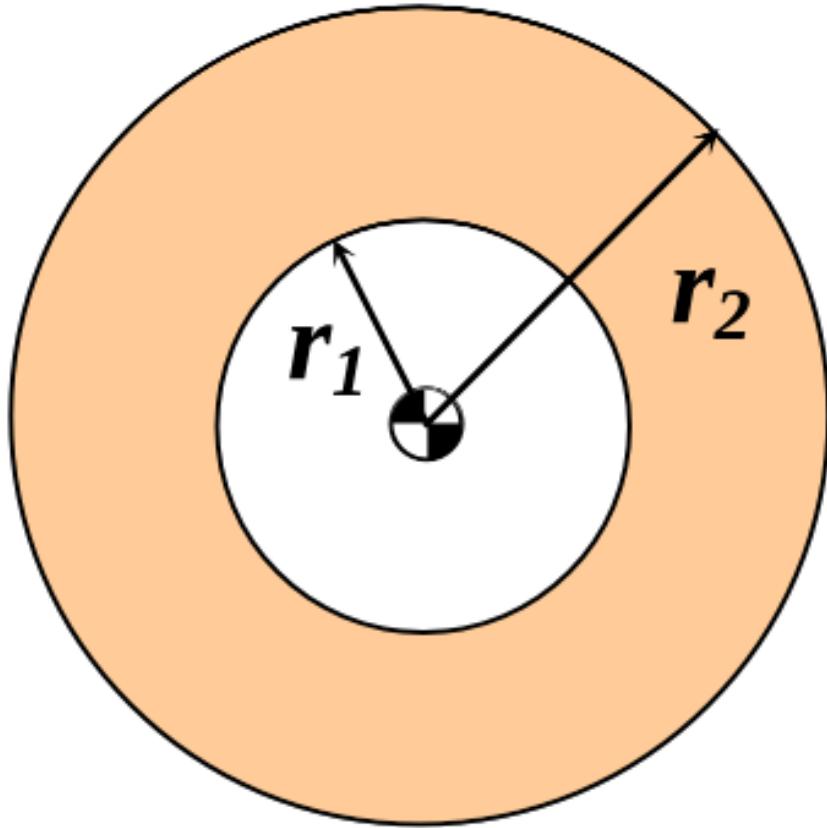
$$I_G = \frac{1}{2}mr^2$$

1.87.3 Rectangular plate



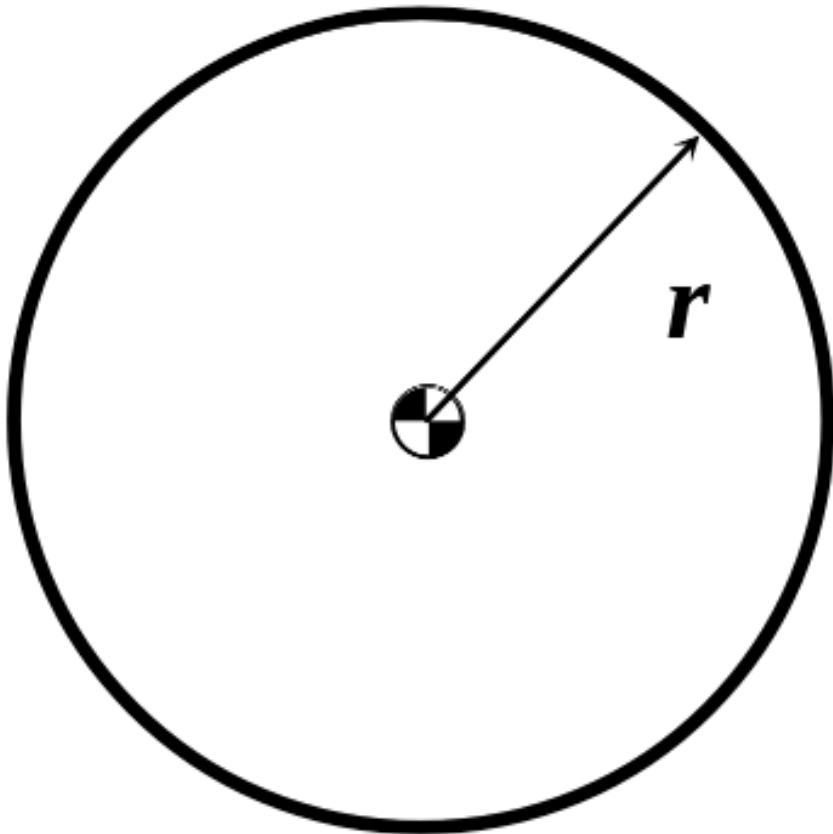
$$I_G = \frac{1}{12}m(a^2 + b^2)$$

1.87.4 Ring



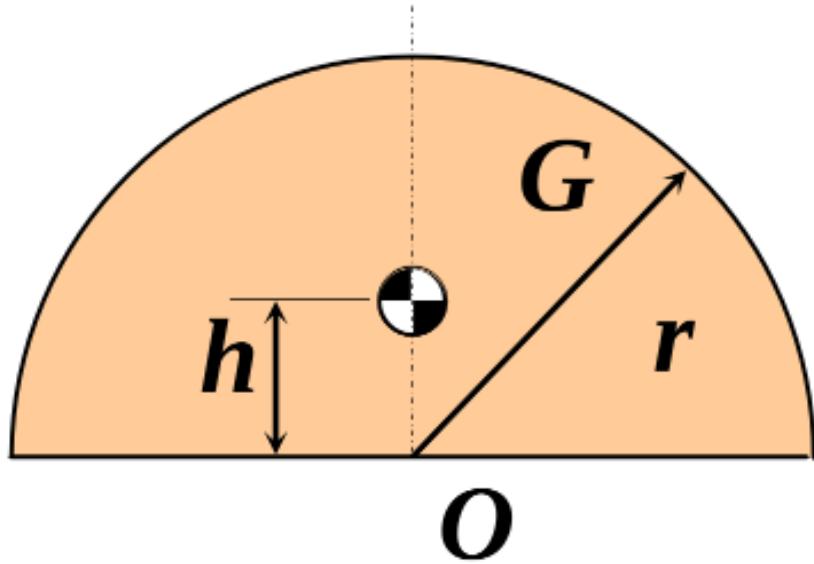
$$I_G = \frac{1}{2}m(r_1^2 + r_2^2)$$

1.87.5 Thin ring



$$I_G = mr^2$$

1.87.6 Semicircular plate



$$I_G = \frac{1}{2}mr^2$$

$$I_O = \frac{1}{2}mr^2 - mh^2$$

$$h = \frac{4r}{3\pi}$$

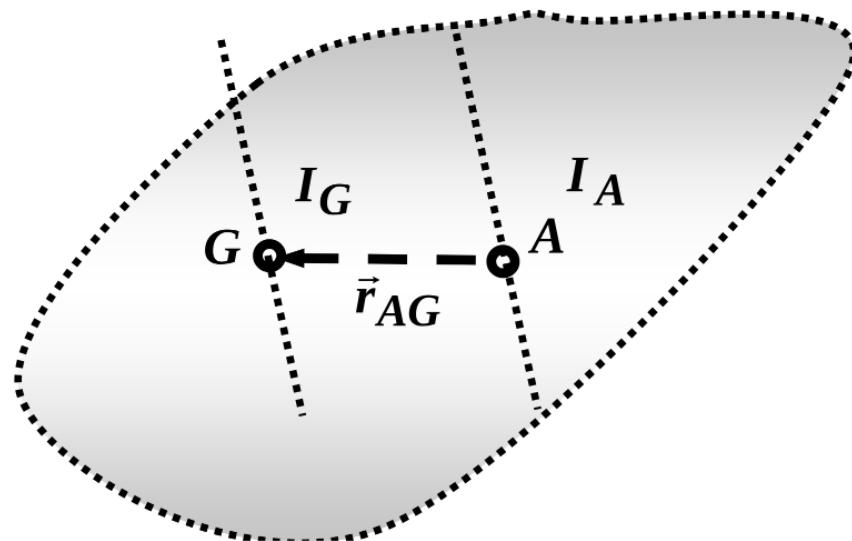
1.88 Parallel axis theorem

For the mass moment of inertia being taken about a point A other than the centre of mass G , we can derive the mass moment of inertia using the following parallel axis theorem:

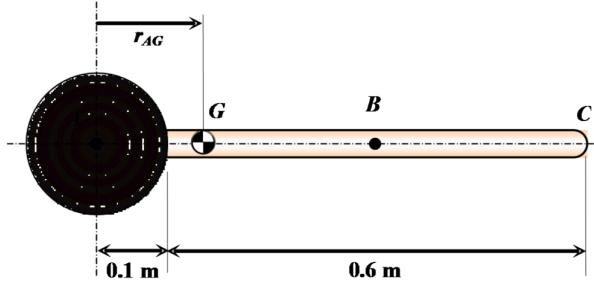
$$I_A = I_G + m |\vec{r}_{AG}|^2$$

Where:

- I_A is the moment of inertia taken about an arbitrary point A
- I_G is the moment of inertia taken about the centre of mass G
- m is the mass of the object
- \vec{r}_{AG} is the position vector from point A to the centre of mass G



1.88.1 Example



Determine the mass moment of inertia of the assembly about its centre of mass G and point C . The moments of inertia of the disk and the rod about their mass centres A and B are known to be $I_A = \frac{1}{2}m_Dr^2$ and $I_B = \frac{1}{12}m_rL^2$ respectively.

- Centre of mass: Using point A as the origin, the centre of mass can be located as:

$$r_{AG} = \frac{m_D r_{AA} + m_R + r_{AB}}{m_R + m_D}, \quad r_{AA} = 0$$

$$r_{AG} = 0.15 \text{ m}$$

- Mass moment of inertia about G : Using the parallel axis theorem, the moment of inertia can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Disk: } I_G^{disk} &= I_A + m_D r_{AG}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(5)(0.1)^2 \\ &= 0.1375 \text{ kg m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

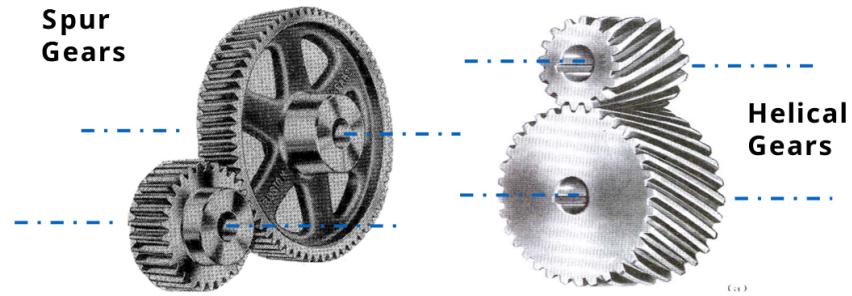
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rod: } I_G^{rod} &= I_B + m_D r_{BG}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(3)(0.6)^2 + 3(0.25)^2 \\ &= 0.2775 \text{ kg m}^2 \\ I_G &= I_G^{disk} + I_G^{rod} \\ &= 0.415 \text{ kg m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Mass moment of inertia about C : Similarly, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} I_C &= I_C^{disk} + I_C^{rod} \\ &= I_G + (m_D + m_R)r_{CG}^2 \\ &= 2.835 \text{ kg m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

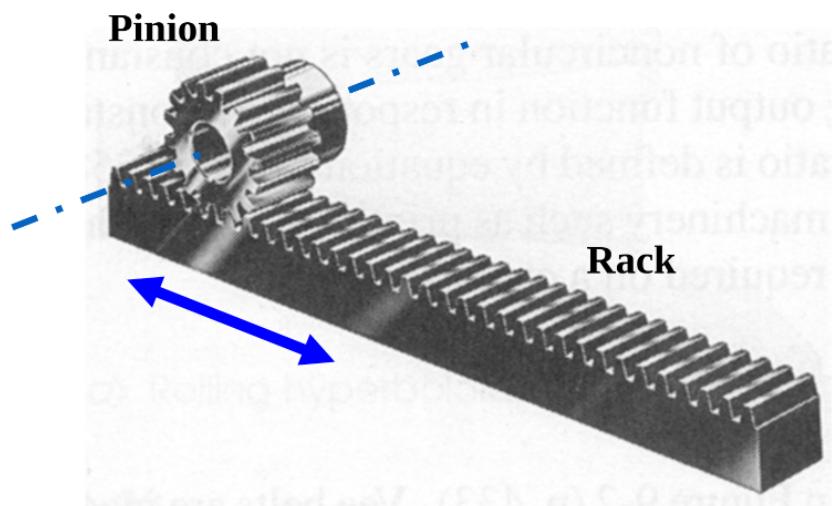
2 Types of gears

2.1 Spur gears and helical gears



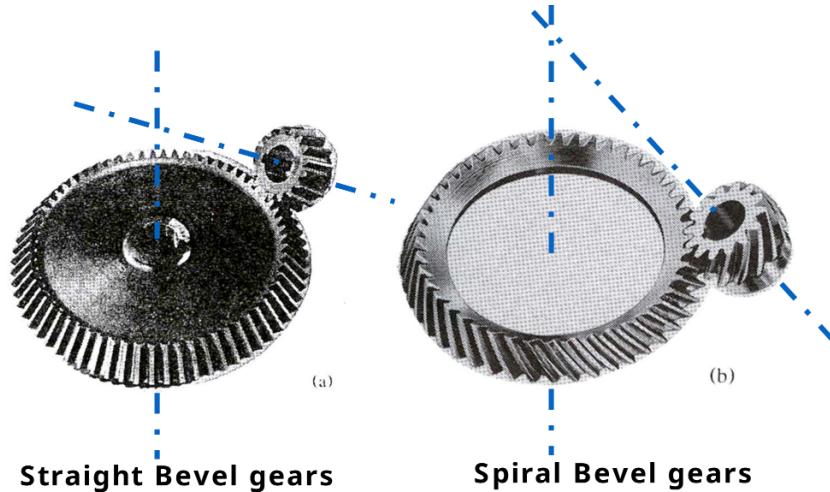
- Spur and helical gears are normally used when the driver and the follower shafts are parallel. Helical gears provide smoother, quieter, and less-shock operation.
- The smaller gear in a pair of meshing gears is called a **pinion**.

2.2 Pinion and rack



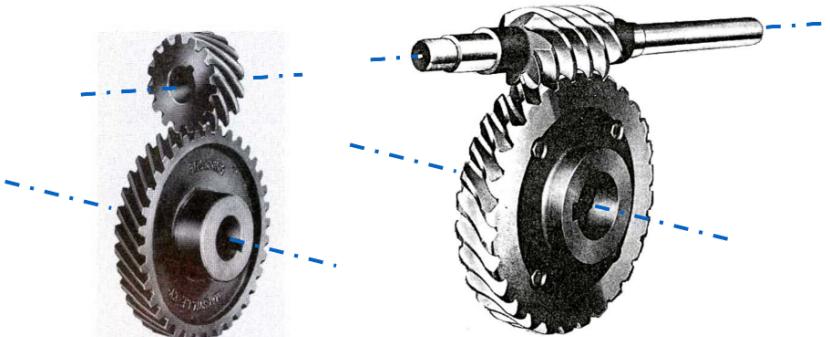
- A rack is a straight bar with gear teeth, and may be considered as a spur gear with an infinite radius.

2.3 Bevel gears



- Bevel gears are used when the driver and driven shafts' centreline intersect.

2.4 Worm gears

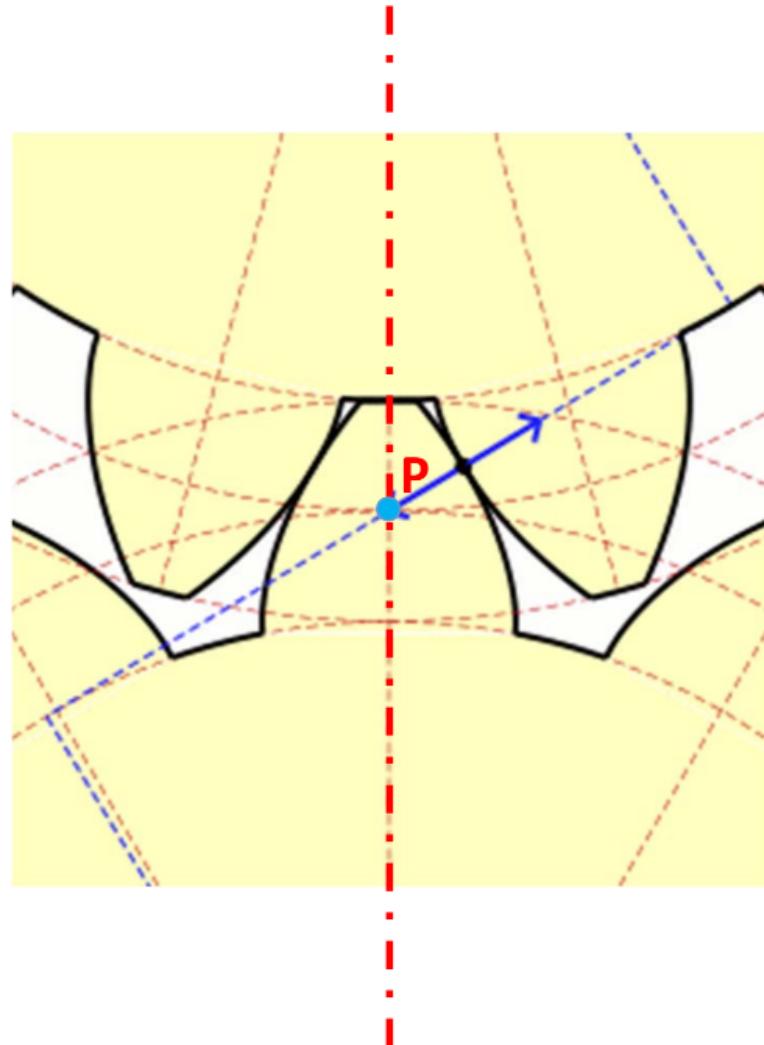


- Worm gears are used when the driver and driven shaft centreline are at 90 degrees.
- Worm gear (on the left) is a special helical gear (on the right).

3 Module pitch tooth dimensions

Module Pitch Tooth Dimensions						
Tooth Dimensions Based Upon Module System						
(One millimeter equals 0.03937 inch)						
Module DIN Standard Series	Equivalent Diametral Pitch	Circular Pitch	Addendum, Millimeters	Dedendum Millimeters †	Whole Depth, † Millimeters	Whole Depth, ‡ Millimeters
		Millimeters	Inches	Millimeters	Millimeters	Millimeters
0.3	84.667	0.943	0.0371	0.30	0.35	0.650
0.4	63.500	1.257	0.0495	0.40	0.467	0.867
0.5	50.800	1.571	0.0618	0.50	0.583	1.083
0.6	42.333	1.885	0.0742	0.60	0.700	1.300
0.7	36.286	2.199	0.0865	0.70	0.817	1.517
0.8	31.750	2.513	0.0989	0.80	0.933	1.733
0.9	28.222	2.827	0.1113	0.90	1.050	1.950
1	25.400	3.142	0.1237	1.00	1.167	2.167
1.25	20.320	3.927	0.1546	1.25	1.458	2.708
1.5	16.933	4.712	0.1855	1.50	1.750	3.250
1.75	14.514	5.496	0.2164	1.75	2.042	3.792
2	12.700	6.283	0.2474	2.00	2.333	4.333
2.25	11.113	7.069	0.2783	2.25	2.625	4.625
2.5	10.160	7.854	0.3092	2.50	2.917	5.417
2.75	9.236	8.639	0.3401	2.75	3.208	5.958
3	8.466	9.425	0.3711	3.00	3.500	6.500
3.25	7.815	10.210	0.4020	3.25	3.791	7.041
3.5	7.257	10.996	0.4329	3.50	4.083	7.583
3.75	6.773	11.781	0.4638	3.75	4.375	8.125
4	6.350	12.566	0.4947	4.00	4.666	8.666
4.5	5.944	14.137	0.5566	4.50	5.25	9.750
5	5.080	15.708	0.6184	5.00	5.833	10.833
5.5	4.618	17.279	0.6803	5.50	6.416	11.916
6	4.233	18.850	0.7421	6.00	7.000	13.000
6.5	3.908	20.420	0.8035	6.50	7.583	14.083
7	3.626	21.991	0.8658	7.00	8.166	15.166
8	3.175	25.132	0.9895	8.00	9.333	17.333
9	2.822	28.274	1.1132	9.00	10.499	19.499
10	2.540	31.416	1.2368	10.00	11.666	21.666

4 Contact geometry for a pair of meshing gears



5 Gear standards

Table 8.1 Standard AGMA^a and USASI^b Tooth Systems for Involute Spur Gears^c

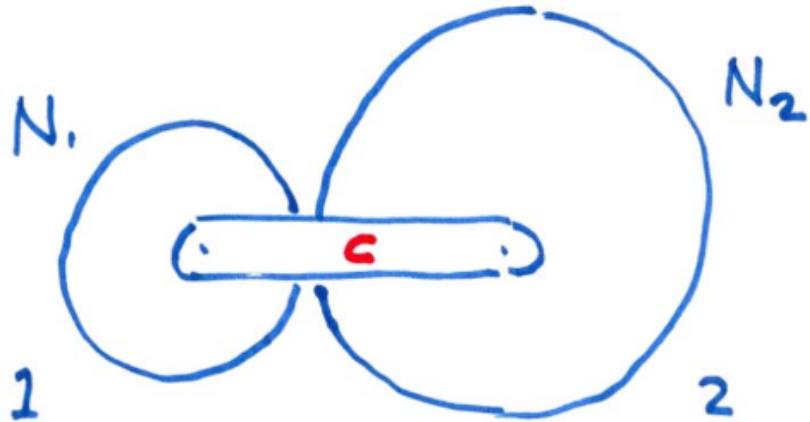
System ^c	Coarse Pitch (1P to 19.99P)		Fine Pitch (20P to 200P)	Stub Teeth
	Full Depth	Full Depth	Full Depth	
Pressure angle, ϕ	20°	25°	25°	20°
Addendum, a	$1/P_d$	$1/P_d$	$1/P_d$	$0.8/P_d$
Dedendum, b	$1.25/P_d$	$1.25/P_d$	$1.20/P_d + 0.002$ in	$1/P_d$
Working depth, h_k	$2/P_d$	$2/P_d$	$2/P_d$	$1.6/P_d$
Whole depth, h_t (min)	$2.25/P_d$	$2.25/P_d$	$2.25/P_d + 0.002$ in	$1.8/P_d$
Circular tooth thickness, t	$\pi/2P_d$	$\pi/2P_d$	$\pi/2P_d$	$\pi/2P_d$
Fillet radius of basic rack, r_f	$0.3/P_d$	$0.3/P_d$	Not standardized	
Basic clearance, c (min)	$0.25/P_d$	$0.25/P_d$	$0.2/P_d + 0.002$ in	$0.2/P_d$
Clearance, c (shaved or ground teeth)	$0.35/P_d$	$0.35/P_d$	$0.35/P_d + 0.002$ in	
Minimum width of top land, t_0	$0.25/P_d$	$0.25/P_d$	Not standardized	

^a American Gear Manufacturers' Association

^b United States of America Standards Institute

^c The standard pitches in common use are: 1 to 2 varying by 1/4 pitch, 2 to 4 varying by 1/2 pitch, 4 to 10 varying by 1 pitch, 10 to 20 varying by 2 pitch, and 20 to 200 varying by 4 pitch.

6 How to analyse planetary gear trains (PGT).



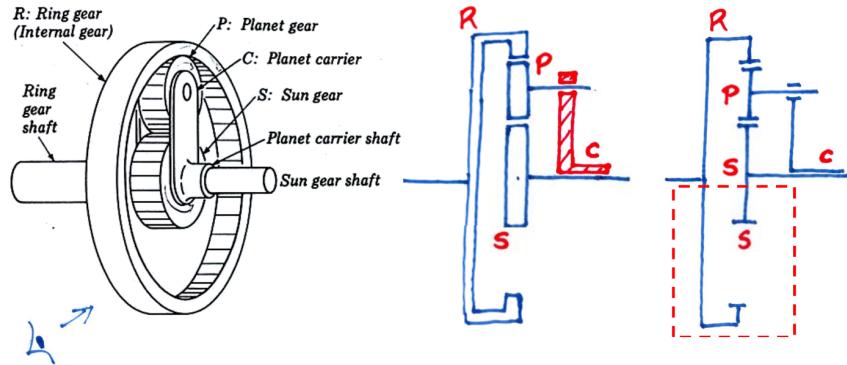
"Hold" the carrier link (c), which is fixed, and rotate gear 1.

$$\frac{n_{2/c}}{n_{1/c}} = -\frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

Where:

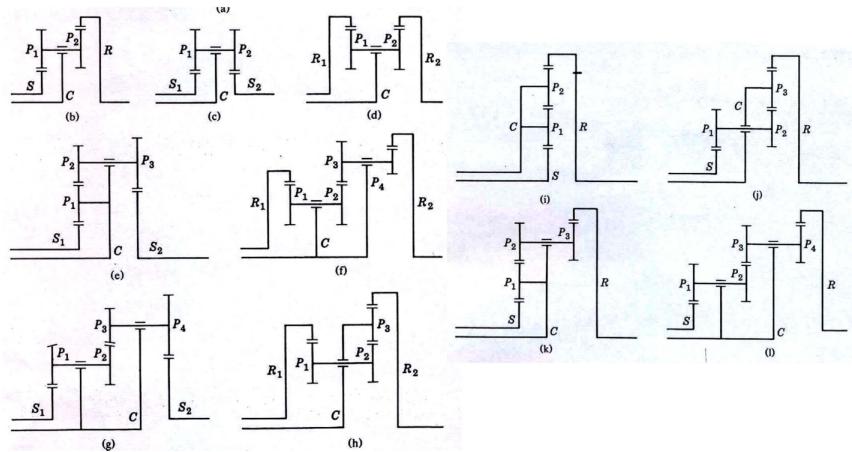
- $n_{2/c}$ is the rotations per minute of gear 2 relative to the carrier link
- $n_{1/c}$ is the rotations per minute of gear 1 relative to the carrier link
- N_1 is the number of teeth on gear 1
- N_2 is the number of teeth on gear 2

6.1 Kinematic diagram



Note that the carrier link rotates independently of the sun gear.

6.2 Levai variations of planetary gear trains



7 Getting the velocity ratio of a gear chain

The velocity ratio a gear chain is generally:

$$\frac{\text{Target gear velocity}}{\text{Driving gear velocity}} = \frac{\text{Number of driving gear teeth}}{\text{Number of driven gear teeth}}$$

- If there is a carrier, or the gear chain is a planetary gear chain, the velocity ratio will be relative to the carrier speed, so the velocity ratio equation must subtract the carrier speed term, $-n_c$.
- When the gear interaction is between an external gear and another external gear, the gear teeth ratio must be **negative (-)**.
- When the gear interaction is between an external gear and another internal gear, the gear teeth ratio must be **positive (+)**.

8 Vector algebra

Let:

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x \mathbf{i} + A_y \mathbf{j} + A_z \mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = B_x \mathbf{i} + B_y \mathbf{j} + B_z \mathbf{k}$$

8.1 Equivalence

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} \Leftrightarrow A_x = B_x, A_y = B_y, A_z = B_z$$

8.2 Addition

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{C} = (A_x + B_x) \mathbf{i} + (A_y + B_y) \mathbf{j} + (A_z + B_z) \mathbf{k}$$

8.3 Subtraction

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{D} = (A_x - B_x) \mathbf{i} + (A_y - B_y) \mathbf{j} + (A_z - B_z) \mathbf{k}$$

8.4 Scalar multiplication

$$m\mathbf{A} = mA_x \mathbf{i} + mA_y \mathbf{j} + mA_z \mathbf{k}$$

8.5 Cross product

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \mathbf{i} + (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) \mathbf{j} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \mathbf{k}$$

8.6 Inner (dot) product

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

8.7 Vector derivatives

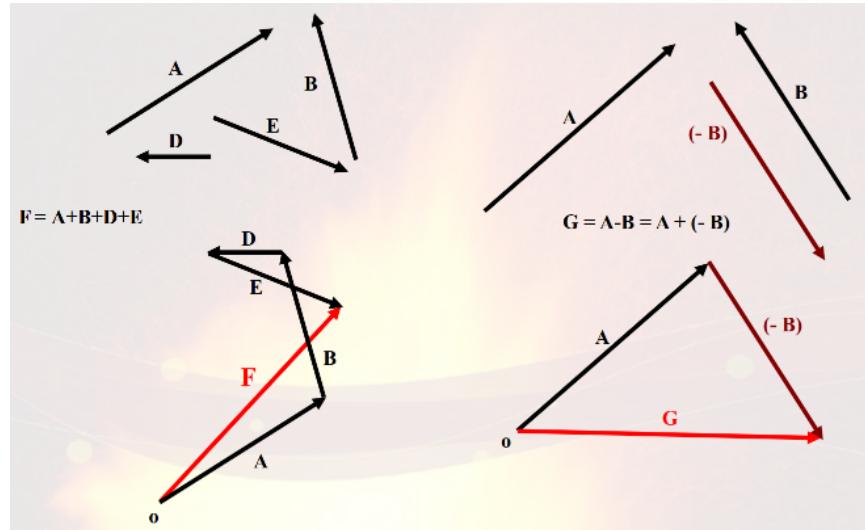
$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \times \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} \times \mathbf{B}$$

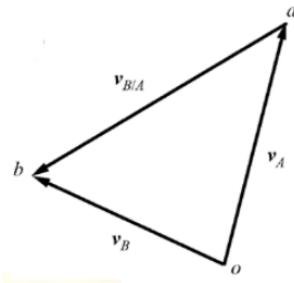
9 Graphical vector algebra

Addition and subtraction of 2D vectors can be done by joining vectors (line segments) head to tail to form **vector polygons**.



10 Graphical velocity analysis

- Graphically solve $\mathbf{V}_B = \mathbf{V}_A + \mathbf{V}_{BA}$, where $\mathbf{V}_{BA} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{BA}$.
- The above equation creates a velocity vector polygon with 3 segments, a triangle.
- Working from known velocity to one of unknown velocity.
- 1 planar vector equation means:
 - 2 scalar equations.
 - Solving exactly 2 unknowns.



10.1 Notation

10.1.1 Relative and absolute velocity

- Absolute velocity of a point starts from origin O_v
- Relative velocity of a point usually does not start from origin O_v , it is attached to certain vectors.

10.1.2 Known and unknown

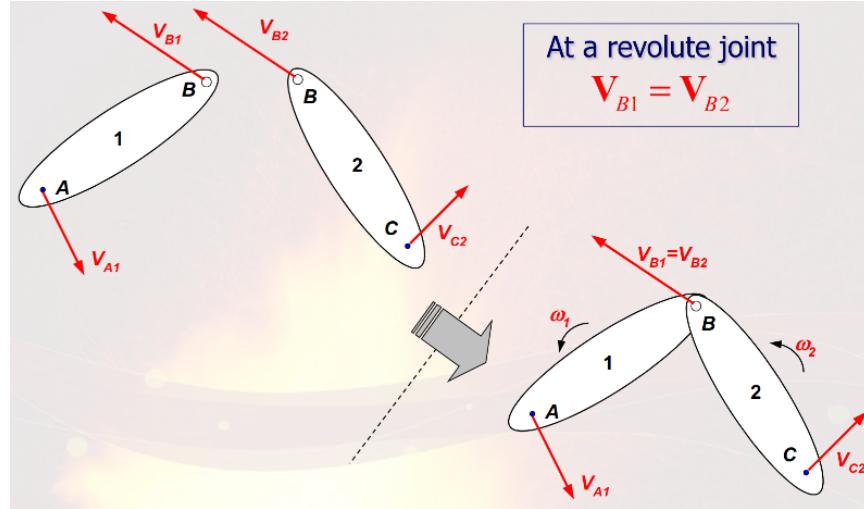
$$\overset{\times\checkmark}{V}$$

Where:

- The item on the left is the magnitude.
- The item on the right is the direction.
- \times means the value is unknown.
- \checkmark means the value is known.

10.2 Velocity at revolute joints

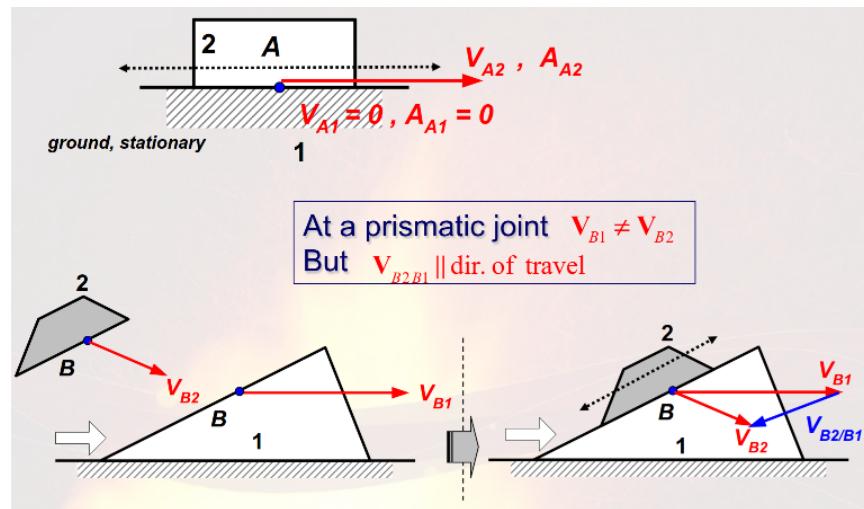
$$V_{B1} = V_{B2}$$



10.3 Velocity at prismatic joints

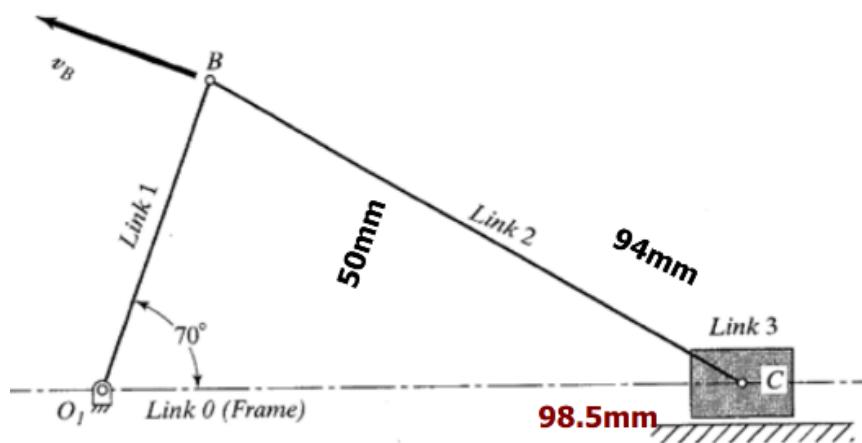
$$V_{B1} \neq V_{B2}$$

But V_{B1B2} is parallel to the direction of travel.



10.4 Example 1: Slider Crank Linkage

- Given: Link 1 (input) at current position (70°), lengths of links 1 and 2 and $\mathbf{V}_B = 500 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$.
- Distance of O_2C obtained from position analysis.
- Find: ω_2 and \mathbf{v}_C



10.4.1 Solution Step 1: Velocity Relationship

- Establish velocity relations at joints of all links.
- Work from the link with input motion and name it link 1.
- Form relative velocity equation on link 2 (coupler).
 - Velocity at joint B is known.
 - Velocity at joint C is unknown (magnitude?).

$$\overset{\times}{\overset{\checkmark}{V}}_C = \overset{\checkmark}{\overset{\checkmark}{V}}_B + \overset{\times}{\overset{\checkmark}{V}}_{CB}$$

- Solve unknown magnitude of \mathbf{V}_C and \mathbf{V}_{CB} .

$$\mathbf{V}_{CB} \perp CB$$

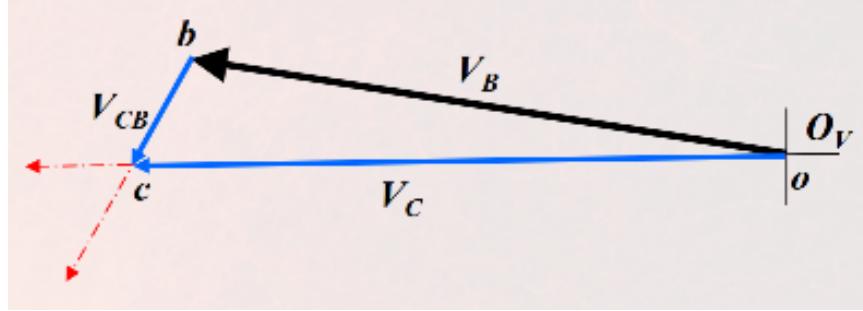
10.4.2 Solution Step 2: Velocity Polygon

Construct velocity poly based on:

$$\overset{\times}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{V}_C = \overset{\checkmark}{V}_B + \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{V}_{CB}$$

1. Choose origin O_V .
2. Define drawing scale: $\frac{\text{velocity}}{\text{length}}$, which is 1 mm for 1 mm s^{-1} .
3. Draw \mathbf{V}_B from O_V with scale.
4. Draw direction (trial vector) of \mathbf{V}_{CB} from tip of \mathbf{V}_B . \mathbf{V}_{CB} is perpendicular to CB .
5. Draw direction (trial vector) of \mathbf{V}_C from tip of O_V . \mathbf{V}_C is parallel to the ground.
6. Find intersection of trial vectors.
7. Measure lengths of oc and bc and determine the magnitude of \mathbf{V}_C and \mathbf{V}_{CB} .

Final drawing:



10.4.3 Solution Step 3: Direction Of Velocity

- Directions of \mathbf{V}_C and \mathbf{V}_{CB} determined based on vector addition in $\mathbf{V}_C = \mathbf{V}_B + \mathbf{V}_{CB}$.
- Directions of ω_2 determined from \mathbf{V}_{CB} .

$$\omega_2 = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{CB}}{BC} \text{ Clockwise rotation}$$

$$V_{CB} = 198 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$$

$$V_C = 569 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$$

$$\omega_2 = 2.1 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

10.5 Example 2: 4-bar Linkage

- Given: link 1 (input) at current position (45°) lengths of links 1, 2, 3, and 4, and $V_B = 300 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$
- Find ω_2 and ω_3

10.5.1 Solution Step 1: Velocity Relationship

- Establish velocity relations at joints of all links.
- Work from the link with input motion, and name it link 1.
- Form relative velocity equation on link 2 (coupler).
 - Velocity at joint B is known.
 - Velocity at joint C is unknown (magnitude?).

$$\overset{\times}{\checkmark} \mathbf{V}_C = \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \mathbf{V}_B + \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \mathbf{V}_{CB}$$

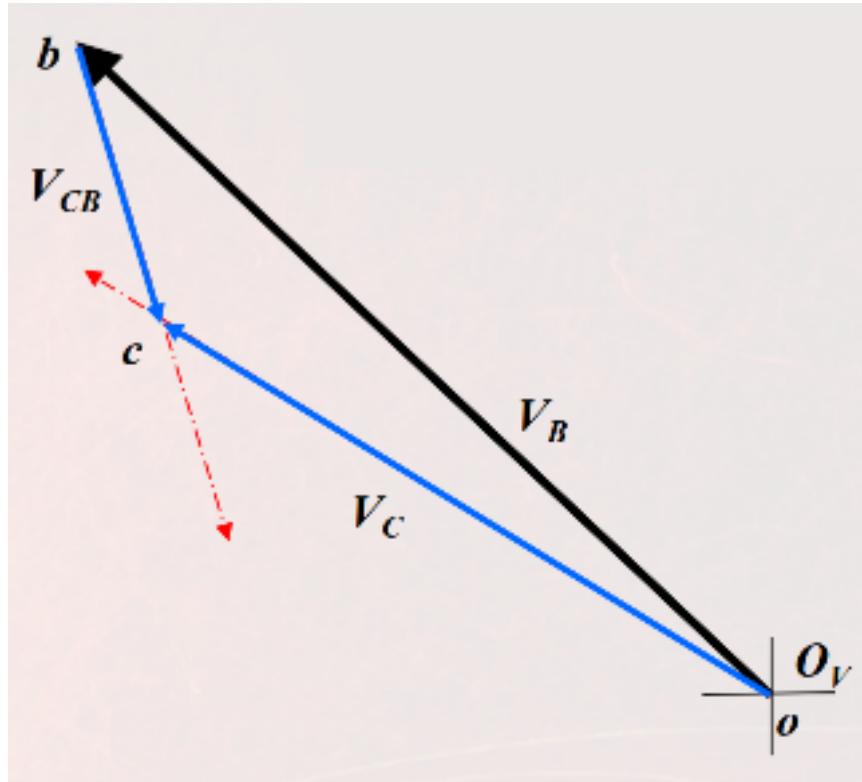
- Solve unknown magnitude of \mathbf{V}_C and \mathbf{V}_{CB} .

$$\mathbf{V}_{CB} \perp CB$$

10.5.2 Solution Step 2: Velocity Polygon

1. Choose origin O_V .
2. Define drawing scale: $\frac{\text{velocity}}{\text{length}}$, which is 1 mm for 1 mm s^{-1} .
3. Draw \mathbf{V}_B from O_V with scale.
4. Draw direction (trial vector) of \mathbf{V}_{CB} from tip of \mathbf{V}_B . \mathbf{V}_{CB} is perpendicular to CB .
5. Draw direction (trial vector) of \mathbf{V}_C from tip of O_V . \mathbf{V}_C is parallel to the ground.
6. Find intersection of trial vectors.
7. Measure lengths of oc and bc and determine the magnitude of \mathbf{V}_C and \mathbf{V}_{CB} .

Final drawing:



10.5.3 Solution Step 3: Direction Of Velocity

- Directions of \mathbf{V}_C and \mathbf{V}_{CB} determined based on vector addition in $\mathbf{V}_C = \mathbf{V}_B + \mathbf{V}_{CB}$.
- Directions of ω_2 determined from \mathbf{V}_{CB} .
- Directions of ω_3 determined from \mathbf{V}_C .

$$V_{CB} = 101 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$$

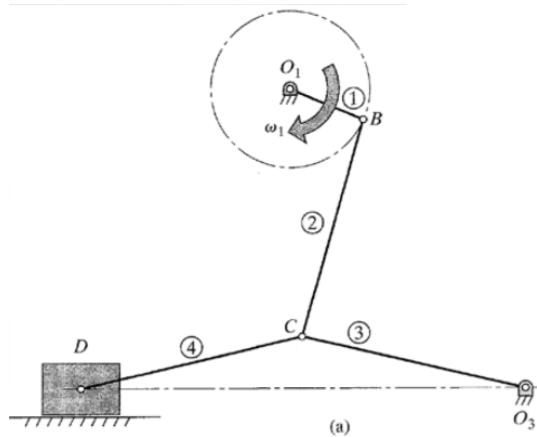
$$V_C = 216 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$$

$$\omega_2 = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{CB}}{BC} = 2.89 \text{ rad s}^{-1} \text{ Clockwise rotation}$$

$$\omega_3 = \frac{\mathbf{V}_C}{OC} = 10.8 \text{ rad s}^{-1} \text{ Counter-clockwise rotation}$$

10.6 Example 3: Combination Of Basic Linkages

- Given: Link 1 (input), $\omega_1 = 100 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ clockwise, lengths of all links are known.
- Find: \mathbf{V}_D and the angular velocities of all links.
- Toggle linkage:
 - Combination of 4-bar and slider-crank linkages.
 - 6-bar linkage with 1 degree of freedom.
 - 1 input, 1 output (Point D)



10.6.1 Solution Step 1: Velocity Relationship

- Identify basic linkages, like 4-bar, crank-slider, etc.
- Work from the link with input motion and name it link 1.
- Establish velocity relations at joints of all links.
- Form relative velocity equation on **each basic linkage**.
- Solve each equation in order.

A: Link 2 of 4-bar linkage.

$$\mathbf{V}_C = \mathbf{V}_B + \mathbf{V}_{CB}$$

B: Link 4 of slider-crank linkage.

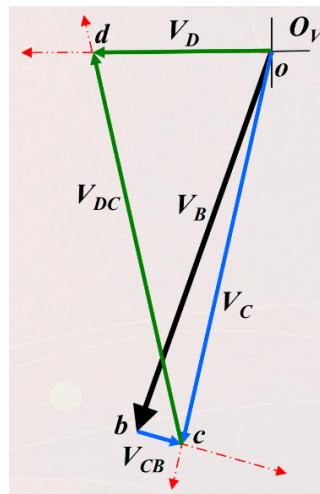
$$\mathbf{V}_D + \mathbf{V}_C + \mathbf{V}_{DC}$$

10.6.2 Solution Step 2: Velocity Polygon

1. Choose origin O_V .
 2. Define drawing scale: $\frac{\text{velocity}}{\text{length}}$, which is 1 mm for 1 mm s^{-1} .
 3. Construct velocity polygon based on:
- $$\overset{\times\checkmark}{V}_C = \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{V}_B + \overset{\times\checkmark}{V}_{CB}$$
4. Draw V_B from O_v with scale, $\mathbf{V}_B = \boldsymbol{\omega}_1 \times \mathbf{r}_{O_1B}$.
 5. Draw direction (trial vector) of V_{CB} from tip of V_B , $\mathbf{V}_{CB} \perp CB$.
 6. Draw direction (trial vector) of V_C from O_v , $\mathbf{V}_C \perp O_2C$.
 7. Find intersection of trial vectors.
 8. Measure lengths of oc and bc , determine magnitude of V_C and V_{CB} .
 9. Construct velocity polygon based on:

$$\overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{V}_D = \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{V}_C + \overset{\times\checkmark}{V}_{DC}$$

10. Draw direction (trial vector) of V_{DC} from the tip of V_C , $\mathbf{V}_{DC} \perp DC$.
11. Draw direction (trial vector) of V_D from O_v , $\mathbf{V}_D \perp$ Ground.
12. Find the intersection of trial vectors.
13. Measure the lengths of od and dc , and determine magnitude of V_D and V_{DC} .



10.6.3 Solution Step 3: Direction Of Velocity

$$V_D = 4 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ Left}$$

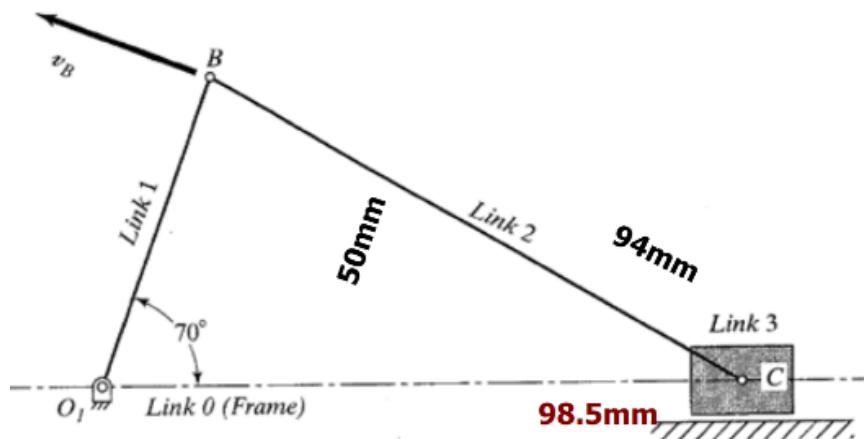
$$\omega_2 = \frac{V_{CB}}{BC} \text{ Counter-clockwise}$$

$$\omega_3 = \frac{V_C}{O_2C} \text{ Counter-clockwise}$$

$$\omega_4 = \frac{V_{DC}}{CD} \text{ Clockwise}$$

10.7 Example 4: Slider-Crank Linkage using Velocity Image

- Given: Link 1 (input) at current position (70°), lengths of links 1 and 2 and $V_B = 500 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$.
- Find: V_D .

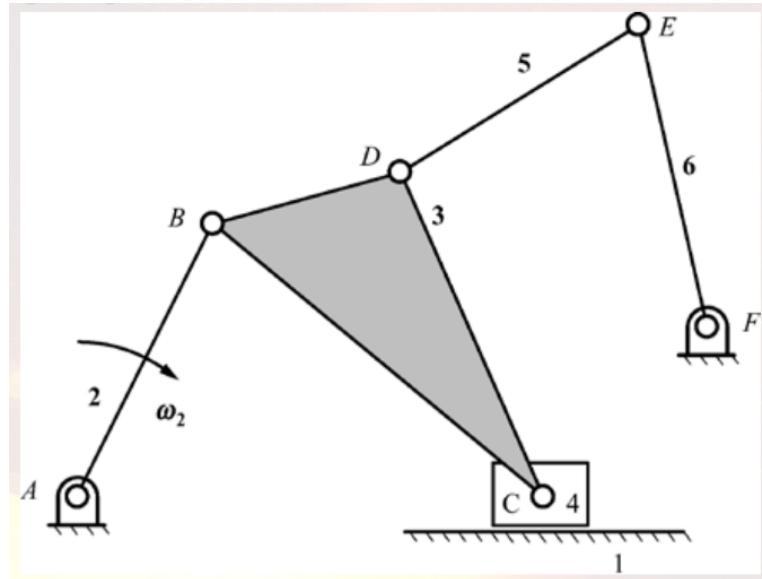


10.7.1 Solution: Using velocity image

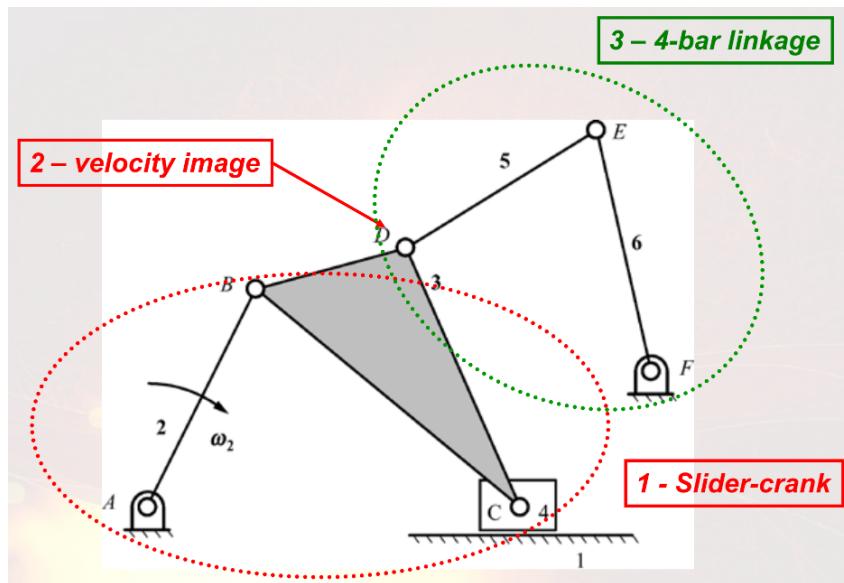
- Complete velocity analysis of links and joints first.
- Draw velocity image of link with designated points (e.g. Link 2).
 - Option 1: Find out the orientation of the velocity image (rotating along with 90°) and scale.
 - Option 2: Draw relative velocity vectors perpendicular to link edges (e.g. $V_{CB} \perp BC$).
- Draw the absolute velocity from the origin O_v .

10.8 Example 5: 6-bar linkage

- Given: A constant ω_2 .
- Find: $\omega_3, \omega_5, \omega_6$



10.8.1 Solving strategy



11 Graphical acceleration analysis

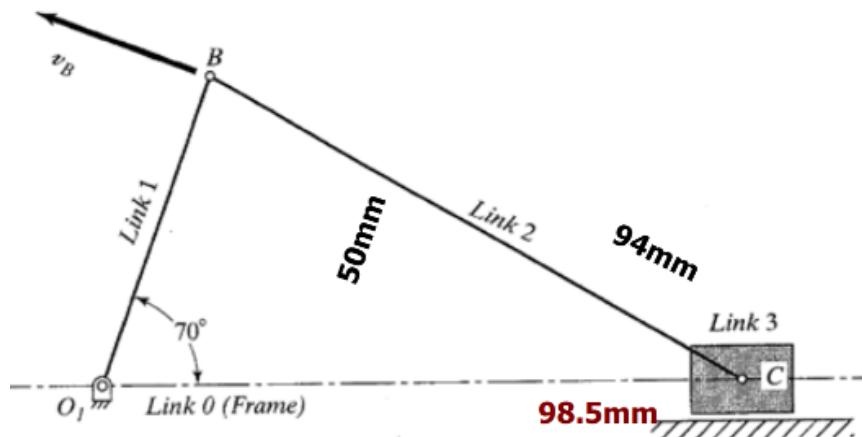
- Using graphical construction of **acceleration polygon** formed by **acceleration of points on link members** to find the angular acceleration of the link and linear acceleration of other points on the link.
- Based on the relative acceleration equation for **each** link member.

$$\mathbf{A}_B = \mathbf{A}_A + \mathbf{A}_{BA}^n + \mathbf{A}_{BA}^t$$

- 1 planar vector equation means:
 - 2 scalar equations.
 - Solving exactly 2 unknowns.
- Absolute acceleration of a point starts from the origin O_A .
- Relative acceleration of a point usually does not start from origin O_A , it is attached after certain vectors.

11.1 Example 1: Slider Crank Linkage

- Given: Link 1 (input) at current position (70°), lengths of links 1 and 2, $V_B = 500 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$, and $\alpha_1 = 0$ (constant ω_1).
- Find: α_2 and \mathbf{A}_c .



11.1.1 Solution Step 1: Acceleration Relationship

- Establish acceleration relations at joints of all links.
- Work from the link with input motion and name it link 1.
- Form relative acceleration equation on link 2 (coupler).
 - Acceleration at joint B is known.
 - Acceleration at joint C is unknown.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_C &= \mathbf{A}_B + \mathbf{A}_{CB} \\ \overset{\times\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}}_C &= \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}}_B^n + \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}}_B^t + \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}}_{CB}^n + \overset{\times\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}}_{CB}^t\end{aligned}$$

Solve for unknown magnitude of \mathbf{A}_C and \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t .

At link 1:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_B^t &\perp O_1B \\ \alpha_1 &= \frac{A_B^t}{O_1B} = 0 \\ \mathbf{A}_B^n &= \omega_1^2 \cdot O_1B \\ \mathbf{A}_B^n &\parallel O_1B \text{ towards } O_1\end{aligned}$$

At link 2:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_{CB}^n &= \omega_2^2 \cdot CB \\ \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n &\parallel CB \text{ towards } B \\ \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t &\perp CB\end{aligned}$$

At link 3:

$$\mathbf{A}_C \parallel \text{Ground}$$

11.1.2 Solution Step 2: Acceleration Polygon

Construct acceleration polygon based on:

$$\overset{\times\checkmark}{A}_C = \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{A}_B^n + \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{A}_B^t + \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{A}_{CB}^n + \overset{\times\checkmark}{A}_{CB}^t$$

1. Choose origin O_A .
 2. Define drawing scale: $\frac{\text{velocity}}{\text{length}}$, which is 1 mm for 10 mm s^{-2} .
 3. Draw acceleration vector in order of $A_B^n, A_{CB}^n (A_B^t = 0)$ from O_A with scale.
- $$A_B^n = \omega_1^2 \cdot O_1B = 5000 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$
- $$A_{CB}^n = \omega_2^2 \cdot CB = 417 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$
4. Draw direction (trial vector) of A_{CB}^t from tip of A_{CB}^n . A_{CB}^t is perpendicular to CB .
 5. Draw direction (trial vector) of A_C from O_A .
 6. Find the intersection of the trial vectors.
 7. Measure lengths of respective vectors to determine the magnitude of A_C and A_{CB}^t .

Final drawing:



11.1.3 Solution Step 3: Direction Of Acceleration

- Directions of \mathbf{A}_C and \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t determined based on vector addition in acceleration polygon:

$$\ddot{\mathbf{A}}_C = \dot{\mathbf{A}}_B^n + \dot{\mathbf{A}}_B^t + \dot{\mathbf{A}}_{CB}^n + \ddot{\mathbf{A}}_{CB}^t$$

- Direction of α_2 determined from \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t .

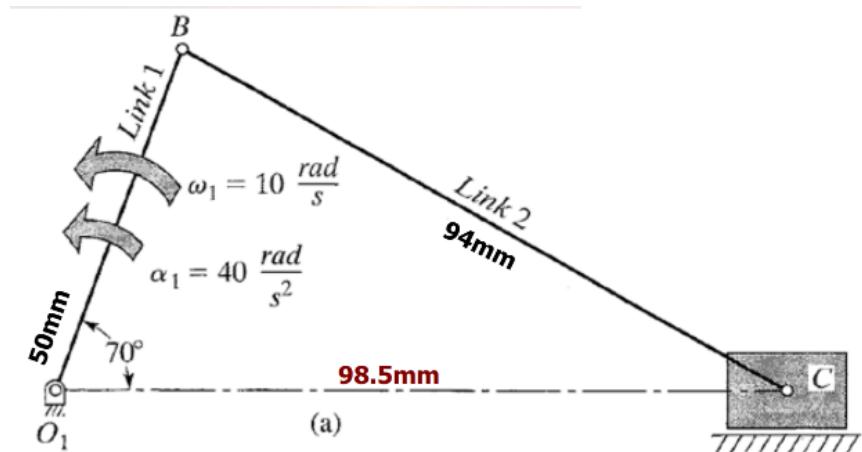
$$A_{CB}^t = 5180 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$A_C = 520 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{A_{CB}^t}{CB} = 55.11 \text{ rad s}^{-2} \text{ Counter-clockwise}$$

11.2 Example 2: Slider Crank Linkage

- Given: Link 1 (input) at current position (70°), lengths of links 1 and 2, $\omega_1 = 10 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ counter-clockwise, and $\alpha_1 = 40 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$ counter-clockwise.
- Find: α_2 and A_c .



11.2.1 Solution Step 1: Acceleration Relationship

- Establish acceleration relations at joints of all links.
- Work from the link with input motion and name it link 1.
- Form relative acceleration equation on link 2 (coupler).
 - Acceleration at joint B is known.
 - Acceleration at joint C is unknown.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_C &= \mathbf{A}_B + \mathbf{A}_{CB} \\ \overset{\times\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}}_C &= \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}}_B^n + \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}}_B^t + \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}}_{CB}^n + \overset{\times\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}}_{CB}^t\end{aligned}$$

Solve for unknown magnitude of \mathbf{A}_C and \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t .

At link 1:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_B^t &\perp O_1B \\ \mathbf{A}_B^n &= \omega_1^2 \cdot O_1B \\ \mathbf{A}_B^n &\parallel O_1B \text{ towards } O_1\end{aligned}$$

At link 2:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_{CB}^n &= \omega_2^2 \cdot CB \\ \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n &\parallel CB \text{ towards } B \\ \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t &\perp CB\end{aligned}$$

At link 3:

$$\mathbf{A}_C \parallel \text{Ground}$$

11.2.2 Solution Step 2: Acceleration Polygon

Construct acceleration polygon based on:

$$\overset{\times\checkmark}{A_C} = \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{A_B^n} + \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{A_B^t} + \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{A_{CB}^n} + \overset{\times\checkmark}{A_{CB}^t}$$

1. Choose origin O_A .
2. Define drawing scale: $\frac{\text{velocity}}{\text{length}}$, which is 1 mm for 10 mm s^{-2} .
3. Draw acceleration vector in order of A_B^n, A_B^t, A_{CB}^n from O_A with scale.

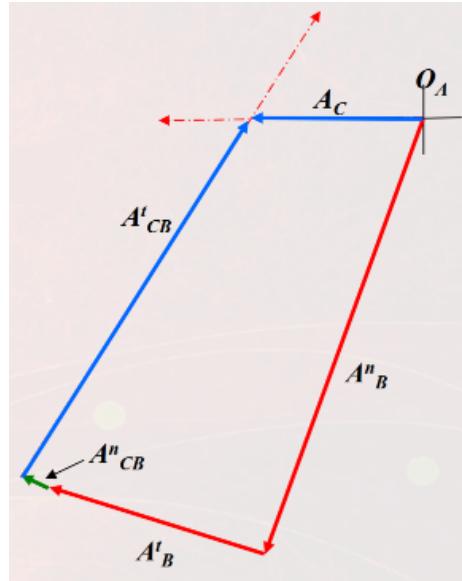
$$A_B^n = \omega_1^2 \cdot O_1B = 5000 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$A_B^t = \omega_1^2 \cdot O_1B = 2000 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$A_{CB}^n = \omega_2^2 \cdot CB = 417 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

4. Draw direction (trial vector) of A_{CB}^t from tip of A_{CB}^n . A_{CB}^t is perpendicular to CB .
5. Draw direction (trial vector) of A_C from O_A .
6. Find the intersection of the trial vectors.
7. Measure lengths of respective vectors to determine the magnitude of A_C and A_{CB}^t .

Final drawing:



11.2.3 Solution Step 3: Direction Of Acceleration

- Directions of \mathbf{A}_C and \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t determined based on vector addition in acceleration polygon:

$$\overset{\times\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}_C} = \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}_B^n} + \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}_B^t} + \overset{\checkmark\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}_{CB}^n} + \overset{\times\checkmark}{\mathbf{A}_{CB}^t}$$

- Direction of α_2 determined from \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t .

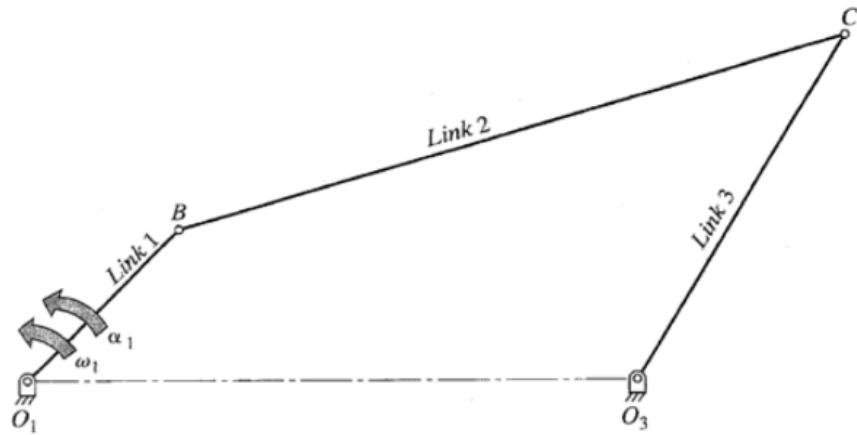
$$A_{CB}^t = 4400 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$A_C = 1750 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{A_{CB}^t}{CB} = 46.8 \text{ rad s}^{-2} \text{ Counter-clockwise}$$

11.3 Example 3: 4-bar linkage

- Given: Link 1 (input) at current position (70°), lengths of links 1 and 2, $\omega_1 = 30 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ counter-clockwise $\alpha_1 = 200 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$ counter-clockwise.
- Find: α_2 and α_3 .



11.3.1 Solution Step 1: Acceleration Relationship

- Establish acceleration relations at joints of all links.
- Work from the link with input motion and name it link 1.
- Form relative acceleration equation on link 2 (coupler).

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_C &= \mathbf{A}_B + \mathbf{A}_{CB} \\ \checkmark\checkmark \quad \times\checkmark \quad \checkmark\checkmark \quad \checkmark\checkmark \quad \checkmark\checkmark \quad \times\checkmark \\ \mathbf{A}_C^n + \mathbf{A}_C^t &= \mathbf{A}_B^n + \mathbf{A}_B^t + \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n + \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t\end{aligned}$$

Solve for unknown magnitude of \mathbf{A}_C and \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t .

At link 1:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_B^t &\perp O_1B \\ \mathbf{A}_B^t &= \alpha_1 \cdot O_1B \\ \mathbf{A}_B^n &= \omega_1^2 \cdot O_1B \\ \mathbf{A}_B^n &\parallel O_1B \text{ towards } O_1\end{aligned}$$

At link 2:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_{CB}^n &= \omega_2^2 \cdot CB \\ \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n &\parallel CB \text{ towards } B \\ \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t &\perp CB\end{aligned}$$

At link 3:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_C^t &\perp O_3C \\ \mathbf{A}_C^t &= \alpha_3 \cdot O_3C \\ \mathbf{A}_C^n &= \omega_3^2 \cdot O_3C \\ \mathbf{A}_C^n &\parallel O_3C \text{ towards } O_3\end{aligned}$$

11.3.2 Solution Step 2: Acceleration Polygon

Construct acceleration polygon based on:

$$\checkmark \checkmark \quad \times \checkmark \quad \checkmark \checkmark \quad \checkmark \checkmark \quad \times \checkmark \\ \mathbf{A}_C^n + \mathbf{A}_C^t = \mathbf{A}_B^n + \mathbf{A}_B^t + \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n + \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t$$

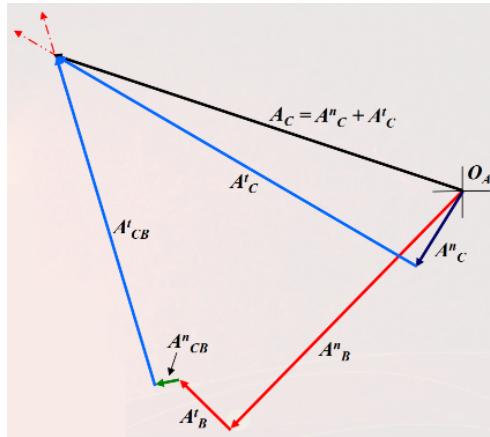
1. Choose origin O_A .
2. Define drawing scale: $\frac{\text{velocity}}{\text{length}}$, which is 1 mm for 10 mm s^{-2} .
3. Draw acceleration vector for the right-hand side of the equation in the order $\mathbf{A}_B^n, \mathbf{A}_B^t, \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n$ from O_A with scale.

$$\mathbf{A}_C^n = \omega_1^2 \cdot O_1B = 4660 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{CB}^n = \omega_2^2 \cdot CB = 580 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

4. Draw direction (trial vector) of \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t from tip of \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n . \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t is perpendicular to CB .
5. Draw acceleration vector \mathbf{A}_C^t for the left-hand side of the equation from O_A .
6. Draw direction (trial vector) of \mathbf{A}_C^t from \mathbf{A}_C^n , $A_C^t \perp O_3C$.
7. Find the intersection of the trial vectors.
8. Measure lengths of respective vectors to determine the magnitude of \mathbf{A}_C^t and \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t .

Final drawing:



11.3.3 Solution Step 3: Direction Of Acceleration

- Directions of \mathbf{A}_C^t and \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t determined based on vector addition in acceleration polygon:

$$\overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \mathbf{A}_C^n + \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \mathbf{A}_C^t = \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \mathbf{A}_B^n + \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \mathbf{A}_B^t + \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n + \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t$$

- Direction of α_2 and α_3 determined from \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t .

$$A_{CB}^t = 18600 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$A_C^t = 22200 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{A_{CB}^t}{CB} = 266 \text{ rad s}^{-2} \text{ Counter-clockwise}$$

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{A_C^t}{O_3C} = 555 \text{ rad s}^{-2} \text{ Counter-clockwise}$$

11.4 Example 4: Combination Of Basic Linkages using Acceleration Image

- Given: Link 1 (input), $\omega_1 = 100 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ clockwise, lengths of all links are known.
- Find: \mathbf{A}_D and angular acceleration of all links.
- Toggle linkage:
 - Combination of 4-bar and slider-crank linkages.
 - 6-bar linkage with 1 degree of freedom.
 - 1 input, 1 output (Point D)

11.4.1 Solution Step 1: Acceleration Relationship

- Continue from velocity analysis.
- Work from the link with input motion and name it link 1.
- Establish acceleration relations at joints of all links.
- Form relative acceleration equation on **each basic linkage**.
- Solve each equation in order.

A: Link 2 of 4-bar linkage.

$$\mathbf{A}_C^n + \mathbf{A}_C^t = \mathbf{A}_B^n + \mathbf{A}_B^t + \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n + \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t$$

B: Link 4 of slider-crank linkage.

$$\mathbf{A}_D = \mathbf{A}_C + \mathbf{A}_{DC}^n + \mathbf{A}_{DC}^t$$

11.4.2 Solution Step 2: Acceleration Polygon

1. Choose origin O_A , and define drawing scale, which is 1 mm for 10 mm s^{-2} .
2. Construct acceleration polygon based on:

$$\overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \\ \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \\ \mathbf{A}_C^n + \mathbf{A}_C^t = \mathbf{A}_B^n + \mathbf{A}_B^t + \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n + \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t$$

3. Draw acceleration vector for the right-hand side of the equation in the order $\mathbf{A}_B^n, \mathbf{A}_B^t, \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n$ from O_A with scale.

$$\mathbf{A}_B^n = \omega_1^2 \cdot O_1B = 100\,000 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_B^t = \alpha_1 \cdot O_1B = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{CB}^n = \omega_2^2 \cdot CB = 3600 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

4. Draw direction (trial vector) of \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t from tip of \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n . \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t is perpendicular to CB .
5. Draw acceleration vector \mathbf{A}_C^n from O_A .

$$\mathbf{A}_C^n = \omega_3^2 \cdot O_3C = 31\,300 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

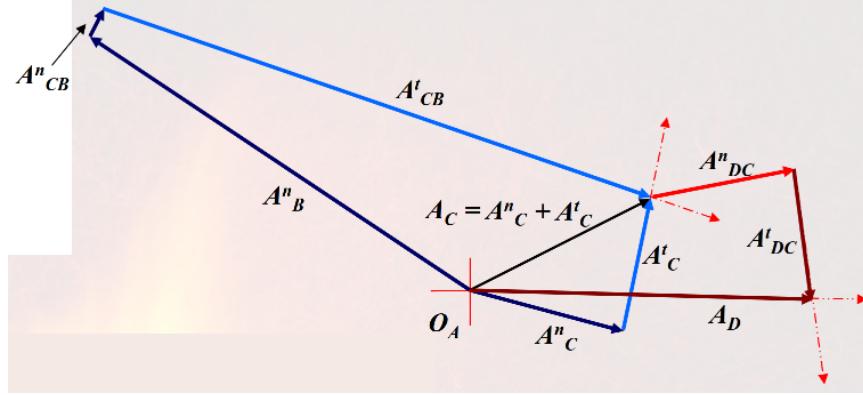
6. Draw direction (trial vector) of \mathbf{A}_C^t from \mathbf{A}_C^n , $\mathbf{A}_C^t \perp O_3C$.
7. Intersect the trial vectors and find the magnitude of A_C^t and A_{CB}^t .
8. Construct acceleration polygon based on:

$$\overset{\times}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \\ \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \overset{\times}{\checkmark} \overset{\checkmark}{\checkmark} \\ \mathbf{A}_D = \mathbf{A}_C^n + \mathbf{A}_C^t + \mathbf{A}_{DC}^n + \mathbf{A}_{DC}^t$$

$$\mathbf{A}_C = 43\,000 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

9. Draw acceleration vector \mathbf{A}_{DC}^n for the right-hand side of the equation from \mathbf{A}_C^t .
10. Draw direction (trial vector) of \mathbf{A}_{DC}^t from tip of \mathbf{A}_{DC}^n , $\mathbf{A}_{DC}^t \perp CD$.
11. For the left-hand side of the equation, draw direction (trial vector) of \mathbf{A}_D from O_A .
12. Find the intersection of trial vectors and the magnitude of A_D and A_{DC}^t .

Final drawing:



11.4.3 Solution Step 3: Direction Of Acceleration

- Directions of \mathbf{A}_C^t , \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t and \mathbf{A}_{DC}^t are determined based on vector addition in acceleration polygon:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}_C^n + \mathbf{A}_C^t &= \mathbf{A}_B^n + \mathbf{A}_B^t + \mathbf{A}_{CB}^n + \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t \\ \mathbf{A}_D = \mathbf{A}_C^n + \mathbf{A}_C^t + \mathbf{A}_{DC}^n + \mathbf{A}_{DC}^t\end{aligned}$$

- Direction of α_2 , α_3 and α_4 are determined from \mathbf{A}_{CB}^t , \mathbf{A}_C^t and \mathbf{A}_{DC}^t .

$$\mathbf{A}_D = 75\,000 \text{ mm s}^{-2}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{\mathbf{A}_{CB}^t}{CB} \text{ Counter-clockwise}$$

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{\mathbf{A}_C^t}{O_3C} \text{ Clockwise}$$

$$\alpha_4 = \frac{\mathbf{A}_{DC}^t}{DC} \text{ Counter-clockwise}$$

12 Vector loops

12.1 Purpose of vector loop method

- Forming vector loop equations to describe geometric constraints of mechanism and solve kinematics analytically.
- Vector loop of displacement vectors.

$$r_1 + r_4 = r_2 + r_3$$

12.1.1 Velocity closure equation

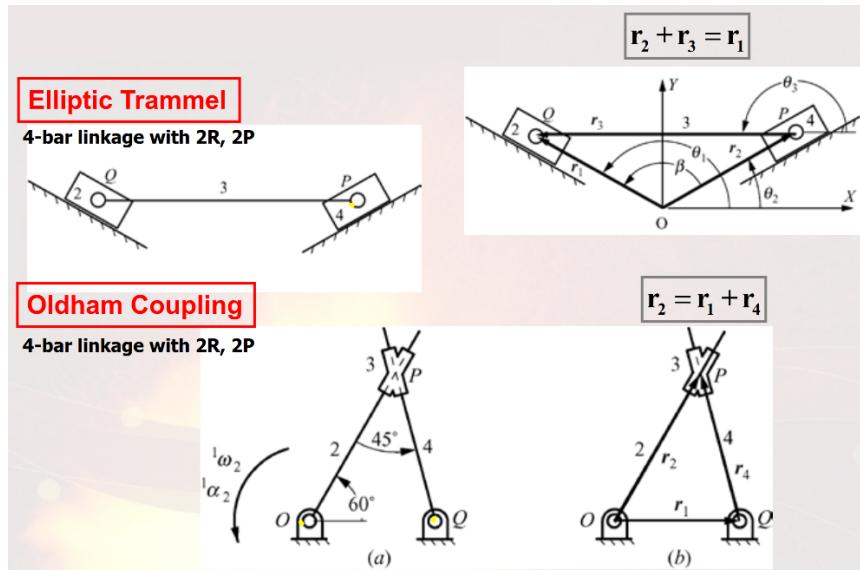
$$\dot{r}_1 + \dot{r}_4 = \dot{r}_2 + \dot{r}_3$$

12.1.2 Acceleration closure equation

$$\ddot{r}_1 + \ddot{r}_4 = \ddot{r}_2 + \ddot{r}_3$$

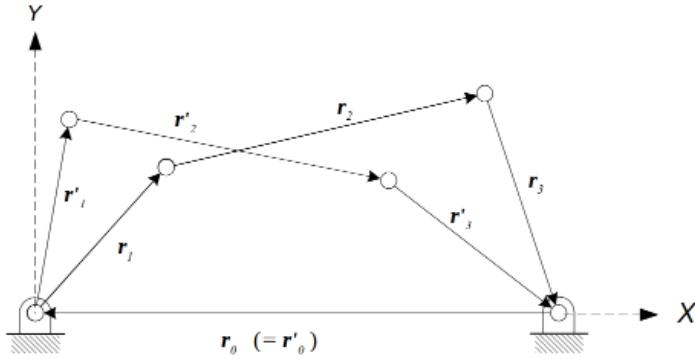
12.2 Forming vector loops

- Utilise links between revolute joints.
- Use position of prismatic joints.



12.3 Position analysis

1. Set up a fixed reference frame ($X - Y$) as shown below.

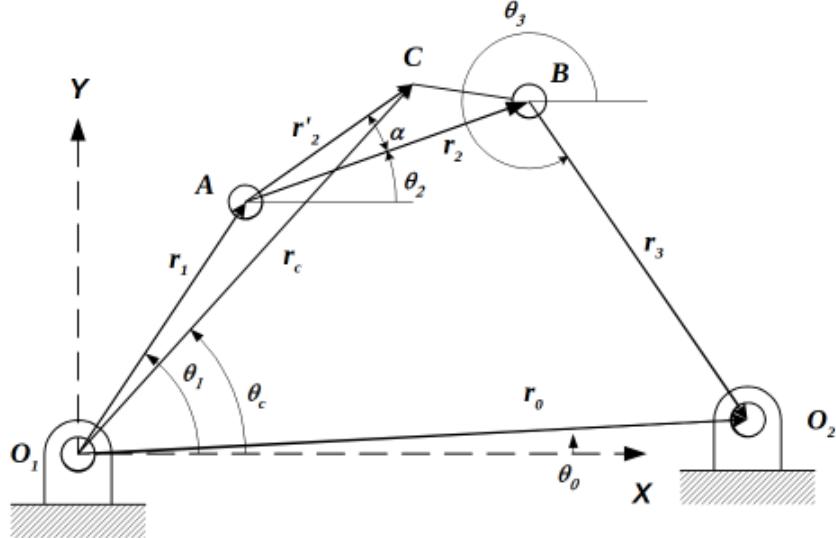


2. Assign a vector (magnitude and direction) on every link member in the mechanism so that all the vectors form a closed loop or a vector polygon.
3. Write the vector loop closure equation for every independent loop.
4. Decompose the vector loop closure equation into the scalar equations along the directions of the coordinate axes of the reference frame, in this case, the X and Y directions. Note that in the planar mechanism analysis, one vector loop equation can be decomposed into 2 scalar equations; in the spatial mechanism analysis the number of scalar equations should be 3.
5. Derive the necessary constraint equations (for rolling contact case), if any.
6. Formulate a set of simultaneous equations based on the results of steps 4 and 5. The set of equations is called the displacement equations of the mechanism. Solve the displacement equations using appropriate methods to determine the position of all members in the mechanism.
7. Use the positions of the link members found in step 6 to find the position of other points of interest on the mechanism.

Note that in step 6, the displacement equations are usually non-linear trigonometric equations that can be solved by using trigonometry functions. In certain situations, the displacement equations become linear equations whereby methods in linear algebra can be used to obtain the solution.

12.3.1 Example

Given the lengths of all the links r_0, r_1, r_2 and r_3 and the input crank angle θ_1 , as shown below, use the vector loop method to determine the positions of links 2 and 3, i.e., θ_2 and θ_3 .



1. Set up the coordinate axes of the reference frame as shown in the figure. Note that the reference frame is usually attached to the fixed link, not the moving links.
2. Define vectors as shown in the figure: $\mathbf{r}_0 = \overrightarrow{O_1 O_2}$, $\mathbf{r}_1 = \overrightarrow{O_1 A}$, $\mathbf{r}_2 = \overrightarrow{A B}$ and $\mathbf{r}_3 = \overrightarrow{B O_2}$. Since all joints are of the revolute type, the vectors are therefore defined between the centres of the joints. The magnitudes of the vectors represent the length of the links. The directions of the vectors can be defined in either way depending on the analysis. The angle θ_i is used to represent the orientation of \mathbf{r}_i relative to X -axis. The angle θ_i is measured in the **counter-clockwise** direction.
3. The vector loop equation is then $-\mathbf{r}_0 + \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{r}_3 = 0$. Note that the directions of the vectors in the equation follow the vector addition and subtraction principles. Geometrically, the equation represents a vector polygon.

4. By expressing $x_i = r_i \cos \theta_i$ and $y_i = \sin \theta_i$, where x_i and y_i are the components of \mathbf{r}_i along the X and Y directions, the following two scalar equations can be obtained:

$$-r_0 \cos \theta_0 + r_1 \cos \theta_1 + r_2 \cos \theta_2 + r_3 \cos \theta_3 = 0$$

$$-r_0 \sin \theta_0 + r_1 \sin \theta_1 + r_2 \sin \theta_2 + r_3 \sin \theta_3 = 0$$

5. There is no constraint equation since there is no rolling contact in the mechanism.
6. From the problem statement, there are only two unknowns θ_2 and θ_3 in the above scalar equations. Two scalar equations can solve for two unknowns exactly. θ_0 is a constant. If the direction of \mathbf{r}_0 is aligned along the X -axis, then $\theta_0 = 0$. The input θ_1 is also given.
7. Suppose that a point C is located on the coupling link, and the position of C is given by the vector $\mathbf{r}'_2 = \overrightarrow{AC}$. The angle between \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{AC} is α , therefore, the direction of \mathbf{r}' is $\theta'_2 = \theta_2 + \alpha$. The position of C with respect to the reference frame $X - Y$ is thus:

$$\mathbf{r}_c = \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}'_2$$

Decompose the above equation into X and Y components and use the result from step 6, the X and Y coordinates of point C can be obtained:

$$X_c = r_1 \cos \theta_1 + r'_2 \cos \theta'_2 = r_1 \cos \theta_1 + r'_2 \cos(\theta_2 + \alpha)$$

$$Y_c = r_1 \sin \theta_1 + r'_2 \sin \theta'_2 = r_1 \sin \theta_1 + r'_2 \sin(\theta_2 + \alpha)$$

For velocity and acceleration analysis, just differentiate the equations above to obtain the velocity and acceleration equations.

12.4 Location of the reference frame

- The reference frame ($X - Y$) can be located anywhere on the fixed link.
- The origin of the reference frame is usually attached to the centre of the pivot of the input link.
- The direction of the input pivot to the output pivot is chosen as the direction of the X -axis.
- As shown in the figure below, the X -axis is along the direction of the fixed link. In this way, a vector in $-X$ direction can represent the fixed link. Thus, the vector has no Y -component and the displacement equations can be simplified.
- The location and orientation of the reference frame is chosen in a way to simplify the formulation of the displacement equations.

12.5 Determination of the vectors

Rules:

1. The magnitudes or the angular orientations (θ) of all vectors should contain the information of all mechanism variables for the position analysis.
2. The vectors should be defined properly to reduce the non-linearity of the displacement equations.

12.6 Example 1: 4-bar linkages

- Displacement vector loop equations:

$$\mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{r}_3 = \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_4$$

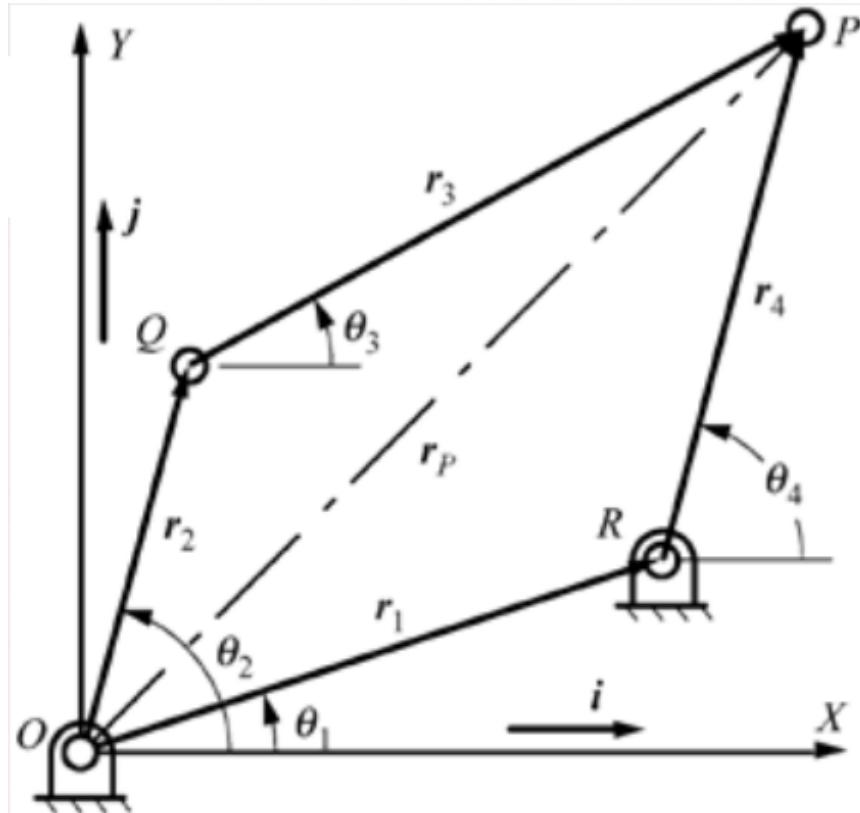
$$r_2(\cos \theta_2 \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta_2 \mathbf{j}) + r_3(\cos \theta_3 \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta_3 \mathbf{j}) = r_1(\cos \theta_1 \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta_1 \mathbf{j}) + r_4(\cos \theta_4 \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta_4 \mathbf{j})$$

- Put in component equations (i and j)

$$r_2 \cos \theta_2 + r_3 \cos \theta_3 = r_1 \cos \theta_1 + r_4 \cos \theta_4$$

$$r_2 \sin \theta_2 + r_3 \sin \theta_3 = r_1 \sin \theta_1 + r_4 \sin \theta_4$$

- Base vector r_1 is a constant, which means r_1 and ω_1 is constant.
- Link lengths r_2, r_3 and r_4 are constant, but ω_2, ω_3 and ω_4 are not constants.
- For input link 2, ω_2 is given, so solve ω_3 and ω_4 in terms of ω_2 .



12.6.1 Solution of closure equation

- Solve trigonometric equations.

$$r_3 \cos \theta_3 = r_1 \cos \theta_1 + r_4 \cos \theta_4 - r_2 \cos \theta_2$$

$$r_3 \sin \theta_3 = r_1 \sin \theta_1 + r_4 \sin \theta_4 - r_2 \sin \theta_2$$

- Use trigonometric identity:

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

- We get:

$$\begin{aligned} r_3^2 &= r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_4^2 + 2r_1r_4(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_4 + \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_4) \\ &\quad - 2r_1r_2(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) - 2r_2r_4(\cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_4 + \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_4) \end{aligned}$$

- Combining coefficients:

$$A \cos \theta_4 + B \sin \theta_4 + C = 0$$

Where:

$$A = 2r_1r_4 \cos \theta_1 - 2r_2r_4 \cos \theta_2$$

$$B = 2r_1r_4 \sin \theta_1 - 2r_2r_4 \sin \theta_2$$

$$r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_4^2 - r_3^2 - 2r_1r_2(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2)$$

- Using half-angle identity:

$$\sin \theta_4 = \frac{2 \tan \left(\frac{\theta_4}{2} \right)}{1 + \tan^2 \left(\frac{\theta_4}{2} \right)}$$

$$\cos \theta_4 = \frac{1 - \tan^2 \left(\frac{\theta_4}{2} \right)}{1 + \tan^2 \left(\frac{\theta_4}{2} \right)}$$

- And let $t = \tan \left(\frac{\theta_4}{2} \right)$:

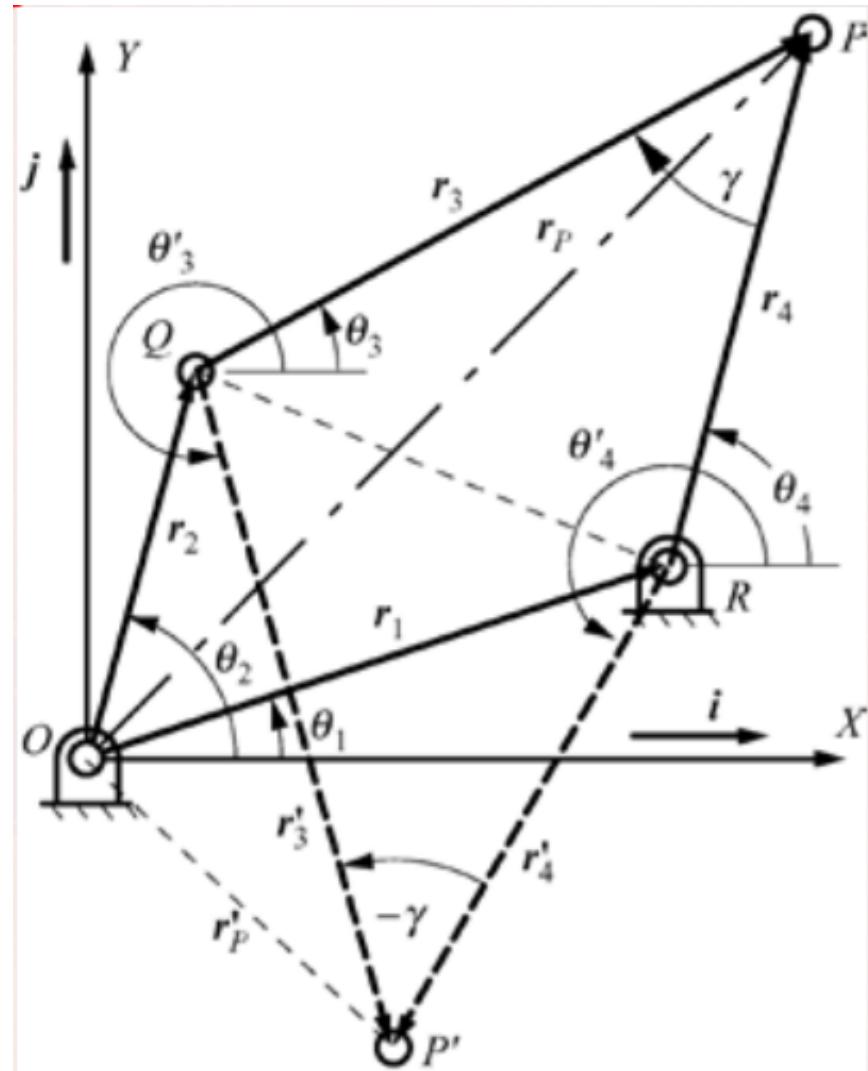
$$\theta_4 = 2 \tan^{-1} t$$

$$t = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - C^2 + A^2}}{C - A}$$

$$\theta_3 = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{r_1 \sin \theta_1 + r_4 \sin \theta_4 - r_2 \sin \theta_2}{r_1 \cos \theta_1 + r_4 \cos \theta_4 - r_2 \cos \theta_2} \right]$$

- To ensure the angle lies in the correct quadrant, we use:

$$\theta_3 = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\sin \theta_3}{\cos \theta_3} \right]$$



12.6.2 Velocity equation

- Differentiating the loop equation, we have:

$$\dot{r}_2 + \dot{r}_3 + \dot{r}_1 + \dot{r}_4$$

$$r_2\dot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2 + r_3\dot{\theta}_3 \sin \theta_3 = r_4\dot{\theta}_4 \sin \theta_4$$

$$r_2\dot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2 + r_3\dot{\theta}_3 \cos \theta_3 = r_4\dot{\theta}_4 \cos \theta_4$$

- Base vector r_1 is a constant, which means r_1 and ω_1 is constant.
- Link lengths r_2, r_3 and r_4 are constant, but ω_2, ω_3 and ω_4 are not constants.
- For input link 2, $\dot{\theta}_2$ is given, so solve $\dot{\theta}_3$ and $\dot{\theta}_4$.
- In matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -r_3 \sin \theta_3 & r_4 \sin \theta_4 \\ -r_3 \cos \theta_3 & r_4 \cos \theta_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_3 \\ \dot{\theta}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_2\dot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2 \\ r_2\dot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

12.6.3 Acceleration equation

- Differentiating the velocity vector equation, we have:

$$\ddot{r}_2 + \ddot{r}_3 + \ddot{r}_1 + \ddot{r}_4$$

$$r_2\ddot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2 + r_2\dot{\theta}_2^2 \cos \theta_2 + r_3\ddot{\theta}_3 \sin \theta_3 + r_3\dot{\theta}_3^2 \cos \theta_3 = r_4\ddot{\theta}_4 \sin \theta_4 + r_4\dot{\theta}_4^2 \cos \theta_4$$

$$r_2\ddot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2 + r_2\dot{\theta}_2^2 \sin \theta_2 + r_3\ddot{\theta}_3 \cos \theta_3 + r_3\dot{\theta}_3^2 \sin \theta_3 = r_4\ddot{\theta}_4 \cos \theta_4 + r_4\dot{\theta}_4^2 \sin \theta_4$$

- For input link 2, $\ddot{\theta}_2$ is given, so solve $\ddot{\theta}_3$ and $\ddot{\theta}_4$.
- In matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -r_3 \sin \theta_3 & r_4 \sin \theta_4 \\ -r_3 \cos \theta_3 & r_4 \cos \theta_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\theta}_3 \\ \ddot{\theta}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_2\ddot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2 + r_2\dot{\theta}_2^2 \cos \theta_2 + r_3\ddot{\theta}_3 \sin \theta_3 + r_3\dot{\theta}_3^2 \cos \theta_3 - r_4\dot{\theta}_4^2 \cos \theta_4 \\ r_2\ddot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2 + r_2\dot{\theta}_2^2 \sin \theta_2 + r_3\ddot{\theta}_3 \cos \theta_3 + r_3\dot{\theta}_3^2 \sin \theta_3 - r_4\dot{\theta}_4^2 \sin \theta_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

12.7 Example 2: Slider Crank Mechanism

- Displacement vector loop equations:

$$\mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{r}_3 = \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_4$$

$$r_2(\cos \theta_2 \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta_2 \mathbf{j}) + r_3(\cos \theta_3 \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta_3 \mathbf{j}) = r_1(\cos \theta_1 \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta_1 \mathbf{j}) + r_4(\cos \theta_4 \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta_4 \mathbf{j})$$

- Put in component equations (i and j)

$$r_2 \cos \theta_2 + r_3 \cos \theta_3 = r_1 \cos \theta_1 + r_4 \cos \theta_4$$

$$r_2 \sin \theta_2 + r_3 \sin \theta_3 = r_1 \sin \theta_1 + r_4 \sin \theta_4$$

- Base vector r_1 changes, which means ω_1 is constant and $\theta_4 = \theta_1 + \frac{\pi}{2}$.
- Link lengths r_2 and r_3 but ω_2 and ω_3 are not constant.
- For input link 2, ω_2 is given, so solve ω_3 and r_1 in terms of ω_2 .

12.7.1 Solution of closure equation

- Solve trigonometric equations.

$$r_3 \cos \theta_3 = r_1 \cos \theta_1 + r_4 \cos \theta_4 - r_2 \cos \theta_2$$

$$r_3 \sin \theta_3 = r_1 \sin \theta_1 + r_4 \sin \theta_4 - r_2 \sin \theta_2$$

- Use trigonometric identity:

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

- We get:

$$\begin{aligned} r_3^2 &= r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_4^2 + 2r_1r_4(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_4 + \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_4) \\ &\quad - 2r_1r_2(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) - 2r_2r_4(\cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_4 + \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_4) \end{aligned}$$

- Combining coefficients:

$$r_1^2 + Ar_1 + B = 0$$

Where:

$$A = 2r_4(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_4 + \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_4) - 2r_2(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2)$$

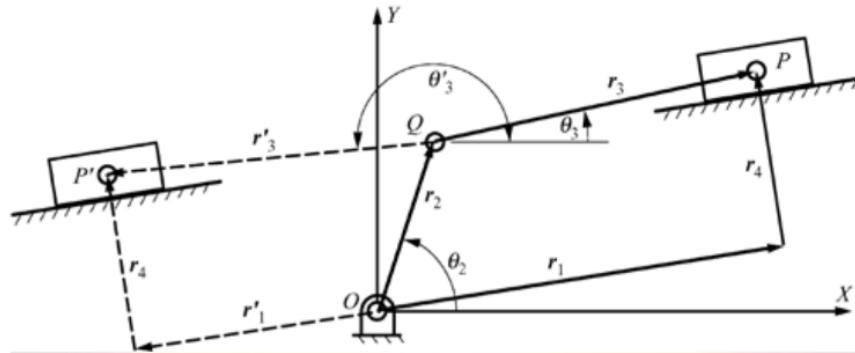
$$B = r_2^2 + r_4^2 - r_3^2 - 2r_2r_4(\cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_4 + \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_4)$$

- Solve for r_1 , we have:

$$\theta_3 = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{r_1 \sin \theta_1 + r_4 \sin \theta_4 - r_2 \sin \theta_2}{r_1 \cos \theta_1 + r_4 \cos \theta_4 - r_2 \cos \theta_2} \right]$$

- To ensure the angle lies in the correct quadrant, we use:

$$\theta_3 = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\sin \theta_3}{\cos \theta_3} \right]$$



12.7.2 Velocity equation

- Differentiating the loop equation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{r}_2 + \dot{r}_3 + \dot{r}_1 \\ -r_2\dot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2 + r_3\dot{\theta}_3 \sin \theta_3 = \dot{r}_1 \cos \theta_1 \\ r_2\dot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2 + r_3\dot{\theta}_3 \cos \theta_3 = \dot{r}_1 \sin \theta_1\end{aligned}$$

- For input link 2, $\dot{\theta}_2$ is given, so solve $\dot{\theta}_3$ and \dot{r}_1 .
- In matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_1 & r_3 \sin \theta_3 \\ \sin \theta_1 & -r_3 \cos \theta_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{r}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -r_2\dot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2 \\ r_2\dot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

12.7.3 Acceleration equation

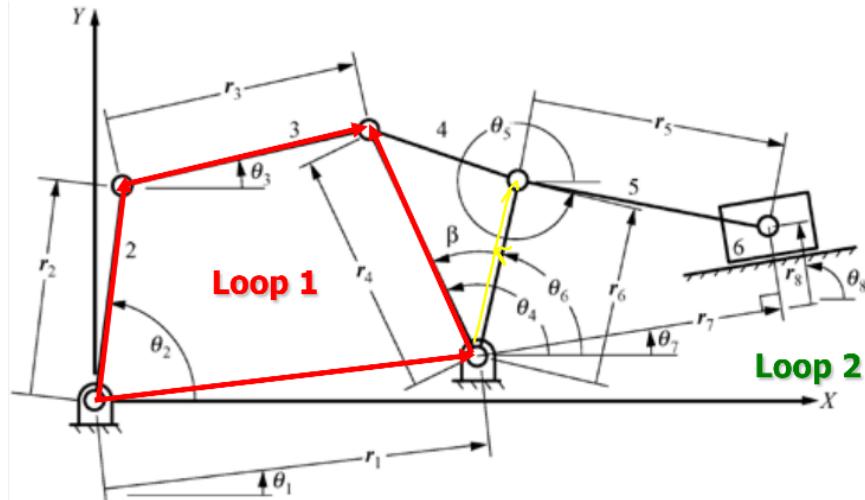
- Differentiating the velocity vector equation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{r}_P = \ddot{r}_2 + \ddot{r}_3 = \ddot{r}_1 + \ddot{r}_4 \\ -r_2\ddot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2 - r_2\dot{\theta}_2^2 \cos \theta_2 - r_3\ddot{\theta}_3 \sin \theta_3 - r_3\dot{\theta}_3^2 \cos \theta_3 = \ddot{r}_1 \cos \theta_1 \\ r_2\ddot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2 - r_2\dot{\theta}_2^2 \sin \theta_2 + r_3\ddot{\theta}_3 \cos \theta_3 - r_3\dot{\theta}_3^2 \sin \theta_3 = \ddot{r}_1 \sin \theta_1\end{aligned}$$

- For input link 2, $\ddot{\theta}_2$ is given, so solve $\ddot{\theta}_3$ and \ddot{r}_1 .
- In matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_1 & r_3 \sin \theta_3 \\ \sin \theta_1 & r_3 \cos \theta_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{r}_1 \\ \ddot{\theta}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -r_2\ddot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2 - r_2\dot{\theta}_2^2 \cos \theta_2 - r_3\dot{\theta}_3^2 \cos \theta_3 \\ r_2\ddot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2 - r_2\dot{\theta}_2^2 \sin \theta_2 + r_3\dot{\theta}_3^2 \sin \theta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

12.8 Compound mechanisms



$$\mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{r}_3 = \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_4 \quad (\text{Loop 1})$$

$$\mathbf{r}_6 + \mathbf{r}_5 = \mathbf{r}_7 + \mathbf{r}_8 \quad (\text{Loop 2})$$

Relationship between loop 1 and 2:

$$\theta_4 = \theta_6 + \beta$$

Given input ω_2 , find output r_7 :

- Have more than one vector loop.
- Solve vector loops one by one.
- Velocity and acceleration analysis are similar.

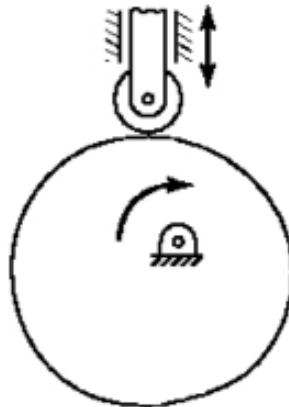
12.9 Summary

- Identify all joints on the linkage. Be sure that all joints are located by vectors. Identify all independent vector loops in the linkage and write a vector equation for each loop.
- Represent link between adjacent R-joints using vector r_i .
- If sliders (prismatic joints) are involved, locate it by using 2 vectors.
 - Parallel (variable) or in the direction of travel, or perpendicular (constant) to the direction of travel.
- Note which lengths and angles are fixed and which are variable.
- Write x and y component equations for each vector equation.
- Identify any constraints among lengths and angles not shown in the vector loops, such as an off-set slider.
- Differentiate position vector component equations to obtain velocity equations.
- Differentiate velocity equations to obtain acceleration equations.

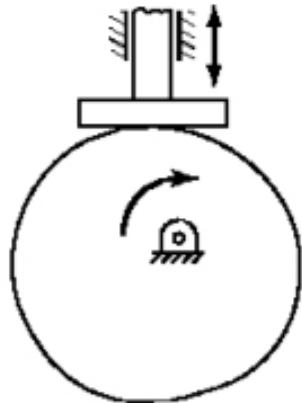
13 Cams and followers

13.1 Disk cams with different types of followers

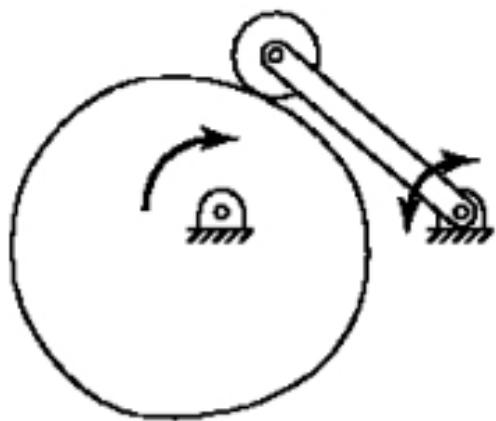
13.1.1 Translating roller follower



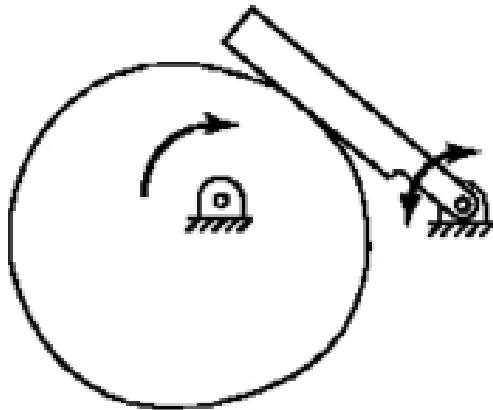
13.1.2 Translating flat-faced follower



13.1.3 Rotating roller follower

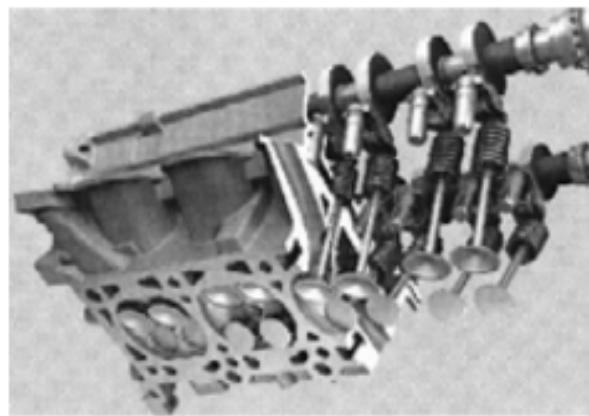


13.1.4 Rotating flat-faced follower



13.1.5 Cutaway of an engine

Below is a cutaway of an engine with dual camshafts and 4 valves per cylinder.



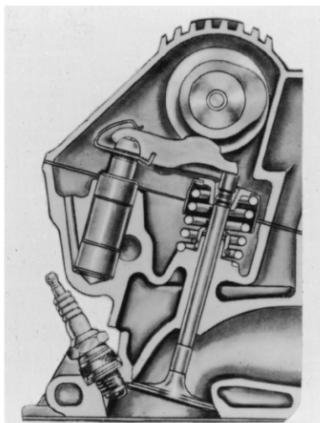
13.2 Applications of cam-and-follower systems

- The high pressures required for diesel fuel injection cause high contact stresses on the cam.
- A roller follower is used to reduce wear.
- Most cam-and-follower systems are designed to control a process, not to transmit significant power.

13.2.1 Examples

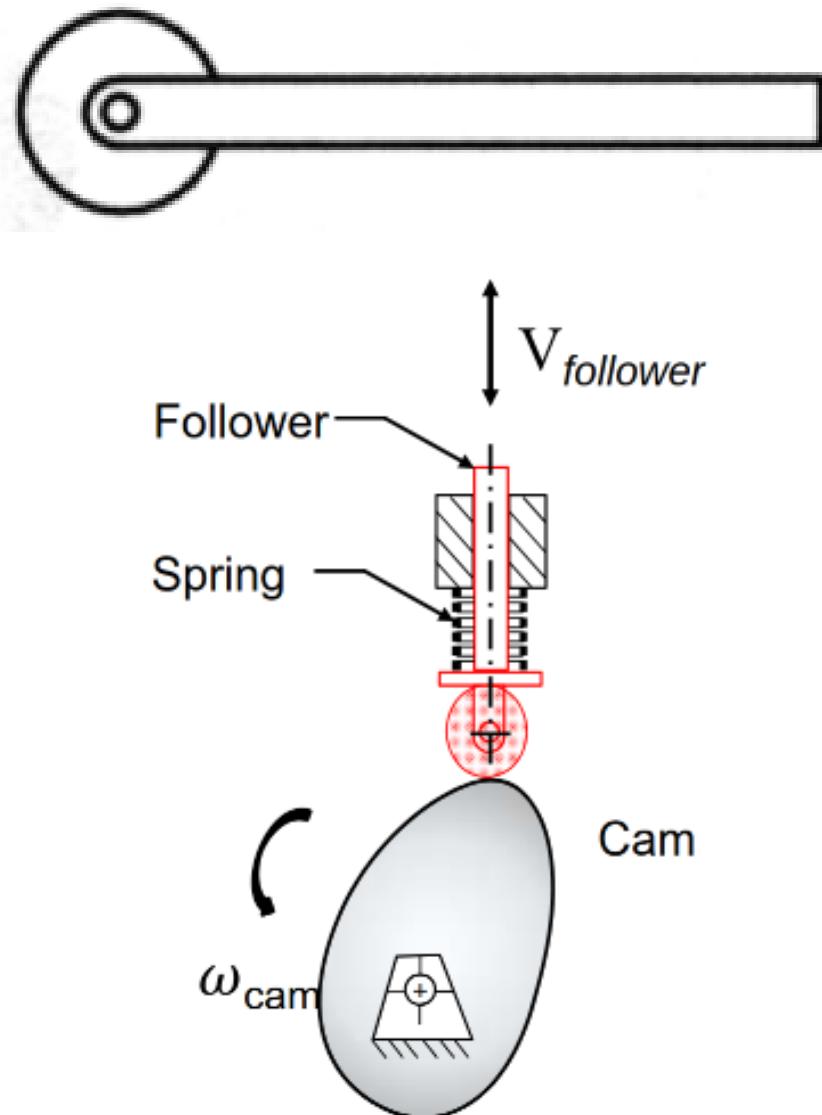


- The thermodynamic cycle of a four-stroke engine involves two revolutions of the crankshaft.
- The cycle progresses as follows:
 1. Intake stroke (induction)
 2. Compression stroke
 3. Power stroke (expansion)
 4. Exhaust stroke

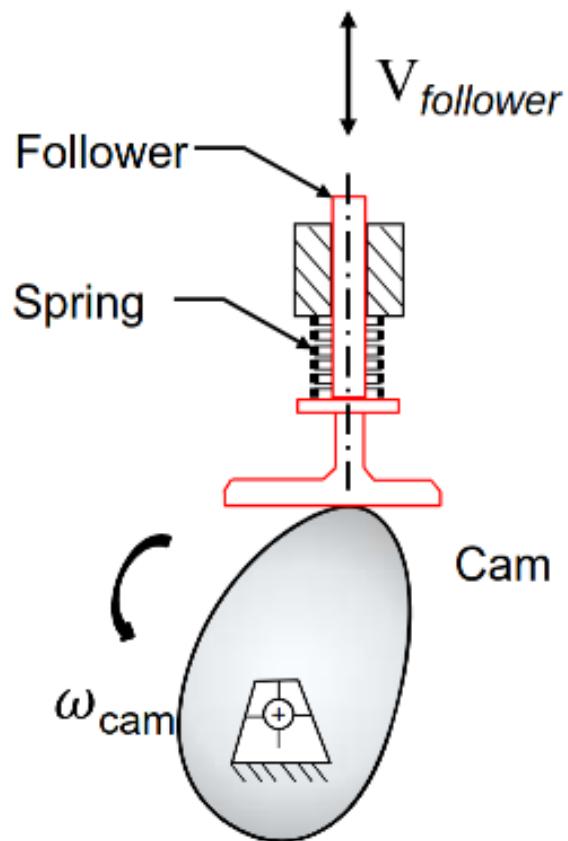
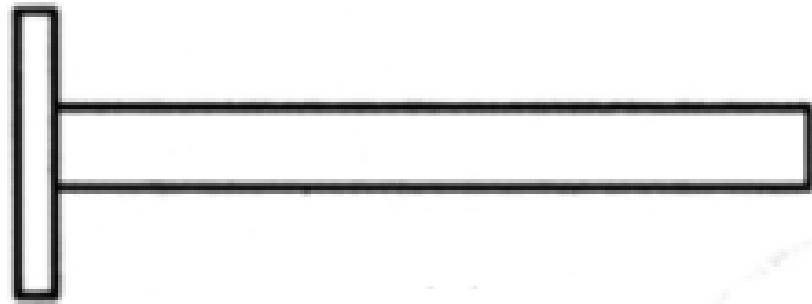


13.3 Types of followers

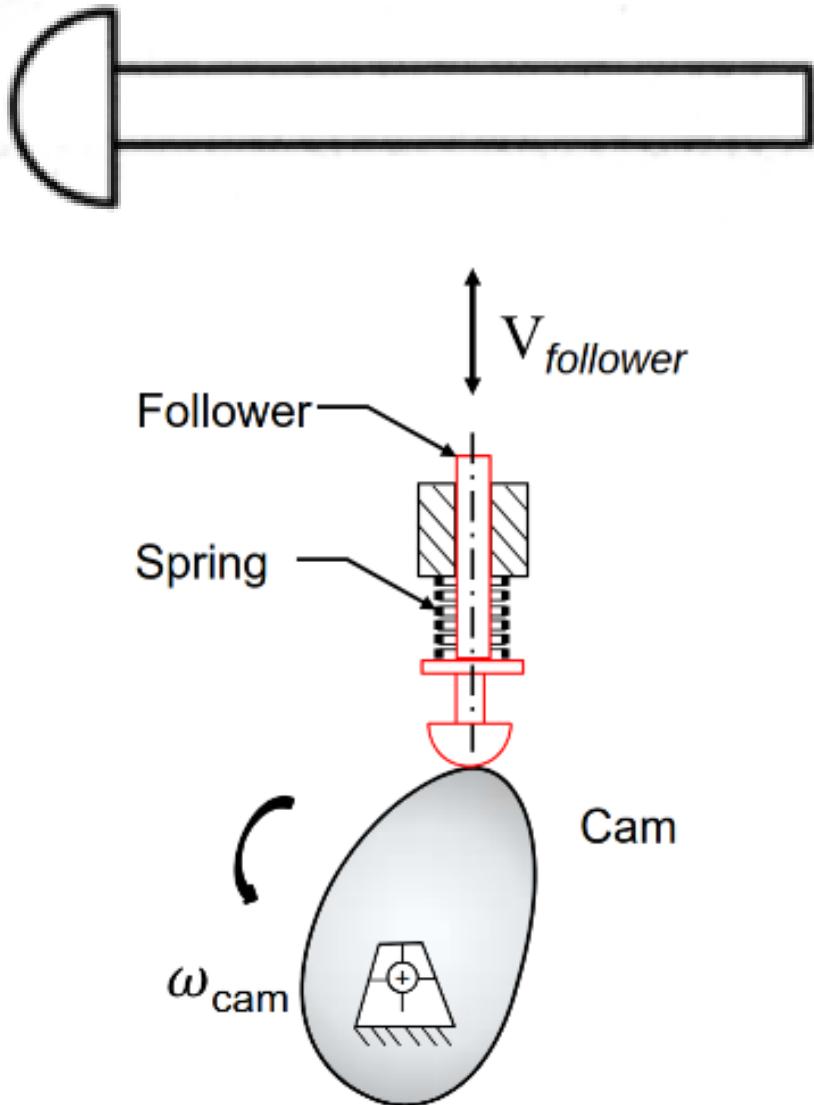
13.3.1 Roller type



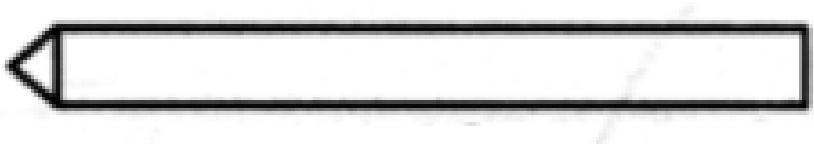
13.3.2 Flat-faced type



13.3.3 Cylindrical-faced (mushroom) type



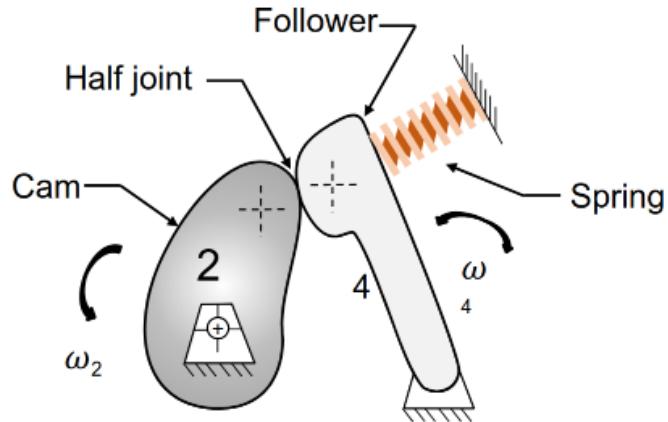
13.3.4 Knife-edge type



13.4 Keeping the cam and follower in contact

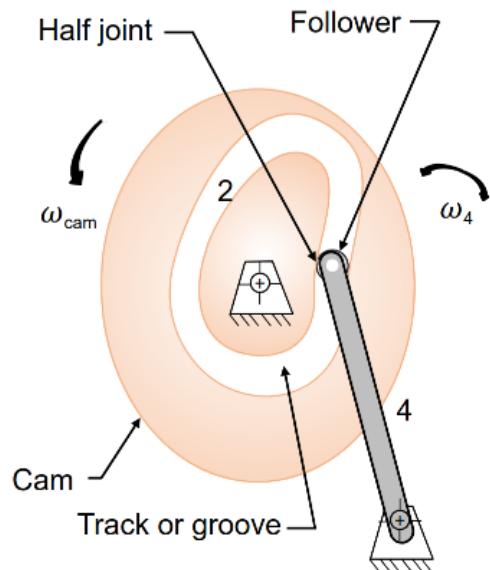
13.4.1 Force closure

Use force to keep the cam and follower in contact, usually by using a spring.



13.4.2 Form closure

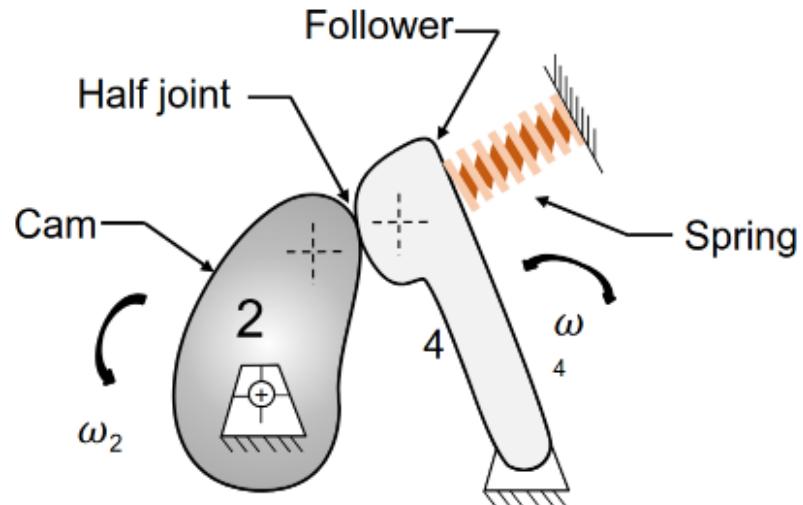
Use geometry to keep the cam and follower in contact, usually by using a track or a groove.



13.5 Follower motion

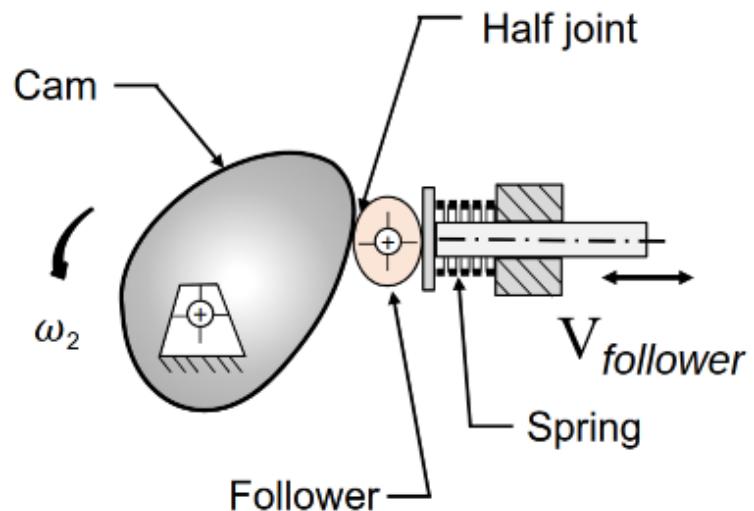
13.5.1 Rotating follower

This is analogous to a crank-rocker linkage.



13.5.2 Translating follower

This is analogous to a slider-crank linkage.



13.6 Terminology

13.6.1 Rise

Rise means the follower is moving away from the cam centre.

13.6.2 Dwell

Dwell refers to the period when the follower is stationary.

13.6.3 Return

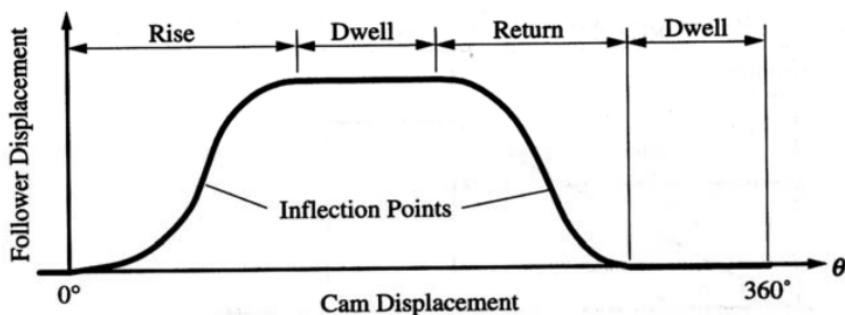
Return refers to the follower moving back towards the cam centre.

13.6.4 Cam profile

Cam profile is the shaped surface of the cam defining the follower motion.

13.6.5 Follower motion graph

The graph below illustrates rise, dwell and return.



13.7 Types of motion

- Uniform motion (for very low speeds)
- Parabolic motion (for low or medium speeds)
- Simple harmonic motion (for medium speeds)
- Cycloidal motion (for high speed applications)
- General polynomial motion (for high speed applications)

13.8 Uniform motion

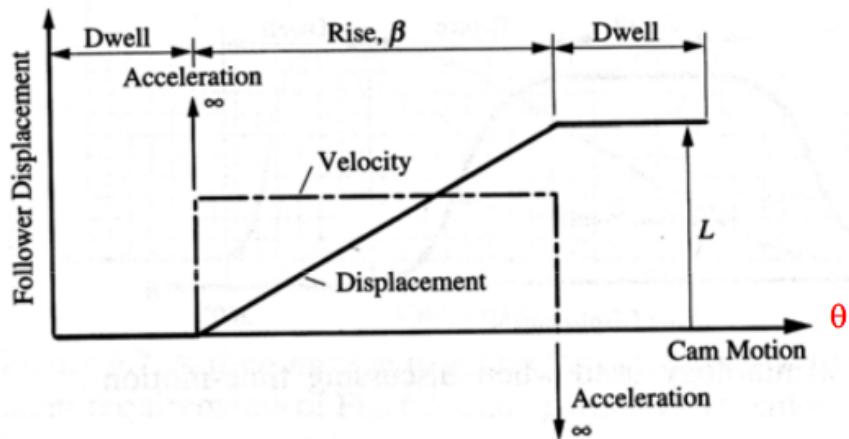
$$\theta = \omega t$$

Follower displacement: $s = C\theta = \frac{L}{\beta}\theta$

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega$$

$$\dot{s} = \frac{L}{\beta}\dot{\theta}$$

$$\ddot{s} = \frac{L}{\beta}\ddot{\theta}$$

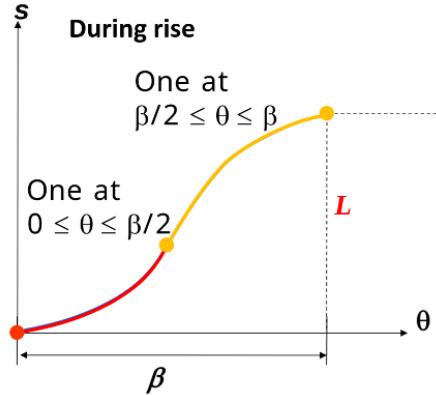


The accelerations are infinite and the forces and large, so this kind of motion is only suitable for very slow speeds.

13.9 Parabolic motion

Parabolic motion is usually made up of two parabolas. The equation is as follows:

$$s = C_0 + C_1\theta + C_2\theta^2$$

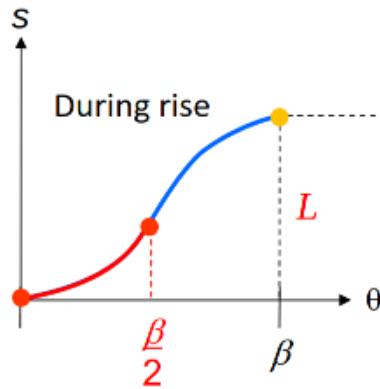


13.9.1 First parabola (from $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\beta}{2}$)

- At $\theta = 0$, the displacement $s = 0$, so $C_0 = 0$.
- If slope $s' = 0$ at $\theta = 0$, then $C_1 = 0$.
- At $\theta = \frac{\beta}{2}$, $s = \frac{L}{2}$, then:

$$C_2 = \frac{2L}{\beta^2}$$

$$s = \frac{2L}{\beta^2} \theta^2$$



13.9.2 Second parabola

- At $\theta = \frac{\beta}{2}$, the displacement is $s = \frac{L}{2}$.
- At $\theta = \beta$, $s = L$ and $s' = 0$, therefore:

$$C_2 = \frac{2L}{\beta^2}$$

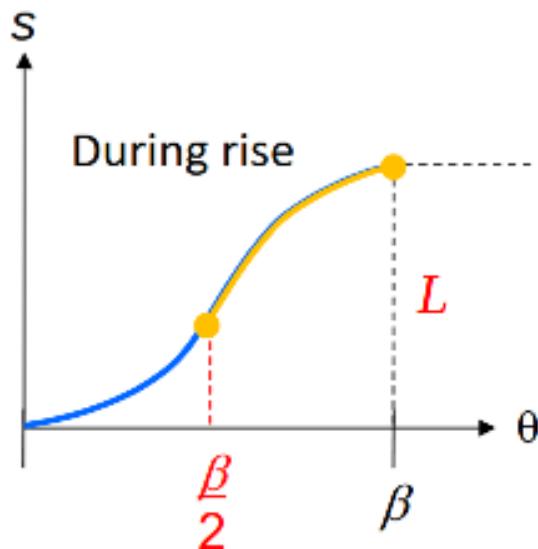
- Hence:

$$C_0 = -L$$

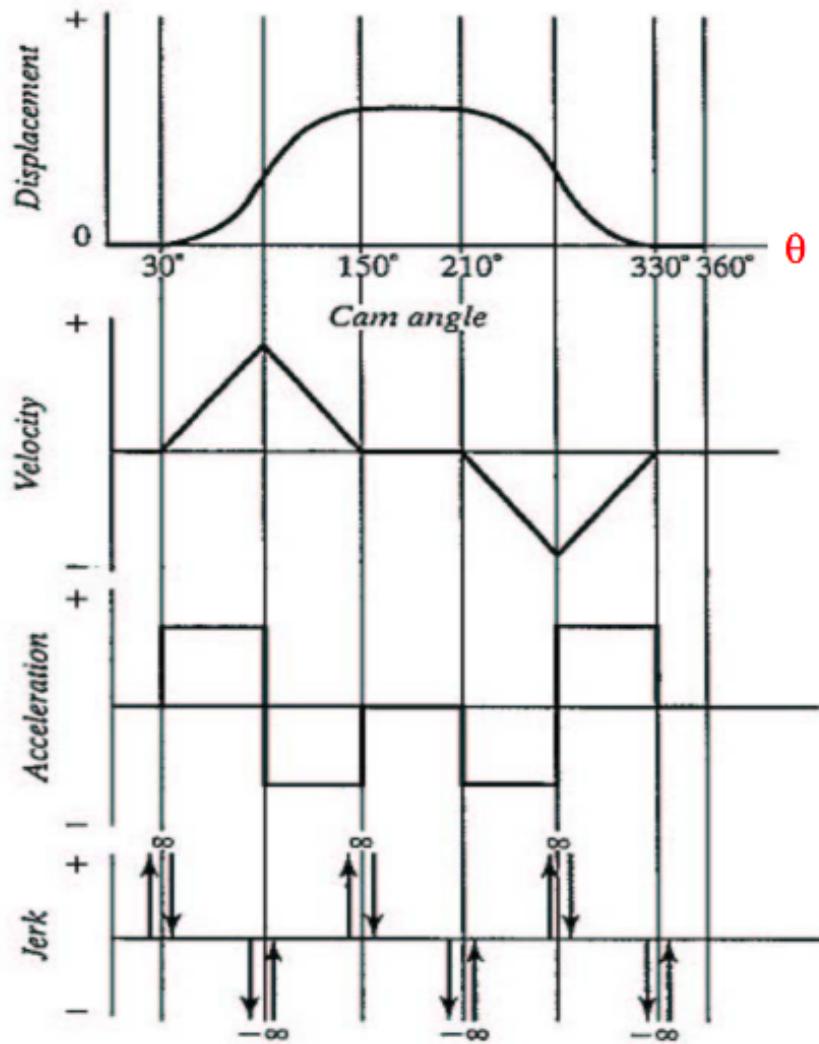
$$C_1 = \frac{4L}{\beta}$$

$$C_2 = -\frac{2L}{\beta^2}$$

$$s = -L + \frac{4L}{\beta}\theta - \frac{2L}{\beta^2}\theta^2$$



13.9.3 Displacement-Velocity-Acceleration-Jerk (S-V-A-J) Diagram



- Finite acceleration.
- Infinite jerk at three locations in a rise or return.
- Hence, parabolic motion is for low or medium speeds.

13.10 Simple harmonic motion

For $0 \leq \theta \leq \beta$, $\theta = \omega t$:

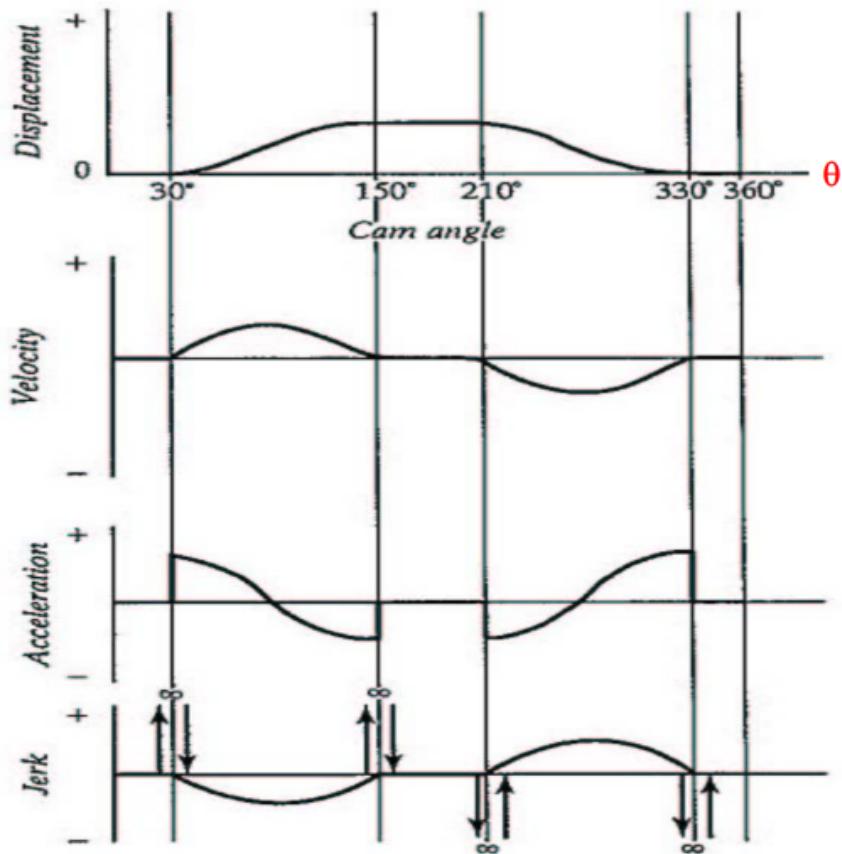
$$\text{Displacement: } s = \frac{L}{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\pi\theta}{\beta} \right)$$

$$\text{Velocity: } \dot{s} = \frac{\pi L \omega}{2\beta} \sin \frac{\pi\theta}{\beta}$$

$$\text{Acceleration: } \ddot{s} = \frac{L}{2} \left(\frac{\pi L \omega}{2\beta} \right)^2 \cos \frac{\pi\theta}{\beta}$$

$$\text{Jerk: } \dddot{s} = \frac{L}{2} \left(\frac{\pi L \omega}{2\beta} \right)^3 \sin \frac{\pi\theta}{\beta}$$

13.10.1 Displacement-Velocity-Acceleration-Jerk (S-V-A-J) Diagram



13.10.2 Example

Harmonic motion equation: $s = \frac{L}{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\pi\theta}{\beta} \right)$, θ starts from 0.

- Question: For the first 120° , there is a **dwell**, from 120° to 180° a **harmonic motion**, from 180° 210° , a 0.8° , **dwell**, and from 210° to 360° a **harmonic motion** again. Find s :
- Solution (segment 1 and 2):
 - Segment 1 dwell ($0^\circ - 120^\circ$):

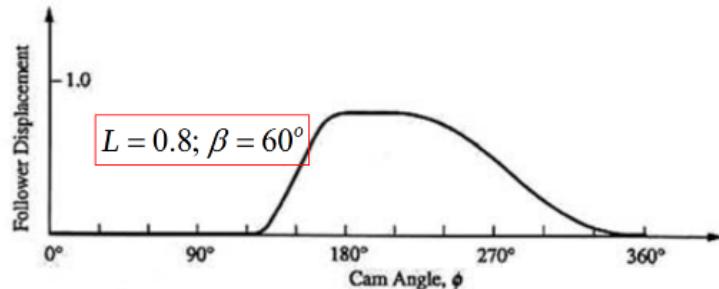
– Segment 1 dwell ($0^\circ - 120^\circ$):

$$s = 0$$

– Segment 2 rise ($120^\circ - 180^\circ$): θ does not start from 0 but from 120° , so replace θ with $\theta - 120^\circ$, we get:

$$L = 0.8, \quad \beta = 60^\circ$$

$$s = \frac{0.8}{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\pi(\theta - 120)}{60} \right)$$



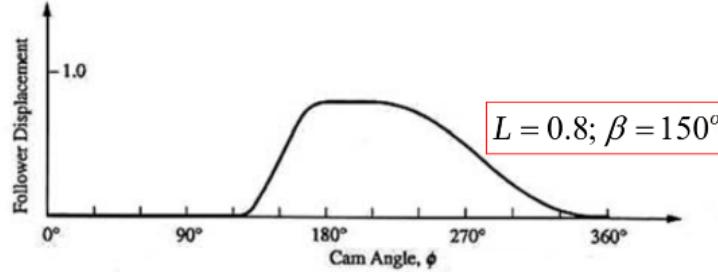
- Solution (segment 3 and 4):
 - Segment 3 dwell ($180^\circ - 210^\circ$): $s = 0.8$

$$s = 0.8$$

- Segment 4 return ($210^\circ - 360^\circ$): For return, θ starts from 210° to 360° , so replace θ with $(360^\circ - \theta)$, we get:

$$L = 0.8, \quad \beta = 150^\circ$$

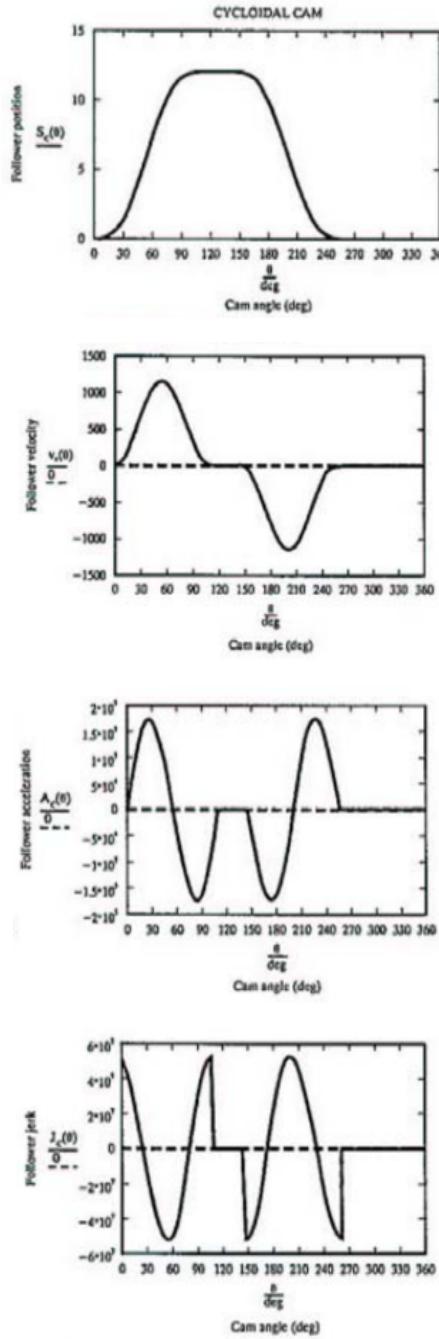
$$s = \frac{0.8}{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\pi(360 - \theta)}{150} \right)$$



13.11 Cycloidal motion

$$\text{Displacement: } s = L \left(\frac{\theta}{\beta} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin \frac{2\pi\theta}{\beta} \right) \text{ for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \beta$$

13.11.1 Displacement-Velocity-Acceleration-Jerk (S-V-A-J) Diagram

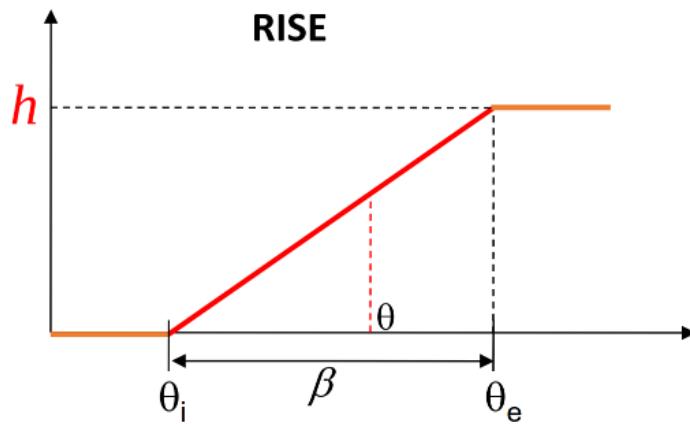


13.12 Formula method

$$\beta = \theta_e - \theta_i$$

13.12.1 Uniform motion

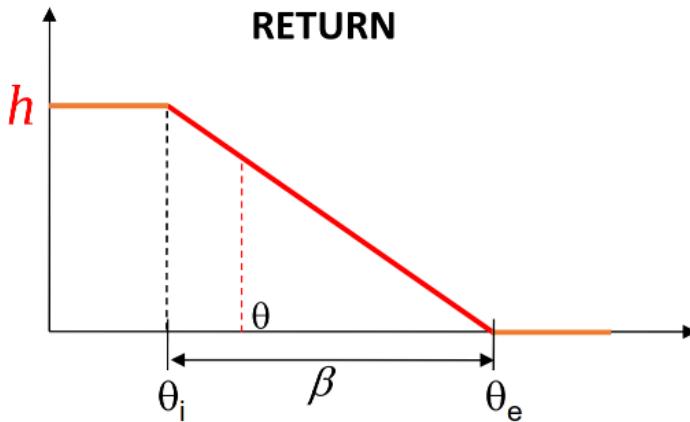
- Rise



For $\theta_i \leq \theta \leq \theta_e$:

$$s = \frac{h}{\beta}(\theta - \theta_i)$$

- Return

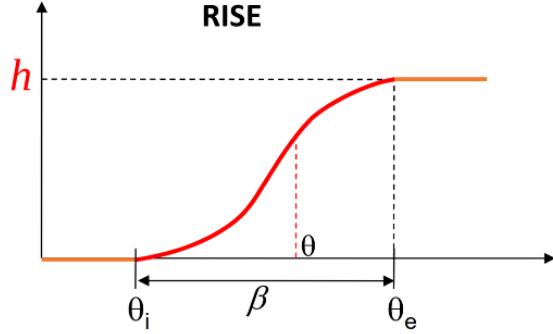


For $\theta_i \leq \theta \leq \theta_e$:

$$s = \frac{h}{\beta}(\theta_e - \theta)$$

13.12.2 Parabolic motion

- Rise



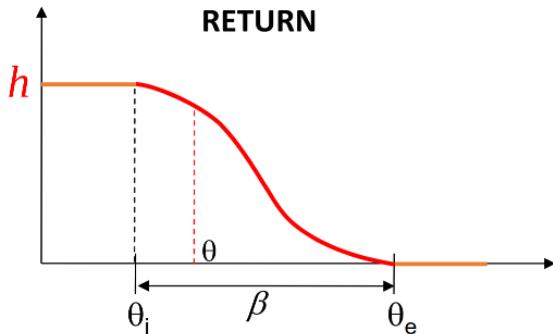
For $\theta_i \leq \theta \leq \theta_i + \frac{\beta}{2}$:

$$s = \frac{2h}{\beta^2}(\theta - \theta_i)^2$$

For $\theta_i + \frac{\beta}{2} \leq \theta \leq \theta_e$:

$$s = -h + \frac{4h}{\beta}(\theta - \theta_i) - \frac{2h}{\beta^2}(\theta - \theta_i)^2$$

- Return



For $\theta_i \leq \theta \leq \theta_i + \frac{\beta}{2}$:

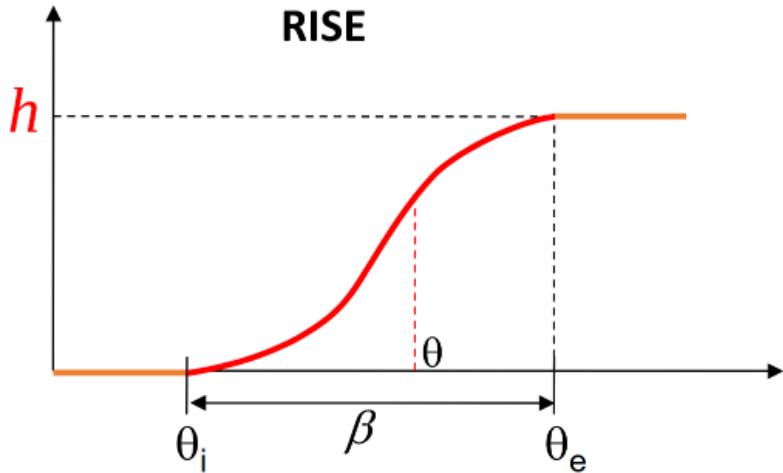
$$s = -h + \frac{4h}{\beta}(\theta_e - \theta) - \frac{2h}{\beta^2}(\theta_e - \theta)^2$$

For $\theta_i + \frac{\beta}{2} \leq \theta \leq \theta_e$:

$$s = \frac{2h}{\beta^2}(\theta_e - \theta)^2$$

13.12.3 Cycloidal motion

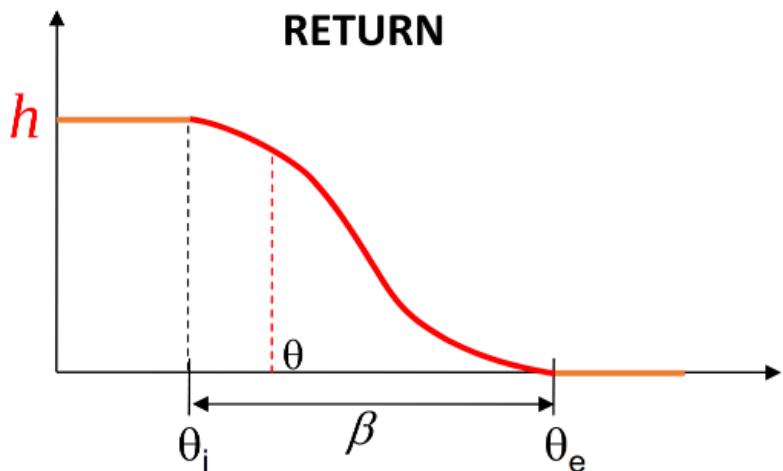
- Rise



For $\theta_i \leq \theta \leq \theta_e$:

$$s = h \left(\frac{\theta - \theta_i}{\beta} \right) - \frac{h}{2\pi} \sin \left(2\pi \frac{\theta - \theta_i}{\beta} \right)$$

- Return

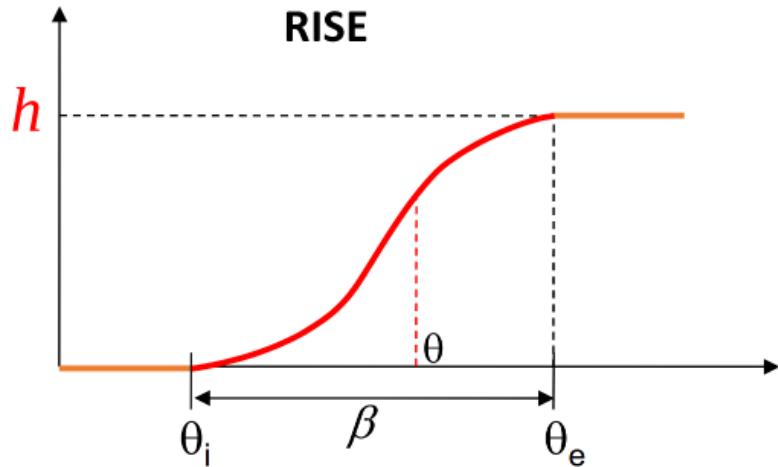


For $\theta_i \leq \theta \leq \theta_e$:

$$s = h \left(\frac{\theta_e - \theta}{\beta} \right) - \frac{h}{2\pi} \sin \left(2\pi \frac{\theta_e - \theta}{\beta} \right)$$

13.12.4 Simple harmonic motion

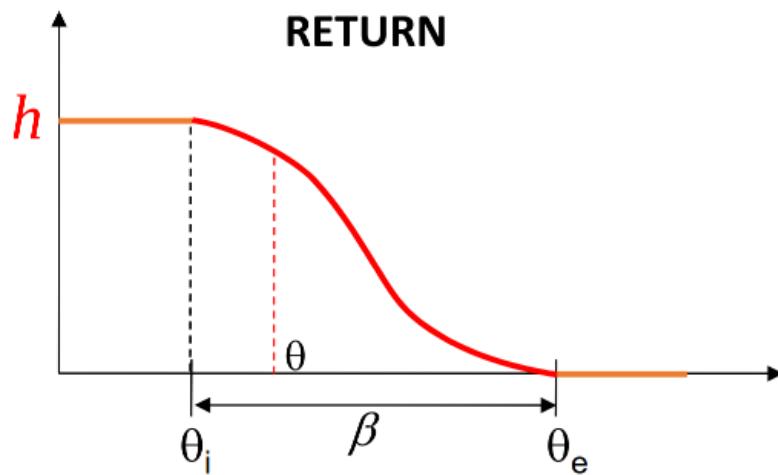
- Rise



For $\theta_i \leq \theta \leq \theta_e$:

$$s = \frac{h}{2} \left[1 - \cos \frac{\pi(\theta - \theta_i)}{\beta} \right]$$

- Return



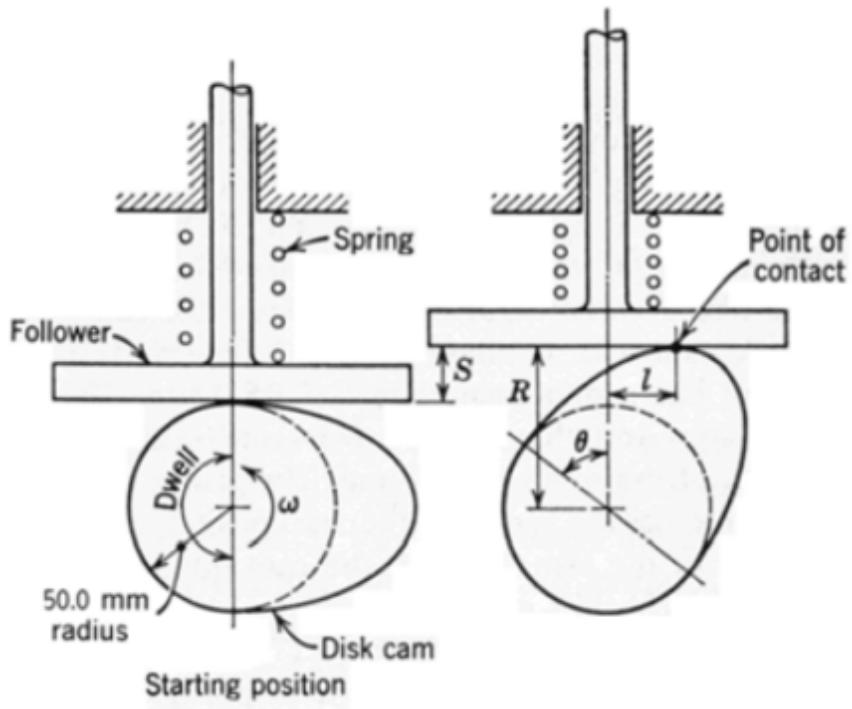
For $\theta_i \leq \theta \leq \theta_e$:

$$s = \frac{h}{2} \left[1 - \cos \frac{\pi(\theta_e - \theta)}{\beta} \right]$$

13.13 Solving a follower question

13.13.1 Question

A radial cam with a translating flat-faced follower as shown in the figure below is to be designed using a harmonic curve for both the rise ($100^\circ \leq \theta \leq 220^\circ$) and the return ($240^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$). Assume that the follower is to dwell at zero lift for the first 100° of the motion cycle and to dwell 25 mm lift for cam angles from 220° to 240° . The cam rotates clockwise, and the base circle radius is 50 mm.



Write the equation of the follower displacement (S) as a function of the angular displacement of the cam (θ).

13.13.2 Analytical method

Displacement equation:

$$s = \frac{L}{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\pi\theta}{\beta} \right) \text{ for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \beta \quad (1)$$

- Segment 1 dwell (for $\theta = 0^\circ - 100^\circ$):

$$s = 0$$

- Segment 2 rise (for $\theta = 100^\circ - 220^\circ$): θ does not start from 0, but from 100° .

$$L = 25 \text{ mm}, \quad \beta = 120^\circ$$

At $\theta = 100^\circ$, ($\theta - 100^\circ = 0$), $s = 0$. So, replacing θ in equation (1) with $(\theta - 100^\circ)$, we get:

$$s = \frac{25}{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\pi(\theta - 100)}{120} \right)$$

- Segment 3 dwell (for $\theta = 220^\circ - 240^\circ$):

$$s = 25 \text{ mm}$$

- Segment 4 return (for $\theta = 240^\circ - 360^\circ$):

For return, θ starts from 240° to 360° .

$$L = 25 \text{ mm}, \quad \beta = 120^\circ$$

At $\theta = 360^\circ$, ($360^\circ - \theta = 0$), $s = 0$. So, replacing θ in equation (1) with (360°) , we get:

$$s = \frac{25}{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\pi(360 - \theta)}{120} \right)$$

13.13.3 Formula method

For simple harmonic motion:

$$\beta = \theta_e - \theta_i$$

$$\text{Rise formula: } s = \frac{h}{2} \left[1 - \cos \frac{\pi(\theta - \theta_i)}{\beta} \right] \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Return formula: } s = \frac{h}{2} \left[1 - \cos \frac{\pi(\theta_e - \theta)}{\beta} \right] \quad (2)$$

- Segment 1 dwell (for $\theta = 0^\circ - 100^\circ$):

$$s = 0$$

- Segment 2 rise (for $\theta = 100^\circ - 220^\circ$):

$$\theta_i = 100^\circ, \quad \theta_e = 200^\circ, \quad \beta = 120^\circ, \quad h = 25 \text{ mm}$$

Using equation (1), we get:

$$s = \frac{25}{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\pi(200 - 100)}{120} \right)$$

- Segment 3 dwell (for $\theta = 220^\circ - 240^\circ$):

$$s = 25 \text{ mm}$$

- Segment 4 return (for $\theta = 240^\circ - 360^\circ$):

$$\theta_i = 240^\circ, \quad \theta_e = 360^\circ, \quad \beta = 120^\circ, \quad h = 25 \text{ mm}$$

Using equation (2), we get:

$$s = \frac{25}{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\pi(360 - 240)}{120} \right)$$

13.14 Cam profile design

- Determine the follower motion
- Find the cam profile graphically or analytically
- Extremely accurate cams
 - Determine profile analytically
 - Numerically controlled milling machine
- Low speed cams
 - Graphical layout
 - Manual machining

13.14.1 Graphical method

Graphical cam profile layout for roller follower:

- Approach
 - Cam viewed as stationary
 - Successive relative positions of the follower determined
 - A polar plot of successive follower positions
 - Cam profile as the envelope curve of the follower positions
- Base circle
 - The position of the follower at zero lift, shown as r_b
 - Successive lift (displacement) values are plotted radially outward

14 Graphical construction of cam (roller follower)

14.1 Question

A follower dwells at zero lift for the first 120° , rises harmonically from $120^\circ - 180^\circ$, dwells at $0.8''$ lift from $180^\circ - 210^\circ$, then returns harmonically from $210^\circ - 360^\circ$. The roller's diameter is $1''$ and base circle radius is $1.5''$, Draw cam profile ($\Delta\theta = 10^\circ$)

14.1.1 Solution

From the example above, the rise is:

$$s = 0.4 - 0.4 \cos(3\theta - 360)$$

And the return is:

$$s = 0.4 \left(1 - \cos \frac{6(360 - \theta)}{5} \right)$$

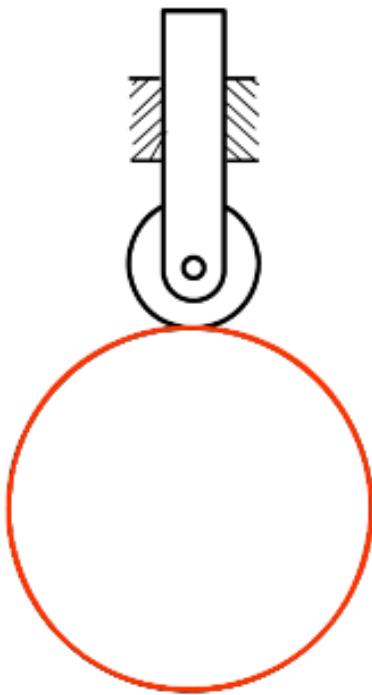
14.2 Drawing steps

1. Divide cam angle θ (360°) into a **number of equal portions**, N (say 10° intervals, $N = 36$ portions).
2. Using displacement functions, **calculate and tabulate** s at every interval (say 10°) $s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_{N+1}$.

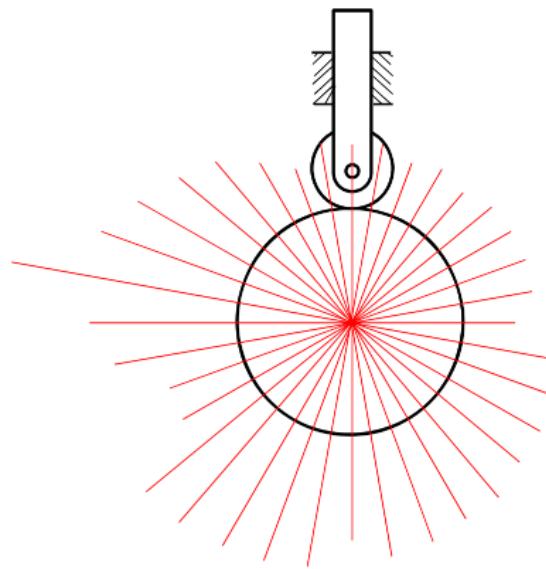
Table 6.6 Follower Displacements for Example 6.3

θ	$0, 360^\circ$	10°	20°	30°	40°	50°	60°	70°	80°
s	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
θ	90°	100°	110°	120°	130°	140°	150°	160°	170°
s	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0536	0.2000	0.4000	0.6000	0.7464
θ	180°	190°	200°	210°	220°	230°	240°	250°	260°
s	0.8000	0.8000	0.8000	0.8000	0.7913	0.7654	0.7236	0.6677	0.6000
θ	270°	280°	290°	300°	310°	320°	330°	340°	350°
s	0.5236	0.4418	0.3582	0.2764	0.2000	0.1323	0.0764	0.0346	0.0087

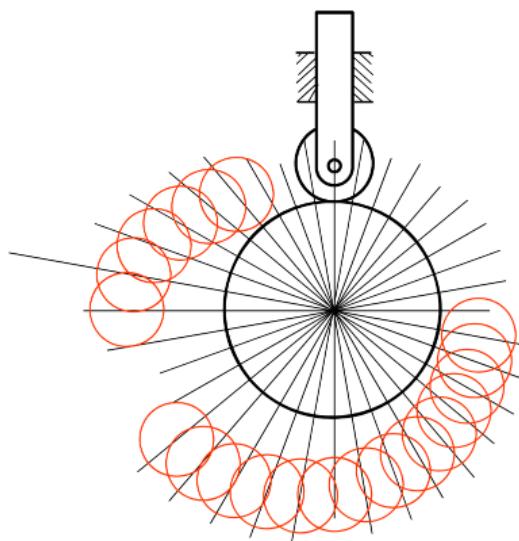
3. Draw the **base circle** with given radius $r_b = 1.5''$.



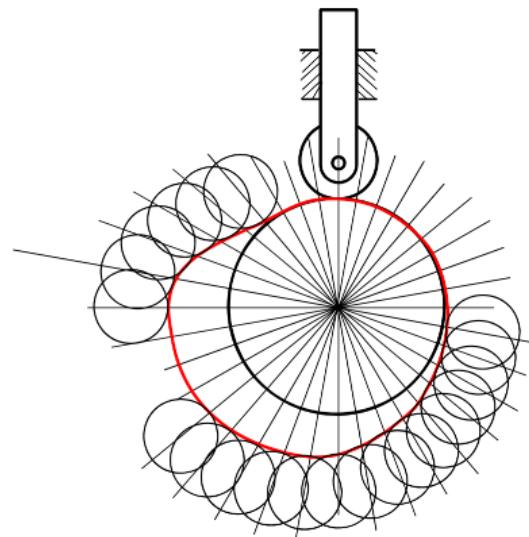
4. From the centre of the base circle, draw radial lines every 10° (which is $\Delta\theta$, obtained by dividing the circle's $0^\circ - 360^\circ$ into a number of equal portions N).



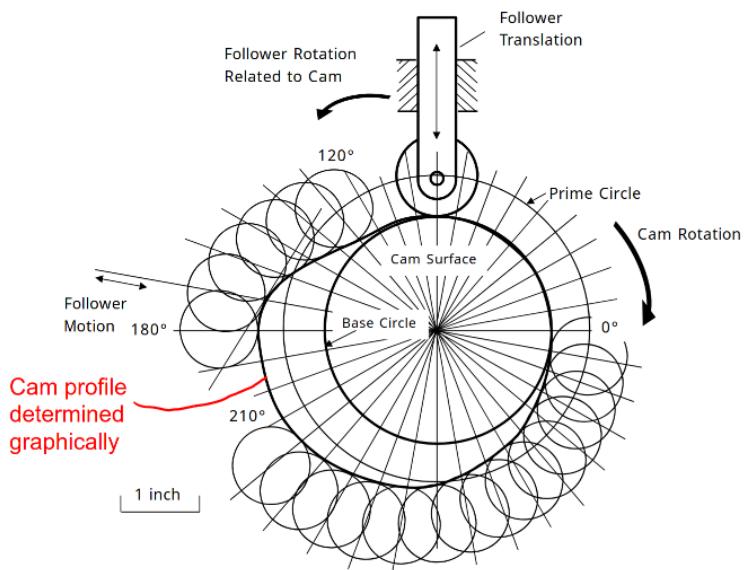
5. Starting from $\theta = 0^\circ$, use $s_i + r_b + r_0$ to determine the location of the centre of the roller on the corresponding radial line, then **draw a circle of $r_0 = 0.5''$ representing the roller on each radial line**.



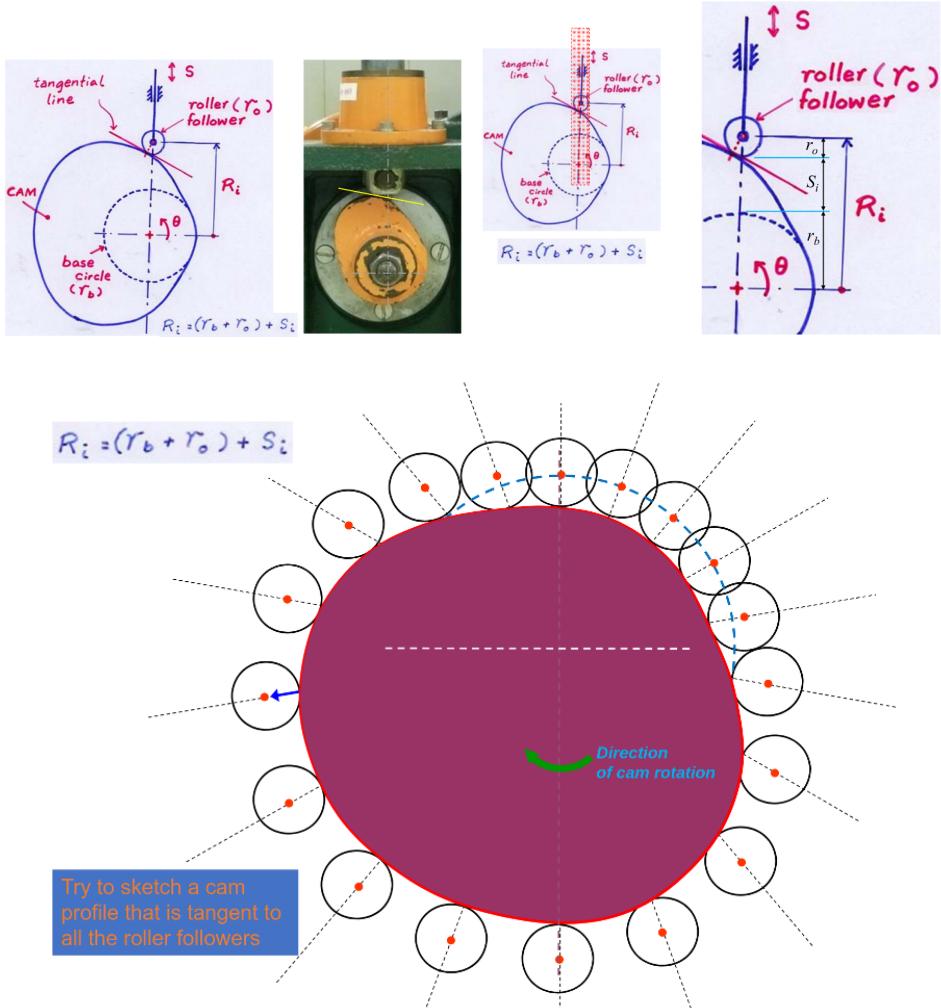
6. Construct the cam profile so that the profile curve is **tangent** to all the roller circles.



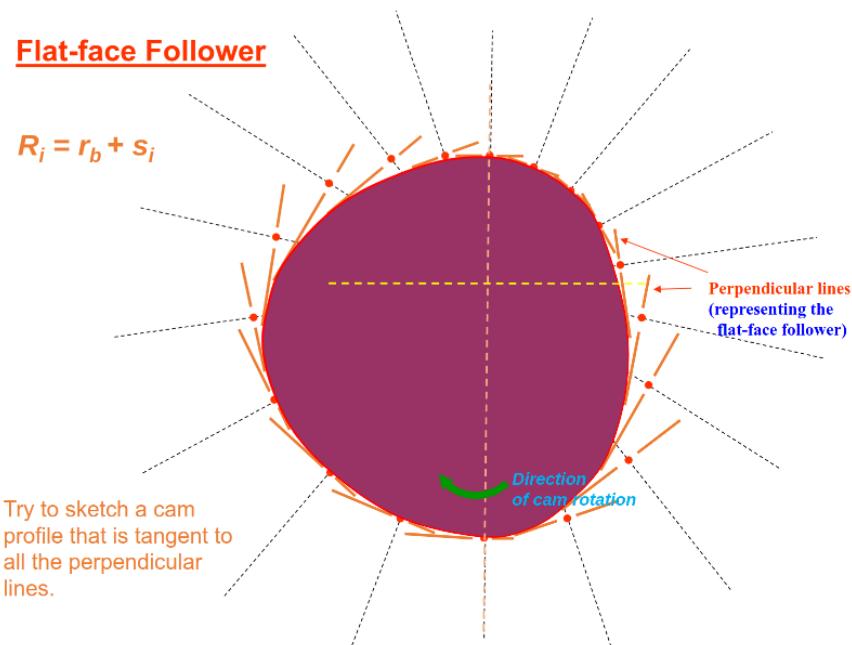
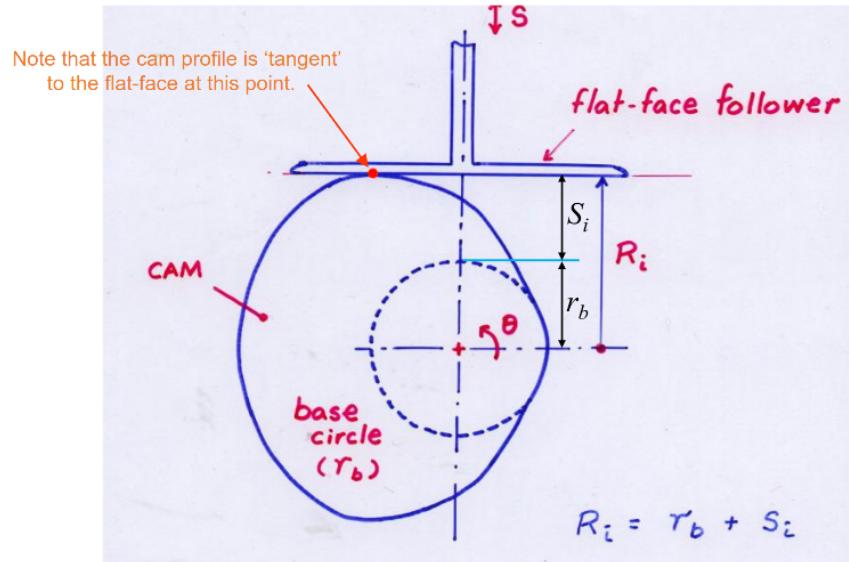
Final drawing:



14.3 Contact geometry of a roller follower



14.4 Contact geometry of a flat-faced follower



14.5 Roller follower with offset

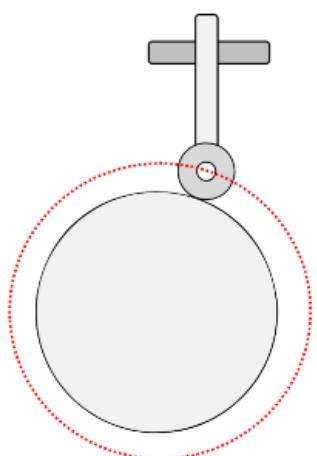
- Cam systems are sometimes designed with offset followers.
- The intent is to **reduce the lateral forces** on a cam follower during the rise portion of the cycle.
- Finding the optimum offset requires careful analysis.
- Careless design could worsen the situation.

14.5.1 Roller follower with offset e

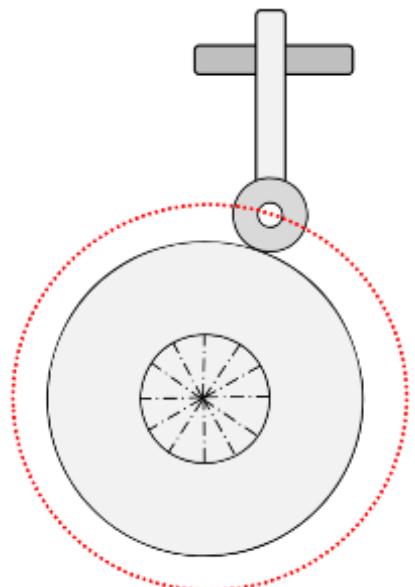
- The offset is represented by an offset circle.
- The locations of roller centre are found at different angular positions based on the offset circle.

14.5.2 Drawing steps

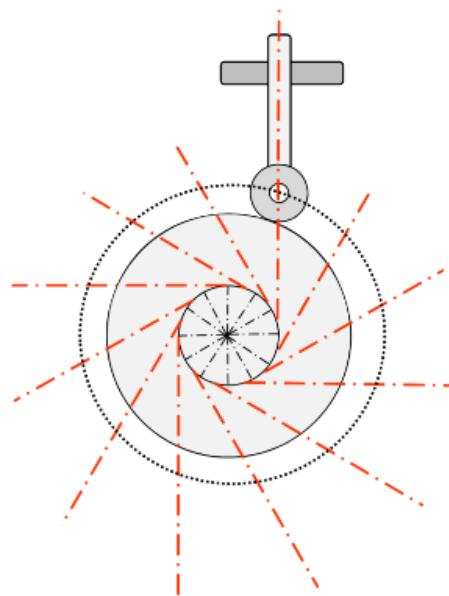
1. Divide cam angle θ (360°) into a **number of equal portions**, N (say 30° intervals, $N = 12$ portions).
2. Using displacement functions, **calculate and tabulate** s at every interval (say 30°) $s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_{N+1}$.
3. Draw the **base circle** with given radius r_b .
4. Draw the **prime circle**, whose radius is $r_b + r_0$.



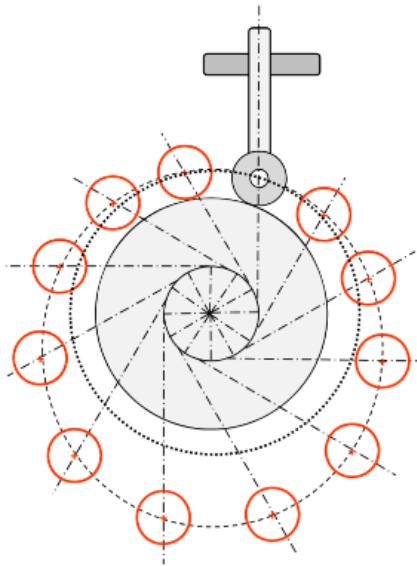
5. Draw an **offset circle** of radius e , centred at the cam rotation axis.



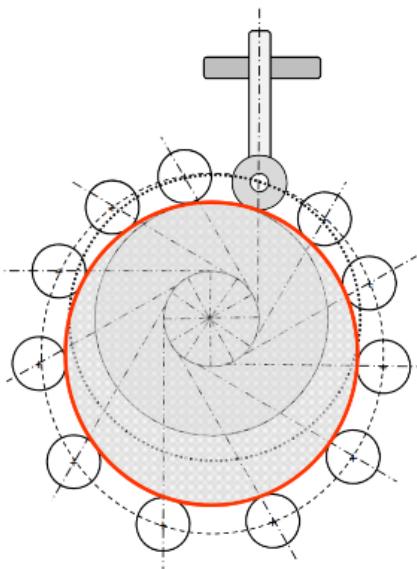
6. Draw N lines tangent to the **offset circle**.



7. Starting from $\theta = 0^\circ$, use ss , from the intersection point on the prime circle to determine the location of the centre of the roller on the corresponding line, then **draw a circle of r_0 representing the roller on each line.**



8. Construct the camp profile so that the profile curve is **tangent to all the roller circles.**

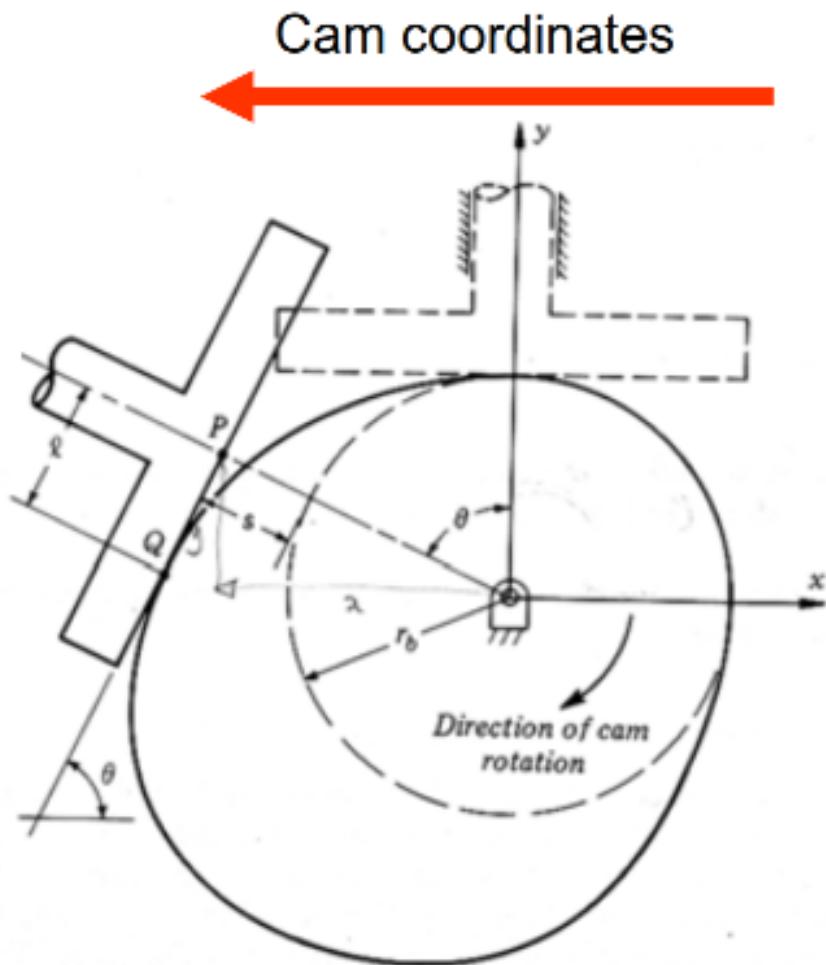


14.6 Analytical method

14.6.1 Coordinates

The cam profile coordinates are (for zero offset):

$$\begin{aligned}x &= -(r_b + s) \sin \theta - \frac{ds}{d\theta} \cos \theta \\y &= (r_b + s) \cos \theta - \frac{ds}{d\theta} \sin \theta\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$



14.6.2 Cam curvature

Parametric expression for the radius of curvature:

$$\rho = \frac{\left[\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{dx}{d\theta} \frac{d^2y}{d\theta^2} - \frac{dy}{d\theta} \frac{d^2x}{d\theta^2}} \quad (2)$$

For a translating flat-faced follower:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{d\theta} &= - \left(r_b + s + \frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2} \cos \theta \right) \\ \frac{d^2x}{d\theta^2} &= \left(r_b + s + \frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2} \right) \sin \theta - \left(\frac{ds}{d\theta} + \frac{d^3s}{d\theta^3} \right) \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

From (2):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{d\theta} &= - \left(r_b + s + \frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2} \right) \sin \theta \\ \frac{d^2y}{d\theta^2} &= - \left(r_b + s + \frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2} \right) \cos \theta - \left(\frac{ds}{d\theta} + \frac{d^3s}{d\theta^3} \right) \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into (1):

$$\rho = r_b + s + \frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2}$$

14.6.3 Avoiding any cusps in the offset profile

- When the radius of curvature $\rho = 0$, a **cusp**, or a **sharp corner** occurs.
- When $\rho < 0$, a **concave portion** of the profile occurs, which is unfavourable for a flat-faced follower.
- To avoid both problems, it is required that $\rho > 0$ for the flat-faced follower.

For a flat-faced follower:

$$\text{Radius of curvature: } \rho = r_b + s + \frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2}$$

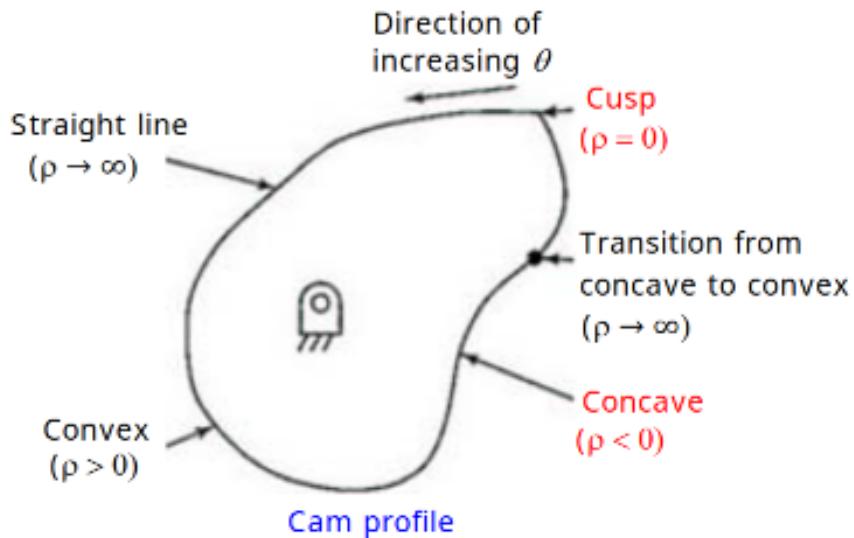
$$r_b + s + \frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2} > 0$$

$$r_b > - \left(s + \frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2} \right)$$

Let $Q = s + \frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2}$, then:

$$r_b > -Q$$

$$r_b > [-Q]_{max}$$



14.6.4 Example

Determine the minimum allowable base-circle radius of a cam based only on the given harmonic return portion of a motion program. The angular range for the return is $\pi \leq \theta \leq \frac{5\pi}{3}$, with a span of $\frac{2\pi}{3}$, and the lift, L , of the flat-faced follower is 2 cm.

The follower displacement is given by:

$$s = \frac{L}{2} \left[1 + \cos \left(\frac{\pi(\theta - \pi)}{\frac{2\pi}{3}} \right) \right] \text{ or } s = 1 + \cos[1.5(\theta - \pi)]$$

Differentiating with respect to θ :

$$\frac{ds}{d\theta} = -1.5 \sin[1.5(\theta - \pi)]$$

$$\frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2} = -1.5^2 \cos[1.5(\theta - \pi)]$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= s + \frac{d^2s}{d\theta^2} = 1 + \cos[1.5(\theta - \pi)] - 2.25 \cos[1.5(\theta - \pi)] \\ Q &= 1 - 1.25 \cos[1.5(\theta - \pi)] \\ -Q &= -1 + 1.25 \cos[1.5(\theta - \pi)] \\ [-Q]_{max} &= 0.25 \end{aligned}$$

The condition $r_b > [-Q]_{max}$ gives $r_b > 0.25$, hence:

$$r_b > 0.25 \text{ cm}$$

15 Static force analysis

15.1 Steps

1. Free individual body or bodies.
2. Draw applied force and moments.
3. Draw **assumed** constraint forces.
4. Write the equilibrium equations for each free body. There is a total of $3N$ equations for N bodies.
5. Solve the equations for unknowns.

15.2 Drawing free body diagrams

15.2.1 Vector equations

$$\sum_i \vec{F}_i = 0$$

$$\sum_j \vec{T}_j = 0$$

15.2.2 Scalar equations

$$\sum F_{ix} = 0$$

$$\sum F_{iy} = 0$$

$$\sum T_j = 0$$

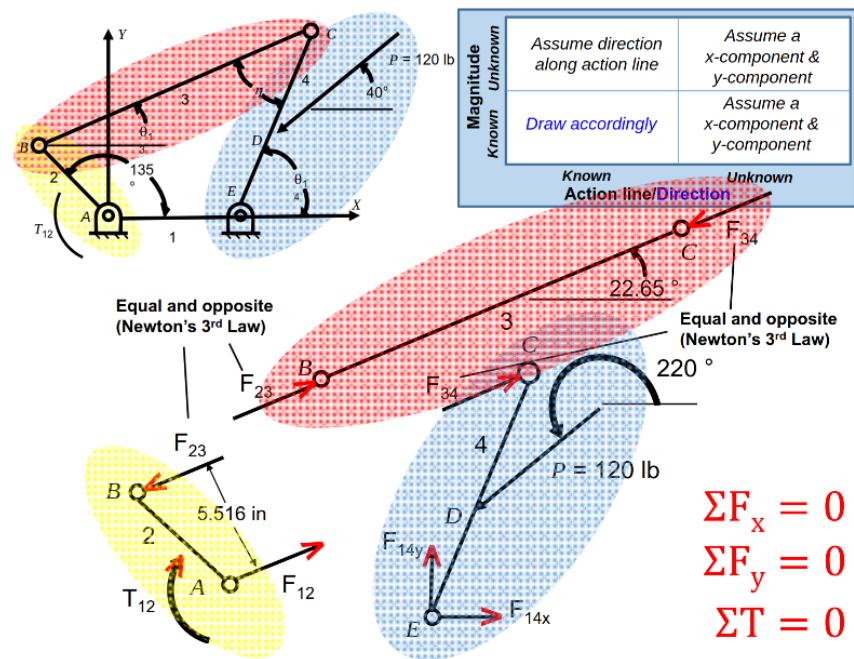
3 equations for each free body, which means $3N$ equations for N bodies.

15.2.3 Convention for forces in free-body diagram

1. If the direction and magnitude are known, draw them accordingly.
2. If the line of action of the force is known, but the magnitude is unknown, assume that the direction is along the line of action of the force.
3. If the action line is unknown, assume a x -component and a y -component.

15.2.4 Example 1

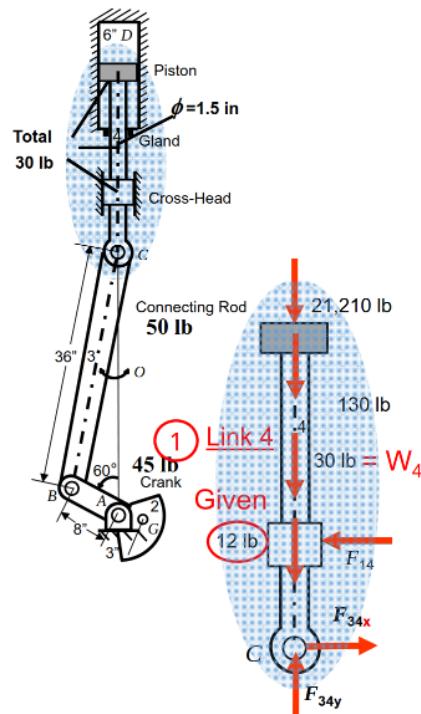
- Analyse the linkage in the figure for the torque T_{12} required if $P = 120 \text{ lb}$. The driver link 2 is at an angle of 135° with the horizontal axis.
- Draw the free body diagram of each link.



15.2.5 Example 2

- A pump used for pumping drilling mud in oil-well drilling has two double-acting cylinders. On the upstroke, the gage pressure in the cylinder above the piston is 750 psi above atmospheric and on the bottom side is 5 psi below atmospheric. The frictional resistance from the piston and gland seals and the crosshead is estimated to be total 12 lb.
- Draw the free body diagram of each link.

For link 4:



$$\text{Area of the piston top face, } A_T = 3^2\pi$$

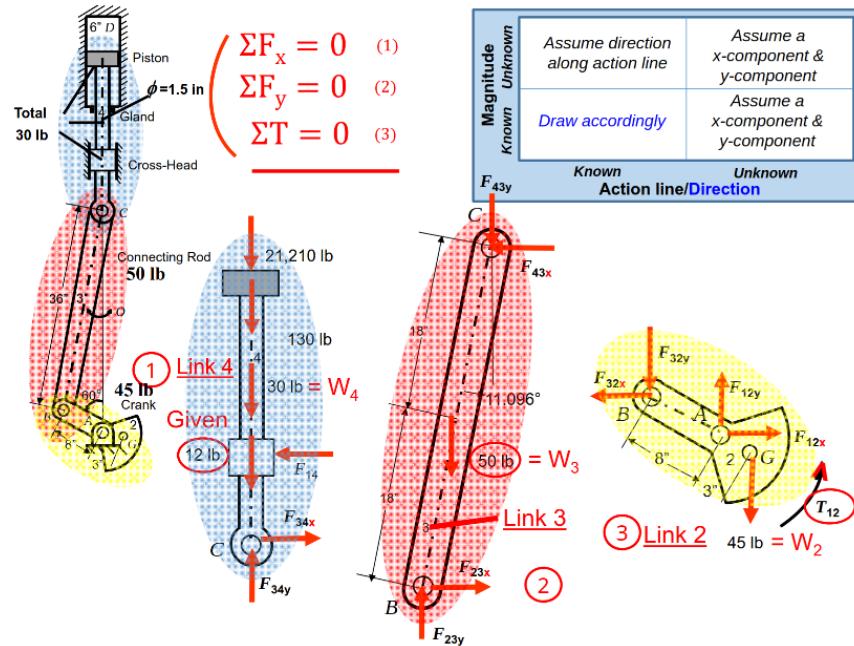
$$\text{Net area of piston bottom face, } A_B = A_5 - 0.75^2\pi$$

$$750A_T = 21210 \text{ lb}$$

$$5A_B = 130 \text{ lb}$$

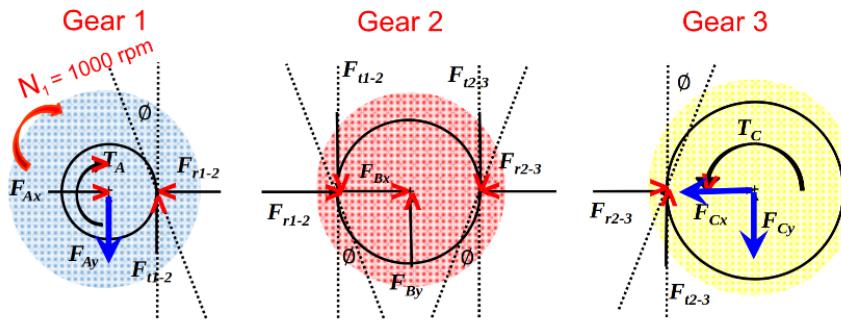
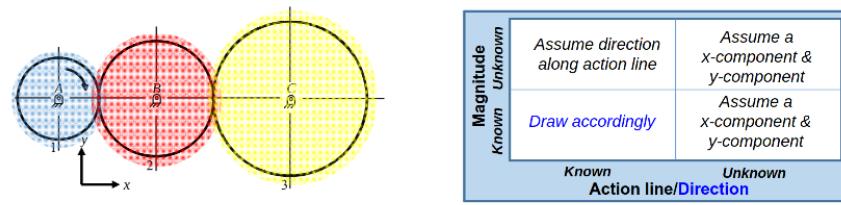
The gage pressure in the cylinder above the piston is 750 psi above atmospheric pressure and the bottom side is 5 psi below atmospheric pressure.

For all links:



15.2.6 Example 3

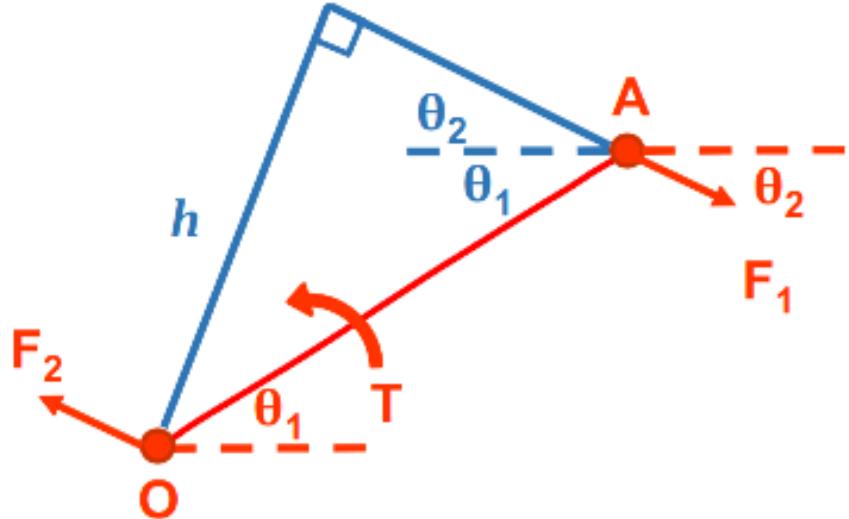
- For the three gears shown below, gear 1, the driver, rotates at $1000 \text{ rev min}^{-1}$ clockwise and delivers 30 kW . Gear 1 has a module of 10 mm , a pressure angle of 20° , and 35 teeth, while gear 2 has 45 teeth, and gear 3 has 60 teeth.
- Draw the free body diagram of each link.



$$\Sigma T = 0, \quad F_x = 0, \quad \Sigma F_y = 0$$

15.3 Solving equilibrium equations

15.3.1 Using Pythagoras' theorem



$$\sum M_O = 0$$

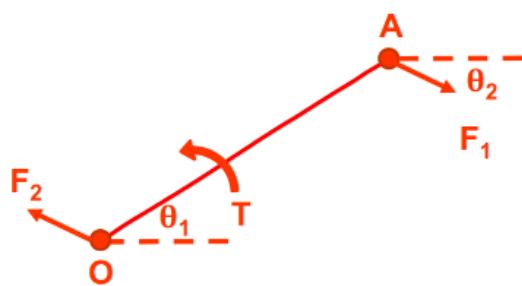
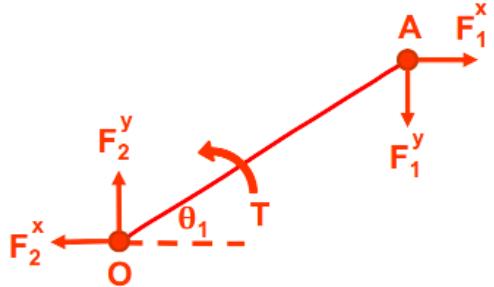
$$T - F_1 h = 0$$

$$h = \overline{AO} \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$T - F_1 \overline{AO} \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = 0$$

$$\therefore F_1 = \frac{T}{\overline{AO} \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

15.3.2 Using vector resolution



$$\sum M_0 = 0$$

$$T - F_1^x \overline{AO} \sin \theta_1 - F_1^y \overline{AO} \cos \theta_1 = 0$$

$$F_1^x = F_1 \cos \theta_2 \quad F_1^y = F_1 \sin \theta_2$$

$$T - F_1 \cos \theta_2 \overline{AO} \sin \theta_1 - F_1 \sin \theta_2 \overline{AO} \cos \theta_2 = 0$$

$$F_1 \overline{AO} (\sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) = T$$

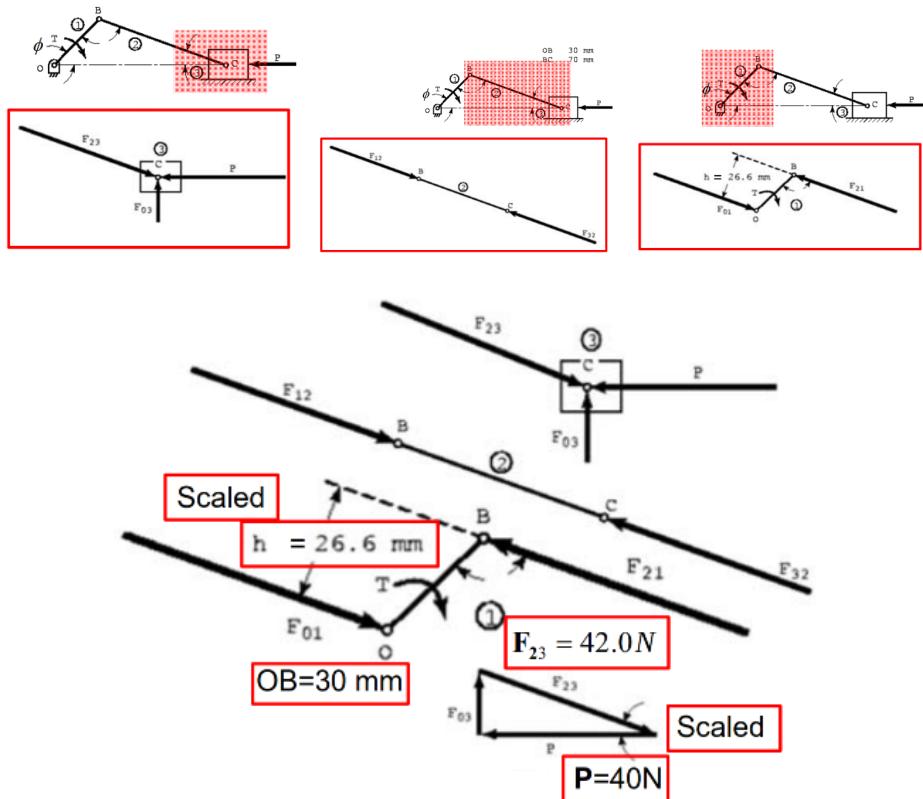
$$\therefore F_1 = \frac{T}{\overline{AO} \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

15.4 Graphical static force analysis

Consider the slider crank linkage shown below, representing a compressor at so low a speed that inertial effects are negligible. It is assumed that gravity forces are also small compared to the other forces and that all forces lie in the same plane. The dimensions are:

$$OB = 30 \text{ mm}, \quad BC = 70 \text{ mm}$$

Find the required crankshaft torque T for a total gas pressure force $P = 40 \text{ N}$ when the crank angle $\phi = 45^\circ$.



$$\mathbf{F}_{21}h - T = 0$$

$$T = \mathbf{F}_{21}h$$

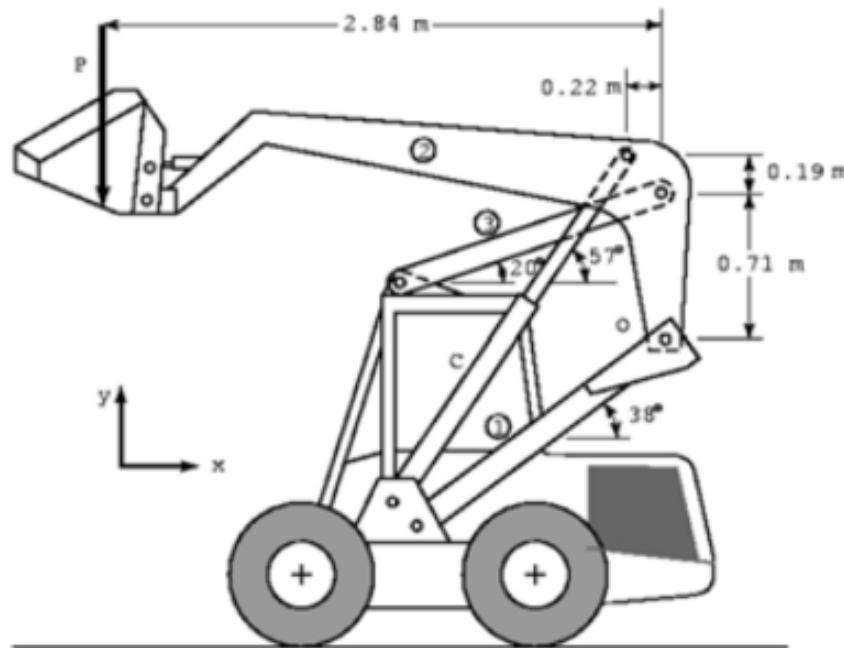
$$\begin{aligned} T &= \mathbf{F}_{21}h = (42.0 \text{ N})(26.6 \text{ mm}) \\ &= 1.12 \text{ N m} \end{aligned}$$

15.5 Sample problem

15.5.1 Question

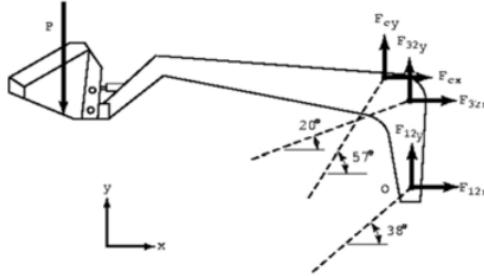
Below is a photograph of a front-end loader showing the linkage arrangement for the boom mechanism. The boom is actuated by 2 hydraulic cylinders, one on each side of the machine, and the bucket is pivoted relative to the boom by a third hydraulic cylinder.

Neglecting member weights and friction effect, determine the cylinder force F_c required for static equilibrium of the boom in the position shown under a total bucket load of 4000 N (2000 N per 1 side).



15.5.2 Solution

The xy coordinate system has been selected with x being the horizontal axis and y being the vertical axis.



Applying equilibrium equations:

$$F_{cx} + F_{12x} + F_{32x} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$F_{cy} + F_{12y} + F_{32y} - P = 0 \quad (2)$$

Summing moments about point O :

$$2.84P - 0.71F_{32x} - 0.90F_{cx} - 0.22F_{cy} = 0 \quad (3)$$

Equations (1) – (3) are a system of three equations with 6 unknowns.
From the figure above:

$$F_{cx} = F_c \cos(57^\circ) \quad F_{cy} = F_c \sin(57^\circ) \quad (4)$$

$$F_{12x} = F_{12} \cos(38^\circ) \quad F_{12y} = F_{12} \sin(38^\circ) \quad (5)$$

$$F_{32x} = F_{32} \cos(20^\circ) \quad F_{32y} = F_{32} \sin(20^\circ) \quad (6)$$

Substituting equations (4) – (6) into (1) – (3):

$$0.545F_c + 0.788F_{12} + 0.940F_{32} = 0$$

$$0.839F_c + 0.616F_{12} + 0.342F_{32} - 2000 = 0$$

$$5680 - 0.667F_{32} - 0.675F_c = 0$$

Solving the above equations for the unknowns:

$$F_c = 6595 \text{ N} \quad F_{12} = -6758 \text{ N} \quad F_{32} = 1842 \text{ N}$$

- The cylinder force F_c required for static equilibrium is 6595 N.
- The components of F_{12} act in the negative coordinate directions.
- Member 3 and the cylinder are acted on by compressive forces, whereas member 1 is in tension for the position analysed.

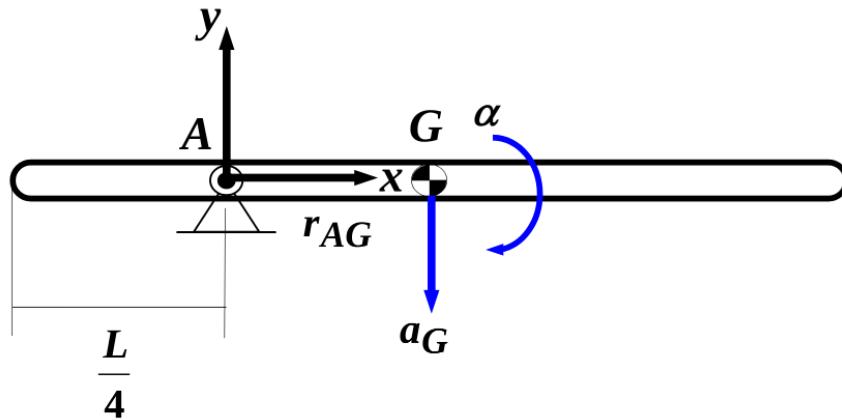
16 Dynamic force analysis

16.1 Steps

1. Find the acceleration of the centre of gravity and the angular acceleration for each link, or use the given ones.
2. Draw free body diagrams for individual bodies.
3. Draw inertial force at the centre of gravity and the inertial moment about the centre of gravity.
4. Draw the applied force and moments.
5. Draw the assumed constraint forces.
6. Write the equilibrium equations for each free body. There is a total of $3N$ equations for N bodies.
7. Solve the equations for unknowns.

16.2 Example 1

The uniform slender rod of mass m and length L is pivoted at A in the position as shown. The rod is released from rest. Determine the initial angular acceleration of the rod and the constraint force at A . (Given $I_G = \frac{1}{12}mL^2$)

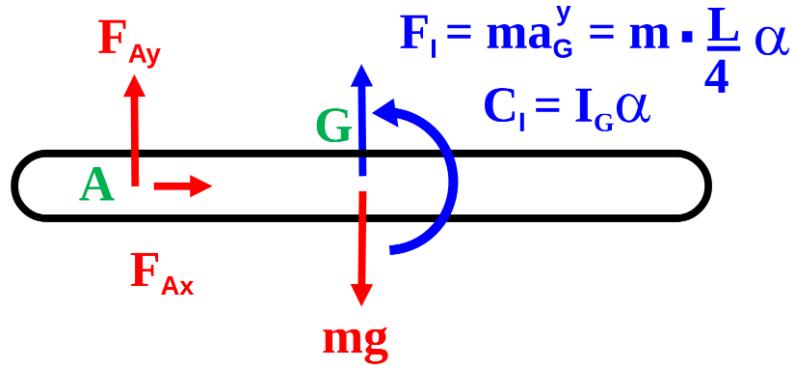


16.2.1 Solution

- Kinematics analysis: Letting α be the angular acceleration of the rod, we have:

$$a_G^x = 0 \quad a_G^y = -\frac{L}{4}\alpha$$

- Using D'Alembert's principle:



$$\sum M_a = 0$$

$$-mg\frac{L}{4} + m\frac{L}{4}\alpha \times \frac{L}{4} + I_G\alpha = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{12g}{7L}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$F_{Ax} = 0$$

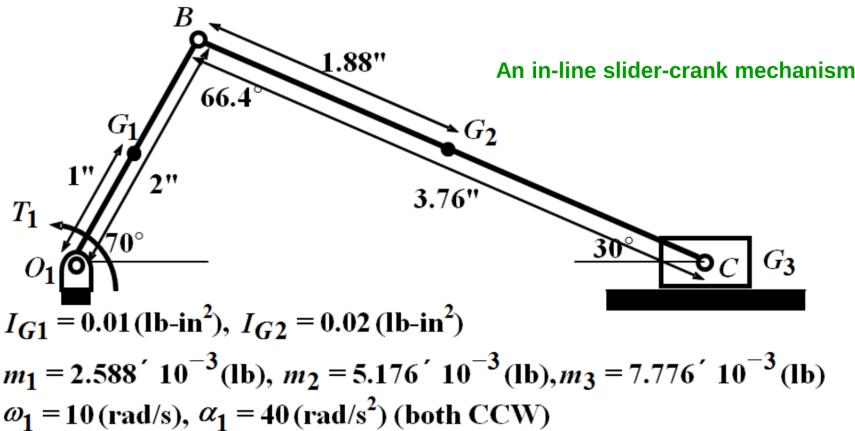
$$F_y = 0$$

$$F_{Ay} + m\frac{L}{4}\alpha - mg = 0$$

$$F_{Ay} = \frac{4}{7}mg$$

16.3 Example 2

Analyse the planar inline slider-crank mechanism for the given dimensions as shown in the diagram. Given the input ω_1 and α_1 , determine the required torque T_1 and the bearing forces at joints.



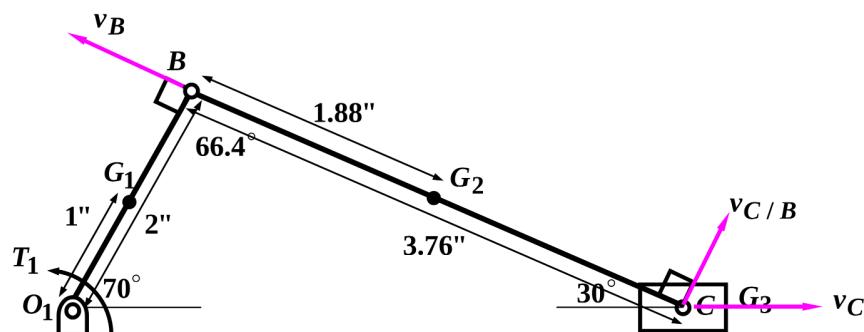
16.3.1 Kinematic analysis for velocity

Using the relative velocity, we can find:

$$\vec{v}_C = \vec{v}_B + \vec{v}_{C/B} = \vec{\omega}_1 \times \vec{r}_{O1B} + \vec{\omega}_2 \times \vec{r}_{BC}$$

$$\vec{\omega}_2 = -2.1\hat{k} \text{ (rad s}^{-1}\text{)} \text{ (Clockwise)}$$

$$\vec{v}_C = -14.85\hat{i} \text{ (in s}^{-1}\text{)}$$



16.3.2 Kinematic analysis for acceleration

Using the relative acceleration, we can find:

$$\vec{a}_C = \vec{a}_B + \vec{a}_{C/B} = \vec{a}_B^n + \vec{a}_B^t + \vec{a}_{C/B}^n + \vec{a}_{C/B}^t$$

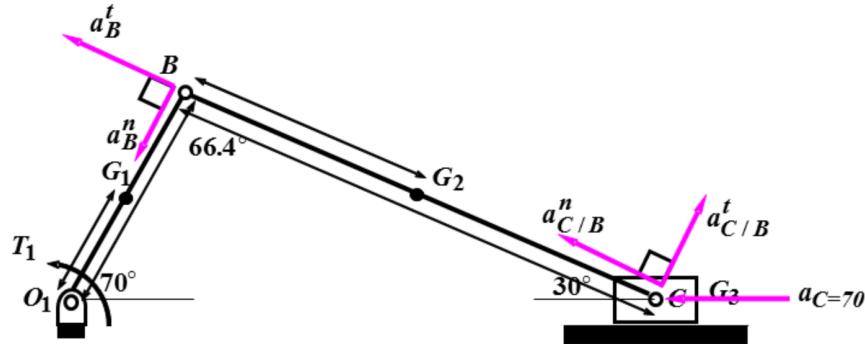
$$\vec{\alpha}_2 = 46\hat{k} \text{ (rad s}^{-2}\text{) (Counter-clockwise)}$$

$$\vec{a}_C = -70\hat{i} \text{ (in s}^{-2}\text{)}$$

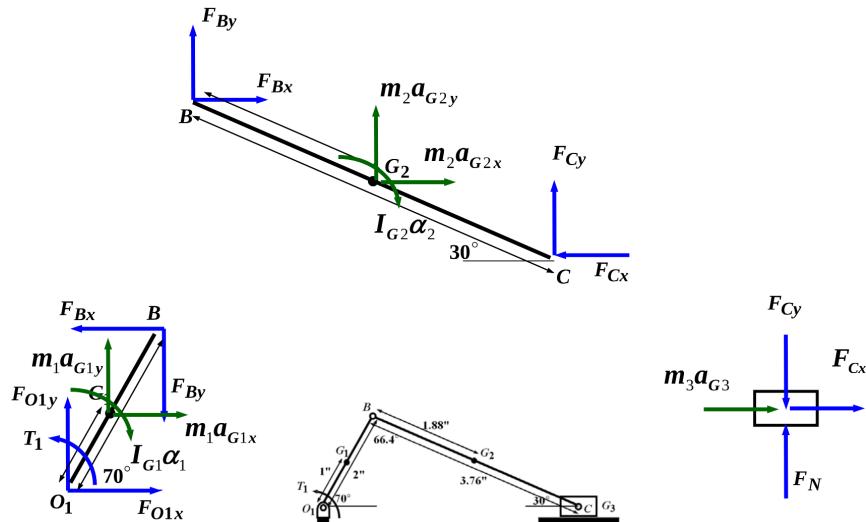
With the angular velocities and accelerations, the following quantities can be obtained:

$$\vec{a}_{G1x} = -71.6\hat{i} \text{ (in s}^{-2}\text{), } \vec{a}_{G1y} = -79.5\hat{j} \text{ (in s}^{-2}\text{)}$$

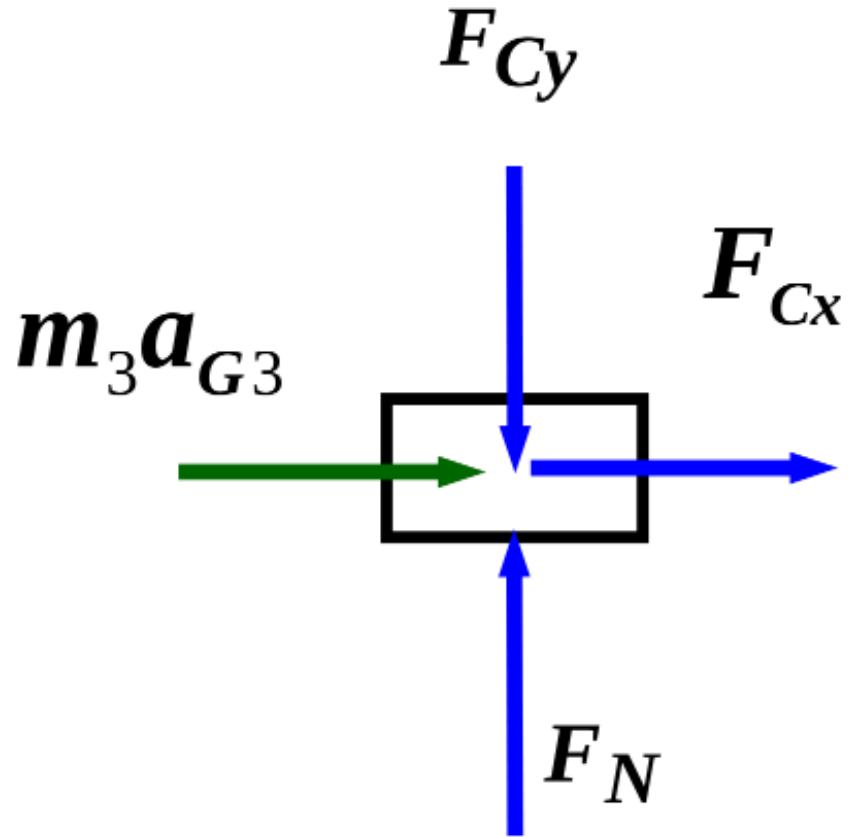
$$\vec{a}_{G2x} = -106\hat{i} \text{ (in s}^{-2}\text{), } \vec{a}_{G2y} = -80.0\hat{j} \text{ (in s}^{-2}\text{)}$$



16.3.3 Free body diagrams



16.3.4 Dynamic analysis of link 3 (slider)



From the free body diagram, we have:

$$\sum \vec{F} = 0$$

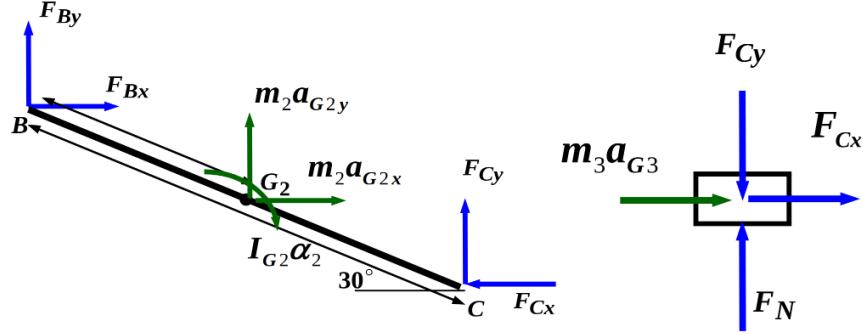
$$\sum F_x = 0 : \quad F_{Cx} + m_3 a_{G3x} = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 : \quad F_N - F_{Cy} = 0$$

$$F_{Cx} = -7.776 \times 10^{-3} \times 70 = 0.543 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_n = F_{Cy}$$

16.3.5 Dynamic analysis of link 2



From the free body diagram, we have:

$$\sum \vec{M}_B = 0$$

$$r_{BC} \times (-F_{Cx}\hat{i} + F_{Cy}\hat{j}) - I_{G2}\alpha_2 + \vec{r}_{BG2} \times m_2(a_{G2x}\hat{i} + a_{G2y}\hat{j}) = 0$$

$$-r_{BCy} \times F_{Cx} + r_{BCx} \times F_{Cy} - I_{G2}\alpha_2 + r_{BG2y} \times m_2 a_{G2x} + r_{BG2x} \times m_2 a_{G2y} = 0$$

$$F_{Cy} = -0.396$$

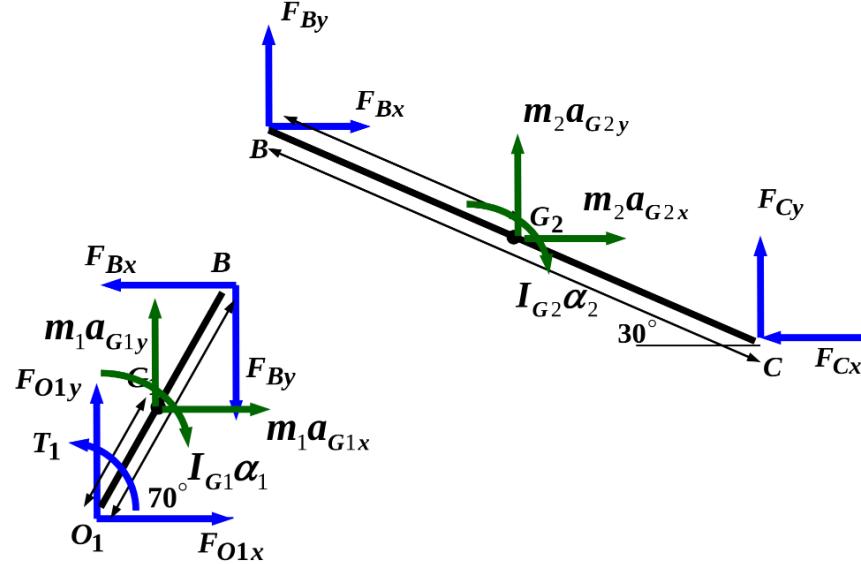
$$\sum F_x = 0 : \quad F_{Bx} - F_{Cx} + m_2 a_{G2x} = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 : \quad F_{By} + F_{Cy} + m_2 a_{G2y} = 0$$

$$F_{Bx} = -1.09 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{By} = -0.018 \text{ lb}$$

16.3.6 Dynamic analysis of link 1



From the free body diagram, we have:

$$\sum \vec{M}_{O1} = 0$$

$$T_1 \hat{k} + \vec{r}_{O1B} \times (-F_{Bx} \hat{i} - F_{By} \hat{j}) - I_{G1} \vec{\alpha}_1 + \vec{r}_{O1G1} \times m_1 (a_{G1x} \hat{i} + a_{G1y} \hat{j}) = 0$$

$$T_1 + r_{O1Bx} F_{Bx} - r_{O1Bx} F_{By} - I_{G1} \alpha_1 - r_{O1G1y} m_1 a_{G1x} + r_{O1G1x} m_1 a_{G1y} = 0$$

$$T_1 = 2.54 \text{ lb in}$$

$$\sum \vec{F} = 0$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 : \quad F_{01x} - F_{Bx} - m_1 a_{G1x} = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 : \quad F_{01y} - F_{By} - m_1 a_{G1y} = 0$$

$$F_{01x} = -1.28 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{01y} = -0.224 \text{ lb}$$

16.4 Example 3

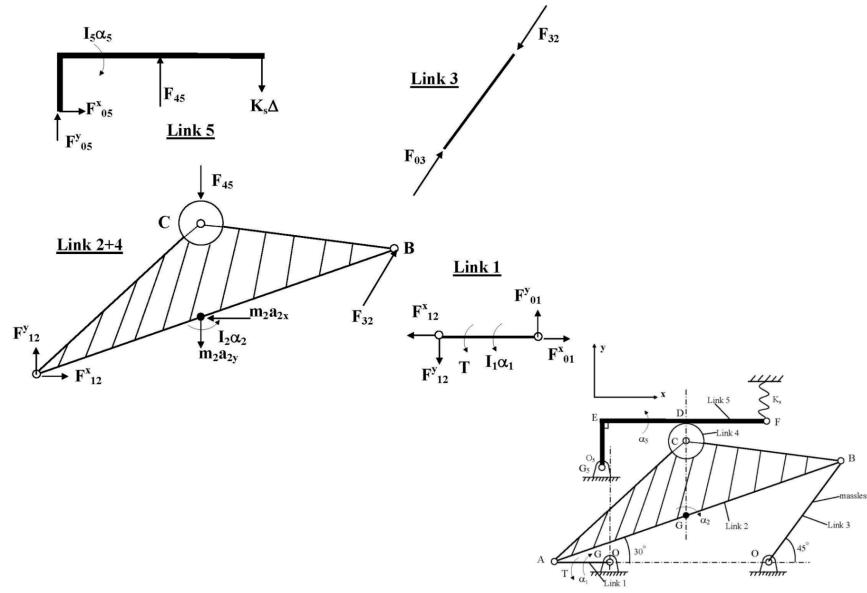
The figure below shows a mechanism driven by link 1. At the position shown, link 1 rotates with an angular acceleration α_1 . At the output end F , the driven link 5 is pushing a mechanical part, which is idealised as a spring of stiffness K_s . The mass of link 3 and the mass of the roller link 4 are considered to be negligible. The dimensions of the links are given in the figure. Given that the spring is compressed by a displacement Δ_s at this instant, and the following:

Link	Mass	Location of CG	Moment of inertia about CG	Acceleration of CG	Angular acceleration
Link 1	m_1	G_1 at O_1	I_1	0	α_1 (clockwise)
Link 2	m_2	G_2	I_2	$a_{2x}i + a_{2y}j$	α_2 (clockwise)
Link 3	Massless	-	-	-	-
Link 4	Massless	-	-	-	-
Link 5	m_5	G_5 at O_5	I_5	0	α_5 (counter-clockwise)

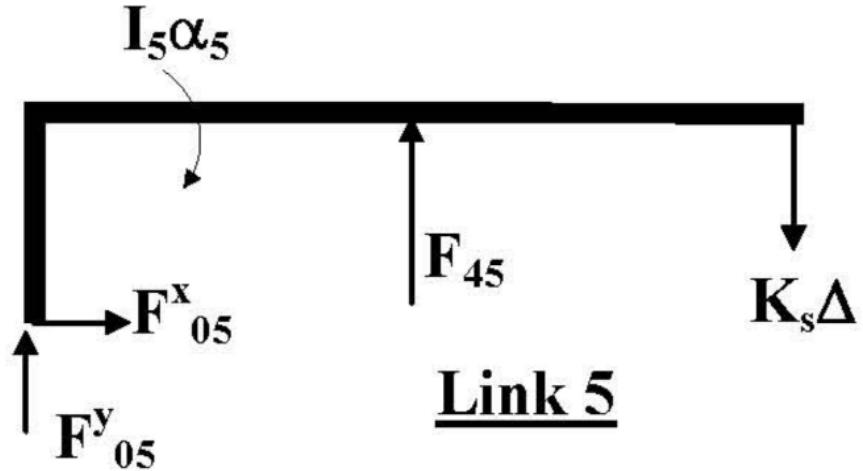
Neglecting the gravitational force and friction forces,

1. Draw the free-body diagram of each link (except the ground link), for dynamic force analysis.
2. Derive the expressions for the constraint force at D between links 4 and 5, the constraint force at bearing O_5 , the constraint force at B (between links 2 and 3), the constraint force at A (between links 1 and 2), as well as the required input driving torque T .

16.4.1 Free-body diagrams



16.4.2 Free-body link 5



$$\sum T_{O5} = 0$$

$$F_{45} \cdot \frac{r_5}{2} - I_5\alpha_5 - K_s\Delta \cdot r_5 = 0$$

$$F_{45} = \frac{2I_5\alpha_5}{r_5} + 2K_s\Delta = \frac{2}{3}I_5\alpha_5 + 2K_s\Delta$$

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

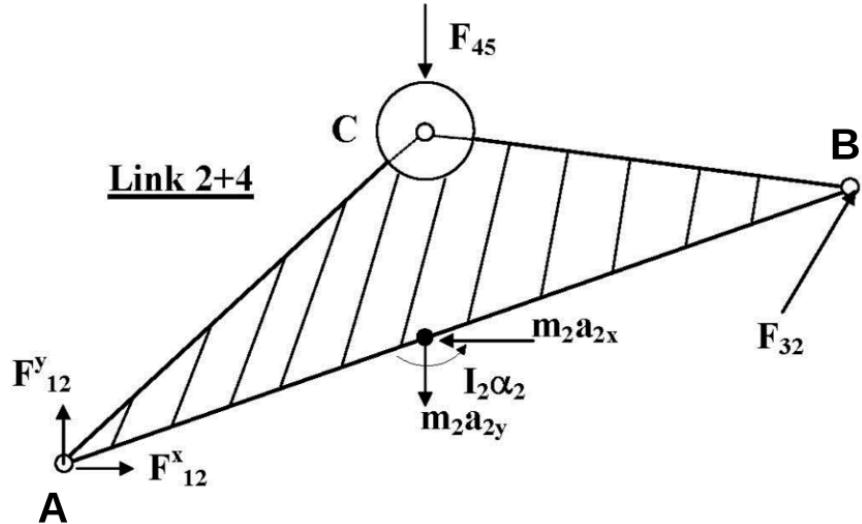
$$F_{05}^x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$F_{05}^y + F_{45} - K_s\Delta = 0$$

$$F_{05}^y = K_s\Delta - F_{45} = -\frac{2I_5\alpha_5}{r_5} - K_s\Delta$$

16.4.3 Free-body link 2 and 4



$$\sum T_A = 0$$

$$I_2\alpha_2 + F_{32}(r_2 \cos 30^\circ - r_3 \cos 45^\circ) \sin 45^\circ + m_2a_{2x} \frac{r_2}{2} \sin 30^\circ - m_2a_{2y} \frac{r_2}{2} \cos 30^\circ - F_{45} \frac{r_2}{2} \cos 30^\circ = 0$$

$$F_{32} = (3\sqrt{3}m_2a_{2y} + 2\sqrt{3}I_5\alpha_5 + 6\sqrt{3}K_s\Delta - 1.5m_2a_{2x} - I_2\alpha_2) \div 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$F_{12}^x - m_2a_{2x} + F_{32} \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$F_{12}^x = \frac{5}{8}m_2a_{2x} - \frac{1}{4}(3\sqrt{3}m_2a_{2y} + 2\sqrt{3}I_5\alpha_5 + 6\sqrt{3}K_s\Delta - I_2\alpha_2)$$

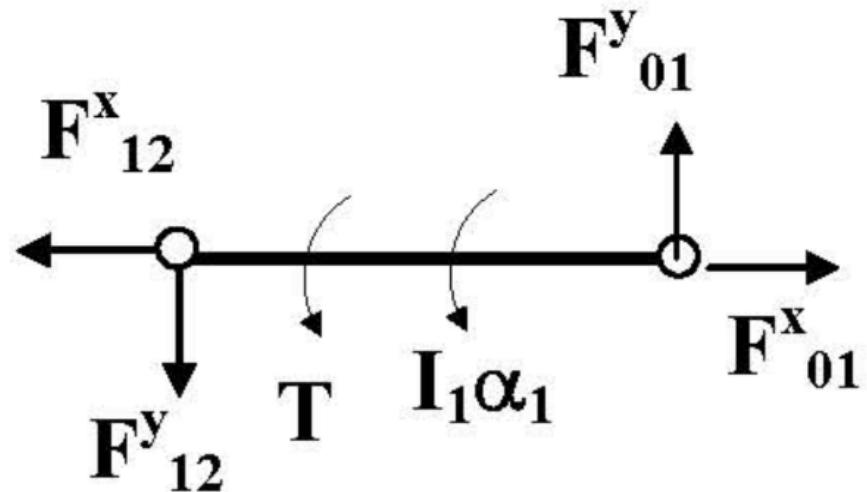
$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$F_{12}^y - m_2a_{2y} - F_{45} + F_{32} \sin 45^\circ = 0$$

$$F_{12}^y = \frac{4-3\sqrt{3}}{4}m_2a_{2y} + \frac{4-3\sqrt{3}}{6}I_5\alpha_5 + (2-1.5\sqrt{3})K_s\Delta + \frac{1}{4}(1.5m_2a_{2x} + I_2\alpha_2)$$

16.4.4 Free-body link 1

Link 1



$$\sum T_{O1} = 0$$

$$T + I_1\alpha_1 + F_{12}^y \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$T = -I_1\alpha_1 + \frac{3\sqrt{3}-4}{4}m_2a_{2y} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}-4}{6}I_5\alpha_5 + (1.5\sqrt{3}-2)K_s\Delta - \frac{1}{4}(1.5m_2a_{2x} + I_2\alpha_2)$$