Case Studies Nonlinear Optimization

Open Cast Mining

Final Presentation

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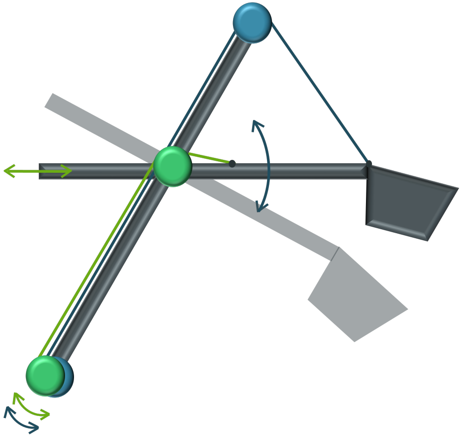
- Goal: **Optimization of model parameters**
- Models of technical system = Physical properties + Control properties

Problem Setting: Schematic Illustration



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- Rope properties
- Lagrange Formalism

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Discretization + Optimization

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- Realistic model
- Confidential information

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Derivative-free optimization

Physical Modeling

Why?

Building an accurate model $\Rightarrow$ Good description of the effects of control and motion

Physical Modeling Cont'd

How?

To consider:

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- Potential/Kinetic energy
- etc

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Lagrange Formalism
(ODE)

Which color do we want to use?

- TUMblue
- TUMblue1
- TUMblue2
- TUMblue3
- TUMblue4
- TUMblue5

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Accurate and realistic parameters $\Rightarrow$ Better prediction and planning of motion

Parameter Identification Two Ways

Two independent models acquired,
two different computational approaches.

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Own Physical Model

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Discretization

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- Information for calibration available
- Runge-Kutta method
- Parameter computation for a given control and motion

Parameter Identification: Blackbox Model

Siemens Blackbox Model

- **Input**: Control
- **Output**: Motion

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Parameter Identification

Particle Swarm, Pattern Search, Genetic Algorithm, ...

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- Almost no information available
- Derivative-free optimization
- Only a few parameters studied

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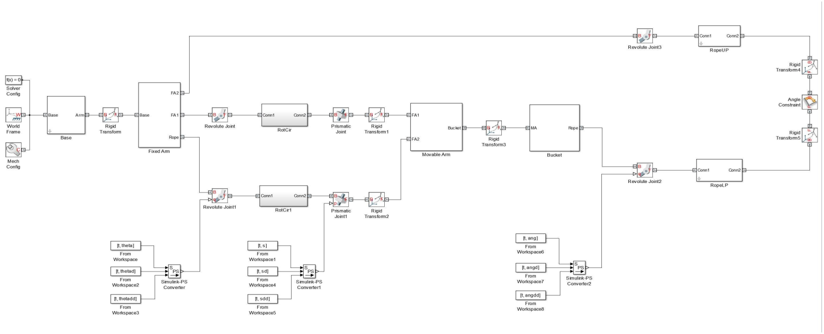
Visualization: Simulink



Visualization Example

Same parameters, different load weights

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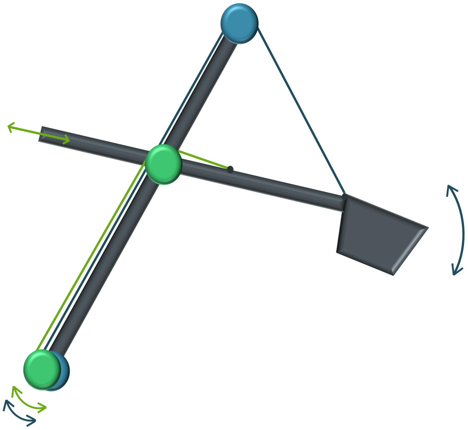

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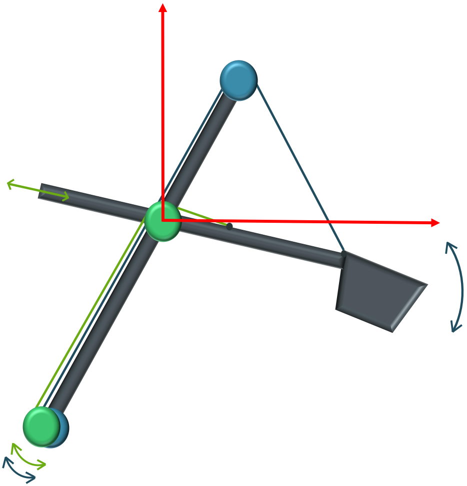

coordinate system

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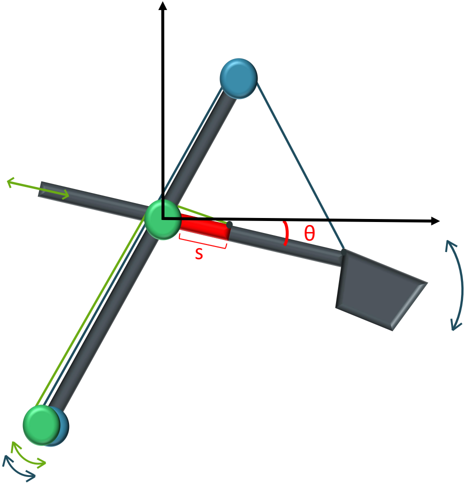

degrees of freedom

- length s
- tilt angle θ

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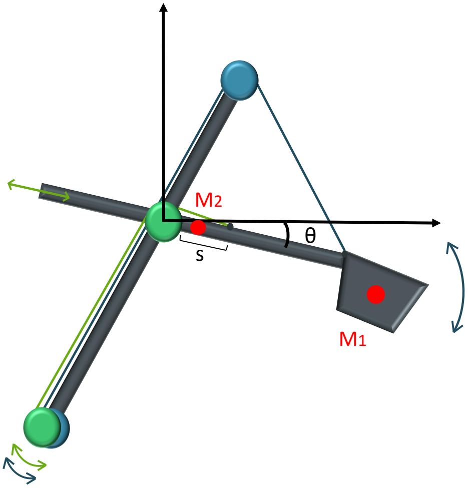

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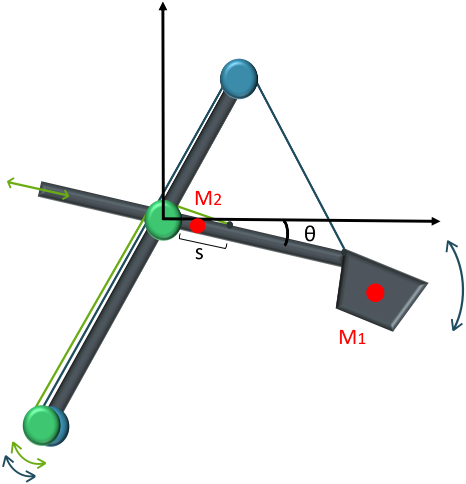

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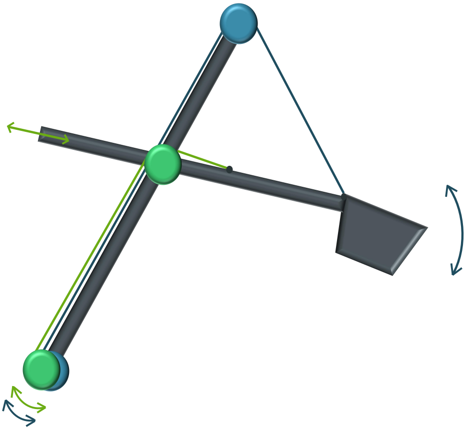
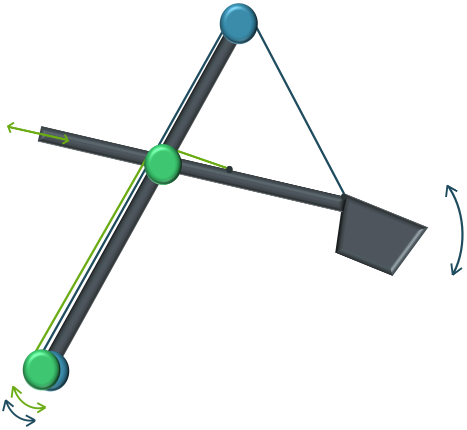
Kinetic Energy



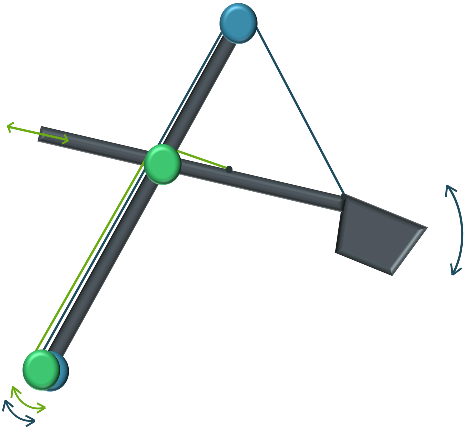
- movement of mass
- rotation of cable reel

Potential Energy



gravitational potential energy

Generalized Forces



- torque on cable reels
- friction of cable reels

Physical Model of Excavator

Assumptions to the model:

- no mass for the ropes
- shovel as point mass
- no slack / friction between ropes and cable reels

Lagrange Formalism

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{s}}\right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial s} = Q_s$$

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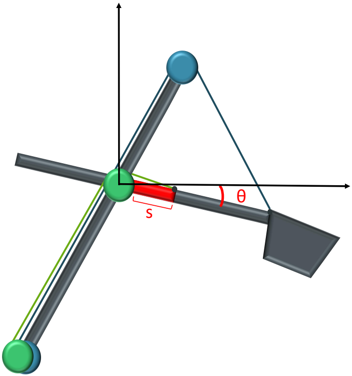

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$\rightarrow$ Transformation into 1st order ODE

$$\frac{d}{dt}\begin{pmatrix}s\\ \theta\\ \dot{s}\\ \dot{\theta}\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}\dot{s}\\ \dot{\theta}\\ A^{-1}(x,p)b(x,u,p)\end{pmatrix} = f(x,u,p)$$

state	$x = (s, \theta, \dot{s}, \dot{\theta})^T$
control	$u = (\tau_1, \tau_2)^T$
parameters	$p = (p_1, ..., p_k)^T$

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Discretization of the ODE

Discretize time interval:

$$[0, T] \to \{0 = t_0, t_1, \ldots, t_{m-1}, t_m = T\}$$

Discretize state and control:

$$x_n = x(t_n)$$
$$u_n = u(t_n)$$

Discretization of the ODE

Explicit Euler for every time step $h_n = t_{n+1} - t_n$:

$$\Psi(x_n, u_n, p) = x_n + h_n f(x_n, u_n, p)$$

Discrete constraint:

$$0 = x_{n+1} - \Psi(x_n, u_n, p) =: \Phi_n(x, u, p) \quad \forall n = 0, \ldots, m-1$$

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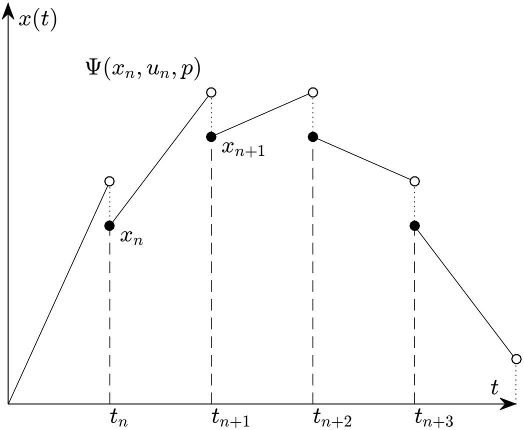

Problem Setting

Given:

- control $\bar{u}$
- motion $\bar{x}$ related to $\bar{u}$ and $\bar{p}$

Unknown:

- parameters $\bar{p}$ of the excavator

Output:

- parameters p

Problem Formulation

Natural approach: Optimal Control Problem

$$
\begin{aligned}
\min_{x,p} \quad & \frac{1}{2}\|\bar{x} - x\|^2 \\
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desired motion	$\bar{x}$

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Reinterpreted Problem

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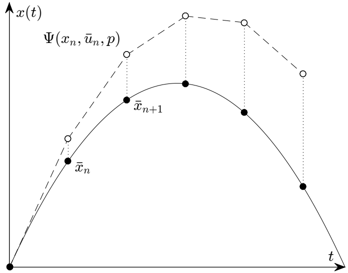
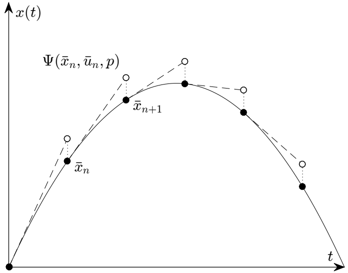
- $\bar{x}$ solves ODE for $\bar{p}$
- $\Phi(\bar{x}, \bar{u}, \bar{p}) \to 0$ for discretization $m \to \infty$
- number of parameters fix

Comparison of the Approaches



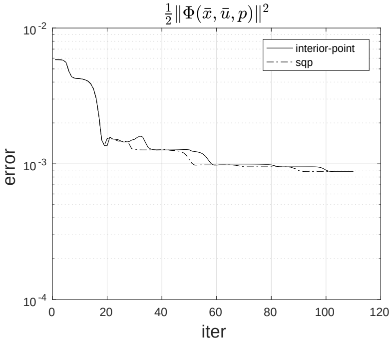


continuous vs. stepwise Approximation

Example Instance

- $[0, T] = [0, 14s]$
- 1500 time steps
- $p_0 \in [0.8\bar{p}, 1.2\bar{p}]$
- $x(p)$ solution of ODE for given p
- internally 5 trajectories in parallel

Results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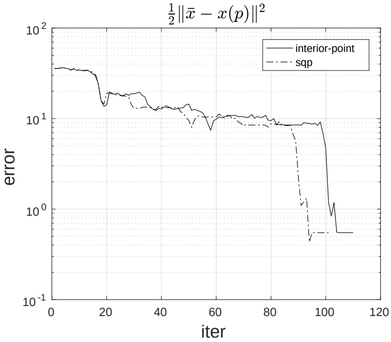
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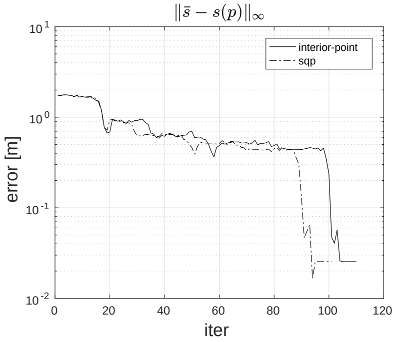

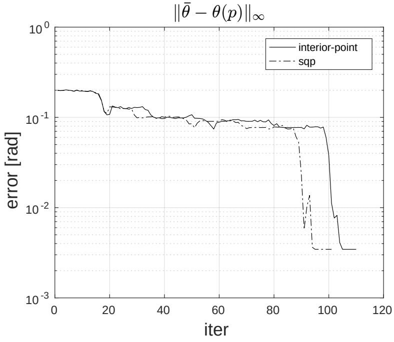

Exact up to 3cm

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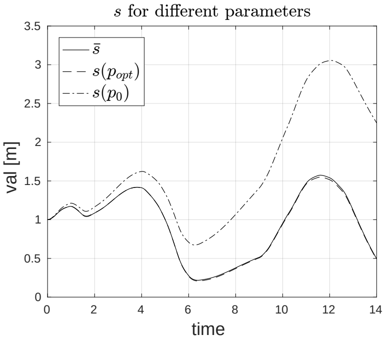
s for different parameters
$\bar{s}$
$s(p_{opt})$
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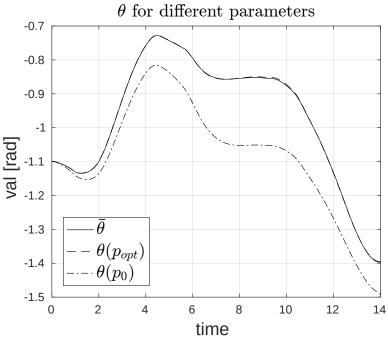
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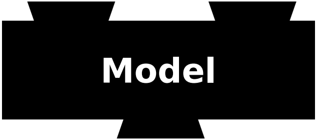

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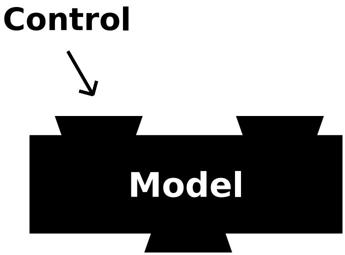

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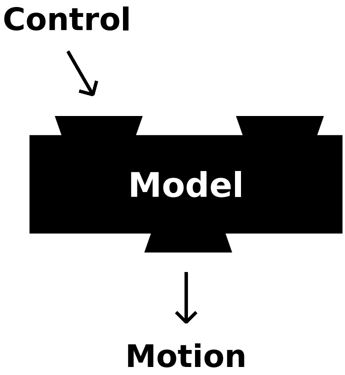

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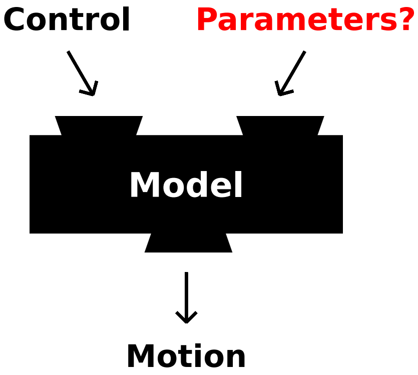

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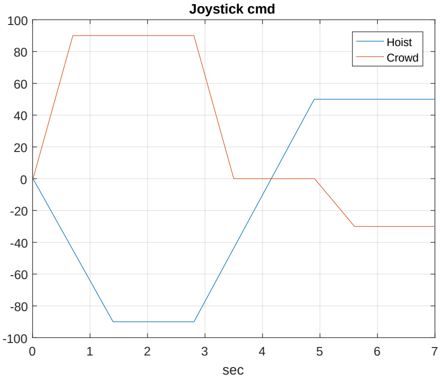

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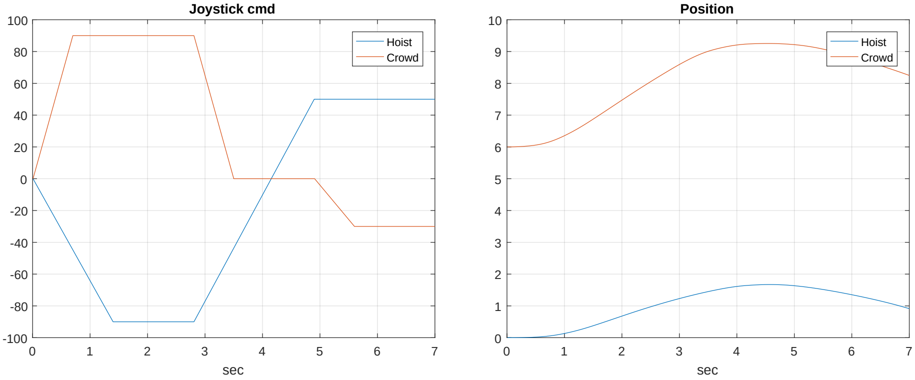

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$$\min_{p\in\mathbb{R}^4} f(p) = \frac{1}{n}\cdot\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(\frac{\|\overline{X}_i - X_i\left(p\right)\|^2}{\|\overline{X}_i\|^2} + \frac{\|\overline{Y}_i - Y_i\left(p\right)\|^2}{\|\overline{Y}_i\|^2}\right)$$

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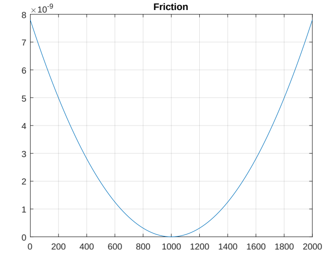

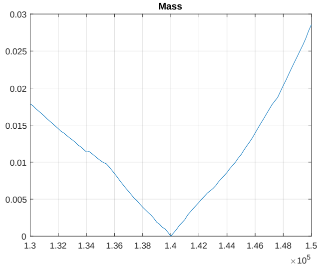

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	value	evaluations	time	dev_{max}	dev_{mean}
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Pattern Search	10^{-11}	6500	17 min	$10^{-1.3}$	$10^{-3.7}$
Genetic Algorithm	10^{-4}	5500	14 min	$10^{-0.5}$	$10^{-1.0}$
Simulated Annealing	10^{-3}	4200	11 min	$10^{-0.3}$	$10^{-0.6}$

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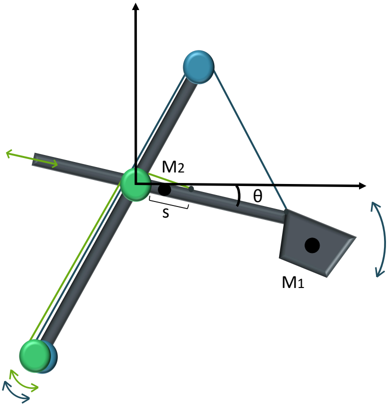

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