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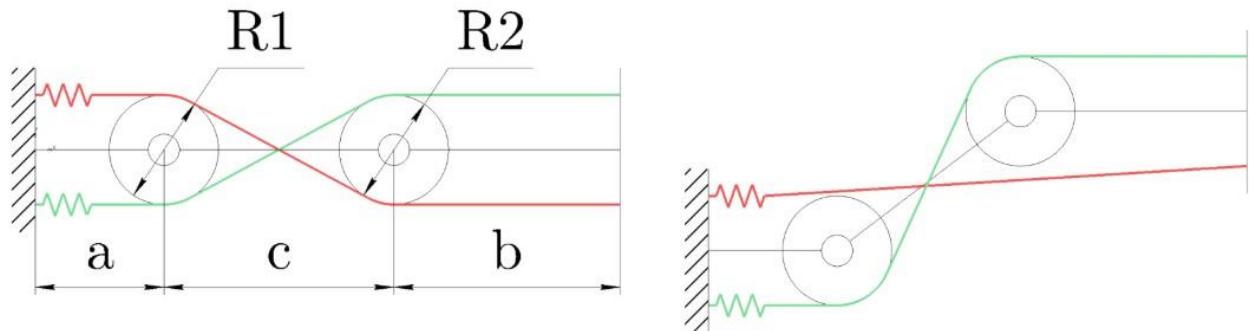
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Task

1. Look in the [table](#) and find yourself:

2. Choose one of the passive mechanisms according to your list and model .xml files.

Variant 1 - tendon connected 2R planar mechanism:



3. Write python script with `model` , `data` and `viewer` methods. Run the simulation.

4. Examples of .xml models are in the "Examples" folder.

I have the first variant, so my parameters are for tendon connected 2R planar mechanism.

R1, m	R2, m	a, m	b, m	c, m
0.014	0.042	0.039	0.043	0.073

Mechanism analysis:

The mechanism forms closed kinematic chain with two rotational links R1 and R2. It has three linear segment a, b, c.

Implementation of the xml-model in Python with Mujoco and Mujoco_viewer libraries:

```

import mujoco
import mujoco_viewer
import numpy as np
import os

# XML
model_xml = """
<mujoco model="tendon">
    <option gravity="0 -9.81 0" integrator="Euler"/>
    <statistic center="0 0 0" extent="0.2"/>

    <visual>
        <rgba haze="0.9 0.9 0.95 1"/>
    </visual>

    <default>
        <joint axis="0 1 0" damping="0.00005"/>
        <geom type="capsule"/>
    </default>

    <asset>
        <texture name="texplane" type="2d" builtin="checker"
            rgb1="0.2 0.2 0.2" rgb2="0.2 0.2 0.2"
            width="512" height="512" mark="none"/>
        <material name="matplane" reflectance="0"
            texture="texplane" texrepeat="1 1" texuniform="true"/>
    </asset>

    <worldbody>
        <light pos="0 0 0.25"/>
        <light pos="0 0 3" dir="0 0 -1" directional="false"/>
        <geom name="floor" pos="0 0 -0.14" size="2 2 0.1"
            type="plane" material="matplane" conaffinity="15" condim="3"/>

        <body pos="0 0 0">
            <geom name="left_bound" type="box"
                size="0.002 0.03 0.03"
                rgba="0.3 0.5 1 1" pos="0 0 0"/>
            <geom fromto="0 0 0 0.039 0 0"
                rgba="0.8 0.8 0.3 0.6" size="0.002"
                contype="0" conaffinity="0"/>
            <site name="s1" pos="0.002 0 0.014" size="0.002" rgba="1 1 0 1"/>
            <site name="s2" pos="0.002 0 -0.014" size="0.002" rgba="1 1 0 1"/>

            <body pos="0.039 0 0">
                <joint name="elbow"/>
                <geom fromto="0 0 0 0.073 0 0"
                    rgba="0.8 0.8 0.3 0.6" size="0.002"/>
                <body name="bullet_body" pos="0 0 0">
                    <joint name="bullet_hinge" type="hinge"
                        axis="0 1 0" stiffness="5" damping="0.005"/>
                    <geom name="Pulley" type="cylinder"
                        fromto="0 0.005 0 0 -0.005 0"
                        size="0.014"
                        rgba="0.3 0.3 0.9 0.9"/>
                    <site name="s3" pos="0 0 0.014" size="0.002" rgba="1 1 0 1"/>
                    <site name="s4" pos="0 0 -0.014" size="0.002" rgba="1 1 0 1"/>
                </body>

                <body pos="0.073 0 0">
                    <joint name="wrist"/>
                    <geom fromto="0 0 0 0.043 0 0"
                        rgba="0.8 0.3 0.6 1" size="0.002"/>
                    <body name="pulley2_body" pos="0 0 0">
                        <joint name="pulley2_hinge" type="hinge"
                            axis="0 1 0" stiffness="5" damping="0.005"/>
                    </body>
                </body>
            </body>
        </body>
    </worldbody>
</mujoco>
"""

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<geom name="Pulley2" type="cylinder"
      fromto="0 0.005 0 0 -0.005 0"
      size="0.042"
      rgba="0.3 0.3 0.9 0.9"/>
<site name="s5" pos="0 0 0.042" size="0.002" rgba="1 1 0 1"/>
<site name="s6" pos="0 0 -0.042" size="0.002" rgba="1 1 0 1"/>
<site name="s7" pos="0.043 0 0.042" size="0.002" rgba="1 1 0 1"/>
<site name="s8" pos="0.043 0 -0.042" size="0.002" rgba="1 1 0 1"/>
</body>

<body>
  <geom name="right_bound" type="box"
        size="0.002 0.03 0.03"
        rgba="0.3 0.5 1 1"
        pos="0.043 0 0"/>
  </body>
</body>
</body>
</worldbody>

<tendon>
  <spatial name="tendon1" stiffness="5" rgba="0.4 0.2 1 1" width="0.0015">
    <site site="s1"/>
    <geom geom="Pulley" sidesite="s3"/>
    <site site="s3"/>
    <geom geom="Pulley2" sidesite="s6"/>
    <site site="s8"/>
  </spatial>
  <spatial name="tendon2" stiffness="5" rgba="0 0.85 0.7 1" width="0.0015">
    <site site="s2"/>
    <geom geom="Pulley" sidesite="s4"/>
    <site site="s4"/>
    <geom geom="Pulley2" sidesite="s5"/>
    <site site="s7"/>
  </spatial>
</tendon>
</mujoco>
"""
with open('tendon_mechanism.xml', 'w') as f:
    f.write(model_xml)

model = mujoco.MjModel.from_xml_path('tendon_mechanism.xml')
data = mujoco.MjData(model)

viewer = mujoco_viewer.MujocoViewer(model, data)

try:
    while viewer.is_alive:
        mujoco.mj_step(model, data)
        viewer.render()
finally:
    viewer.close()
    if os.path.exists('tendon_mechanism.xml'):
        os.remove('tendon_mechanism.xml')

```

As the result I got the run-time simulation of the mechanism that I constructed.

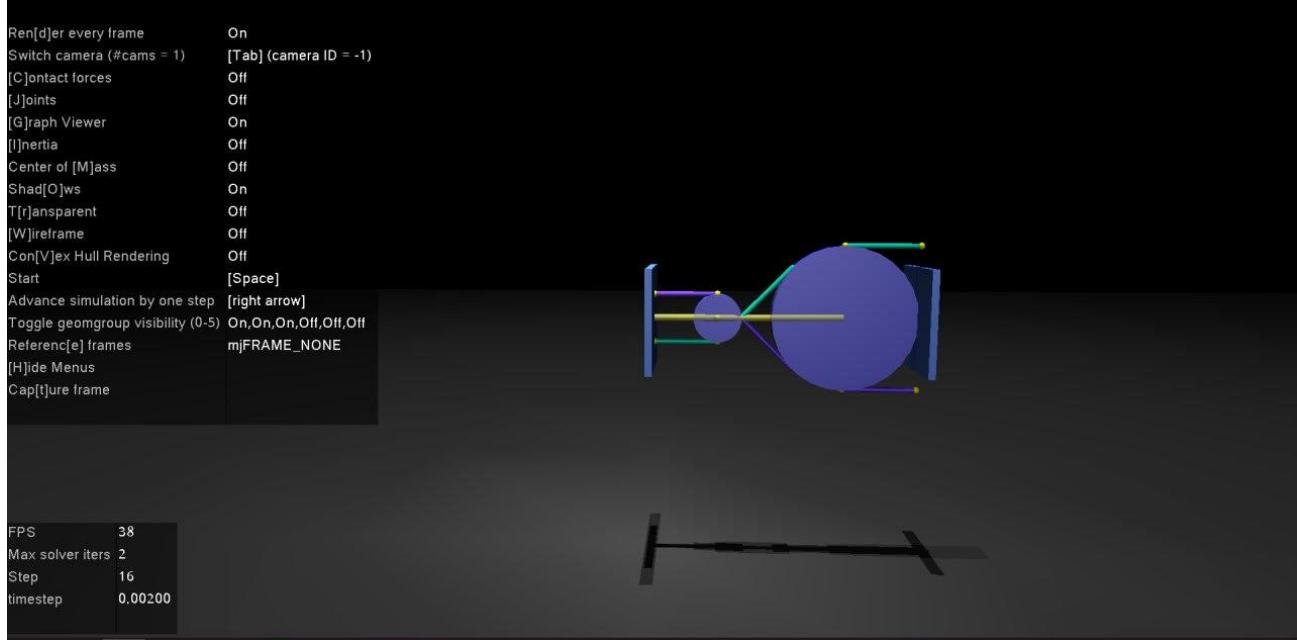


Fig. 1. Simulation of the mechanism in mujoco_viewer.

Conclusion:

During the course of the laboratory work, a tendon-driven mechanism was successfully designed and implemented using the MuJoCo physics engine.