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Design and Development of a Three Finger Exoskeleton

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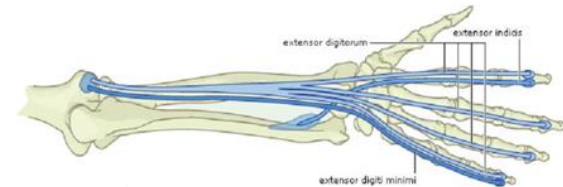
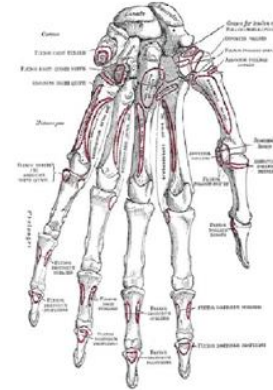
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Introduction

Objective

- Understanding of human finger physiology.
- Optimal design of a three finger exoskeleton.

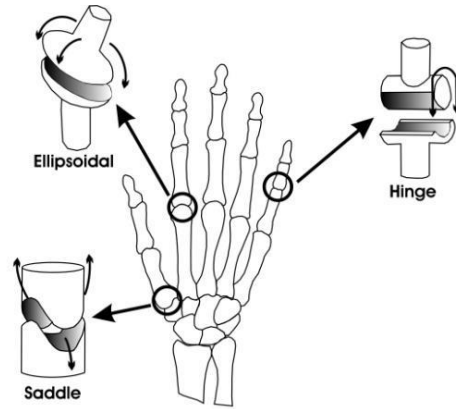


Motivation – Accomplishment

- Optimal design of a Three-finger Exoskeleton to track the human finger motion accurately – assistive and rehabilitation purposes.
- Human finger joint **cannot be modeled by a single revolute joint** – changing instantaneous center of rotation.
- Hence, **4-bar mechanism** based finger exoskeleton is designed optimally.
- The kinematic model of the designed exoskeleton is made and the exoskeleton is fabricated.
- Redundancy Resolution of the designed exoskeleton.



Methods



Human Finger Joints

Index Finger Exoskeleton – 3 DOF

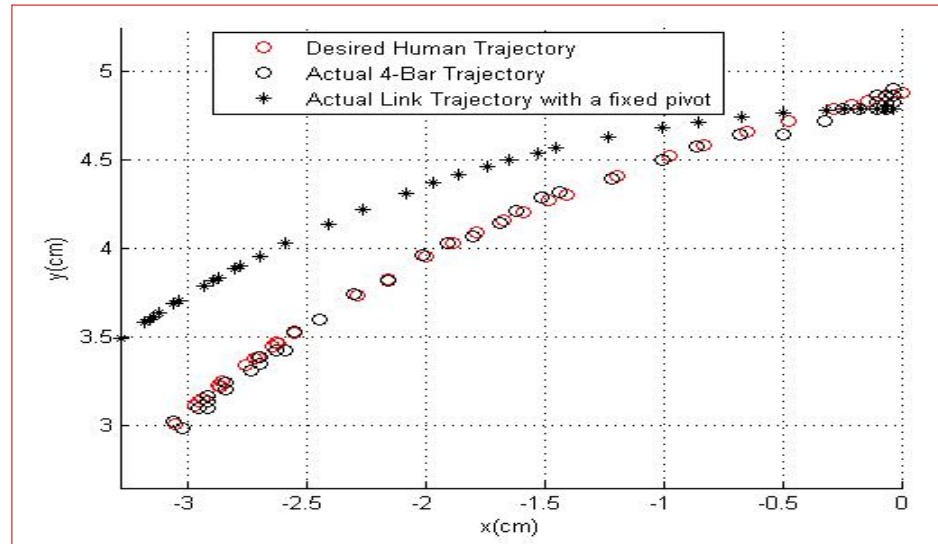
Middle Finger Exoskeleton – 3 DOF

Thumb Exoskeleton – A/A DOF

Thumb Exoskeleton – F/E DOF

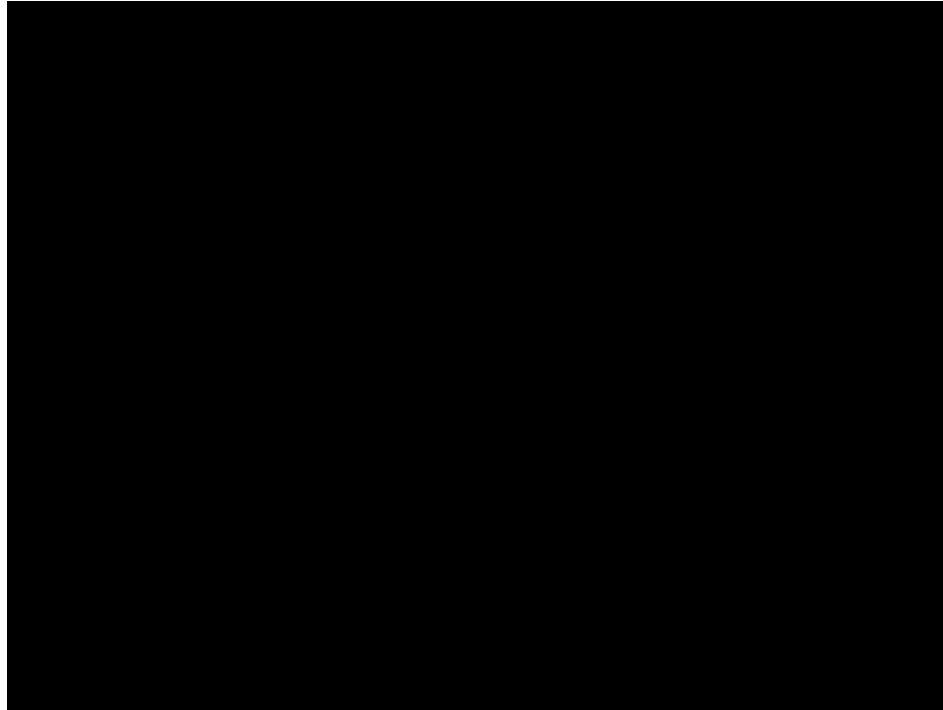
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Comparison of the trajectories of 4-bar mechanism & revolute joint link with that of the human finger



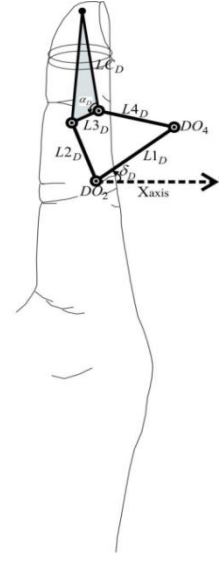
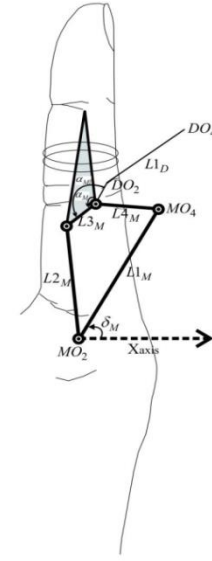
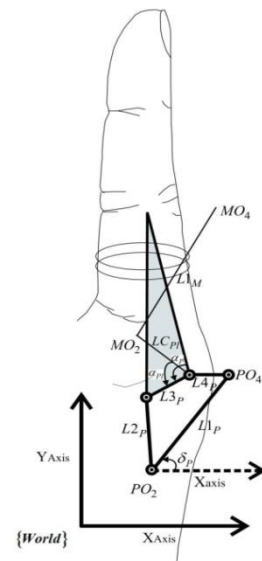
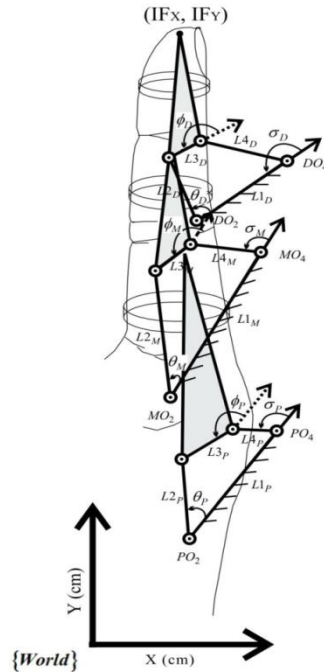
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Human subject's finger motion capture using a vision system



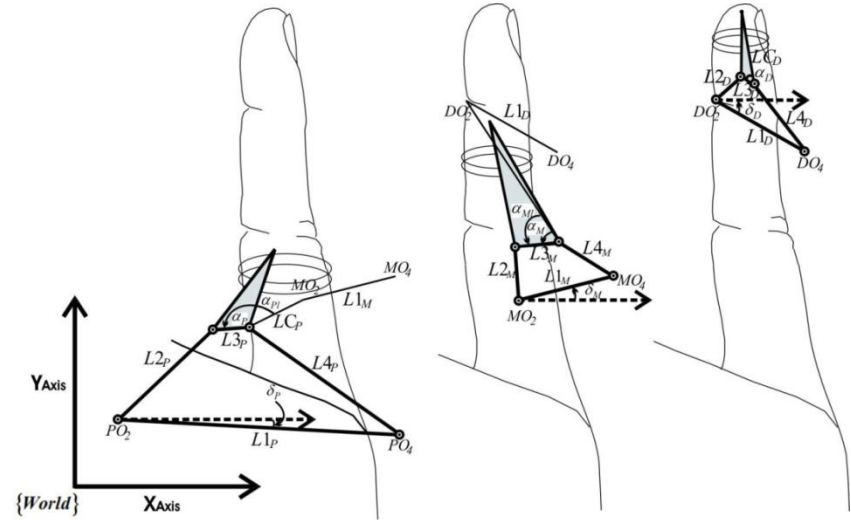
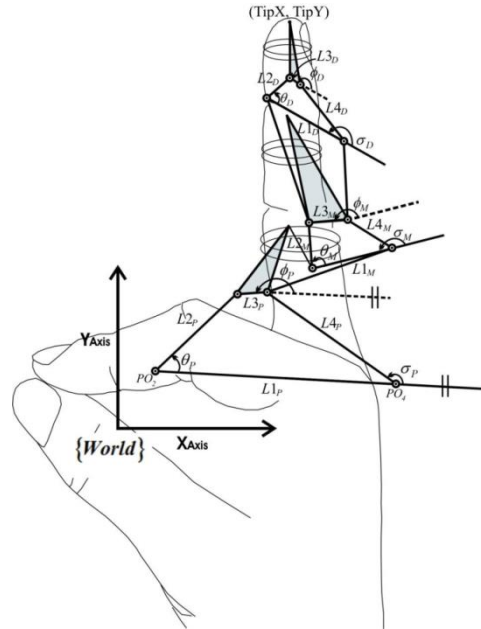
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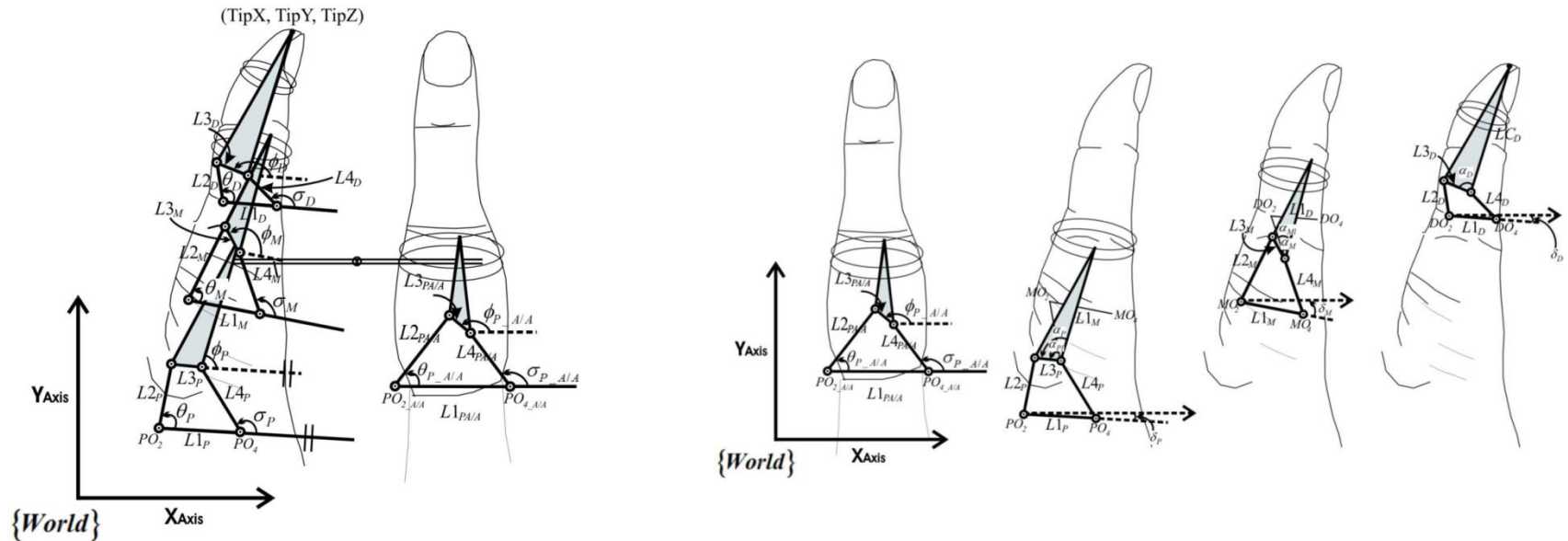
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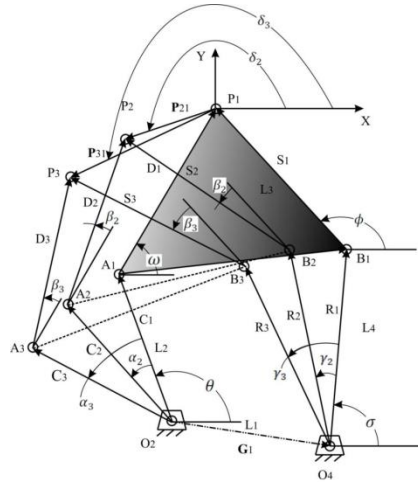
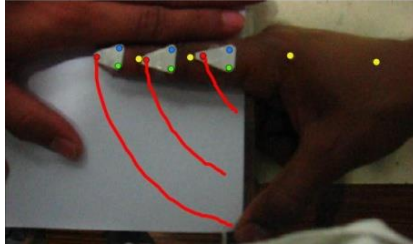


Methods (cont'd)

Human subject's finger motion capture using a vision system



Three position analytical motion synthesis of a four bar mechanism



$$V_1 = D_1 - S_1 \quad (1)$$

$$G_1 = C_1 + V_1 - R_1 \quad (2)$$

$$C_2 + D_2 - P_{21} - D_1 - C_1 = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$C_3 + D_3 - P_{31} - D_1 - C_1 = 0 \quad (4)$$

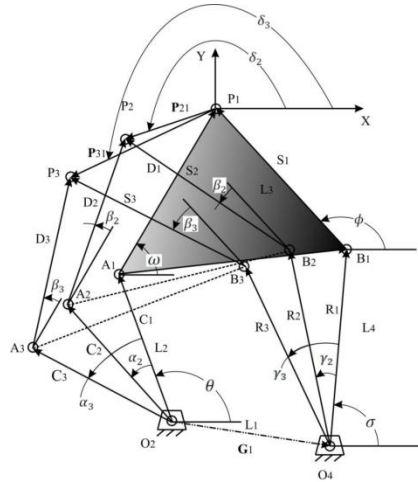
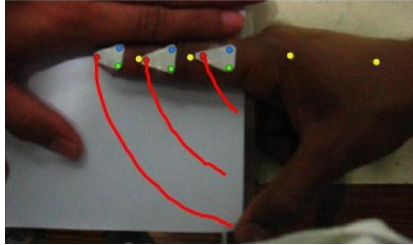
$$ce^{i(\theta+\alpha_2)} + de^{i(\omega+\beta_2)} - p_{21}e^{i\delta_2} - se^{i\omega} - ce^{i\theta} = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$ce^{i(\theta+\alpha_3)} + de^{i(\omega+\beta_3)} - p_{31}e^{i\delta_3} - se^{i\omega} - ce^{i\theta} = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$ce^{i\theta}(e^{i\alpha_2} - 1) + de^{i\omega}(e^{i\beta_2} - 1) = p_{21}e^{i\delta_2} \quad (7)$$

$$ce^{i\theta}(e^{i\alpha_3} - 1) + de^{i\omega}(e^{i\beta_3} - 1) = p_{31}e^{i\delta_3} \quad (8)$$

Three position analytical motion synthesis of a four bar mechanism



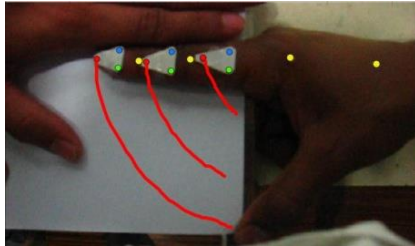
$$c \cos\theta(\cos\alpha_2 - 1) - c \sin\theta\sin\alpha_2 + d \cos\omega(\cos\beta_2 - 1) - d \sin\omega\sin\beta_2 = p_{21}\cos(\delta_2) \quad (9)$$

$$c \cos\theta(\cos\alpha_3 - 1) - c \sin\theta\sin\alpha_3 + d \cos\omega(\cos\beta_3 - 1) - d \sin\omega\sin\beta_3 = p_{31}\cos(\delta_3) \quad (10)$$

$$c \sin\theta(\cos\alpha_2 - 1) + c \cos\theta\sin\alpha_2 + d \sin\omega(\cos\beta_2 - 1) + d \cos\omega\sin\beta_2 = p_{21}\sin(\delta_2) \quad (11)$$

$$c \sin\theta(\cos\alpha_3 - 1) + c \cos\theta\sin\alpha_3 + d \sin\omega(\cos\beta_3 - 1) + d \cos\omega\sin\beta_3 = p_{31}\sin(\delta_3) \quad (12)$$

Three position analytical motion synthesis of a four bar mechanism

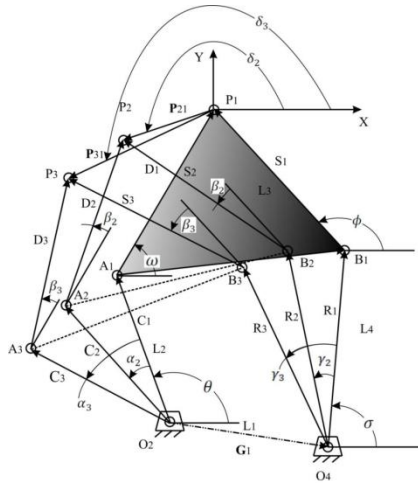


Twelve Variables:

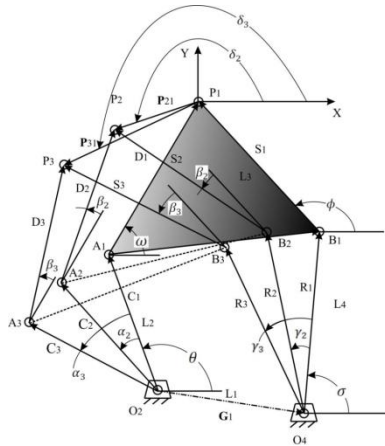
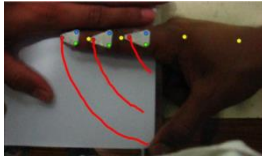
$c, \theta, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, d, \omega, \beta_2, \beta_3, P_{21}, P_{31}, \delta_2$ and δ_3 .

To Solve for:

the magnitudes (c, d) and angles (θ, ω)
of the vectors C and D .



Three position analytical motion synthesis of a four bar mechanism



$$\begin{bmatrix} M_L & -N_L & O_L & -Q_L \\ H_L & -I_L & J_L & -K_L \\ N_L & M_L & Q_L & O_L \\ I_L & H_L & K_L & J_L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_{1x} \\ C_{1y} \\ D_{1x} \\ D_{1y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_L \\ L_L \\ U_L \\ W_L \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_L = \sin \alpha_2 - 1, \quad N_L = \sin \alpha_2, \quad O_L = \cos \beta_2 - 1, \quad Q_L = \sin \alpha_2, \quad F_L = p_{21} \cos \delta_2,$$

$$H_L = \cos \alpha_3 - 1, \quad I_L = \sin \alpha_3, \quad J_L = \cos \beta_3 - 1, \quad K_L = \cos \beta_3, \quad L_L = p_{31} \cos \delta_3, \quad V_L =$$

$$p_{21} \sin \delta_2, \quad W_L = p_{31} \sin \delta_3, \quad C_{1x} = c \cos \theta, \quad C_{1y} = c \sin \theta, \quad D_{1x} = d \cos \omega \text{ and } D_{1y} =$$

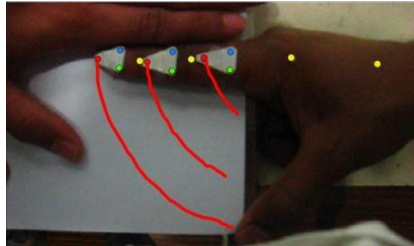
$$d \sin \omega$$

Magnitude and angles of the Left Dyad

$$c = \sqrt{C_{1x}^2 + C_{1y}^2}; \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}(C_{1y}/C_{1x});$$

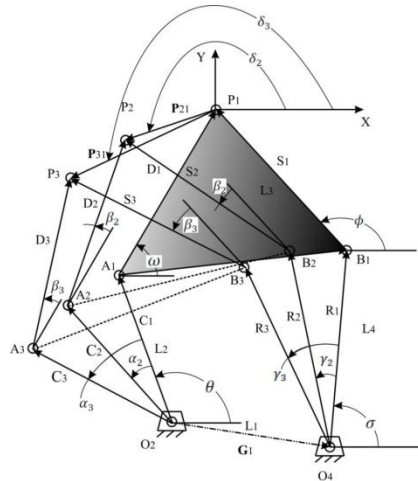
$$d = \sqrt{D_{1x}^2 + D_{1y}^2}; \quad \omega = \tan^{-1}(D_{1y}/D_{1x});$$

Three position analytical motion synthesis of a four bar mechanism



$$\begin{bmatrix} M_R & -N_R & O_R & -Q_R \\ H_R & -I_R & J_R & -K_R \\ N_R & M_R & Q_R & O_R \\ I_R & H_R & K_R & J_R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{1x} \\ R_{1y} \\ S_{1x} \\ S_{1y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_R \\ L_R \\ U_R \\ W_R \end{bmatrix}$$

where $M_R = \cos \gamma_2 - 1$, $N_R = \sin \gamma_2$, $O_R = \cos \beta_2 - 1$, $Q_R = \sin \beta_2$, $F_R = p_{21} \cos \delta_2$,
 $H_R = \cos \gamma_3 - 1$, $I_R = \sin \gamma_3$, $J_R = \cos \beta_3 - 1$, $K_R = \sin \beta_3$, $L_R = p_{31} \cos \delta_3$, $U_R =$
 $p_{21} \sin \delta_2$ and $W_R = p_{31} \sin \delta_3$.



Magnitude and angles of the Right Dyad

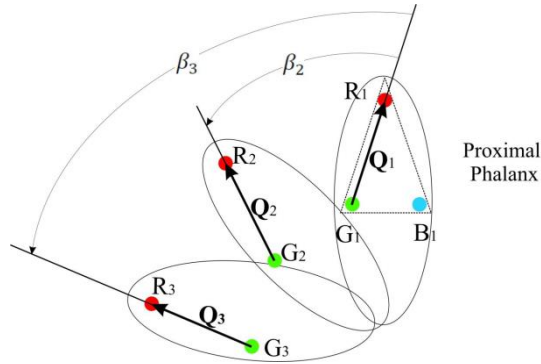
$$r = \sqrt{R_{1x}^2 + R_{1y}^2}; \quad \sigma = \tan^{-1}(R_{1y}/R_{1x});$$

$$s = \sqrt{S_{1x}^2 + S_{1y}^2}; \quad \phi = \tan^{-1}(S_{1y}/S_{1x});$$

Three position analytical motion synthesis of a four bar mechanism

Thus, for the given fixed pivot positions, O_2 and O_4 and the eight parameters $\alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_2, \beta_3, \mathbf{P}_{21}, \mathbf{P}_{31}, \delta_2$ and δ_3 , a 4-bar linkage mechanism is determined using three-position motion synthesis.

Computation of angles in the three position analytical motion synthesis of 4-bar linkage



$$\alpha_3 = 2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{K_2 \pm \sqrt{K_1^2 + K_2^2 - K_3^2}}{(K_1 + K_3)} \right)$$

$$\alpha_2 = 2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{A_5 \sin \beta_3 + A_3 \cos \beta_3 + A_6}{A_1} \right)$$

Computation of angles in the three position analytical motion synthesis of 4-bar linkage

where,

$$K_1 = A_2 A_4 + A_3 A_6$$

$$K_2 = A_3 A_4 + A_5 A_6$$

$$K_3 = \frac{A_1^2 - A_2^2 - A_3^2 - A_4^2 - A_6^2}{2}$$

$$A_1 = -C_3^2 - C_4^2$$

$$A_2 = C_3 C_6 - C_4 C_5$$

$$A_3 = -C_4 C_6 - C_3 C_5$$

$$A_4 = C_2 C_3 + C_1 C_4$$

$$A_5 = C_4 C_5 - C_3 C_6$$

$$A_6 = C_1 C_3 - C_2 C_4$$

$$C_1 = Z_3 \cos(\beta_2 + \eta_3) - Z_2 \cos(\beta_3 + \eta_2)$$

$$C_2 = Z_3 \sin(\beta_2 + \eta_3) - Z_2 \sin(\beta_3 + \eta_2)$$

$$C_3 = Z_1 \cos(\beta_3 + \eta_1) - Z_3 \cos(\eta_3)$$

$$C_4 = -Z_1 \sin(\beta_3 + \eta_1) + Z_3 \sin(\eta_3)$$

$$C_5 = Z_1 \cos(\beta_2 + \eta_1) - Z_2 \cos(\eta_2)$$

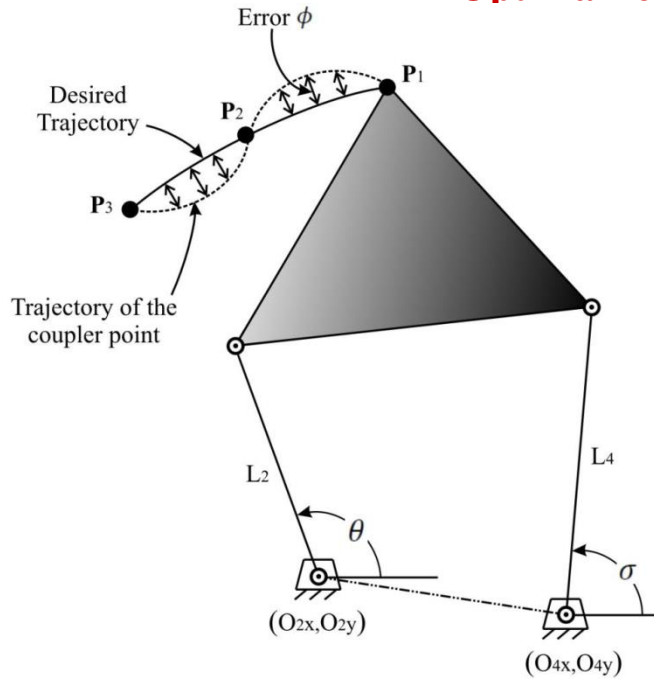
$$C_6 = -Z_1 \sin(\beta_2 + \eta_1) + Z_2 \sin(\eta_2)$$



Optimal Design of a Three Finger Hand Exoskeleton (cont'd)

Methods (cont'd)

Optimal four-bar mechanism



General Optimization Strategy:

A total of ten design variables such as

$$P_{1x}, P_{1y}, O_{2x}, O_{2y}, O_{4x}, O_{4y}, L_2, L_4, \theta \text{ and } \sigma$$

An alternative Optimization Strategy:

Four design variables such as

$$O_{2x}, O_{2y}, O_{4x} \text{ and } O_{4y}$$

Optimal four-bar mechanism

Objective Function

$$\phi = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2$$

where, $d_i = H(i) - F(i)$;

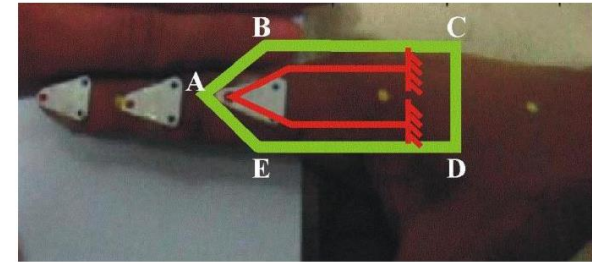
$H(i) = i^{th}$ path point of the Human data;

$F(i) = i^{th}$ path point of the 4-bar Coupler.

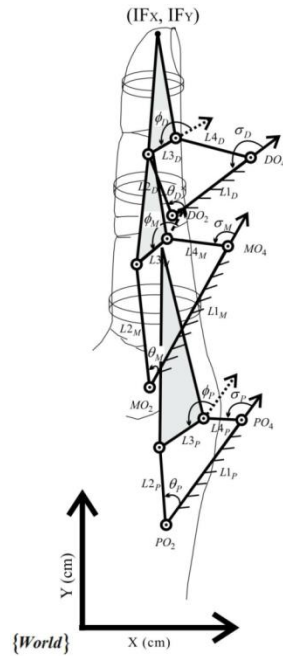
The procedural steps to get the optimal 4-bar are:

- (i) Perform three-position motion generation by analytical synthesis using fixed pivot points (design variables) suggested by the optimization algorithm.
- (ii) Evaluate the objective
- (iii) Constraint violation check.
- (iv) Replace the previous design by a new one (obtained through stochastic mutation of the fixed pivot point positions).

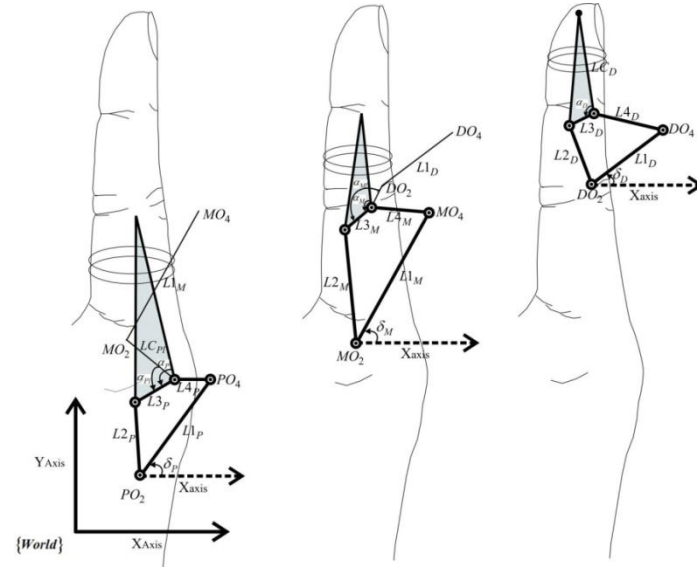
Constraint



Kinematic Model of the Index Finger Exoskeleton



(a) Serially connected 4-bars

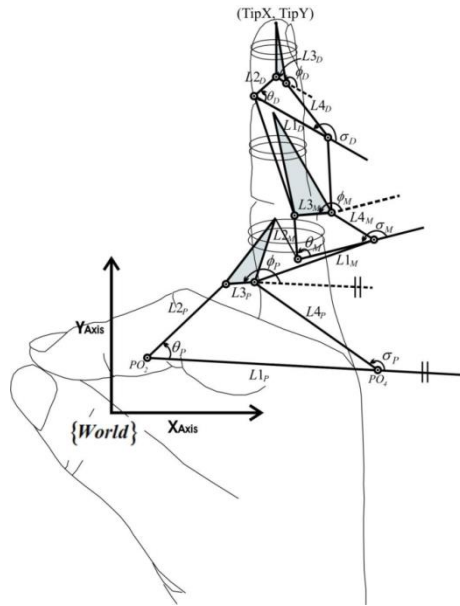


(b) Proximal 4-bar (c) Middle 4-bar (d) Distal 4-bar

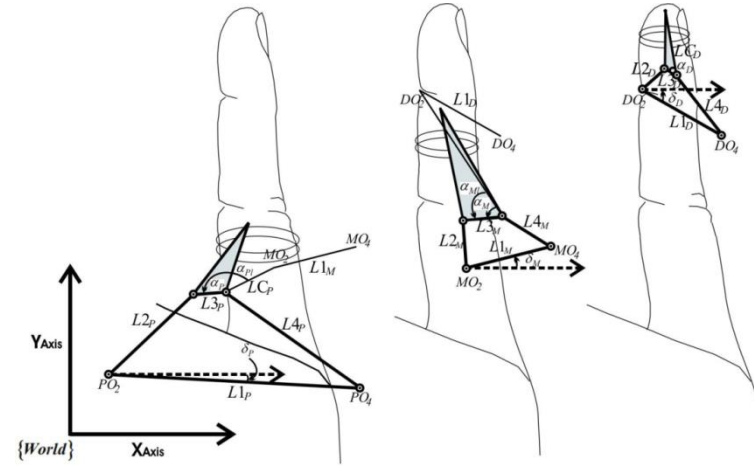
Kinematic Model of the Index Finger Exoskeleton (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned} X_{IF} = & \cos(\delta_M) \times (L1_M + L4_M \times \cos(\sigma_M) + LC_{Ml} \times \cos(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) - \sin(\delta_M) \times (L4_M \times \sin(\sigma_M) \\ & + LC_{Ml} \times \sin(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) + \cos(\delta_P) \times (L1_P + L4_P \times \cos(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \cos(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) \\ & - \sin(\delta_P) \times (L4_P \times \sin(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \sin(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) + \cos(\delta_D) \times (L1_D + L4_D \times \cos(\sigma_D) \\ & + LC_D \times \cos(\phi_D - \alpha_D)) - \sin(\delta_D) \times (L4_D \times \sin(\sigma_D) + LC_D \times \sin(\phi_D - \alpha_D)) \\ Y_{IF} = & \sin(\delta_M) \times (L1_M + L4_M \times \cos(\sigma_M) + LC_{Ml} \times \cos(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) + \cos(\delta_M) \times (L4_M \times \sin(\sigma_M) \\ & + LC_{Ml} \times \sin(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) + \sin(\delta_P) \times (L1_P + L4_P \times \cos(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \cos(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) \\ & + \cos(\delta_P) \times (L4_P \times \sin(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \sin(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) + \sin(\delta_D) \times (L1_D + L4_D \times \cos(\sigma_D) \\ & + LC_D \times \cos(\phi_D - \alpha_D)) + \cos(\delta_D) \times (L4_D \times \sin(\sigma_D) + LC_D \times \sin(\phi_D - \alpha_D)) \end{aligned}$$

Kinematic Model of the Middle Finger Exoskeleton



(a) Serially connected 4-bars

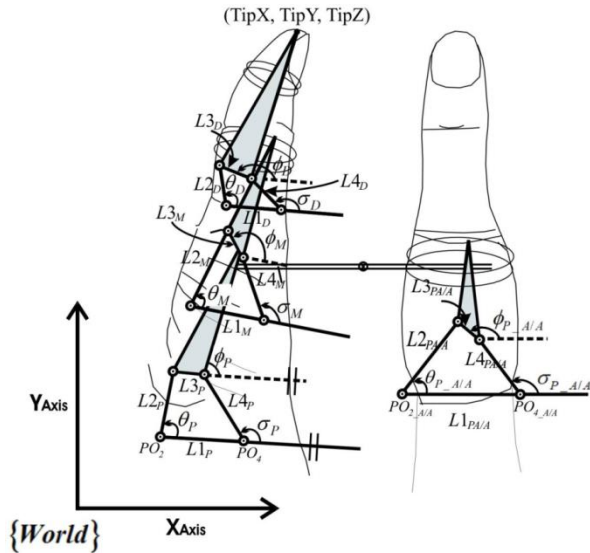


(b) Proximal 4-bar (c) Middle 4-bar (d) Distal 4-bar

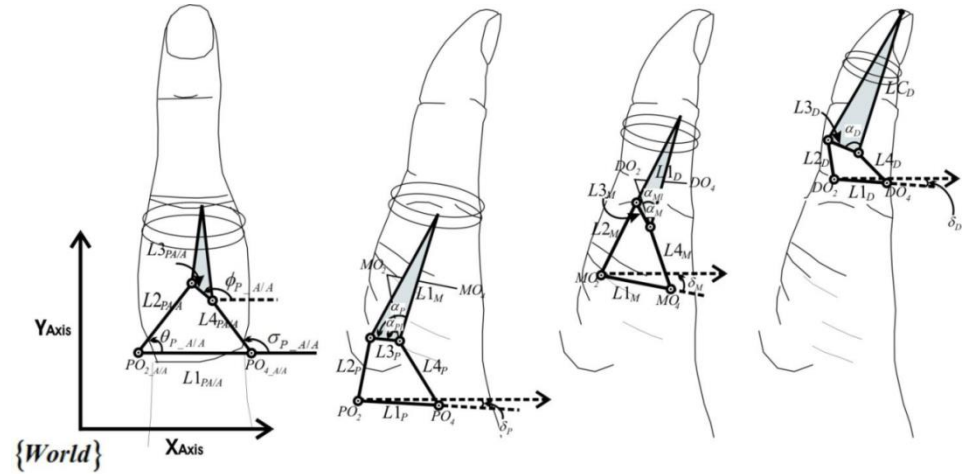
Kinematic Model of the Index Finger Exoskeleton (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned} X_{MF} = & \cos(\delta_M) \times (L1_M + L4_M \times \cos(\sigma_M) + LC_{Ml} \times \cos(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) - \sin(\delta_M) \times (L4_M \times \sin(\sigma_M) \\ & + LC_{Ml} \times \sin(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) + \cos(\delta_P) \times (L1_P + L4_P \times \cos(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \cos(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) \\ & - \sin(\delta_P) \times (L4_P \times \sin(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \sin(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) + \cos(\delta_D) \times (L1_D + L4_D \times \cos(\sigma_D) \\ & + LC_D \times \cos(\phi_D - \alpha_D)) - \sin(\delta_D) \times (L4_D \times \sin(\sigma_D) + LC_D \times \sin(\phi_D - \alpha_D)) \\ Y_{MF} = & \sin(\delta_M) \times (L1_M + L4_M \times \cos(\sigma_M) + LC_{Ml} \times \cos(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) + \cos(\delta_M) \times (L4_M \times \sin(\sigma_M) \\ & + LC_{Ml} \times \sin(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) + \sin(\delta_P) \times (L1_P + L4_P \times \cos(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \cos(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) \\ & + \cos(\delta_P) \times (L4_P \times \sin(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \sin(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) + \sin(\delta_D) \times (L1_D + L4_D \times \cos(\sigma_D) \\ & + LC_D \times \cos(\phi_D - \alpha_D)) + \cos(\delta_D) \times (L4_D \times \sin(\sigma_D) + LC_D \times \sin(\phi_D - \alpha_D)) \end{aligned}$$

Kinematic Model of the Thumb Finger Exoskeleton



(a) Serially connected 4-bars



(b) Proximal 4-bar (c) Middle 4-bar (d) Distal 4-bar

Kinematic Model of the Index Finger Exoskeleton (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{Th} = & -\sin(\phi_{P_A/A}) \times (\cos(\delta_M) \times (L1_M + L4_M \times \cos(\sigma_M) + LC_{Ml} \times \cos(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) - \sin(\delta_M) \times (L4_M \times \sin(\sigma_M) \\
 & + LC_{Ml} \times \sin(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) + \cos(\delta_P) \times (L1_P + L4_P \times \cos(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \cos(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) \\
 & - \sin(\delta_P) \times (L4_P \times \sin(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \sin(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) + \cos(\delta_D) \times (L1_D + L4_D \times \cos(\sigma_D) \\
 & + LC_D \times \cos(\phi_D - \alpha_D)) - \sin(\delta_D) \times (L4_D \times \sin(\sigma_D) + LC_D \times \sin(\phi_D - \alpha_D))) \\
 Y_{Th} = & \cos(\phi_{P_A/A}) \times (\sin(\delta_M) \times (L1_M + L4_M \times \cos(\sigma_M) + LC_{Ml} \times \cos(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) + \cos(\delta_M) \times (L4_M \times \sin(\sigma_M) \\
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 Z_{Th} = & \cos(\delta_M) \times (L1_M + L4_M \times \cos(\sigma_M) + LC_{Ml} \times \cos(\phi_M - \alpha_{Ml})) - \sin(\delta_M) \times (L4_M \times \sin(\sigma_M) \\
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 & - \sin(\delta_P) \times (L4_P \times \sin(\sigma_P) + LC_{Pl} \times \sin(\phi_P - \alpha_{Pl})) + \cos(\delta_D) \times (L1_D + L4_D \times \cos(\sigma_D) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Optimal Index Finger Exoskeleton

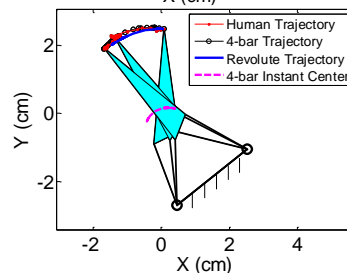
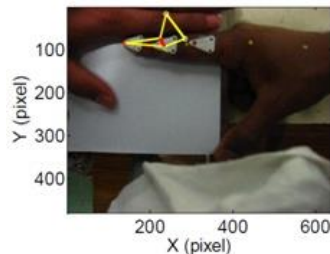
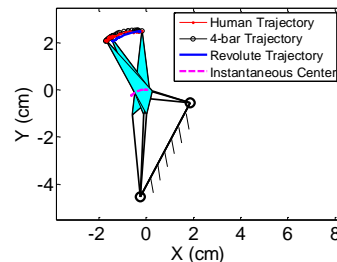
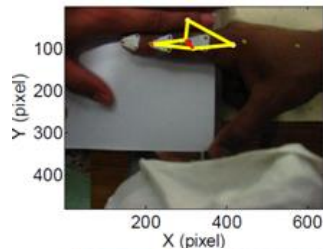
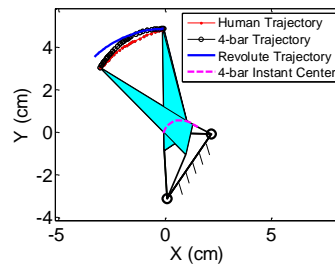
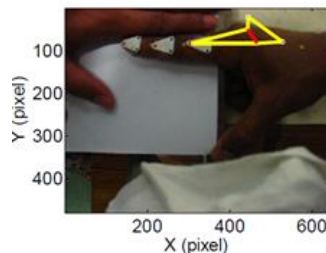
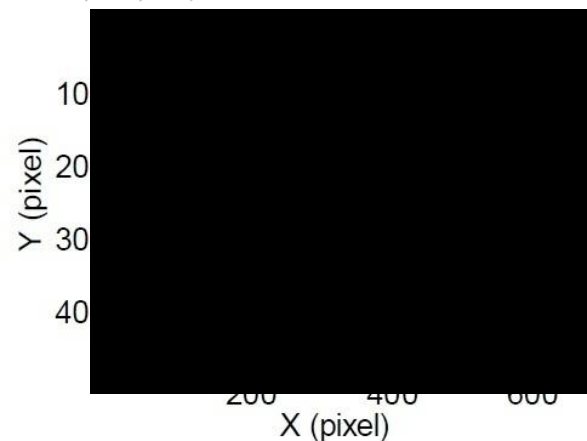


Table 1. Optimal Link length parameters for the Index Finger Exoskeleton

| | L1i (cm) | L2i (cm) | L3i (cm) | L4i (cm) |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Proximal 4-bar | 3.65 | 2.25 | 1.44 | 1.00 |
| Middle 4-bar | 4.50 | 3.50 | 1.01 | 1.69 |
| Distal 4-bar | 2.64 | 1.92 | 0.80 | 2.09 |

L1i: L1P, L1M, L1D; L2i: L2P, L2M, L2D; L3i: L3P, L3M, L3D;
L4i: L4P, L4M, L4D;



Optimal Middle Finger Exoskeleton

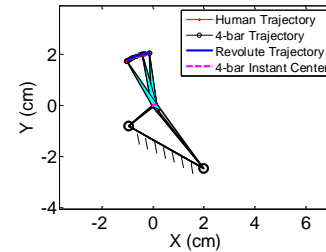
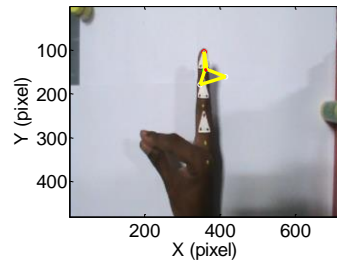
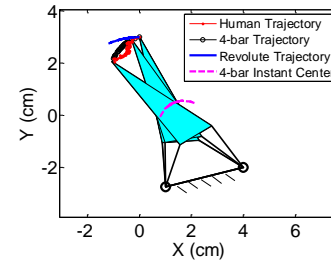
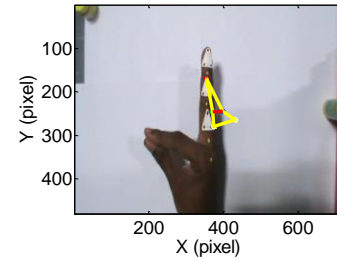
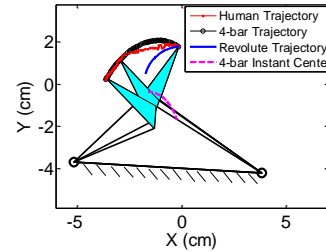
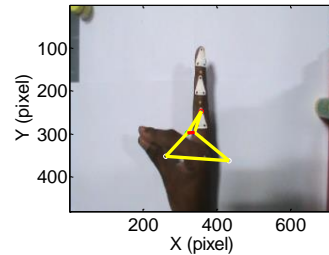
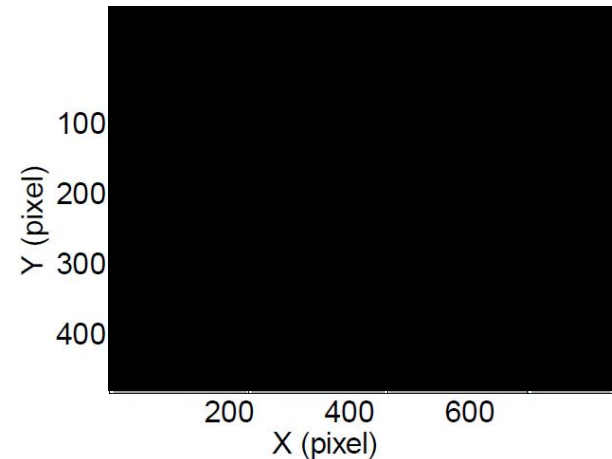


Table 2. Optimal Link length parameters for the Middle Finger Exoskeleton

| | L1i (cm) | L2i (cm) | L3i (cm) | L4i (cm) |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Proximal 4-bar | 9.01 | 4.16 | 1.08 | 5.99 |
| Middle 4-bar | 3.09 | 1.71 | 1.42 | 2.00 |
| Distal 4-bar | 3.38 | 1.20 | 0.35 | 2.81 |

L1i: L1P, L1M, L1D; L2i: L2P, L2M, L2D; L3i: L3P, L3M, L3D;
L4i: L4P, L4M, L4D;



Optimal Thumb Exoskeleton

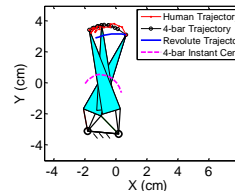
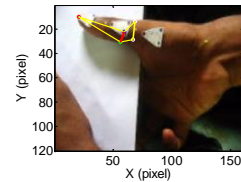
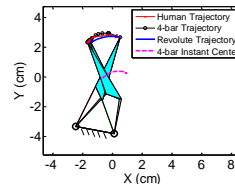
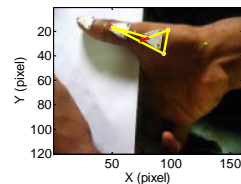
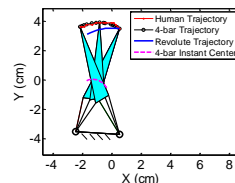
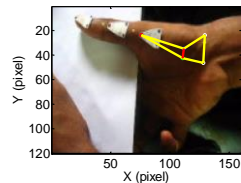
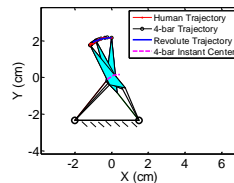
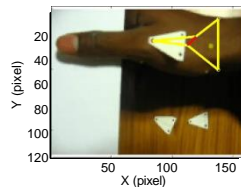
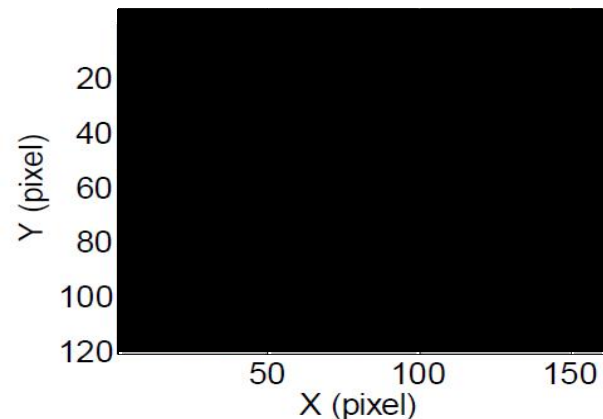


Table 3. Optimal Link length parameters for the Thumb Exoskeleton

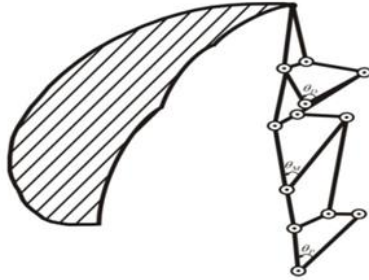
| | L1i (cm) | L2i (cm) | L3i (cm) | L4i (cm) |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Proximal A/A 4-bar | 3.50 | 2.71 | 0.85 | 1.92 |
| Proximal 4-bar | 3.00 | 2.36 | 1.04 | 2.78 |
| Middle 4-bar | 2.64 | 3.00 | 1.05 | 2.36 |
| Distal 4-bar | 2.01 | 1.45 | 1.20 | 1.64 |

L1i: L1PA/A, L1P, L1M, L1D; L2i: L2PA/A, L2P, L2M, L2D;
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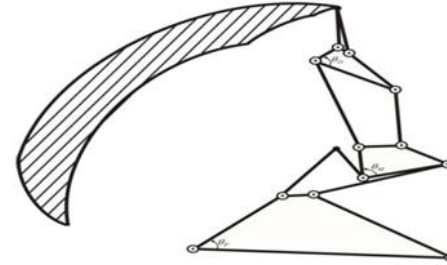


Work Volume of the Three Finger Exoskeleton

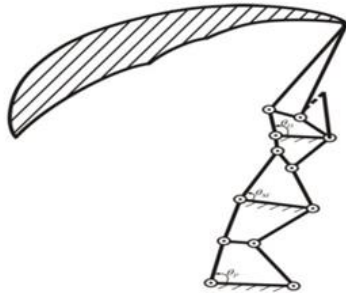
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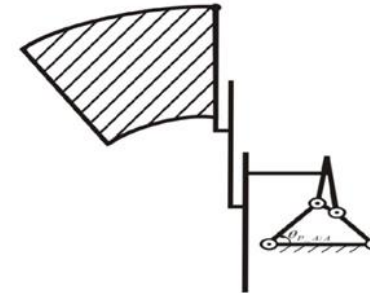
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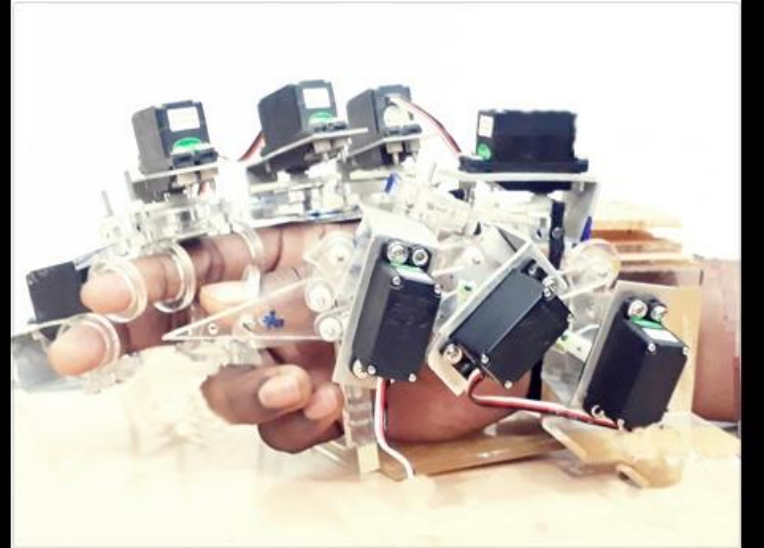
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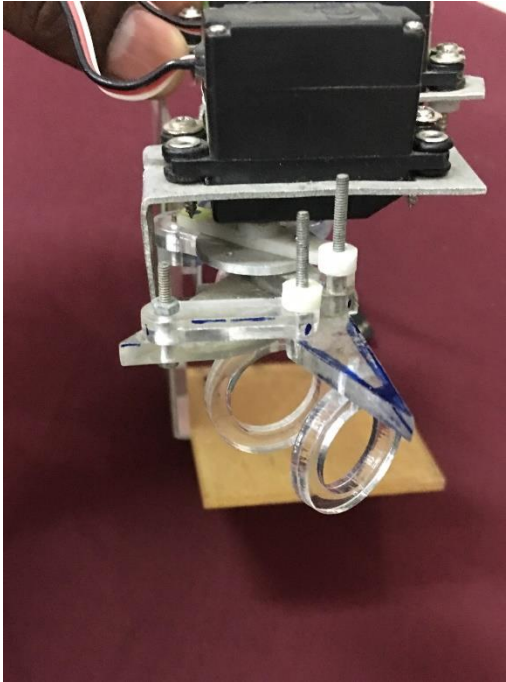
Thumb Exoskeleton Top -View



Rapid Prototype of the Three Finger Exoskeleton



Actuator Attachment



Thank You!

