

Optimus' knee closed-chain mechanism

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1 Introduction

The Optimus knee mechanism is a closed-chain, multi-link knee articulation used in advanced prosthetics and humanoid robotics. Unlike a simple hinge knee, this mechanism uses several interconnected links to create nonlinear motion, load distribution, and controlled torque generation, similar to the biomechanics of the human knee. Your diagram shows a 5-link structure that reproduces the roll-and-slide motion of a natural knee.

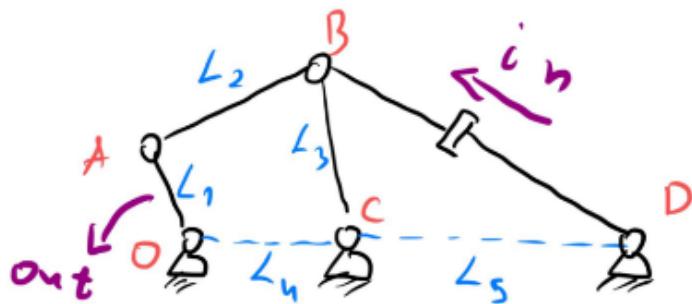


Figure 1: mechanism

2 Mechanism Structure

In this mechanism we have 3 link L1 , L2 ,L3 that connecting in joints O,A,B,C . and the input for forces is link DB that it is like a adjustable link. the output of motion weahve to observable is link oA , where joint A make a curve of motion with respect other joints .

3 Create model in MUJOCO

3.1 Adjust options :

First, the gravity is set along the Z-axis and the simulation time step is adjusted. Then the display environment is configured, including its appearance, color, and light reflections.

Listing 1: options

```
1 <option timestep="1e-4"/>
2 <option gravity="0 0 -0.98"/>
3
4 <asset>
```

```

5     <texture type="skybox" builtin="gradient" rgb1="1111" rgb2="0.50.50.5" width="265
6         height="256"/>
7     <texture name="grid" type="2d" builtin="checker" rgb1="0.10.10.1" rgb2="0.60.6
8         0.6" width="300" height="300"/>
<material name="grid" texture="grid" texrepeat="1010" reflectance="0.2"/>
</asset>
```

3.2 WorldBody

In this section, the body is fully defined, including its joints and links ,with this parameters :

L1= 0.046
L2= 0.0598
L3= 0.069
L4= 0.057
L5= 0.23

- **LINK OA**

Add the object in the center and make it the parent of link AB. we define the joint O as the revolution joint and the axis of rotation is the Z axis .then we define it like a cylinder with respect to the position of the joint and give it size for display.then we define the link as a cylinder and give it size diameter and high with respect to the position of body.

```

1     <body name="OA" pos="000" euler="9000">
2         <joint name="O" type="hinge" axis="001" stiffness="0" springref="0"
3             damping="0"/>
4         <geom name="point0" type="cylinder" pos="000" size="0.020.02" rgba=
5             "0.890.140.160.5" euler="000" contype="0"/>
6         <geom name="linkOA" type="cylinder" pos="00.0460" size="0.010.046"
7             rgba="0.210.320.820.5" euler="9000" contype="0"/>
```

- **LINK AB**

Add the object with respect to the parent OA and make it the child of the link oA .we define joint B as the revolution joint and the axis of rotation is the Z axis .then we define it as a cylinder with respect to the position of the joint and give it size for display.then we define the link as a cylinder and give it size diameter and high with respect to the position of body.

```

1     <body name="AB" pos="00.0920" euler="000">
2         <joint name="B" type="hinge" axis="001" damping="0" stiffness="0"
3             springref="0"/>
4         <geom name="pointB" type="cylinder" pos="000" size="0.020.02"
5             rgba="0.890.140.160.5" euler="000" contype="0"/>
6         <geom name="linkAB" type="cylinder" pos="00.05980" size="0.01
7             0.0598" rgba="0.210.320.820.5" euler="9000" contype="0"/>
8         <site name="AB" size="0.02" pos="00.11960"/>
</body>
```

- **LINK BC**

Add the object with respect to the parent OA and make it the child of the link oA .we define joint C as the revolution joint and the axis of rotation is the Z axis .then we define it as a cylinder with respect to the position of the joint and give it size for display.then we define the link as a cylinder and give it size diameter and high with respect to the position of body.

```

1     <body name="BC" pos="0.05700" euler="000">
2         <joint name="C" type="hinge" axis="001" damping="0"
3             springref="0" stiffness="0"/>
4
5         <geom name="pointC" type="cylinder" pos="000" size="0.02
6             0.02" rgba="0.890.140.160.5" euler="000" contype="0"/>
```

```

5      <geom name="link BC" type="cylinder" pos="0 0.069 0" size=
6          "0.01 0.069" rgba="0.21 0.32 0.82 0.5" euler="90 0 0"
           contype="0" />
           <site name="BC" pos="0 0.138 0" size="0.02" />

```

- **LINK DB**

Add the object with respect to the coordinate of the body.we define joint D as the revolution joint and the axis of rotation is the Z axis .then we define it as a cylinder with respect to the position of the joint and give it size for display.then we define the link as a capsule and give it size diameter with respect to the position of body.

```

1      <body name="BD" pos="0.287 0 0" euler=" 90 0 0 ">
2          <joint name="D" type="hinge" axis="0 0 1" damping="0" stiffness="0"
3              springref="0"/>
4          <geom name="point D" type="cylinder" pos="0 0 0" size=" 0.02 0.02"
5              rgba=" 0.8 0.8 0.8 0.8" euler=" 0 0 0" contype="0" />
6          <geom name="link DB" type="capsule" fromto="0 0 0 -0.23 0.138 0"
           size="0.01" rgba="0.21 0.32 0.82 0.5" euler="90 0 0" contype
           ="0"/>lh id
           <site name="DB" size="0.015" pos="-0.23 0.138 0"/>
       </body>

```

3.3 Equality

After we create all the links and joints we need to connect together in joint B .

```

1      <equality>
2      <connect site1="AB" site2="BC"/>
3      <connect site1="BC" site2="DB"/>
4  </equality>

```

4 Results and Dicsuss :

The Optimus knee closed-chain mechanism is an advanced multi-link articulation that outperforms simple hinge designs by mimicking human biomechanics. Its closed kinematic loop provides stability, nonlinear motion, and efficient force transmission.

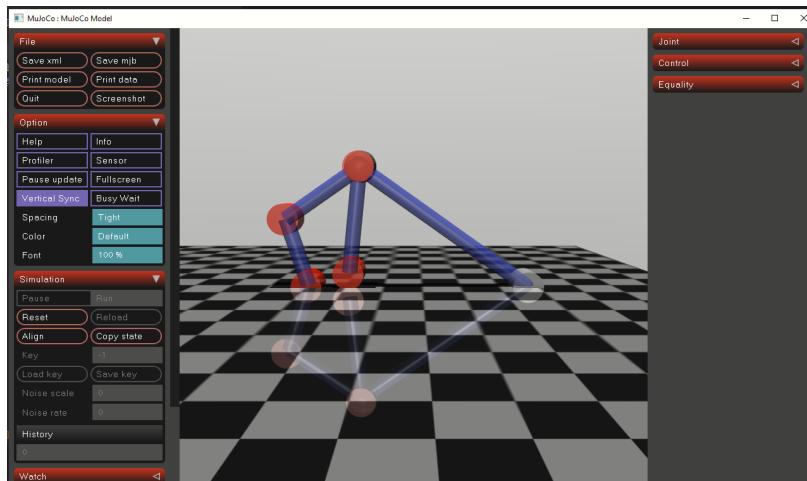


Figure 2: mechanism

A Program Code Appendix

A.1 Python code

```
1 import mujoco
2 import mujoco.viewer
3 model=mujoco.MjModel.from_xml_string(xml)
4 #model=mujoco.MjModel.from_xml_path("D:\task3.xml")
5 #model=mujoco.MjModel.from_xml_path("D:/task3.xml")
6 data=mujoco.MjData(model)
7
8 with mujoco.viewer.launch_passive(model,data) as viewer :
9     while viewer.is_running():
10         mujoco.mj_step(model,data)
11         viewer.sync()
```

A.2 XML Code

```
1 <mujoco>
2     <option timestep="1e-4"/>
3     <option gravity="0 0 -0.98"/>
4
5     <asset>
6         <texture type="skybox" builtin="gradient" rgb1="1 1 1" rgb2="0.5 0.5 0.5" width="265"
7             height="256"/>
8         <texture name="grid" type="2d" builtin="checker" rgb1="0.1 0.1 0.1" rgb2="0.6 0.6
9             0.6" width="300" height="300"/>
10        <material name="grid" texture="grid" texrepeat="10 10" reflectance="0.2"/>
11    </asset>
12    <worldbody>
13        <light pos="0 0 10"/>
14        <geom type="plane" size="0.5 0.5 1" material="grid"/>
15
16        <camera name="side_view" pos="0.1 -1.5 1.0" euler="0 0 0" />
17        <camera name="upper_view" pos="0 0 1.5" euler="0 0 0"/>
18
19        <body name="OA" pos="0 0 0" euler="90 0 0">
20            <joint name="O" type="hinge" axis="0 0 1" stiffness="0" springref="0"
21                damping="0"/>
22            <geom name="point_O" type="cylinder" pos="0 0 0" size="0.02 0.02" rgba="0.89
23                0.14 0.16 0.5" euler="0 0 0" contype="0"/>
24            <geom name="link_OA" type="cylinder" pos="0 0.046 0" size="0.01 0.046" rgba
25                ="0.21 0.32 0.82 0.5" euler="90 0 0" contype="0"/>
26
27            <body name="AB" pos="0 0.092 0" euler="0 0 0">
28                <joint name="B" type="hinge" axis="0 0 1" damping="0" stiffness="0"
29                    springref="0"/>
30                <geom name="point_B" type="cylinder" pos="0 0 0" size="0.02 0.02" rgba="0
31                    0.89 0.14 0.16 0.5" euler="0 0 0" contype="0"/>
32                <geom name="link_AB" type="cylinder" pos="0 0.0598 0" size="0.01
33                    0.0598" rgba="0.21 0.32 0.82 0.5" euler="90 0 0" contype="0"/>
34                <site name="AB" size="0.02" pos="0 0.1196 0"/>
35
36        </body>
37        <body name="BC" pos="0.057 0 0" euler="0 0 0" >
38            <joint name="C" type="hinge" axis="0 0 1" damping="0" stiffness="0"
39                springref="0" stiffness="0"/>
40
41            <geom name="point_C" type="cylinder" pos="0 0 0" size="0.02 0.02
42                " rgba="0.89 0.14 0.16 0.5" euler="0 0 0" contype="0"/>
43            <geom name="link_BC" type="cylinder" pos="0 0.069 0" size="0.01
44                0.069" rgba="0.21 0.32 0.82 0.5" euler="90 0 0" contype="0"
45                />
```

```

36         <site name="BC" pos="0 0 0.138" size="0.02"/>
37     <body name="BJ" pos="0 0 0.138" euler="0 0 0">
38         <joint name="BJ" type="hinge" axis="0 0 1" damping="0"
39             springref="0" stiffness="0"/>
40         <geom name="point_BJ" type="cylinder" pos="0 0 0" size="0.02
41             0.02" rgba="0.89 0.14 0.16 0.5" euler="0 0 0" contype="0"/>
42     </body>
43 </body>
44 <body name="BD" pos="0.287 0 0" euler="90 0 0">
45     <joint name="D" type="hinge" axis="0 0 1" damping="0" stiffness="0"
46         springref="0"/>
47     <geom name="point_D" type="cylinder" pos="0 0 0" size="0.02 0.02" rgba
48         ="0.8 0.8 0.8 0.8" euler="0 0 0" contype="0" />
49     <geom name="link_DB" type="capsule" fromto="0 0 0 -0.23 0.138" size
50         ="0.01" rgba="0.21 0.32 0.82 0.5" euler="90 0 0" contype="0"/>lh id
51         <site name="DB" size="0.015" pos="-0.23 0.138 0"/>
52 </body>
53 </worldbody>
54 <equality>
55     <connect site1="AB" site2="BC"/>
56     <connect site1="BC" site2="DB"/>
57 </equality>
</mujoco>

```