

2. Write a computer function that will use the trigonometric approach to solve an equation of the form  $Ac + Bs + D = 0$ . A C language prototype for this function is written as follows:

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int solve_trig (double A, double B, double D, double *ang_a, double *ang_b);
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The subroutine should return one if two real solutions were calculated and zero otherwise. Test your subroutine using data that you have checked by hand (or with a program such as MathCad, Mathematica, Maple, etc.)

3. A spherical quadrilateral is to be formed from the following four links:

$$\alpha_{12} = 75^\circ, \alpha_{23} = 110^\circ, \alpha_{34} = 60^\circ, \alpha_{41} = 80^\circ.$$

The value of  $\theta_1$ , the input angle for this case, is 120 degrees. Determine the two sets of solutions for the remaining joint angles of the quadrilateral.

- ~~4. Assume that the twist angles ( $\alpha$ s) of a spherical pentagon are all known. Further, values for the angles  $\theta_4$  and  $\theta_1$  are known. Explain how you would obtain values for the remaining joint angles. How many solution sets exist?~~

5. Write a computer subroutine that will solve two linear equations in two unknowns. The pair of equations may be written as

$$A_1x + B_1y = D_1$$

$$A_2x + B_2y = D_2,$$

where the coefficients  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, D_1$ , and  $D_2$  are known and the parameters  $x$  and  $y$  are unknown. The C language prototype for your program may be written as

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int solve_pair (double *x, double *y, double A1, double B1, double D1,  
               double A2, double B2, double D2);
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The function will return a value of one if values of  $x$  and  $y$  could be obtained. It will return zero if the two equations are linearly dependent and thus unique values of  $x$  and  $y$  could not be obtained.

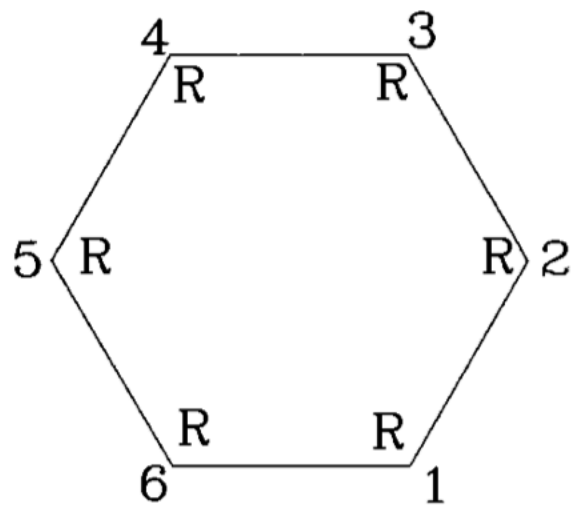


Figure 6.22. Planar representation of a spatial hexagon.

Test your subroutine using data that you have checked by hand (or with a program such as MathCad, Mathematica, Maple, etc.).