

**2.72 Elements of Mechanical Design**

**Homework #6**  
**3D Mechanism Synthesis, Journal Bearings,**  
**Rolling Element Bearings**

**Due Date:** Thursday 6 April, 2:30PM

**Deliverable:** Individual written report (about five pages)

**Time allotment:** You should expect to spend 5 hours on this homework.

**Assignment:**

- 1) Synthesize an RRSS path generation mechanism that follows a path specified by the following 5 points: (6, 7.5, 8.7) (7, 6.9, 8.8), (8, 6.3, 8.7), (9, 5.7, 8.4), (10, 4.9, 7.8). If possible, set the fixed joint locations at (2.15, 7.6, 2.72) and (11.35, 5.5, 1.3).
- 2) A full journal bearing has a diameter of 1.25 inches, is 2.5 inches long, runs at 1150 rpm, has a radial clearance of 0.001 inch, and employs oil with a viscosity of 10  $\mu\text{reyn}$ .
  - a) Estimate the power loss due to shearing of the oil when the bearing supports no load.
  - b) Determine the bearing characteristic number (aka the Sommerfeld number) when the bearing supports 400lbs.
  - c) Find the eccentricity ratio and minimum film thickness when the bearing supports 400lbs.
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- 3) [Problem removed for copyright reasons. See Problem 11-1, gear-driven squeeze roll mated with idler roll, in Shigley and Mischke 6<sup>th</sup> ed.]