Session #5 2D Mechanisms: Mobility, Kinematic Analysis & Synthesis



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Today's Agenda

- Collect assignment #2
- Begin mechanisms
 - Mobility / degrees of freedom
 - Some basic mechanisms
 - Some basic synthesis and analysis techniques
 - MathCad preliminaries
 - Homogeneous Transformation Matrices
 - Solving systems of equations
 - Kinematic analysis
 - Mechanism synthesis
- Distribute & discuss assignment #3
- Distribute graded assignment #1

2D Mechanisms

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- What do they do?



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Two Goals in our Study of 2D Mechanisms

- Analysis
 - given a mechanism, predict its behavior
 - DOF, position, velocity, acceleration
- Synthesis
 - given a desired behavior, develop a mechanism



Degrees of Freedom

- DOF = the number of independent parameters required to completely define the entity's positioning
- If a body is constrained to a plane, how many DOF does it possess?
- If a pin joint is added?
- If a sliding joint is added?
- If it rolls without slipping?

Mobility Criteria

• Kutzbach criterion (to find the DOF)

• Grübler criterion (to have a single DOF)

Concept Question

How many degrees of freedom does this mechanism possess?



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1)1 DOF 2)2 DOF 3)3 DOF 4)0 DOF



Degrees of Freedom

How many degrees of freedom does this mechanism possess?

We'll cover 3D mechanisms later

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Rear suspension of a Honda Accord

The 4 Bar Mechanism

- Use working Model to arrange a mechanism in which neither link can rotate a full turn
- Use working Model to arrange a mechanism in which rotating the input link a full turn causes the output link to:
 - Oscillate
 - Rotate a full turn
 - Same direction
 - Opposite direction

Parallelogram Linkage

- This object is connected to links that are parallel and of equal length
- What can we say (qualitatively) about the motion of the body (bce)?



3 Position Synthesis

- Say we want a mechanism to guide a body in a prescribed way
- Pick 3 positions
- Pick two attachment points
- The 4 bar mechanism can be constructed graphically



Concept Question

 If you do not specify the attachment point, how many positions can you specify and still generally retain the capability to synthesize a mechanism?

Slider-Crank Mechanism

• Kinematically the same (in the limit) as a 4 bar mechanism with a very long output crank





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Inversion

- Take a mechanism
- Change which link is "ground"
- A new mechanism results



Velocity Analysis

- This object is translating and is NOT rotating
- The velocity if point "b" is indicated by a green arrow
- What do we know about the velocity of point "e"?



Velocity Analysis

- This object is translating and ALSO rotating about "b" at rate $\boldsymbol{\omega}$
- The velocity if point "b" is indicated by a green arrow
- Can we construct the velocity of vector of point "e"?



Velocity Analysis

- This object is a rigid body
- The velocity if point "b" is indicated by a green arrow
- The velocity of point "e" is indicated by a blue arrow
- Can the vector "e" take any value, or are there some restrictions on values it might have?



Homogeneous Transformation Matrices

- How can we mathematically express the motions of a rigid body?
 - Translations
 - Rotations
 - Both
- Matrix multiplication will do the trick

$$body' := \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 & \delta_x \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 & \delta_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot body$$

MathCad: Preliminaries

- Assigning a value to a scalar variable
- Assigning a value to a vector or matrix
- Defining a function
- Displaying results
 - Numerically
 - Graphically

MathCad: Useful Capabilities

- Taking Derivatives
- Integration
- Symbolic manipulation
- Solving non-linear equations
- Solving blocks of non-linear equations including constraints
- Minimizing / maximizing under constraints
- Making animations
- Processing images

HTM MathCad Demonstrator

See HTM_DEMO_2D v2.xmcd

A Challenge

- Can you modify the HTM Demonstrator to simulate the operation of a 4 Bar mechanism?
 - Specify input and output crank geometry
 - Specify an input crank angle
 - Solve for an HTM that satisfies the physical constraints created by the cranks

Assignment #3

- Do some problems from the handout
- Analyze the kinematics of a robot's leg mechanism
- Take some measurements of
 - Motion
 - Force
- Synthesize a mechanism (your choice)

Next Steps

- Start Assignment #3
- Lab tomorrow, Friday 24 FEB
- Next Class Tues 28 FEB