ME 254: Compliant Mechanisms				
Assigned: Feb. 18, 2025	Project Assignment 1	Due: Mar. 4, 2025		

If you use AI-agents, include your prompts just like you would cite any references that you use.

## **Detailed analysis of elastic pairs (8 points)**

An elastic revolute pair is assigned to each of you individually. Model it in 3D finite element analysis and obtain the intended axis stiffness, full-axis stiffness matrix, range of rotation before it fails due to stress exceeding the strength or buckling, axis drift, and the extent of linearity. For the last three, it is important to do geometrically nonlinear analysis. We will arrange separate sessions to help you with using COMSOL or Abaqus. We will collectively try to get the initial rotational stiffness of all of them to be nearly the same and try to make all of them 3D printable to approximately the same size.

Name of the elastic revolute pair	Picture and/or reference	Your name
Planar X pivot	Generic	ROHIT KUMAR DESHMUKH
Circular notch flexure	Generic	LAKHINANA HARSHAVARDHAN
Split-tube flexure	<sup>10</sup> $F_1$ $M_2$ M	RAGHAVENDRA KATRAGADDA

Cruciform flexure		LUBAID NISAR
	Trease, B., Moon, YM., and Kota, S., "Design of Large-displacement Compliant Joints," ASME Journal of Mechanical Design, Vol. 127, JULY 2005.	
Cross-flexure pivot	$t_r \downarrow \downarrow$	PATIL PRAJYOT PRADEEPKUMAR
	Rommers, J., van der Wijk, V., Aragón, A. M., Herder, J. L., "The STAGE method for simultaneous design of the stress and geometry of flexure mechanisms," Precision Engineering 89 (2024) 103–112.	
Bendix cross-strip flexure	Full and cut-away views	SHIYAM SANKAR S
Near-zero- stiffness flexural pivot	Zhao, H., Zhao, C., Ren, S., and Bi, S., 2019, "Analysis and Evaluation of a Near-Zero Stiffness Rotational Flexural Pivot," <i>Mech.</i> <i>Mach. Theory</i> , 135, pp. 115–129.	GAURAV NAVNATH SHINDE

Triple-axis pivot	cross	Serafino, S., Bruzzone, L., Fanghella, P., and Verotti, M., "Design of High- Performance Triple-Axis Cross Pivots," <i>J. Mechanisms Robotics</i> . Feb 2025, 17(2): 021004 (12 pages)	R VISHWANATH

What you need to submit:

- 1. Paper copy of your results clearly written down with all details
- 2. Graphs and pictures of your results with proper annotation (paper copy)
- 3. If you build any mechanism, you get extra points.