

# ROBOTICS: ADVANCED CONCEPTS & ANALYSIS

## MODULE 10 - ADVANCED TOPICS

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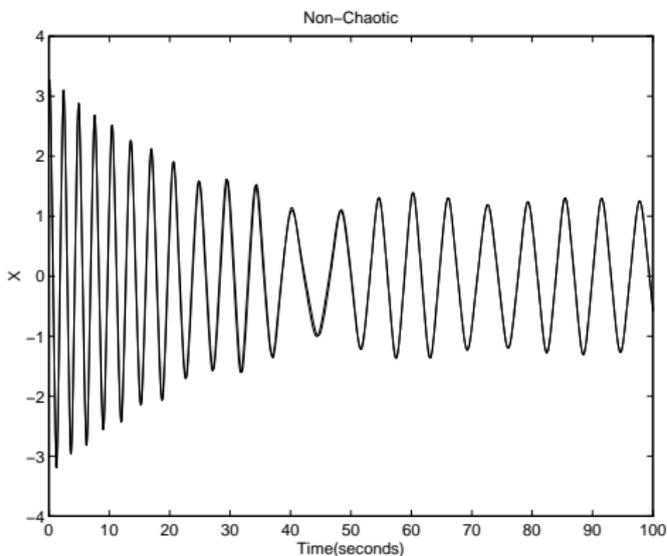
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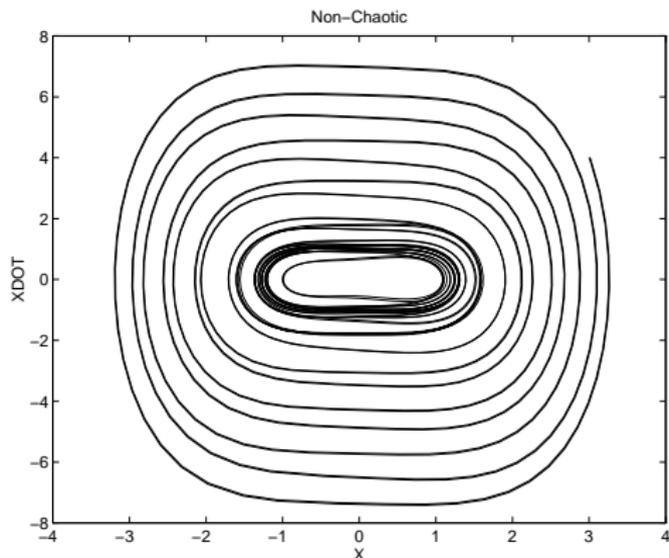
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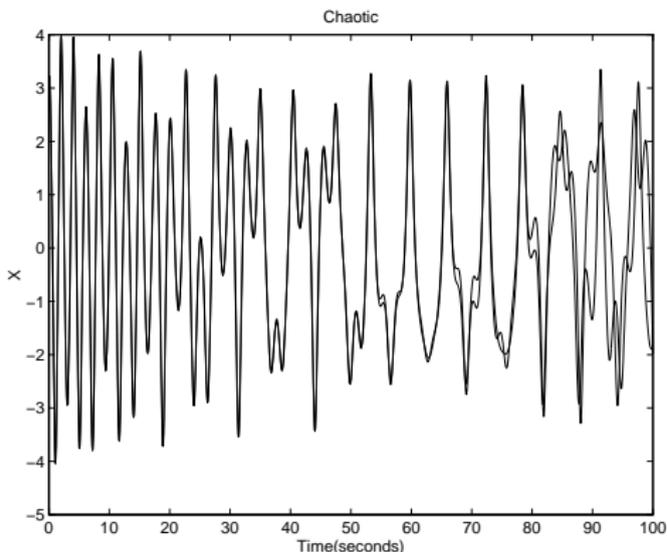


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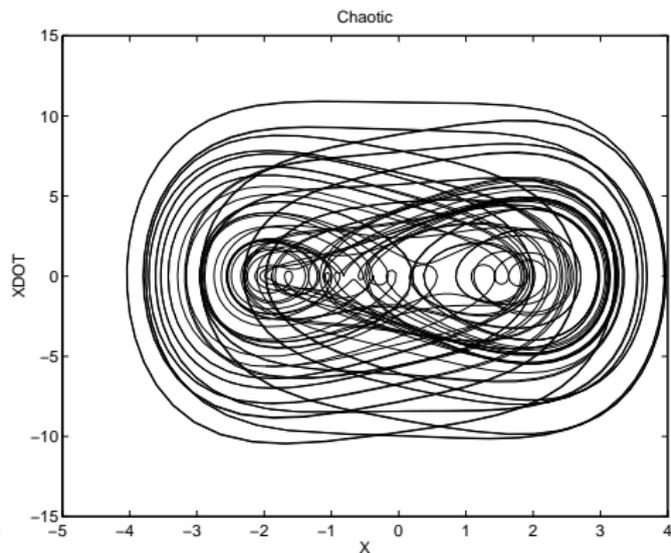
- $C = 0.08$   $B = 0.2$ , Initial Conditions —  $(3.0, 4.0)$  and  $(3.01, 4.01)$
- Two trajectories do not deviate much as time increases and phase plot settle to a limit cycle!

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**Figure 3:** Chaotic behaviour of a Duffing's oscillator



**Figure 4:** Phase plot –  $\dot{X}(t)$  Vs.  $X(t)$  – in chaotic case

- $C = 0.05$   $B = 7.5$ , Initial Conditions —  $(3.0, 4.0)$  and  $(3.01, 4.01)$
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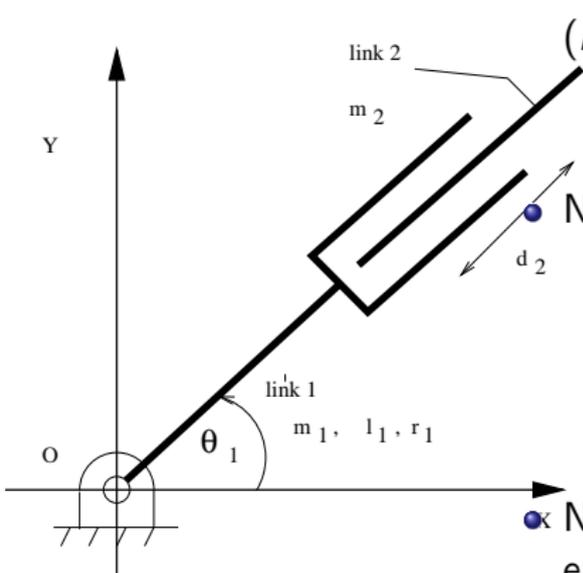
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# SIMULATION RESULTS

## THE RP MANIPULATOR

- Equations of motion



$$(m_1 l_1^2 + l_1 + l_2 + m_2 d_2^2) \ddot{\theta}_1 + 2m_2 d_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{d}_2 = \tau_1$$

$$m_2 \ddot{d}_2 - m_2 d_2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 = F_2$$

- Non-dimensional parameters

- $\rho_1 = (1 + \frac{l_1 + l_2}{m_1 l_1^2})$ ,  $\rho_2 = \frac{m_2}{m_1}$

- $\rho_3 = \frac{m_1 l_1^2}{1.0}$ ,  $\rho_4 = \frac{m_1 l_1}{1.0}$

- $X = \frac{d_2}{l_1}$ ,  $\tau_1^* = \frac{\tau_1}{\rho_3}$ ,  $F_2^* = \frac{F_2}{\rho_4}$

- $K_p^* = K_p / \omega^2$ ,  $K_v^* = K_v / \omega$ ,  $t^* = \omega t$

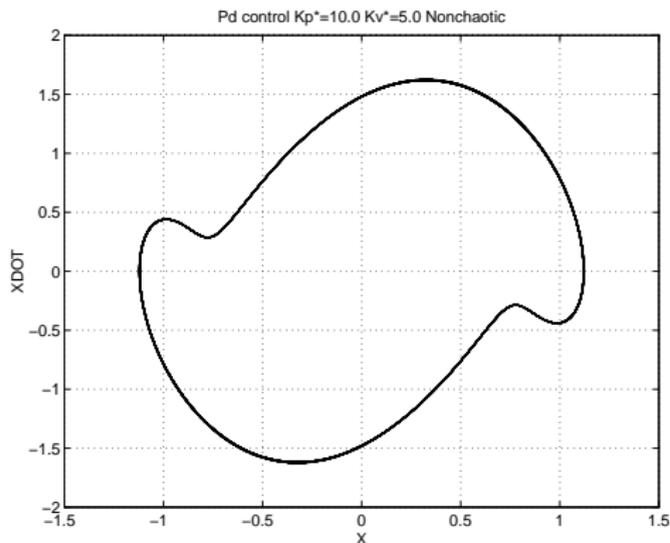
- Non-dimensional parameters are fewer!! → easier to search parameter space for obtaining chaotic behaviour.

- For model based control  $\hat{\rho}_i = (1 + \varepsilon)\rho_i$

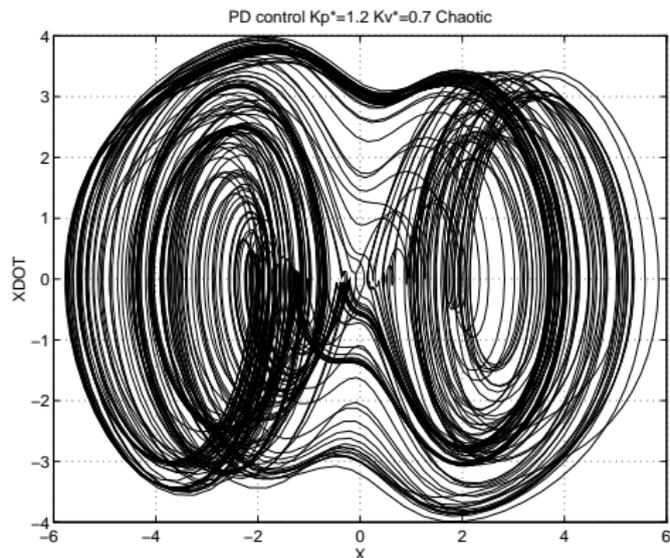
Figure 5: The RP Manipulator

# SIMULATION RESULTS

## THE RP MANIPULATOR UNDER PD CONTROL



**Figure 6:** Phase plot in non-chaotic case

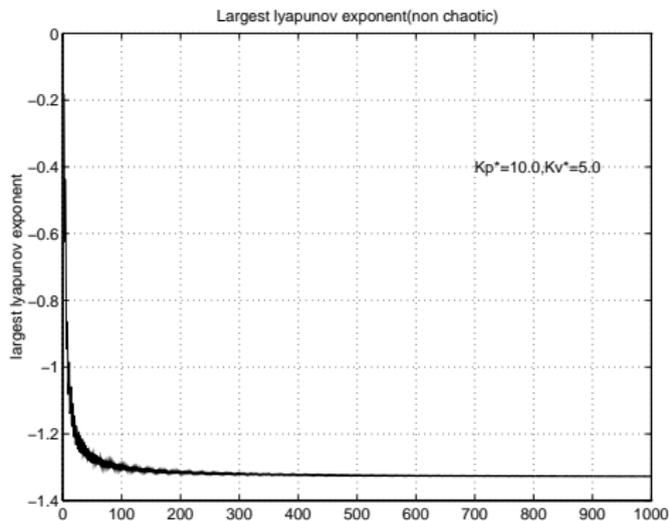


**Figure 7:** Phase plot in chaotic case [From Ravishankar and Ghosal (1999)]

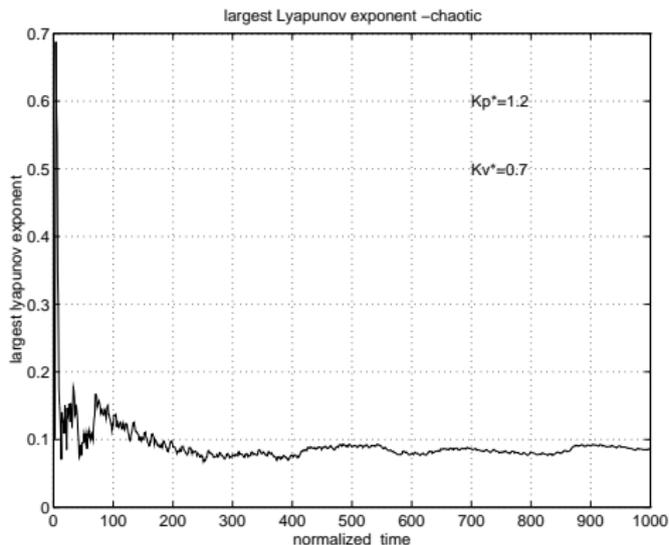
- $A_\theta = \pi$ ,  $A_X = 1.0$  and  $\omega = 1.0$
- Non-dimensional parameters –  $\rho_1 = 2.5$ ,  $\rho_2 = 0.5$ ,  $\rho_3 = 0.4$ , and  $\rho_4 = 2.0$ .

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## THE RP MANIPULATOR UNDER PD CONTROL



**Figure 8:** Lyapunov exponent in non-chaotic case

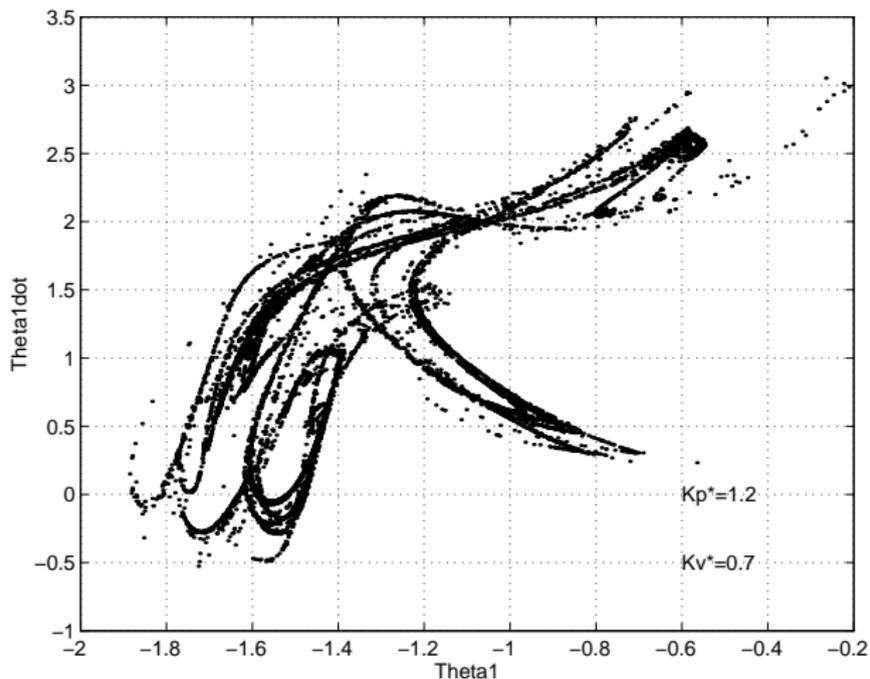


**Figure 9:** Lyapunov exponent in chaotic case

- Largest Lyapunov exponent for chaotic and non-chaotic cases.
- $A_\theta = \pi$ ,  $A_X = 1.0$ ,  $\omega = 1.0$ ,  $\rho_1 = 2.5$ ,  $\rho_2 = 0.5$ , and  $\rho_3 = 0.4$ ,  $\rho_4 = 2.0$

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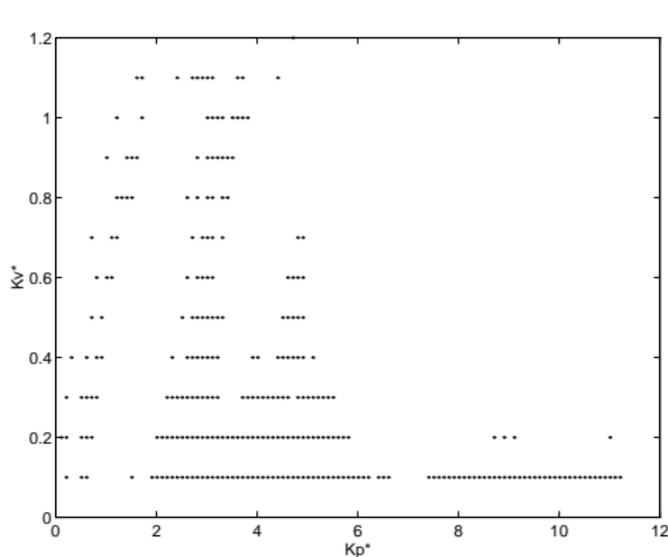


- Poincaré map
- $(\dot{\theta}_1, \theta_1)$  projection.
- $A_\theta = \pi$ ,  $A_X = 1.0$ ,  
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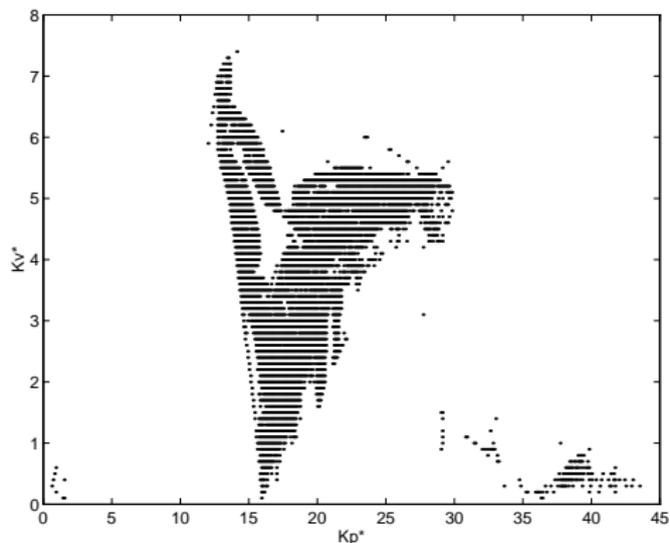
**Figure 10:** Poincaré map for RP manipulator under PD control

# SIMULATION RESULTS

## THE RP MANIPULATOR UNDER PD AND MODEL-BASED CONTROL



**Figure 11:** Chaos maps for RP manipulator under PD control

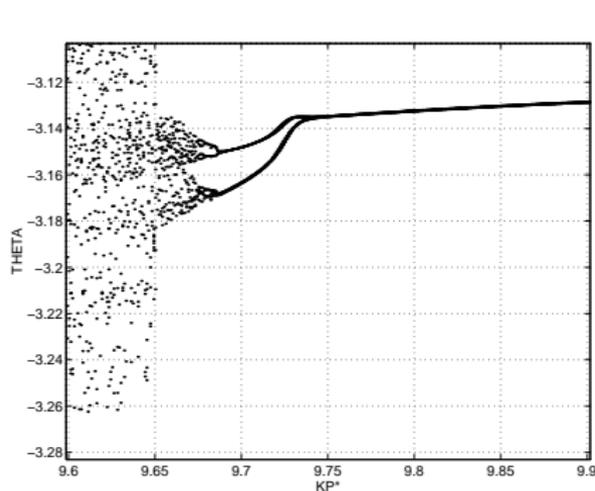


**Figure 12:** Chaos maps for RP manipulator under model-based control

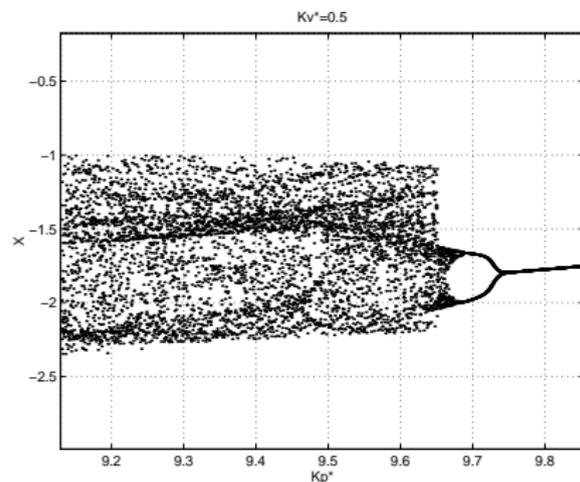
- Chaos maps – values of gains for chaotic behavior.
- $K_v^*$  in steps of 0.1,  $K_p^*$  in steps of 1.0.
- Initial conditions –  $(0, 0, \pi, 1.0)$

# SIMULATION RESULTS

## THE RP MANIPULATOR UNDER PD AND MODEL-BASED CONTROL



**Figure 13:** Bifurcation diagram for RP manipulator under PD control



**Figure 14:** Bifurcation diagram for RP manipulator under model-based control

- Bifurcation diagrams – Plot of state-variable as  $K_p^*$  is changed at a fixed  $K_v^*$ .
- Period doubling route to chaos!

# SIMULATION RESULTS

## THE RR MANIPULATOR

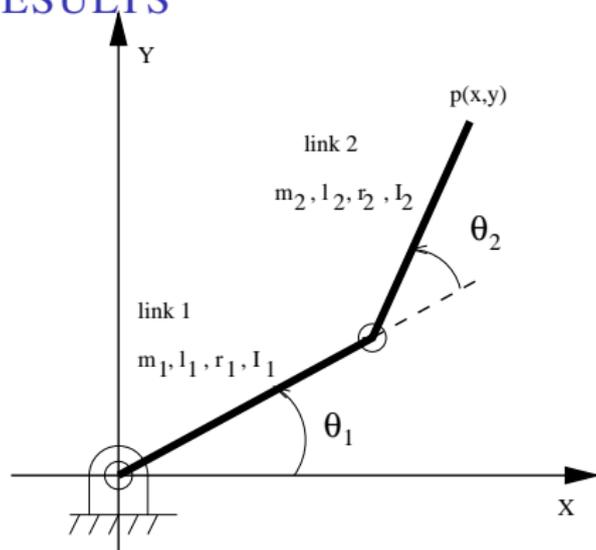


Figure 15: The RR Manipulator

- Equations of motion (see [Module 6](#), Lecture 2)

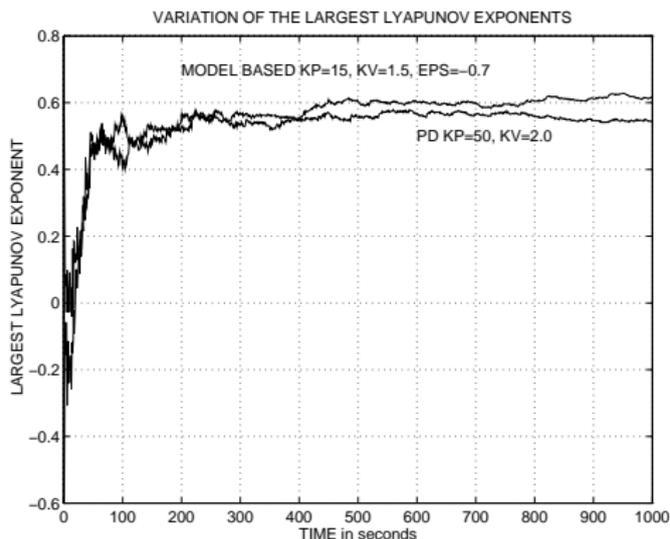
$$(m_1 r_1^2 + l_1 + m_2 r_2^2 + l_2 + m_2 l_1^2 + 2m_2 l_1 r_2 \cos \theta_2) \ddot{\theta}_1 + (m_2 r_2^2 + l_2 + m_2 l_1 r_2 \cos \theta_2) \ddot{\theta}_2 - m_2 l_1 r_2 \sin \theta_2 (2\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \dot{\theta}_2 = \tau_1$$

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- The RR manipulator (or a double pendulum) is known to be chaotic (see Mahout et al. (1993)).

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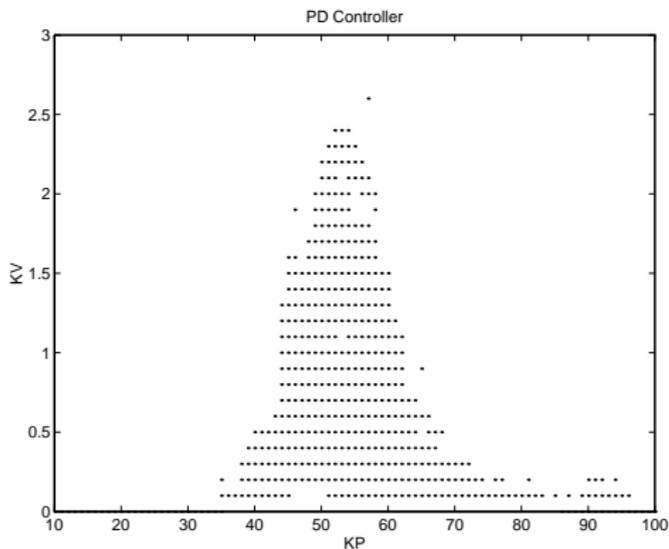


- $A_{\theta_1} = \pi/2$ ,  $A_{\theta_2} = \pi/4$  and  $\omega = 2.0$
- Mass and DH parameters – Correspond to the first two links of the CMU DD Arm II (see Khosla (1986))

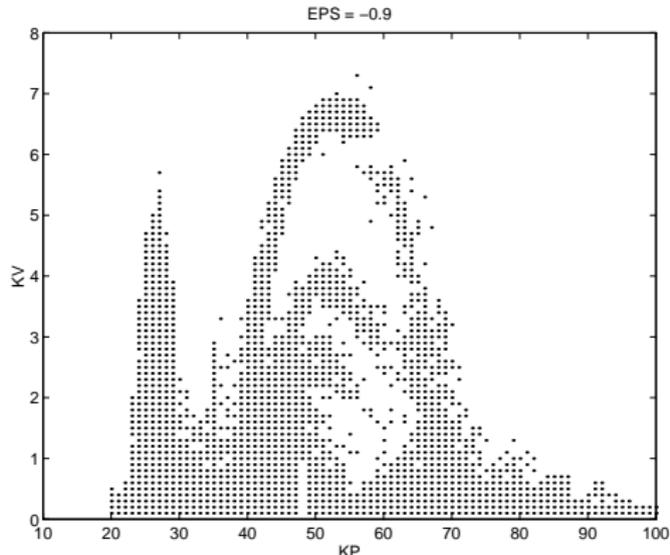
**Figure 16:** Largest Lyapunov exponent for the RR manipulator under PD and model-based control

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**Figure 17:** Chaos map for PD control of the RR Manipulator

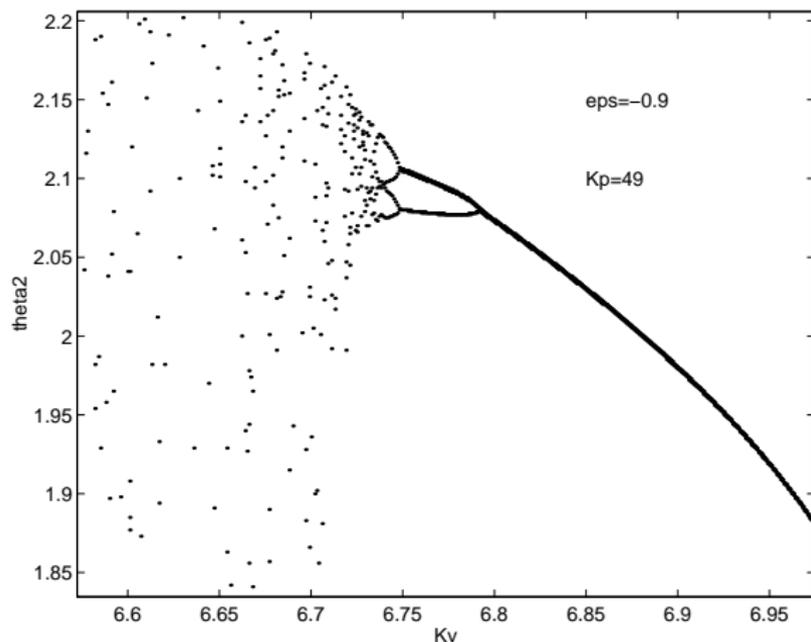


**Figure 18:** Chaos map for model-based control of the RR Manipulator

- $K_v^*$  in steps of 0.1,  $K_p^*$  in steps of 1.0
- Initial conditions –  $(0, \pi, 0, \pi/2)$ ,  $\varepsilon = -0.9$

# SIMULATION RESULTS

## THE RR MANIPULATOR UNDER MODEL-BASED CONTROL



- $\epsilon = -0.9$  and  $K_p = 49$
- Period doubling route to chaos

**Figure 19:** Bifurcation diagram for RR manipulator

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## SUMMARY



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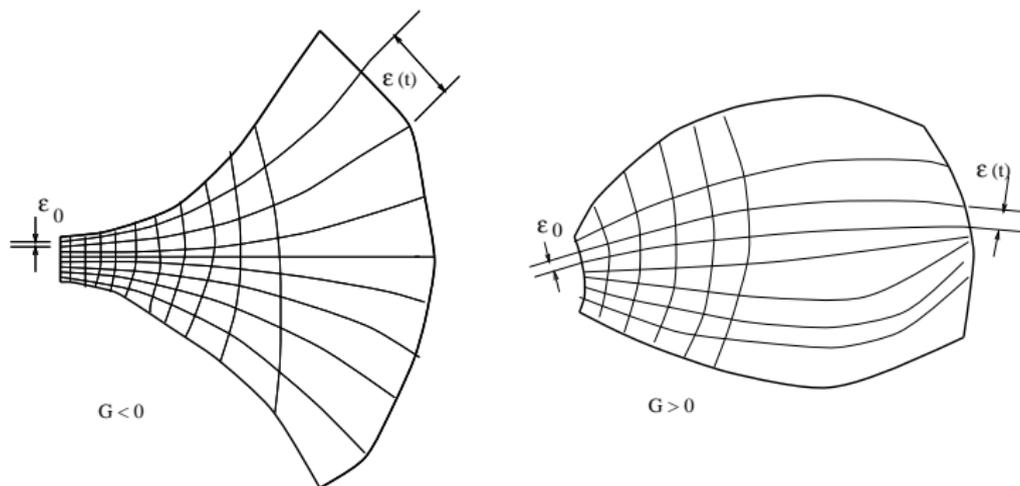
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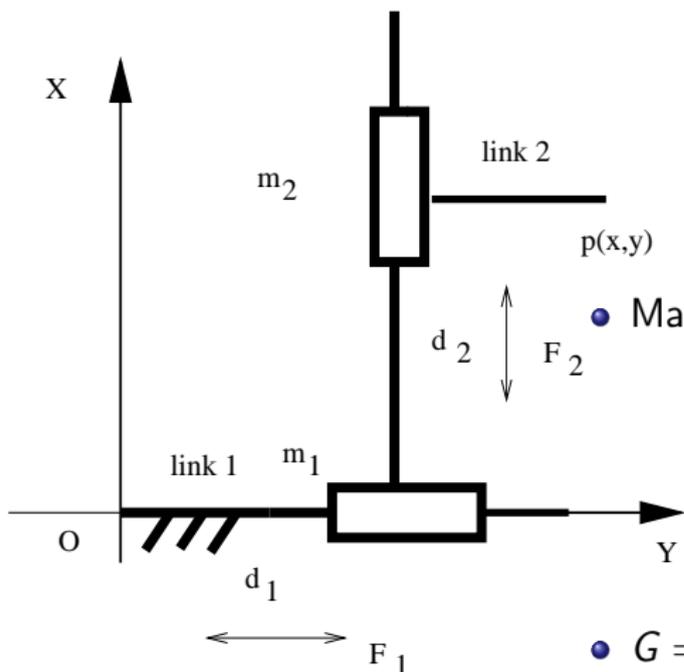
- $\tau = 0$  – Trajectories along *geodesics* of manifold (Arnold 1989).
- $R_{ijkl} \neq 0 \rightarrow$  Gaussian curvature of 2D subspace –  $G = (R_{1212} / \det[\mathbf{M}])$
- In figures above,  $\epsilon(t) = \epsilon_0 e^{\sqrt{-G}t}$
- $G < 0 \rightarrow$  nearby trajectories diverge *exponentially* — Chaos!
- Analytical criteria —  $G < 0$  in any 2D subspace  $\rightarrow$  Chaotic (see also Zak (1985a & b)).

# GAUSSIAN CURVATURE OF ROBOTS

THE PP ROBOT

- $KE = \frac{1}{2}m_1\dot{d}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2\dot{d}_2^2$
- Elements of the mass matrix

$$M_{11} = m_1, \quad M_{12} = 0, \quad M_{22} = m_2$$



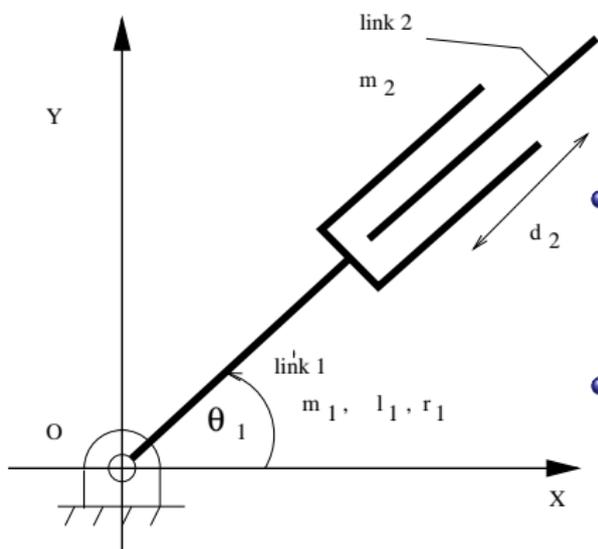
- Mass matrix is constant.

- $G = 0 \rightarrow$  Not chaotic – Expected as it is linear system!

Figure 21: The PP Robot

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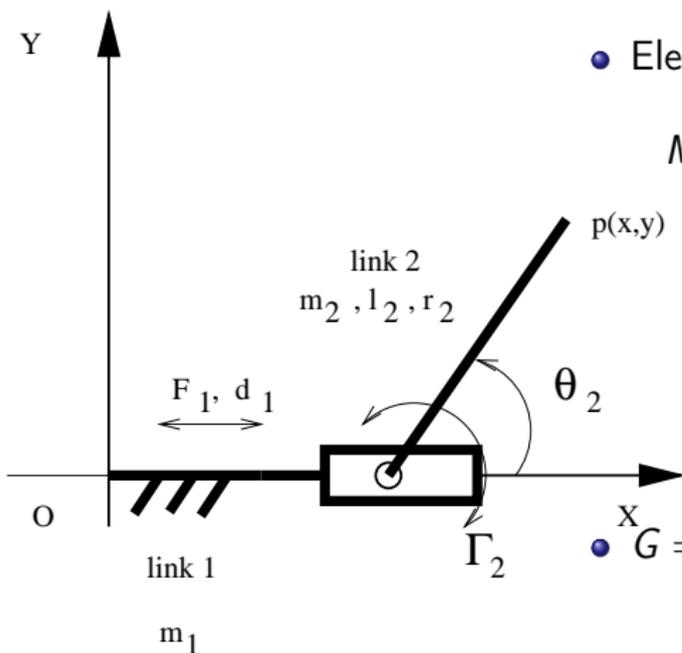
$$M_{11} = I + m_2 d_2^2, \quad M_{12} = 0, \quad M_{22} = m_2$$

- $G < 0$  for  $I > 0 \rightarrow$  Always chaotic!

Figure 22: The RP Robot

# GAUSSIAN CURVATURE OF ROBOTS

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$$M_{11} = m_1 + m_2, \quad M_{12} = -m_2 r_2 \sin \theta_2$$

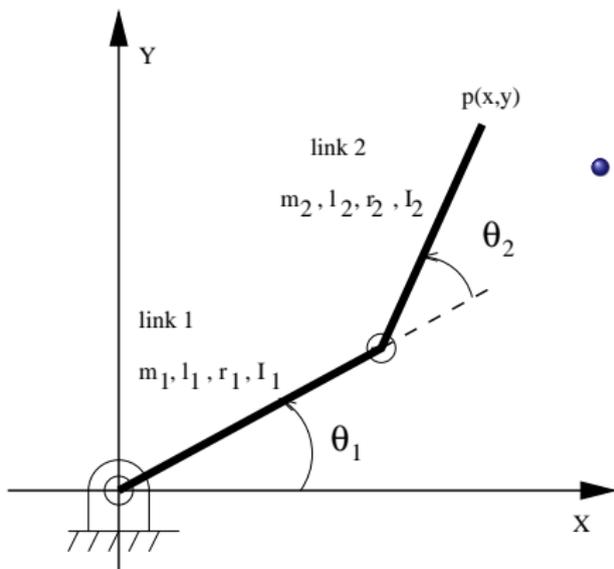
$$M_{22} = m_2 r_2^2 + I_2$$

- $G = 0 \rightarrow$  Not chaotic!

Figure 23: The PR Robot

# GAUSSIAN CURVATURE OF ROBOTS

## THE RR ROBOT



- Elements of mass matrix

$$M_{11} = c_1 + c_2 \cos \theta_2$$

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$c_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are constants.

**Figure 24:** The RR Robot

- $G < 0$  if  $\cos \theta_2 < -\frac{a_2 c_1 - b_1 + 2a_3 c_3 - a_4 c_1 + 2a_5 c_3}{a_1 + a_2 c_2 + 2a_3 c_4 - a_4 c_2 + 2a_5 c_4}$ ,  $a_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  constants.
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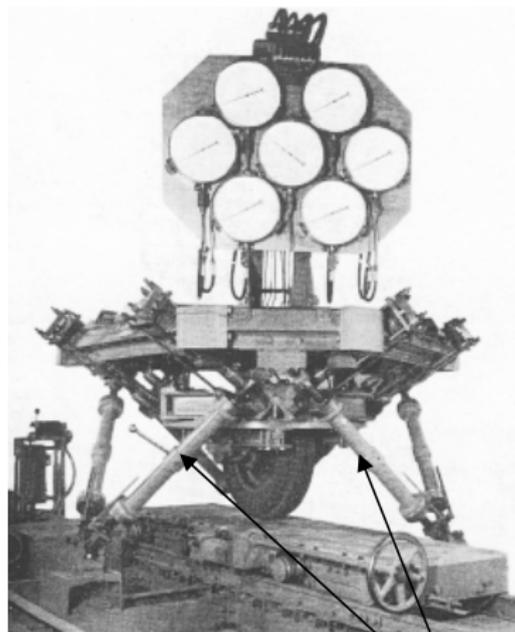
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Stewart 1965

Extendable `legs`

- First used as tyre testing machine in UK.
- Now known as Gough-Stewart platform.
- A moving platform connected to fixed ground by six actuated extendable legs — 6 DOF (Fichter 1986)
- Linear motion of platform along  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  axes & Rotational motion about  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  axes.
- Known also as Heave, Surge, Sway & Roll, Pitch and Yaw.
- The 'best known' parallel manipulator (see [Module 4](#), Lecture 5).

**Figure 25:** The Stewart platform (Stewart 1965)



Modern tyre testing machine



Micro-positioning



Industrial manufacturing



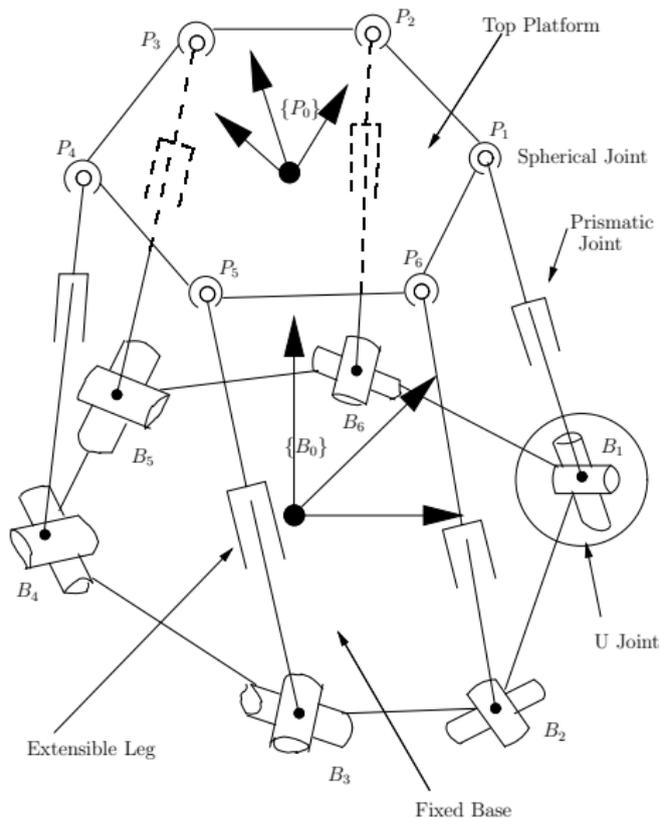
Robotic surgery



Precise alignment of mirror

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**Figure 26:** Some modern uses of Gough-Stewart platform



- Moving top platform
- Fixed base
- 6 extendable legs actuated by prismatic joints.
- Coordinated motion of 6 prismatic joints  $\rightarrow$  Arbitrary 6 DOF motion of top platform

**Figure 27:** The Gough-Stewart platform

# INTRODUCTION

## MOTION SIMULATION



- Motion simulations done using ADAMS®.
- Click [here](#) for a video showing motion of a Gough-Stewart platform due to combined motion of all actuated joints.

**Figure 28:** Motion simulation of Gough-Stewart platform

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## GOUGH-STEWART PLATFORM AS A SENSOR



- With actuators (P joints) locked  $\rightarrow$  0 degrees of freedom.
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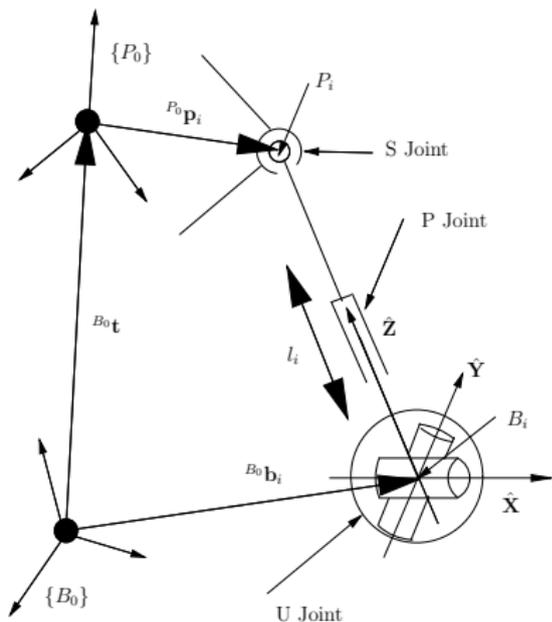
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## PLATFORM

### REVIEW



**Figure 29:** A leg of the Gough-Stewart platform

- Kinematics and statics (see [Module 5](#), Lecture 5 for more details).
- Direct kinematics involve solution of a 40 degree polynomial.
- Leg vector

$${}^{B_0}S_i = {}^{B_0}P_0[R]{}^{P_0}p_i + {}^{B_0}t - {}^{B_0}b_i$$

- Unit vector along leg  ${}^{B_0}s_i = \frac{{}^{B_0}S_i}{l_i}$
- Relation between external force-moment at top platform  $\{Tool\}$  and leg forces  $f_i$

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^{B_0}F_{Tool} \\ \text{---} \\ {}^{B_0}M_{Tool} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^6 {}^{B_0}s_i f_i \\ \text{---} \\ \sum_{i=1}^6 ({}^{B_0}b_i \times {}^{B_0}s_i) f_i \end{bmatrix}$$

# KINEMATICS AND STATICS OF GOUGH-STEWART PLATFORM



## REVIEW (CONTD.)

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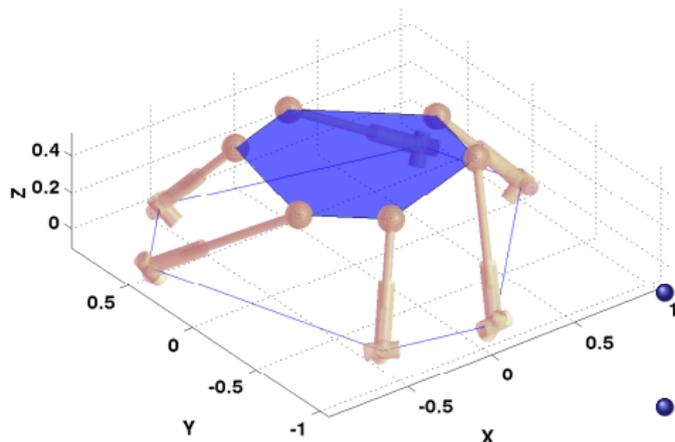
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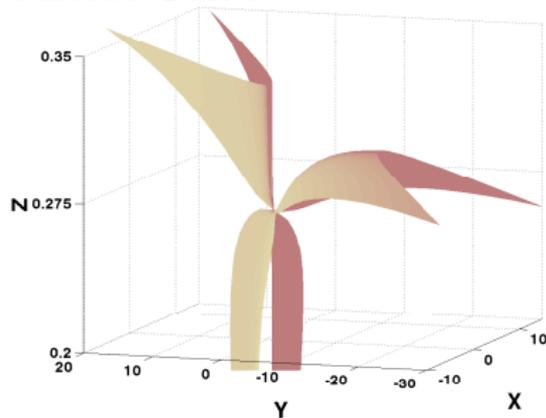
# ISOTROPIC CONFIGURATIONS OF GOUGH-STEWART PLATFORM



**Figure 30:** Gough-Stewart platform in an isotropic configuration

- Isotropic configuration  
 $\det_{Tool}^{B_0} [ H ] \neq 0$
- Eigenvalues of top left  $3 \times 3$  and bottom right  $3 \times 3$  matrix are equal (not necessary equal to each other) (see Klein and Milkos 1991, Fattah and Ghasemi 2001 and Dwarakanath et al. 2001).
- All directions are equivalent in terms of force (or moment) components.
- Isotropic configuration can be obtained in closed-form (see Bandyopadhyay & Ghosal, 2008)
- Data of Gough-Stewart platform from INRIA prototype.

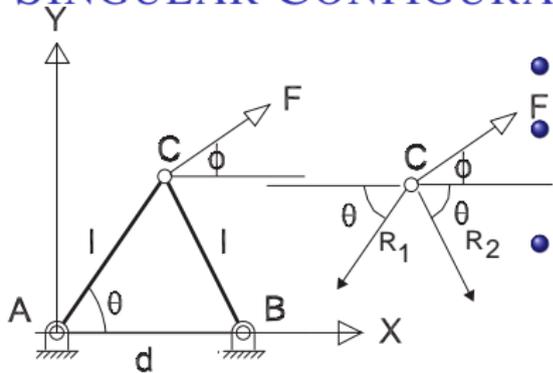
# SINGULAR CONFIGURATIONS OF GOUGH-STEWART PLATFORM



**Figure 31:** Singularity manifold of Gough-Stewart platform at a given orientation

- Singular configuration  $\det B_{Tool}^{B_0} [ H ] = 0$
- One or more eigenvalue of  $B_{Tool}^{B_0} [ H ]$  is zero!
- Gain singularity  $\rightarrow$  Platform *cannot* resist one or more component of force/moment applied at the top platform.
- Singularity manifold(s) can be obtained in closed-form (see Bandyopadhyay & Ghosal, 2006)
- Position singularity manifold shown for a semi-regular Stewart platform manipulator (SRSPM) – cubic in  $z$  and a quadratic curve, but *not* an ellipse, in  $x$  and  $y$ .
- Orientation singularity manifold, at a given position, can also be obtained (see Bandyopadhyay & Ghosal, 2006).

# SINGULAR CONFIGURATION



- Planar truss with hinges.
- Force  $F$  is applied at the hinge  $C$  at an angle  $\phi$ .
- Axial forces in the links  $AC$  and  $BC$  are

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\cos \theta \\ \sin \theta & \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{pmatrix} = F \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi \\ \sin \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

**Figure 32:** A planar two link hinged truss

- LHS matrix is  $[H]$  and for  $\theta \neq 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{pmatrix} = [H]^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} F \cos \phi \\ F \sin \phi \end{pmatrix} = \frac{F}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi / \cos \theta + \sin \phi / \sin \theta \\ -\cos \phi / \cos \theta + \sin \phi / \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

- For  $\theta \rightarrow 0$  and  $\phi \neq 0$ ,  $R_1, R_2 \rightarrow \infty$  —  $F$  cannot be resisted.
- For  $\theta = 0$  and  $\phi \neq 0$ , the eigenvalues are 1 and 0.
- Eigenvector for 0 is  $Y$  axis —  $F_y$  cannot be resisted at  $\theta = 0$ .
- A small  $F_y$  will give large output  $R_1 \rightarrow$  Enhanced sensitivity or mechanical amplification for certain components!!

# NEAR SINGULAR CONFIGURATION IN A HINGED PLANAR TRUSS

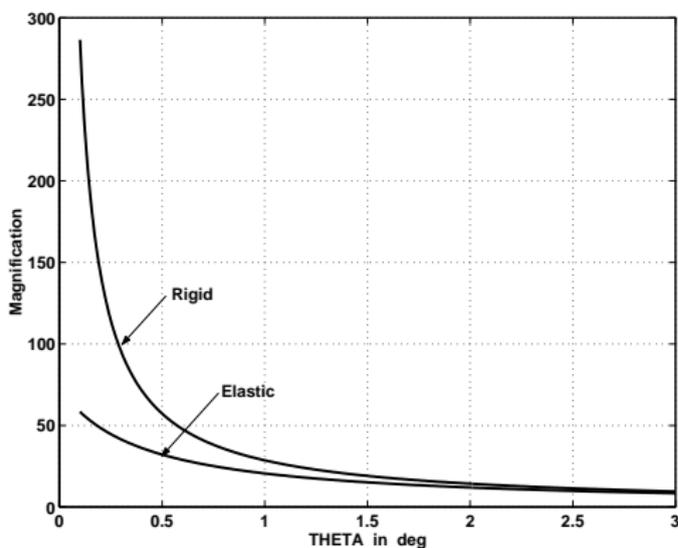


Figure 33: Force amplification Vs.  $\theta$

- For  $\phi = \pi/2$ ,  
 $|R_1| = |R_2| = F/(2 \sin \theta)$  —  $\theta$  small,  $|R_1|$  and  $|R_2|$  large!
- At  $\theta = 1^\circ$ , magnification  $|R_1|/F$  is approximately 28.6.
- If AC and BC are *elastic*  
 $\theta_{new} = \arctan(\delta + \delta_1)$  (Srinath 1983) where,  $\delta = l \sin \theta$  and  $\delta_1 = l \cos \theta \times (F/EA)^{1/3}$  and Poisson's ratio is 0.3.
- For elastic links  
 $R_1 = -R_2 = F/(2 \sin \theta_{new})$  — amplification/enhanced sensitivity is present but lower!!

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# EXAMPLES OF SINGULAR DIRECTIONS IN $6 \times 6$ GOUGH-STEWART PLATFORM



**Table 1:** Examples of Singular Directions in  $6 \times 6$  Gough-Stewart platform configurations

	Leg Connections						*	Singular Directions
	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Leg 6		
1	$B_1 - P_1$	$B_2 - P_2$	$B_3 - P_3$	$B_4 - P_4$	$B_5 - P_5$	$B_6 - P_6$	3	$F_x, F_y, M_z$
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3	$B_1 - P_2$	$B_2 - P_1$	$B_3 - P_4$	$B_4 - P_3$	$B_5 - P_5$	$B_6 - P_6$	1	$M_z$
4	$B_1 - P_2$	$B_2 - P_1$	$B_3 - P_4$	$B_4 - P_3$	$B_5 - P_6$	$B_6 - P_5$	0	none
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\* – Column indicate number of zero eigenvalues of  $[H]$ .

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## NOMINAL GEOMETRY OF SENSOR

**Table 2:** Nominal geometry of 6-6 Stewart Platform with  $\gamma = 33^\circ$

Base coordinates				Platform coordinates			
Point No.	x mm	y mm	z mm	Point No	X mm	Y mm	Z mm
$b_1$	43.30	25.0	0.0	$p_1$	41.93	27.23	100
$b_2$	0	50.0	0.0	$p_2$	2.616	49.93	100
$b_3$	-43.30	25.0	0.0	$p_3$	-44.55	22.70	100
$b_4$	-43.30	-25.0	0.0	$p_4$	-44.55	-22.70	100
$b_5$	0	-50	0.0	$p_5$	2.616	-49.93	100
$b_6$	43.3	-25.0	0.0	$p_6$	41.93	-27.23	100

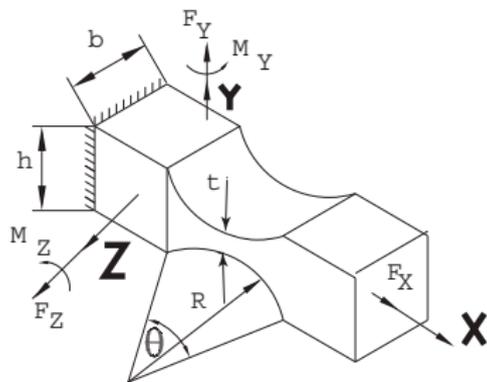
- Expected to give enhanced sensitivity to  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$  and  $M_z$ .
- Near singular configuration – can invert  $[H]$  if and when required.

# GOUGH-STEWART PLATFORM BASED SENSOR

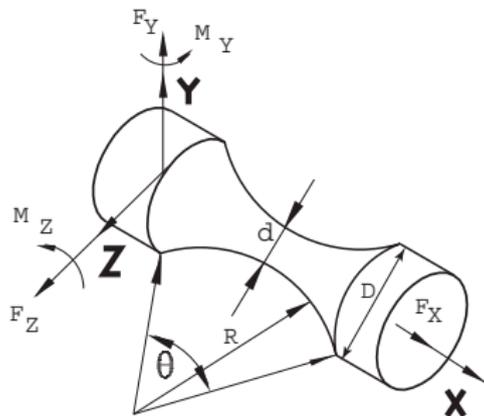


## FLEXIBLE HINGES

- Kinematic joints (S or U) give rise to unpredictable friction!
- Flexible hinges (Paros and Weisboard 1965, Zhang and Fasse 2001) much better – No friction! (see also McInroy and Hamann 2000).



**Figure 34:** Flexure hinges – rectangular cross-section



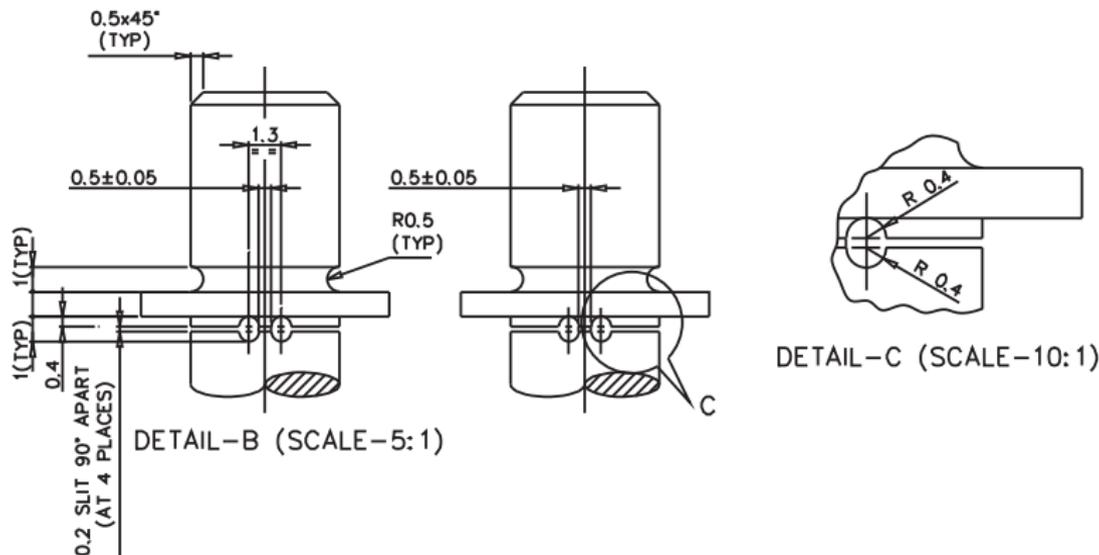
**Figure 35:** Flexure hinges – circular cross-section

- Geometry ( $t$ ,  $R$ ,  $\theta$ ) or ( $d$ ,  $D$ ,  $\theta$ ) can be designed to give required lateral and longitudinal stiffness (or compliance).
- For small motion (sensor) good approximation to kinematic joints.

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## FLEXIBLE HINGES – IMPLEMENTATION

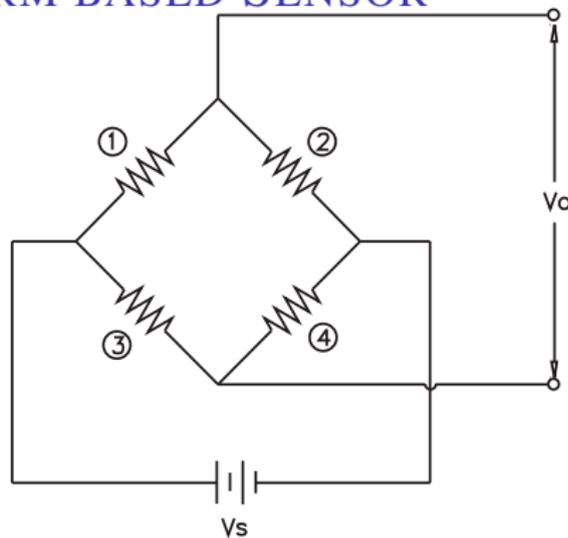
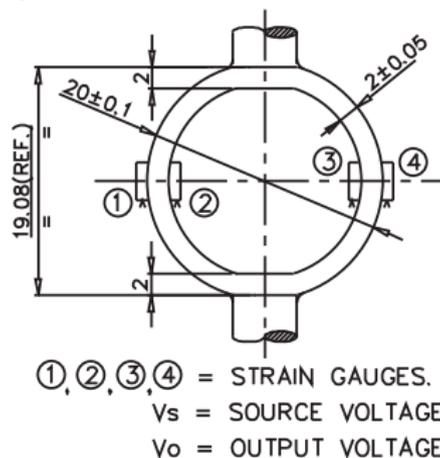


**Figure 36:** Detailed view of flexure hinges

- Hinges (also leg and ring): Titanium alloy of yield strength 880 N /mm<sup>2</sup>.
- No rotation permitted beyond 3.8° to prevent failure!

# GOUGH-STEWART PLATFORM BASED SENSOR

## SENSING ELEMENT



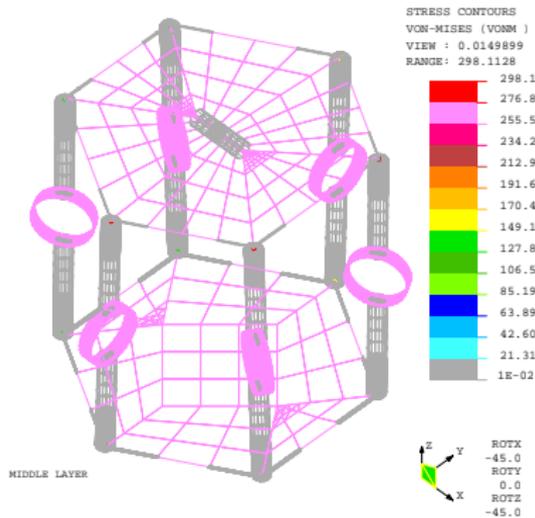
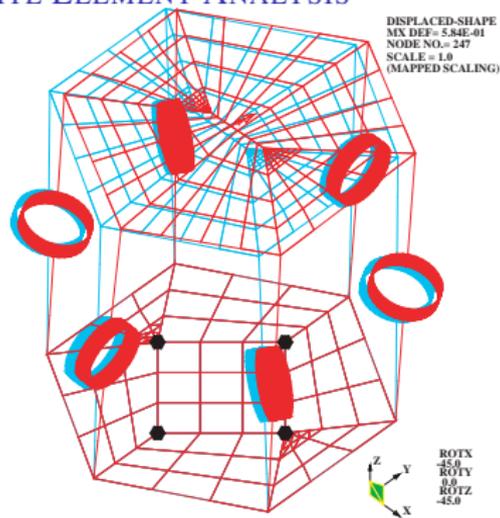
**Figure 37:** Schematic of ring shaped sensing element

- Ring shaped sensing element from Titanium alloy rod.
- Ring mid-plane has largest stress (and strain) when axial load applied.
- For 30 N axial compressive load, 145 micro-strains (compressive) at inside surface and 110 micro-strains (tensile) at the outside surface — 510 micro-strains in full bridge configuration.

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## FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

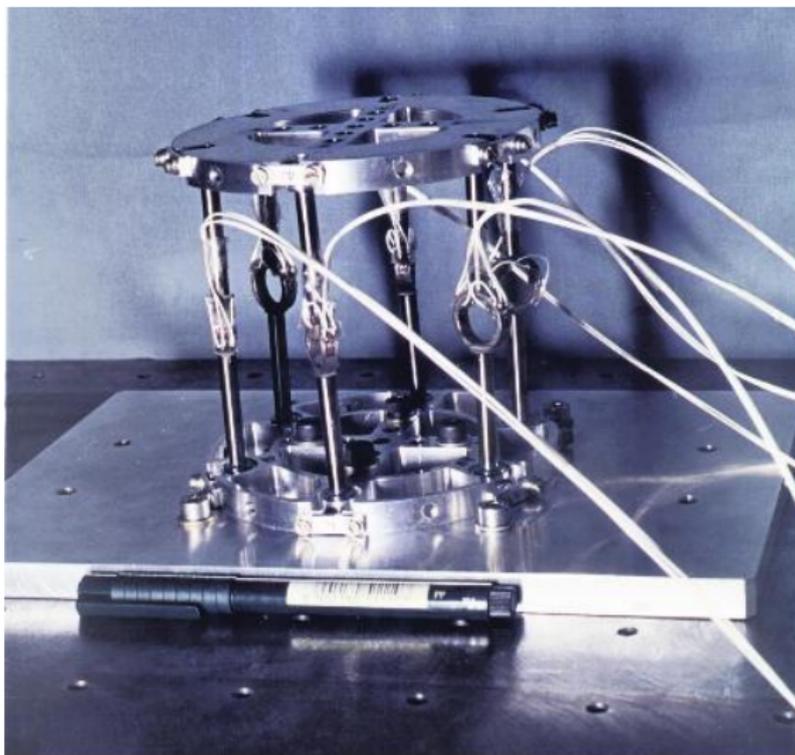


**Figure 38:** Deflection (mm) of sensor

**Figure 39:** Stress (N/mm<sup>2</sup>) in sensor

- Finite element model (in NISA (1997)) of top and bottom platform and six legs with hinges and sensing element created.
- Applied loading of  $F_x = F_y = F_z = 0.98$  N,  $M_x = M_y = M_z = 49.05$
- Maximum deflection 0.5 mm and maximum stress about 294 N/mm<sup>2</sup> at the flexible hinges — Safe design!

# GOUGH-STEWART PLATFORM BASED SENSOR



**Figure 40:** Prototype Gough-Stewart platform based force-torque sensor

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## PROTOTYPE SENSOR – EXPERIMENTS

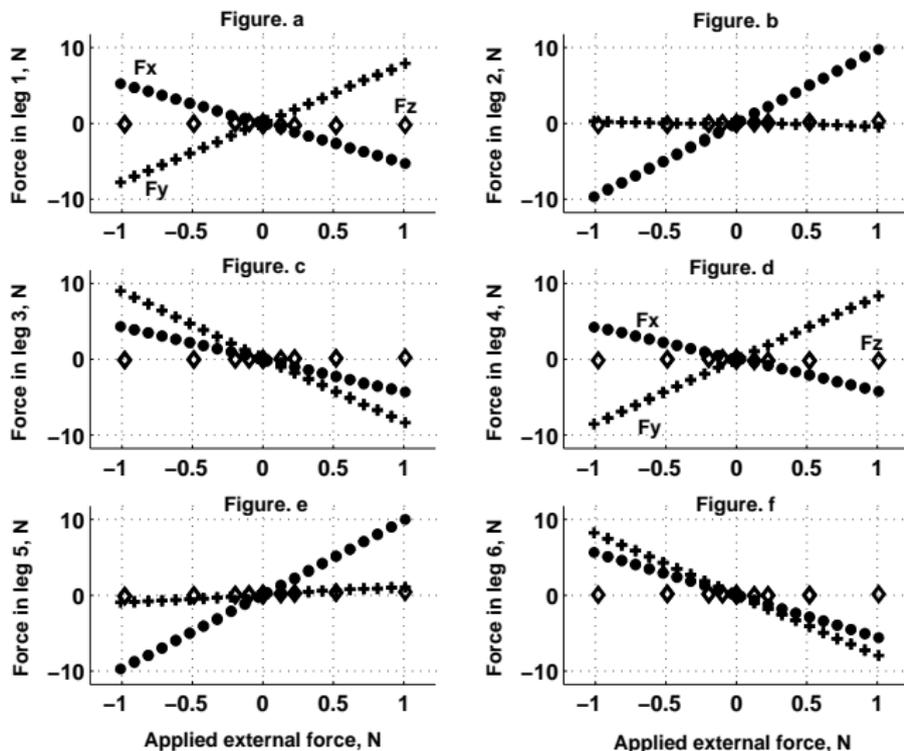


Figure 41: Experimental data for external applied force

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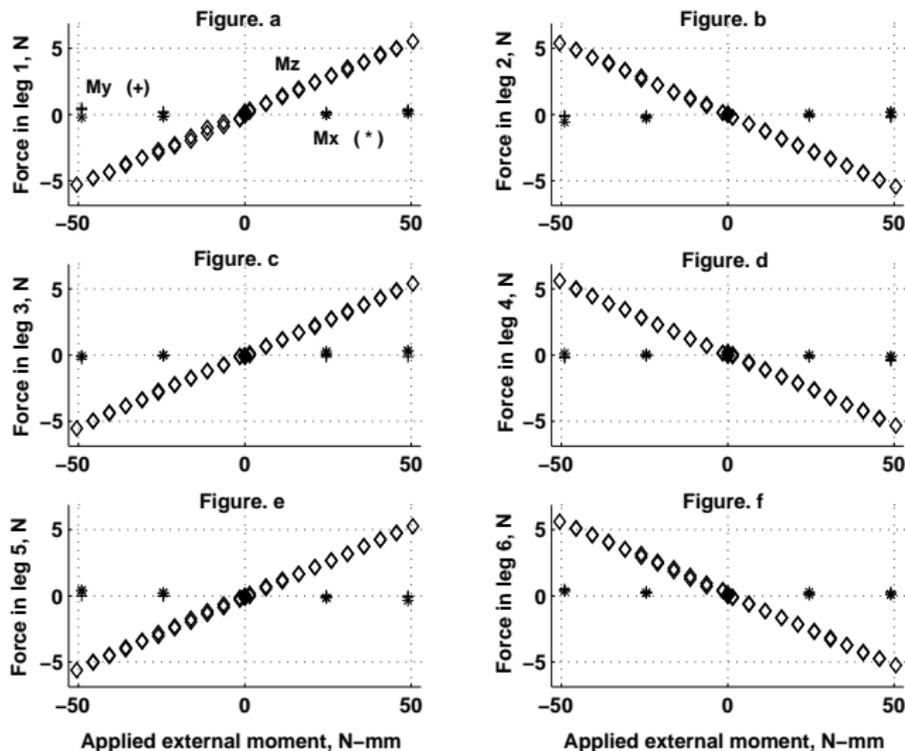


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  - Leg 4 – 13.921, Leg 5 – 13.994, leg 6 – 14.046
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- Obtain elements of  $[H]$  matrix from experimental data
  - From  $(\mathbf{F}; \mathbf{M})^T = [H]\mathbf{f}$ , write

$$F_x = f_1 H_{11} + f_2 H_{12} + f_3 H_{13} + f_4 H_{14} + f_5 H_{15} + f_6 H_{16}$$

$f_i$  measured leg forces,  $H_{1j}$  unknown elements of first row of  $[H]$ .

- From  $n$  sets of measurements  $f_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ , form  $n \times 6$  matrix  $[f]$ .
- The elements  $H_{1j}$  are

$$(H_{1j}, H_{2j}, H_{3j}, H_{4j}, H_{5j}, H_{6j})^T = [f]^\# (F_{1x}, F_{2x}, \dots, F_{nx})^T$$

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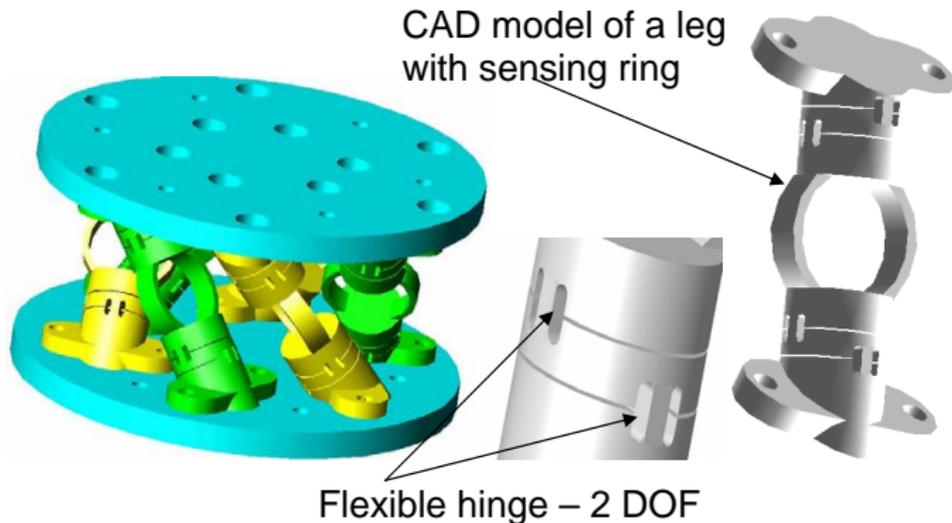
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- The performance of the prototype sensor is very good for sensing forces and moments in the chosen sensitive directions and errors are around 3%.
- A magnification of about 10 is observed in the sensitive directions.
- The performance of the prototype sensor in the non-sensitive directions is less accurate — More electronic amplification is required.
- The computed FEA values are in general larger. This is expected since FE based models are known to be stiffer.

# GOUGH-STEWART PLATFORM BASED SENSOR

## MOMENT SENSITIVE CONFIGURATION

- Configuration # 8 is sensitive to moments.
- The connection sequence is  $B_1 - P_2, B_2 - P_3 \dots B_6 - P_1$



**Figure 43:** CAD model of sensor sensitive to moment components

# GOUGH-STEWART PLATFORM BASED SENSOR

## MOMENT SENSITIVE CONFIGURATION



**Figure 44:** Prototype sensor sensitive to moment components

- Testing under progress.

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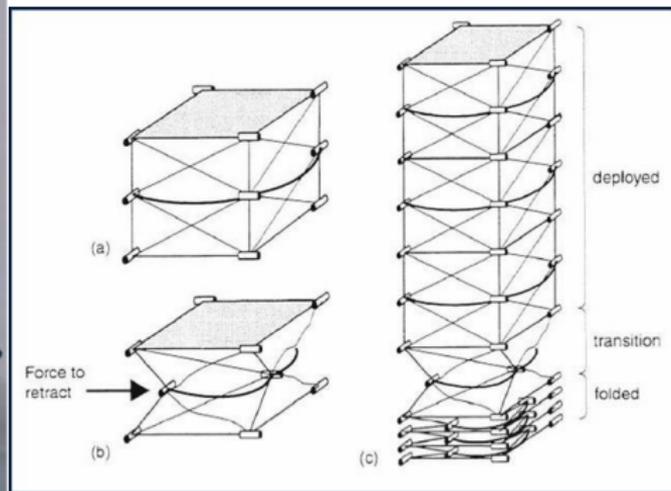
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**Figure 45:** Folded articulated square mast (FAST)

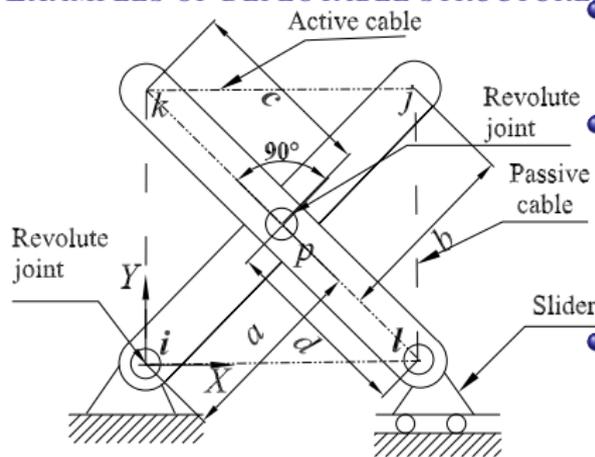


**Figure 46:** Deployment of FAST (see Warden 1987)

- Eight FAST masts are used in the International Space Station to support solar arrays.
- Source: [AEC-Able Engineering Company, Inc.](#)

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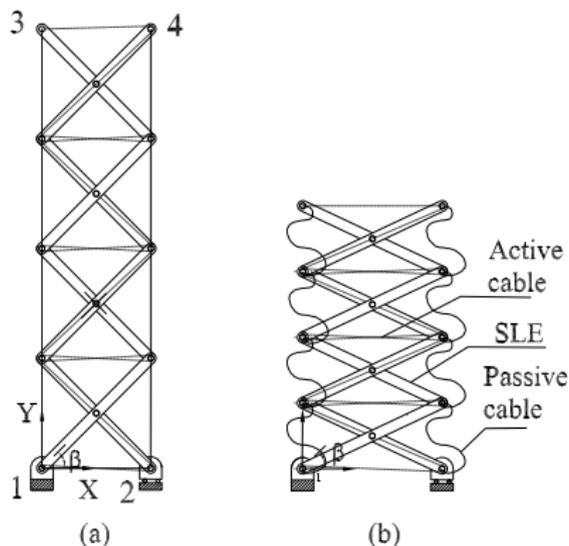


**Figure 47:** Planar scissor-like-element (SLE) or a pantograph

- Revolute joint in middle connects two links of equal length.
- Passive cable: connects two points such that it is slack when fully or partially folded and becomes taught when fully deployed.
- Passive cable(s) terminate deployment and increase stiffness of structure – sometimes more than one passive cables.
- Active cable: length decreases continuously and control deployment.
- Typically only one active cable — to avoid multiple mechanisms and actuators.
- Initially points  $(k, j)$  are close to  $(i, l)$  – As the active cable is shortened,  $(j, l)$  comes near to  $(k, i)$ .

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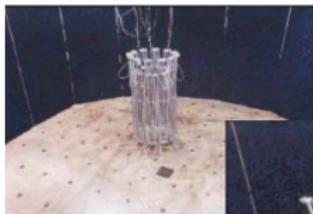


**Figure 48:** Stacked planar SLE masts (a) Fully deployed, (b) Partially deployed

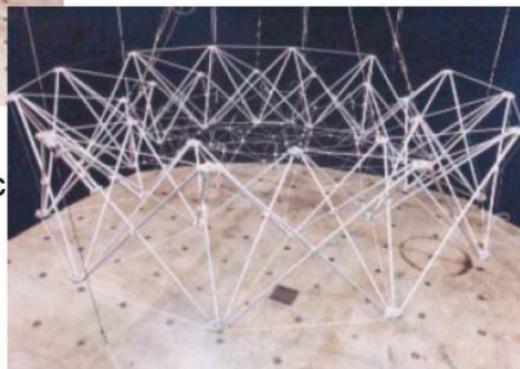
- Four SLE's stacked on top of each other.
- Deployment angle varies from fully folded ( $\beta = 0^\circ$ ) to fully deployed ( $\beta = 45^\circ$ ).
- 8 passive cables and one active cable.

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Ring Pantograph  
(You & Pellegrino (1997))

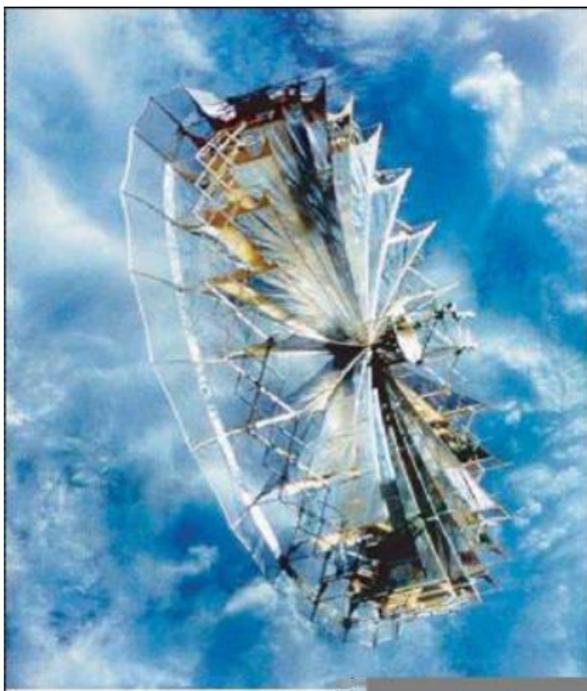


- o Three different SLEs : Two concentric circular pantograph units.
- o Double layer cable network supports the RF reflective mesh
- o Active cable is used for deployment.

**Figure 49:** Deployment sequence of a cable stiffened pantograph deployable antennae (You & Pellegrin (1997))

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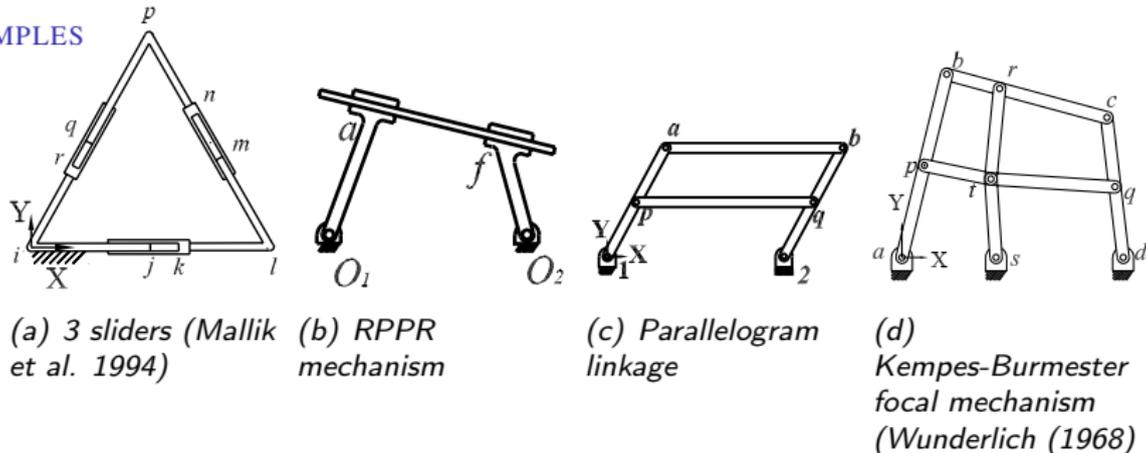


- Circular pantograph ring and radial tensioned membrane rib connected to a central hub.
- 5.6 m by 6.4 m elliptical version tested in MIR space station.
- Made by Energia-GPI Space (EGS), Russia. Visit [website](#) for more information.

**Figure 50:** Schematic of a 5.6 m EGS antennae

# OVER-CONSTRAINED MECHANISMS

## EXAMPLES



**Figure 51:** Over-constrained Mechanisms

- Most well known DOF or mobility equation: Grübler-Kutzbach

$$M = \lambda(n - j - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^j f_i, \quad \lambda = 3 \text{ or } 6$$

- $M \neq 1$  in all example, although all can move!!
- Case (a): Special geometry, Case (b): Passive DOF along  $PP$  line  $af$ , Case (c): Redundant link  $pq$ , and Case (d): Redundant R joint at  $d$

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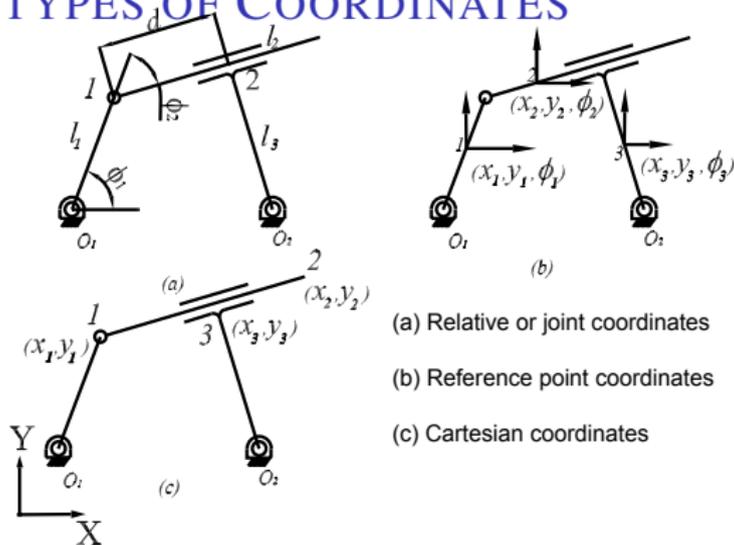
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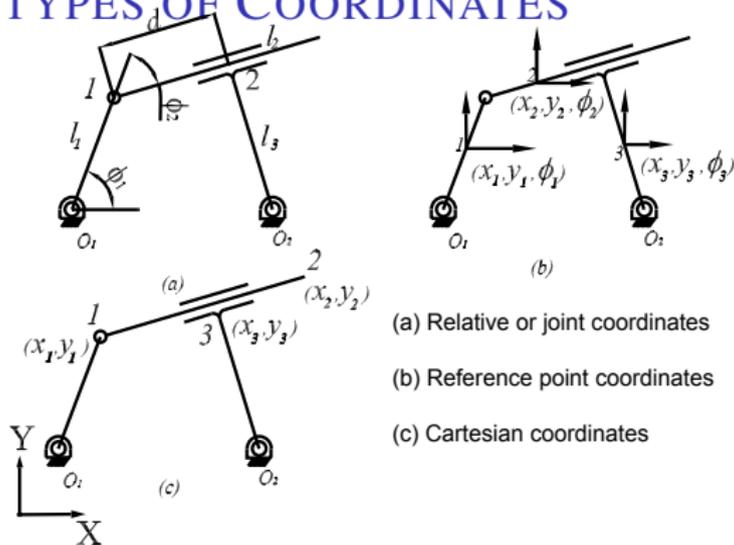
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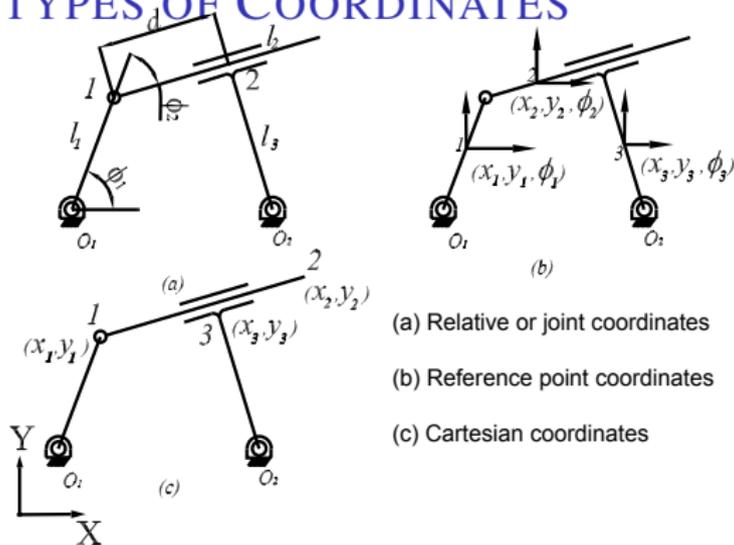
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- Relative coordinates are described with respect to previous link (Denavit and Hartenberg, 1965).
- Reference point ( or *absolute*) coordinates – planar body with 3 coordinate  $(x, y, \phi)$  and by 6 coordinates in space (Nikravesh, 1988).
- Cartesian (or *natural* coordinates) – reference point moved to joint (Garcia de Jalon and Bayo, 1994).

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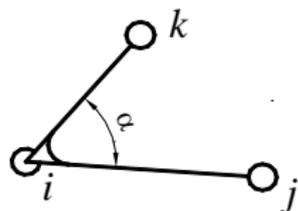
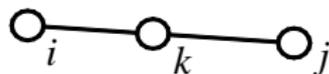
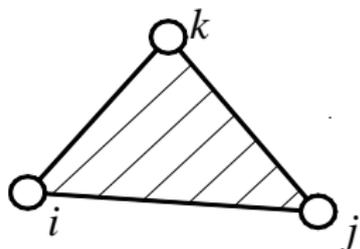
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# CONSTRAINTS WITH NATURAL COORDINATES



## RIGID BODY



- Distance between two points remain constant:  
 $\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij} = L_{ij}^2$
- Link with three points: distance between  $i$ ,  $j$  and  $k$  remain constant.
- Link with 3 co-linear points:  $\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij} = L_{ij}^2$  and  $\mathbf{r}_{ij} - k\mathbf{r}_{ik} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- Link with three points and included angle.

$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij} = L_{ij}^2$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{ik} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ik} = L_{ik}^2$$

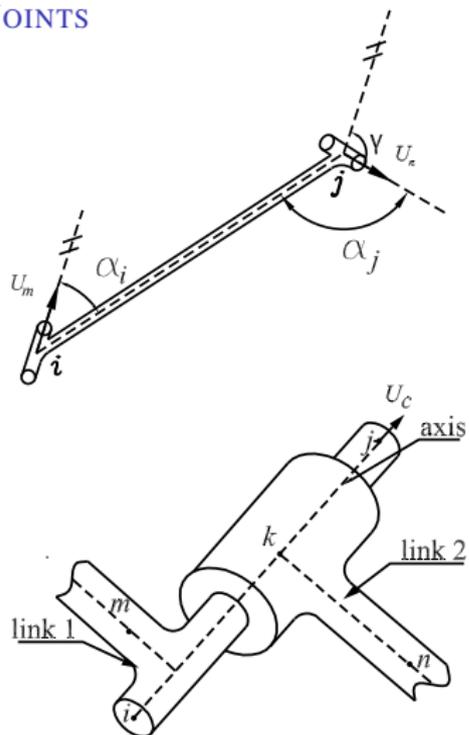
$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ik} = L_{ij}L_{ik} \cos(\alpha)$$

**Figure 53:** Constraints associated with rigid link

# CONSTRAINTS WITH NATURAL COORDINATES



## JOINTS



**Figure 54:** Constraints associated with joints

- Spherical joint – two adjacent links share a point.
- Rotary joint constraints

$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{u}_m - L_{ij} \cos(\alpha_i) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{u}_n - L_{ij} \cos(\alpha_j) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij} = L_{ij}^2, \quad \mathbf{u}_n \cdot \mathbf{u}_m = \cos(\gamma)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_n \cdot \mathbf{u}_n = \mathbf{u}_m \cdot \mathbf{u}_m = 1$$

$\gamma$  is the angle shown in figure.

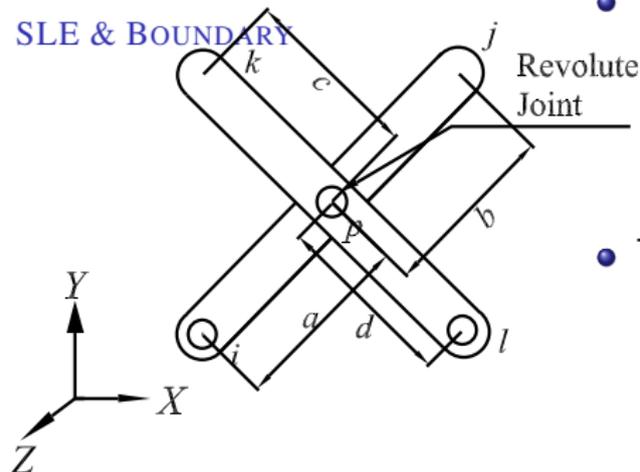
- Cylindrical joint constraint

$$\mathbf{r}_{ik} \times \mathbf{r}_{ij} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} \times \mathbf{u}_c = 0$$

# CONSTRAINTS WITH NATURAL COORDINATES

## SLE & BOUNDARY



- Two length constraint equations

$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij} = L_{ij}^2$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{kl} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{kl} = L_{kl}^2$$

- Two co-linearity constraints

$$\mathbf{r}_{ij} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{r}_{ip} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{kl} - \lambda_2 \mathbf{r}_{kp} = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{a+b}{a} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = \frac{c+d}{c}.$$

**Figure 55:** Constraints associated with SLE

- Simplifying, SLE constraints are

$$\frac{b}{a+b} \mathbf{P}_i + \frac{a}{a+b} \mathbf{P}_j - \frac{c}{c+d} \mathbf{P}_l - \frac{d}{c+d} \mathbf{P}_k = 0$$

$\mathbf{P}_m$  ( $m = i, j, k, l$ ) are the position vectors of 4 points.

- Boundary constraints: If point  $P$  is fixed, its coordinates are 0.

# CONSTRAINTS WITH NATURAL COORDINATES

## SYSTEM CONSTRAINTS AND CONSTRAINT JACOBIAN



- Rigid, joint and boundary constraints *together* can be written as

$$f_j(X_1, Y_1, Z_1, X_2, \dots, Y_n, Z_n) = 0 \quad \text{for } j = 1 \quad \text{to} \quad n_c$$

$n_c$  is the total number of constraint equations and  $3n$  is the number of Cartesian coordinates of the system.

- Derivative of all constraint equations in symbolic form

$$[J]\delta X = 0$$

- Homogeneous equation  $\Rightarrow$  Non-trivial  $\delta X$  if dimension of null space of  $[J]$  is *at least* one.
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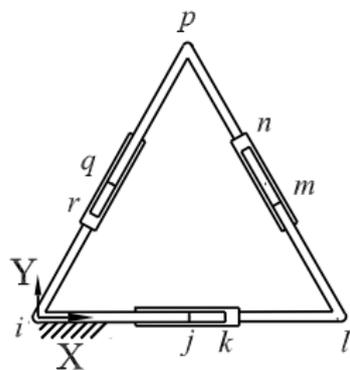


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# KINEMATIC ANALYSIS OF OVER-CONSTRAINED MECHANISMS



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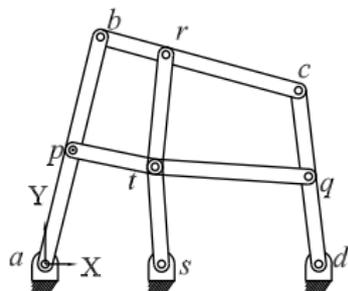


Constraints	Size of $[J]$	Nullspace	Remarks
Length constraints + Cross products	(12,18)	6	
+ Dot product for the link $r - i - j$	(13,18)	5	
+ Dot product for the link $k - l - m$	(14,18)	4	
+ Dot product for the link $n - p - q$	(15,18)	4	Redundant
+ Boundary conditions ( $X_i = Y_i = 0$ )	(17,12)	2	
+ Boundary condition ( $Y_l = 0$ )	(18,18)	1	

**Figure 56:** Constraints Jacobian analysis of three slider mechanism

- Constraint Jacobian analysis correctly predicts DOF as 1.
- Also determines *redundant* constraints which resulted in  $M \neq 1$ .

# KINEMATIC ANALYSIS OF OVER-CONSTRAINED MECHANISMS



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Length constraints	(10,12)	2	Two cross products redundant
+ Cross products	(13,12)	1	
$a - p - b, b - r - c$ and $c - q - d$			
Joint $d$ removed			
Length constraints	(10,14)	4	
+ Cross product	(13,14)	1	
$a - p - b, b - r - c$ and $c - q - d$			

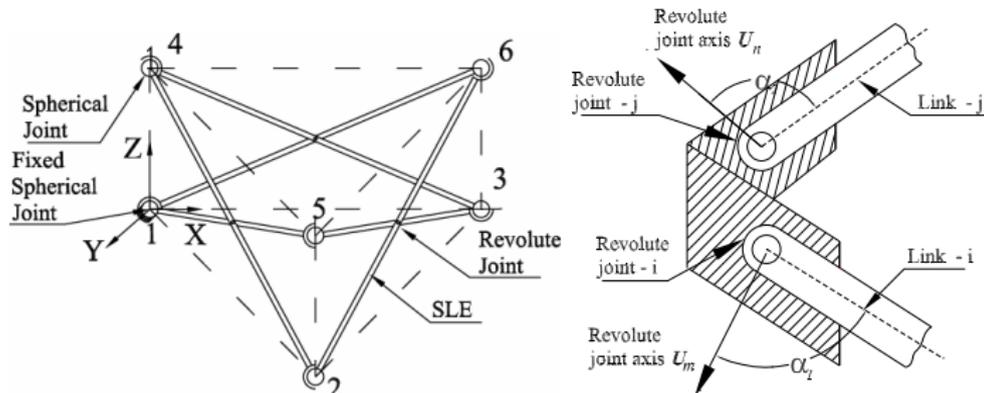
Nullspace magnitude	Variables	Nullspace magnitude	Variables	Remarks
-0.1740	$X_p$	-0.1740	$X_p$	
0.3013	$Y_p$	0.3013	$Y_p$	
-0.3480	$X_b$	-0.3480	$X_b$	
0.6027	$Y_b$	0.6027	$Y_b$	
0.0085	$X_r$	0.0085	$X_r$	
0.2921	$Y_r$	0.2921	$Y_r$	
0.3650	$X_c$	0.3650	$X_c$	
-0.0185	$Y_c$	-0.0185	$Y_c$	
0.1825	$X_q$	0.1825	$X_q$	
-0.0092	$Y_q$	-0.0092	$Y_q$	
-0.1660	$X_t$	-0.1660	$X_t$	
0.3387	$Y_t$	0.3387	$Y_t$	
-	-	0.0000	$X_d$	Redundant
-	-	0.0000	$Y_d$	Redundant

**Joint  $d$  is seen to be redundant**

**Link  $cd$  rotates about  $d$  without a joint at  $d$  !!**

**Figure 57:** Constraints Jacobian analysis of Kempe-Burmester mechanism

# KINEMATIC ANALYSIS OF SLE BASED MASTS



Constraints	Size of $[J]$	Nullspace	Remarks
Length constraints	(6,18)	12	
Revolute joints			
+ FACE 1	(8,18)	10	
+ FACE 2	(10,18)	8	
+ FACE 3	(12,18)	6	
SLEs			
+ SLE 1	(15,18)	4	
+ SLE 2	(18,18)	4	SLE - 2 is redundant
+ SLE 3	(21,18)	4	SLE - 3 is redundant
+ Boundary conditions $X_1 = Y_1 = Z_1 = 0$	(24,18)	1	

Spherical joint replaced with Revolute joint shown above

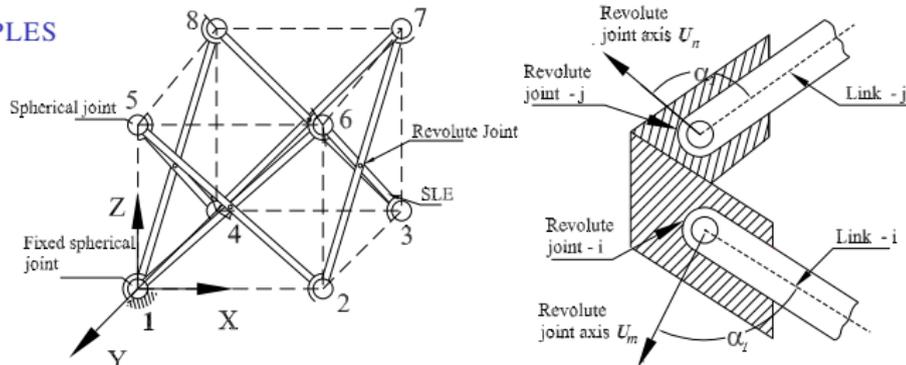
SLE - 2 and 3 are redundant  
DOF is 1 without SLE - 2  
and SLE - 3

**Figure 58:** Constraints Jacobian analysis of triangular SLE mast with revolute joints

# KINEMATIC ANALYSIS OF SLE BASED MASTS



## EXAMPLES



Constraints	Size of [J]	Nullspace	Remarks
Length constraints	(8,24)	16	
Revolute joints			
+ FACE 1	(10,24)	14	
+ FACE 2	(12,24)	12	
+ FACE 3	(14,24)	10	
+ FACE 4	(16,24)	8	
SLEs			
+ SLE 1	(19,24)	5	
+ SLE 2	(22,24)	4	two components are redundant
+ SLE 3	(25,24)	4	SLE - 3 is redundant
+ SLE 4	(28,24)	4	SLE - 4 is redundant
+ Boundary conditions $X_1 = Y_1 = Z_1 = 0$	(31,24)	1	

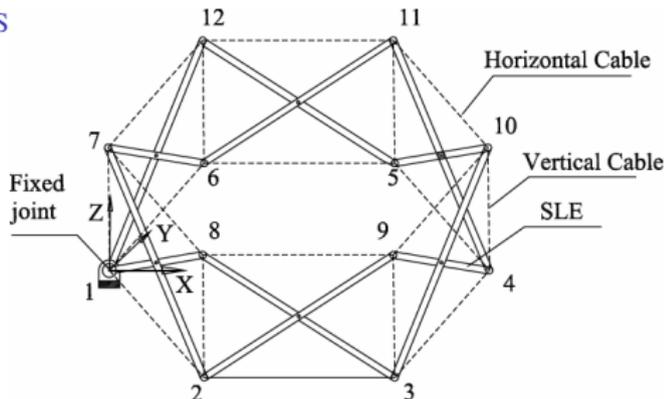
Spherical joint replaced with Revolute joint shown above

SLE - 3 and 4 are redundant  
DOF is 1 without SLE - 3 and SLE - 4

**Figure 59:** Constraints Jacobian analysis of box SLE mast with revolute joints

# KINEMATIC ANALYSIS OF SLE BASED MASTS

## EXAMPLES



SLE – 6 and R joints on FACE 5 & 6 are redundant  
 DOF is 1 without Cable  
 DOF is 0 with Cable  
 (modeled as rigid rod)

Contents	Size of [J]	Null Space	Remarks
+ SLE 1	(20,39)	21	
+ SLE 2	(28,42)	18	
+ SLE 3	(36,45)	15	
+ SLE 4	(44,48)	12	
+ SLE 5	(52,51)	10	
+ SLE 6	(60,54)	10	SLE - 6 is redundant
+ FACE 1	(62,54)	8	
+ FACE 2	(64,54)	6	
+ FACE 3	(66,54)	5	
+ FACE 4	(68,54)	4	
+ FACE 5	(70,54)	4	Revolute joints are redundant
+ FACE 6	(72,54)	4	Revolute joints are redundant
+ Boundary conditions ( $X_1 = Y_1 = Z_1 = 0$ )	(75,54)	1	Mechanism
+ Cable 1-2	(76,54)	0	Structure

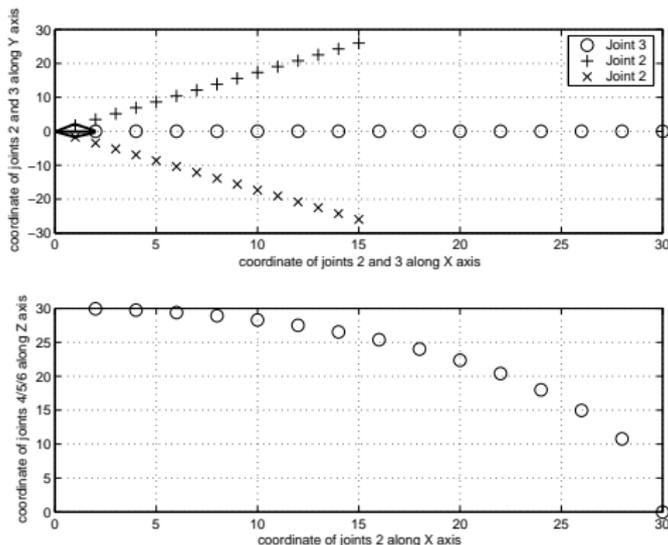
**Figure 60:** Constraints Jacobian analysis of hexagonal SLE mast with cables

# KINEMATIC ANALYSIS OF SLE BASED MASTS

## SIMULATION



- Once redundancy identified  $\rightarrow$  Can solve kinematics!
- $L = 30.0$ , Joint 2 moves horizontally and height decreases!!



**Figure 61:** Trajectory of joint coordinates for a triangular mast

# SUMMARY OF KINEMATIC ANALYSIS OF OVER-CONSTRAINED MECHANISMS



- Over-constrained mechanisms do not give correct DOF from Grübler-Kutzbach criterion.
- Grübler-Kutzbach criterion does not take into account geometry!
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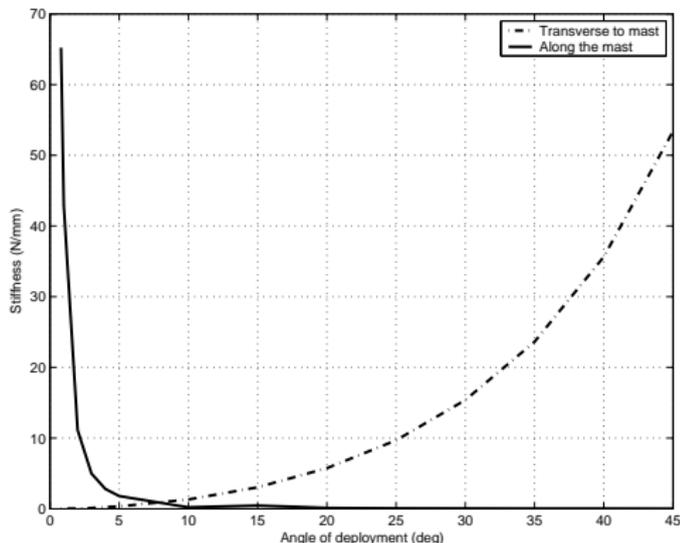
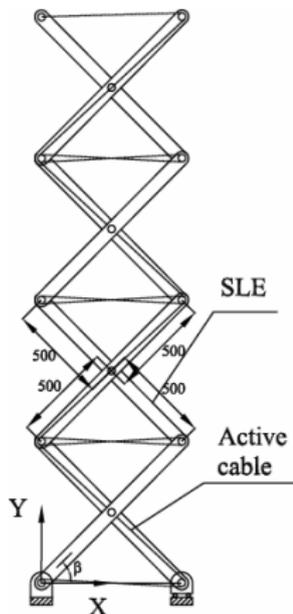
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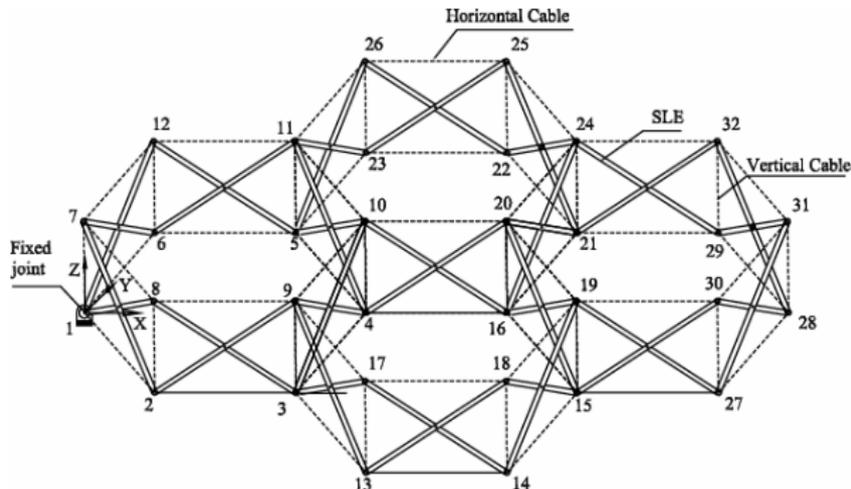
**Figure 63:** Axial and lateral stiffness during deployment

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