

## Course Outline for A3 Dynamics and Kinematics (8 lectures)

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### Expanded syllabus:

Dynamics: Angular momentum (general definition), rigid body motion with rotation and translation. Kinematics: Velocity and acceleration; motion in rotating frames of reference. Mechanisms: instantaneous centres, calculation of velocity and acceleration (including velocity and acceleration diagrams), simple, compound and epicyclic gear trains (calculation of gear ratios and torques, effective inertia).

### Lecture Synopses:

#### 1. *Dynamics of rigid bodies: plane kinematics*

Translation (rectilinear, curvilinear), rotation about a fixed axis, and general plane motion. Linear and angular velocity and acceleration. Absolute and relative velocity and acceleration. Instantaneous centre of rotation. Rate of change of a vector with respect to a rotating coordinate frame. General motion in a rotating frame of reference.

#### 2. *Dynamics of rigid bodies: plane kinetics*

Force, mass, and acceleration. General equations of motion. Free-body diagram, equivalent force-couple, kinetic diagram. Angular momentum about a fixed point, about the mass centre, about an arbitrary point. Work and energy (translational and rotational), power, impulse and momentum (linear and angular). General problem formulation and review.

#### 3. *Linkages and mechanisms: basic concepts*

Definitions: mechanism, linkage (or kinematic chain), types of motion transformation, open-loop versus closed-loop, lower and higher joints (or pairs), mobility (or degrees-of-freedom). Grubler's equation for mobility. The four-bar linkage (input, output, coupler, transmission angle) and Grashof's law. Kinematic inversion. Introduction to slider-crank mechanism and quick-return mechanism. Analysis versus synthesis.

#### 4. *Linkages and mechanisms: position and velocity*

Relative velocity (link with revolute joint, link with revolute joint and slider). Velocity diagrams: four-bar linkage, slider-crank, quick-return mechanism, Geneva mechanism. Velocity image. Instantaneous centres and centrodes. Kennedy's theorem for three instantaneous centres. Velocity pole method for finding angular velocities in linkages (four-bar linkage, slider-crank).

#### 5. *Linkages and mechanisms: acceleration*

Relative acceleration (link with revolute joint, link with revolute joint and slider). Acceleration diagrams: four-bar linkage, slider-crank, quick-return mechanism, Geneva mechanism. Acceleration image. Relative acceleration of coincident particles at the point of contact of rolling elements. Equivalent mechanisms.

#### 6. *Linkages and mechanisms: computational analysis*

Kinematic analysis by complex numbers (link with revolute joint, link with revolute joint and slider). Loop closure equations (slider-crank, quick-return mechanism). Solution of the position problem using the Newton-Raphson method. Vector chains to describe motion of an arbitrary point on a mechanism. Introduction to generalised coordinates and constraint equations.

#### 7. *Linkages and mechanisms: forces in linkages*

Review of two-force bodies, three-force bodies, and couples. Static forces (slider-crank, four-bar linkage). D'Alembert's principle (inertia force and concept of dynamic equilibrium) in contrast to direct " $F=ma$ " approach. Dynamic analysis (four-bar linkage, slider-crank). Virtual work method to find forces and torques. Kinetic energy and equivalent inertia.

#### 8. *Gear trains: simple, compound, and epicyclic gear trains*

Friction drives versus gears. Examples of spur gears, rack and pinion, bevel gears, and worm gears. Spur gear terminology. Fundamental law of gearing (circular gears). Gear trains: simple, compound, planetary. Equivalent inertia.

Examples Sheets: 3A3C, 3A3D

### Learning Outcomes:

1. Ability to calculate absolute and relative positions, velocities, and accelerations for two-dimensional rigid body motions in fixed, translating, and rotating frames of reference.
2. Ability to calculate for a rigid body moving in two dimensions the angular momentum with respect to a fixed point, to the mass centre of the body, or to any arbitrary point.
3. Ability to solve dynamics problems for two-dimensional rigid body motions including both translation and rotation.
4. Ability to identify the type of motion produced by a mechanism and to calculate its mobility.

5. Ability to find the instantaneous centres for the various components of a mechanism.

6. Ability to calculate the relative positions, velocities and accelerations of the various components of a mechanism using vector methods, diagrammatic methods, and complex numbers / loop closure equations.

7. Ability to calculate the static and dynamic forces within a mechanism and the equivalent inertia for a mechanism.

8. Ability to calculate the gear ratios, torques, and effective inertia for simple, compound, and planetary gear trains.

# Linkages and Mechanisms: Position and Velocity

## Relative velocity

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{p}$$

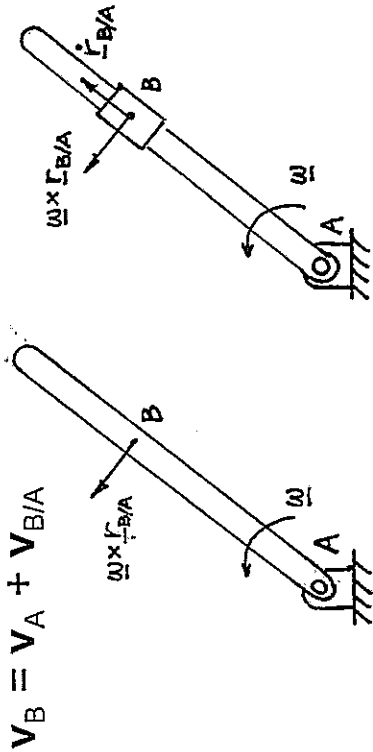
$$\dot{\mathbf{r}} = \dot{\mathbf{R}} + \dot{\mathbf{p}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{p}$$

XYZ and xyz have same origin:

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{0}, \dot{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{0}$$

radial component:  $\dot{\mathbf{p}}$

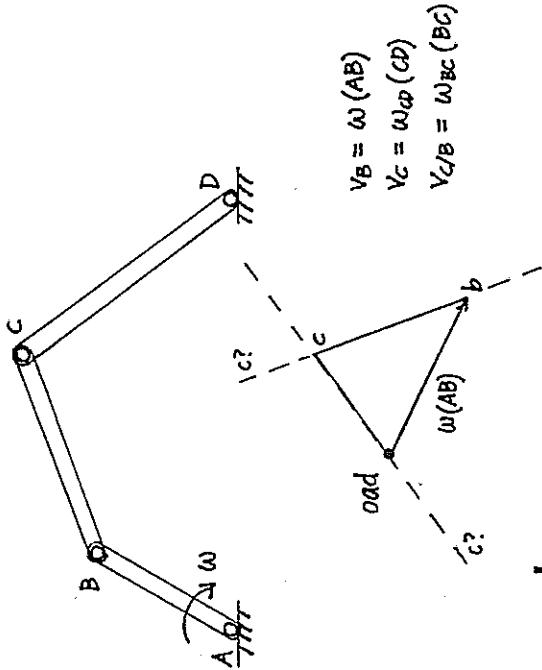
tangential component:  $\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{p}$



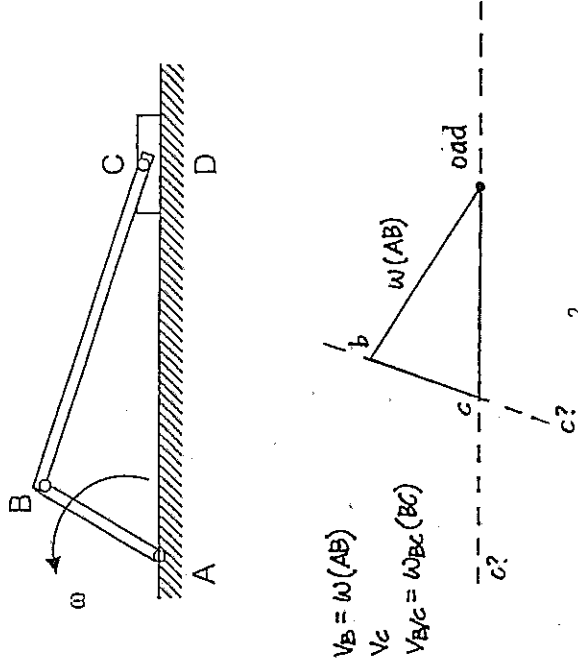
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## Velocity diagrams

### Four-bar linkage



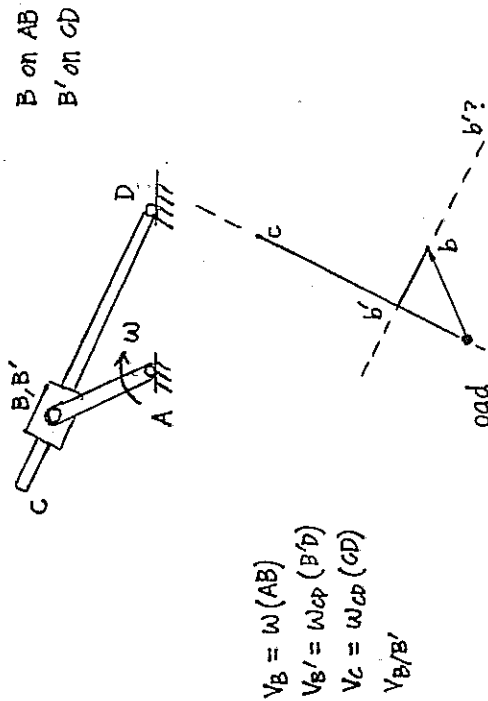
### Slider-crank



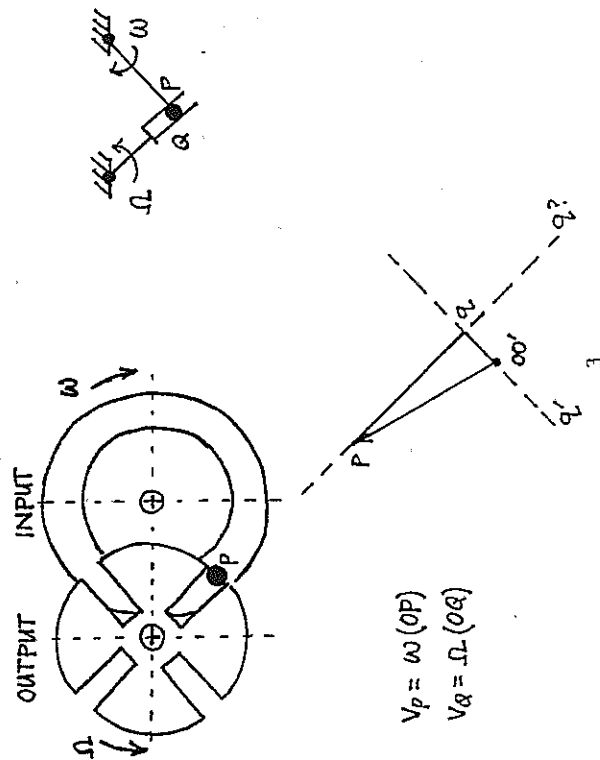
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# Velocity diagrams (continued)

## Quick-return mechanism



## Geneva mechanism



1. The input link AB of the four-bar linkage in Figure 6 has a uniform angular velocity  $\omega = 30 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$  (clockwise).

(a) For the linkage position shown, draw the velocity diagram and determine, by accurate drawing or otherwise, the velocity  $v_C$  of point C. Relevant lengths are shown in Figure 6.

(b) Find the angular velocities  $\omega_{BEC}$  and  $\omega_{CD}$ .

(c) Determine also the velocity  $v_E$  of point E (magnitude and direction), and show  $v_E$  on your velocity diagram.

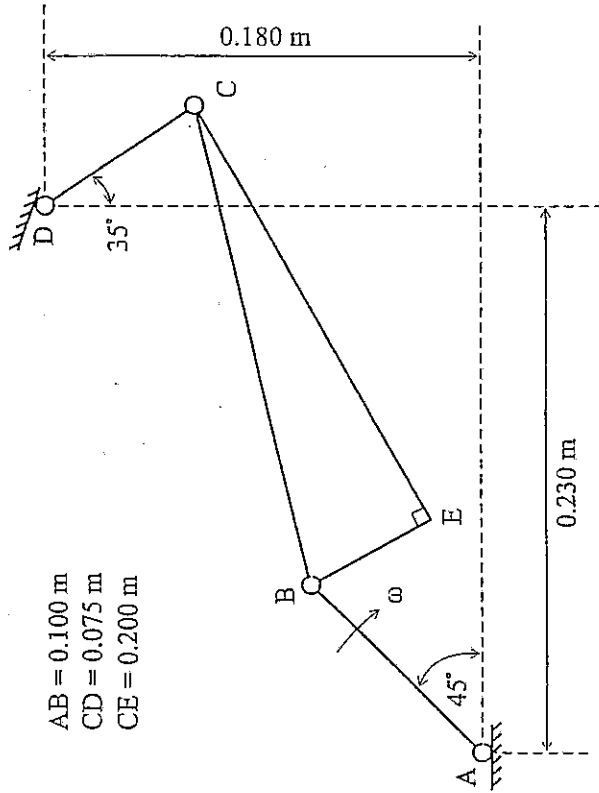
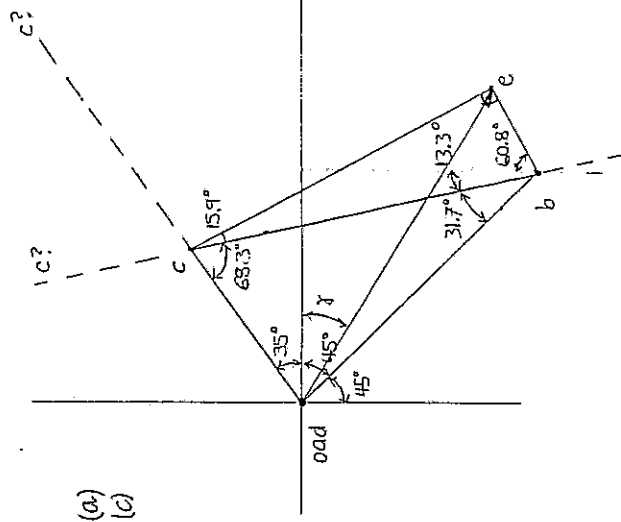
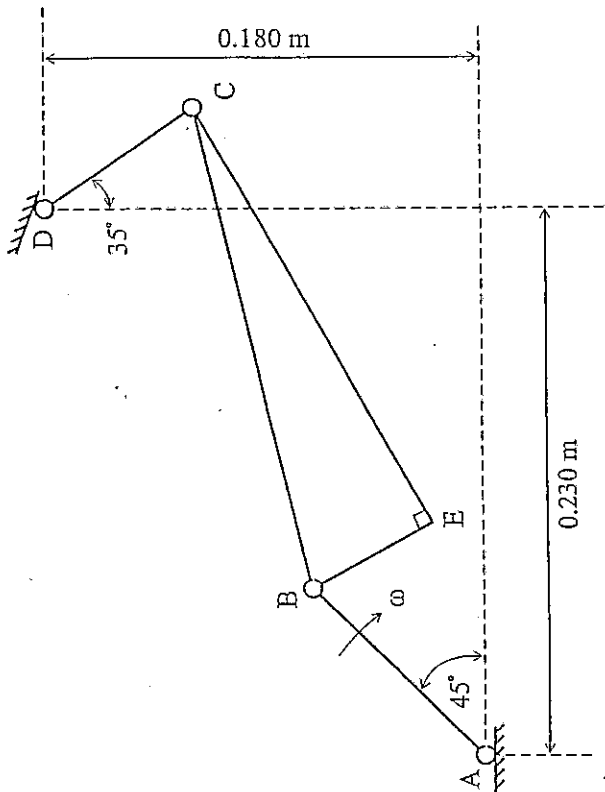
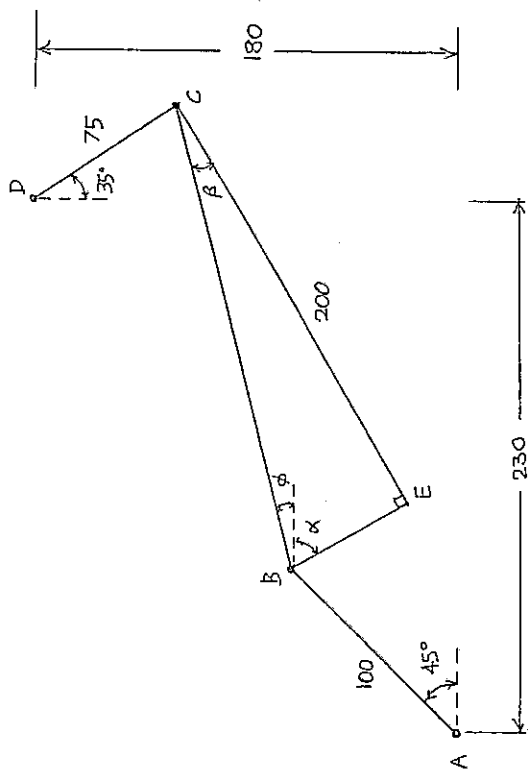


Figure 6



(a)  $V_B = 3.0 (0.1) = 3 \text{ m/s}$   
 $V_C = 1.7 \text{ m/s}$   
 $V_{C/B} = 3.2 \text{ m/s}$  measured on diagram



$$\begin{aligned} AB \cos 45 + BC \cos \phi - DC \sin 35 &= 230 \\ AB \sin 45 + BC \sin \phi + DC \cos 35 &= 180 \\ BC \cos \phi &= 230 - AB \cos 45 + DC \sin 35 = 202.31 \\ BC \sin \phi &= 180 - AB \sin 45 - DC \cos 35 = 47.85 \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan \phi = 0.2365$$

$$\phi = 13.3^\circ \text{ and } BC = 208$$

$$BE^2 + CE^2 = BC^2$$

$$BE^2 = BC^2 - CE^2 = (208)^2 - (200)^2 = 3264 \quad BE = 57.1$$

$$BC \cos (\phi + \alpha) = BE$$

$$\cos (\phi + \alpha) = BE/BC = 57.1/208$$

$$\phi + \alpha = 74.1^\circ$$

$$\alpha = 60.8^\circ \text{ and } \beta = 90 - 74.1 = 15.9^\circ$$

$$\frac{oc}{\sin \angle ocb} = \frac{ob}{\sin \angle ocb} = 3 \frac{\sin 31.7^\circ}{\sin 68.3^\circ} = 1.7 \text{ m/s as above } (v_c)$$

$$\frac{bc}{\sin \angle ocb} = \frac{cb}{\sin \angle ocb} = 3 \frac{\sin 80^\circ}{\sin 68.3^\circ} = 3.18 \text{ m/s as above } (v_{c/B})$$

$$(b) \quad \omega_{BEC} = \frac{v_{c/B}}{BC} = \frac{3.2}{0.208} = 15.4 \text{ rad/s (ccw)}$$

$$\omega_{DC} = \frac{v_c}{DC} = \frac{1.7}{0.075} = 22.7 \text{ rad/s (ccw)}$$

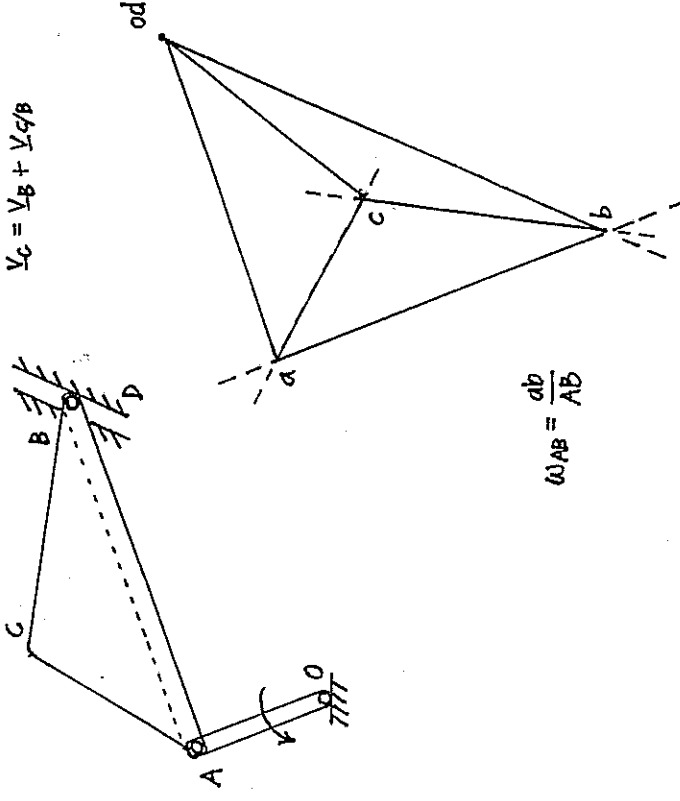
(c) From "velocity image" on diagram,

$$v_E = 3.35 \text{ m/s} \quad \gamma = 31^\circ \quad \text{Also, } v_{B/E} = 0.87 \text{ m/s}$$

## Velocity image

$$v_c = v_A + v_{c/A}$$

$$v_c = v_B + v_{c/B}$$

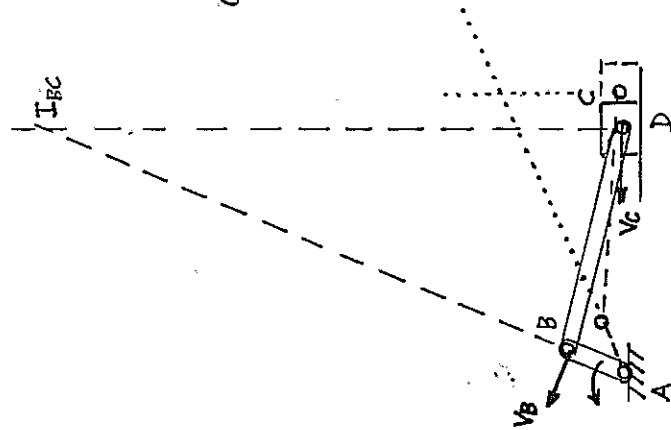
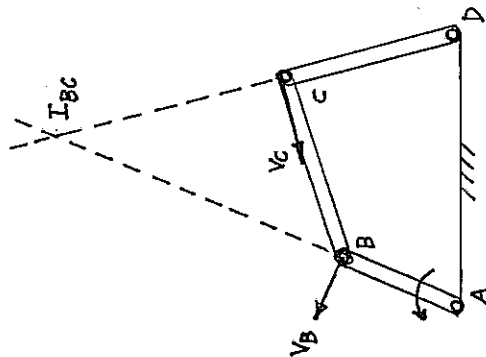


If C is any point on the link AB, its velocity is obtained by drawing a line through a perpendicular to AC and a line through b perpendicular to BC. The velocity  $v_c$  of C is given by oc to the scale of the diagram.

By virtue of the construction, we see that  $\triangle ABC$  is similar to  $\triangle abc$ , since each side of one is perpendicular to the other. The triangle abc is the *velocity image* of the triangle ABC.

## Instantaneous centres

$$\begin{aligned} V_B &= \omega(AB) \\ V_B &= \omega_{BC}(B I_{BC}) \\ V_C &= \omega_{BC}(C I_{BC}) \\ V_C &= \omega_{CD}(CD) \end{aligned}$$

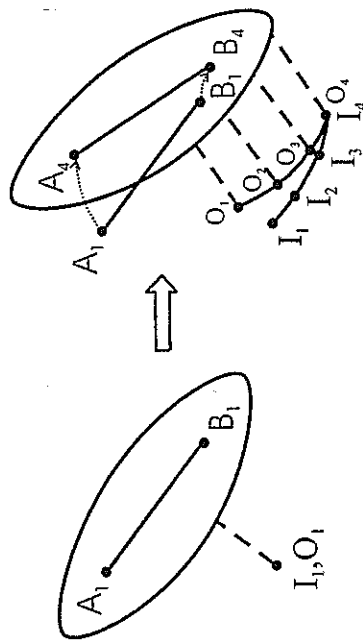


## Centroids

The locus of instantaneous centres (ICs) is called a **centrode**. If the locus of the ICs in space is drawn, it is called the **space-centrode**. If the locus on the ICs on the body (or "body extended") is drawn, it is called the **body-centrode**.

These two curves are generally of different shape, but at every instant they have one point in common, the IC of the body at that instant.

Consider two points, A and B, on a rigid body at four sequential body positions ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ). Points  $I_i$  are the locations of the ICs in space. Points  $O_i$  are the locations of the ICs on the body (or "body extended"). At the instant when the body is in position  $i$ , the space-centrode  $I_i$  and the body-centrode  $O_i$  coincide.

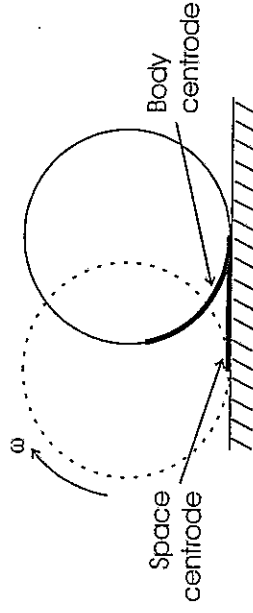


The curve passing through  $I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4$  is the space-centrode. The curve passing through  $O_1, O_2, O_3, O_4$  is the body-centrode.

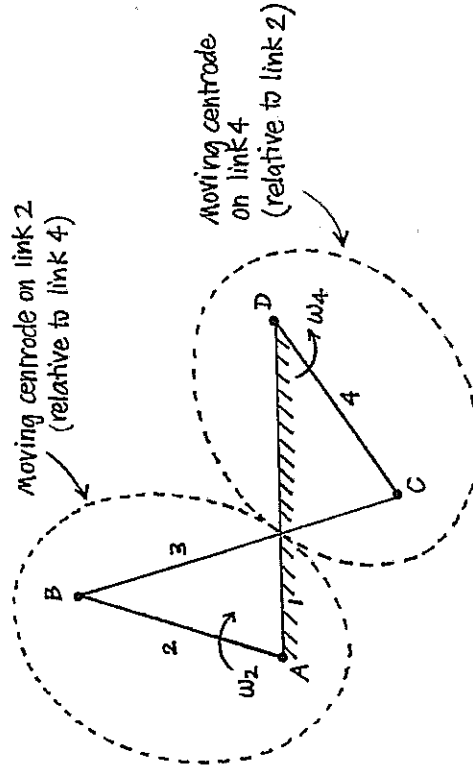
As the body moves from position 1 to position 4, the point of contact of the two centrodes will move from  $I_1$  to  $I_4$ . The continuous motion of the body corresponds to a rolling of the body-centrode on the space-centrode.

## Examples of centrodes

Cylinder rolling without sliding



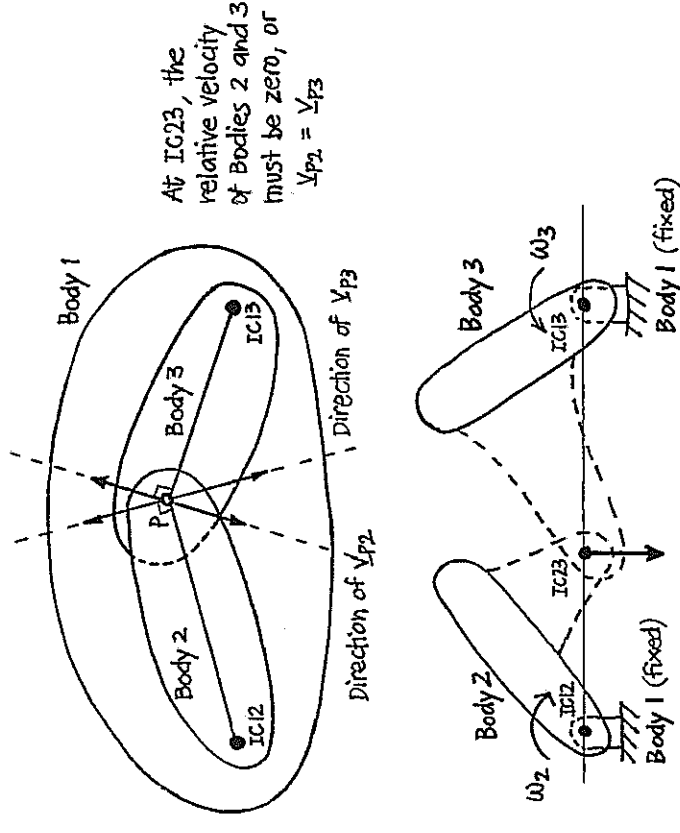
Crossed four-bar linkage



- Link 1 is fixed. Links 2, 3, and 4 can move.
- The instantaneous centre for motion of link 2 relative to link 4 (and vice versa) lies at the intersection of BC and AD.
- The paths of the instantaneous centres relative to links 2 and 4 are ellipses.
- Ellipses have rolling contact, hence elliptical gears.

## Kennedy's theorem

Any **three** bodies having plane motion relative to one another have **three** instantaneous centres, and these lie on a straight line.



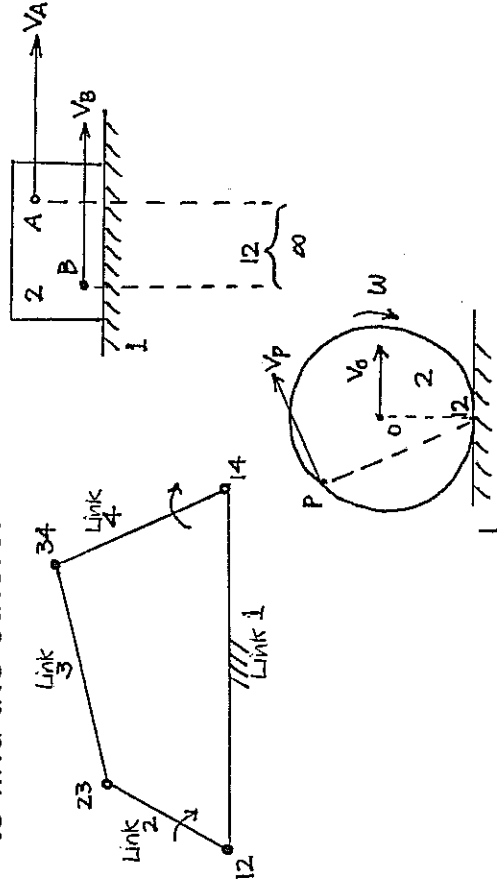
If the relative IC lies *between* the two absolute ICs, the angular velocity ratio is *negative*.

If the relative IC lies *outside* the other two, the angular velocity ratio is *positive*.

Any two links in a mechanism have motion relative to one another and thus have a common IC. Hence the number of ICs for a mechanism is equal to all the possible combinations of two from the total number of links. The number of ICs is therefore:

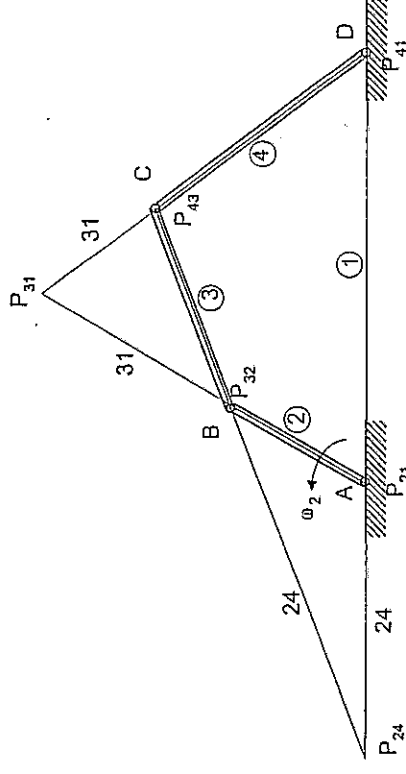
$$N = {}^nC_2 = n(n-1) / 2$$

All ICs which can be found merely by inspection are called *primary ICs*. If these are found, then Kennedy's theorem can be used to find the others.



ICs are sometimes referred to as "velocity poles".

## Example: four-bar linkage



$$\text{Number of velocity poles} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{4(3)}{2} = 6$$

12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 34

$P_{21}$ ,  $P_{32}$ ,  $P_{43}$ ,  $P_{14}$  are primary ICs (poles) and are found by inspection.

$P_{13}$ ,  $P_{24}$  can be found using Kennedy's theorem.

At  $P_{24}$ , the velocities of links 2 and 4 are equal:

$$\omega_4 (P_{24}P_{41}) = \omega_2 (P_{24}P_{21}) \quad \omega_4 = \omega_2 (P_{24}P_{21} / P_{24}P_{41})$$

At  $P_{32}$ , the velocities of links 3 and 2 are equal:

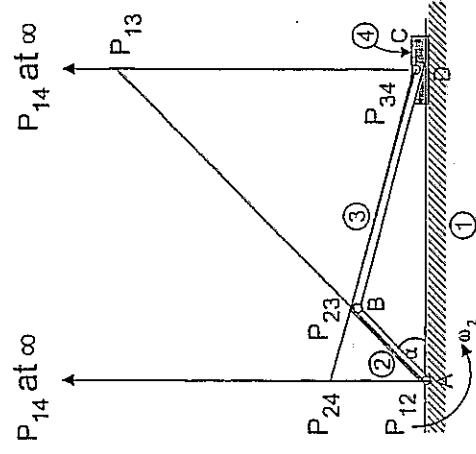
$$\omega_3 (P_{31}P_{32}) = \omega_2 (P_{21}P_{32}) \quad \omega_3 = \omega_2 (P_{21}P_{32} / P_{31}P_{32})$$

Directions of  $\omega_3$ ,  $\omega_4$ ?

Compare velocity diagram approach.

$\omega_4$  same as  $\omega_2$ ,  $\omega_3$  in opposite direction

## Example: slider-crank



$P_{12}, P_{23}, P_{34}, P_{14}$  are primary poles.

$P_{13}, P_{24}$  found by Kennedy's theorem.

$\omega_3 (P_{13} P_{23}) = \omega_2 (P_{12} P_{23})$  At  $P_{23}$  the velocities of links 2 and 3 are the same.

$V_C = \omega_2 (P_{12} P_{24})$  At  $P_{24}$  the velocities of links 2 and 4 are the same.

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# Linkages and Mechanisms: Position and Velocity

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## Relative velocity

(2 bodies or 2 links in a mechanism)

### 1 Velocity diagrams (vectors)

Four-bar linkage

Slider-crank

Quick-return mechanism

Geneva mechanism

Velocity image

### 2 Instantaneous centres

(velocity poles)

Centrodes

Kennedy's theorem

Examples