

Mechanics – Test 2

Duration 1h (10h15-11h15)

Authorised: Formula sheets (1 page + 1 page for joints) and non-programmable calculator

Automotive steering system

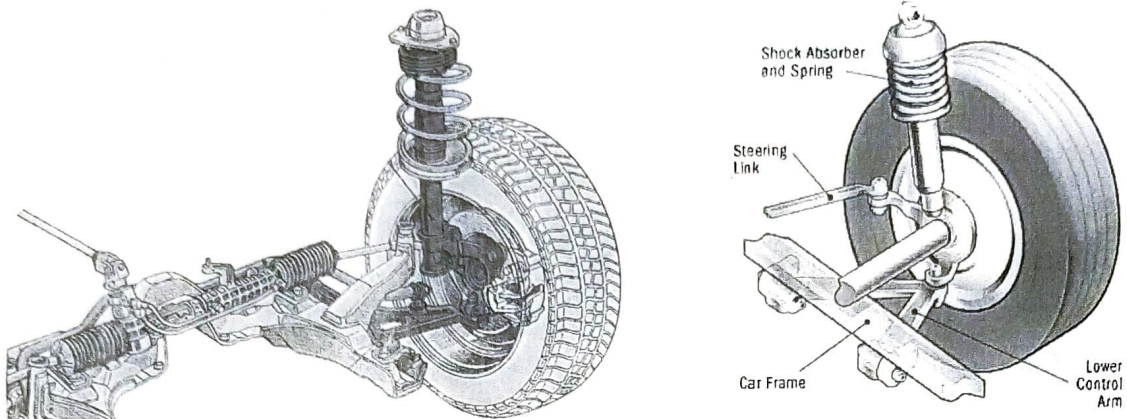


Figure 1 – Steering and suspension systems

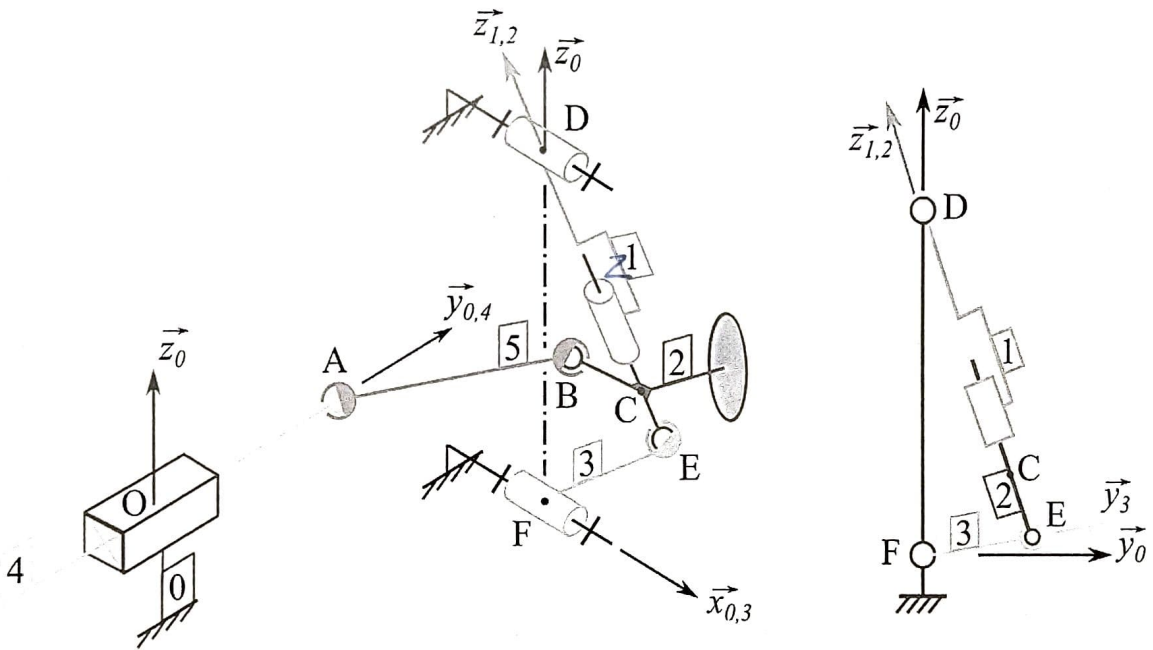


Figure 2 : Three-dimensional kinematic model

Figure 3 : Planar kinematic model DEF

Geometrical data

$$AB = l; \overrightarrow{OD} = ay_0 + bz_0; \overrightarrow{BC} = cx_2; \overrightarrow{EC} = dz_2; \overrightarrow{FE} = ey_3; \overrightarrow{FD} = fz_0$$

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The suspension (Mc Pherson type) and the steering system for an automotive front axle are shown in Figure 1 and the corresponding kinematic model is in Figure 2. It comprises :

- Damper body (1) connected to chassis (0) via a revolute joint of axis $(D, \overrightarrow{x_{0,1}})$.
Motion parameter for 1/0 : $\alpha = (\overrightarrow{y_0}, \overrightarrow{y_1})$.
- Wheel frame (2) connected to damper (1) via a cylindrical joint of axis $(D, \overrightarrow{z_{1,2}})$.
Motion parameter for 2/1 : $z = \overrightarrow{DC} \cdot \overrightarrow{z_{1,2}}$ and $\beta = (\overrightarrow{x_1}, \overrightarrow{x_2})$.
- Oscillating arm (3) connected to chassis (0) via a revolute joint of axis $(F, \overrightarrow{x_{0,3}})$.
Motion parameter for 3/0 : $\theta = (\overrightarrow{y_0}, \overrightarrow{y_3})$.
- Rack (4), whose displacement is controlled by the steering wheel rotation (not represented), is connected to chassis (0) via a prismatic joint of axis $(O, \overrightarrow{y_{0,4}})$.
Motion parameter for 4/0 : $y = \overrightarrow{OA} \cdot \overrightarrow{y_{0,4}}$

Moreover

The oscillating arm (3) is also connected to (2) via a spherical joint of centre E, with no parameter.

Rack (4) is connected to the wheel frame (2) via rod (5) with two spherical joints at A and B. No parameters are introduced for the two spherical joints and no physical frame is defined for (5).

Part I : Frame definition / Parameter definition / Constraint equations

- I.1 - Give the graph of links.
- I.2 - Give the change of basis diagrams.
- I.3 - Develop the constraint equation(s) associated with the joint with no parameter between solids (2) and (3).
- I.4 - Develop the constraint equation(s) associated with the joint with no parameter between solids 4 and 2, produced by the presence of rod (5). *Do not try to express one of the parameters in terms of the others*
- I.5 - Give the degree of mobility of the system. Specify the motion(s) that are imposed in the real system.

Partie II : Kinematics

- II.1 - Calculate the velocity and acceleration vectors of point E with respect to chassis (0), $\overrightarrow{V(E;0)}$ and $\overrightarrow{A(E;0)}$ in terms of kinematic parameter θ , and its time-derivatives along with geometrical data.
- II.2 - Determine the velocities of point C with respect to 1, $\overrightarrow{V(C/1)}$, and for the motion of 1 with respect to 0, $\overrightarrow{V(C,1/0)}$.
- II.3 - Determine the kinematic screw of 2/0 at point C.