

ANTENNA (AZIMUTH & ELEVATION) POSITION CONTROL SYSTEM

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SPACE MECHANISM

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INTRODUCTION

- Using a 4 bar mechanism to control the movements of the antenna.
- A 4-bar Grashof linkage control the elevation angle, while the base of the Grashof linkage control the azimuth angle. As we see in figure (1) [\(1\)](#) and (2)

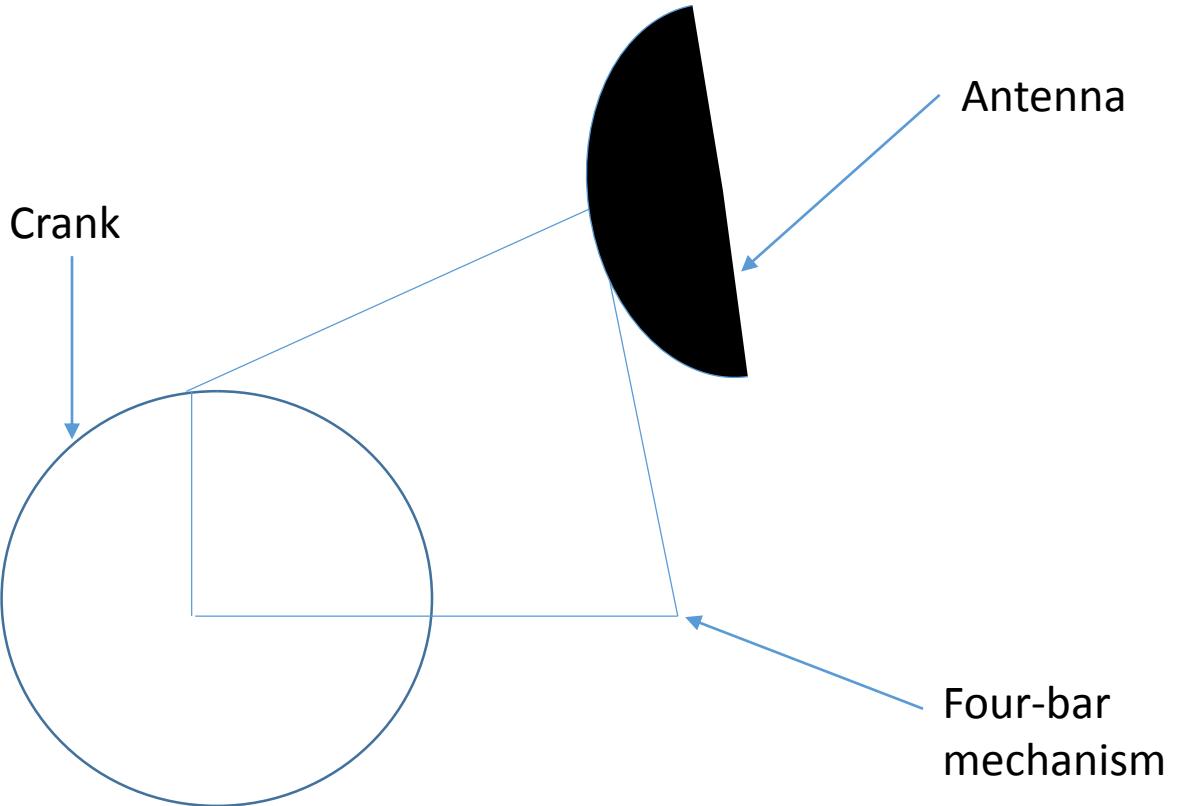
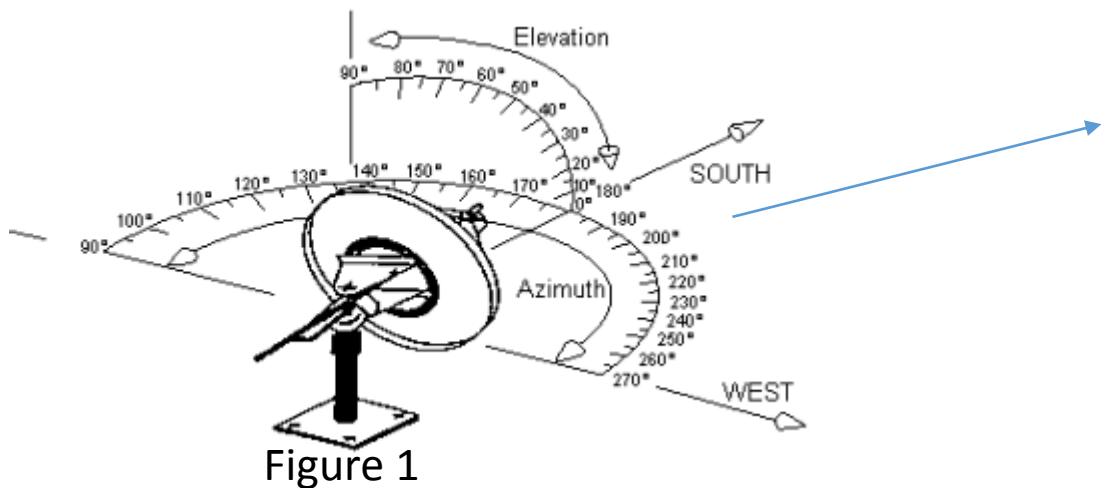


Figure 2

A four-bar Mechanism

- Type of motion : complex motion
- Type of link : Quaternary link, one rigid body, 4 nodes
- Using a 4-bar Grashof crank-rocker-rocker linkage class I, assuming S = 3, L = 7, P = 6, Q = 5, Figure 3.
- Joint classification: Lower pair joint (Spherical), Figure4.
- (Gruebler's equation) $M = 3(L - 1) - 2J$
- $L = 4, J = 4 \Rightarrow M = 1$ DOF.
- Elevation angle has 1 DOF and Azimuth angle has 1 DOF as well.
- If $S+L \leq P+Q$ (Called a Grashof linkage)

(2). Chapter Two Kinematics Fundamentals

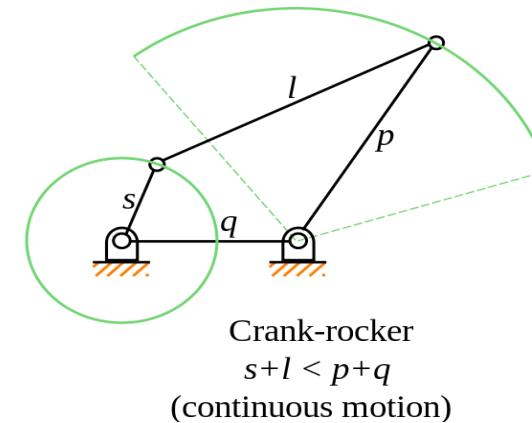


Figure 3

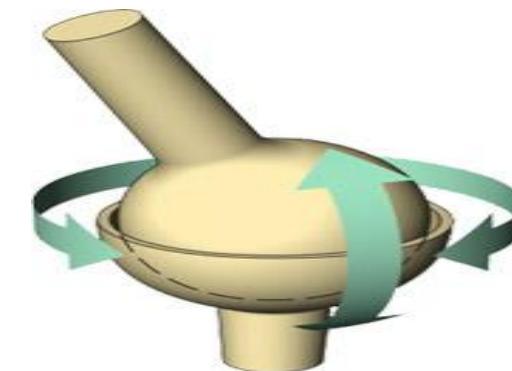


Figure 4

Position Analysis of Linkages

- The main objective of Position analysis is to find the output variable by knowing each one of the input variable and the links length.

- Vector loop equation $\overrightarrow{AO_2} + \overrightarrow{BA} + \overrightarrow{O_4A} - \overrightarrow{O_4O_2} = 0$
- Link a = 3, Link b = 6, Link c = 7 and Link d = 5, assuming $\theta_2 = 40^\circ$

- Coordinates of nodes \rightarrow Figure 5

$$x_a = a \cos \theta_2, y_a = a \sin \theta_2, x_b = a \cos \theta_2 + b \cos \theta_3$$

$$y_b = a \sin \theta_2 + b \sin \theta_3,$$

$$x_{O4} = a \cos \theta_2 + b \cos \theta_3 - c \cos \theta_4 = d$$

$$y_{O4} = a \sin \theta_2 + b \sin \theta_3 - c \sin \theta_4 = 0$$

- $C^2 \equiv (d - a \cos \theta_2 - b \cos \theta_3)^2 + (a \sin \theta_2 + b \sin \theta_3)^2$

$$b^2 = (d - a \cos \theta_2 - c \cos \theta_4)^2 + (a \sin \theta_2 - c \sin \theta_4)^2$$

- Then \rightarrow

$$c^2 = d^2 + a^2 + b^2 - 2ad \cos \theta_2 + 2ab (\cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_3 + \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_3) - 2bd \cos \theta_3$$

$$b^2 = d^2 + a^2 + c^2 - 2ad \cos \theta_2 - 2ac (\cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_4 + \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_4) + 2cd \cos \theta_4$$

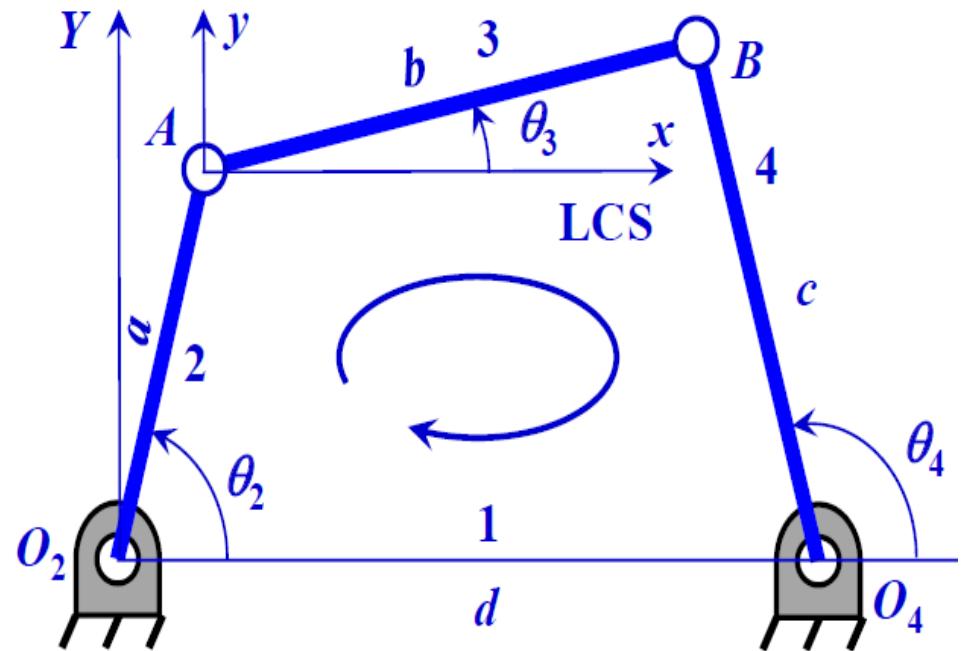


Figure 5

Position Analysis of Linkages

- Solve for $\theta_4 \rightarrow$

$$b^2 = d^2 + a^2 + c^2 - 2ad \cos \theta_2 - 2ac (\cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_4 + \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_4) + 2cd \cos \theta_4$$

$$k_3 - k_2 \cos \theta_2 + K \cos \theta_4 - \cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_4 - \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_4 = 0$$

$$k_1 = \frac{d}{a}, \quad k_2 = \frac{d}{c}, \quad k_3 = \frac{a^2 - b^2 + c^2 + d^2}{2ac}, \quad A = k_3 - k_1 + (1 - k_2) \cos \theta_2, \quad B = -2 \sin \theta_2,$$

$$C = k_3 + k_1 - (1 + k_2) \cos \theta_2.$$

- Sub values for a, b, c and d $\rightarrow A = -0.32879, B = -1.28557, C = 1.47244$

$$\bullet [\theta_4]_{1,2} = 2 \arctan \left[\frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \right] \rightarrow [\theta_4]_1 = -156.63^\circ, \quad [\theta_4]_2 = 85.60^\circ$$

Position Analysis of Linkages

- Solve for $\theta_3 \rightarrow$

$$c^2 = d^2 + a^2 + b^2 - 2ad \cos \theta_2 + 2ab (\cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_3 + \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_3) - 2bd \cos \theta_3$$

$$k_5 + k_4 \cos \theta_2 + K \cos \theta_3 - \cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_3 - \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_3 = 0$$

$$k_4 = \frac{d}{b}, \quad k_5 = \frac{(c^2 - a^2 - b^2 - d^2)}{2ab}, \quad D = k_5 - k_1 + (k_4 + 1) \cos \theta_2, \quad B = -2 \sin \theta_2,$$

$$E = k_5 + k_1 + (k_4 - 1) \cos \theta_2.$$

- Sub values for a, b, c and d $\rightarrow D = , B = -1.28557, E = 1.47244$

$$\bullet [\theta_3]_{1,2} = 2 \arctan \left[\frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4DE}}{2D} \right] \rightarrow [\theta_3]_1 = -125.52^\circ, [\theta_3]_2 = 45.76^\circ$$

Position Analysis of Linkages

- Using MATLAB to illustrate the linkage path motion of each one of the crank (A) and rocker (B) and the linkage angular motion (output).

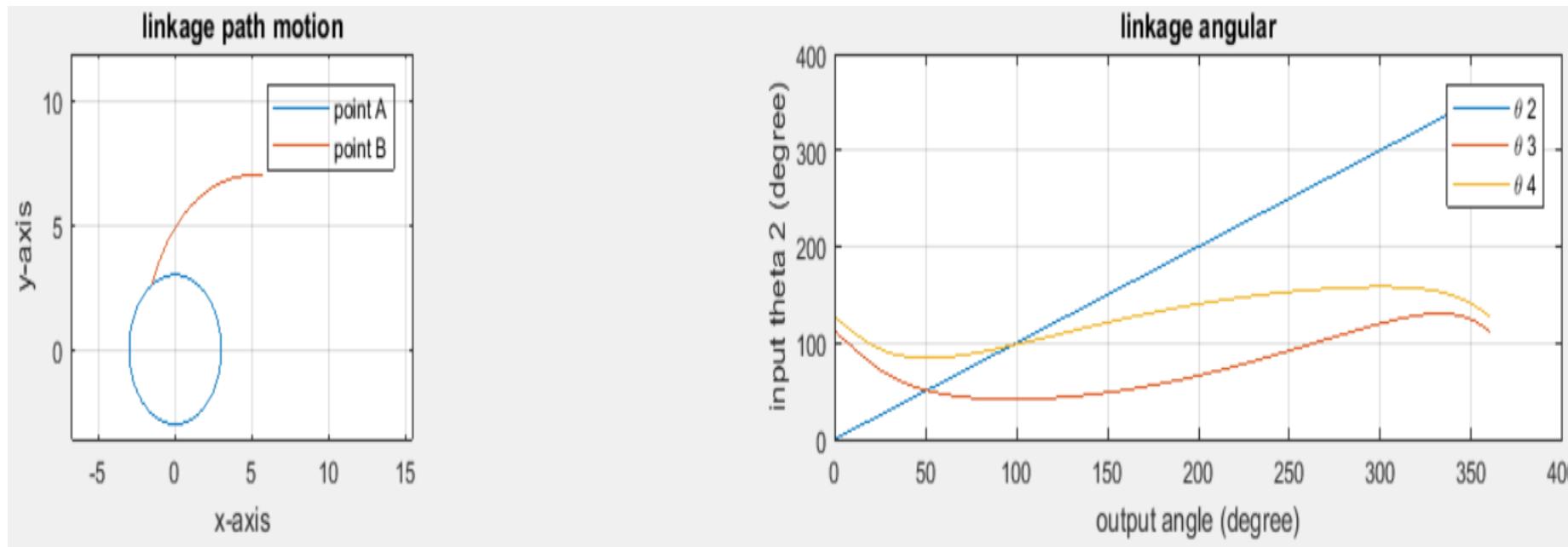


Figure 6

Velocity analysis

→ Velocity analysis involves determining, how fast certain points on the links of a mechanisms are travelling.

→ Write the vector loop equation → $\vec{\omega}_4 \times \overrightarrow{BO_4} - \vec{\omega}_3 \times \overrightarrow{BA} = \vec{\omega}_2 \times \overrightarrow{AO_2}$

→ Calculate derivative with respect to time, t →

$$\begin{bmatrix} -b \sin \theta_3 & c \sin \theta_4 \\ -b \cos \theta_3 & c \cos \theta_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \omega_3 \\ \omega_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \omega_2 a \begin{Bmatrix} \sin \theta_2 \\ \cos \theta_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \omega_3 \\ \omega_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \omega_2 a \begin{bmatrix} -b \sin \theta_3 & c \sin \theta_4 \\ -b \cos \theta_3 & c \cos \theta_4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{Bmatrix} \sin \theta_2 \\ \cos \theta_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

→ Using the known variables for the four-bar linkage ($a = 3$, $b = 6$, $c = 7$, $\theta_2 = 40^\circ$, $\theta_3 = 45.76^\circ$, $\theta_4 = 85.60^\circ$) → assuming $\omega_2 = -0.4 \text{ rad/sec}$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \omega_3 \\ \omega_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.226 \\ 0.051 \end{Bmatrix} \rightarrow \overrightarrow{V_B} = \vec{\omega}_4 x \overrightarrow{BO_2} = 0.357 \frac{m}{s}, \overrightarrow{V_A} = \vec{\omega}_2 x \overrightarrow{AO_2} = 1.2 \frac{m}{s},$$

$$\overrightarrow{V_c} = \overrightarrow{V_A} + \overrightarrow{V_{CA}} = \vec{\omega}_2 x \overrightarrow{AO_2} + \vec{\omega}_3 x \overrightarrow{CA} = 0.1108 \frac{m}{s}$$

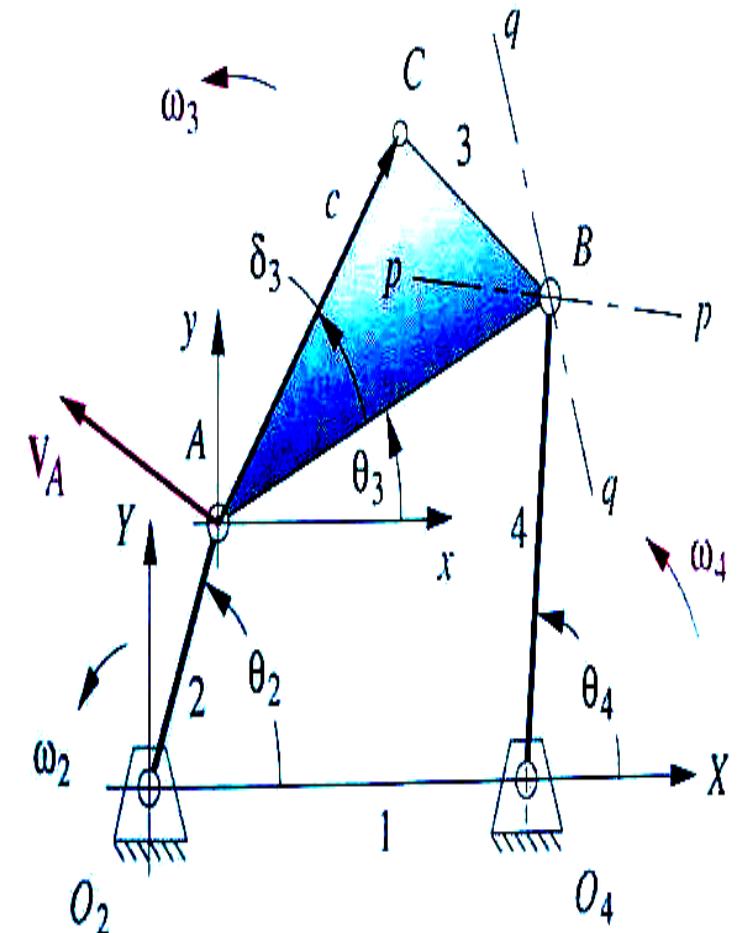


Figure 7

Velocity analysis

- Using MATLAB to illustrate the linkage angular velocity and the linear velocity.

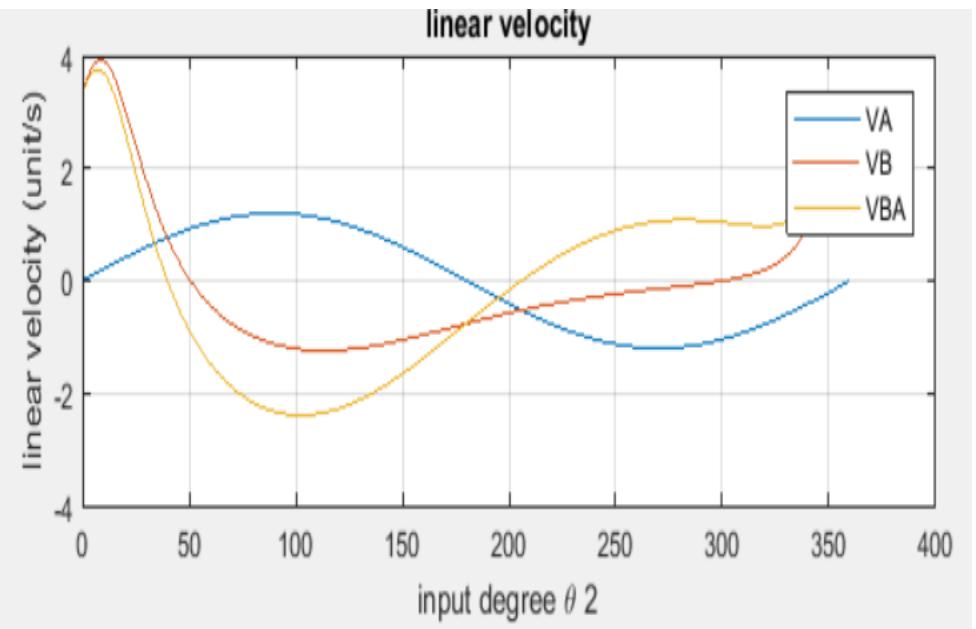
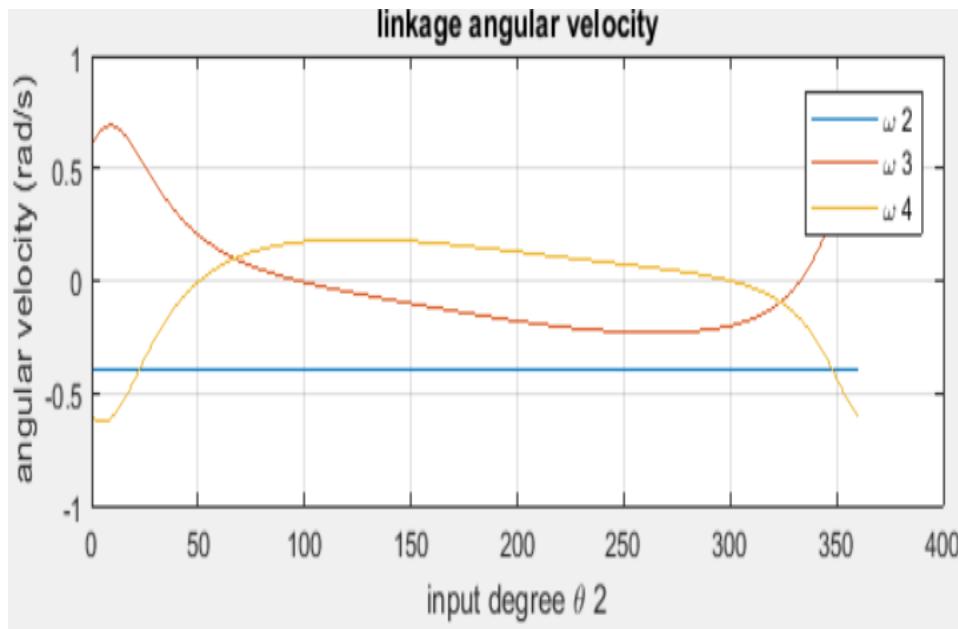


Figure 8

Acceleration analysis

- Acceleration analysis involves determining the amount that certain points on links of mechanism are either, speeding up or slowing down, Figure 9.
- Acceleration by derivative w.r.t time →

$$x = a\alpha_2 \sin \theta_2 + a\omega_2^2 \cos \theta_2 + b\alpha_3 \sin \theta_3 + b\omega_3^2 \cos \theta_3 - c\alpha_4 \sin \theta_4 - c\omega_4^2 \cos \theta_4 = 0$$

$$y = a\alpha_2 \cos \theta_2 - a\omega_2^2 \sin \theta_2 + b\alpha_3 \cos \theta_3 - b\omega_3^2 \sin \theta_3 - c\alpha_4 \cos \theta_4 \mp c\omega_4^2 \sin \theta_4 = 0$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -a\alpha_2 \sin \theta_2 - a\omega_2^2 \cos \theta_2 - b\omega_3^2 \cos \theta_3 + c\omega_4^2 \cos \theta_4 \\ -a\alpha_2 \cos \theta_2 + a\omega_2^2 \sin \theta_2 + b\omega_3^2 \sin \theta_3 - c\omega_4^2 \sin \theta_4 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b \sin \theta_3 & -c \sin \theta_4 \\ b \cos \theta_3 & -c \cos \theta_4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

• Assuming → $\alpha_2 = \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}^2}$, Using the same previous values (ω , θ and abc)

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_4 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.1438 \\ 0.1717 \end{Bmatrix}$$

• Establish acceleration vector equations

$$\overrightarrow{A_A} = \frac{\overrightarrow{\alpha_2} \times \overrightarrow{AO_2}}{\overrightarrow{A'_A}} + \frac{\overrightarrow{\omega_2} \times (\overrightarrow{\omega_2} \times \overrightarrow{AO_2})}{\overrightarrow{A''_A}}$$

$$\overrightarrow{A_B} = \frac{\overrightarrow{\alpha_4} \times \overrightarrow{BO_4}}{\overrightarrow{A'_B}} + \frac{\overrightarrow{\omega_4} \times (\overrightarrow{\omega_4} \times \overrightarrow{BO_4})}{\overrightarrow{A''_B}}$$

$$\overrightarrow{A_B} = \overrightarrow{A_A} + \overrightarrow{A_{BA}} \rightarrow \overrightarrow{A_A} + \overrightarrow{\alpha_3} \times \overrightarrow{BA} + \overrightarrow{\omega_3} \times (\overrightarrow{\omega_3} \times \overrightarrow{BA})$$

$$\rightarrow \overrightarrow{A_A} = 0.48 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \quad \rightarrow \overrightarrow{A_B} = 1.22 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

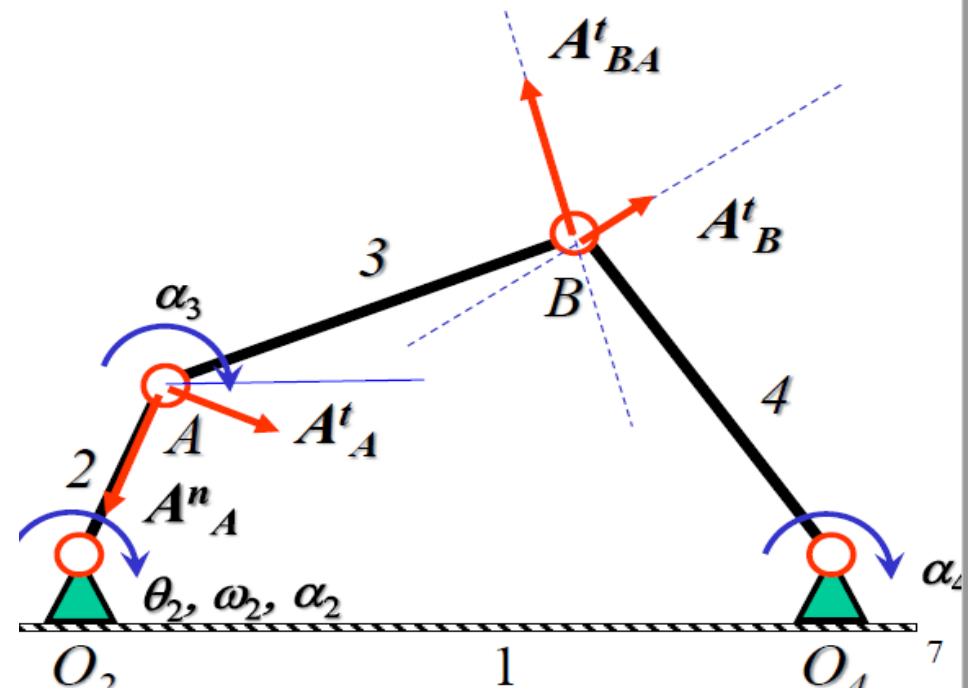


Figure 9

Acceleration analysis

- Using MATLAB to illustrates the angular acceleration and acceleration vector

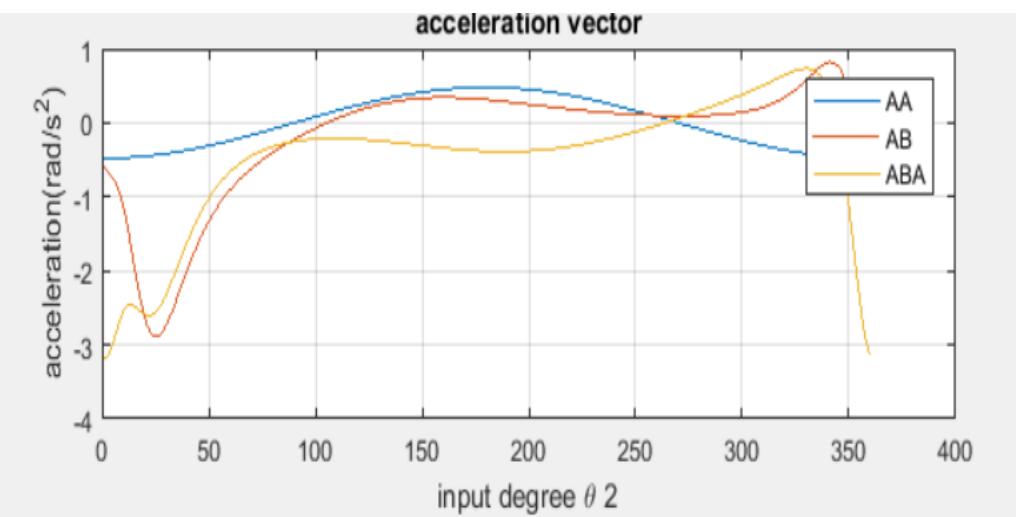
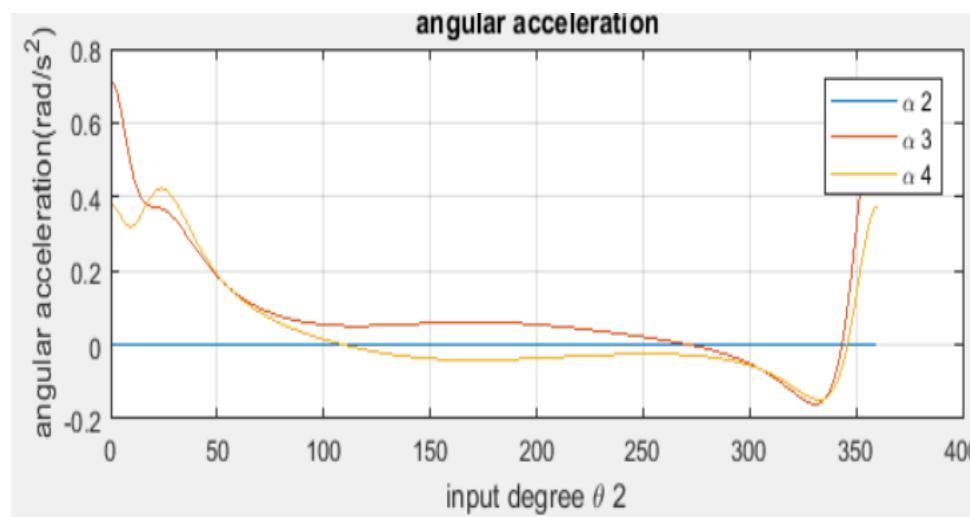
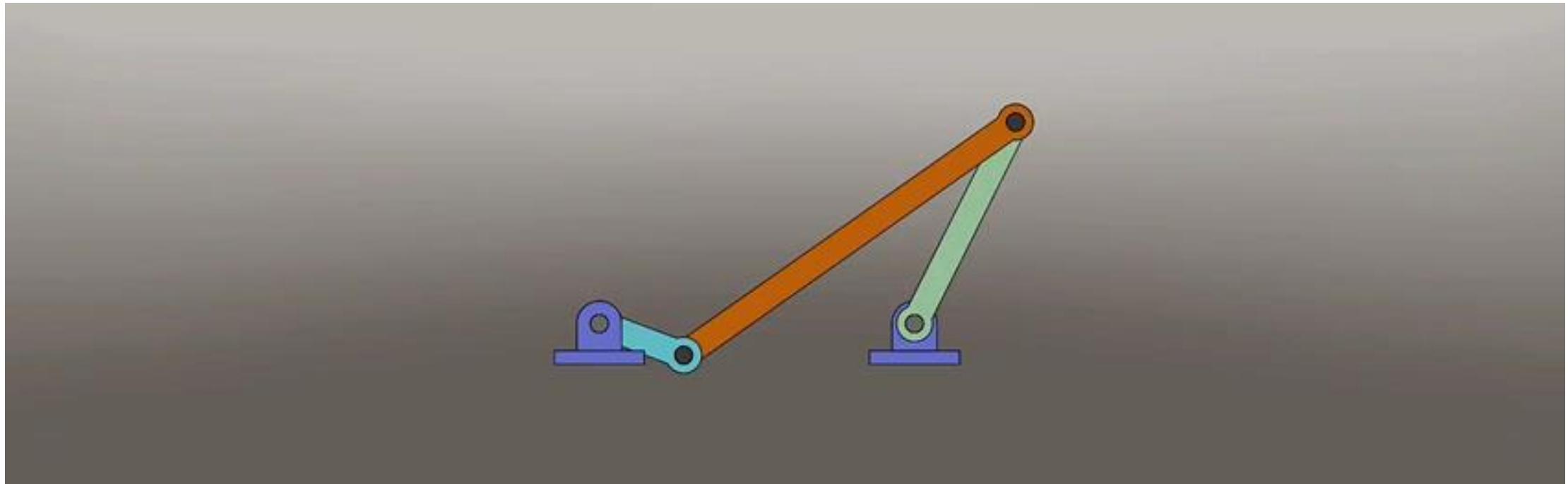


Figure 10

Mechanical movements For Elevation



Type of Gear

- Super Gear → This is a cylindrical shaped gear in which the teeth are parallel to the axis. It has the largest applications and, also, it is the easiest to manufacture.
- Based on this mechanism, we can control the azimuth by using this super gear.

Specifications for standard gear teeth



Item	Full depth & pitches coarser than 20	Full depth & pitches finer than 20	14½° full depth
Pressure angle	20°	25°	20°
Addendum (in.)	1.0/P	1.0/P	1.0/P
Dedendum (in.)	1.250/P	1.250/P	$1.2/P + 0.002$

Figure 11

Figure (11), (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://uni.edu/~rao/MD-12%20Spur%20Gear%20Design.pdf>
Figure (12), From Chapter 6

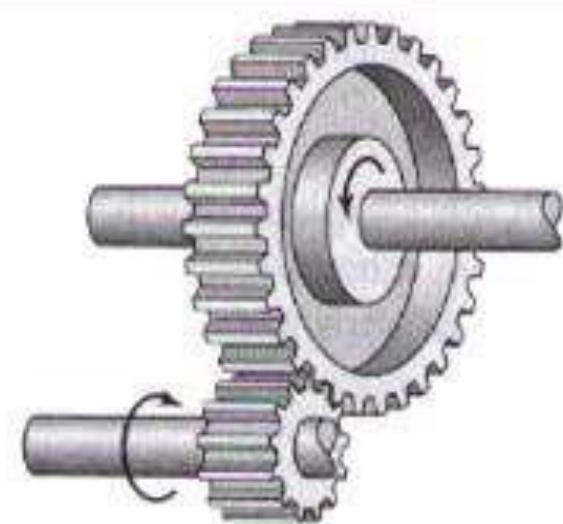
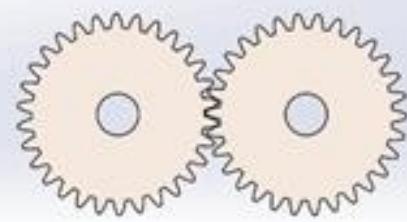


Figure 12

Gear Movement



ANTENNA DESIGN

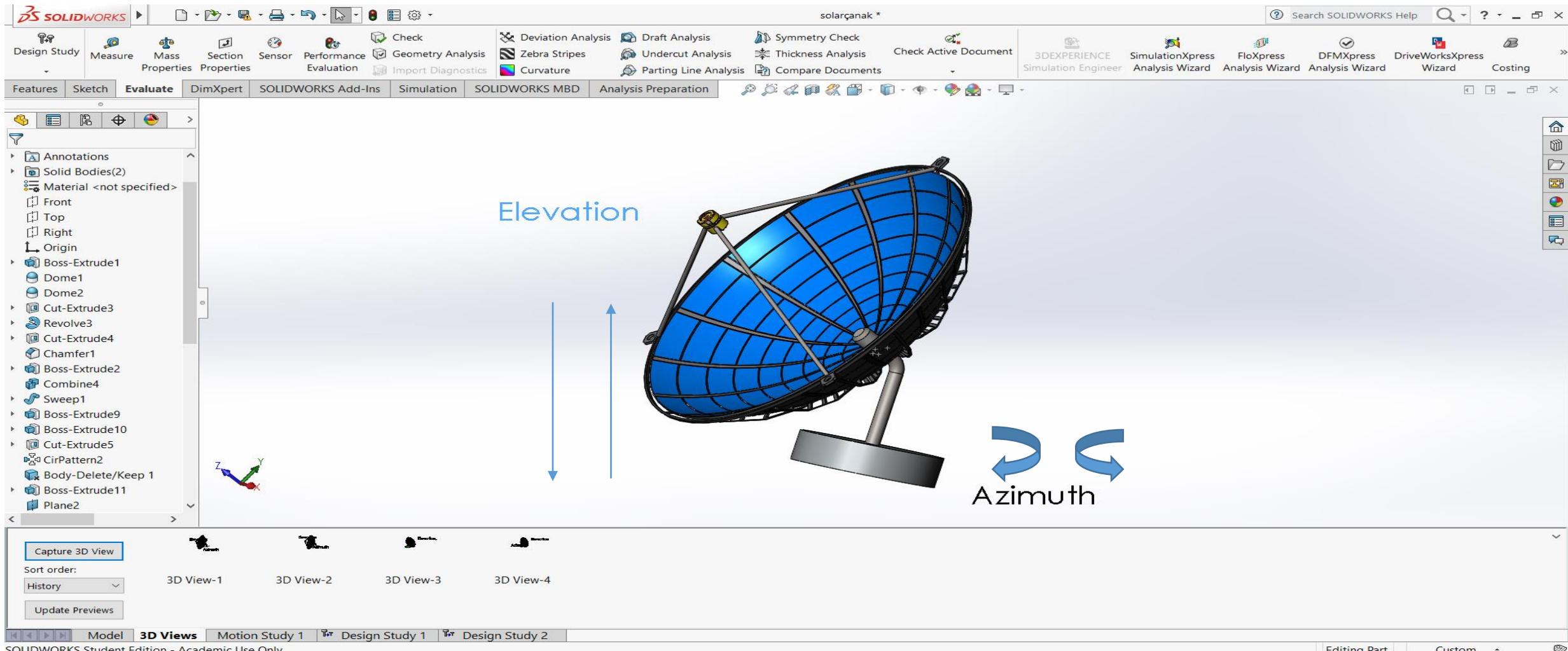


Figure 13

MOTOR-Servomotor

- A servomotor is a rotary actuator that allows for precise control of angular or linear position, velocity and acceleration(9).
- Advantages → low cost , high reliability, high torque at low speeds
- Disadvantages → When stopped, the motor's rotor continues to move back and forth, so that it is not suitable if we are looking for an accurate data.

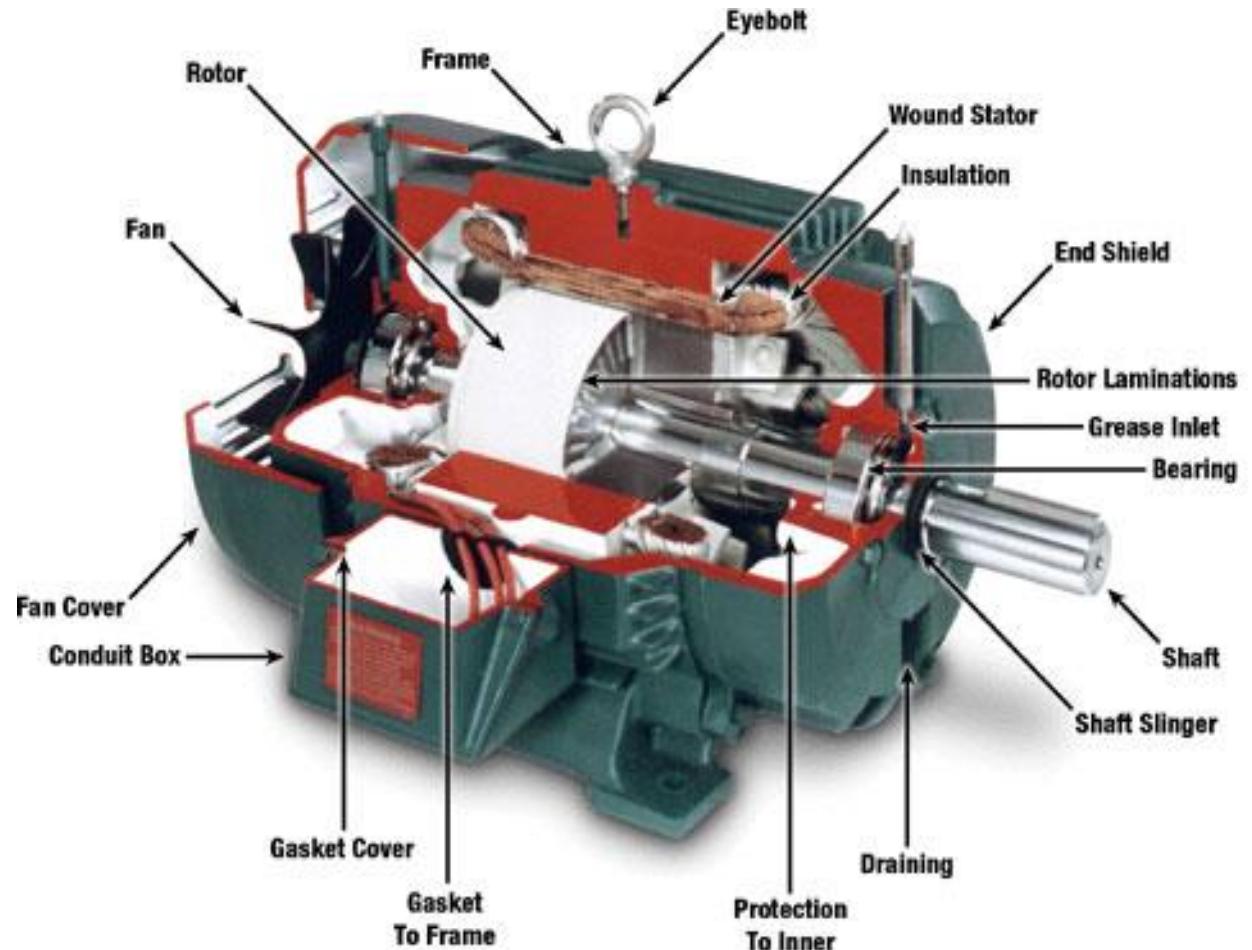


Figure 14

Figure 14, (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.elprocus.com/difference-dc-motor-servo-motor-stepper-motor/>



Thank you
for listening

Appendix

- Code of figures 6,8 and 10

```
%// plot path A and B
subplot(3,2,1);
plot(Ax,Ay, Bx,By) % path for A and B
title('linkage path motion')
legend('point A','point B')
ylabel('y-axis')
xlabel('x-axis')
axis([xmin*1.5 xmax*1.5 ymin ymax])
daspect([1 1 1]) % fix plot ratio 1:1
set(legend,'color','none');
grid on
%// plot theta q for open circuit
subplot(3,2,2);
plot(q2d,q2d, q2d,q31d, q2d,q41d) % linkage angular
title('linkage angular')
legend('\theta 2','\theta 3','\theta 4')
ylabel('input theta 2 (degree)')
xlabel('output angle (degree)')
grid on
%// plot omega w for open circuit
subplot(3,2,3);
plot(q2d,w2,q2d,w3,q2d,w4); % plot angular velocity
legend('\omega 2','\omega 3','\omega 4')
title('linkage angular velocity')
ylabel('angular velocity (rad/s)')
xlabel('input degree \theta 2')
grid on
%// plot linear velocity
subplot(3,2,4);
plot(q2d, (VA),q2d, (VB),q2d, (VBA)) % plot linear velocity
legend('VA','VB','VBA')
title('linear velocity')
ylabel('linear velocity (unit/s)')
xlabel('input degree \theta 2')
grid on
%// plot angular acceleration
subplot(3,2,5);
plot(q2d,a2,q2d,a3,q2d,a4); % plot angular acceleration
legend ('\alpha 2','\alpha 3','\alpha 4')
title('angular acceleration')
ylabel('angular acceleration(rad/s^2)')
xlabel('input degree \theta 2')
grid on
%// plot linear acceleration
subplot(3,2,6);
plot(q2d,AA,q2d,AB,q2d,ABA); % plot linear acceleration
legend('AA','AB','ABA')
title('acceleration vector')
ylabel('acceleration(rad/s^2)')
xlabel('input degree \theta 2')
grid on
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