

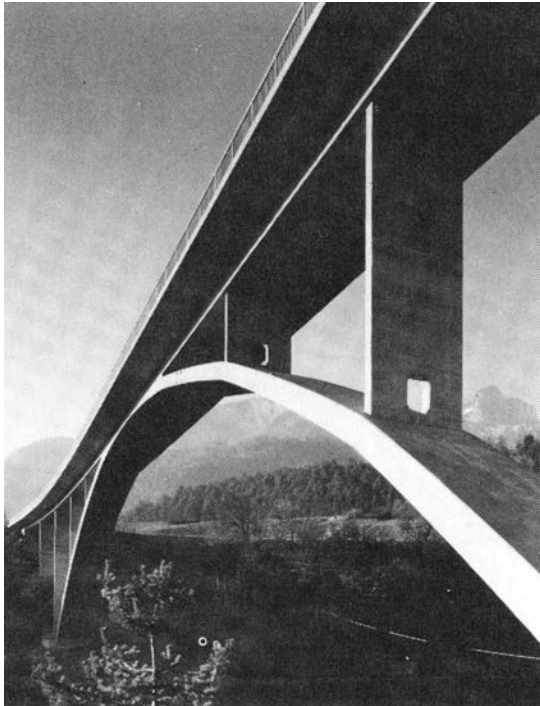
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# **Mechanical Invention through Computation**

## Mechanism Basics

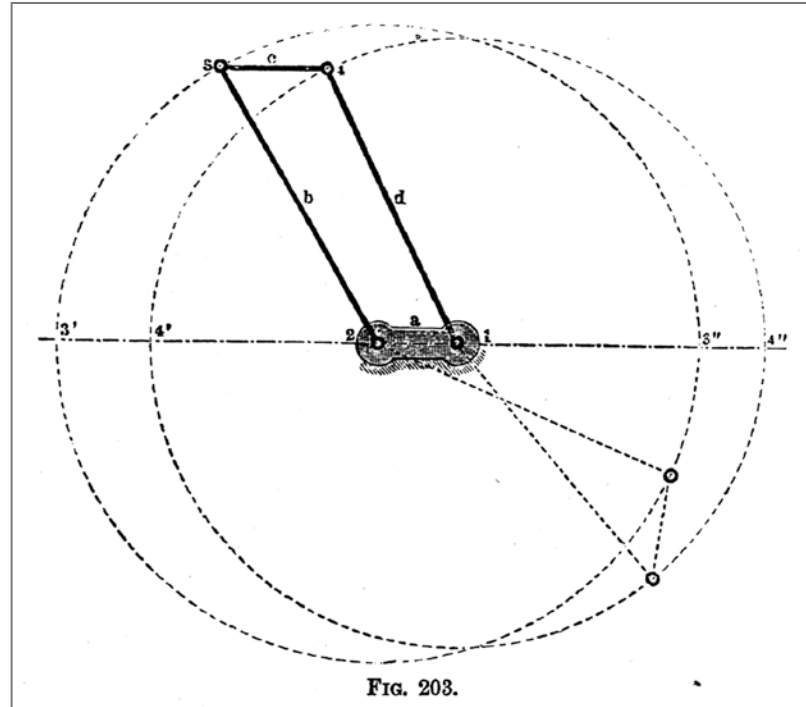
# Design Principles

## Structure and Mechanism



Structure:

Force is resisted



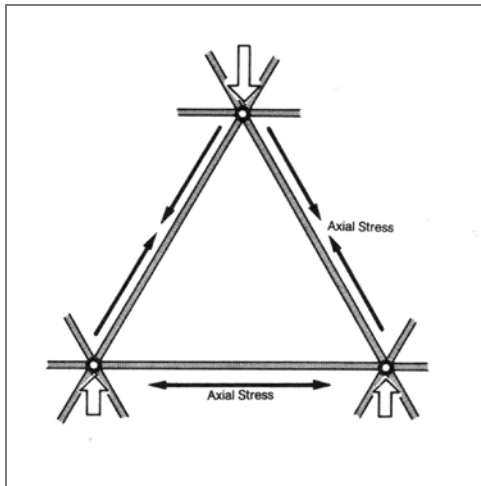
Mechanism:

Force flows into movement

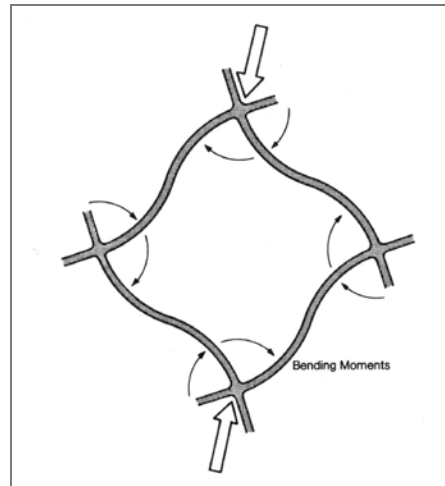
# Design Principles

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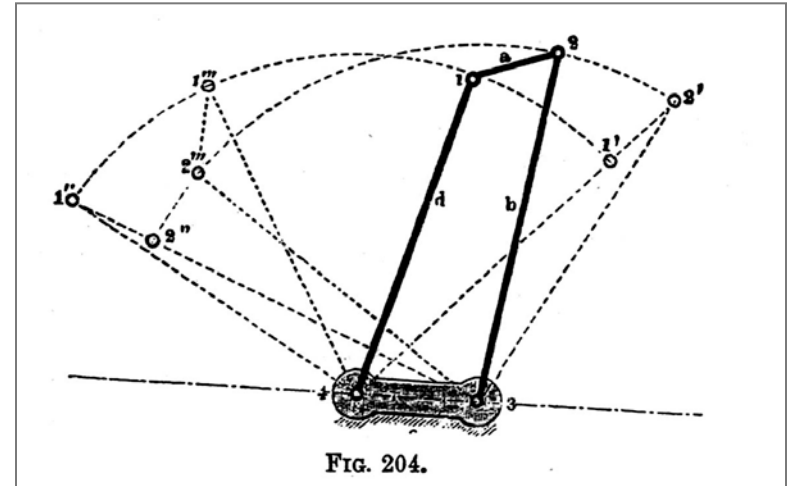
### Possible Responses to Applied Force



Structural  
Resistance



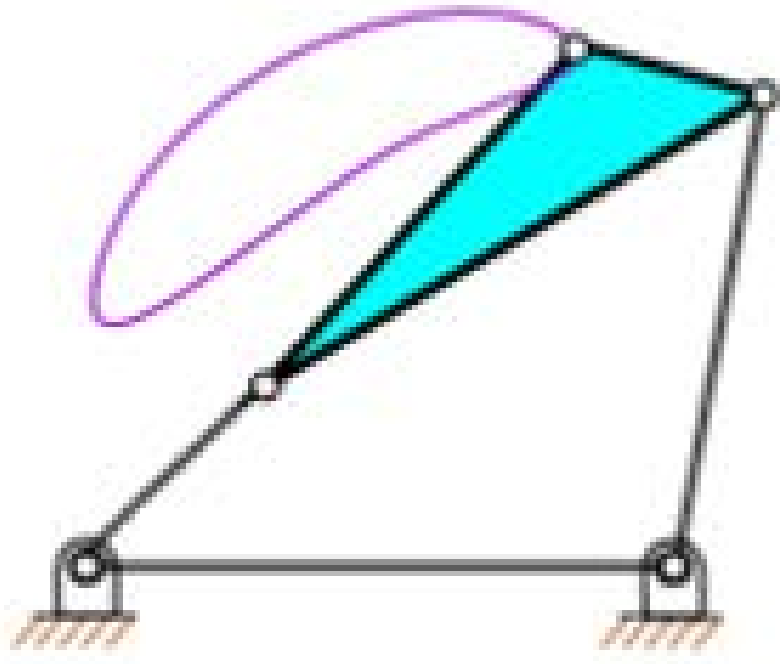
Structural Deflection  
(elastic or Inelastic)



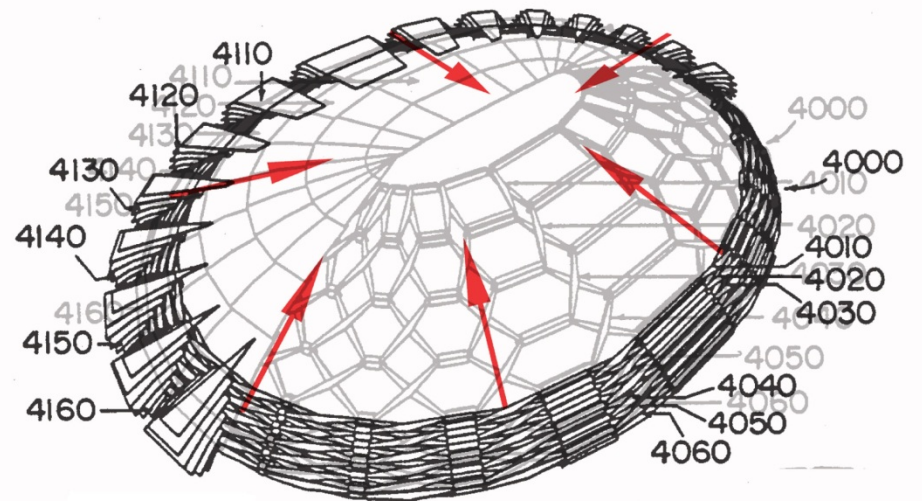
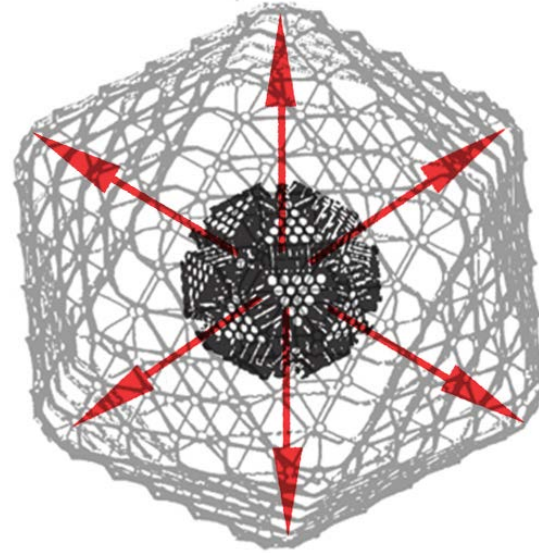
Kinematic deflection

# Mechanism paradigms

Synthesize a motion path



Synthesize a form change

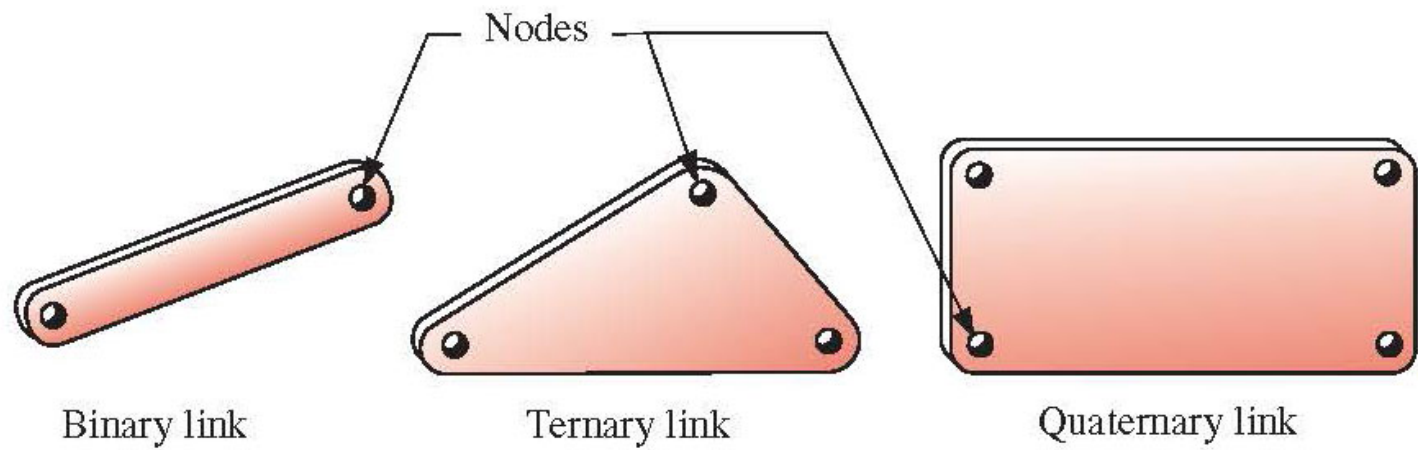




# Definitions

- **Kinematics:** the study of the motion of bodies without reference to mass or force
- **Links:** considered as rigid bodies
- **Kinematic pair:** a connection between two bodies that imposes constraints on their relative movement. (also referred to as a mechanical joint)
- **Ground:** static point of reference
- **Degree of freedom (DOF):** of a mechanical system is the number of independent parameters that define its configuration.

# Links types



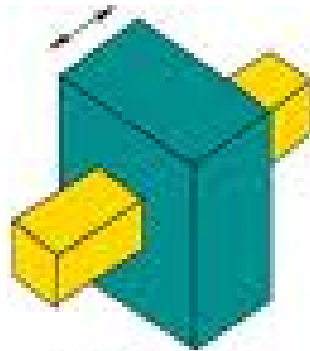
**FIGURE 2-2**

Links of different order

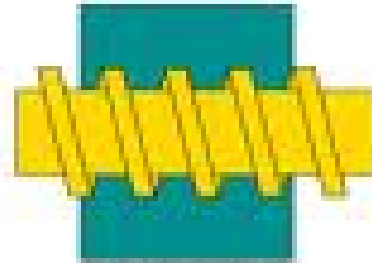
# Kinematic pairs



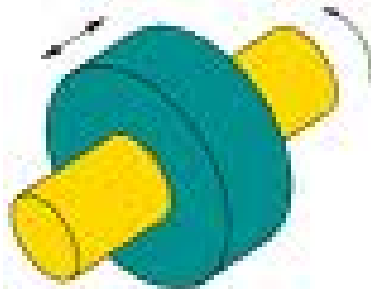
**Revolute**  
1 Degree of Freedom



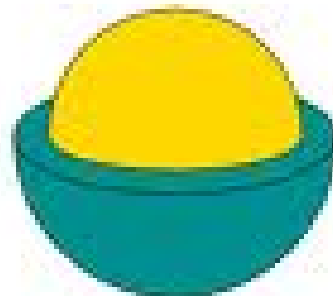
**Prismatic**  
1 Degree of Freedom



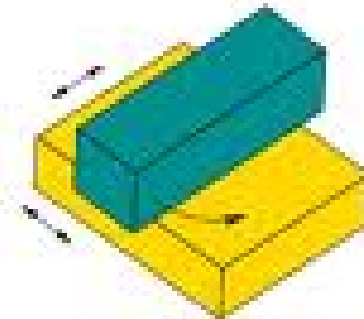
**Screw**  
1 Degree of Freedom



**Cylindrical**  
2 Degrees of Freedom



**Spherical**  
3 Degrees of Freedom



**Planar**  
3 Degrees of Freedom

# Historic Mechanisms

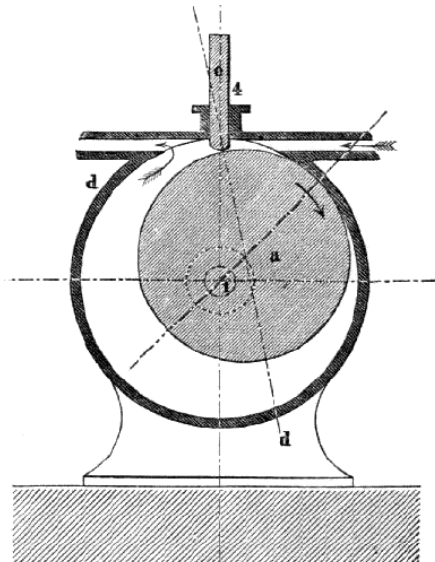
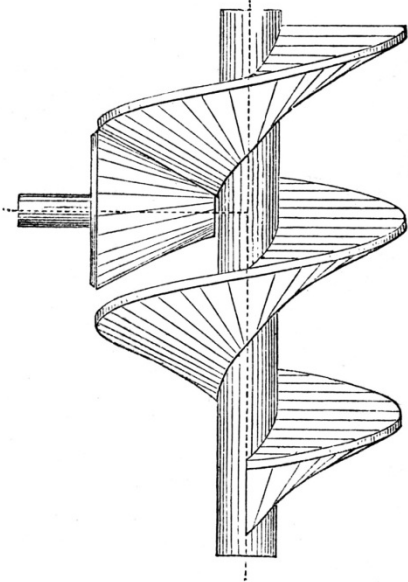
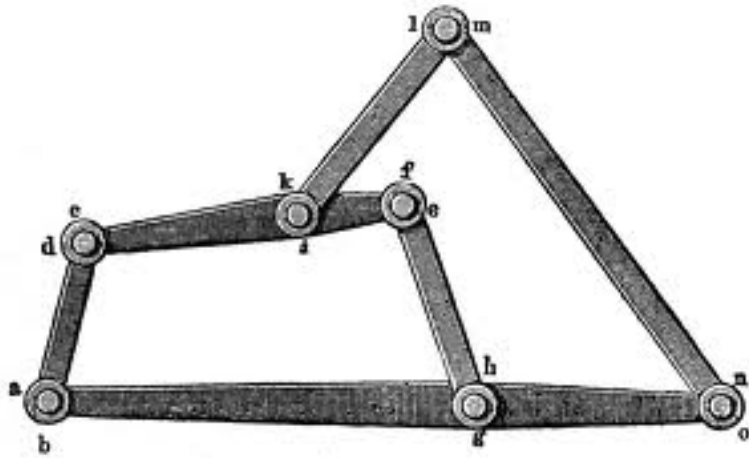


FIG. 4.—Yule, Hall. (Eng.)

$$(C''P^\perp)_a^d = b - \frac{c}{2}; (V^\perp) = a, d.$$

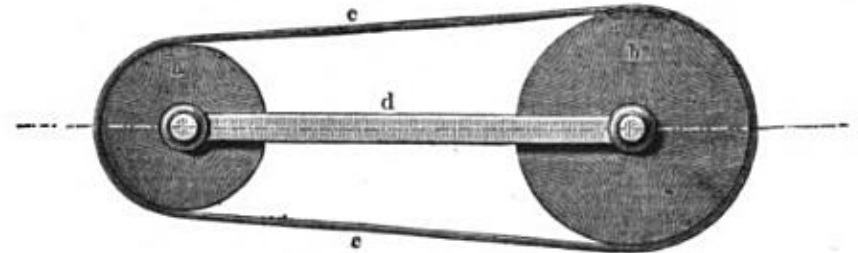
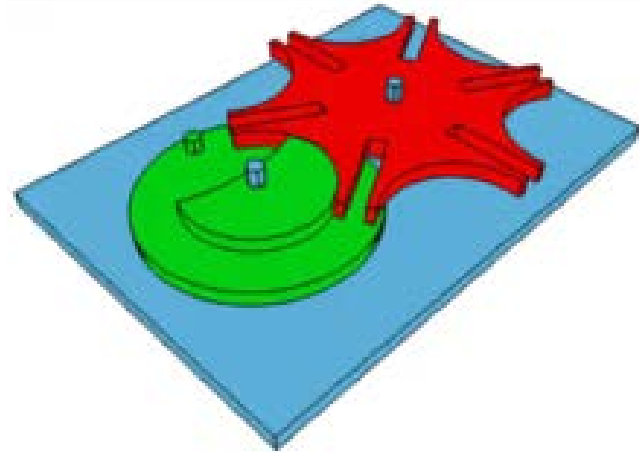


FIG. 182.

the same as that running off the other. The band for the alley  $a$  is identical—coincident—with that for  $b$ , the corre-

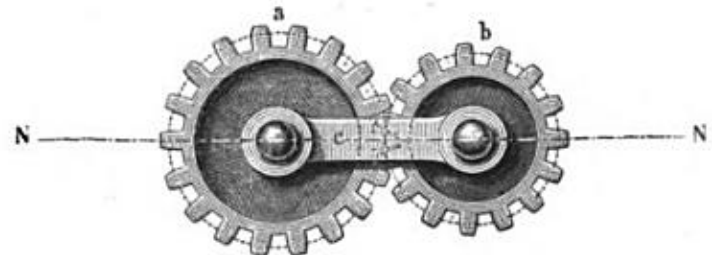
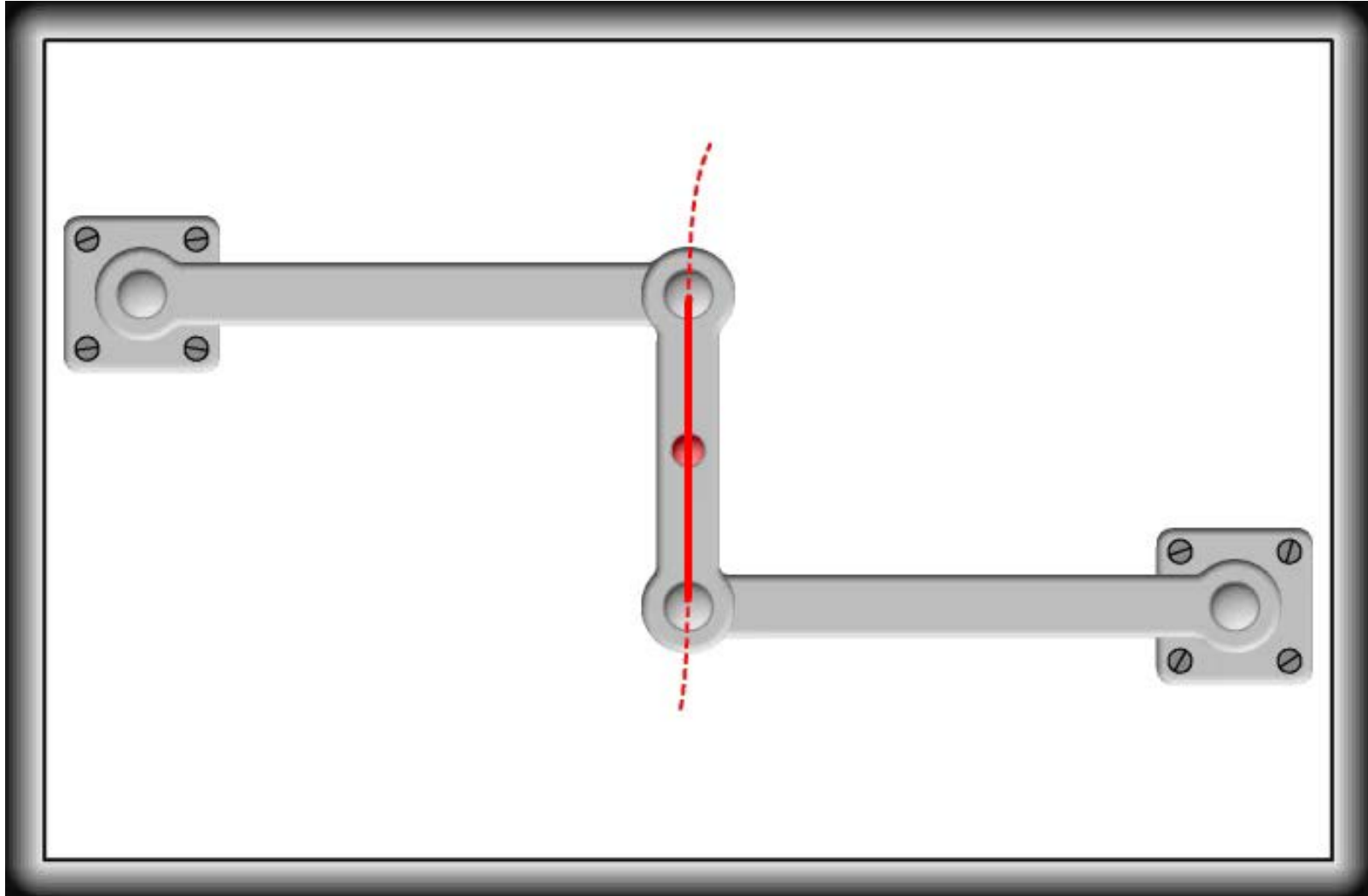
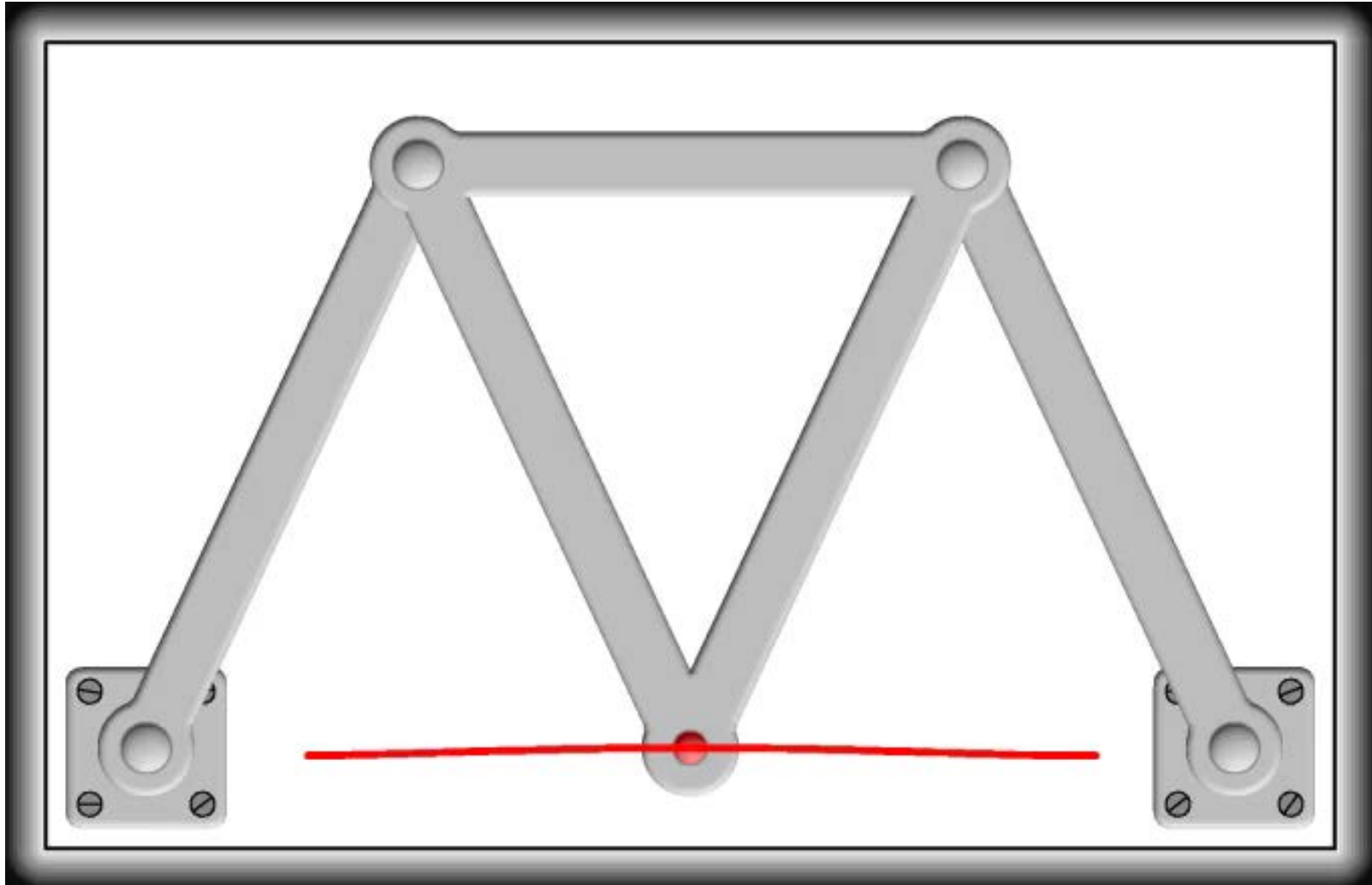


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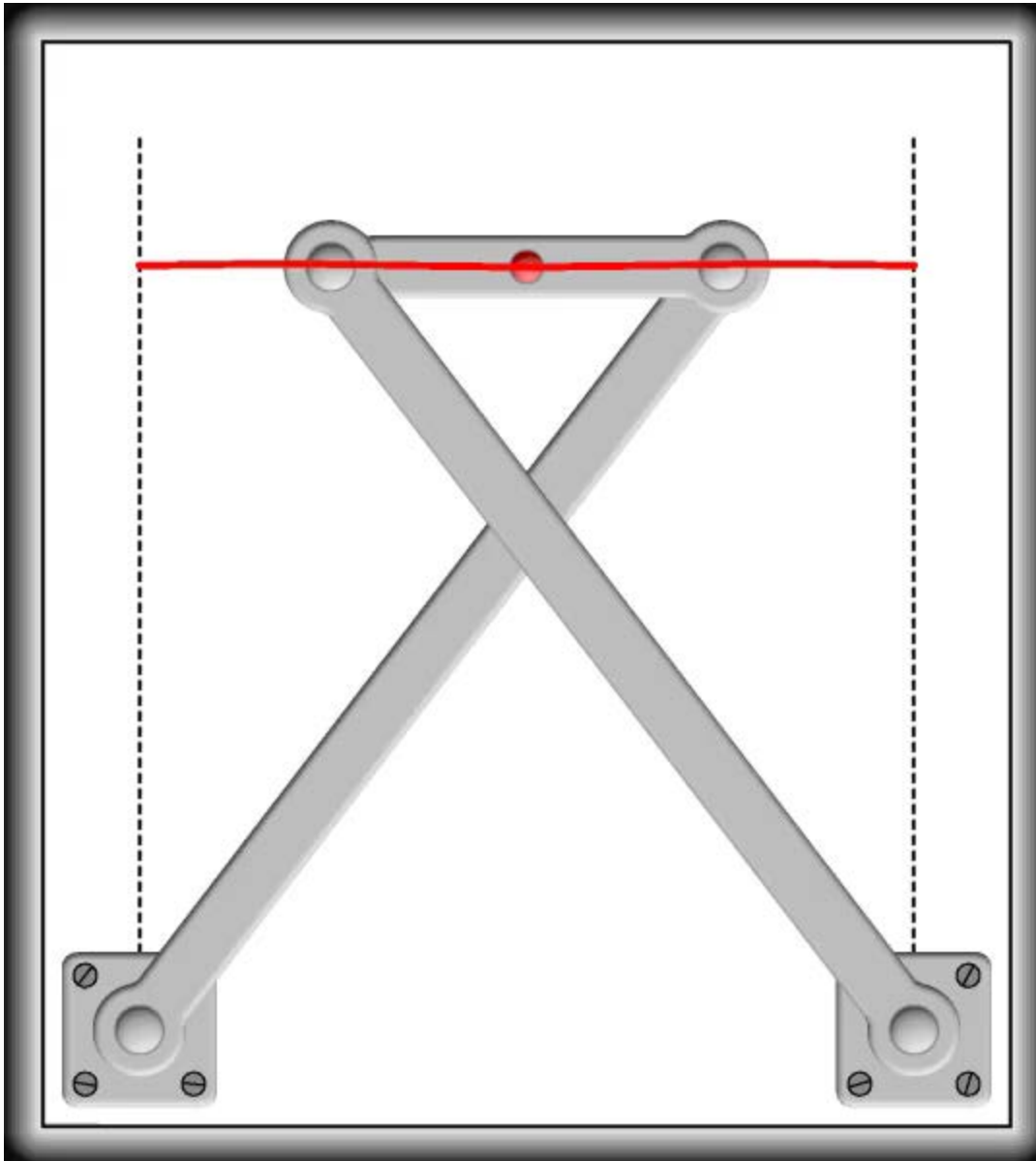
## Straight- line linkages (James Watt)



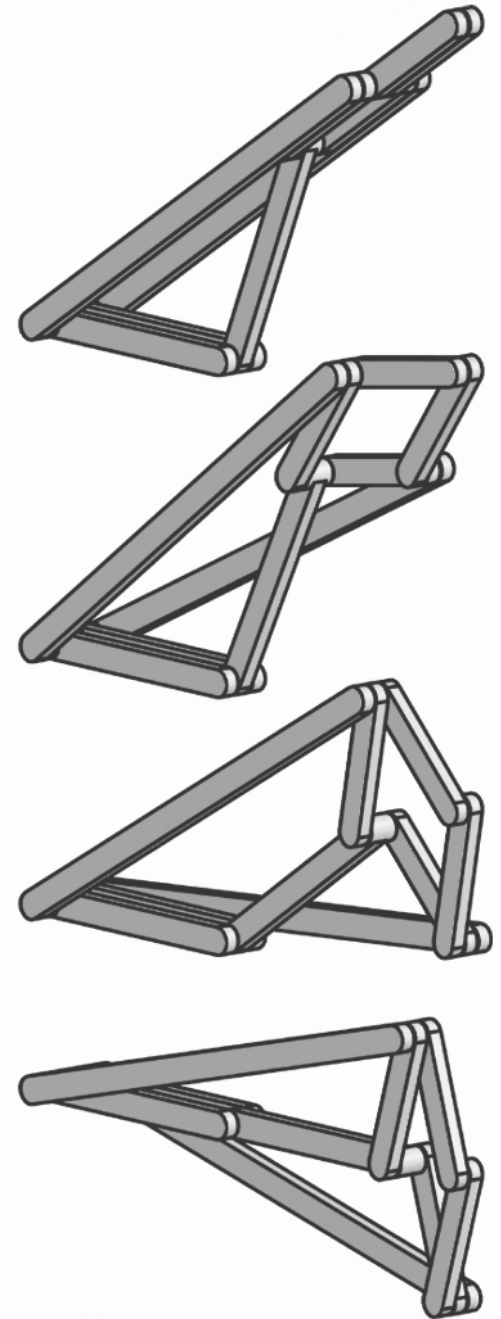
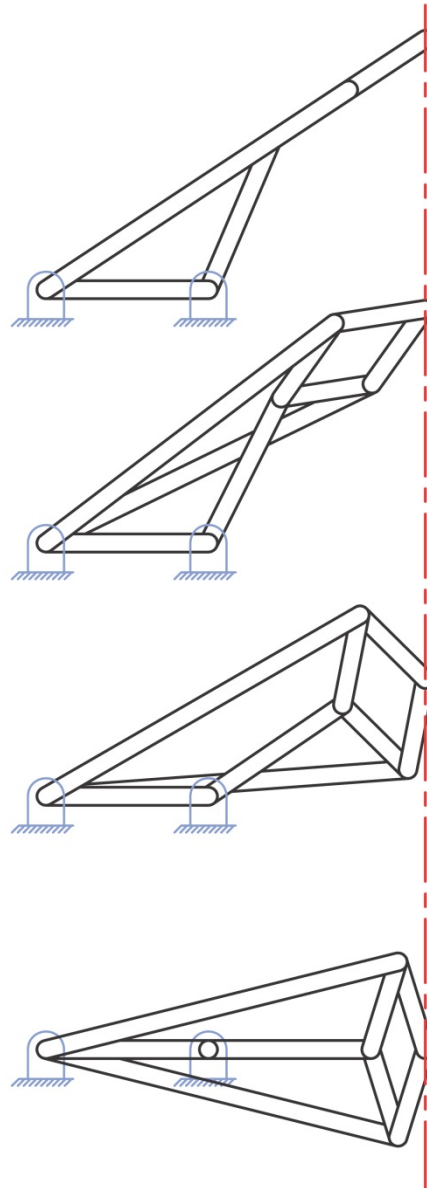
## Straight- line linkages (Richard Roberts)



## Straight- line linkages (Tchebicheff)

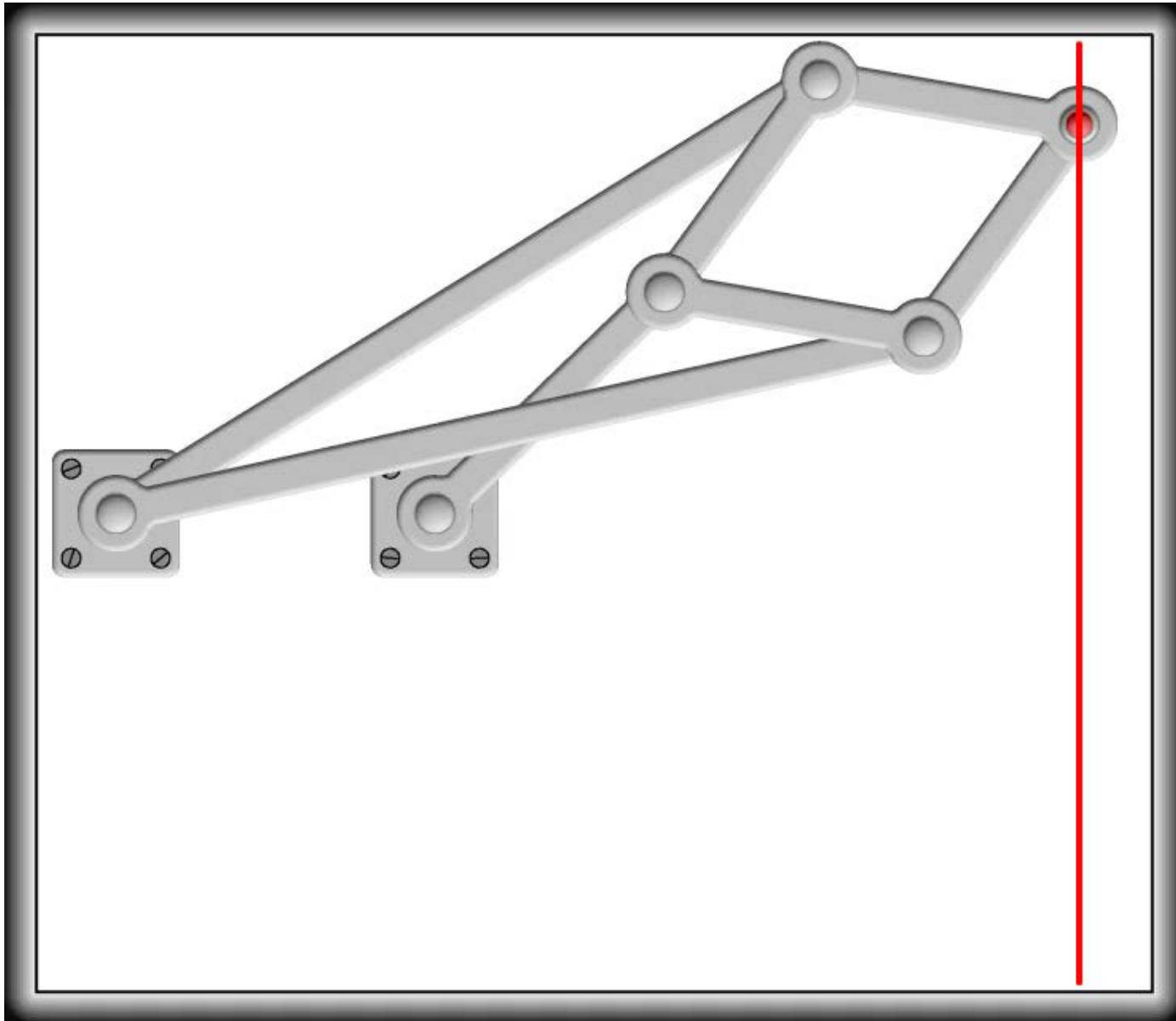


# Peaucellier Linkage

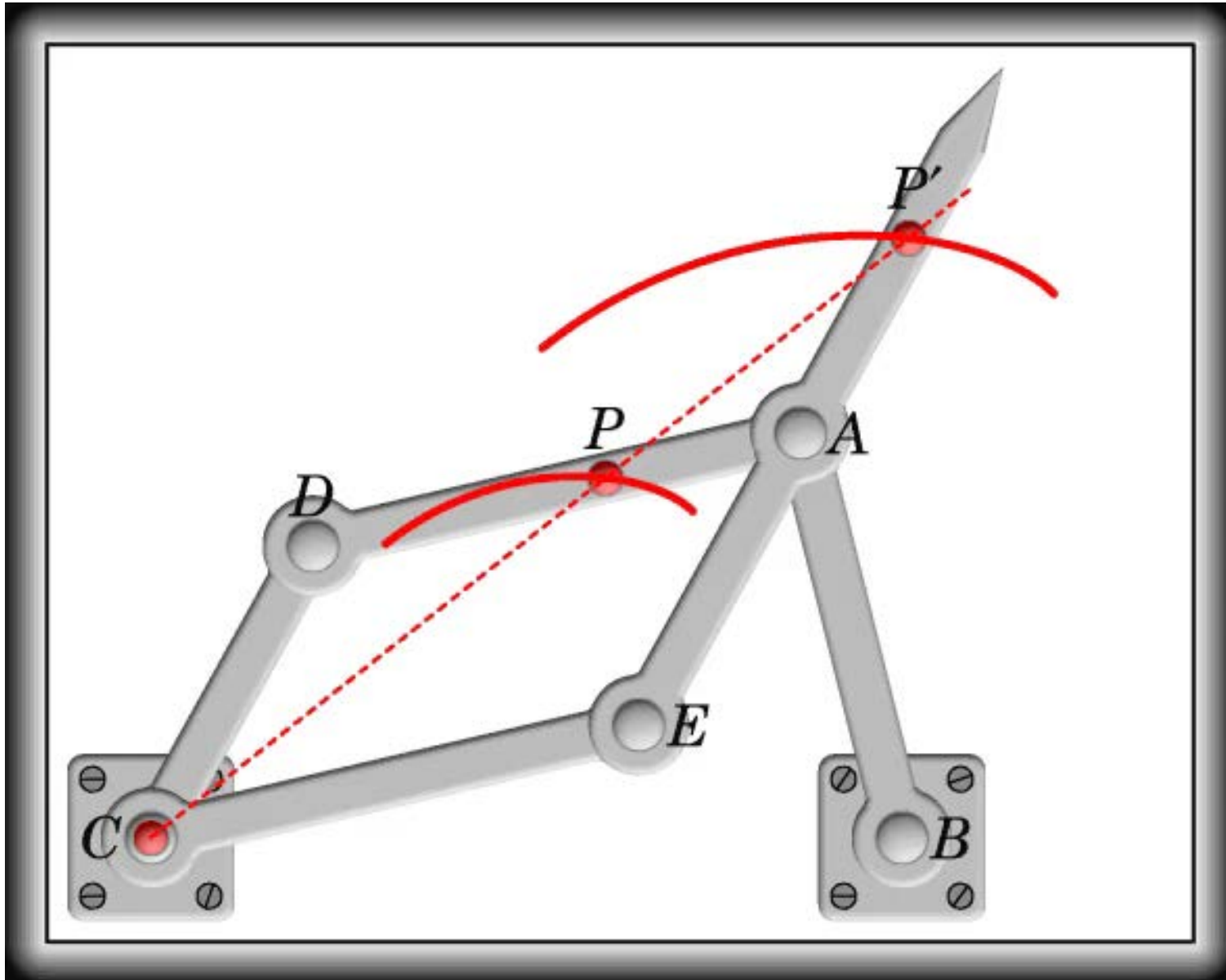




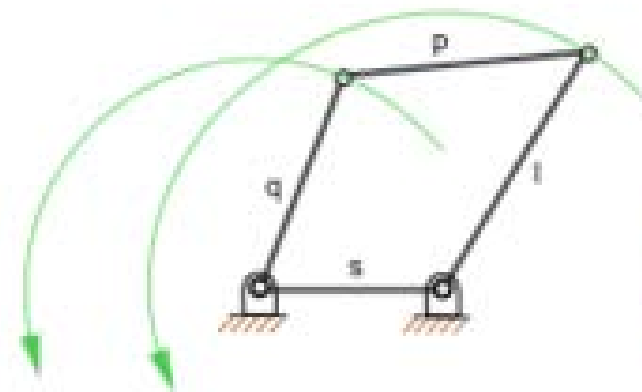
## Straight- line linkages (Peaucellier)



## Straight-line linkages (Kempe)

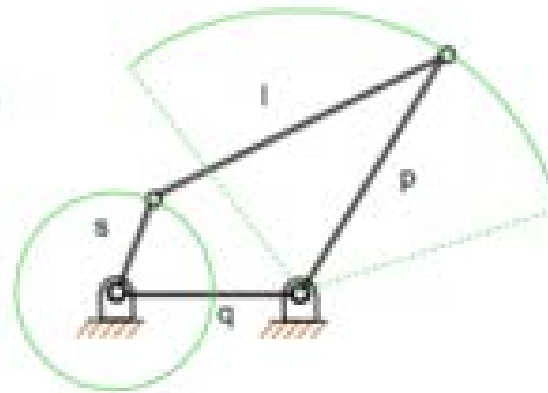


# 4-bar linkage types

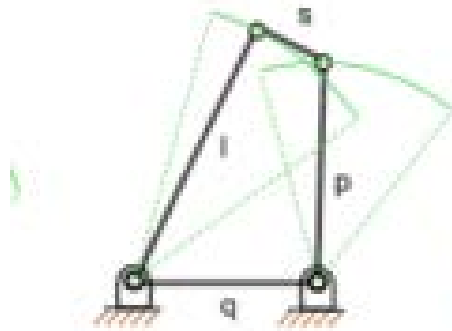


(full revolution,  
both links)

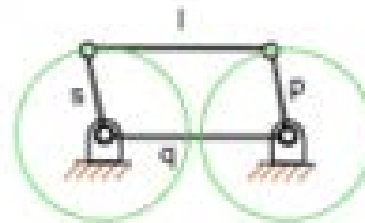
Drag-link  
 $s+l \neq p+q$   
(continuous motion)



Crank-rocker  
 $s+l \neq p+q$   
(continuous motion)

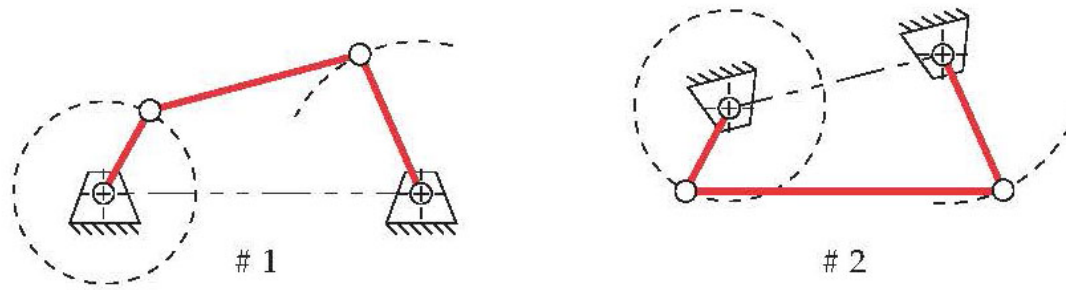


Double-rocker  
 $s+l > p+q$   
(no continuous motion)

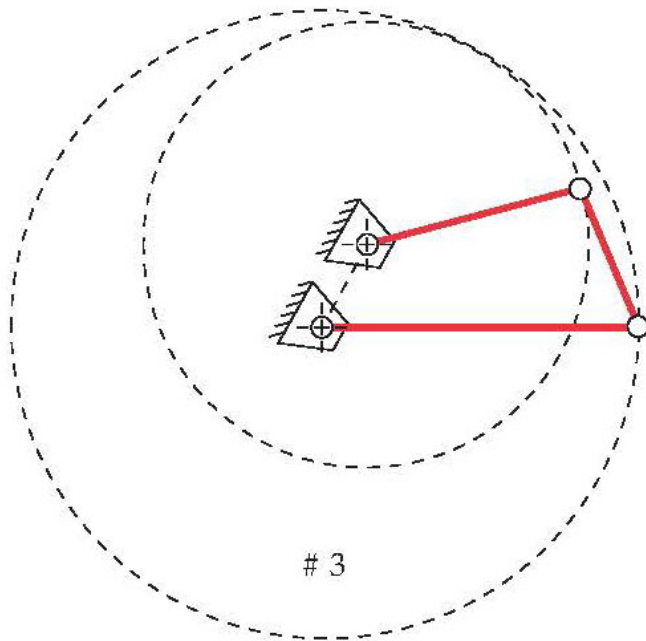


Parallelogram linkage  
 $s+l \neq p+q$   
(continuous motion)

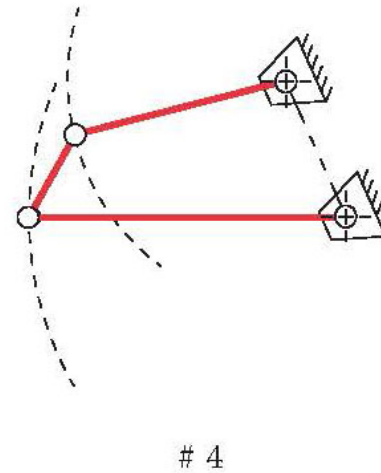
# Kinematic inversions



(a) Two non-distinct crank-rocker inversions (GCRR)

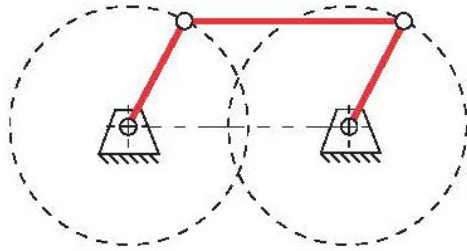


(b) Double-crank inversion (GCCC)  
(drag link mechanism)

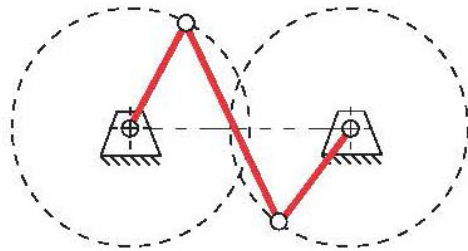
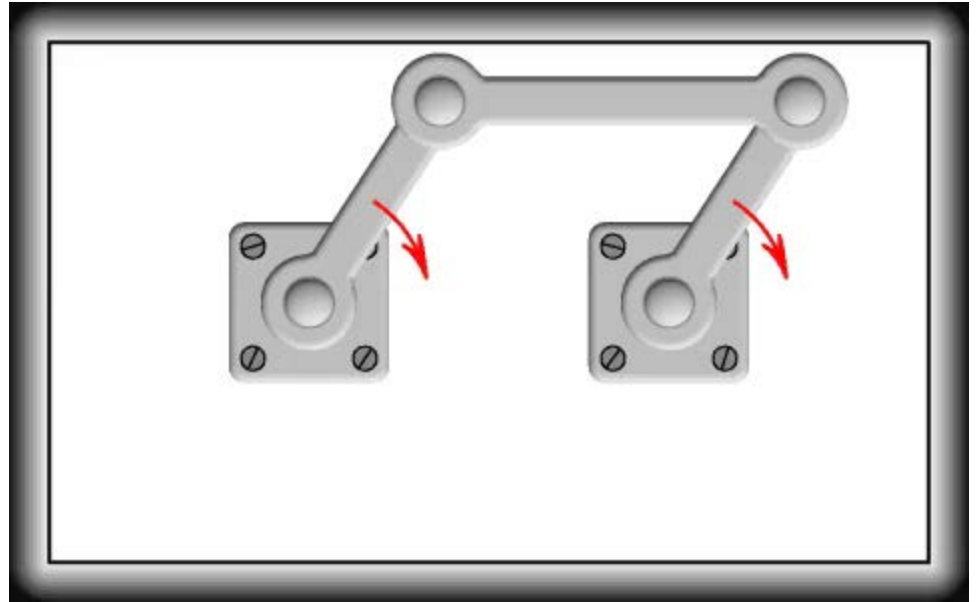


(c) Double-rocker inversion (GRCR)  
(coupler rotates)

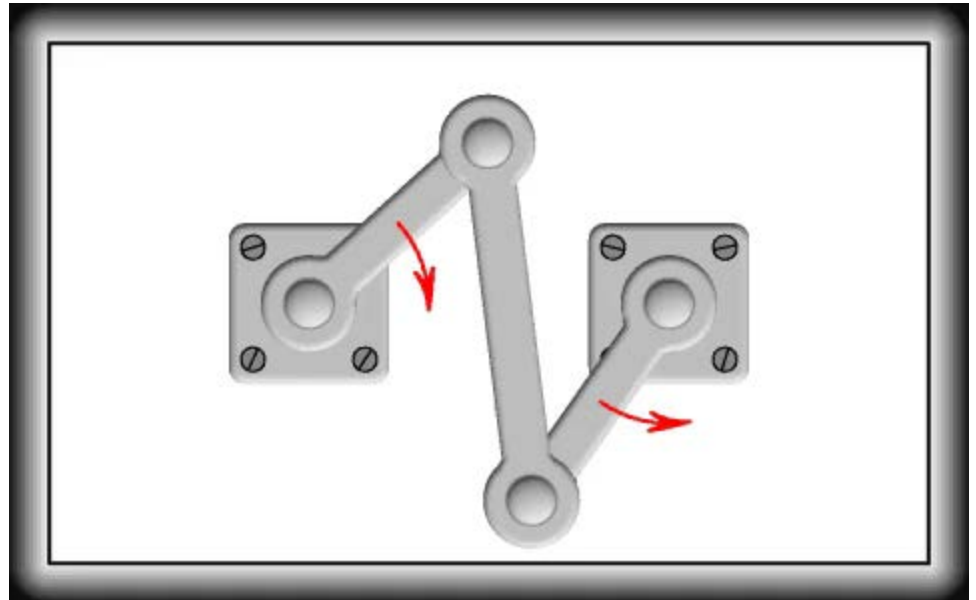
# Four-bar linkage examples



Parallel 4-bar



Anti-parallel 4-bar



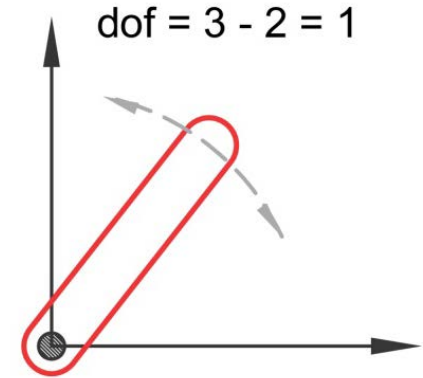
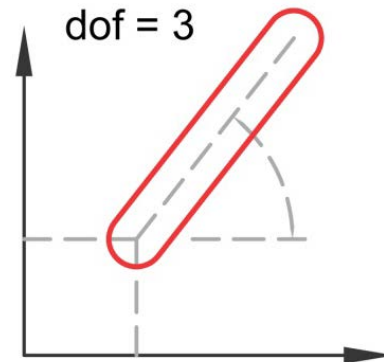
# Gruebler's equation

N = Number of Links (including ground link)

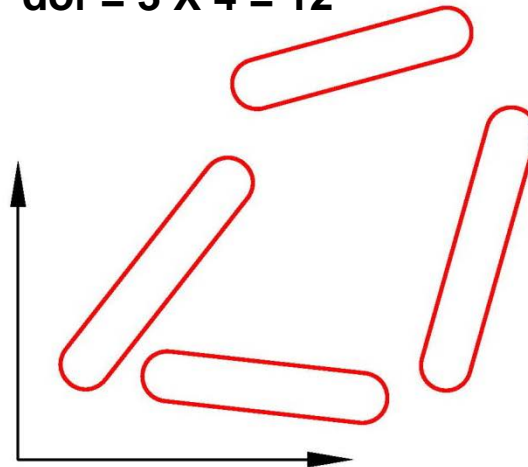
P = Number of Joints (pivot connections between links)

- Each link has 3 degrees of freedom
- Each pivot subtracts 2 degree of freedom

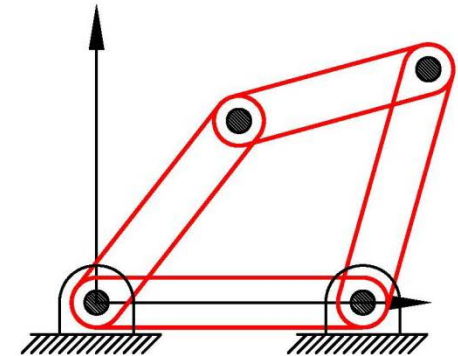
$$DOF = 3(N-1) - 2P$$



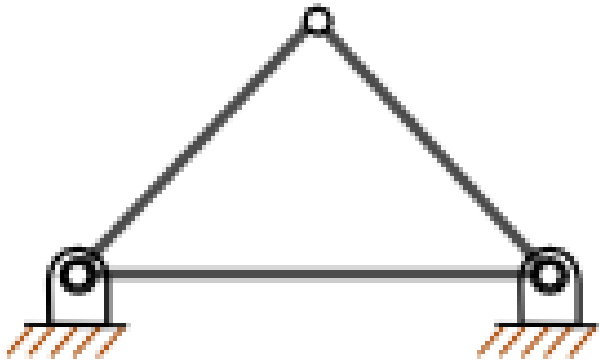
dof = 3 X 4 = 12



dof = 3 X (4-1) - (2 X 4) = 1



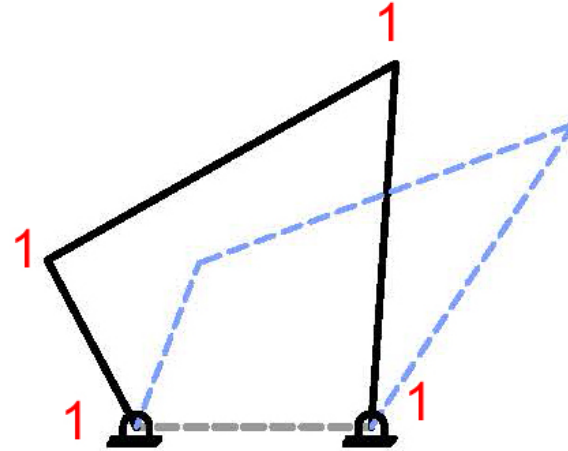
# Examples



$$N = 3$$

$$P = 3$$

$$\text{DOF} = 3 \times (3 - 1) - (2 \times 3) = 0$$

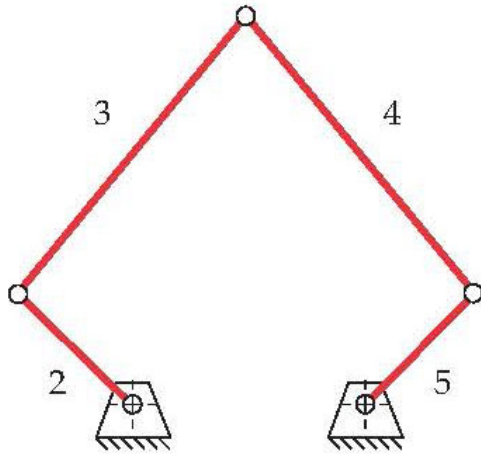


$$N = 4$$

$$P = 4$$

$$\text{DOF} = 3 \times (4 - 1) - (2 \times 4) = 1$$

# Examples

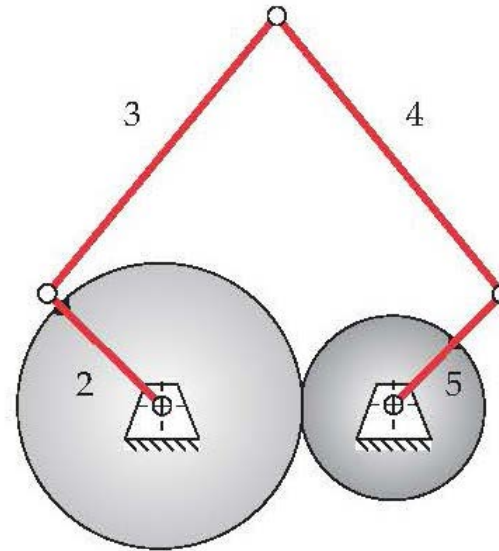


(a) Fivebar linkage—2 *DOF*

$$N = 5$$

$$P = 5$$

$$\text{DOF} = 2$$



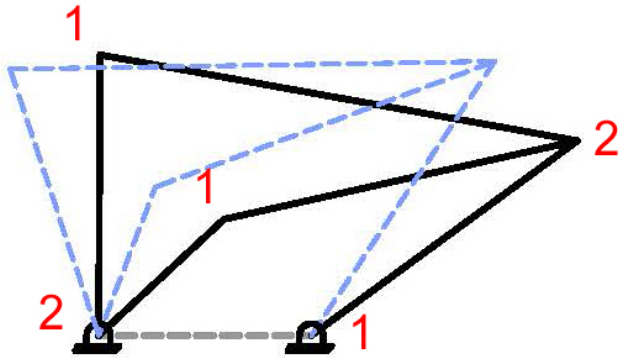
(b) Geared fivebar linkage—1 *DOF*

Geared connection removes  
one degree of freedom

$$\text{DOF} = 1$$



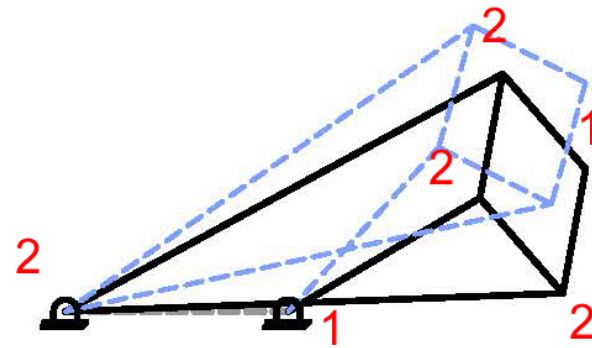
# Examples



$$N = 6$$

$$P = 7$$

$$DOF = 3 \times (6 - 1) - (2 \times 7) = 1$$



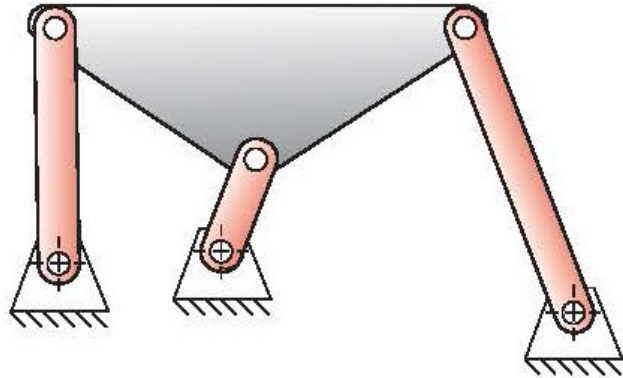
$$N = 8$$

$$P = 10$$

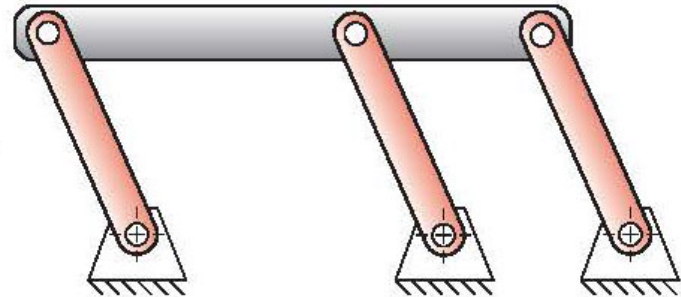
$$DOF = 3 \times (8 - 1) - (2 \times 10) = 1$$

# Relation of DOF to special geometries

*Agrees with Gruebler's equation (**doesn't move**)*



*Doesn't agree with Gruebler's equation (**moves**)*



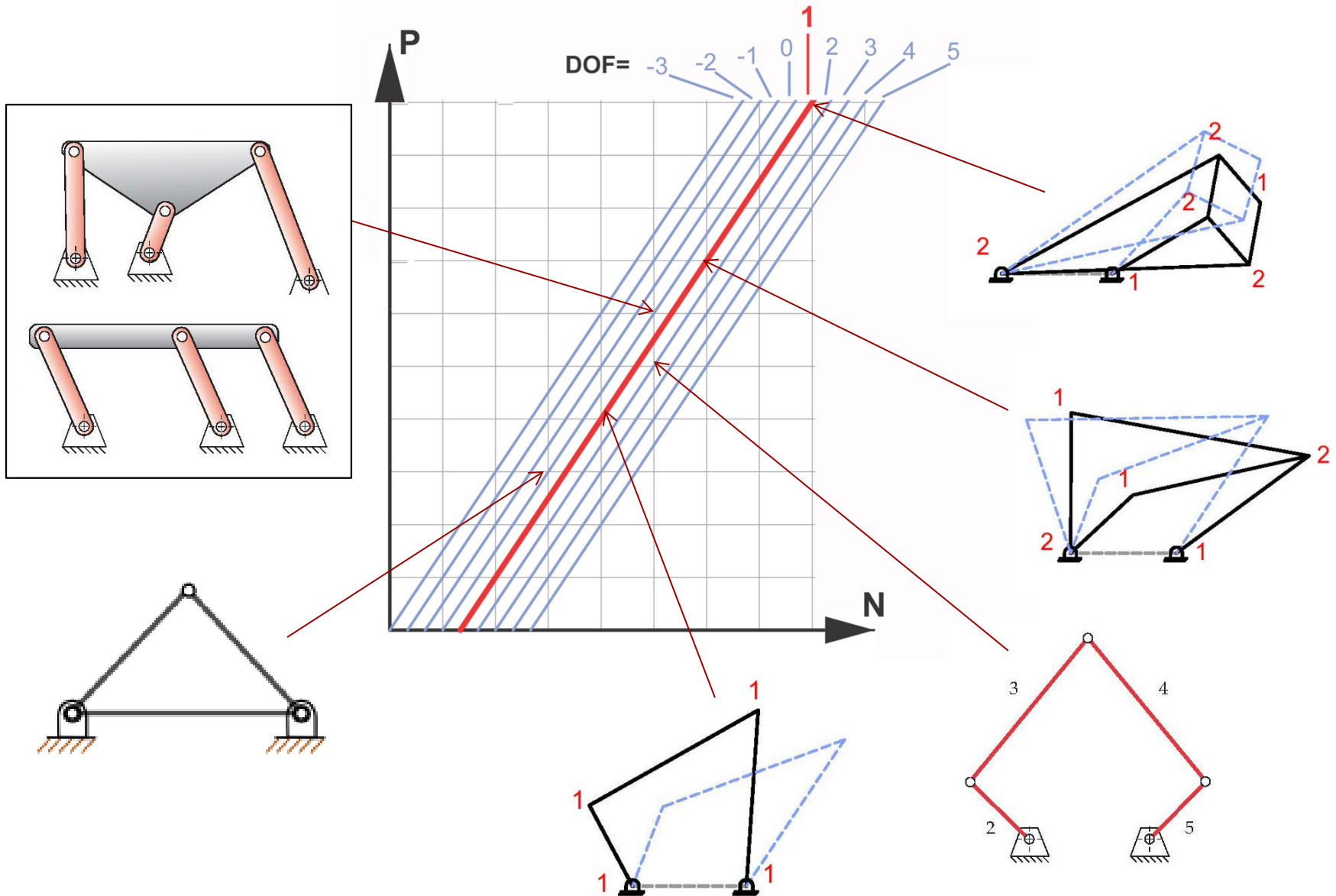
$$N = 5$$

$$P = 6$$

$$\text{DOF} = 3 \times (5 - 1) - (2 \times 6) = 0$$

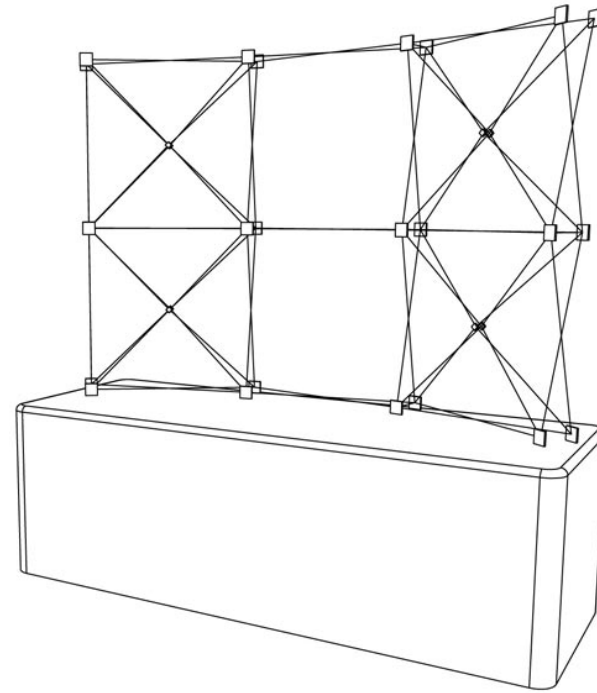
# Graph of linkages

$$DOF = 3(N-1) - 2P$$



# Scissor Linkages

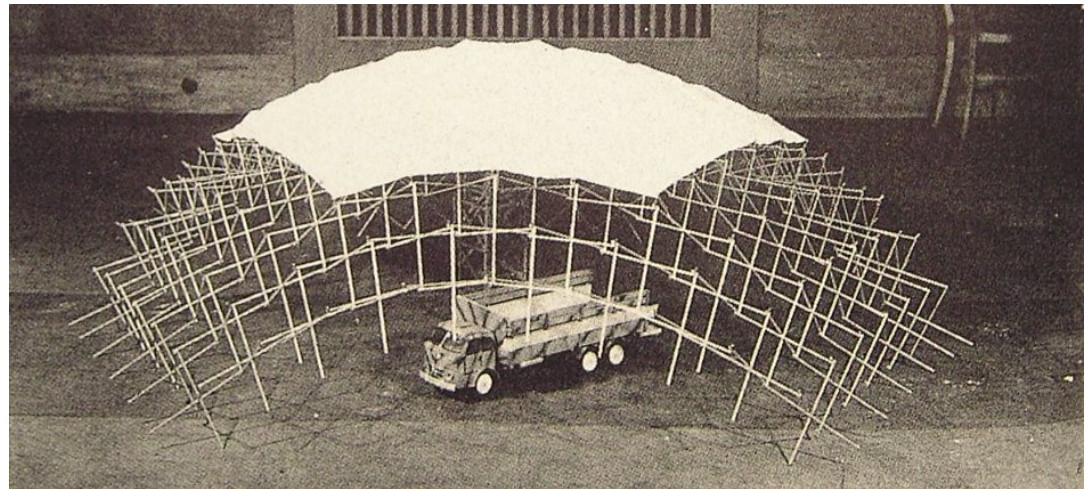
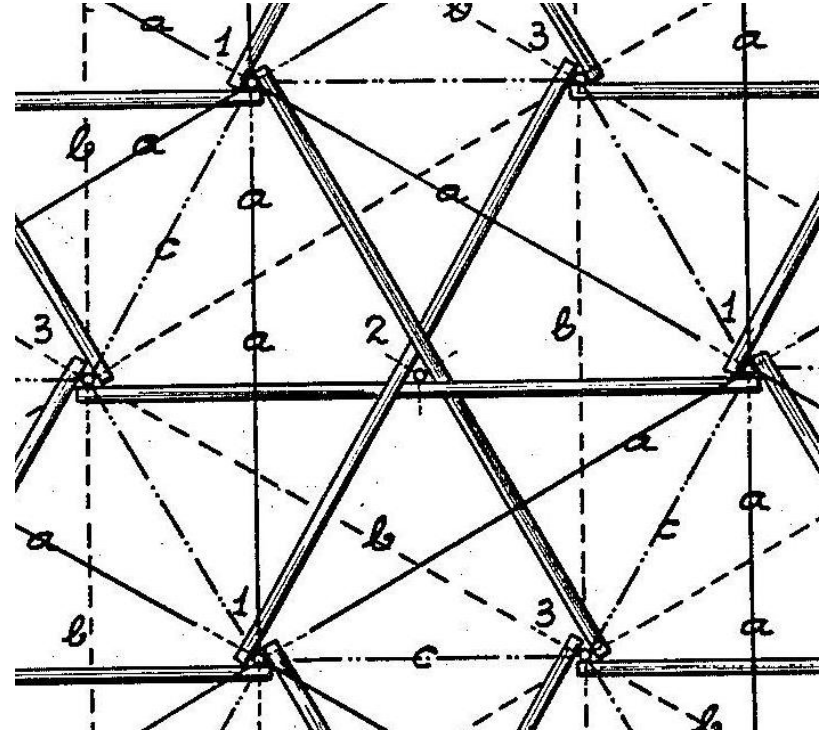
# Scissor mechanisms



# Historic examples of scissor mechanisms

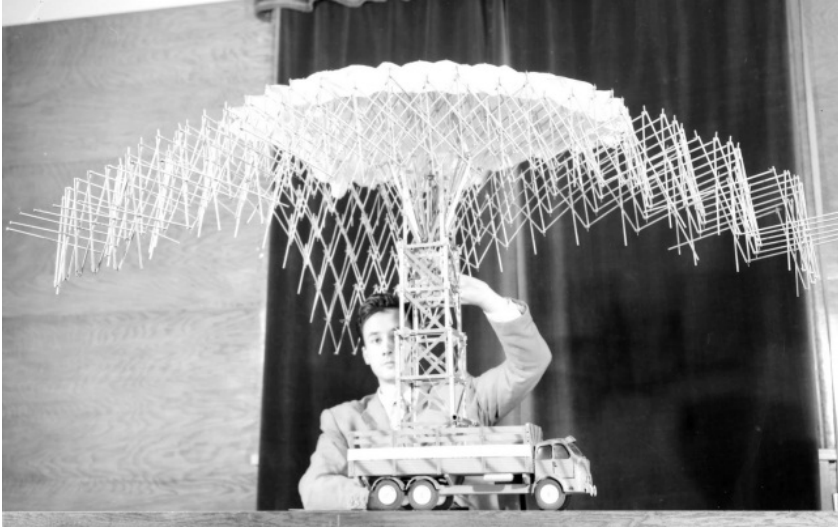


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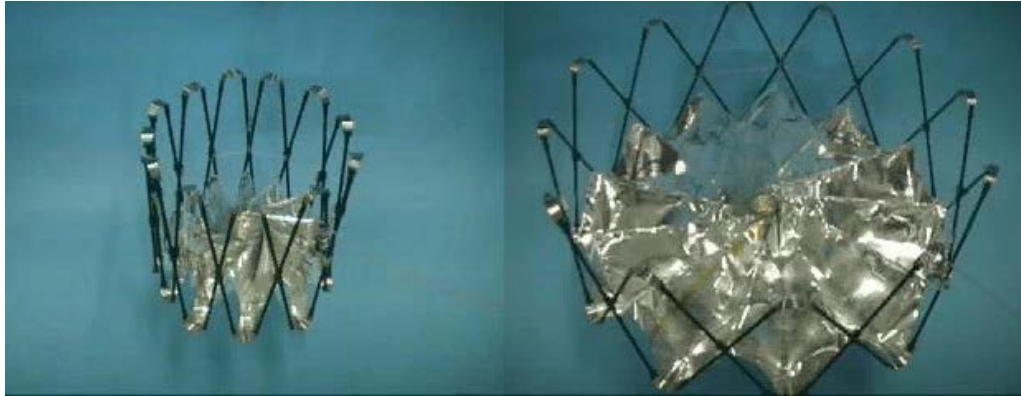
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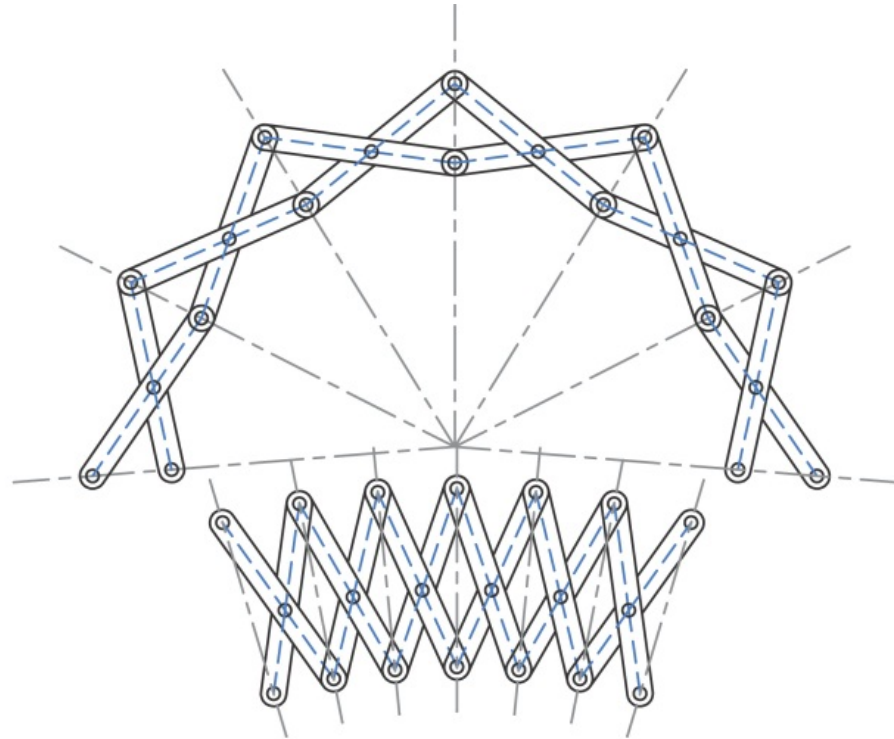
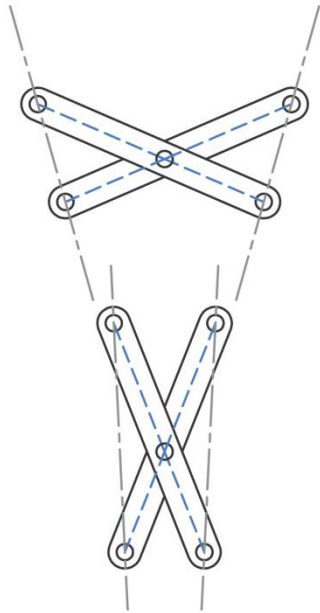


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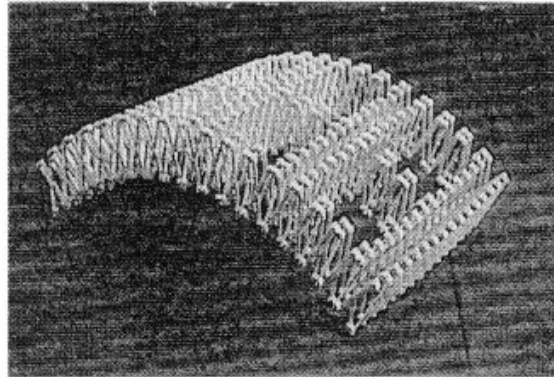


# Curvature of scissor mechanisms

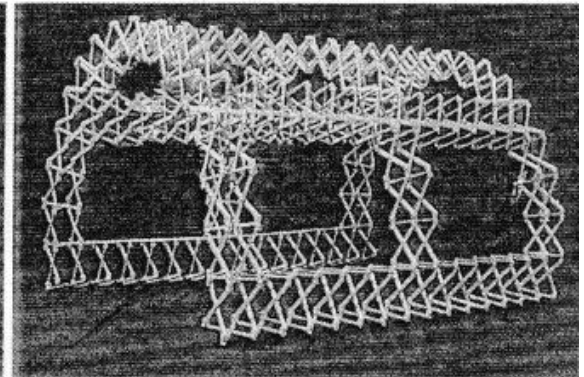
Off-center connection  
point => structures of  
variable curvature



(a)

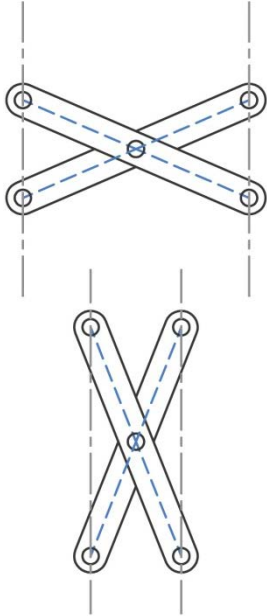


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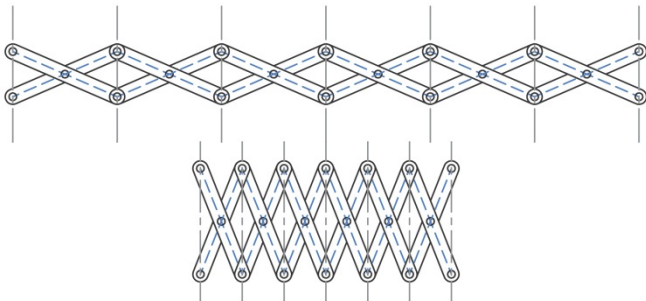


# Scissor Types

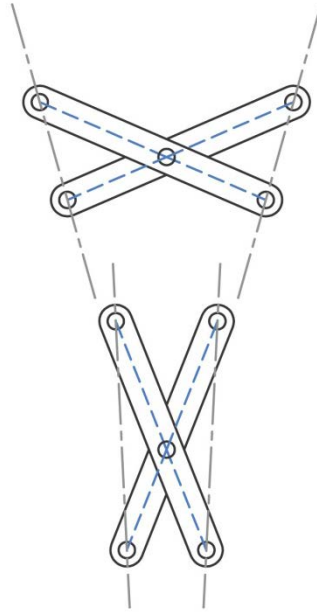
**Parallel / symmetric**



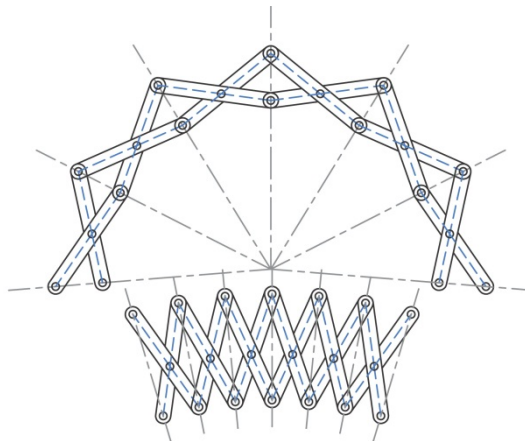
**No curvature**



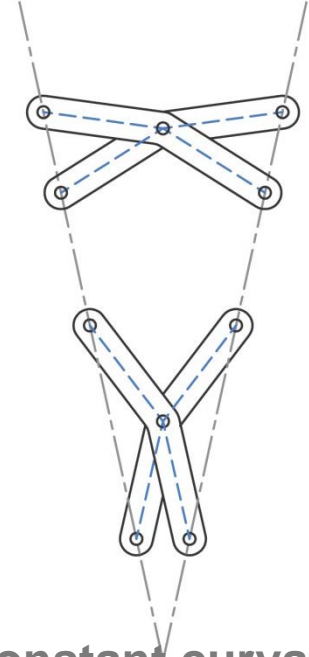
**Parallel / asymmetric**



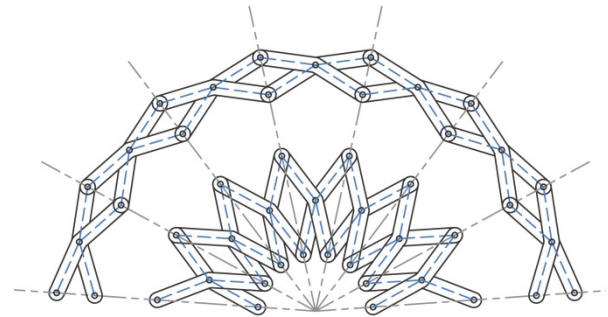
**Variable curvature**



**Angulated**

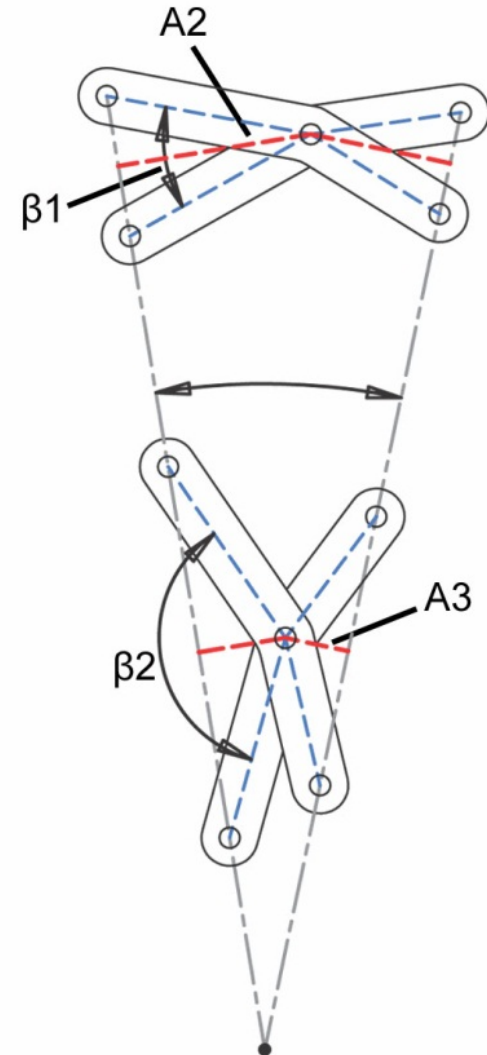
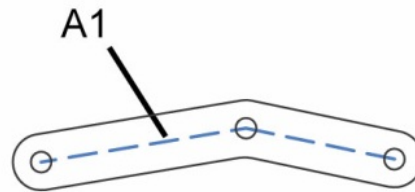
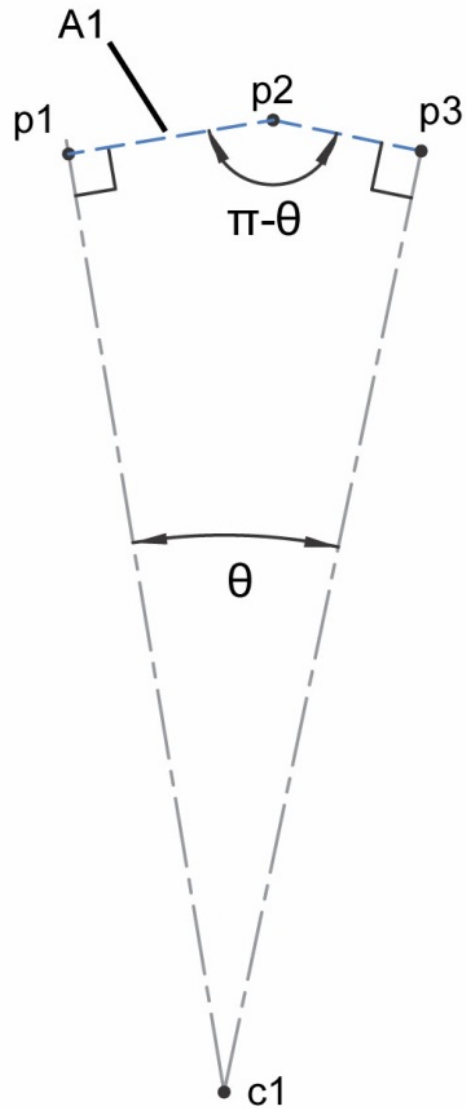


**Constant curvature**



# Angulated scissors

Provides invariant angle during deployment



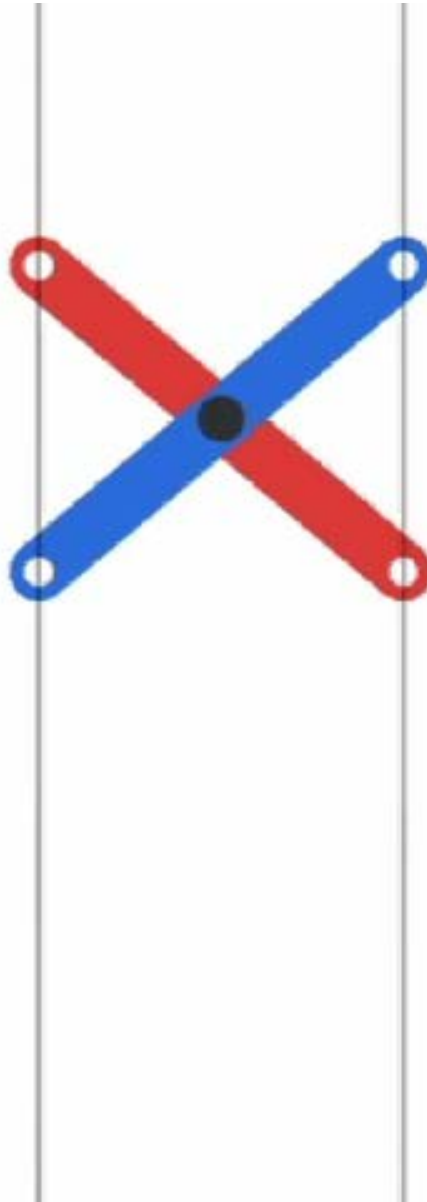
# Scissor mechanism: demonstration

Parallel / Symmetric



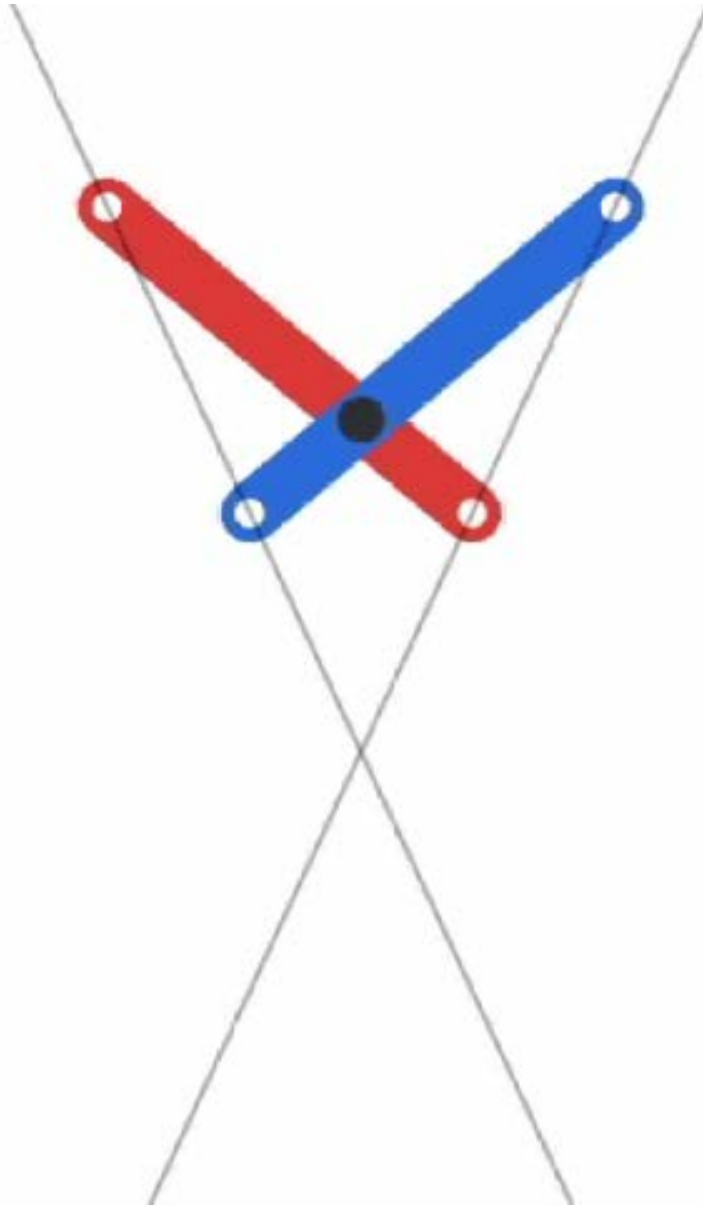
# Scissor mechanism: demonstration

Off-center connection

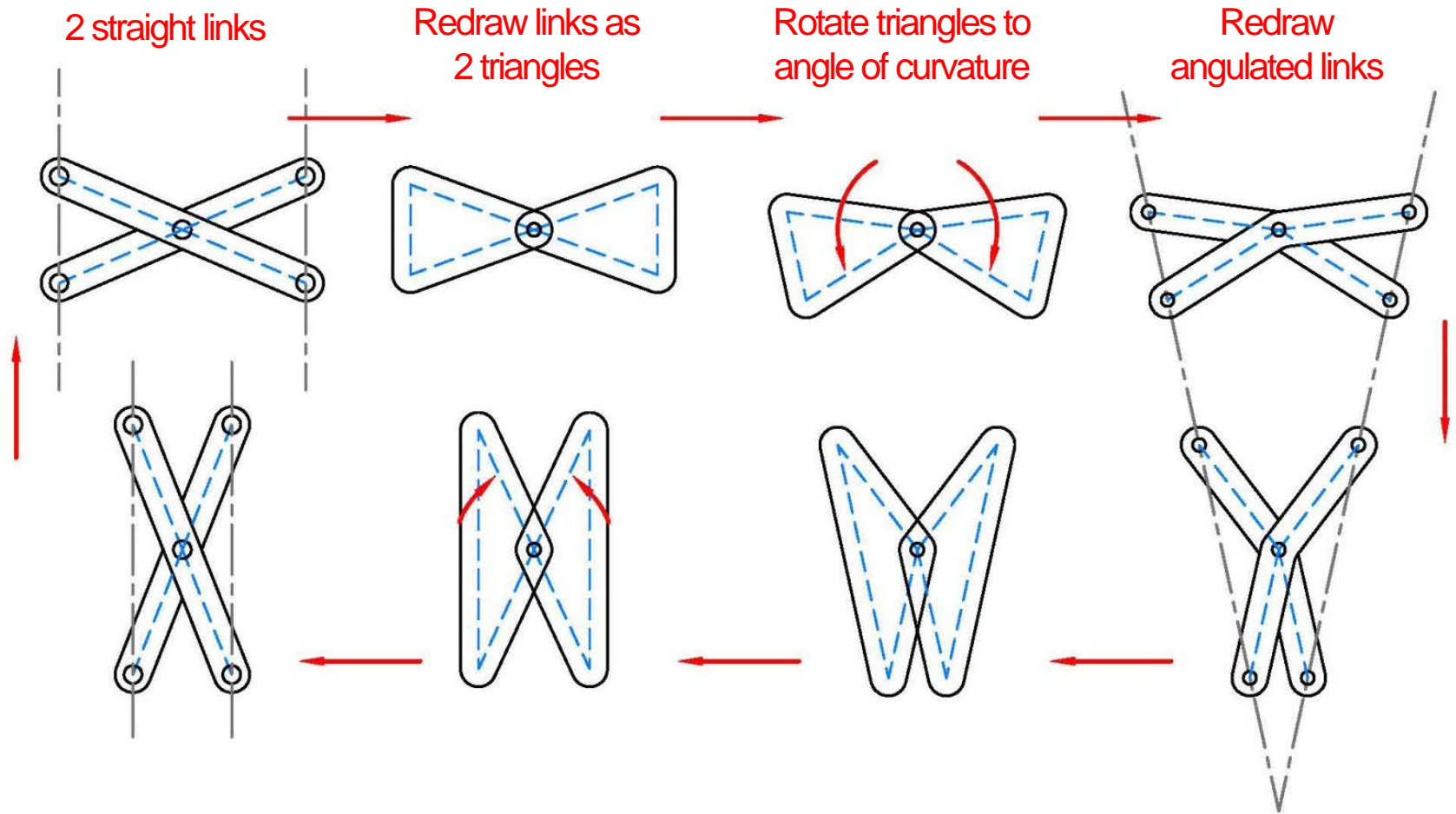


# Scissor mechanism: demonstration

Angulated

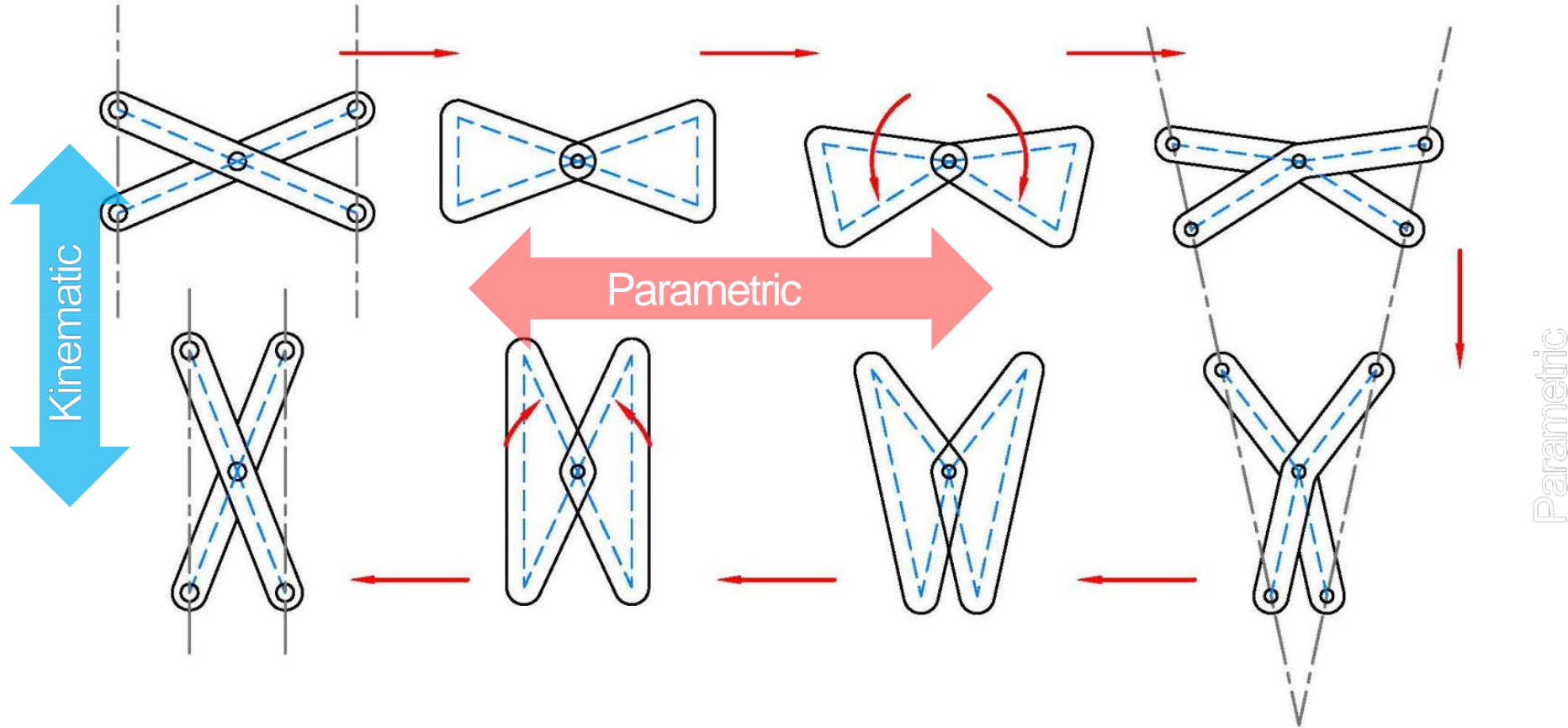


# Angulated link: geometric construction





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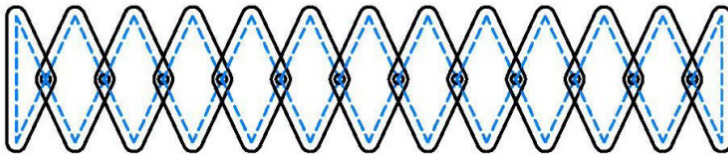
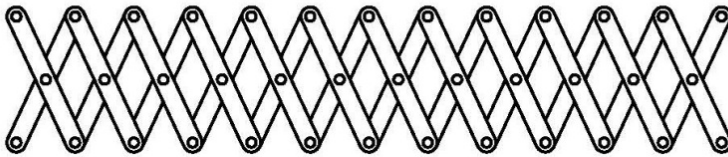
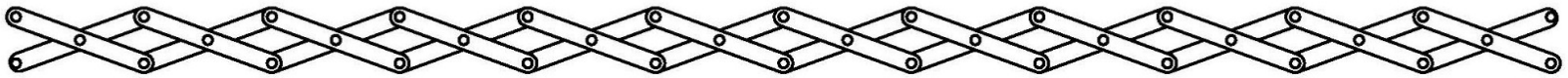


# Tong linkage

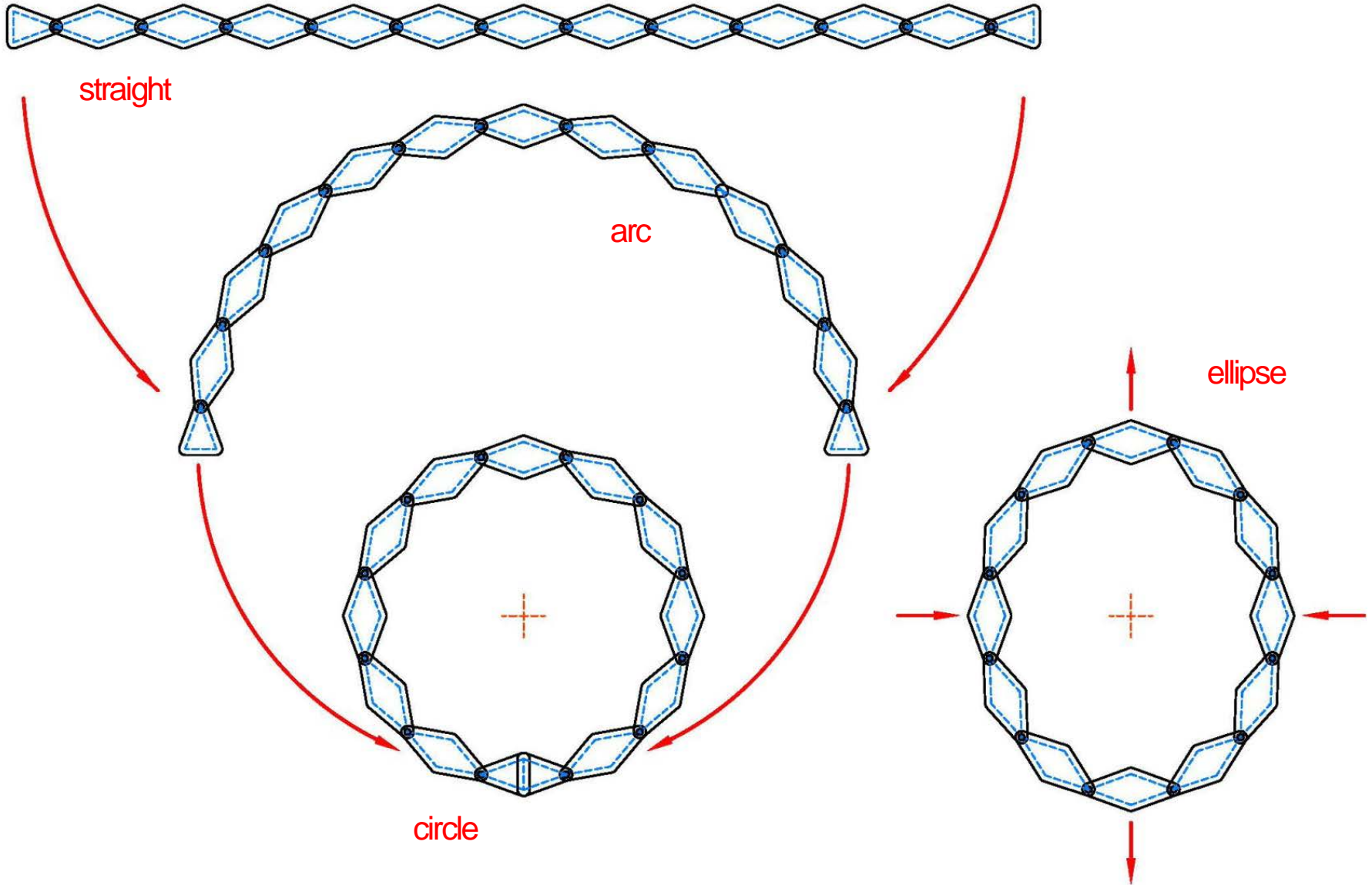
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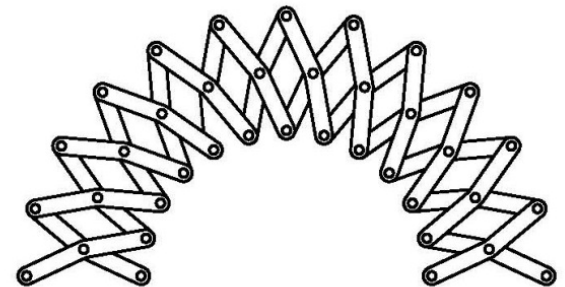
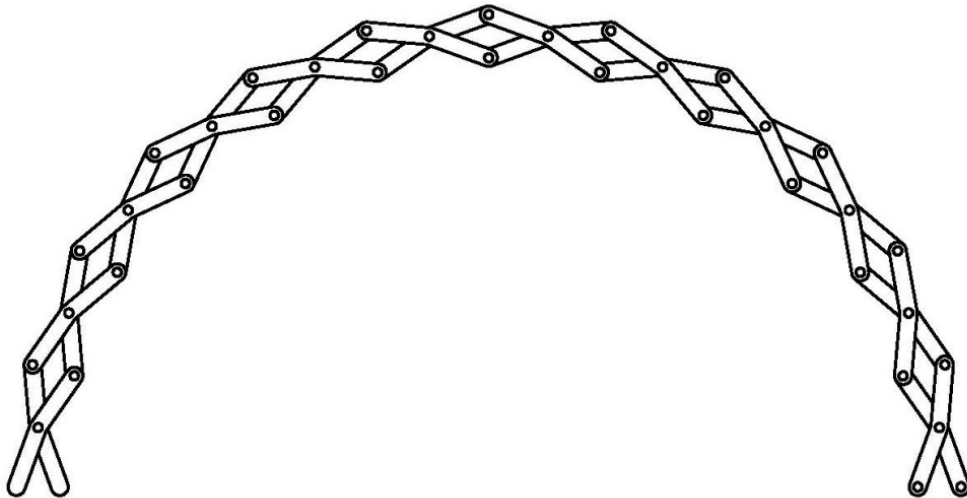
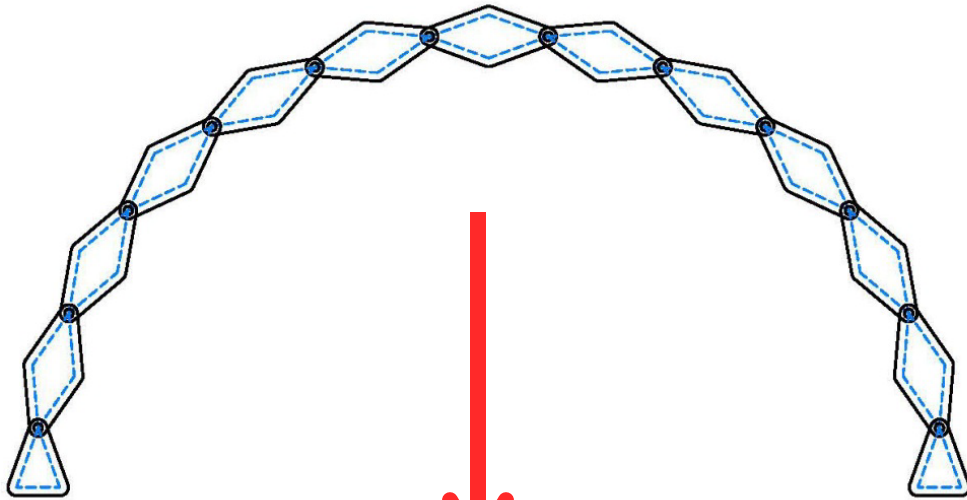
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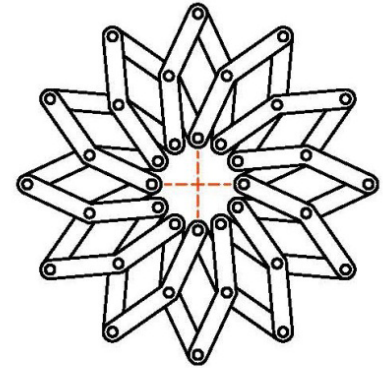
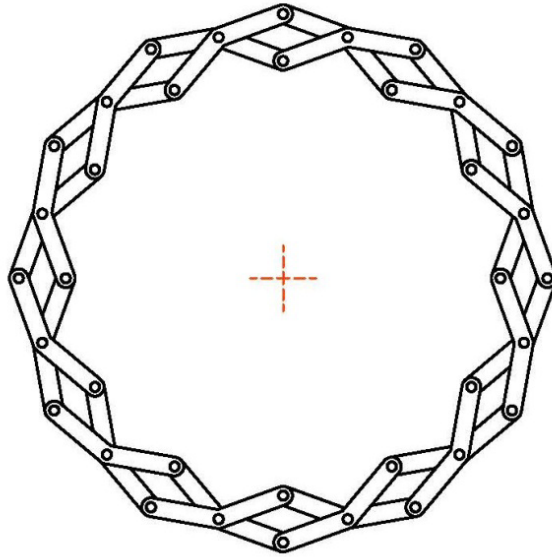
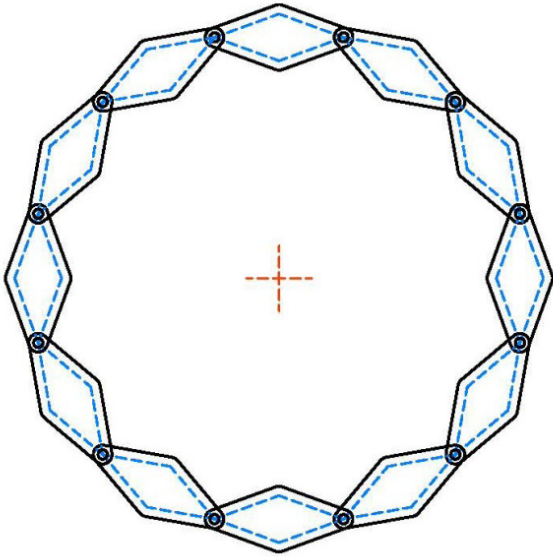
# Hinged rhombs – transforming between configurations



# Arc - geometric construction



# Circle - geometric construction



# Ring linkages

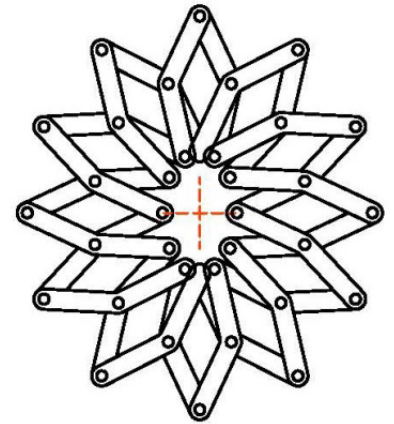
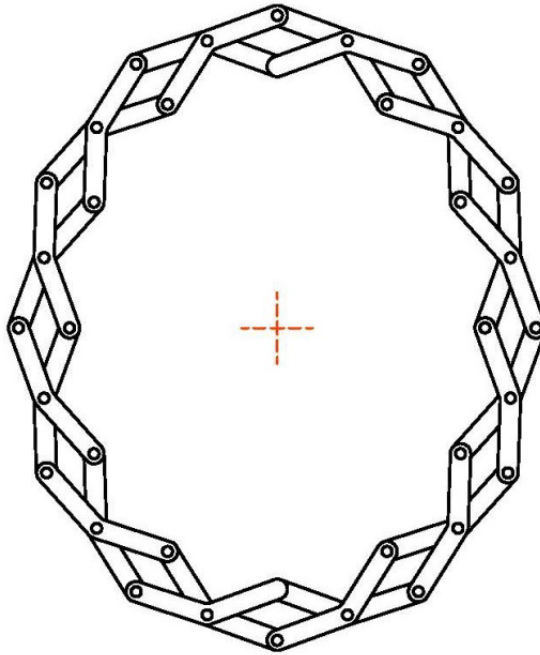
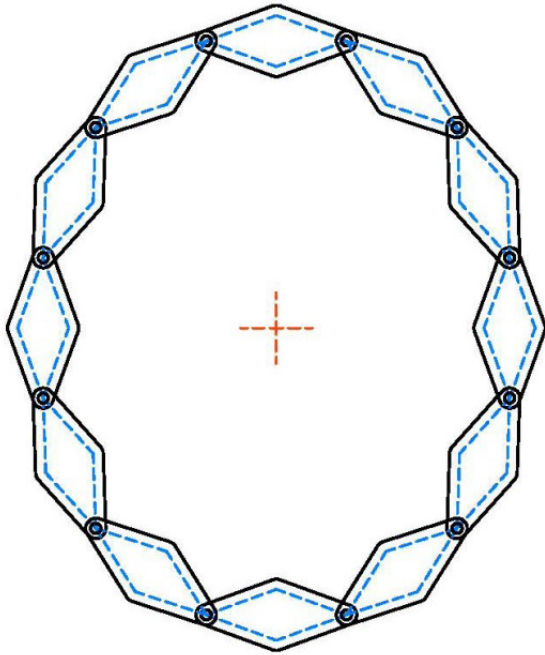


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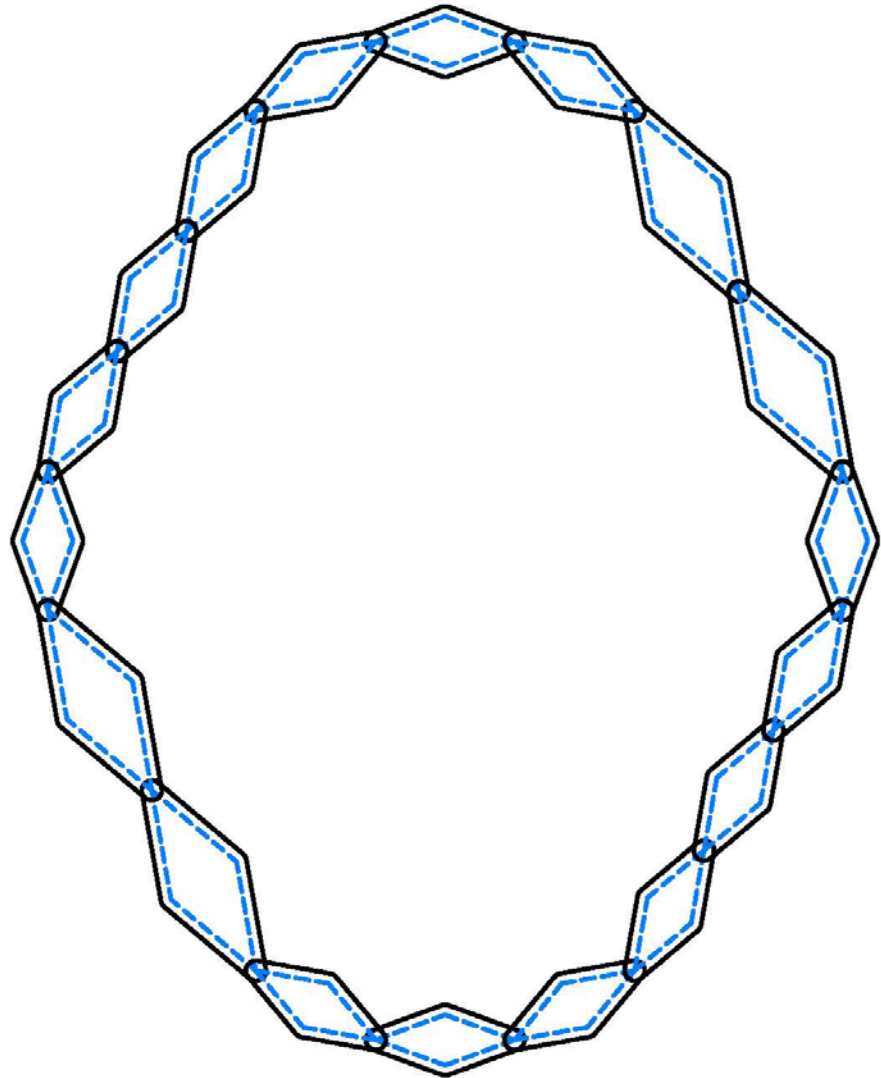
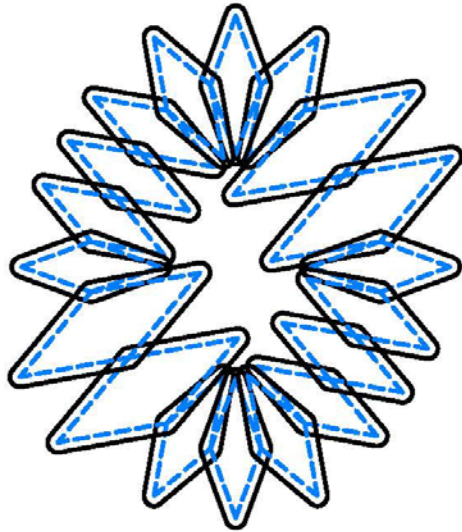




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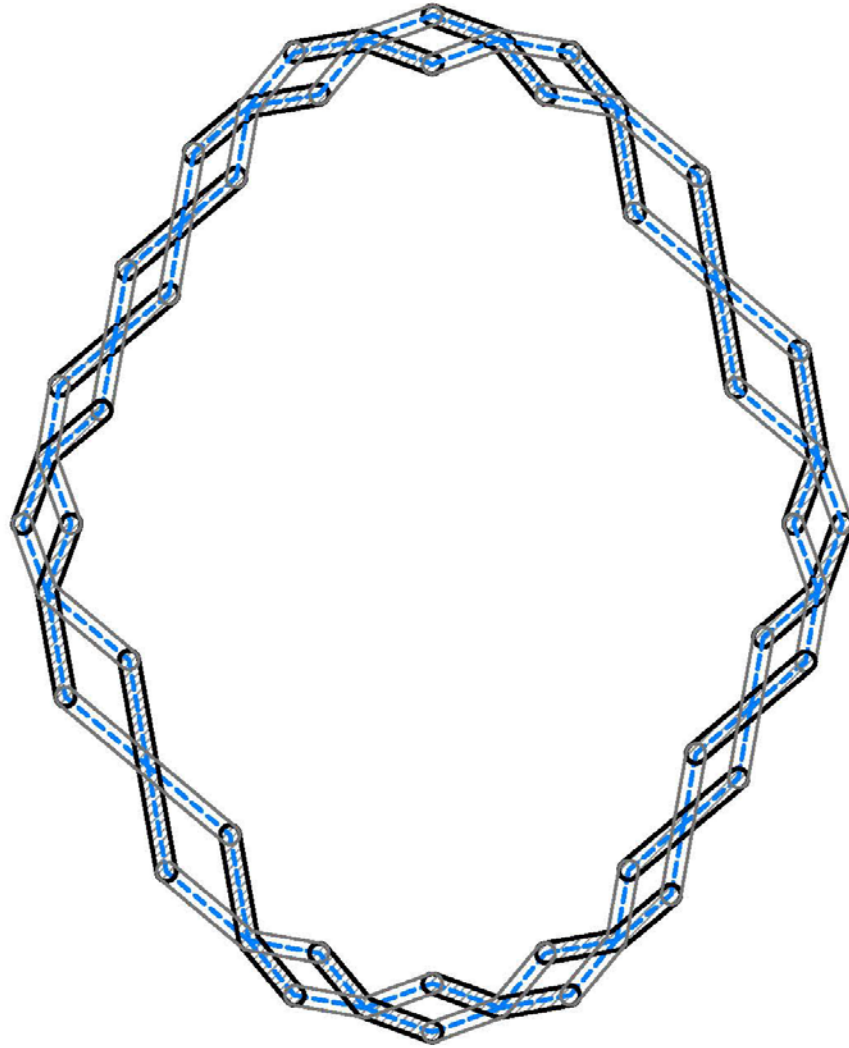
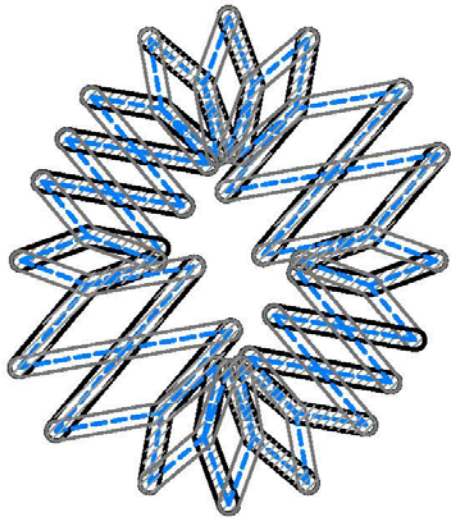


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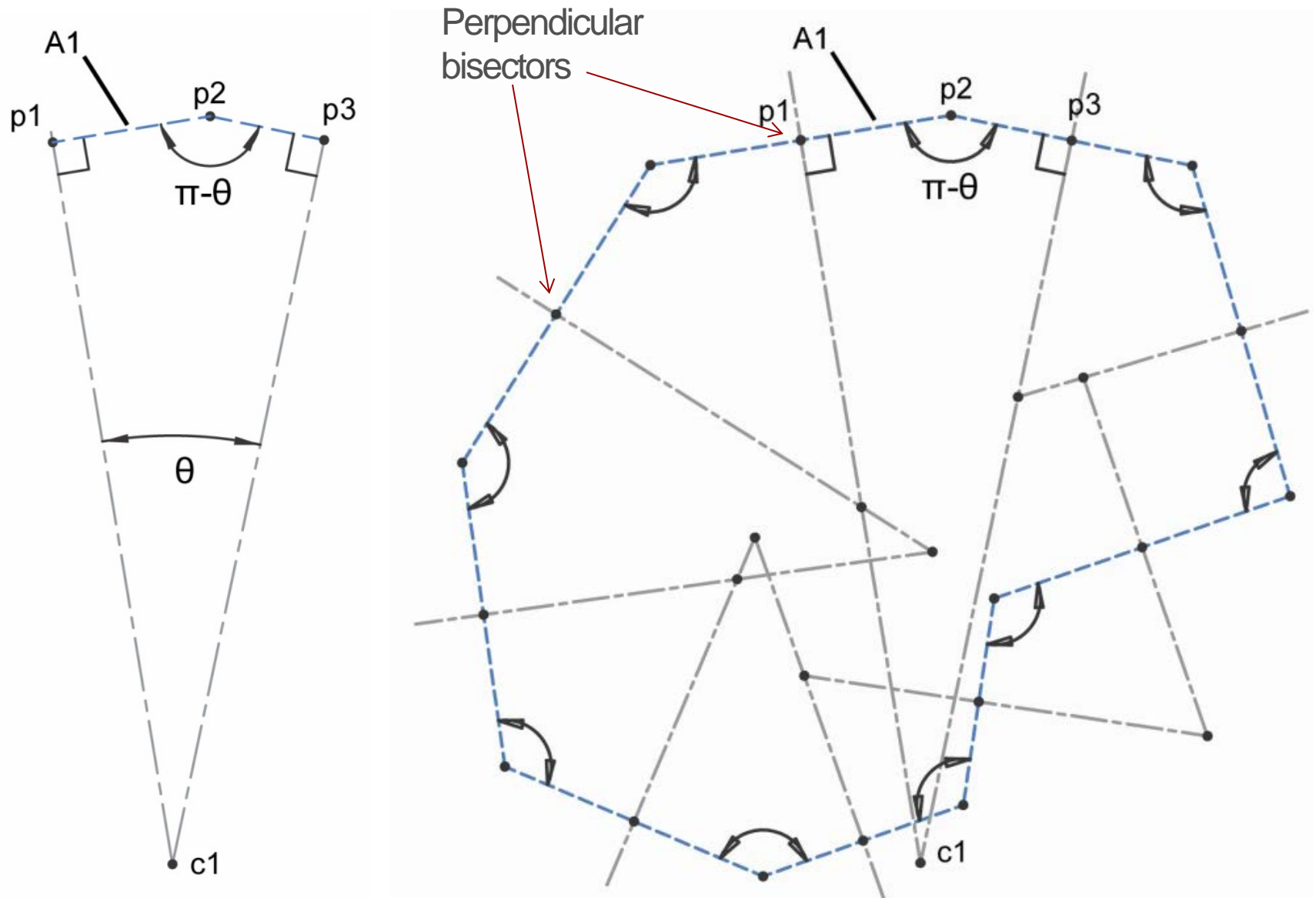




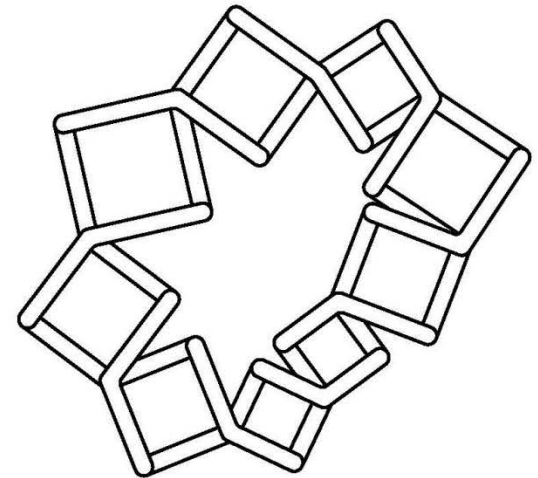
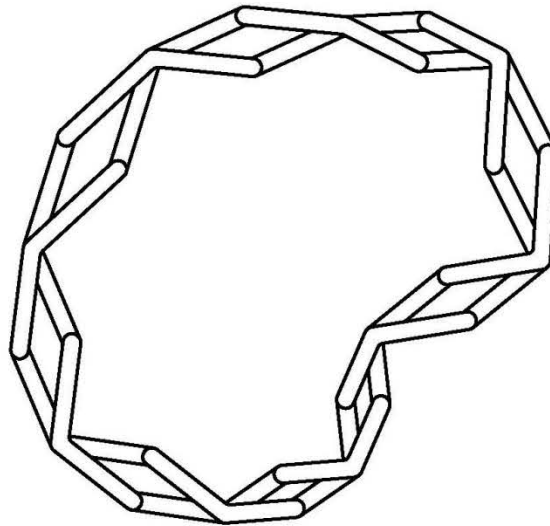
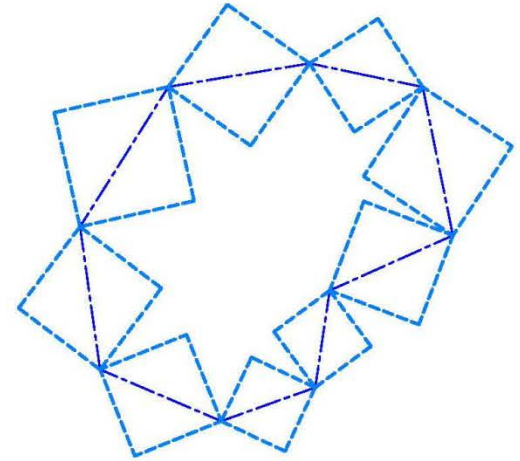
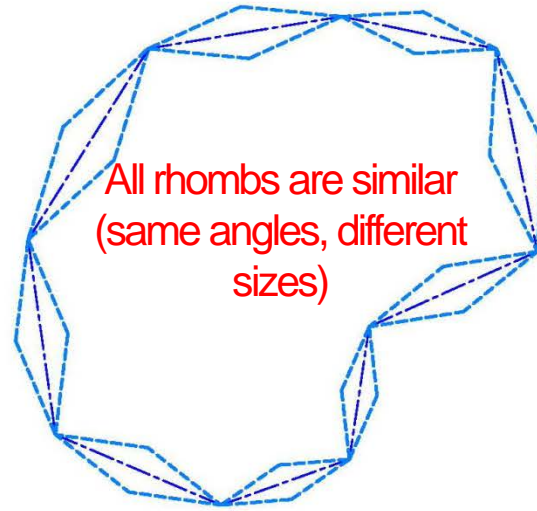
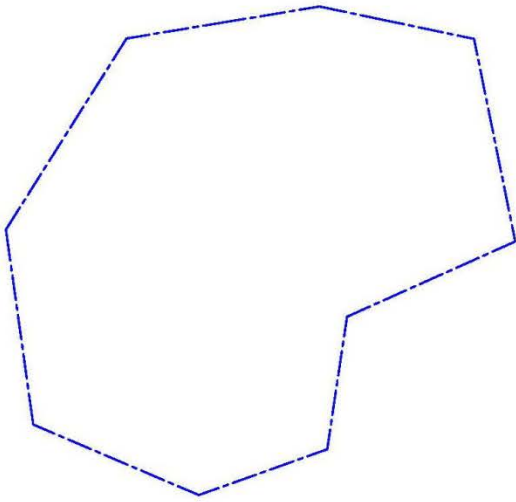
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# Constructing expanding polygons



# Irregular polygon – geometric construction



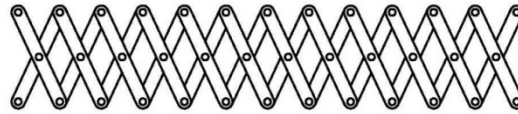
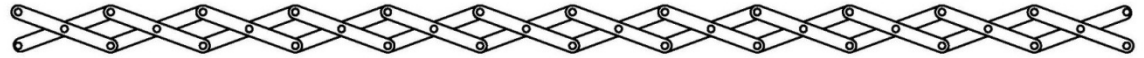
# Degrees of freedom of a tong linkage

Number of pivots for a tong linkage:

$$P = 3N/2 - 2$$

$$\text{DOF} = 3 \times (N-1) - 2P$$

$$= 3N - 3 - (3N - 4) = \mathbf{1}$$

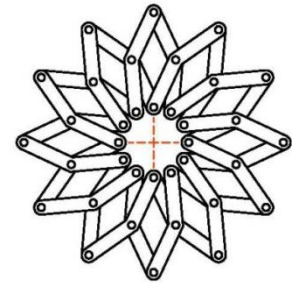
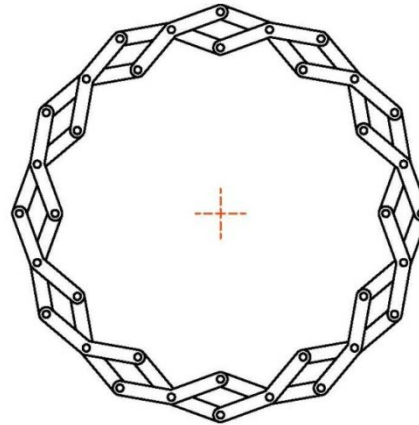


Number of pivots for a closed tong linkage:

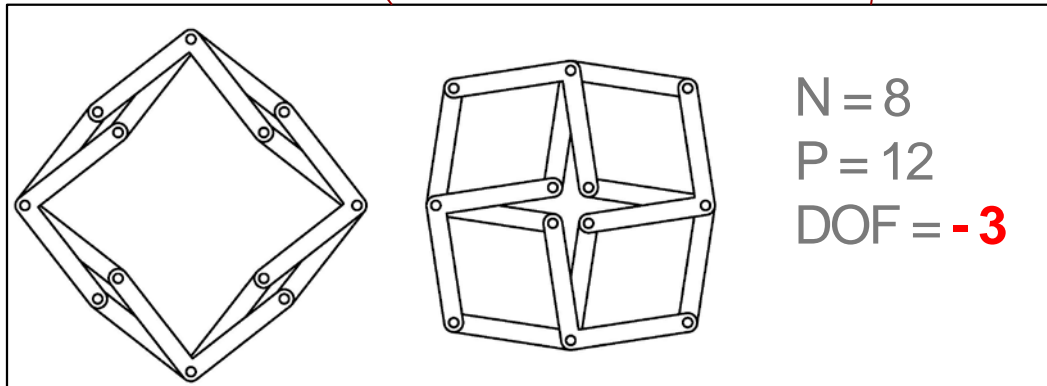
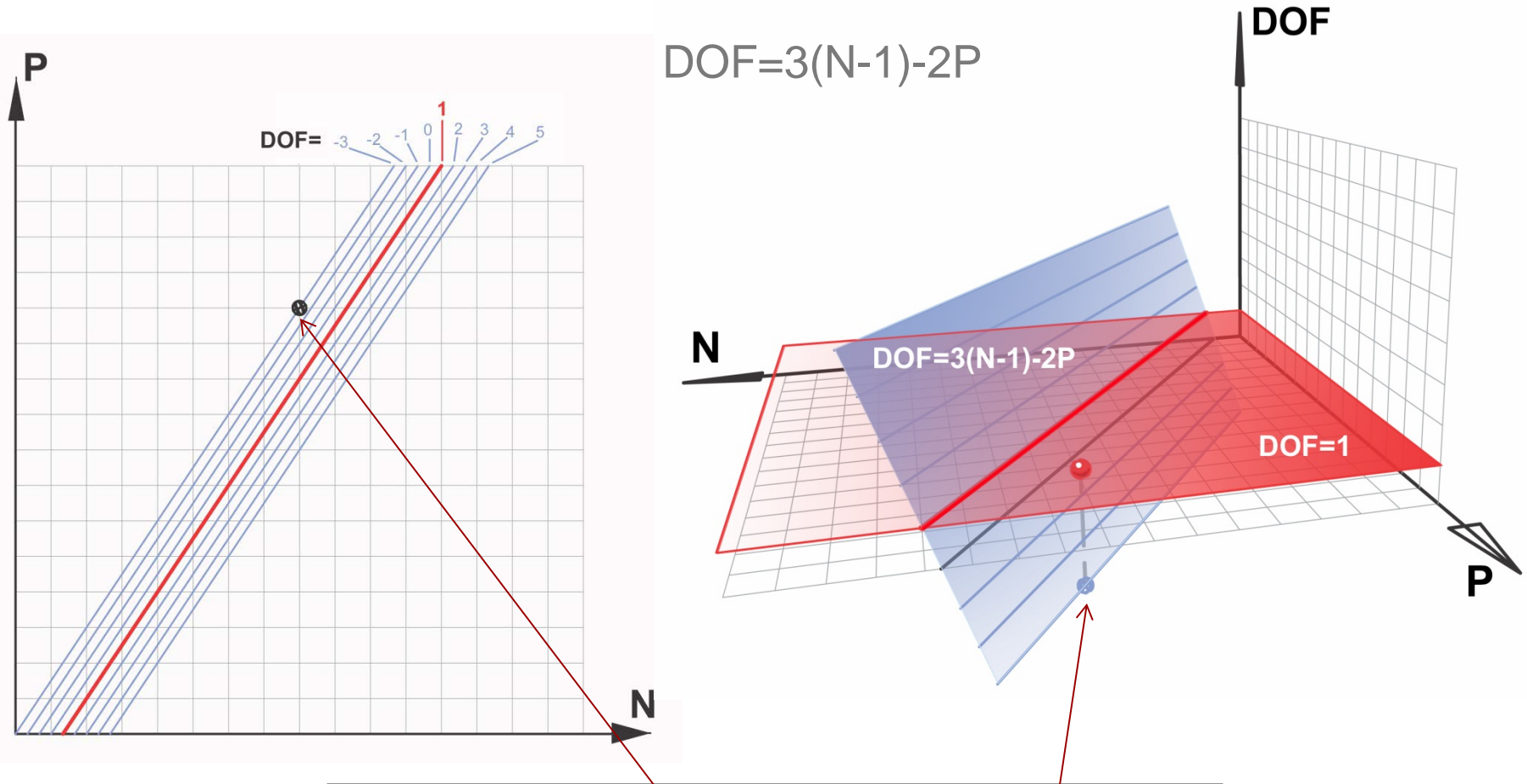
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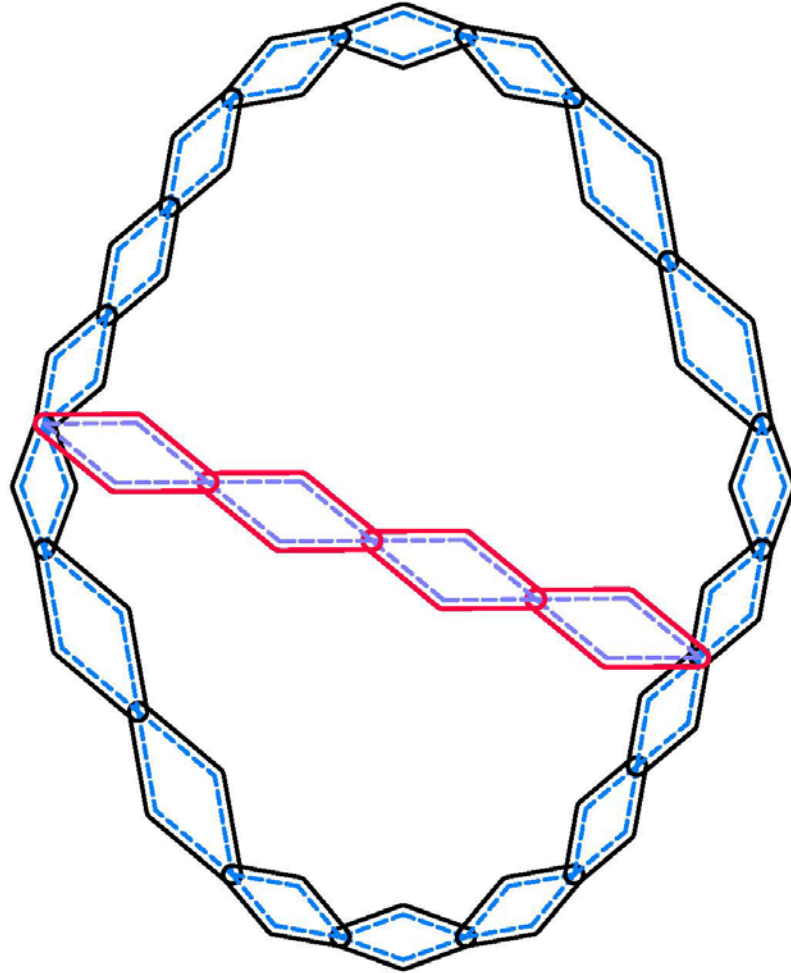
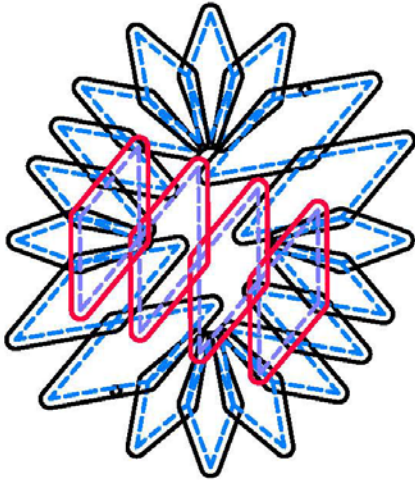
$$= 3N - 3 - 3N = \mathbf{-3}$$



# Spatial interpretation of Gruebler's equation

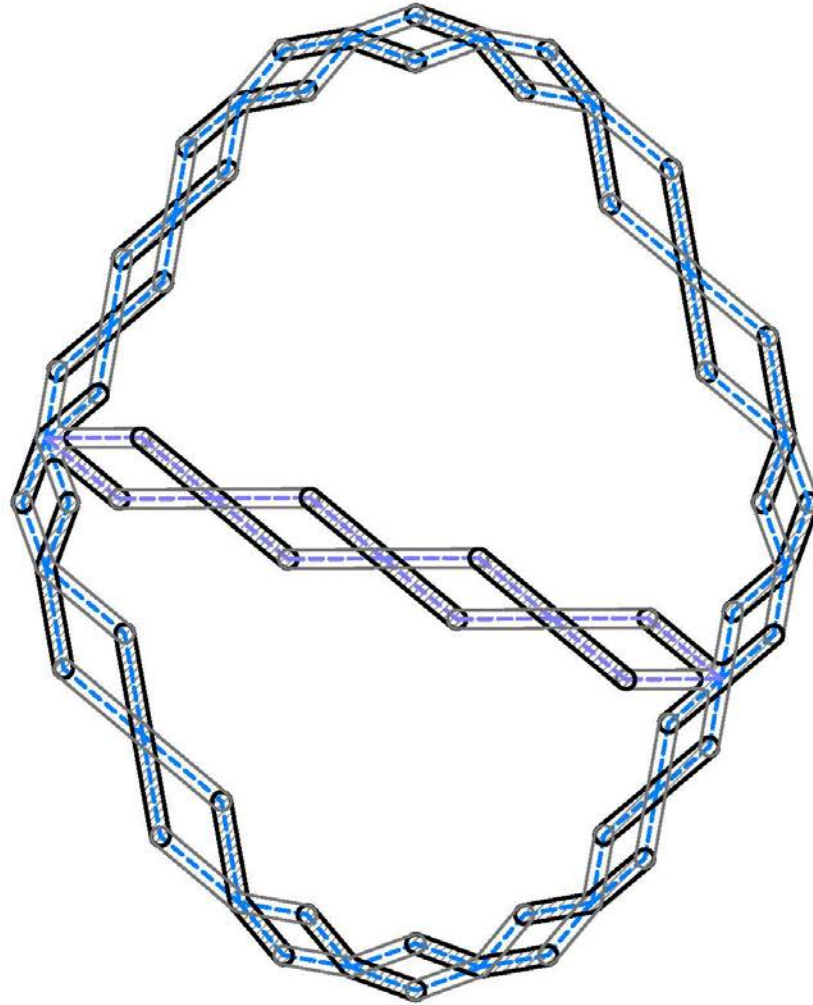
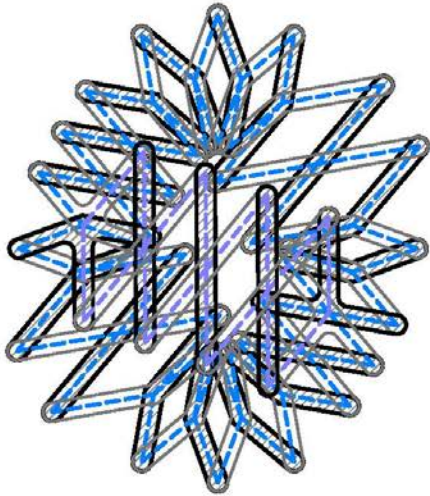


# Unequal rhombs with crossing connection

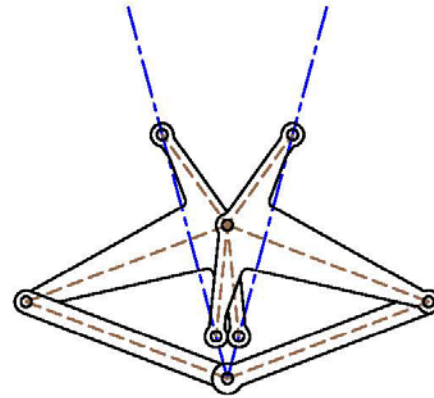
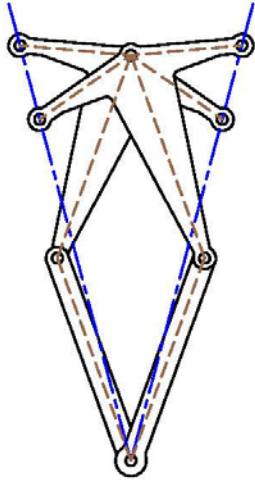




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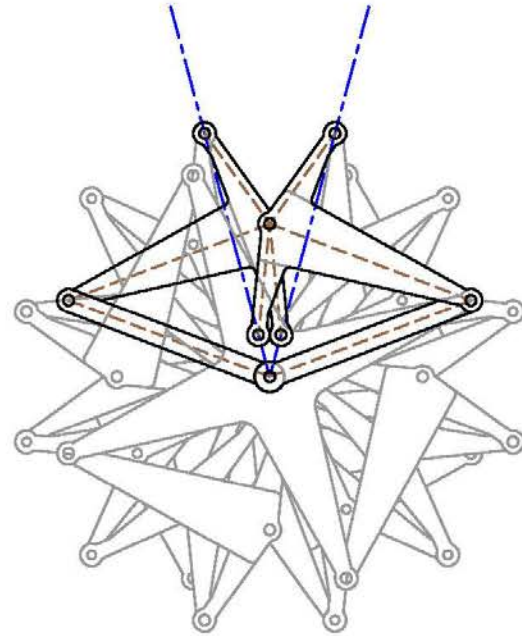
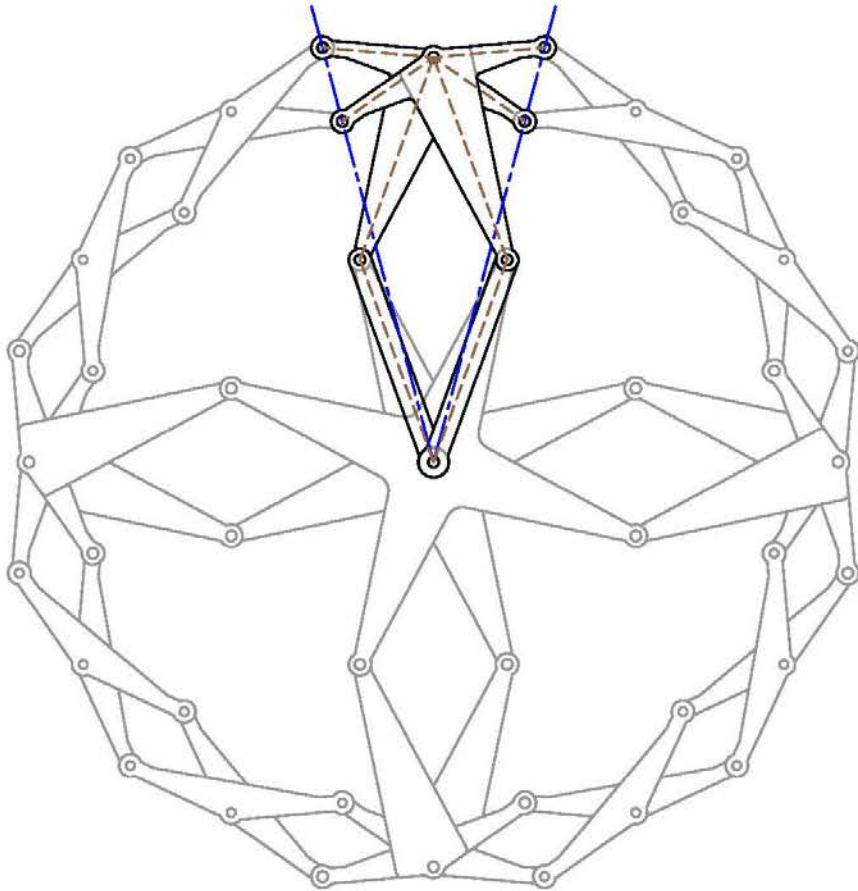


# Polygon linkages with fixed centers

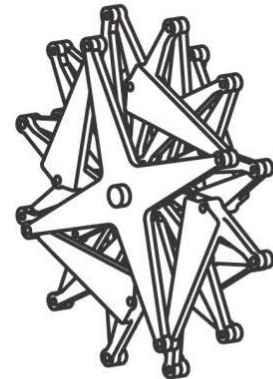
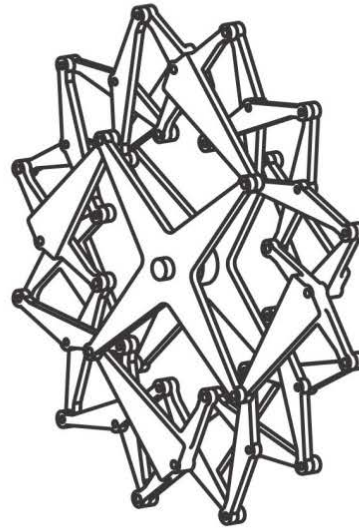
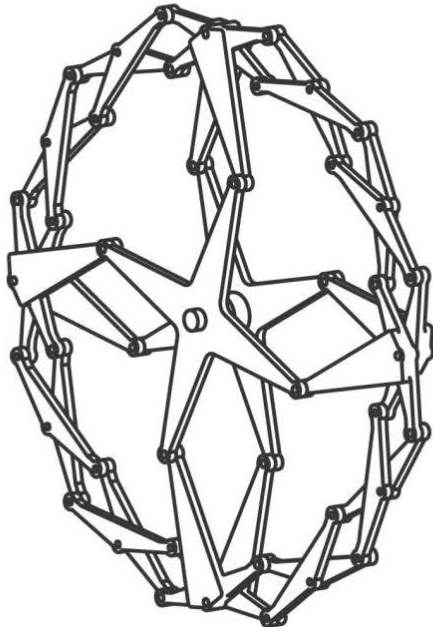
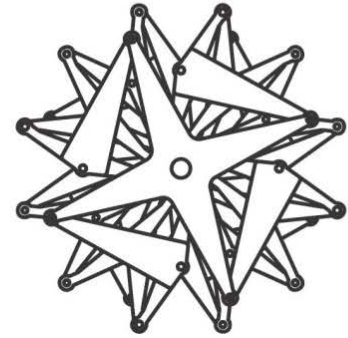
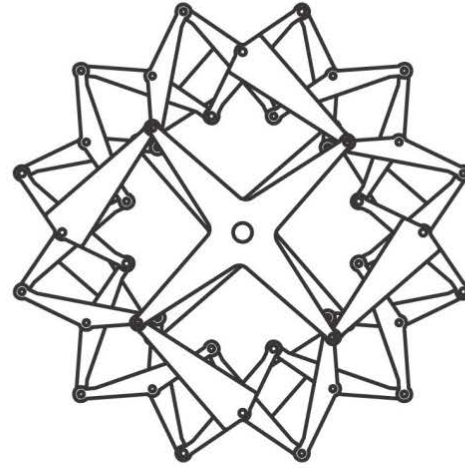
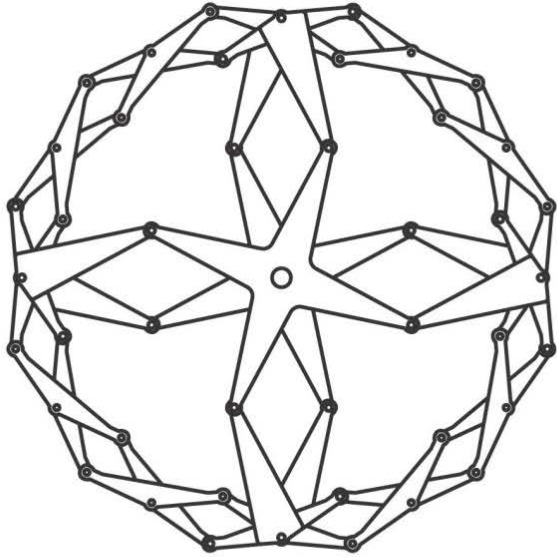




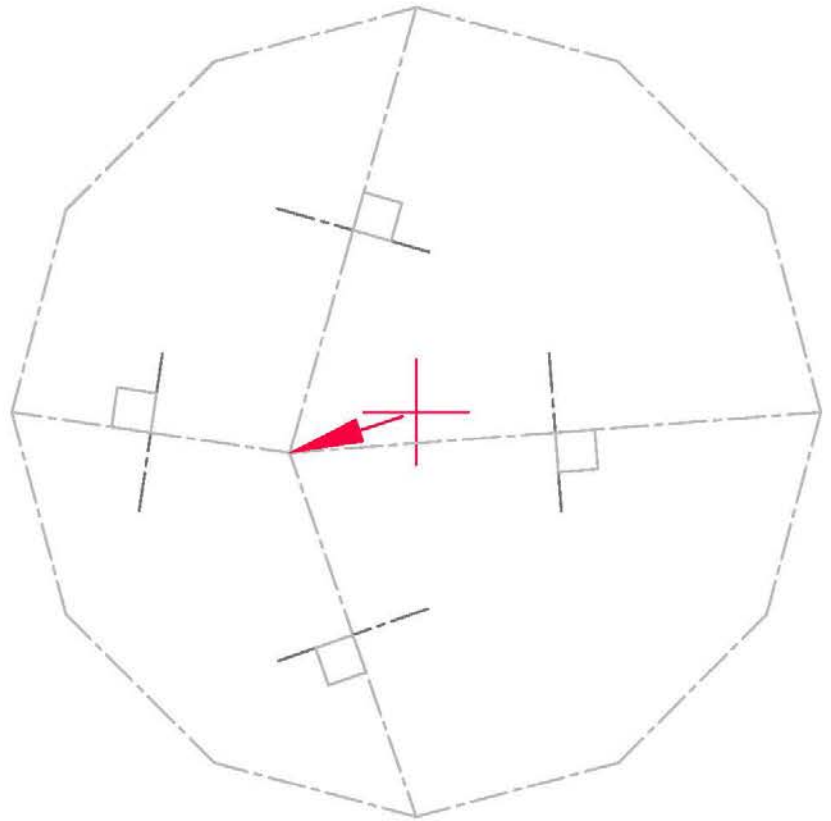
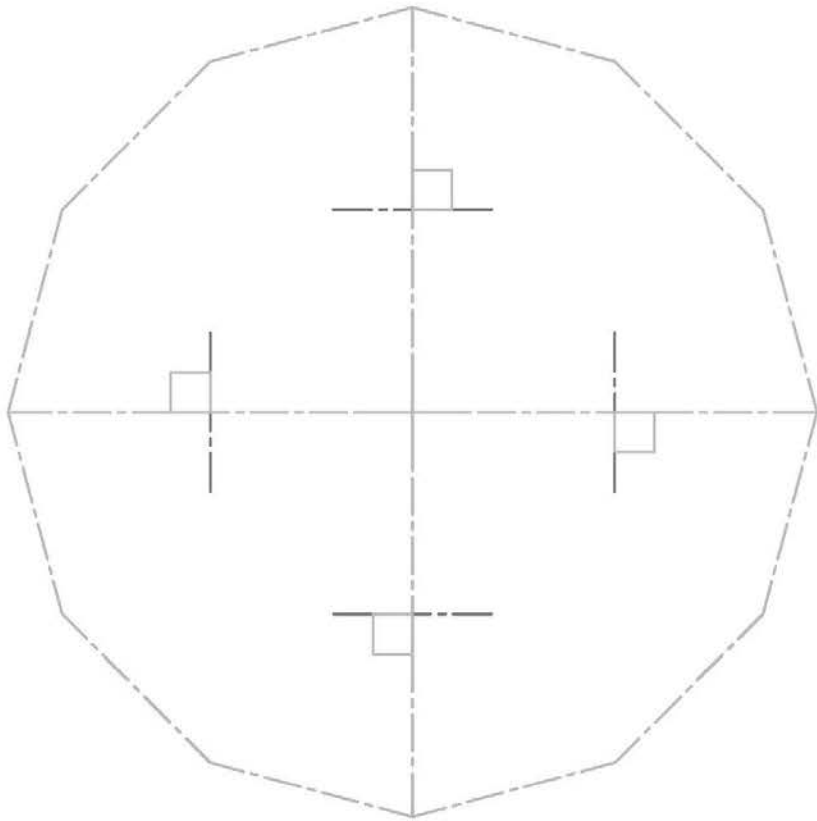
# circular linkage with fixed center (four spokes)



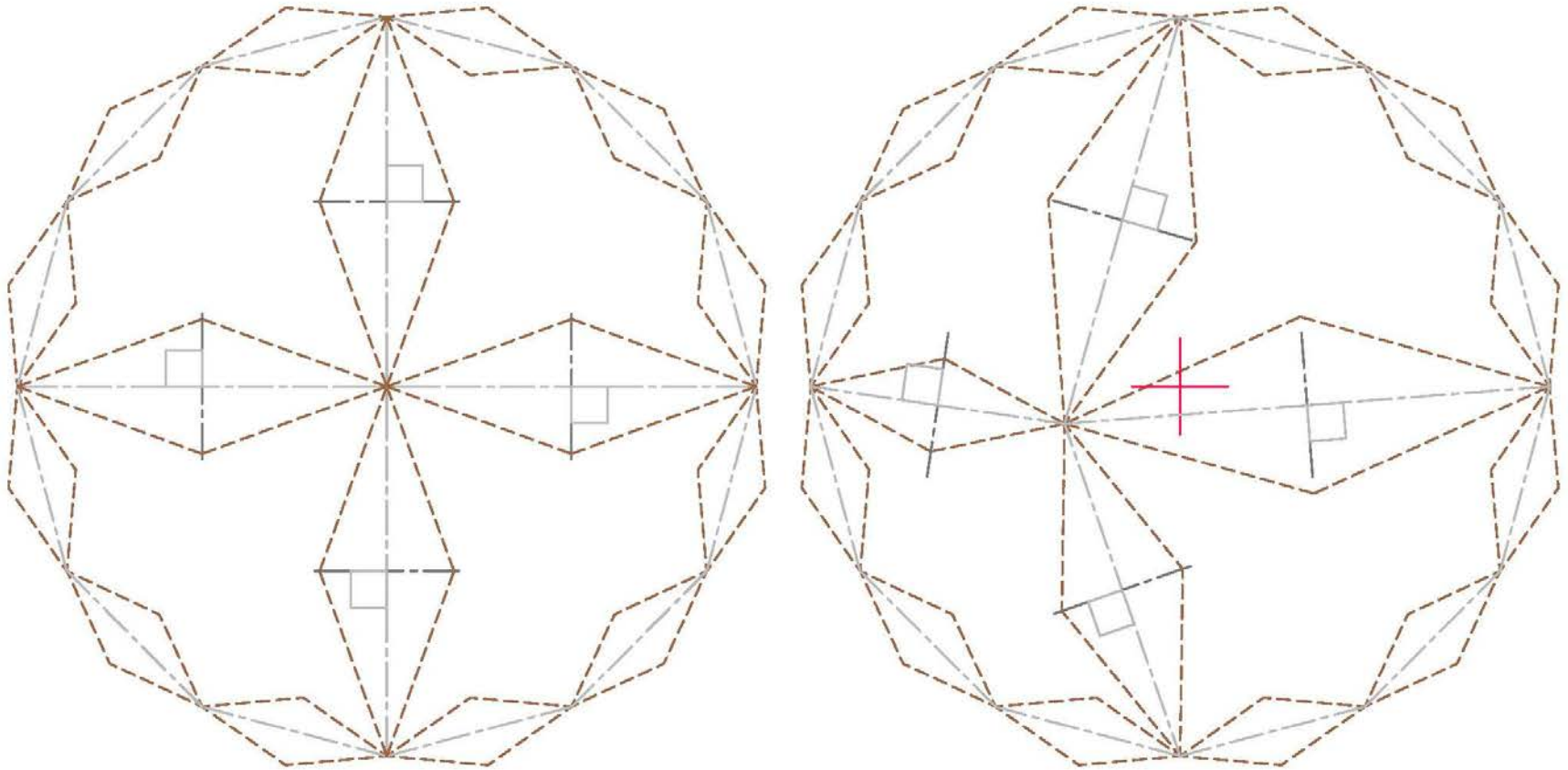
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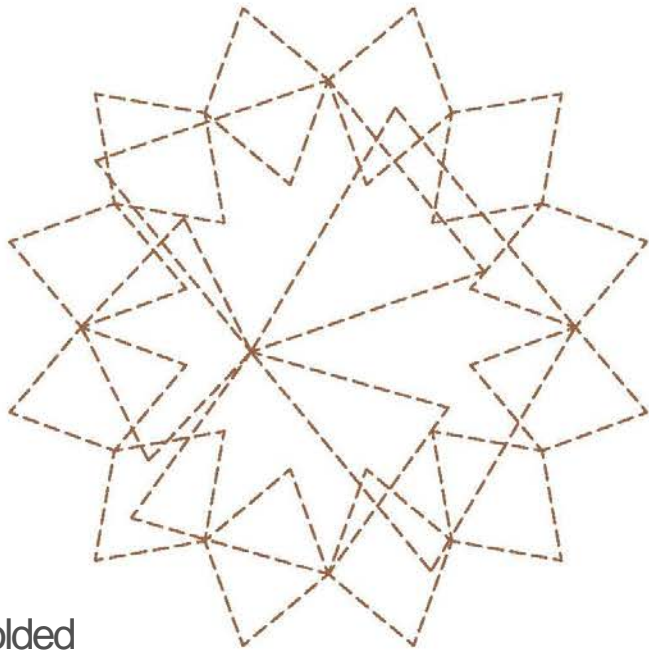
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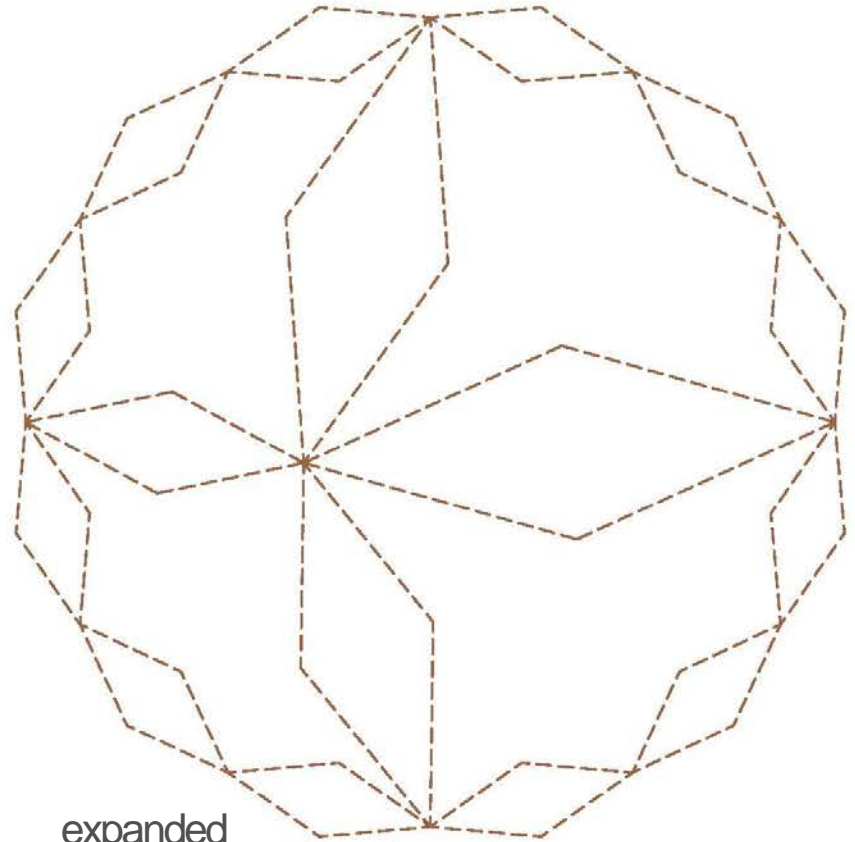
## Polygon linkages – off-center fixed point



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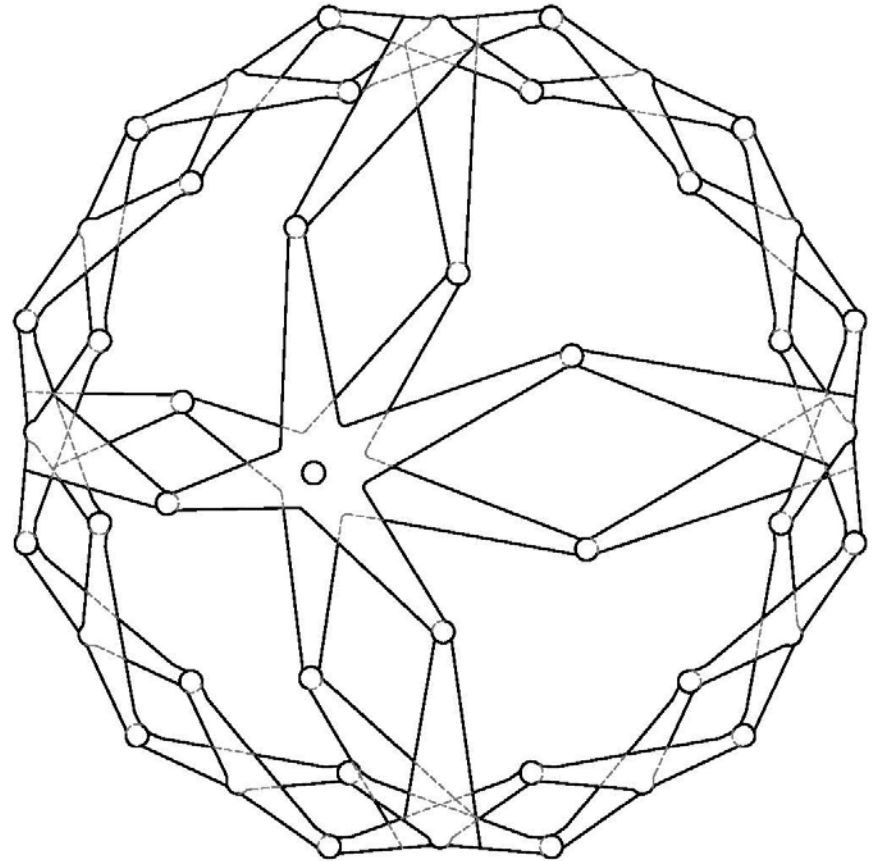
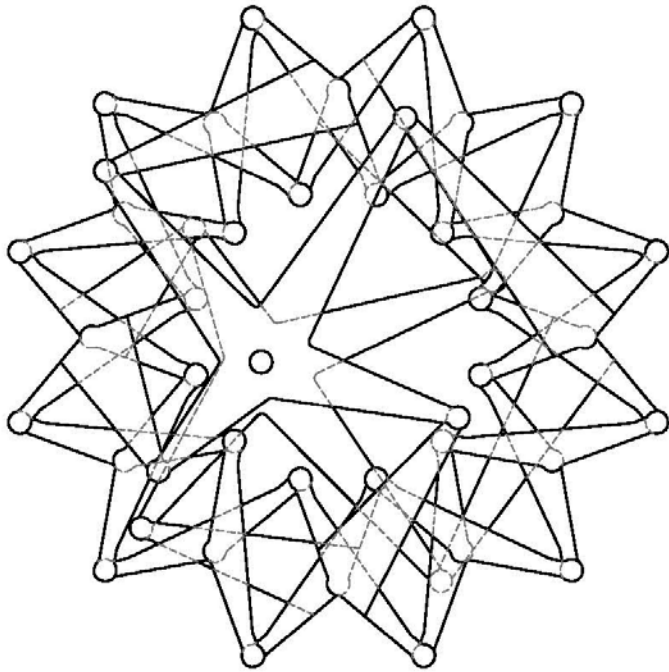


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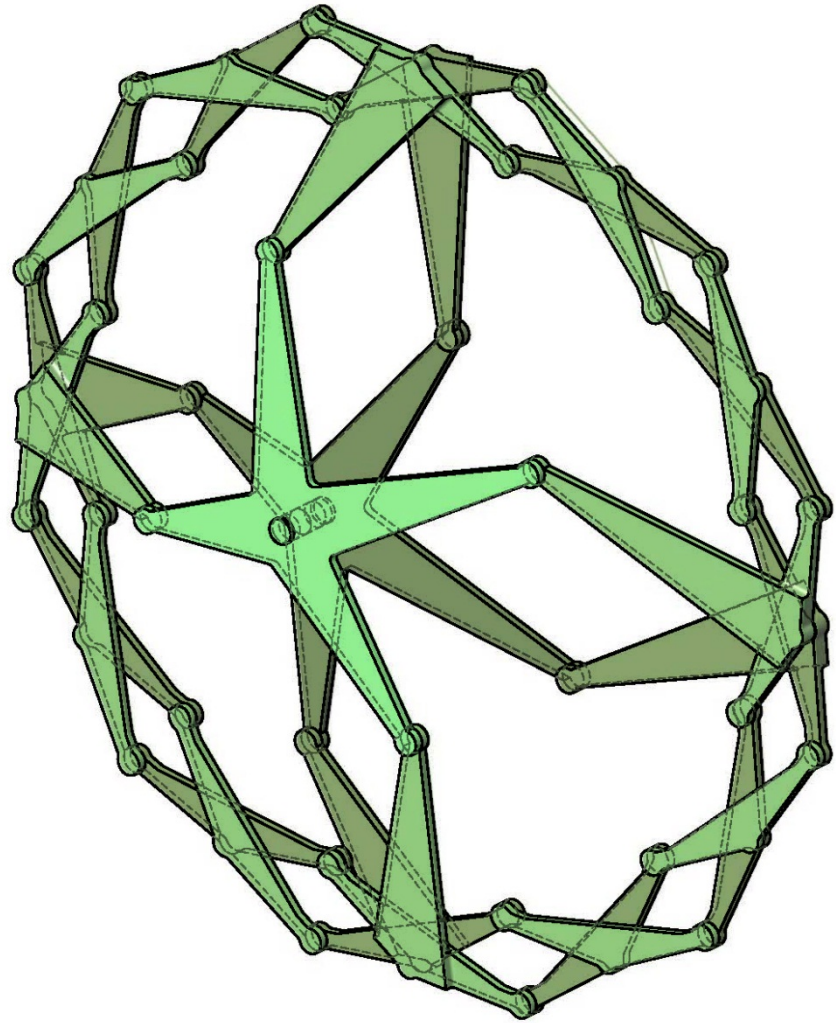
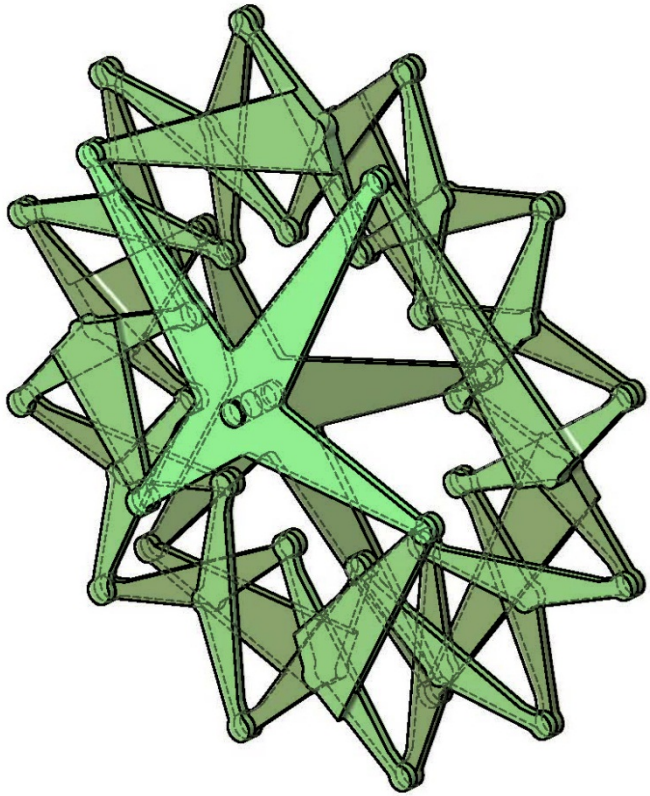
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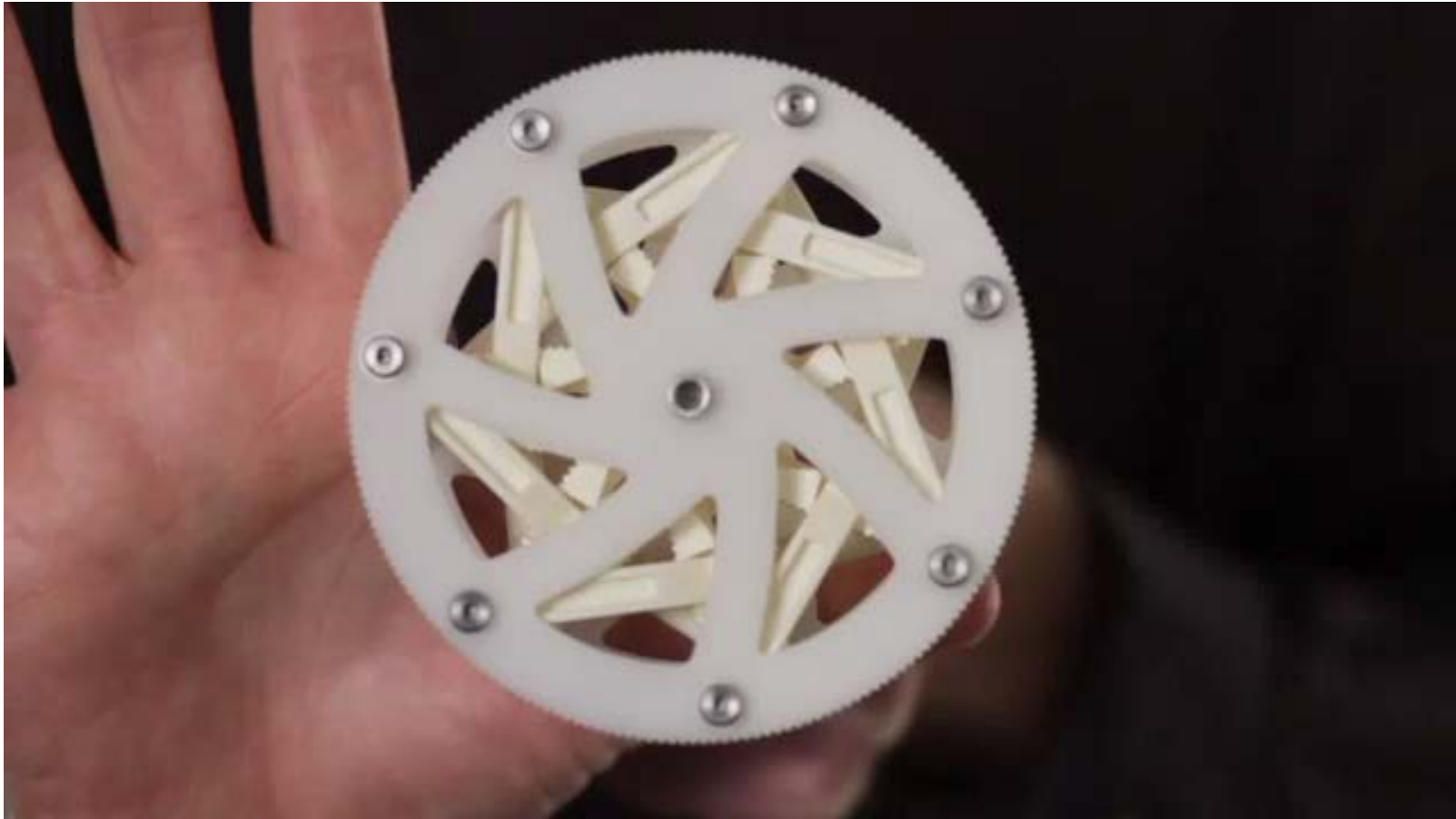




## Polygon linkages – off-center fixed point



# Ring linkages





# Degrees of freedom (Graver formulation)

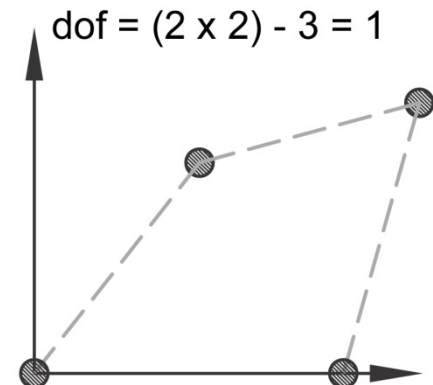
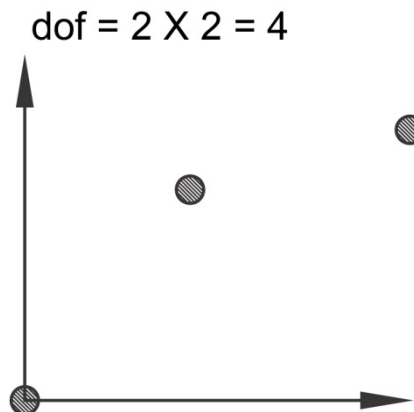
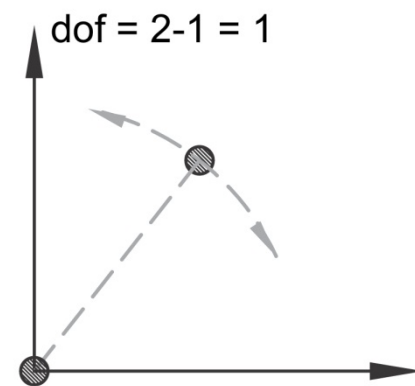
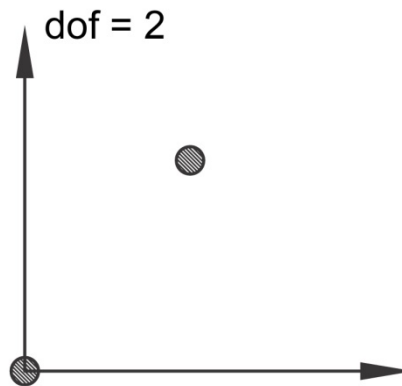
Each point (pivot) has 2 degrees of freedom

Each link subtracts 1 degree of freedom

$J$  = Number of joints (2D points in the plane)

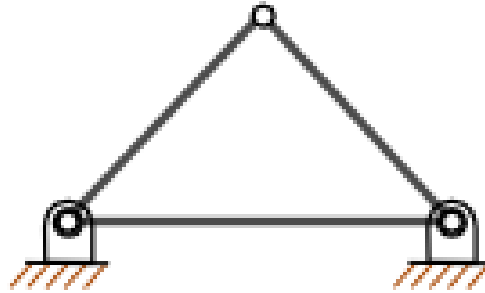
$R$  = Number of links (not including ground link)

$$\text{DOF} = 2J - R$$



# Examples

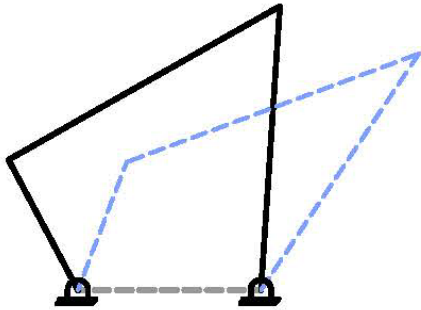
$$\text{DOF} = 2J - R$$



$$J = 1$$

$$R = 2$$

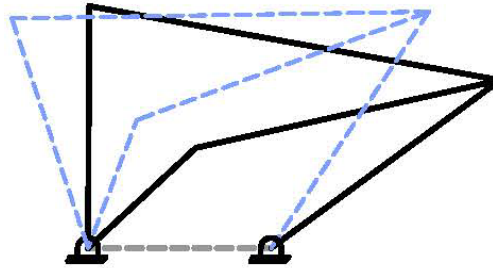
$$\text{DOF} = (2 \times 1) - (1 \times 2) = 0$$



$$J = 2$$

$$R = 3$$

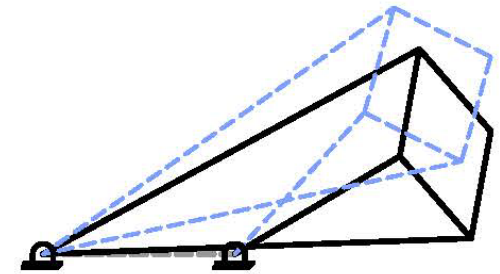
$$\text{DOF} = (2 \times 2) - (3 \times 1) = 1$$



$$J = 3$$

$$R = 5$$

$$\text{DOF} = (2 \times 3) - (5 \times 1) = 1$$



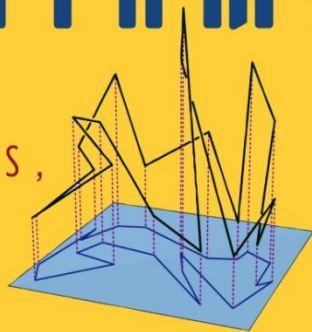
$$J = 4$$

$$R = 7$$

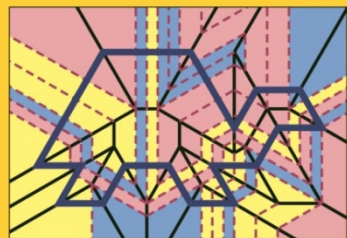
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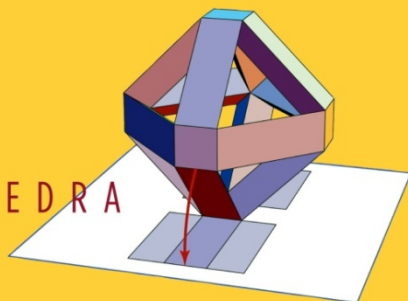
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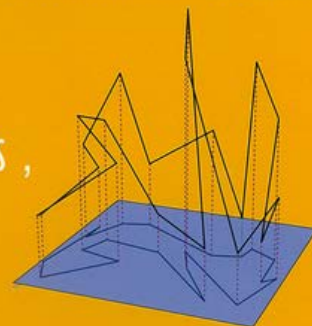
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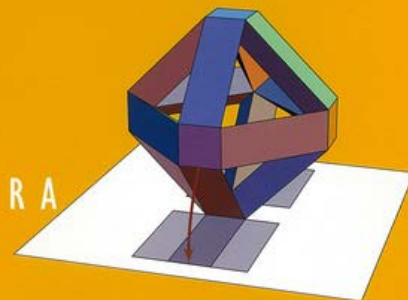
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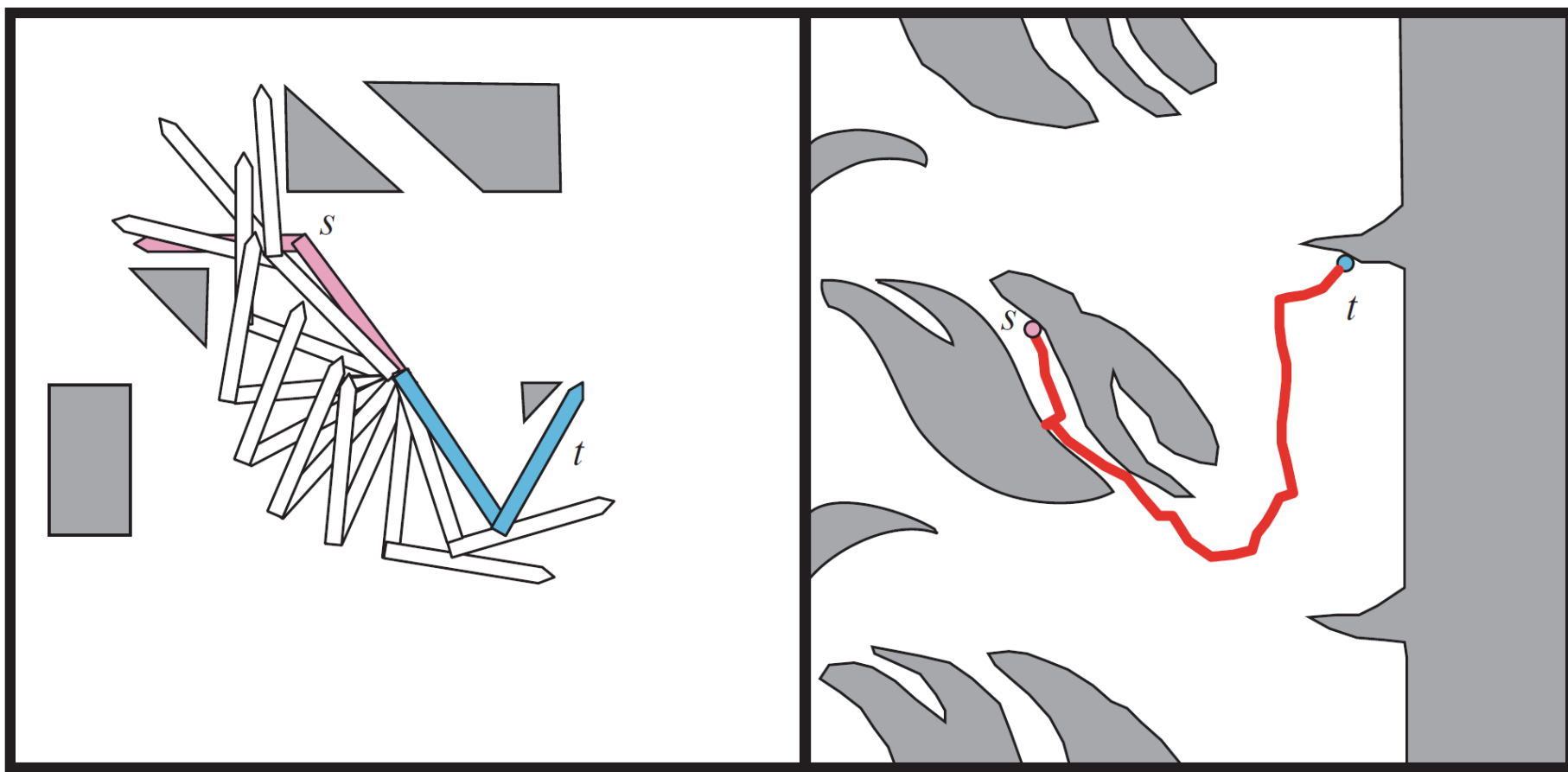


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# Configuration Space

configuration  $\longrightarrow$  point

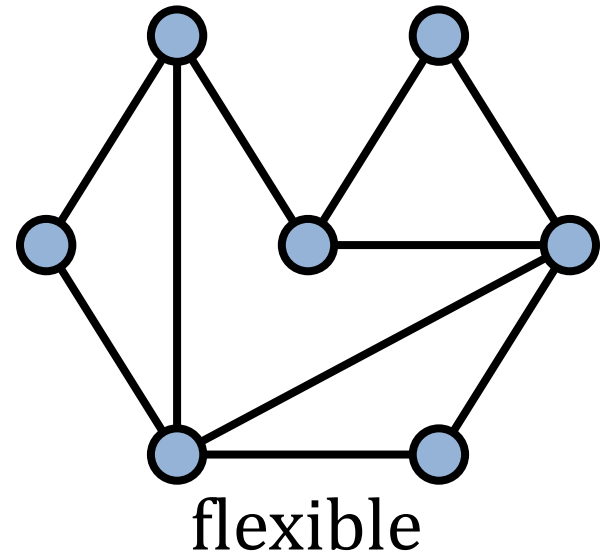
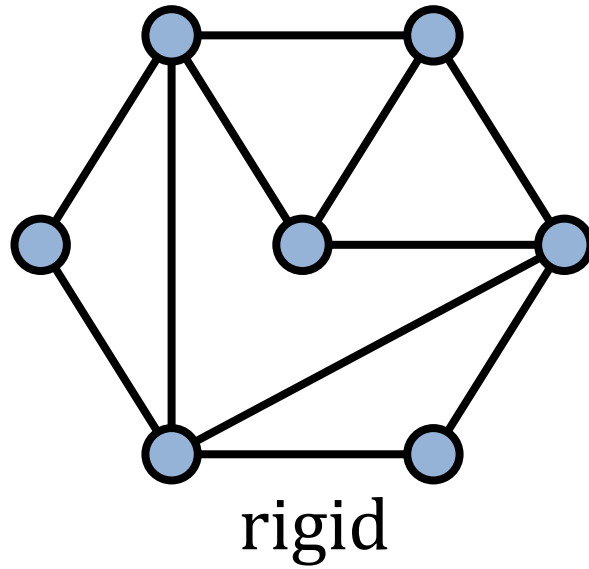
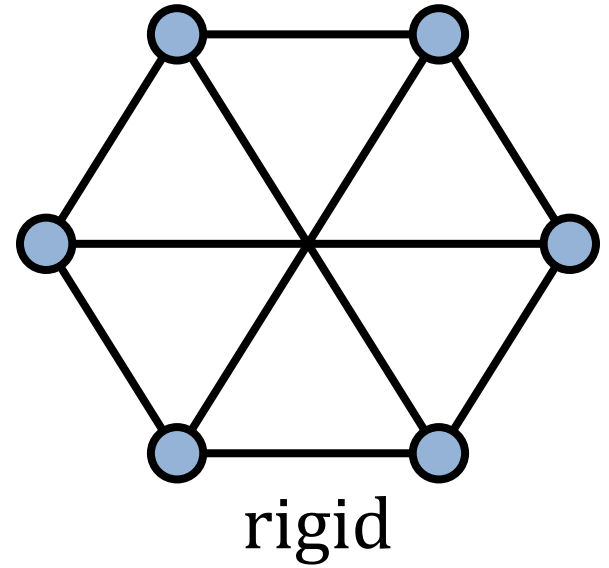
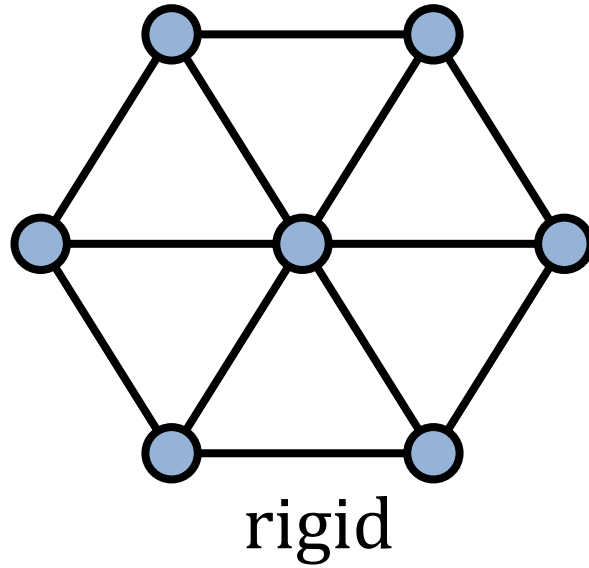
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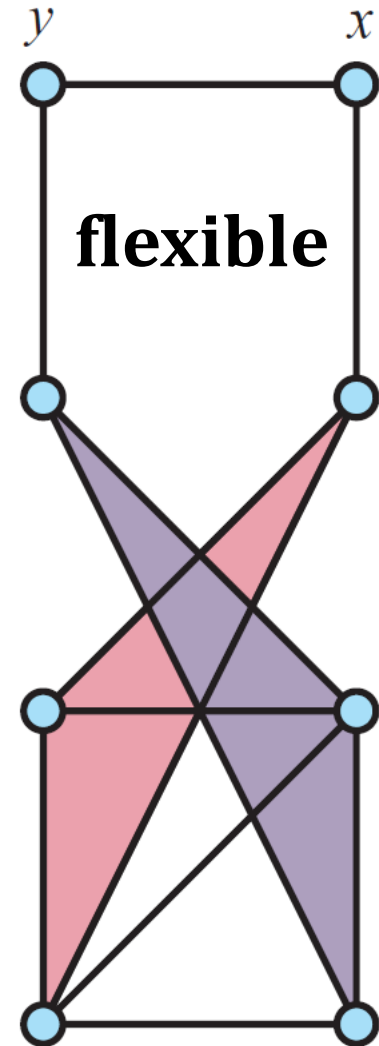
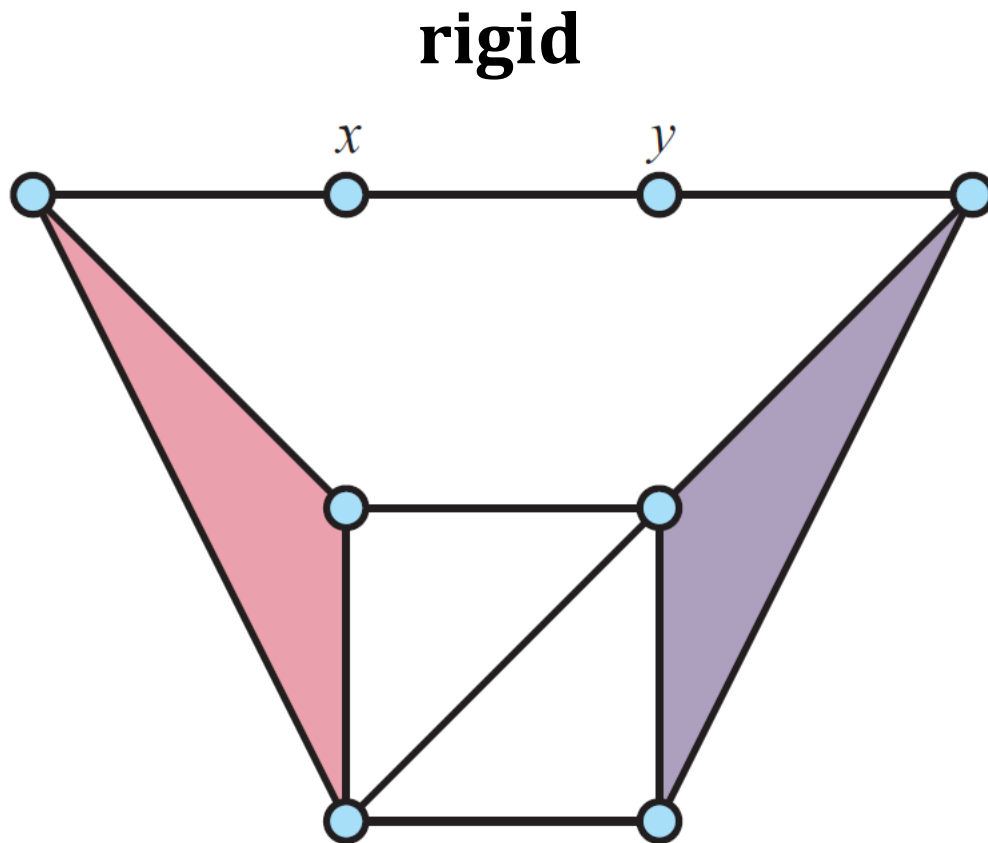


# Rigidity



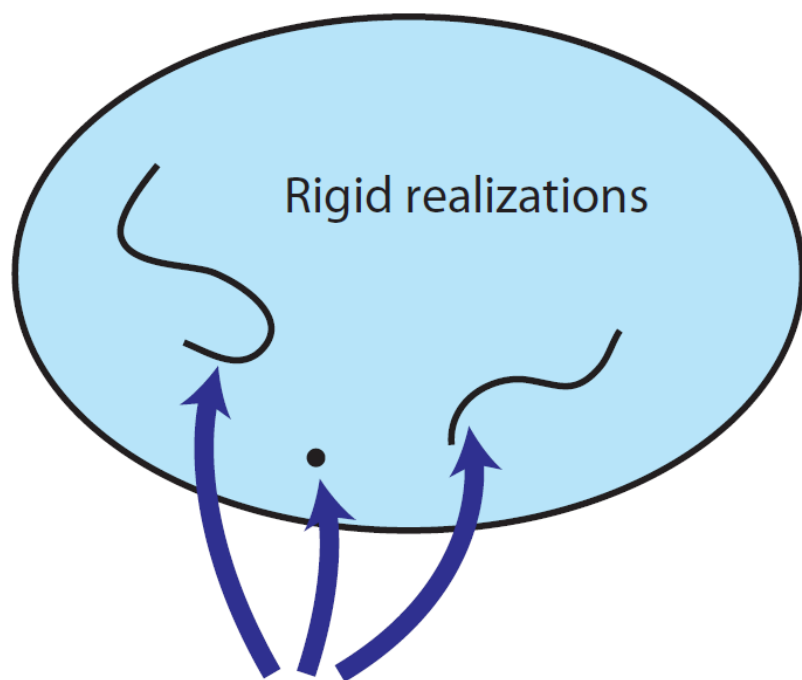


# Rigidity Depends on Configuration



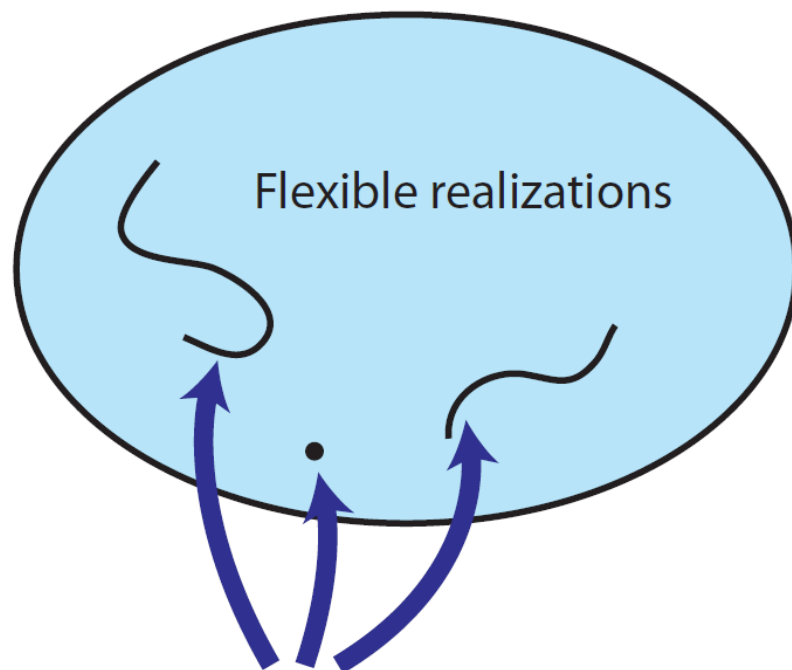
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**generically rigid**



(a) Flexible realizations

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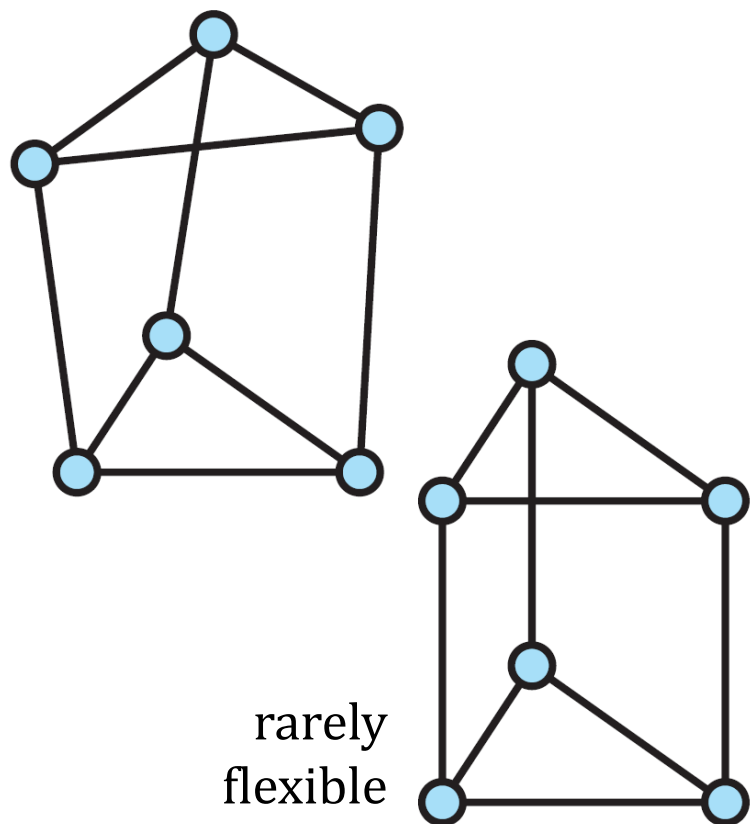


(b) Rigid realizations

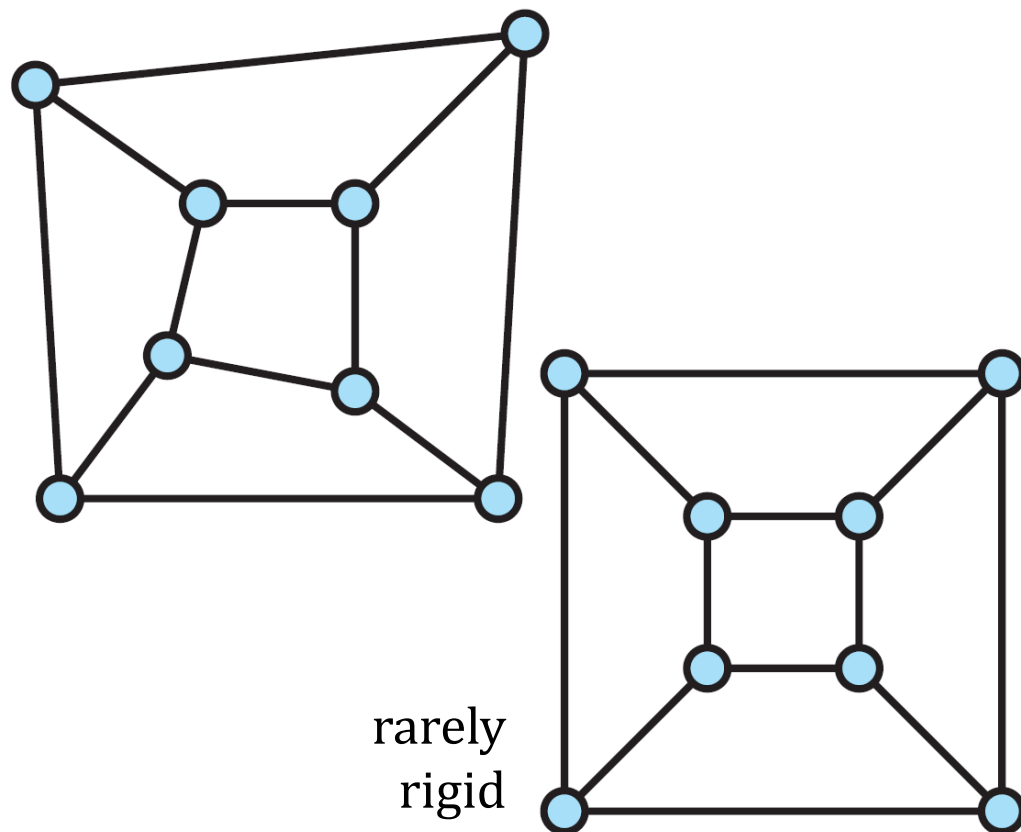


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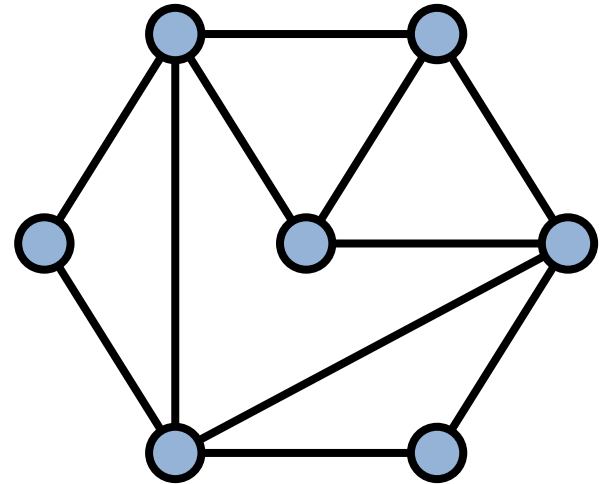
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