

# A Session on “We Learn Dynamics” (WeLD)

## Getting Started with Dynamic Simulation in Autodesk Inventor

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The screenshot displays the Autodesk Inventor software interface during a dynamic simulation. The main window shows a 3D model of a slider crank mechanism with a red crank and a green slider. The 'Dynamic Simulation' ribbon is active, showing options like 'Convert Constraints', 'Mechanism Status', 'Force', 'Torque', 'Output Grapher', and 'Trace'. The 'Dynamic Simulation - Output Grapher' window is open, showing a graph of displacement (U\_imposed[1]) over time (s). The graph shows a sinusoidal wave with a peak of approximately 0.005 and a trough of approximately -0.005. The 'Simulation Player' window is also open, showing playback controls and a progress bar.

Time (s)	U_imposed[1] (m)
0.00000	-0.00362
0.01000	-0.00363

Ready

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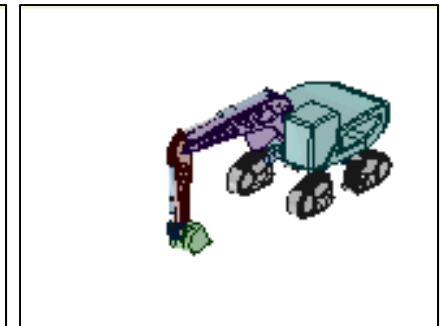
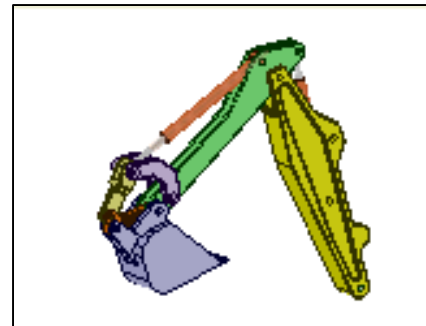
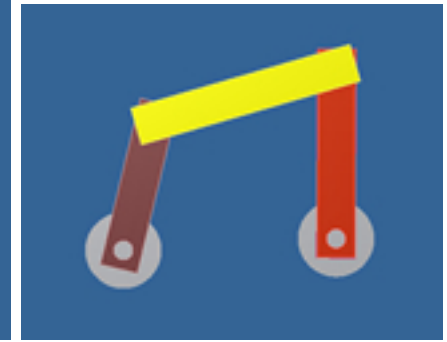
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# Mechanisms (Machines)

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- ▶ Moving Parts
- ▶ Joints
- ▶ Degrees of Freedom (DOF)

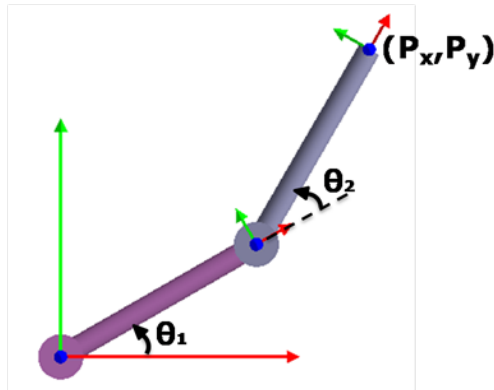
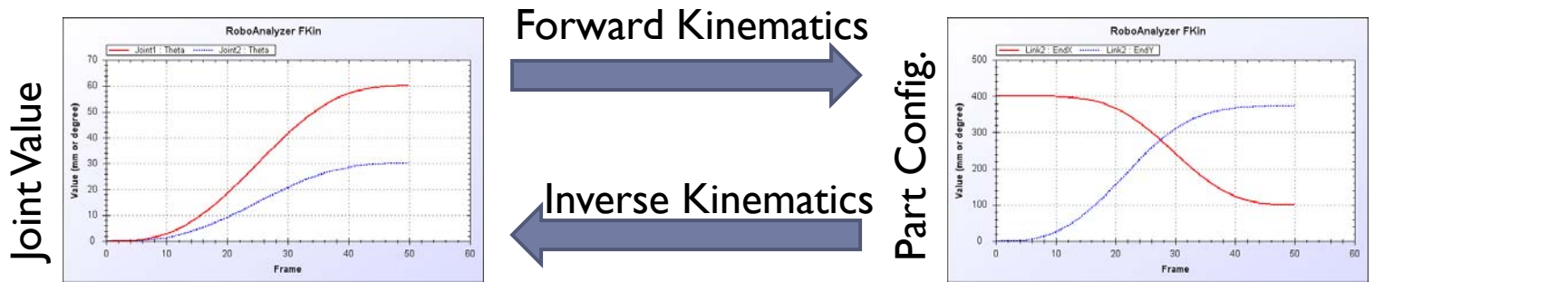


# Kinematics

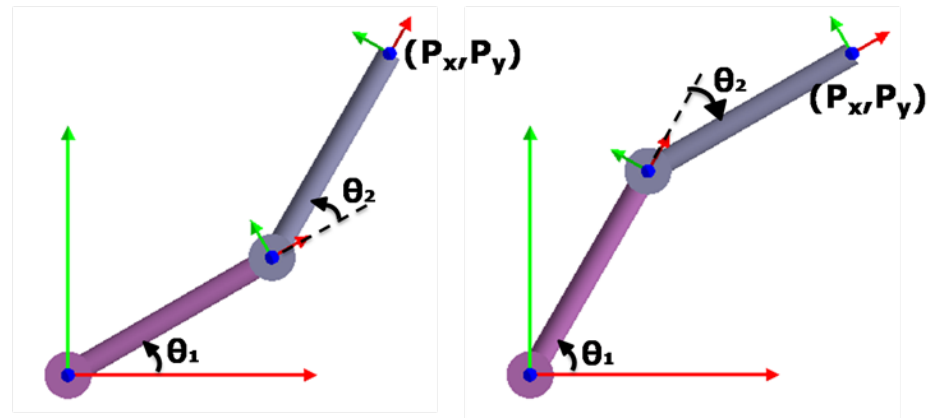
Study of motion of links without considering the forces

**Forward Kinematics**

**Inverse Kinematics**



Unique and straight forward solution



Multiple solutions.

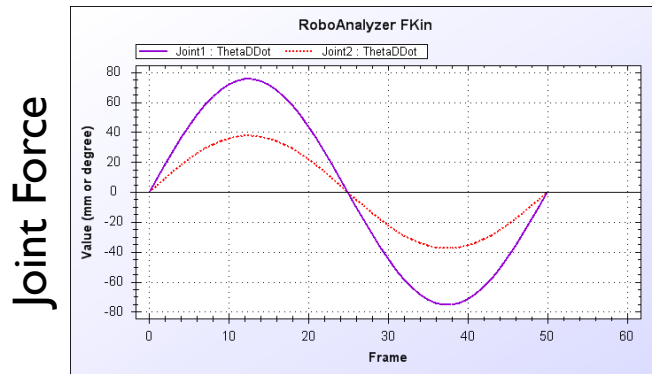
Solving is comparatively complex

# Dynamics

Study of forces and moments causing the motion of links

Forward Dynamics

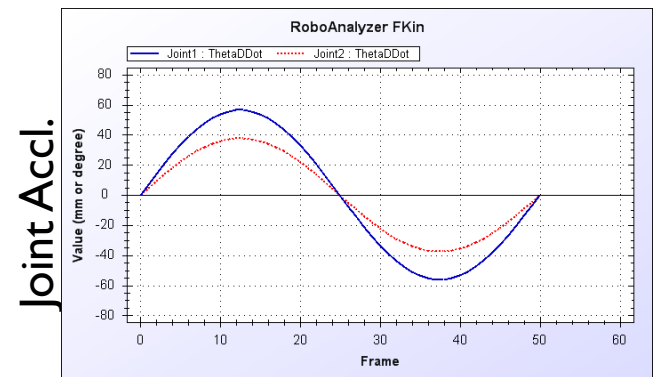
Inverse Dynamics



Forward Dynamics



Inverse Dynamics



Inversion of Matrix

Simulation requires ODE solution

Straight forward

# Autodesk Inventor

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- ▶ 3D Mechanical CAD Software (1999 V1- 2013)
- ▶ Developed by Autodesk Inc. (USA)
- ▶ Similar Software:
  - ▶ SolidWorks (Dassault)
  - ▶ SolidEdge (Seimens PLM)
- ▶ Features:
  - ▶ Part Modeling
  - ▶ Assembly Modeling
  - ▶ Dynamic Simulation
  - ▶ Stress Analysis
  - ▶ ...

# Part Modeling

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- ▶ Create Sketch
- ▶ Feature Based Modeling:
  - ▶ Extrude
  - ▶ Revolve
  - ▶ Sweep
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ Result: 3D Solid
  - ▶ Mass
  - ▶ Inertia
  - ▶ Center of Mass



# Assembly Modeling

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- ▶ Place (Import) Parts
- ▶ Define Assembly Constraints (Geometric):
  - ▶ **Mate**
    - ▶ Surfaces
      - Planar
      - Cylindrical
      - Spherical
    - ▶ Geometry
      - Edge (Linear/ Circular)
      - Point
  - ▶ **Insert** (Revolute): Circular Edges
  - ▶ **Tangent** : Surfaces
  - ▶ **Angle**: (Surfaces/Edges)





# Dynamic Simulation Module

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- ▶ Fully Integrated
- ▶ Converts Constraints to Joints (Mechanical)
  - ▶ Verify
- ▶ Motion (Kinematic) Simulation
  - ▶ Define Joint Rotation: Simulate
  - ▶ Plots
- ▶ Dynamic Simulation
  - ▶ Define Gravity: Simulate
  - ▶ Free-fall: Simulate



# Examples

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# Other Features

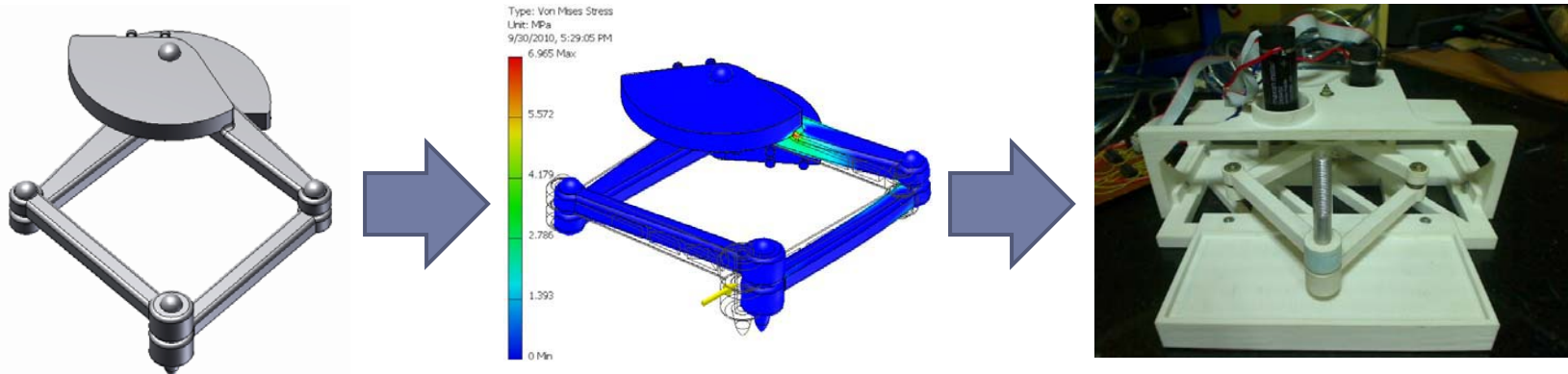
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- ▶ Export Graph Plots to MS Excel, CSV
- ▶ Record Video



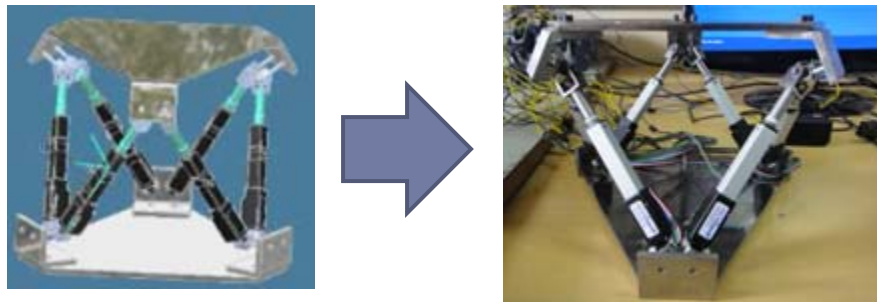
# Use in Research (Mechatronics Lab)

## ▶ CAD Modeling: Haptic Device RP Model



Majid Koul and Dmitri Rabinowitz(Rice Univ. USA)

## ▶ Design of 6DOF Motion Platform



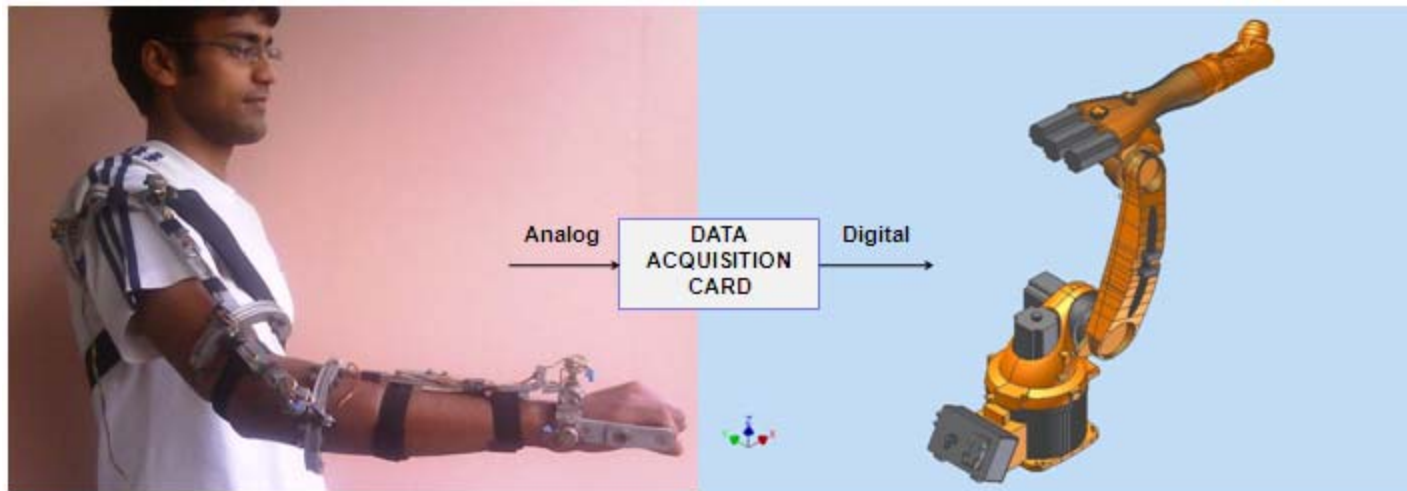
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Raghav Bhagat and Siddharth Choudhury (BTP)

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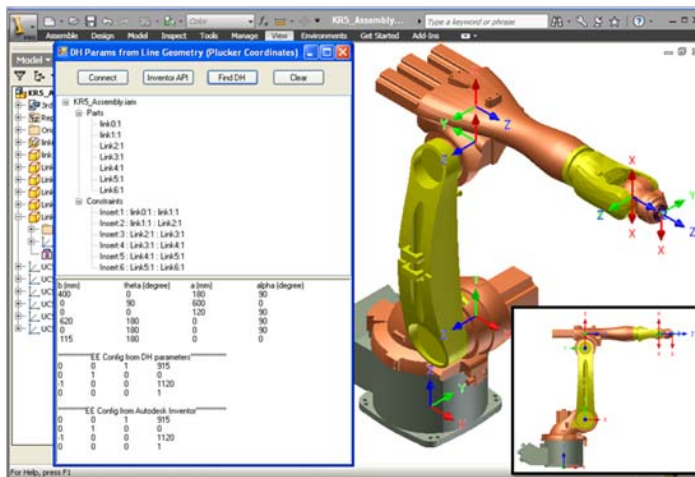
## ▶ CAD Modeling: Exo-Skeleton



Prof. S. Mukherjee and Team

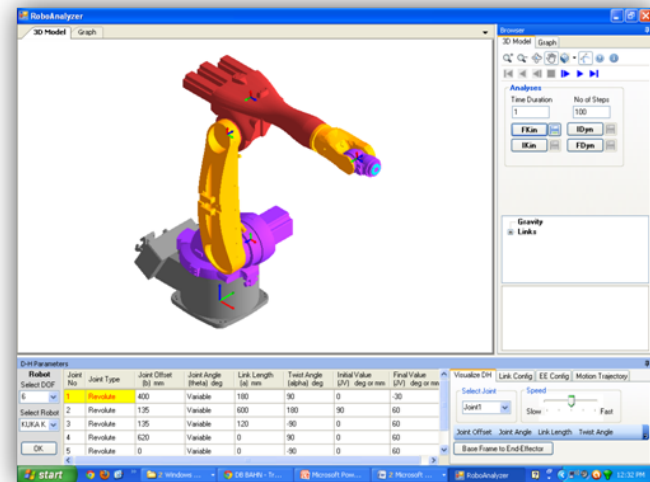
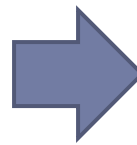
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- ▶ Application Programming Interface (API)
  - ▶ Extraction of DH Parameters of Serial Robot



Addin inside Autodesk Inventor

[Video](#)



RoboAnalyzer

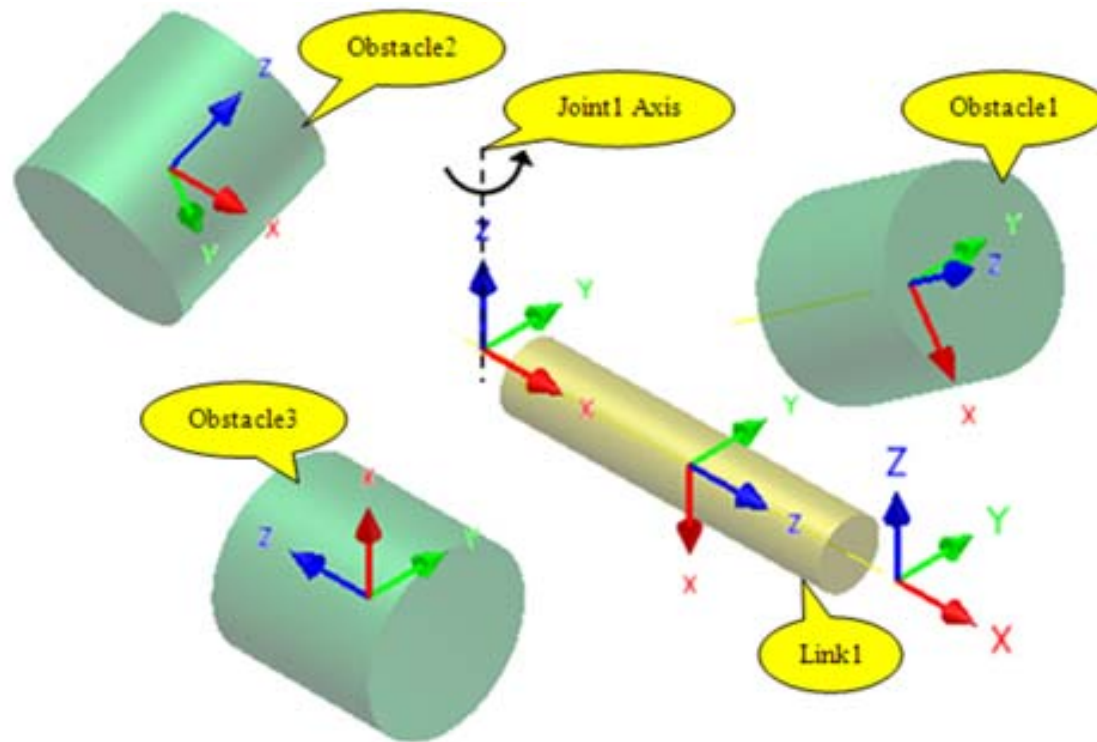
(<http://www.roboanalyzer.com>)

[Video](#)

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# Use in Research (Mechatronics Lab)

- ▶ Application Programming Interface (API)
  - ▶ Collision Detection of Cylinders



[Video](#)

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# Resources

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- ▶ **Software: Free for Academic Use\***
  - ▶ <http://students.autodesk.com>
- ▶ **Tutorials**
  - ▶ Youtube and <http://students.autodesk.com>
- ▶ **Inventor Assembly Models**
  - ▶ <http://www.ar-cad.com/in-motion/examples.html>
- ▶ **General CAD Models (Must See!!!)**
  - ▶ <http://www.GrabCAD.com>
- ▶ **Inventor API Tutorials**
  - ▶ <http://www.smallguru.com>



# Thank You

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- ▶ **Autodesk India Pvt. Ltd**
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