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Module-3 Part-3

In our last lecture, we have discussed displacement analysis through examples using only graphical method. Today, we continue our discussion on displacement analysis but through the other method namely, the analytical method. Now, when do we use analytical method and when do we use graphical method?

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As we see, in graphical method, there is an inherent limitation on the accuracy, because of the scale of the figure and your drawing inaccuracies. So, analytical method is preferred when we want higher accuracy. (Refer Slide Time: 00:58)



Or, if displacement analysis has to be carried on for a very large number of configurations and in the graphical method, the picture becomes really cumbersome.

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The other advantage of this analytical method is that, it is amenable to computer programming. Now, before we get into the details of the analytical method and solve

examples, showing the power of the analytical method, let us go through the basic methodologies, that are followed in this analytical method. As we know, all mechanism consists of closed kinematic loops.

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So, first task is to identify all the independent closed loops that exist in the mechanism. Next, we express all the kinematic dimensions like link lengths, offsets and also the slider displacement by planar vectors. Then the third step is to express for every close loop, what we call as a loop closure equation in terms of these vectors that we have just now said. Now, each such vector in 2D, that is a planar linkage is equivalent to two scalar equations that means, if a vector equation is there, that is equivalent to two scalar equations and two unknown quantities can be solved.

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Now, once these entire vector equations are generated using all the independent closed loops, one has to solve these equations to determine the unknown quantities that is relevant to your particular problem. One has to remember that in general, these equations are non-linear algebraic equations and can be solved only numerically. However, in such simpler cases, just like a 4R mechanism or if there is a four link closed loop, then we can show, that these non-linear algebraic equations, reduces to quadratic equation and can be solved analytically.

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So, we start with an example that is the simplest one. Suppose, we are given all the link lengths of a 4R-linkage, then determine the orientation of the coupler and the output link, when the orientation of the input link is prescribed. So, this is a problem of displacement analysis. We are given all the kinematic dimensions and the position of the input link and the task is to determine the position of all other moving links for that particular configuration.

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This diagram shows, a 4R linkage O_2ABO_4 . As we see, the fixed link O_4O_2 suppose has a length l_1 and O_2A - the second link has a link length l_2 , AB - the coupler has a link length l_3 and O_4B is the fourth link with link length l_4 . The problem is, suppose the four link lengths are prescribed and the orientation of one of the links say, input link that is O_2A is given by this angle theta subscript 2. Our objective is to determine the orientation of the coupler and the fourth link, that is O_4B . To do this, first we set up a Cartesian coordinate system XY, with O_2 as the origin. The first task as I said, we have identified a closed loop namely - $O_2ABO_4O_2$. Then the link lengths l_1 , l_2 , l_3 , l_4 are represented by four vectors namely - l_1 , l_2 , l_3 and l_4 . These vectors are shown by these arrows in this diagram. Now, the angle that these vectors make with the X-axis, we are using as the reference angle to determine the orientation of these vectors, that is theta subscript 2, theta subscript 3, and theta subscript 4. Theta subscript 1, that is the angle made by O_4O_2 , that is the vector l_1 with X-axis is obviously 0. We can express this loop closure equation very simply as, (these are all vectors) l_1 plus l_2 plus l_3 minus l_4 is equal to 0. This is what we say as the loop closure equation, expressed in terms of link vectors. (Refer Slide Time: 06:24)

To analyze this equation, we write, l_2 vector in terms of complex exponential notation, that is l_2e to the power i theta subscript 2. Same, for l_3 vector as l_3e to the power i theta subscript 3 and l_4 vector as l_4e to the power i theta subscript 4. Since, theta subscript 1 is 0, the vector l_1 is simply, link length l_1 to the power i0 which is 1. So, the loop closure equation, let us substitute these complex exponential notation, so you get, l_1 plus l_2 e to the power i theta subscript 2 plus $l_{3}e$ to the power i theta subscript 3 minus $l_{4}e$ to the power i theta subscript 4 is equal to 0. We know, e to the power i theta is cos theta plus i sin theta. So, first we substitute for all these angles, e to the power i theta subscript 2, i theta subscript 3 and so on in terms of cosine and sin and equate the real and the imaginary parts of this complex equation separately to 0. This is nothing but really adding the X components to 0 and adding the Y components to 0, because it is a closed loop. As a result we get, l_1 plus l_2 cosine theta subscript 2 plus l_3 cosine theta subscript 3 minus l_4 cosine theta subscript 4 is 0. Adding the imaginary parts, that is the sin components we get l_2 sin theta subscript 2 plus l_3 sin theta subscript 3 minus l_4 sin theta subscript 4 is equal to 0. Thus, in the vector equation, because these vectors are two dimensional vectors from one vector equation, we get two scalar equations such as equation one and equation two. Each vector equation is equivalent to two scalar equations if the vectors are two dimensional.

From these two equations, we can eliminate one of the unknowns. Say, either theta subscript 4 to solve theta subscript 3 or we can eliminate theta subscript 3 to solve for the unknown theta subscript 4, if l_1 , l_2 , l_3 , and l_4 , that is, the link lengths are given and the input angle theta subscript 2 is specified. Now, let me carry out this algebra to determine say, theta subscript 4. To determine theta subscript 4, we write l_3 sin theta subscript 3 is equal to l_4 sin theta subscript 4 minus l_2 sin theta subscript 2. From the first equation, we write l_3 cosine theta subscript 3 equal to l_4 cosine theta subscript 4 minus l_1 plus l_2 cosine theta subscript 2. From these two equations, if we square and add up, obviously from the left hand side I get only l_3 square. So, we get l_3 square is equal to l_4 square plus l_1 square plus l_2 square minus twice l_2l_4 sin theta subscript 4 sin theta subscript 2 minus twice l_4 cosine theta subscript 2. Let me carry out this algebra a little further and now onwards I will write capital C for cos and capital S for sin for gravity.

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$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{3}^{2} &= \lambda_{1}^{2} + \lambda_{2}^{2} + \lambda_{4}^{2} + \lambda_{4}^{2} + \lambda_{4} + (\theta_{1} - \lambda_{1})_{4} + (\theta_{1} + \theta_{2})_{4} + (\theta_{2} + \theta_{2})$$

We can get l_3 square is equal to l_1 square plus l_2 square plus l_4 square plus twice l_1l_2Cs theta subscript 2 minus twice l_2l_4S theta subscript 4S theta subscript 2 minus twice l_1 plus l_2C theta subscript 2 into C theta subscript 4 l_4 . Now divide all the terms of this equation by twice $l_2 l_4$. As a result, we will get a simple equation a sin theta subscript 4 plus b

cosine theta subscript 4 is equal to c, where a is given by sin theta subscript 2, that is coming from this term. b will get l_1 divided by l_2 plus cosine theta subscript 2. c is equal to l_1 square plus l_2 square minus l_2 square minus l_3 square plus l_4 square divided by twice l_2l_4 plus l_1 by l_4 cosine theta. So you see, if theta subscript 2 and all the link lengths are given, these quantities namely: a, b and c are completely known and the only unknown is this theta subscript 4 which has to be solved. But as we see, this is not a linear equation in theta subscript 4, because it involves sin and cosine. To solve this angle theta subscript 4 unambiguously, that is we need not judge the quadrant after we get the value, in what quadrant the angle theta subscript 4 lies, it is always better to replace sin and cosine by the tan of the corresponding half angles.



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That means, we write sin theta subscript 4 as twice tan of theta subscript 4 by 2 whole divided by 1 plus tan square theta subscript 4 by 2 and cosine theta subscript 4 we write 1 minus tan square theta subscript 4 by 2 whole divided by 1 plus tan square theta subscript 4 by 2. Substituting this, in that a sin theta subscript 4 plus b cos theta subscript 4 equal to c equation, we get a quadratic equation in tan theta subscript 4 by 2 as follows: b plus c tan square theta subscript 4 by 2 minus 2 a tan theta subscript 4 by 2 plus c minus b equal to 0. So, finally we get this quadratic equation in tan theta subscript 4 by 2, where a, b

and c are all known quantities in terms of the link lengths and the given input angle theta subscript 2. Now, this is where tan theta subscript 4 by 2 is useful, I get a quadratic equation and I get two roots namely: tan theta subscript 4 by 2 is equal to a plus minus square root of a square plus b square minus c square whole divided by b plus c.

So, you get two roots for tan theta subscript 4 by 2 and the right hand side may come out to be positive or negative, of course, it can never be imaginary once the kinematic diagram is okay, that is a 4R linkage has been made, a close loop has been obtained, a, b, c will be of such values that this square root of can never be of a negative quantity. So you may get two positive, two negative or may be one positive and one negative.

Now, tan theta subscript 4 by 2, as we know, if theta subscript 4 is between 0 and 180 degree and then theta subscript 4 by 2 will be between 0 to 90 degree and tan will be positive. If theta subscript 4 is more than 180 degree then theta subscript 4 by 2 will be more than 90 degree and tan theta subscript 4 will be negative. So, depending on the positive and negative values of tan theta subscript 4 by 2, I can easily determine, uniquely the value of theta subscript 4. Suppose we are also interested in finding the orientation of the coupler, that is the angle theta subscript 3.

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If we look at these two equations, we see l_3 and l_4 are appearing exactly the same way, only l_3 is appearing on the left hand side and l_4 is appearing on the right hand side. It is even clearer, if we look at these equations number one and two. You can see l_3 and l_4 are appearing exactly similar way, only thing plus and minus. So, when we have eliminated theta subscript 3 and obtain theta subscript 4, following exactly the same procedure, I can eliminate theta subscript 4 and obtain theta subscript 3. We have to remember that l_4 has to be replaced by minus l_3 , rest of the solutions remains as it is. (Refer Slide Time: 20:02)



So following exactly a similar method to eliminate theta subscript 4, we can get a theta subscript 3, a very similar equation like tan theta subscript 3 by 2 will be equal to: a plus minus square root of a square plus b square minus c prime square whole divided by b plus c prime. As we might have remembered, the quantities, a and b did not involve l_4 or l_3 . a was sin theta subscript 2, b was cosine theta subscript 2 plus l_1 by l_2 . However, the quantity c involved l_3 and l_4 . That is why, we have to replace c by c prime and expression of c prime will also be very similar to c and we have to interchange l_4 by minus l_3 and vice versa.

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We will get c prime as l_1 square plus l_2 square minus l_3 square plus l_4 square divided by twice times l_2l_3 plus l_1 by l_4 cosine theta subscript 2. The thing to note is, for the same set of given length and the same value of theta subscript 2, we have obtained two values of theta subscript 4 and two values of theta subscript 3. This is nothing surprising, if we remember that even by graphical method, we would have got two solutions for the given link lengths and the input angle. This aspect is very clear if we solve the same problem by graphical methods.

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Suppose, we are given l_1 - the length O_4O_2 , the link length l_2 that is O_2A , and the angle theta subscript 2, all these are prescribed. So, you reach from O_4 , O_2 to A. The link lengths l_3 and l_4 are given. So, I can draw a circular arc with a as center and l_3 as radius, and we get this circle. So the point b, must lie on this circle. Similarly, if I draw a circular arc with O_4 as center and l_4 as radius, we get another circle, that is this circle. So, the B must lie on this circle, if I come from O_4 and B must lie on this circle, if I come from A. These two circles as I said, in general, will intersect at two points namely: B_1 and B_2 . So, we get two different configurations for the same values of link lengths and theta subscript 2, one is O_4 , O_2 , A, B_1 and the other is O_4 , O_2 , A, B_2 . Two configurations are shown distinctly, one by the formed lines and the other by the dashed lines.

Now, we have got two values of theta subscript 3 and theta subscript 4, which are indicated in this diagram as well. For the formed line, that is, when the diagram is above the line $O_4 O_2$, this is, theta subscript 3 one and this is theta subscript 3 two. Corresponding to theta subscript 3 one, I have theta subscript 4 one and corresponding to theta subscript 3 two. I have theta subscript 4 two. Now, we have seen how to obtain various values of theta subscript 4 as theta subscript 2 changes. Now, we will show you

the typical variations of theta subscript 4 versus theta subscript 2 for various types of 4bar linkages.



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For example here we see, what we call a crank-rocker linkage, that means it is obviously a Grashof linkage and a crank-rocker and theta subscript 2 goes from 0 to 2 pi. Theta subscript 4 is the rocker angle, it only goes from a minimum value to a maximum value and there are two branches, one is here and the other is there. Because it is a rocker, again it rocks either from this minimum value to that maximum value or from this minimum value to that maximum value. As we said earlier, that Grashof crank-rocker has two distinct branches, two distinct modes of assembly, that is why these two curves never cross each other. If we are starting on one of the curves you will always remain there, either on this curve or on this curve. You can never go from one curve to the other because each curve corresponds to a particular mode of assembly.

Suppose we have a Grashof double-crank, this is the typical theta subscript 4 verses theta subscript 2 characteristics of a double crank. As you see, theta subscript 2 goes from 0 to 2 pi and theta subscript 4 also goes from 0 to 2 pi, because both the input and the output

lengths are capable of making complete rotations. Because it is a Grashof linkage, there are two distinct modes of assembly as represented by this formed (Refer Slide Time: 26:23) line and the other mode of assembly is by this curved line and these two curves can never intersect, that is each curve corresponds to a particular mode of assembly.



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If we have a Grashof double-rocker, then again we have two loops, one as we see here and the other there. Because this is double-rocker neither theta subscript 2 nor theta subscript 4 can make complete rotation. So, they are limited between two extreme values for example, for theta subscript 2 from here to there and for theta subscript 4 it is here to there. Again, there are two distinct loops for two different modes of assembly either you are following this curve or you are following this curve, you can never pass on from one mode of assembly to the other.

Now, let us see what happens in a non-Grashof linkage, if it is a non-Grashof linkage then it has to be a double-rocker. Theta subscript 4 versus theta subscript 2 plot for a non-Grashof double-rocker looks like this, here again neither theta subscript 2 nor theta subscript 4 can make complete rotation. Theta subscript 2 is restricted within this region.

Theta subscript 4 is restricted within this region but there is only one curve, because there is only one mode of assembly. As you see, this curve shows that the mirror image configuration can be taken up by the same assembly. You can generate the entire curve by one mode of assembly.

Just now we have seen, how to do the displacement analysis by analytical method for a very simple mechanism that is a 4R linkage which consists of only a single loop. Now, let me show how we can use the kinematic analysis, the same analytical method for a little more complicated mechanism, such as the slotted lever quick-return mechanism, which we did last time by graphical method.



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This figure shows the kinematic diagram of the slotted lever quick-return mechanism. It has six links namely, the fixed link 1, input link 2, which is the line O_2A , then this block which is link 3 and the slotted lever link 4, the tool holder link 6 and the link connecting the slotted lever with the tool holder, that is link number 5. There are six links with two sliding pairs, one between 1 and 6, and the other between 3 and 4. So to do the kinematic

analysis of such a mechanism by analytical method, let us first identify that there are more than one closed loop.



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We draw all the link lengths by the corresponding vectors, such as: l_2 is the vector which represents the second link O_2A , l_1 is the other vector which represents the fixed link O_2O_4 and O_4A , that is the slider displacement we use another vector namely - S_4 . Similarly, the slider displacement we represent by another vector S_6 and O_4B is the other link 4, that is the link vector. L_5 is another vector representing the link BC, that is the fifth link. So, here what we see, that there are link length vectors like l_1 , l_2 , l_5 , l_4 and l_6 , that is, the distance of the slider movement from the point O_2 . So, these five, l_1 , l_2 , l_4 and l_6 , (Refer Slide Time: 30:40) link length vectors are constants, they are not changing with time. Whereas there are two other vectors, namely S_4 , denoting the distance O_4A is changing with time. Same is true for S_6 which represents the movement of the cutting tool, here it is DC represented by the vector S_6 . All these vectors, the orientation of these vectors, I represent by angle theta, measured from this horizontal line in the anticlockwise direction. So, we can have one close loop $O_2AO_4O_2$, which means l_2 is equal to l_1 plus s_4 . This is one loop closure equation, in terms of link lengths vector and sliding displacement vector. I can have another close loop namely: O_2ABCDO_2 . There is an independent loop and corresponding to this independent loop, I can write l_2 plus l_4 plus l_5 is equal to l_6 plus s_6 . So, this is a second vector equation. So, we have two vector equations, which as I said earlier, are equivalent to four scalar equations, that is equating the real and imaginary parts or X and Y components, however you say it, from these two vector equations, I get four scalar equations. So, I can solve for four unloads. Now, let us see in this problem, what are the unloads? What is I prescribe us are, all the link length vectors, that is l_1 , l_2 , l_4 , l_5 and l_6 and the input angle theta subscript 2, that is the angle that this link 2 makes with the reference this line, that is the X-axis. So, these are given and we have to find out the orientation of all other links and also the slider displacement that is s_4 and s_6 .

So, the number of unknowns is: theta subscript 4, that is the orientation of link 4, that is the line O_4B , theta subscript 5, that is the orientation of the fifth link, that is BC, this angle theta subscript 5. This angle, as I said earlier is theta subscript 4 and also this distance O_4A , that is s_4 and the distance BC that is s_6 . So, these are the four scalars unknowns which can be solved using these two vector equations. That is how we carry out the kinematic analysis to analytical method. Later on we will solve some more different types of problem and show the use of this loop closure equation and the vector representations of link lengths.

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As a second example of this kinematic analysis to the link vectors, let us look at the model of this mechanism which is a copying mechanism or plagiograph. What we see here, that this is a five link mechanism, the fixed link. There are four moving links: 2, 3, 4 and 5. The dimensions of these links are such that this forms a parallelogram. This link length is equal to this, this link length is equal to this. These two triangles are similar triangles, that is this angle is same as this angle and this angle is also same as this angle. Now in this mechanism, we will show later that whatever is the movement of this point, that is reproduced by this point, only thing there will be a change in the scale and the orientation. For example, if I move this mechanism such that this point follows this vertical line of this letter 1 then this point is also following a straight line. As we go around this letter 1, this point will also draw a 1, to a bigger scale and a different orientation. The question is that, if are given all the link lengths and the angle of this two similar triangles, then can we find out what is the scale of the reproduction, that is what is the change in the ratio of the size of these two 1. What is the angle of these two 1? what is the angle, that is the change in the orientation of this letter 1 to this drawn 1?

As we see here the l is okay and here it has been rotated by 90 degree almost in the clockwise direction. The question is for this given mechanism, that is the link lengths are given and the angles are given, can we find out what is the ratio of these two figures and the orientation between these two figures? That will be our second example.

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This diagram shows the kinematic diagram of the model of the mechanism which we have just now seen, that is the copying mechanism or tigeograph. As we see in this mechanism, we have 5 links. One is the fixed link, O_2A is the second link, O_2C is the third link, BC is the fourth link and AB is the fifth link. So, it is a five-link mechanism. So, let us say n is equal to 5. Now let me count the number of hinges j. We see there are three simple hinges at A, B and C. So j is equal to 3 (Refer Slide Time: 37:45). At O_2 , three links are connected, namely: the fixed link 1, link 2 and 3. Since three links are connected at O_2 , this is a second order hinge, that is of the type of j_2 , so j_2 is 1, but j_2 is $2j_2$, so this should be counted as 2 into 1, that is 2, and j is equal to 5. So, if we calculate the degree of freedom F which we have seen, 3 times n minus 1 minus 2 j. So F is 3 into 4 minus 2 into 5, which is 2. Thus, we have a 2 degree freedom mechanism and this point D of this link, can be taken anywhere arbitrarily (Refer Slide Time: 38:53) on this plane, because it has 2 degrees of freedom, it can take any x value and any y value, this point D can draw any figure.

Now let us consider, this O_2ABC to be a parallelogram, that is link length O_2A is same as BC and link length AB is same as O_2C . Thus, O_2ABC is a parallelogram. Not only that, the triangle ABD and the triangle BCE are similar, as indicated that this angle alpha is

same as this angle alpha and this angle beta is same as this angle beta. So, these two triangles namely BCE and ABD are similar. Now, we can show that the movement of the point D and the point E will be very similar, that means the movement of the point D will be copied by the movement of the point E. Accordingly, E will also draw a similar figure as D. The only change will be the size and the orientation of the figure. For example here, if the point D writes this letter H, then E will write this letter H but the height of this league of the H is capital L and here it is small l. Similarly, this H is the normal l, that is vertical and this H is almost horizontal that it has been rotated through an angle sigma.

Our task is, given the link lengths, let us find: what is the scale of the reproduction? That is what is the value of L by l and what is this change in orientation? That is, what is the angle sigma once we are given the link completely, that is the link lengths and the angles alpha and beta. To do this, we use the link lengths as vectors. Suppose the position of the point D, that is represented by this vector x and the position of the point E, that is represented by the vector Y. What we can see? We can easily write vector X is vector O_2A plus vector AD. Similarly, vector Y, we can write as vector O_2E , which is vector O_2C plus CE. So you can write, O_2C plus CE. Now we see, that the vector O_2C is same as the vector AB, because AB and O_2C are parallel and are of equal length. So, you write O_2C is same as a vector AB. The vector CE, as I see is a vector which is rotated from the vector CB through an angle alpha in the counter clockwise sense and magnified from CB to CE. So this I can write, CE by CB into the vector CB, which takes care of the magnification by a factor CE by CB and to represent the change in orientation between the vector CB and CE through an angle alpha, I have to multiply it by e to the power of i alpha.

Now, vector AB, I can write in terms of vector AD exactly the same way, the magnitude has been magnified by AB by AD and the vector AD and the vector AB is at an angle alpha in the counter clockwise direction from the vector AD. So, I multiply this by e to the power i alpha plus this term. So, I have the vector Y, as AB by AD into vector AD e to the power i alpha plus CE by CB into vector CB e to the power i alpha. Because these

two triangles ABD and BCE are similar triangles, it is easy to see that ratio AB by AD is same as, CE by BC. So, CE by CB is same as AB by AD, due to the similarity of the triangles ABD and BCE. I can take this ratio AB by AD and this factor e to the power i alpha common.



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Consequently, what we get is that, vector Y is equal to AB by AD into e to the power i alpha, which we take common and we get AD plus CB which is same as O_2A and AD plus O_2A is nothing but our vector X. So, AB by AD into e to the power of i alpha into the vector X. So you see that the position of these two vectors, that is the point E and the point D is given by point Y and X and they are related to this equation. Y is changing with time, X is changing with time but the link lengths AB, AD and the angle alpha of that triangle are not changing with time. So, this factor is a constant, independent of time. So, movement of the point dY, I can write AB by AD into e to the power i alpha into dX. Where dX represents the movement of the vector X and dY represents the movement of the vector Y.

So you see, the movements of X and Y are very similar, but for this factor, that means the movement is magnified by a factor AB by AD, which is the scale of reproduction, which I wrote earlier L by l. There is a rotation through an angle alpha in the counter clockwise sense so sigma that is the change in orientation of the reproduction is equal to alpha.



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To make it clear, let me go back to the previous slide, AB by AD that is the factor of reproduction, that is this length by this length, that is this letter H is reproduced to a bigger scale namely by the factor: AB by AD. Not only that, this vertical side, which is vertical like this has been oriented through an angle sigma and we have already shown the sigma is nothing but the angle alpha. So, this is the copying mechanism that any arbitrary figure, drawn by the point B or followed by the point D, can be reproduced at the point E at a different size and different orientation. Let me now summarize what we have learned today.

We have shown, how we carry out the displacement analysis of planar linkages by analytical method. In the analytical method, we represent all the kinematic dimensions such as, link lengths, off-sets or slider displacements by planar vectors. Using the closed loop that exists in the mechanism, we generate a loop closure equation and then by solving this loop closure equation, we can finish the kinematic or displacement analysis of planar linkages. We have given the example of a simple 4R linkage and also a six-link mechanism, where you have more than one closed loop. Finally we have shown an example that shows the power of this vector representation for link lengths to analyze the copying mechanism or plagiograph.