

Mechanisms

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Robots I have Known

Victor Scheinman

- From Alien Robots to Robot Worlds
- Bernie, John, Joe, Marvin
- Servos, Sensors, Software, Systems
- ARPA - Applications - Automation - Automatix



Coupled and Decoupled Actuation of Robotic Mechanisms

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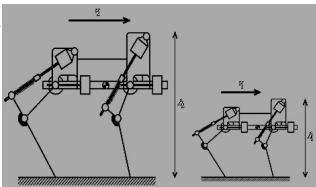
- Introduction of Coupled and Decoupled Actuation, or CDA.
- Maximization of robotic performance by CDA.
- Examples of optimal mechanical design by CDA.
- Examples of optimal motion control by CDA.



Scaling of Robotic Mechanisms

K. J. Waldron and C. Hubert
Ohio State University

- Designing from similar systems
- Biomimetic implications
- Geometric & kinematic scaling
- Scaling actuator performance



A Mechatronics Approach to the design of light-weight arms and multifingered hands

G. Hirzinger, J. Butterfass, M. Fischer, M. Grebenstein, M. Haehnle, H. Liu, I. Schaefer and N. Sporer
German Aerospace Center (DLR)

- Introduction
- DLR's light weight robot concepts including programmable impedance: the second generation is available now
- Development of four-fingered hands (DLR hands I and II), integrating twelve actuators
- Resume



Mechanism Synthesis Theory and the Design of Robots

J. Michael McCarthy
University of California, Irvine

TerminatorBot: A Robot with Dual-Use Arms for Manipulation and Locomotion

Richard Voyles
University of Minnesota

- Small, resource-constrained robots require innovation
- Dual-use limbs provide manipulation and locomotion
- Novel gaits were created for the novel mechanism
- Locomotion demonstrated, adaptive manipulation under investigation

