### Waterfront 2A - Modelling Report MCG4322



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# 1 Project Charter

### 1.1 Mandate

Group WR2A is mandated to develop a rugged device which uses a biomimetic inspired locomotion system to remove waste from waterfronts. It must be self-reliant and be resistant to exterior environments such as areas with minimal accessibility, and rough weather and terrain.

### 1.2 Requirements

The design is to be solar powered and have a biomimetic inspired locomotion system. It must operate in rain, water, high heat, and, and navigate terrain such as sand, mud, plants and bramble. Human intervention should only be necessary to empty the litter container. It should resist vandalism. The litter collector size will vary from one to 5000 cm<sup>3</sup> and one to 5 kg.

### 1.3 Constraints

The only constraint is that the device should not have any continuously rotating joints; due to the relatively new technology, the rest of the project is left open-ended.

### 1.4 Criteria

Power consumption per kilogram (device and litter) should be minimized. The operating time should be maximized for better litter collection efficiency. The robot's capacity to navigate a variety of environments, including sand and pebble beaches, shallow water, mud and around small plants, should be maximized. The mechanical stability and agility of the robot should be optimized as well to permit a reasonable turning radius and ability to navigate on inclinations. Finally, aesthetics should be considered as it will operate in public spaces.

### 1.5 Parametrization Outline

Input parameters that modify the design include the maximum litter weight, maximum litter volume, litter dimensions as per Group WR2B, battery life without recharging, and maximum forward velocity.



Figure 1: Crab Top View

# 2 Design Solution

Most drawings have not been updated from the Concepts Report. These will be modified for the Design Dossier. Ultimately, the modifications are purely internal and will not influence the external kinematic analysis. The only major change was the distribution of components within the chassis, in order to calculate a more adequate centre of mass. The arrangement in Figure 1 is thus replaced by the arrangement shown further on in Figure 8.



Figure 2: Crab Leg Side View



Figure 3: Crab Knee Top View



Figure 5: Crab Hip Section View

### **3** Assumptions and Approximations

Table 1 contains some assumptions and approximations about the working conditions and applied loads.

Assumption Type	Assumption
Hip Range of Motion	$0^{\circ}$ (horizontal) to $30^{\circ}$
Knee Range of Motion	Foot no further inwards than knee
Maximum wind speed	73 km/h (Ottawa, September 2018 Tornadoes)
Linkage composition	Homogeneous rigid bodies
Terrain	Sand, pebble, shallow water (under chassis), mud, small plants
Environment	Salt, dust, high heat, humidity

Table 1: Assumptions Made During Robot Modelling

The first two assumptions relate to the mechanical stability of the robot. It is more stable when the body is closer to the ground, and when it has a wider base. The first assumption stipulates that, during operation, the hip joint will allow the thigh to turn between horizontal and 30 degrees above horizontal, keeping the body lower than if a negative angle was selected. The second states that the foot will extend beyond the thigh, but will never retract closer than the knee, since it will require more torque to counter-balance an external force, making it less stable. A maximum value was selected for wind speed based on Ottawa peak wind speeds (including the tornado events). It is assumed that the robot would not be left operating in more extreme weather, such as hurricanes. Other assumptions are based on basic simplification of the calculations or on the given requirements.

### 3.1 Tibia Simplification During Analysis

As seen in the concept image in Figure 2, the tibia linkage is to have a bend. This will help reduce the angle at the knee for the bellows. However, for the force analysis, the shin was simplified as a simple line joining each end of the member. This is shown as the dashed line in Figure 6.



Figure 6: Crab Straight Leg Assumption

### 3.2 Friction

The friction force is shown in all FBDs. However, in the calculations without slope, these were assumed to be negligible compared to the normal forces at the feet. The friction forces only comes into effect when the robot is on a slope. However, the calculated slope in terms of stability is relatively small and thus friction is assumed to have little impact in this case. This assumption is further supported by the fact that the robot legs will dig into the sand, mud or pebbles to a certain extent. This would create additional normal forces on the side of the foot, preventing the robot from slipping easily.

### 3.3 Nominal and Actual Values for Motors

The approximate weights and power usage of the motors were inspired by existing harmonic drive and motor models. The characteristics of the observed models are shown in Tables 2 and 3, and datasheets are included in Appendix B[1] [2].

Properties	Hip Motor	Knee Motor
Manufacturer	Maxon	Maxon
Model	EC 90 Flat	EC 60 Flat
Weight [kg]	0.98	0.36
Diameter [mm]	90	60
Voltage [V]	48	48
Nominal Current [A]	4.06	4.6
Nominal Torque [mNm]	964	577
Stall Torque [Nm]	13.1	4.87

Table 2: Motors Used for Power and Weight Approximations

Table 3: Harmonic Drives Used for Power and Weight Approximations

Properties	Hip Harmonic Drive	Knee Harmonic Drive
Manufacturer	Harmonic Drive	Harmonic Drive
Model	FB-40-100-2-GR	FB-25-100-2-GR
Reduction Ratio	100	100
Weight [kg]	1.8	0.5
Diameter [mm]	135	85
Rated Torque [Nm]	157	39
Average Torque Limit [Nm]	186	52
Momentary Peak Torque [Nm]	343	91

Calculations were based when possible on nominal or rated torque values, to make them correspond to the calculated moments at the joints. However, as this analysis takes into account the worse case scenarios for the robot, it must be understood that the motors will not always be operating at their nominal point. These occurrences would happen on rare or momentary occasions. Thus, in those cases the average torque limit or momentary peak torque are considered. The harmonic drives FB-series are also non-backdrivable; when the robot is stationary, the harmonic drives will take the static torque, significantly reducing the power drawn from the motors.



Figure 7: Crab General Dimensions

### 4 Component Properties

### 4.1 Robot General Dimensions

Figure 7 shows the general dimensional parameters of the robot. The center of origin is currently located in the geometric center of the chassis in x and y directions and at the bottom of the chassis in z. The crab consists of five legs named from A to E. The lengths of the thigh members and tibia members are identified with  $L_i$  and  $l_i$  respectively, where i = A, B, C, D, or E. Similarly, the angles of the thigh members are identified with  $\theta_i$ , whereas the angles of the tibia members are identified with  $\phi_i$ . Both of these angles are measured from the global positive x-axis in the xz-plane. Each node of the leg is identified by the letter of the leg (A to E) followed by an index of 1, 2 or 3 representing the hip, knee, and foot respectively.

Table 4 shows the values chosen for each parameter. The leg angles were chosen to represent the worst case of leg positioning for the robot. This is limited due to the fact that each joint will have a bellow cover, making the possible motion smaller. Chassis size was determined based on the component layout determined in the center of mass analysis.

Variable	Value	Unit	Variable	Value	Unit
φ <sub>A</sub>	315	Degrees	I <sub>A</sub>	300	mm
φ <sub>B</sub>	315	Degrees	I <sub>B</sub>	300	mm
φ <sub>c</sub>	225	Degrees	I <sub>c</sub>	300	mm
φ <sub>D</sub>	225	Degrees	I <sub>D</sub>	300	mm
φ <sub>E</sub>	225	Degrees	I <sub>E</sub>	300	mm
θ <sub>Α</sub>	0	Degrees	x	-72	mm
θ <sub>в</sub>	0	Degrees	<b>y</b>	0	mm
θ <sub>c</sub>	180	Degrees	Z	71	mm
θ <sub>D</sub>	180	Degrees	d	600	mm
θε	180	Degrees	w	1000	mm
L <sub>A</sub>	300	mm	h	200	mm
L <sub>B</sub>	300	mm			
Lc	300	mm			
L <sub>D</sub>	300	mm			
L <sub>E</sub>	300	mm			

Table 4: General Dimensions

### 4.2 Battery Requirements and Dimensions

Cells are arranged into a battery and managed by a Battery Management System [3]. All electronics are powered from this with the necessary voltage regulators. The battery voltage is defined as the highest voltage of any component,  $V_{max}$ , likely the motors running between 24 and 48 V. The number of battery cells running in series,  $N_{series}$ , is defined as

$$N_{series} = \frac{V_{max}}{V_{cell}} = \frac{V_{max}}{3.6V} \tag{1}$$

The number of cells in parallel,  $N_{parallel}$ , to achieve the desired run time is defined as

$$N_{parallel} = \frac{T \cdot I}{Q} = \frac{[h] \cdot [A]}{[Ah]} \tag{2}$$

where T is the runtime in hours, I is the total current draw of the robot and Q is the Amp-hour rating of an individual battery cell [4].

The total number of required cells is the number of series cells multiplied by the number of parallel cells.

$$N = N_{parallel} \cdot N_{series} \tag{3}$$

As an example, a tested configuration included a Maxon Motor EC90 260W and Maxon Motor EC60 200W per leg, Panasonic NCR18650B cells in the battery, as well as very conservative estimates for the power consumption of Group WR2Bs litter picker [2] [1] [5] [6]. The total current draw is 80 A, with a motor voltage of 48 V. The number of cells in series is thus

$$N_{series} = \frac{48\mathrm{V}}{3.6\mathrm{V}} = 13.33\mathrm{cells} \tag{4}$$

This is rounded up the 14 cells in series. The number of cells in parallel is calculated in the same way

$$N_{parallel} = \frac{2\text{hours} \cdot 80\text{A}}{3.4\text{Ah}} = 47.05\text{cells}$$
(5)

Again, this value is rounded up to 48 cells. Finally, the total number of required cells in calculated

$$N = 14 \cdot 48 = 672 \tag{6}$$

These cells could be split up into multiple batteries, or take different shapes and sizes. An example script is found in Appendix A.5 and gives one large battery that contains vertically aligned cells with as-close-to-square-as-possible width and length. In contrast, for the purpose of determining an approximate centre of mass, the cells were separated into four equal batteries in the center of mass calculation presented in Section 4.3.

### 4.3 Centre of Mass

The centre of mass was calculated with the following steps:

- Assuming a total robot mass (namely assuming battery mass).
- Calculating required motor torques and selecting appropriate motors and harmonic drives.
- Calculating required battery size with motor and electronics power requirements.
- Making a layout of the components (legs, batteries, other groups' litter picker, etc.) within the chassis and determining their distance from the origin in the middle of the chassis.
- Calculating the centre of mass.
- Iterate.



Figure 8: Layout of Components in Robot Chassis

The first iteration was done by assuming an equal normal force acting on all legs of the robot, as the centre of mass is ultimately required to get more precise normal forces (see equations for normal forces in Section 5.1). These more precise normal forces were then used in the next iteration to get more extreme torques.

The component layout was drafted based on the size and weight of the various components. Figure 8 shows the general arrangement of components. The centre of mass of each component was assumed at its middle. The specific location coordinates were specified in an excel table (see Appendix A.6), which took all components into consideration for the centre of mass calculation. The general chassis dimensions were also calculated as a consequence of this calculation.

The centre of mass is given by the following equation.

$$x_{cm} = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{\sum m_i} \qquad y_{cm} = \frac{\sum m_i y_i}{\sum m_i} \qquad z_{cm} = \frac{\sum m_i z_i}{\sum m_i} \tag{7}$$

where  $m_i$  are the mass of various components and  $x_i$ ,  $y_i$  and  $z_i$  are the distance of the centre of mass of each component compared to the origin of the robot, on each axis. The centre of mass value is used to assess the stability of the robot in Section 5.4.

### 5 Kinematics and Applied Forces

### 5.1 Normal Forces at Feet

The normal forces acting on the robot are shown in Figure 9. The 5 legged robot is considered a statically indeterminate (hyperstatic) case (as determined from the original equations shown in Appendix A.3). Thus it is impossible to mathematically determine the resulting force at every foot of the robot without considering bending in the robot's material.



Figure 9: FBD of Whole Robot

In order to calculate realistic (worst case) values of torque, the reaction forces at the robot's feet were calculated for two possible solutions where only three feet would touch the ground.

The 2 combinations of feet touching the ground are: 1. A, C, D and 2. B, D, E. To simplify calculations and algebra, a matrix system approach was used.

For combination 1., the sum of forces and moments are given by

$$\sum F_z = 0 = N_A + N_C + N_D - F_{mgT}$$
(8)

$$\sum M_{A_x} = 0 = N_C r_{ca_y} + N_D r_{da_y} - F_{mgT} r_{ga_y}$$
(9)

$$\sum M_{C_y} = 0 = -N_A r_{ac_x} - N_D r_{dc_x} + F_{mgT} r_{gc_x}$$
(10)

For combination 2., the sum of forces and moments are given by

$$\sum F_z = 0 = N_B + N_D + N_E - F_{mgT} \tag{11}$$

$$\sum M_{B_x} = 0 = -N_D r_{db_y} - N_E r_{eb_y} + F_{mgT} r_{gb_y}$$
(12)

$$\sum M_{E_y} = 0 = -N_B r_{be_x} - N_D r_{de_x} + F_{mgT} r_{ge_x}$$
(13)

where the r values represent the distance between the foot and the reference point, perpendicular to the rotation axis.

The following is an example with combination 1. A matrix solver is used to find reaction values.

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_A \\ N_C \\ N_D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & r_{cay} & r_{day} \\ r_{ac_x} & r_{dc_x} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} F_{mgT} \\ F_{mgT}r_{gay} \\ F_{mgT}r_{gc_x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 600mm & 200mm \\ 1624mm & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 625N \\ 124978Nmm \\ 462656Nmm \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 285N \\ 142N \\ 198N \end{bmatrix}$$
(14)

### 5.2 Static Moment at Leg Joints

The forces acting on the tibia member are shown in Figure 10.

This allows the knee joint moment to be calculated using the following equation.

$$\sum M_{i_2} = 0 = N_i l_i \cos \phi_i - M_{i_2} \tag{15}$$

$$M_{i_2} = N_i l_i \cos \phi_i \tag{16}$$

An example for the knee joint moment calculation of leg A, using the worst case normal force is as follows:

$$\sum M_{A_2} = 0 = N_A l_A \cos \phi_A - M_{A_2} \tag{17}$$

$$M_{A_2} = N_A l_A \cos \phi_A = (285N)(300 \text{mm})(\cos(315^\circ)) = 60,423 \text{ Nmm}$$
(18)

The forces acting on the leg (including the tibia and thigh members) are shown in Figure 11.

This allows the hip joint moment to be calculated using the following equation.



Figure 10: FBD of Tibia Member



Figure 11: FBD of Whole Leg

$$\sum M_{i_1} = 0 = N_i [L_i \cos \theta_i + l_i \cos \phi_i] - G_{i_2} L_i \cos \theta_i - M_{i_1}$$
(19)

$$M_{i_1} = N_i [L_i \cos \theta_i + l_i \cos \phi_i] - G_{i_2} L_i \cos \theta_i$$
(20)

An example for the hip joint moment calculation of leg A, using the worst case normal force is as follows:

$$\sum M_{A_1} = 0 = N_A [L_A \cos \theta_A + l_A \cos \phi_A] - G_{i2} L_A \cos \theta_A - M_{A_1}$$
(21)

$$M_{A_1} = N_A [L_A \cos \theta_A + l_A \cos \phi_A] - G_{i2} L_A \cos \theta_A$$
  
= (285N)[(300mm) cos (0°) + (300mm) cos (315°)] - (0.282kg)g(300mm) cos (0°) (22)  
= 145,048Nmm

Table 5 shows the torque values obtained for two static calculation types. The first is when the normal forces are assumed to be a quarter of the robot weight (as if one leg is off the ground). The second is using the worst case method outlined previously where torques are calculated based on only three legs touching the ground. It can be seen that the highest torques appear in legs A and B. These are considered as determined in Section 3.3.

Table 5: Leg Joint Torques Based on Two Different Calculated Normal Forces

Method	$\operatorname{Leg}$	Knee Torque [Nmm]	Hip Torque [Nmm]
Equal Normal Forces	All	36,000	86,000
Worst Case Normal Forces	А	60,000	145,000
	В	60,000	145,000
	С	30,000	72,000
	D	41,000	100,000
	Е	30,000	72,000

### 5.3 Generalized Dynamic Equation of Motion

For both the static dynamic case where the legs are moving, the joint torques can be found by developing an inertial matrix, force and gravity matrices, and using them in the dynamic equation developed in the Robotics course, MCG4134 [7]. The final form, following derivations described in Appendix A.2 and for an arbitrary leg i shown in Figure 12 with joint torques consistent with Figures 10 and 11, is equation 23.



Figure 12: Side View of Leg i

$$\begin{bmatrix} (m_1 + m_2)L^2 & m_2\ell L\cos(\theta - \phi) \\ m_2\ell L\cos(\theta - \phi) & m_2\ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} + g \begin{bmatrix} (m_1 + m_2)L\cos\theta + m_2\ell\cos\theta \\ m_2\ell\cos\phi \end{bmatrix} + N \begin{bmatrix} L\cos\theta + \ell\cos\phi \\ \ell\cos\phi \end{bmatrix} + f \begin{bmatrix} L\sin\theta + \ell\sin\phi \\ \ell\sin\phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
(23)

where  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are the masses of the linkages and joints (moved to the most distal point of the linkage), N is the normal force at the foot, f is the friction force at the foot (and encompasses wind, chassis acceleration, and other external forces parallel the ground), and  $\tau_1$ and  $\tau_2$  are the joint torques at the hip and knee respectively. This approach is conservative, as the actual inertial matrix would contain mass values closer to the center of the linkages. It also simplifies the mass moment of inertia calculations presented in Appendix A.1. An example with leg A is shown below, where the chassis was assumed to be accelerating forward at a rate of  $a = 0.5m/s^2$  on a flat surface with no wind. The maximum static friction force  $f_{max} = \mu N$  is assumed to be superior to the reaction at the foot to allow for the chassis to move forward with F = ma = f (no slipping). Assuming an even distribution of load and three legs making contact with the ground, the friction force per leg is thus one third of the force required to move the the chassis.

$$f = \frac{ma}{3} = \frac{(63\text{kg})(0.5m/s^2)}{3\text{legs}} = 10.62N$$
(24)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (0.836 \text{kg} + 0.532 \text{kg})(300 \text{mm})^2 & (0.532 \text{kg})(300 \text{mm})(300 \text{mm})\cos(0^\circ - 315^\circ) \\ 0.532 \text{kg}(300 \text{mm})(300 \text{mm})\cos(0^\circ - 315^\circ) & 0.532 \text{kg}(300 \text{mm}) \\ + (9.81 m/s^2) \begin{bmatrix} (0.836 \text{kg} + 0.532 \text{kg})(300 \text{mm})\cos(0^\circ) + 0.532 \text{kg}(300 \text{mm})\cos(0^\circ) \\ m_2(300 \text{mm})\cos(315^\circ) \\ + (285 \text{N}) \begin{bmatrix} (300 \text{mm})\cos(0^\circ) + (300 \text{mm})\cos(315^\circ) \\ (300 \text{mm})\cos(315^\circ) \\ (300 \text{mm})\sin(315^\circ) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (150,000 N mm) \\ (60,000 N mm) \\ (60,000 N mm) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (25) \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

Tables 6 and 7 show the values obtained for all other leg following the same equation at the given acceleration, for both forward and backwards motion. Theses table can be compared with Table 5; all torques are very similar and very close in value.

Table 6:	Leg Joint	Torque Based	on Generalized	Equation	of Motion	with ]	Forward	Acceler-
ation								

Method	Leg	Knee Torque [Nmm]	Hip Torque [Nmm]
Generalized Equation of Motion		60,000	149,000
	В	60,000	152,000
	$\mathbf{C}$	33,000	80,000
	D	44,000	108,000
	Е	33,000	80,000

 Table 7: Leg Joint Torque Based on Generalized Equation of Motion with Backward Acceleration

Method	Leg	Knee Torque [Nmm]	Hip Torque [Nmm]
Generalized Equation of Motion	А	65,000	155,000
	В	$65,\!000$	155,000
	С	28,000	76,000
	D	40,000	104,000
	Е	28,000	75,000

### 5.4 Stability Analysis and Slopes

The stability analysis allows to determine the area of stability of the robot. Stability triangles show the limit and area of stability of the robot when standing on three of the five legs. By linking legs in combinations as seen in section 5.1, a stability diagram is created as shown in Figure 13. The centre of mass must be located at all times in the diamond shaped area located in the middle of the robot. This will ensure a constant stability with whichever combination of legs.



Figure 13: Centre of Mass and Diamond Shaped Stability Area

To assess the robots' stability on slopes, rotational matrices were used around X, Y, and

Z [7]. These are shown here:

$$R_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$
(26)

$$R_{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & 0 & \sin \phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & 0 & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$
(27)
$$R_{z} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \sigma & -\sin \sigma & 0 \\ \sin \sigma & \cos \sigma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(28)

The fixed frame's Z direction is always parallel and in the opposite direction to the gravitational force. The fixed frame is defined by  $\begin{bmatrix} X & Y & Z \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ . The robot's frame is defined by  $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ 

Rotation from x to z  $R_2^0$  is defined as:

$$R_z^x = R_z R_y R_x \tag{29}$$

Thus, to obtain the robot's location, the following equation is used:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = R_z^x \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$
(30)

Using equation 30, it was possible to model every component of the robot according to the rotations. Using the stability triangles, the maximum slope angle can be determined. The figures 14, 15, 16, 17 shows the robot's center of mass at different locations depending on the slope. The center of mass is the star, which should always be located within the area of stability. It should be noted that the centre of mass itself is not moving, even though it looks like it on the images. The shift between the stability area and centre of mass is created due to their difference in height.

An example using the position of centre of mass is as follows at 20 degrees around x:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.940 & -0.342 \\ 0 & 0.342 & 0.940 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 740 \text{mm} \\ 400 \text{mm} \\ 221 \text{mm} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 740 \text{mm} \\ 300 \text{mm} \\ 344 \text{mm} \end{bmatrix}$$
(31)



Figure 14: Rotation Around X by  $20^\circ$ 



Figure 15: Rotation Around X by  $-20^\circ$ 



Figure 16: Rotation Around Y by 57°



Figure 17: Rotation Around Y by -73°

### 5.5 Drag Force from Wind

Another external force to consider is the drag force acting on the robot from the wind. Strong winds are common on the waterfront and have the potential to flip the crab over if its weight is not sufficient to keep it on the ground. Based on last year's wind speed data, Ottawa experienced a maximum wind speed of 50 km/h (13.89 m/s) and a maximum gust of 73 km/h (20.78 m/s) in September 2018, which coincides with the tornadoes that occurred in the region [8]. To calculate the drag force acting on the robot, the drag coefficient  $C_D$  is obtained from Figure 25 in Appendix A.4. The value obtained is  $C_D = 1.3$  based on the robot's width, depth, and height given in Table 4. For that case to be valid, the Reynold's number should be approximately 10<sup>5</sup>. The equation below is used to calculate the Reynold's number for wind velocity U of 20.28m/s, a characteristic length D (height h) of 0.2m, and a kinematic viscosity  $\nu$  of  $1.426x10^{-}5m^2/s$  for air at 10°C and 1atm [9][10].

$$Re = \frac{UD}{\nu} = \frac{(20.28 \text{m/s})(0.2 \text{m})}{1.426 \times 10^{-5} \text{m}^2/\text{s}} = 2.84 \times 10^5$$
(32)

Since  $2.84 \times 10^5$  has the same order of magnitude as  $10^5$ , the case used is assumed to be valid. Then, the drag force is calculated using the following equation [9].

$$F_D = \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 C_D A = \frac{1}{2} (1.246 \text{kg}/m^3) (20.28 \text{m/s})^2 (1.3) (1\text{m}) (0.2\text{m}) = 66.62 \text{N}$$
(33)

where  $\rho$  is the density of the air at  $10^{\circ}C$  and A is the reference area of the chassis (A = bD = wh) [10].

The worst case scenario for the robot with drag force is in the situation on a inclined slope of 20 degrees rotated with respect to the y axis as illustrated in Figure 18. The drag force required to flip the robot is calculated using Figure 19. The equations are as follows:

$$d = -H\sin\theta + D\cos\theta = -(350mm)\sin(20\,\text{deg}) + (300mm)\cos(20\,\text{deg}) = 162mm \quad (34)$$

$$h = H\cos\theta + D\sin\theta = (350mm)\cos(20\,\text{deg}) + (300mm)\sin(20\,\text{deg}) = 431mm$$
(35)

$$\sum M = 0 = F_D h - mgd \to F_D = \frac{mgd}{h}$$
(36)

$$F_D = \frac{mgd}{h} = \frac{(63.6928kg)(9.81m/s^2)(256mm)}{(468mm)} = 235N$$
(37)



Figure 18: FBD of Whole Robot on a Slope



Figure 19: Drag Force Worst Case Scenario

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### A Additional Material

### A.1 Mass Moment of Inertia of Square Tube

All moments of inertia are calculated assuming constant density  $\rho$ . The thigh linkage is modeled as a cylindrical or square tube (subject to change). In the case of a cylindrical tube, the moment of inertia around an axis as shown in Figure 20 takes either of the following forms [11]

$$I = \frac{\pi \rho h}{12} (3(r_2^4 - r_1^4) + h^2(r_2^2 - r_1^2))$$
(38)

$$I = \frac{1}{12}m(3(r_2^2 + r_1^2) + 4h^2)$$
(39)



Figure 20: Mass Moment of Inertia of Cylindrical Tube

In the case of a square tube, the general formula is not readily available and must be derived. The derivation follows the variables outlined in Figure 21.



Figure 21: Mass Moment of Inertia of Square Tube



Figure 22: Mass Moment of Inertia of Square Tube - Slab view

To compute the mass moment of inertia of a square tube, we must first determine the differential mass of a slab shown in Figure 22

$$dm = \rho(bc - [(c - 2D)(b - 2D)])dx = \rho(2(b + c)D - 4D^2)dx$$
(40)

We then find the differential mass moment of inertia relative to the local axis z' [12]

$$dI_{z'} = \rho dx I_{z',area} = \rho dx \frac{cb^3 - (c - 2D)(b - 2D)^3}{12}$$
(41)

where  $I_{z',area}$  is the area moment of inertia (or second moment of inertia) of the slab face [13]. The differential mass moment of inertia relative to the global z axis can thus be found using the parallel axis theorem [12]

$$dI_z = dI_{z'} + x^2 dm \tag{42}$$

$$dI_z = \rho dx I_{z',area} + x^2 dm \tag{43}$$

$$dI_{z} = \rho I_{z',area} dx + x^{2} \rho \left[ 2(b+c)D - 4D^{2} \right] dx$$
(44)

$$dI_{z} = \rho \left( I_{z',area} + \left[ 2(b+c)D - 4D^{2} \right] x^{2} \right) dx$$
(45)

Finally, the expression is integrated with respect to a, giving the mass moment of inertia of the tube

$$I_{z} = \rho \int_{0}^{a} I_{z',area} + \left[ 2(b+c)D - 4D^{2} \right] x^{2} dx$$
(46)

$$I_{z} = \rho a \left[ I_{z',area} + \frac{1}{3} \left( 2(b+c)D - 4D^{2} \right) a^{2} \right]$$
(47)

$$I_z = \rho a \left( \frac{cb^3 - (c - 2D)(b - 2D)^3}{12} + \frac{1}{3} \left( 2(b + c)D - 4D^2 \right) a^2 \right)$$
(48)

In the case of a square tube, b = c, and so the expression becomes

$$I_z = \rho a \left( \frac{b^4 - (b - 2D)^4}{12} + \frac{1}{3} (4bD - 4D^2) a^2 \right)$$
(49)

The mass moment of inertia of composite bodies (composed of multiple bodies) can be calculated as the sum of all mass moments of inertia of the composite body, relative to the axis around which the inertia is being measured.

$$I_{compositebody} = \sum_{i} I_{i} \tag{50}$$

The moment of inertia around the hip, for example, would be:

$$I_{hip} = I_{thigh} + I_{knee} + I_{tibia} + I_{foot}$$

$$\tag{51}$$

Alternatively, a simple and conservative approximation of the linkage moments of inertia can be found using the inertia matrix in Subsection 5.3.

### A.2 Generalized Equation of Motion

The following derivation allows for a single vector equation that provides the resulting joint torques for a given configuration and acceleration. A side view of the leg i is shown in Figure 23. From now on, the letter i shall be dropped from all notation to speed up equation writing; all variables are still with respect to leg i.



Figure 23: Side View of Leg i

The positions of points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  in x and z are given in vector form

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} L\cos\theta\\L\sin\theta \end{bmatrix}$$
(52)

$$P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} L\cos\theta + \ell\cos\phi\\ L\sin\theta + \ell\cos\phi \end{bmatrix}$$
(53)

After deriving once

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -L\dot{\theta}\sin\theta\\ L\dot{\theta}\cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$
(54)

$$P_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} -L\dot{\theta}\sin\theta - \ell\dot{\phi}\sin\phi\\ L\dot{\theta}\cos\theta + \ell\dot{\phi}\cos\phi \end{bmatrix}$$
(55)

In explicit matrix form:

$$P_1: \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -L\sin\theta & 0 \\ L\cos\theta & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix}$$
(56)

$$P_2: \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -L\sin\theta & -\ell\sin\phi \\ L\cos\theta & \ell\cos\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix}$$
(57)

Where the  $4 \times 4$  matrices are Jacobians  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ . The inertia matrix is given by

$$M = m_1 J_1^T J_1 + m_2 J_2^T J_2 = [kg][m][m] + [kg][m][m]$$
(58)

This matrix approximates the inertial component of the necessary motor torques conservatively by approximating the entire mass of the linkages at the joints. After substituting in 56 and 57, the resulting inertia matrix takes the form

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} (m_1 + m_2)L^2 & m_2\ell L\cos(\theta - \phi) \\ m_2\ell L\cos(\theta - \phi) & m_2\ell \end{bmatrix}$$
(59)

The simplification steps between equations 58 and 59 are shown in Figure 24

$$M = m_{1} J_{1}^{T} J_{1} + m_{2} J_{2}^{T} J_{2}$$

$$= m_{1} \begin{bmatrix} -L_{1} \sin \Theta_{i} & L_{i} \cos \Theta_{i} \\ -L_{i} \sin \Theta_{i} & L_{i} \cos \Theta_{i} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -L_{i} \sin \Theta_{i} & \Theta_{i} \\ -L_{i} \sin \Theta_{i} & L_{i} \cos \Theta_{i} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -L_{i} \sin \Theta_{i} & -L_{i} \sin \Phi_{i} \\ -L_{i} \sin \Phi_{i} & L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= m_{1} \begin{bmatrix} L_{i}^{2} \sin \Theta_{i} + L_{i}^{2} \cos^{2}\Theta_{i} & \Theta_{i} + m_{2} \begin{bmatrix} L_{i}^{2} \sin^{2}\Theta_{i} + L_{i}^{2} \cos^{2}\Theta_{i} & L_{i} \sin \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} \\ L_{i} \sin \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} & L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= m_{1} \begin{bmatrix} L_{i}^{2} & O \\ O & O \end{bmatrix} + m_{2} \begin{bmatrix} L_{i}^{2} \sin \Theta_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} \\ L_{i} \sin \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= m_{1} \begin{bmatrix} L_{i}^{2} & O \\ O & O \end{bmatrix} + m_{2} \begin{bmatrix} L_{i}^{2} & L_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} \\ L_{i} L_{i} & L_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= m_{1} \begin{bmatrix} L_{i}^{2} & O \\ O & O \end{bmatrix} + m_{2} \begin{bmatrix} L_{i}^{2} & L_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} \\ L_{i} L_{i} & L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} - \Phi_{i} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= m_{1} \begin{bmatrix} L_{i}^{2} & O \\ O & O \end{bmatrix} + m_{2} \begin{bmatrix} L_{i}^{2} & L_{i} + L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} - \Phi_{i} \\ L_{i} L_{i} & L_{i} \cos \Phi_{i} - \Phi_{i} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} (m_{1} + m_{2}) L_{i}^{2} & m_{2} L_{i} L_{i} \cos (\Theta_{i} - \Phi_{i}) \\ m_{2} L_{i} L_{i} \cos (\Theta_{i} - \Phi_{i}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 24: Simplification Steps for Inertia Matrix

The generalized equation of motion takes the form

$$M\ddot{\theta} + c(\theta, \dot{\theta}) + \mu(\dot{\theta}^2) + G(\theta) + F(\theta) = \tau$$
(60)

where  $c(\theta, \dot{\theta})$  is the coriolis effect,  $\mu(\dot{\theta}^2)$  is the centrifugal effect,  $G(\theta)$  is gravity,  $F(\theta)$  is the force applied at the foot and  $\tau$  is the joint torques. Coriolis and centrifugal forces have been neglected to simplify analysis.  $G(\theta)$  is given by

$$G(\theta) = g \begin{bmatrix} (m_1 + m_2)L\cos\theta + m_2\ell\cos\theta\\ m_2\ell\cos\phi \end{bmatrix} = [m/s^2]([kg][m]) = [Nm]$$
(61)

where  $g = 9.81 m/s^2$ . The force matrix  $F(\theta)$  is

$$F(\theta) = N \begin{bmatrix} L\cos\theta + \ell\cos\phi\\ \ell\cos\phi \end{bmatrix} + f \begin{bmatrix} L\sin\theta + \ell\sin\phi\\ \ell\sin\phi \end{bmatrix} = [N][m]$$
(62)

where N is the normal force at the foot and f is the friction force at the foot. Friction force in the y plane was neglected as it should not directly impact the joint torques, except through increasing the friction in bearings, etc. Finally, equations 61 and 62 are inserted into 60 giving the final generalized equation of motion

$$\begin{bmatrix} (m_1 + m_2)L^2 & m_2\ell L\cos(\theta - \phi) \\ m_2\ell L\cos(\theta - \phi) & m_2\ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} + g \begin{bmatrix} (m_1 + m_2)L\cos\theta + m_2\ell\cos\theta \\ m_2\ell\cos\phi \end{bmatrix} + N \begin{bmatrix} L\cos\theta + \ell\cos\phi \\ \ell\cos\phi \end{bmatrix} + f \begin{bmatrix} L\sin\theta + \ell\sin\phi \\ \ell\sin\phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
(63)

where  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are the joint torques for the hip and knee, respectively.

### A.3 Force at Feet

These equations were first tried to calculate the force at every feet of the robot, however after calculation it was determined to be a statically indeterminate system.

$$\sum F_z = 0 = N_A + N_B + N_C + N_D + N_E - mg \tag{64}$$

$$\sum M_{x_A} = 0 = -N_E r_{EA_y} + N_D r_{DA_y} + N_B r_{BA_y} + N_C r_{CA_y} - mgr_{gA_y}$$
(65)

$$\sum M_{x_E} = 0 = N_A r_{AE_y} N_D r_{DE_y} + N_B r_{BE_y} + N_C r_{CE_y} - mgr_{gE_y}$$
(66)

$$\sum M_{y_A} = 0 = N_E r_{EA_x} + N_D r_{DA_x} + N_C r_{CA_x} - mgr_{gA_x}$$
(67)

$$\sum M_{y_B} = 0 = N_E r_{EB_x} + N_D r_{DB_x} + N_C r_{CB_x} - mgr_{gB_x}$$
(68)

What if there is force in different directions (Complete 3D), must look at matrices?

$$M_j = \sum (r_i \times N_i) + mg \tag{69}$$

$$M_{j_x} = \sum (r_{i_y} N_{i_z} - r_{i_z} N_{i_y}) + \dots$$
(70)

$$M_{j_y} = \sum (r_{i_z} N_{i_x} - r_{i_x} N_{i_z}) + \dots$$
(71)

$$M_{j_z} = \sum (r_{i_x} N_{i_y} - r_{i_y} N_{i_x}) + \dots$$
(72)

### A.4 Drag Coefficients

The drag coefficient acting on the robot was obtained with Figure 25. The most appropriate shape is the rectangle with the values D = h = 200mm, l = d = 600mm, and b = w = 1000mm. Therefore, we obtain a ratio of l/D = d/h = 600mm/200mm = 3 and based on the table from Figure 25,  $C_D = 1.3$ . Finally, the reference area  $A = bD = wh = (1m)(0.2m) = 0.2m^2$ .

Shape	Reference area A (b = length)	Drag coefficient $C_D = \frac{\mathcal{D}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 A}$	Reynolds number Re = $\rho UD/\mu$
$\begin{array}{c} + D + \\ \hline \\ R \\ \hline \\ R \\ \hline \\ \\ R \\ \hline \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	A = bD	$\begin{array}{c c c} R/D & C_D \\ \hline 0 & 2.2 \\ 0.02 & 2.0 \\ 0.17 & 1.2 \\ 0.33 & 1.0 \\ \end{array}$	Re = 10 <sup>5</sup>
Rounded D equilateral triangle	A = bD	R/D         C_D           0         1.4         2.1           0.02         1.2         2.0           0.08         1.3         1.9           0.25         1.1         1.3	Re = 10 <sup>5</sup>
D Semicircular shell	A = bD	→ 2.3 ← 1.1	$\text{Re} = 2 \times 10^4$
D Semicircular cylinder	A = bD	→ 2.15 → 1.15	$\text{Re} > 10^4$
↑ D ↓ T-beam	A = bD	→ 1.80 → 1.65	$\text{Re} > 10^4$
→ D I I-beam	A = bD	2.05	Re > 10 <sup>4</sup>
D Angle	A = bD	→ 1.98 → 1.82	Re > 10 <sup>4</sup>
Hexagon	A = bD	1.0	$\text{Re} > 10^4$
$ \begin{array}{c c} & & \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ D \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline$	A = bD	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	Re = 10 <sup>5</sup>

Figure 25: Various Drag Coefficients for Two-Dimensional Objects [9]

### A.5 Battery Sample Code

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Listing 1: Battery dimension calculator - Basic
function [x, y, z] = getBatteryDimensionsSingle(number_of_cells,
   number_of_batteries):
    % Battery dimensions in mm and g
    D = 18.24;
    H = 65.1;
    [cells_per_battery, remainder] = quorem(number_of_cells,
       number_of_batteries)
    if(remainder != 0):
        cells_per_battery = cells_per_battery + 1;
    end
    % cells are arranged upright, 1 high, with even width and
       length if possible
    cells_wide_square = sqrt(cells_per_battery);
    cells_wide = floor (cells_wide_square);
    cells_long = ceil(cells_wide_square);
```

```
x = cells_wide * D;

y = cells_long * D;

z = H;
```

The chassis dimensions could then be found programmatically by multiplying the battery dimensions by some constant (for example,  $h_{chassis} = 1.5h_{battery}$ , then ensuring that this length is also sufficient to allow the desired range of motion of the leg

# A.6 Centre of Mass Calculation

Centre of Gravity									
Components	Location x [mm]	Location y [mm]	Location z [mm]	Weight (kg)	mx [kgmm]	my [kgmm]	mz [kgmm]	Total Weight [kg	63.69
Battery 1	-180	200	40	7.7	-1390.0	1544.4	308.9	CG X [mm]	-71.68
Battery 2	-180	-200	40	7.7	-1390.0	-1544.4	308.9	CG Y [mm]	0.02
Battery 3	-180	200	120	7.7	-1390.0	1544.4	926.6	CG Z [mm]	71.41
Battery 4	-180	-200	120	7.7	-1390.0	-1544.4	926.6		
Litter	50	0	175	5.0	250.0	0.0	875.0		
Litter Arm	300	0	0	6.0	1800.0	0.0	0.0		
Chassis Casing	0	0	100	1.9	0.0	0.0	192.8		
NVIDIA Jetson TX2	-200	-180	140	0.1	-17.0	-15.3	11.9		
Raspberry Pi 4	-200	150	140	0.0	-9.2	6.9	6.4		
BMS (8S-16S)	-200	210	140	0.0	-9.2	9.7	6.4		
Leg A Hip	250	-200	50	3.8	960.0	-768.0	192.0		
Leg B Hip	250	200	50	3.8	960.0	768.0	192.0		
Leg C Hip	-250	400	50	3.8	-960.0	1536.0	192.0		
Leg D Hip	-250	0	50	3.8	-960.0	0.0	192.0		
Leg E Hip	-250	-400	50	3.8	-960.0	-1536.0	192.0		
Leg A Knee	600	-200	50	0.1	60.0	-20.0	5.0		
Leg B Knee	600	200	50	0.1	60.0	20.0	5.0		
Leg C Knee	-600	400	50	0.1	-60.0	40.0	5.0		
Leg D Knee	-600	0	50	0.1	-60.0	0.0	5.0		
Leg E Knee	-600	-400	50	0.1	-60.0	-40.0	5.0		

Table 8: Centre of Mass Calculation and Components' Location

# **B** Data Sheets

## EC 60 flat Ø60 mm, brushless, 200 Watt

Ventilated



**NEW** 

# maxon flat motor

# EC 90 flat Ø90 mm, brushless, 260 Watt



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# FB-25-100-2-GR



Series	Size	Ratio	Туре
FB	25	100	2-GR

FB component set consists of four elements:

- Wave generator, an elliptical bearing assembly
- Flexspline, a non-rigid ring with external teeth
- Circular Spline, rigid internal gear
- Dynamic Spline, rigid internal gear

# How it works

Rotation of the Wave Generator imparts a rotating elliptical shape to the Flexspline causing progressive engagement of its external teeth with the internal teeth of the Circular Spline and the Dynamic Spline. The fixed Circular Spline has two more teeth than the Flexspline, thereby imparting relative rotation to the Flexspline at a reduction ratio corresponding to the difference in the number of teeth. With the same number of teeth, the Dynamic Spline rotates with and at the same speed as the Flexspline.

Gear Model Number	FB-25-100-2-0	SR
Gear Performance Data		
Rated Torque L10	39	Nm
Limit for Average Torque	52	Nm
Limit for Repeated Peak Torqu	<b>Je</b> 52	Nm
Limit for Momentary Peak Tore	<b>que</b> 91	Nm

### **Gear Performance Data**

Backdriving Torque		Nm
Ave. Input Speed	2,500	rpm
Gear Backlash	< 3	arc min
Mass	0.5	kg



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FB	40	100	2-GR

FB component set consists of four elements:

- Wave generator, an elliptical bearing assembly
- Flexspline, a non-rigid ring with external teeth
- Circular Spline, rigid internal gear
- Dynamic Spline, rigid internal gear

# How it works

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Gear Model Number	FB-40-100-2-0	GR
Gear Performance Data		
Rated Torque L10	157	Nm
Limit for Average Torque	186	Nm
Limit for Repeated Peak Torque	u <b>e</b> 186	Nm
Limit for Momentary Peak Tor	<b>que</b> 343	Nm

### **Gear Performance Data**

Backdriving Torque		Nm
Ave. Input Speed	2,000	rpm
Gear Backlash	< 3	arc min
Mass	1.8	kg

# Specifications for NCR18650BD

Specific	ations			
Rated capacity <sup>(1)</sup>		2980mAh	2910mAh	
Capacity <sup>(2)</sup>	Minimum	3030mAh	2935mAh	
Capacity	Typical	3180mAh	3080mAh	
Nominal voltage		3.6V		
	Method	CC-CV		
Charging	Voltage	4.20V	4.15V	
	Current	Std. 0.3CA		
Weight (max.) Without tube		49.5g		
	Charge	10 to +45° C		
Temperature	Discharge	-20 to +60° C		
	Storage	-20 to +50° C		
Energy density (3)	Volumetric	630 Wh/l	615 Wh/l	
	Gravimetric	217 Wh/kg	212 Wh/kg	

# Dimensions



 $^{(1)}\,At~20^\circ~C~^{(2)}\,At~25^\circ~C$ 

<sup>(3)</sup> Energy density is calculated using bare cell dimensions (without tube).

When designing a pack, refer to the cell's mechanical drawing for precise dimensions.

