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Semantic Tolerance Modeling based on Modal Interval Analysis

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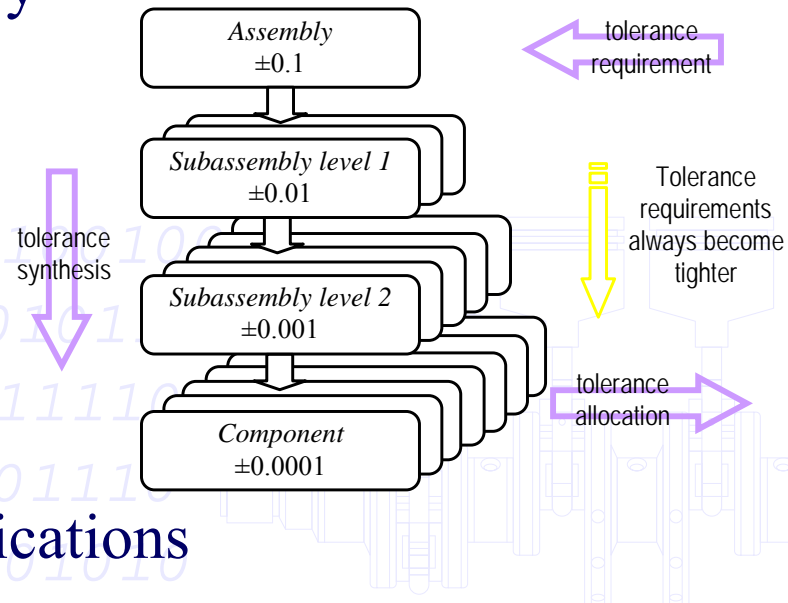
Motivation

- Assumptions of rigid geometry

“The conventional addition theorem of variance is no longer valid for deformable sheet metal assemblies.” – Takezawa (1980)

- Semantics of tolerance specifications

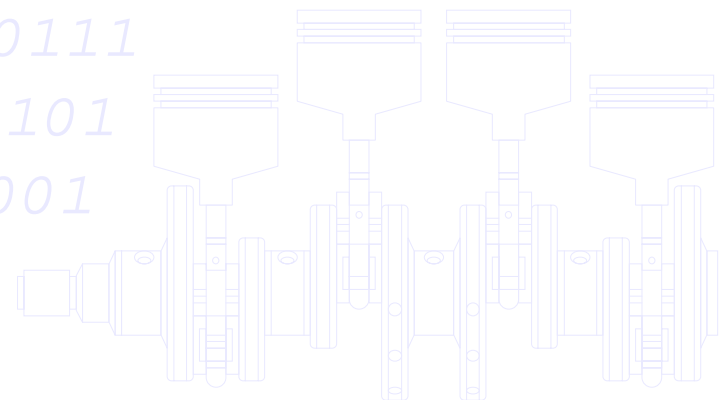
- material difference
- assembly sequence difference
- understand numbers
- “Thou Shalt Not Lie”





Background - Tolerance Analysis

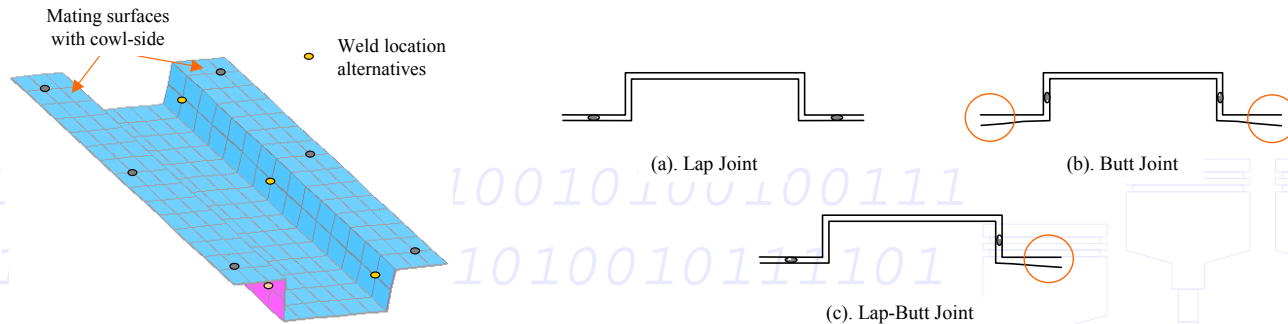
- Variational estimation
 - 2D/3D geometric tolerance zone
- Statistical approximation
 - root-sum-square, Taylor series
 - adjustment & correction
- Kinematic formulation
 - displacement vectors & matrices
- Monte Carlo simulation
 - most accurate
 - time consuming



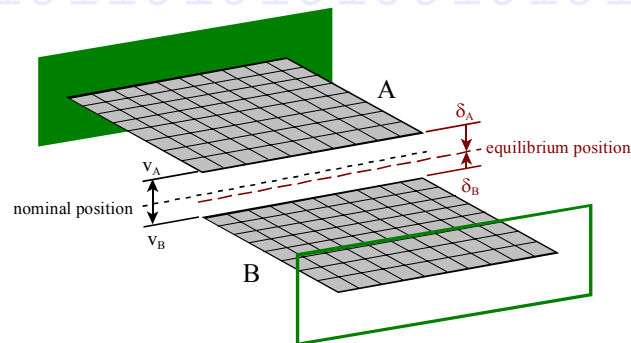


Background - Tolerance Analysis of Flexible Assembly

- Linear FEM structural model [Liu et al., Camelio et al.]



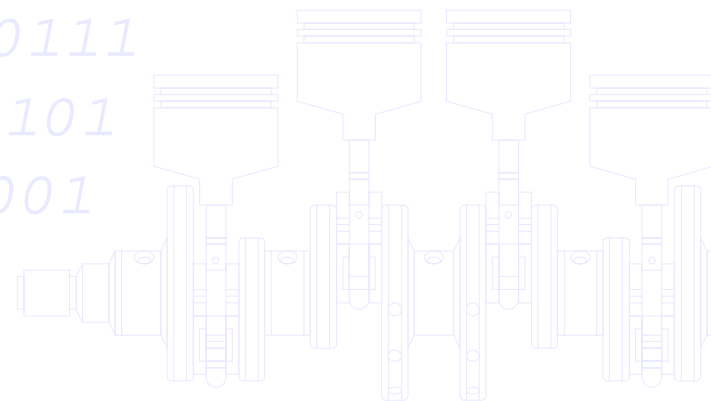
- Linear elastic FEM [Merkley et al.]





Background – Interval Analysis in Engineering

- Computer Graphics
- Robust geometry construction & evaluation
- Robot control
- Set-based modeling
- Imprecise structural analysis
- Design optimization
- Finite-element analysis
- Soft constraint solving
- Worst-case tolerance analysis





Background - Modal Interval Analysis (MIA)

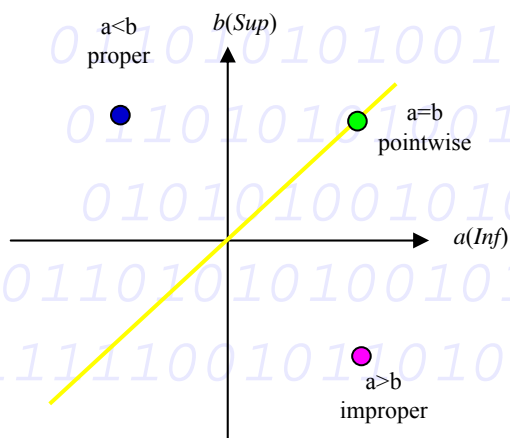
- Limitation of traditional IA
 - Linear stack-up based on worst-case scenario
 - Not interpretable
- Modal Interval Analysis
 - [Gardenes *et al.*, 2001; Markov, 2001; Popova, 2001; Shary, 2001 & 2002; Armengol *et al.*, 2001;]
 - Semantic extension
 - Tighten range estimation



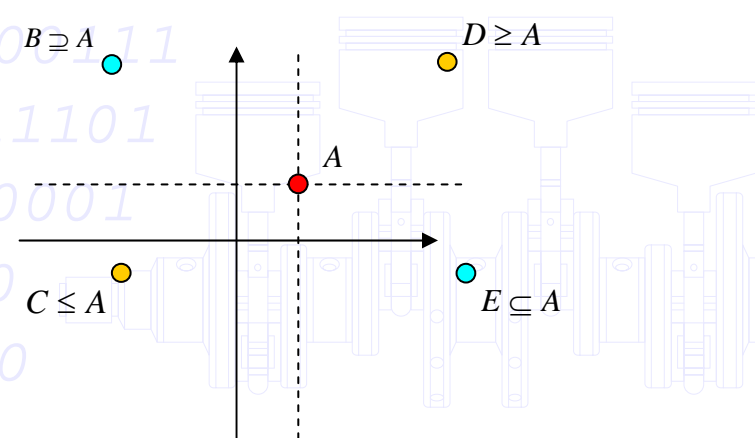
Background - MIA

$$X := (X', QX) \quad X' \in I(\mathbf{R}) \quad QX \in \{E, U\} = \{\exists, \forall\}$$

$$[a, b] := \begin{cases} ([a, b]', E) & \text{if } a \leq b \text{ } \textit{existential or proper} \\ ([b, a]', U) & \text{if } a \geq b \text{ } \textit{universal or improper} \end{cases}$$



Inf-Sup Diagram



Inf-Sup Diagram

$$[a_1, a_2] \subseteq [b_1, b_2] \Leftrightarrow (a_1 \geq b_1, a_2 \leq b_2) \quad A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow \text{Pred}(A) \subseteq \text{Pred}(B) \quad Q(x, A)P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x, B)P(x)$$

$$[a_1, a_2] \leq [b_1, b_2] \Leftrightarrow (a_1 \leq b_1, a_2 \leq b_2)$$

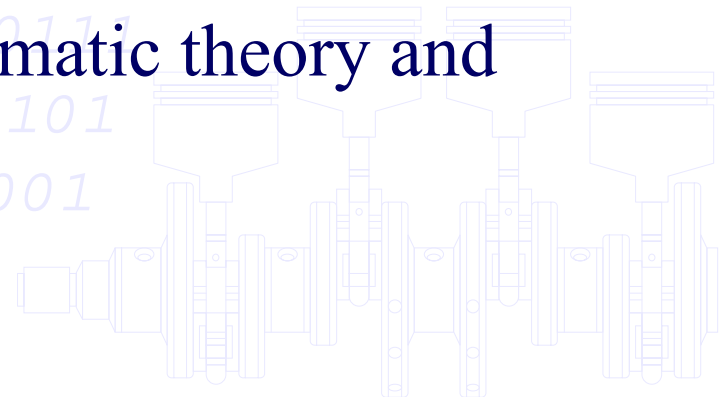
$$\text{dual}([a, b]) := [b, a]$$



Semantic Tolerance Modeling

- The purpose of semantic tolerance modeling is to capture logical therefore engineering meanings and implications in mathematical representation, which is to build a bridge between mathematic theory and tolerancing practice.

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Uni-Incident Interpretability

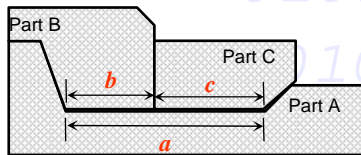
$$f(x, y) = x + y$$

$$[1,3] + [2,5] = [3,8] \quad \forall x \in [1,3], \forall y \in [2,5], \exists z \in [3,8], z = x + y$$

$$[1,3] + [5,2] = [6,5] \quad \forall x \in [1,3], \forall z \in [5,6], \exists y \in [2,5], z = x + y$$

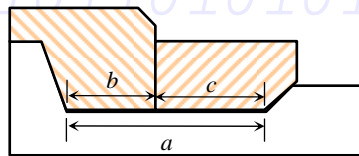
$$[3,1] + [2,5] = [5,6] \quad \forall y \in [2,5], \exists x \in [1,3], \exists z \in [5,6], z = x + y$$

$$[3,1] + [5,2] = [8,3] \quad \forall z \in [3,8], \exists x \in [1,3], \exists y \in [2,5], z = x + y$$



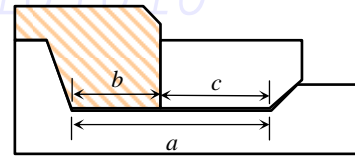
Dimensional relation $a = b + c$

Case 1: given Part B and Part C,
Part A needs to fit B and C.
 $\forall b \in B', \forall c \in C', \exists a \in A', a = b + c$



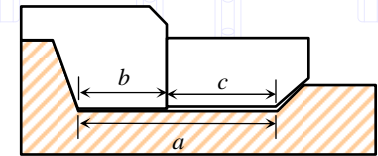
$$[2,5] + [1,3] = [3,8]$$

Case 2: given Part B, Part A and
Part C need to fit B.
 $\forall b \in B', \exists c \in C', \exists a \in A', a = b + c$



$$[2,5] + [3,1] = [5,6]$$

Case 3: given Part A, Part B and
Part C need to fit A.
 $\forall a \in A', \exists b \in B', \exists c \in C', a = b + c$



- Manufacturing & Assembly sequence
- Tolerancing intent



Multi-incident Interpretability

$$f(x, y) = xy/(x + y) \quad X = [-1, 3] \quad Y = [15, 7]$$

$fR(X) = [-1, 3] \times [15, 7] / ([-1, 3] + [15, 7]) = [-0.5, 1.5]$ is **NOT** interpretable

$$fR(\mathbf{XT}^*) = [-1, 3] \times [15, 7] / ([-1, 3] + [7, 15]) = [-1.16667, 3.5] \quad \forall x \in [-1, 3], \exists y \in [7, 15], \exists z \in [-1.16667, 3.5], z = xy/(x + y)$$

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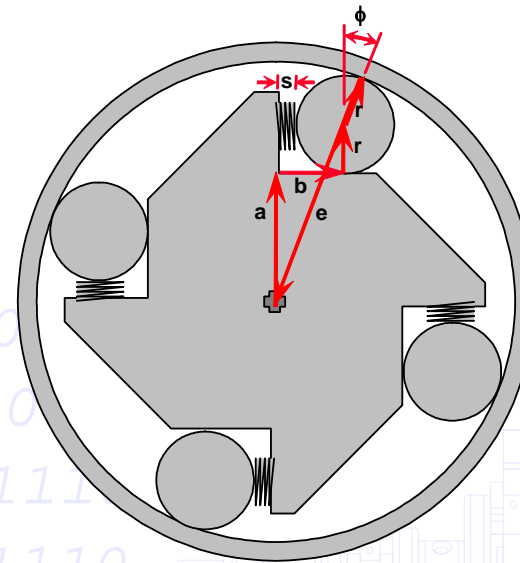
$$fR(\mathbf{XT}^{**}) = [-1, 3] \times [15, 7] / ([3, -1] + [15, 7]) = [-0.388889, 1.16667] \quad \forall x \in [-1, 3], \exists y \in [7, 15], \exists z \in [-0.388889, 1.16667], z = xy/(x + y)$$

$$fR(\mathbf{XT}^{**}) = [3, -1] \times [15, 7] / ([-1, 3] + [15, 7]) = [4.5, -1.5] \quad \forall x \in [-1, 3], \forall z \in [-1.5, 4.5], \exists y \in [7, 15], z = xy/(x + y)$$



Rigidity Interpretability

- Existential interval
 - “fluctuation” “autonomous”
- Universal interval
 - “regulating” “feedback”



$$R + S = [5.2, 5.7] + [2.8, 2.1] = [8.0, 7.8] = B$$

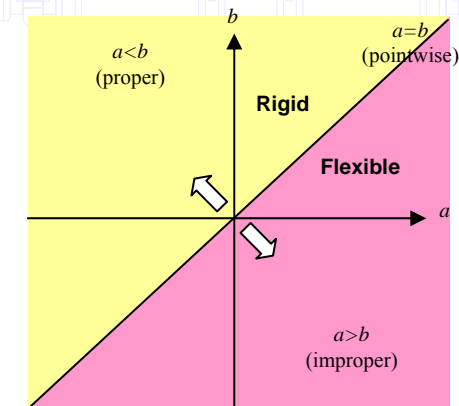
$$\forall r \in [5.2, 5.7], \forall b \in [7.8, 8.0], \exists s \in [2.1, 2.8], r + s = b$$

The spring provides a “cushion” to absorb variance.

$$R + S = [5.2, 5.7] + [2.6, 2.8] = [7.8, 8.5] = B$$

$$\forall r \in [5.2, 5.7], \forall s \in [2.6, 2.8], \exists b \in [7.8, 8.5], r + s = b$$

No flexible material is required to absorb variance.



$[a, b]$



Semantic Tolerancing

Domain	<i>Existential or Proper category</i>	<i>Universal or Improper category</i>
Supply management	Pre-determined, Uncontrollable, Supplied	Un-determined, Controllable, Built
Manufacturing sequence	Working dimension, Clearance	Balance dimension, Stock removal
Assembly sequence	Place, Virtual condition size	Fit, Bonus tolerance
Material property	Rigid, Wearable	Flexible, Deformable
Process control	Open loop, Manual mode	Closed loop, Auto mode



Optimality

- Uni-incident optimality

- If variables \mathbf{X} have the same modality, $fR(\mathbf{X})$ is optimal.

$$f(x, y) = (x + y)^2 \quad fR(\mathbf{X}) = ([1,3] + [2,5])^2 = [9,64]$$

- Multi-incident optimality

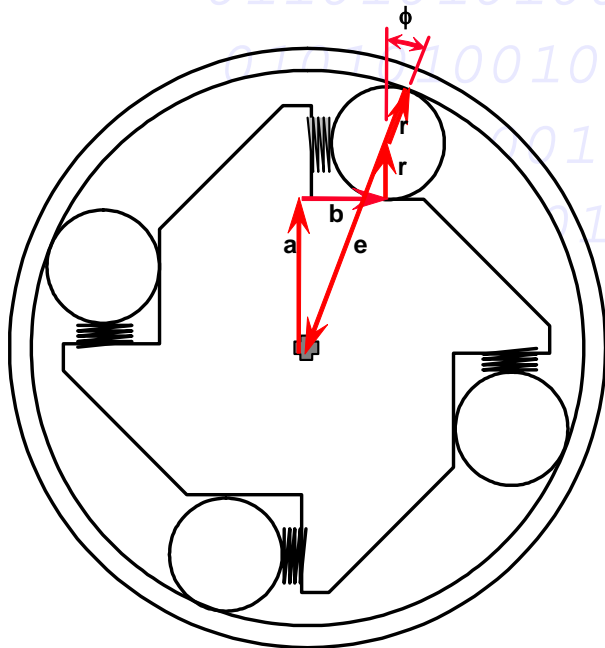
- If $fR(\mathbf{X})$ is *totally monotonous* for all of its multi-incident arguments, by transforming, for every multi-incident component, all incidences into its dual if the corresponding incidence has a mononicity sense *contrary* to the global one, $fR(\mathbf{XD})$ is optimal.

$$f(x, y) = xy/(x + y) \quad fR(\mathbf{XD}) = [1,3] \times [15,7] / ([3,1] + [7,15]) = [0.9375, 2.1]$$



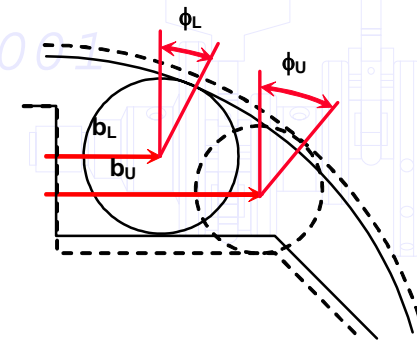
Tolerance Propagation Estimation

Inputs			Output: Position of roller (b)		
Name	Lower limit	Upper limit	Method	Lower limit	Upper limit
Height of hub (a)	27.595	27.695	DLM+RSS (CE/Tol [®])	4.3585	5.2625
Radius of ring (e)	50.7875	50.8125	DLM+WC (CE/Tol [®])	4.1368	5.4842
Radius of roller (r)	11.42	11.44	MIA	4.08381	5.44048
			True Range	4.08381	5.44048



$$\phi = \cos^{-1} \frac{a+r}{e-r}$$

$$b = \sqrt{(e-r)^2 - (a+r)^2}$$



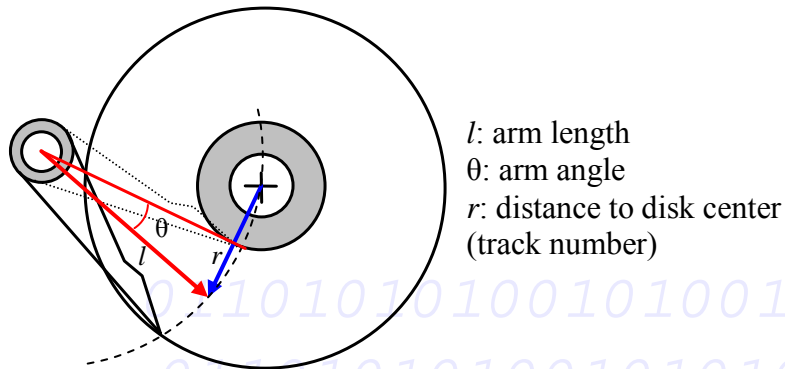
Results compared to Direct Linearization Method (DLM) [Chase *et al.*, 1997]



HD Track Distance Simulation

$$R_{k+1} = R_k \cos \frac{\Delta}{2} + \sqrt{4L^2 - R_k^2} \sin \frac{\Delta}{2}$$

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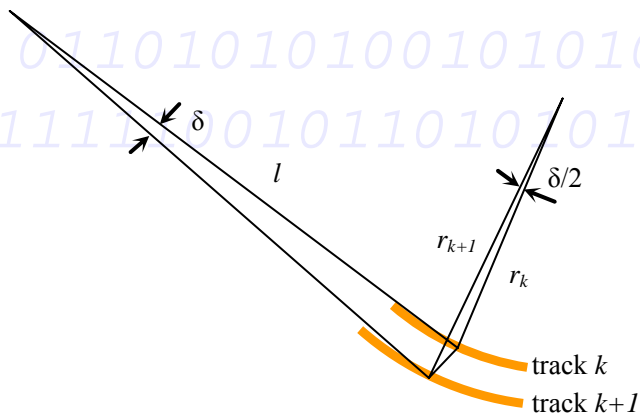


(a) In hard disk, precise arm movement is required to seek tracks

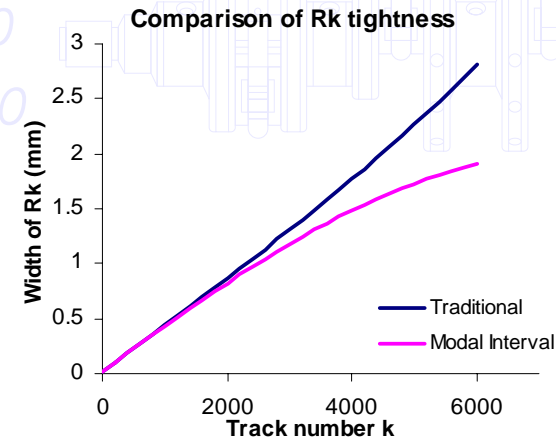
$$r_{k+1} = r_k \cos \frac{\delta}{2} + \sqrt{4l^2 - r_k^2} \sin \frac{\delta}{2}$$

r_k : distance from track k to disk center
 r_{k+1} : distance from track $k+1$ to disk center
 δ : arm angle increment for each track

(c) Incremental relation between track distances



(b) Illustration of distance relation between adjacent tracks



(d) Tighter variation estimation based on modal interval compared to traditional worst-case estimation



Derivative Process Control Simulation

$$V(k+1) = V(k) + K_d[V_0 - V(k)] - \frac{1}{S}[V(k) - V_a]$$

$$V(k+1) = V(k) + K_d[V_0 - \text{dual}(V(k))] - \frac{1}{S}[\text{dual}(V(k)) - V_a]$$

$$K_d = [0.004, 0.005]$$

$$V_a = [2, 3]$$

$$S = [1000, 1001]$$

$$V_0 = [240, 241]$$

$$V(0) = [3, 3]$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = k_d(v_0 - v) - \frac{1}{s}(v - v_a)$$

v : sensed tooling speed

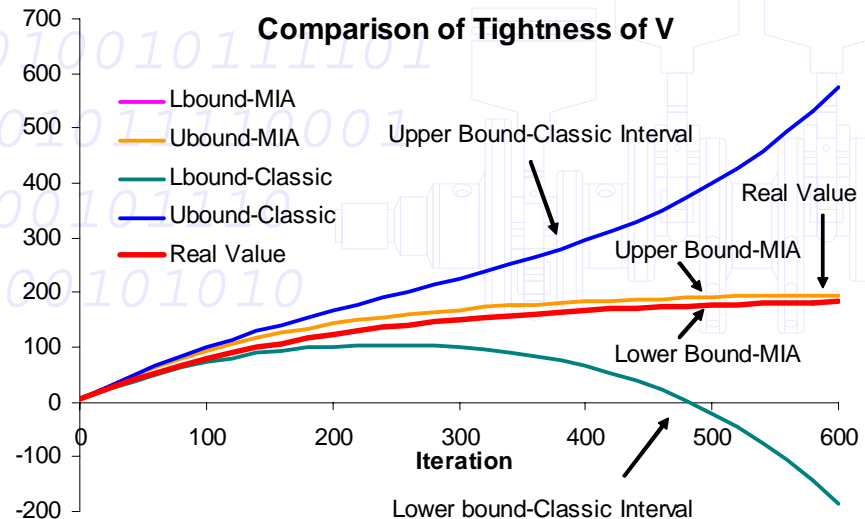
v_0 : nominal control speed

k_d : action factor of controller

v_a : sensor shift due to surroundings

s : sensitivity factor of sensor

(a) A simple derivative controller model



(b) Optimal variation estimation based on modal interval compared to classic interval methods



Closeness of MIA Arithmetic Operations

- In traditional IA
 - There is no interval $[x,y]$ such that $[a,b]+[x,y]=0$.

$$A + X = B \quad X = B - dual(A)$$

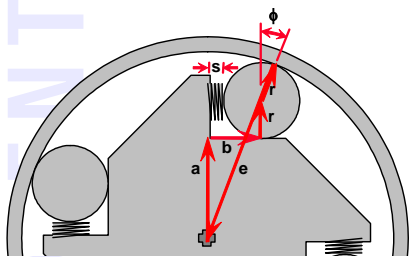
$$[2,3] + X = [4,7] \quad X = [4,7] - dual([2,3]) = [4,7] - [3,2] = [2,4]$$

$$[2,3] + [2,4] = [4,7]$$

$$AX = B \quad X = B / dual(A)$$

$$[2,3] * X = [6,12] \quad X = [6,12] / dual([2,3]) = [6,12] / [3,2] = [3,4]$$

$$[2,3] * [3,4] = [6,12]$$



$$f(R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n) = 0$$





Tolerance Analysis

$$AX = B$$

- If A is strictly diagonally dominant

- Jacobi algorithm [Sainz et al., 2002]

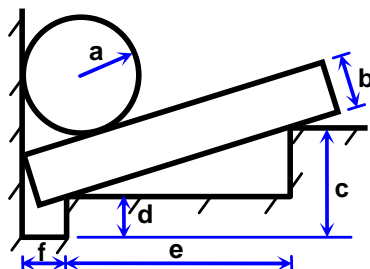
$$\mathfrak{J}(X_i) := \frac{B_i - \sum_{i \neq j} \text{Dual}(A_{ij}) \times \text{Dual}(X_j)}{\text{Dual}(A_{ii})} \quad (0 \notin A_{ii} \text{ and } i = 1, \dots, n)$$

$$\mathbf{X}^{(0)} \supseteq \mathbf{X}^{(1)} \subseteq \mathbf{X}^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \subseteq \mathbf{X}^{(2k)} \supseteq \mathbf{X}^{(2k+1)} \subseteq \dots$$

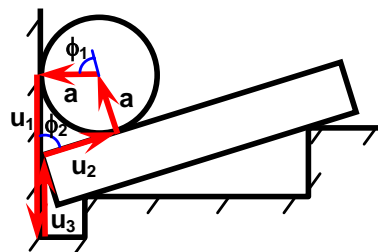
- If A is not strictly diagonally dominant, general interval methods (such as [Neumaier, 1990; Hansen, 1992; Ning and Kearfott, 1997])



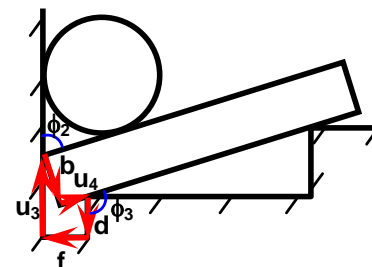
Stacked Block Assembly



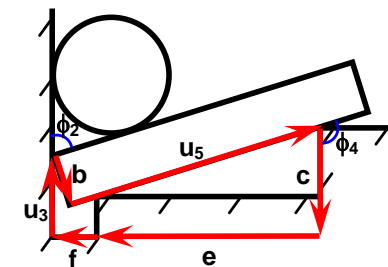
(a) known parameters



(b) vector loop 1



(c) vector loop 2



(d) vector loop 3

Known size variation	$a = 6.62 \pm 0.2$ $b = 6.805 \pm 0.075$ $c = 10.675 \pm 0.125$ $d = 4.06 \pm 0.15$ $e = 24.22 \pm 0.35$ $f = 3.905 \pm 0.125$
Unknown kinematic variation	$u_1 = 18.7181 \pm ?$ $u_2 = 8.6705 \pm ?$ $u_3 = 10.0477 \pm ?$ $u_4 = 2.1894 \pm ?$ $u_5 = 27.2965 \pm ?$ $\phi_1 = 74.7243 \pm ?$ $\phi_2 = -74.7243 \pm ?$ $\phi_3 = -105.2761 \pm ?$ $\phi_4 = -105.2761 \pm ?$
Loop 1	$\begin{cases} F_1 = u_2 \cos(90 + \phi_2) + a \cos(180 + \phi_2) + a \cos(180 + \phi_1 + \phi_2) = 0 \\ F_2 = u_3 + u_2 \sin(90 + \phi_2) + a \sin(180 + \phi_2) + a \sin(180 + \phi_1 + \phi_2) - u_1 = 0 \\ F_3 = 90 + \phi_2 + 90 + \phi_1 + 90 + 90 - 360 = 0 \end{cases}$
Loop 2	$\begin{cases} F_4 = b \cos(\phi_2) + u_4 \cos(\phi_2 + 90) + d \cos(\phi_2 + 90 + \phi_3) - f = 0 \\ F_5 = u_3 + b \sin(\phi_2) + u_4 \sin(\phi_2 + 90) + d \sin(\phi_2 + 90 + \phi_3) = 0 \\ F_6 = 90 + \phi_2 - 90 + 90 + \phi_3 - 90 + 180 = 0 \end{cases}$
Loop 3	$\begin{cases} F_7 = b \cos(\phi_2) + u_5 \cos(\phi_2 + 90) + c \cos(\phi_2 + 90 + \phi_4) - e - f = 0 \\ F_8 = u_3 + b \sin(\phi_2) + u_5 \sin(\phi_2 + 90) + c \sin(\phi_2 + 90 + \phi_4) = 0 \\ F_9 = 90 + \phi_2 - 90 + 90 + \phi_4 - 90 + 180 = 0 \end{cases}$



Stacked Block Assembly - Results

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial s_j} \end{bmatrix}_{i \times j} \Delta \mathbf{s} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial k_i} \end{bmatrix}_{i \times i} \Delta \mathbf{k} = 0$$

- Results compared with DLM [Chase *et al.*, 1997]

MIA Linearization	DLM Worst-Case	DLM Statistical
$\Delta u_1 = [0.5420, -0.5420]$	$\Delta u_1 = [-0.5421, 0.5421]$	$\Delta u_1 = [-0.2998, 0.2998]$
$\Delta u_2 = [0.4672, -0.4672]$	$\Delta u_2 = [-0.3899, 0.3899]$	$\Delta u_2 = [-0.2725, 0.2725]$
$\Delta u_3 = [0.3137, -0.3137]$	$\Delta u_3 = [-0.2942, 0.2942]$	$\Delta u_3 = [-0.1844, 0.1844]$
$\Delta u_4 = [0.2729, -0.2729]$	$\Delta u_4 = [-0.2384, 0.2384]$	$\Delta u_4 = [-0.1411, 0.1411]$
$\Delta u_5 = [0.5209, -0.5209]$	$\Delta u_5 = [-0.5174, 0.5174]$	$\Delta u_5 = [-0.3836, 0.3836]$
$\Delta \phi_1 = [0.0228, -0.0228]$	$\Delta \phi_1 = [-0.8156, 0.8156]$	$\Delta \phi_1 = [-0.4784, 0.4784]$
$\Delta \phi_2 = [0.0228, -0.0228]$	$\Delta \phi_2 = [-0.8156, 0.8156]$	$\Delta \phi_2 = [-0.4784, 0.4784]$
$\Delta \phi_3 = [0.0228, -0.0228]$	$\Delta \phi_3 = [-0.8156, 0.8156]$	$\Delta \phi_3 = [-0.4784, 0.4784]$
$\Delta \phi_4 = [0.0228, -0.0228]$	$\Delta \phi_4 = [-0.8156, 0.8156]$	$\Delta \phi_4 = [-0.4784, 0.4784]$



If variations of angles are known →

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Known kinematic variation	$\phi_1 = 74.7243 \pm 0.4281$ $\phi_2 = -74.7243 \pm 0.4281$ $\phi_3 = -105.2761 \pm 0.4281$ $\phi_4 = -105.2761 \pm 0.4281$
Unknown kinematic variation	$u_1 = 18.7181 \pm ?$ $u_2 = 8.6705 \pm ?$ $u_3 = 10.0477 \pm ?$ $u_4 = 2.1894 \pm ?$ $u_5 = 27.2965 \pm ?$
Linear equations	$\begin{cases} -u_1 + u_2 \sin(90 + \phi_2) + u_3 + a \sin(180 + \phi_2) = 0 \\ u_2 \cos(90 + \phi_2) + a \cos(180 + \phi_2) - a = 0 \\ u_3 + u_4 \sin(\phi_2 + 90) + b \sin(\phi_2) - d = 0 \\ u_4 \cos(\phi_2 + 90) + b \cos(\phi_2) - f = 0 \\ u_5 \cos(\phi_2 + 90) + b \cos(\phi_2) - e - f = 0 \end{cases}$ $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & [0.2562, 0.2707] & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [0.9626, 0.9667] & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & [0.2562, 0.2707] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & [0.9626, 0.9667] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & [0.9626, 0.9667] & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \\ U_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [-6.1804, -6.5922] \\ [8.6659, 8.0652] \\ [10.8602, 10.3888] \\ [2.3054, 1.9179] \\ [26.8754, 25.7879] \end{bmatrix}$
Result of Jacobi algorithm	$\begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \\ U_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [18.7024, 18.7335] \\ [9.0026, 8.34302] \\ [10.2466, 9.85174] \\ [2.39497, 1.98397] \\ [27.9196, 26.6762] \end{bmatrix}$
Interpretation of result	$U(u_1, [18.7024, 18.7335])' U(a, [6.42, 6.82])' U(b, [6.73, 6.88])' U(c, [10.55, 10.8])' U(d, [3.91, 4.21])'$ $U(e, [23.87, 24.57])' U(f, [3.78, 4.03])' U(\phi_1, [74.2962, 75.1524])' U(\phi_2, [-75.1524, -74.2962])'$ $U(\phi_3, [-105.7042, -104.8480])' U(\phi_4, [-105.7042, -104.8480])'$ $E(u_2, [8.34302, 9.0026])' E(u_3, [9.85174, 10.2466])' E(u_4, [1.98397, 2.39497])' E(u_5, [26.6762, 27.9196])'$ $\begin{cases} -u_1 + u_2 \sin(90 + \phi_2) + u_3 + a \sin(180 + \phi_2) = 0 \\ u_2 \cos(90 + \phi_2) + a \cos(180 + \phi_2) - a = 0 \\ u_3 + u_4 \sin(\phi_2 + 90) + b \sin(\phi_2) - d = 0 \\ u_4 \cos(\phi_2 + 90) + b \cos(\phi_2) - f = 0 \\ u_5 \cos(\phi_2 + 90) + b \cos(\phi_2) - e - f = 0 \end{cases}$



Concluding Remark

- A semantic tolerance modeling scheme based on modal interval is proposed
- To capture engineering and logic relation between specifications
 - physical property difference between rigid and flexible materials
 - sequence of specification, measurement, and assembly
- To support better design and manufacturing specifications





Yet to be Achieved

- Instead of focusing only on mathematic and numerical convenience, a good mathematic model of tolerance should convey the full semantics of size and geometric tolerances and support analysis and synthesis with a simple yet comprehensive structure.

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