

# Body-and-cad Rigidity Theory

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# Motivation: CAD

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- In SolidWorks 3D assembly environment
  - Atomic elements are “sets” or rigid bodies
  - Constraints are called “mates” or “dimensions”
    - Very rich “language” to describe complicated systems

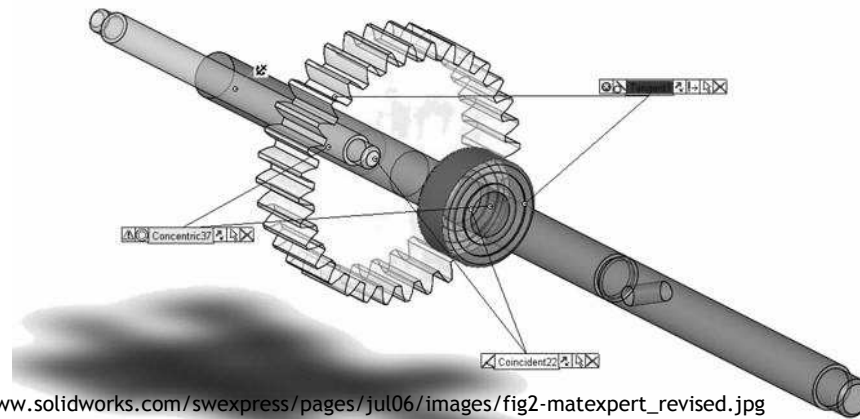


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# CAD constraints

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- Constraints are placed by identifying *primitive geometries* on sets
  - E.g., points, lines, planes, curves
- Example constraints
  - Symmetry, angle, equality
- Current rigidity models **do not capture** such systems

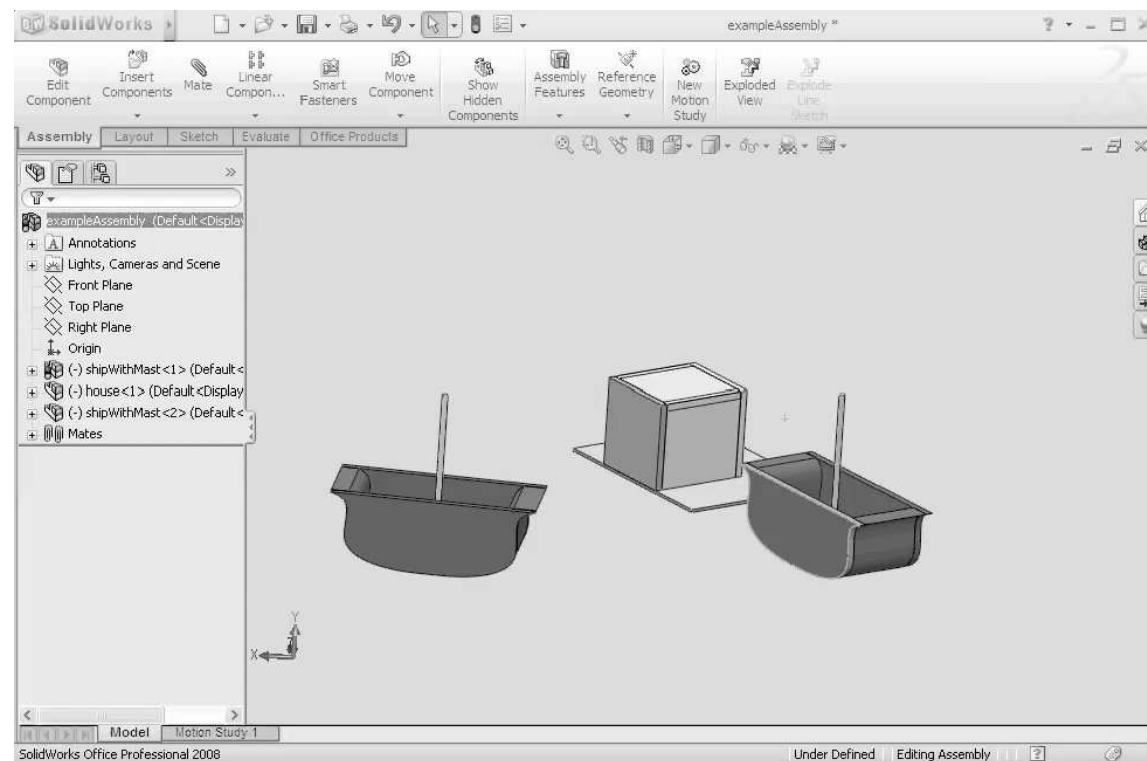
# Example

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- 2 rigid bodies
- Plane-plane | |
- Plane-plane coincident
- Line-plane perpendicular
- Point-point distance (bar)
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# SolidWorks

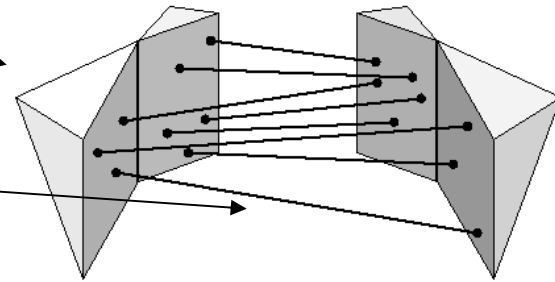
- Example assembly



# Known rigidity: body-bar-hinge model

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- Building blocks are *rigid bodies*
- Constraints are
  - *fixed-length bars* rigidly attached to bodies by *universal joints*
  - *hinges*



# 3D Body-and-bar

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(Generically) minimally rigid body-and-bar frameworks characterized by Tay's **counting condition**:

A body-and-bar framework is generically minimally rigid

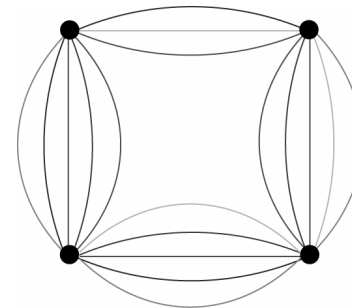
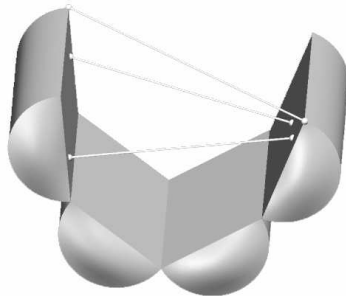


for associated graph on  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges:

any  $n'$  vertices span at most  $6n'-6$  edges

*and*

$$m = 6n - 6$$



# *A recipe* for rigidity theory

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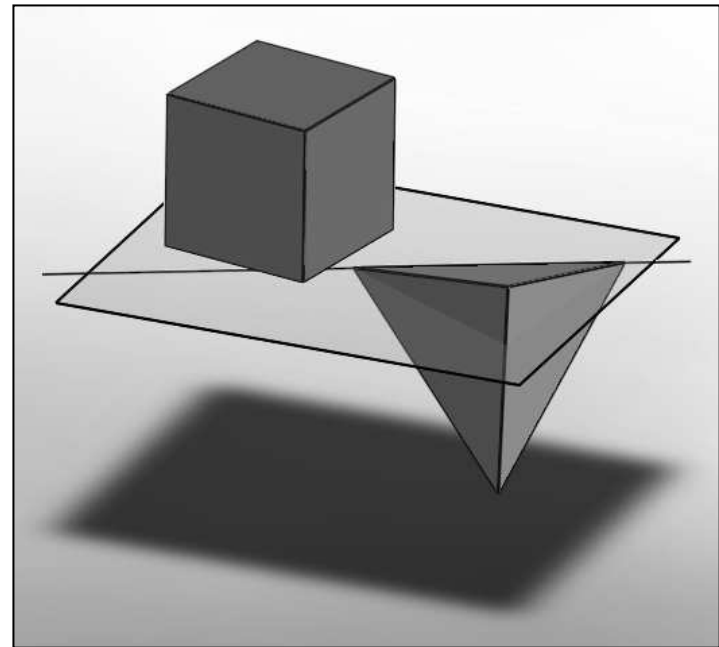
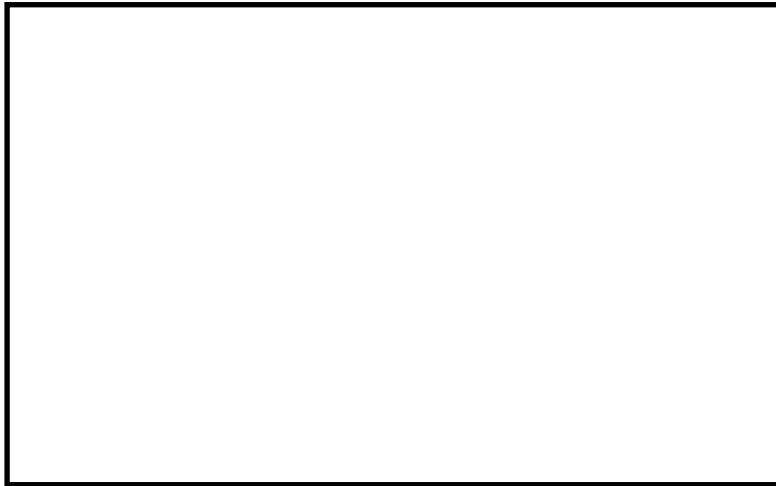
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# Body-and-cad

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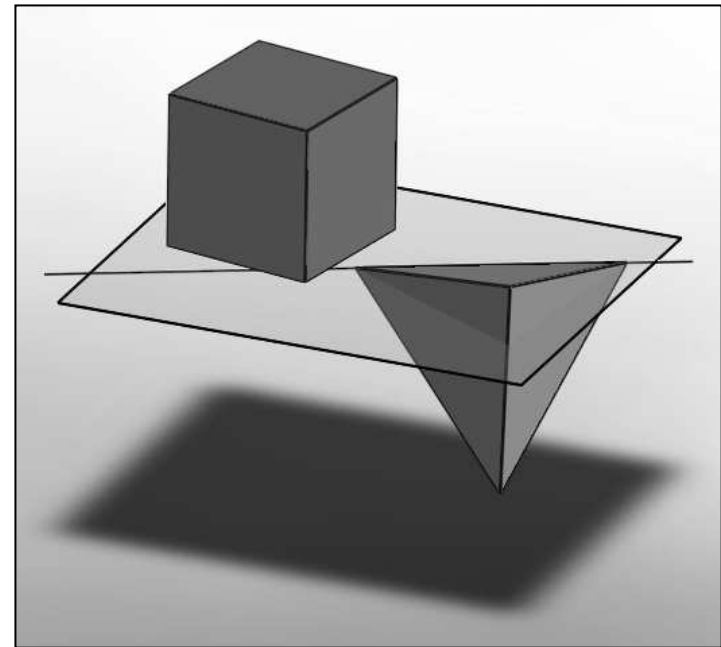
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    - lines, planes, points
- Pairwise constraints



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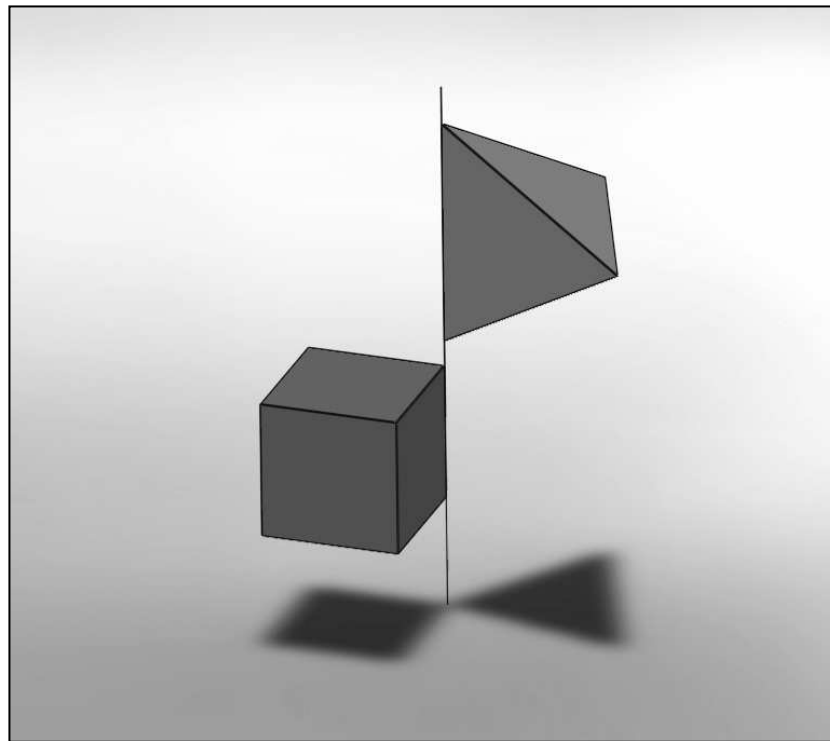
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  - Coincidence



# Example coincidence constraint

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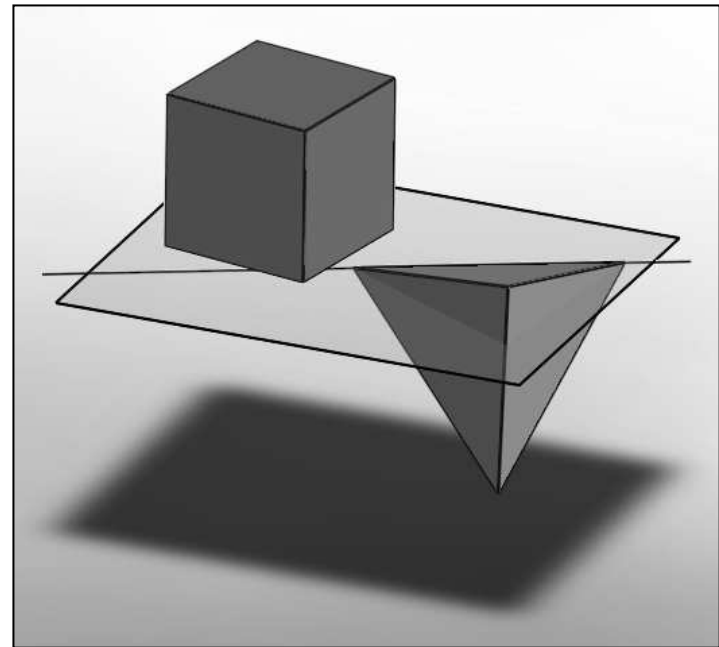
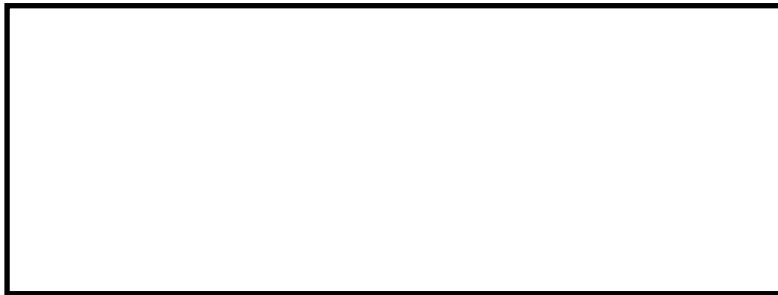
- Line-line coincidence



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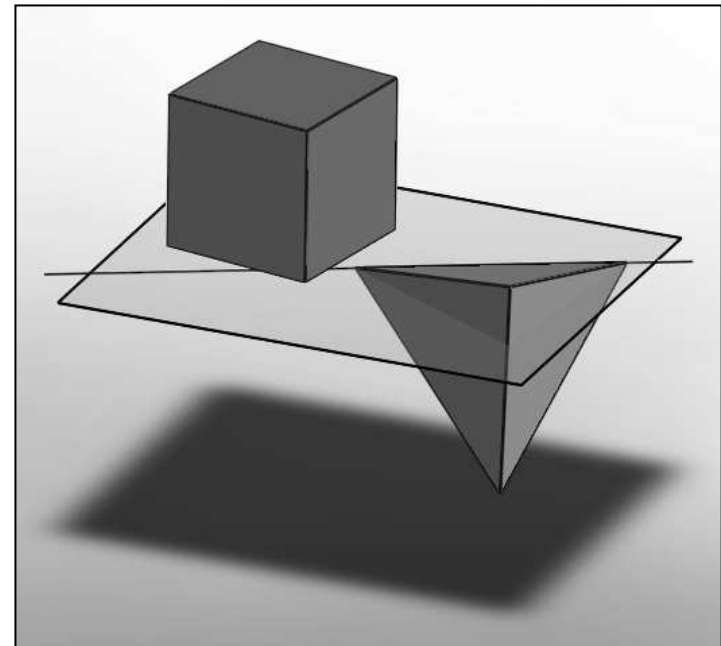
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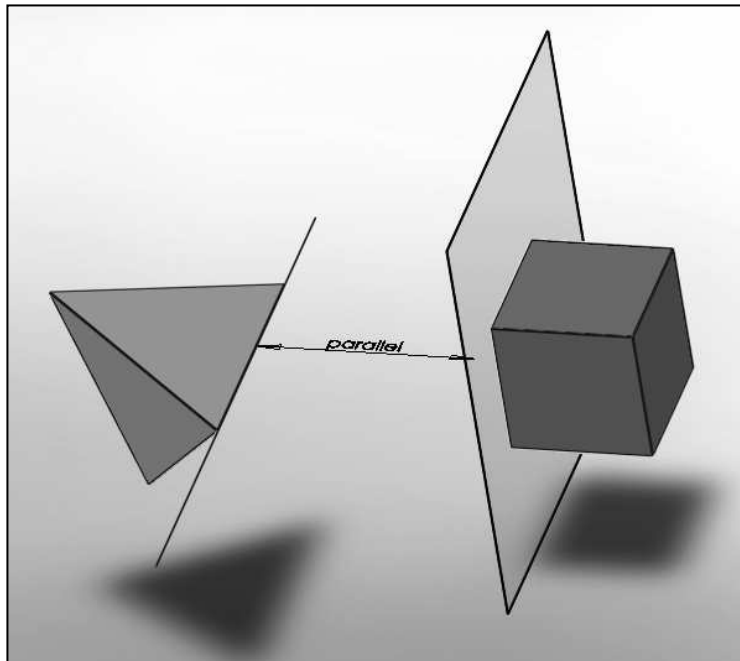
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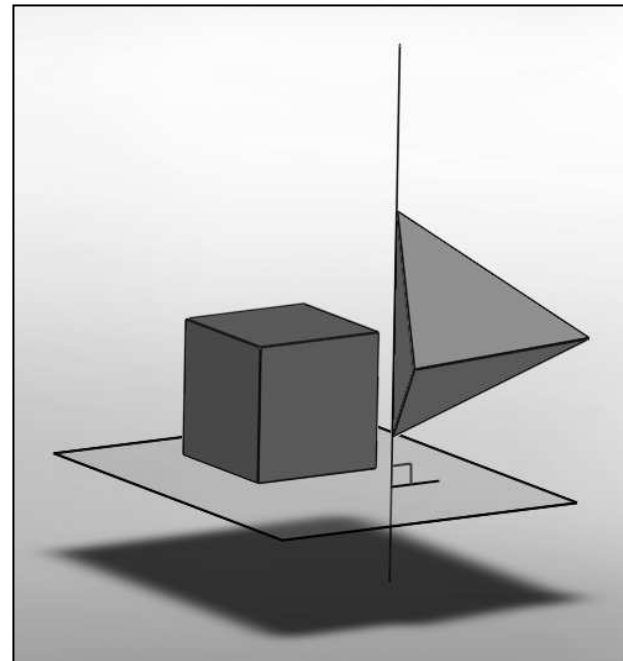
# Example angle constraints

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- Plane-line parallel



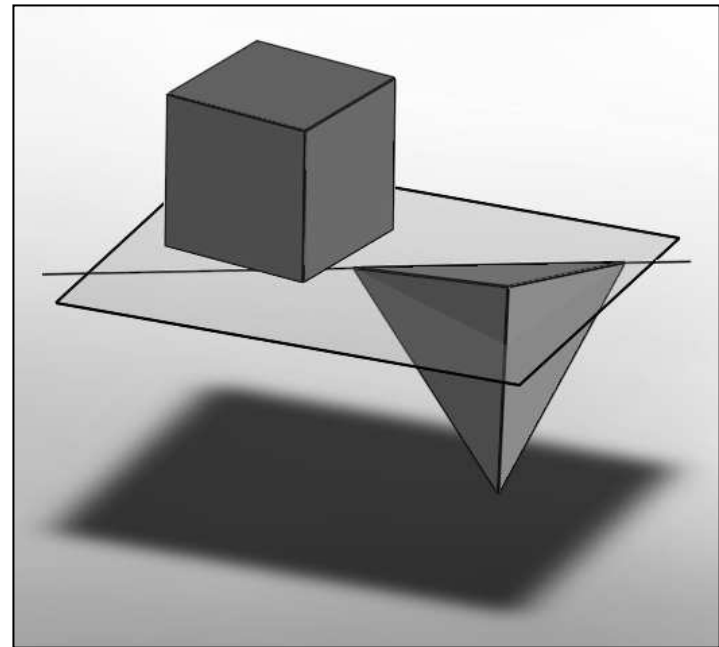
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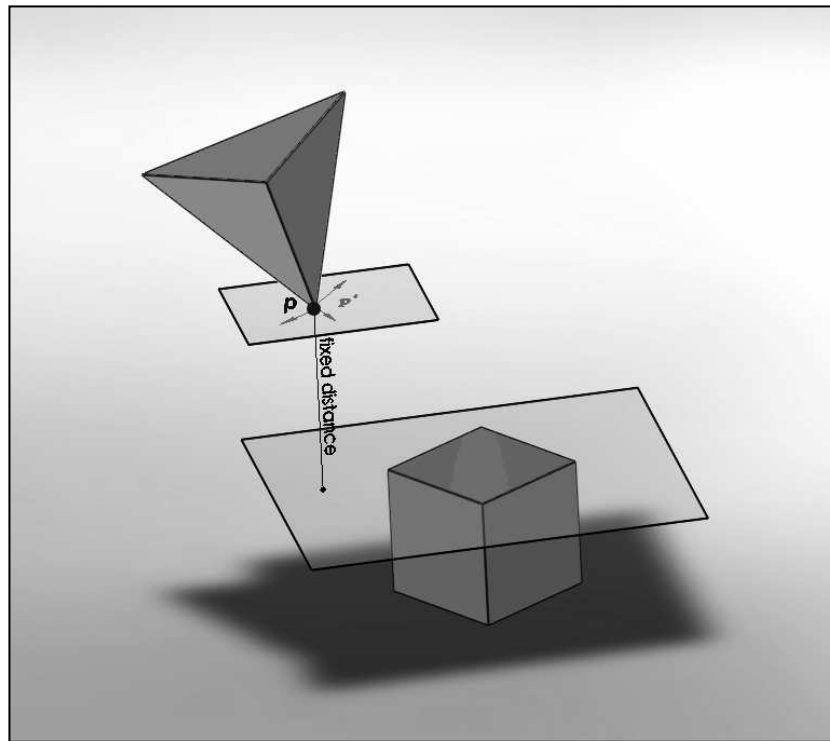
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  - Distance



# Example distance constraint

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- Plane-point distance

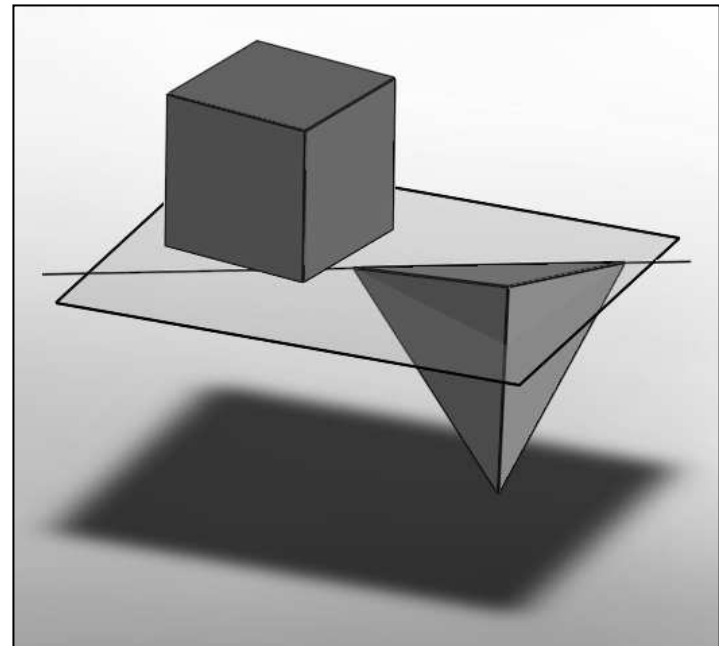


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# A *recipe* for rigidity theory

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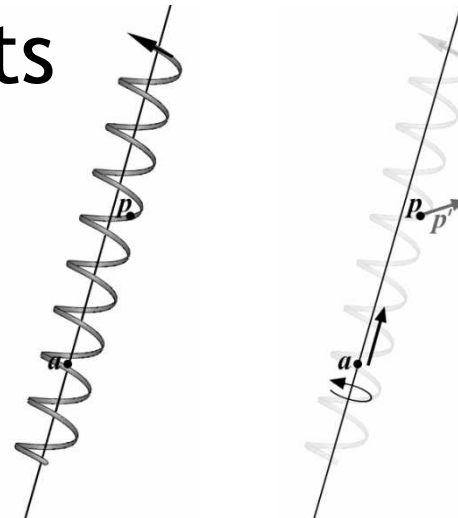
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# Tools

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- Grassmann-Cayley algebra
  - extensors and tensors
- Plücker coordinates
- Theory of screws/twists



# Goal: rigidity matrix

- Angular and blind constraints

$s_1^*$		$\dots$	$s_i^*$		$\dots$	$s_n^*$	
$v_1$	$\omega_1$		$v_i$	$\omega_i$		$v_n$	$\omega_n$
0		$\dots$	0		$\dots$	0	
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Angular constraints

Blind constraints

# Constraint types

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degree of  
freedom

- Observe:
  - Some constraints may affect  $> 1$  dof
    - Plane-plane parallel
    - Line-line parallel
- Introduce primitive constraints
  - May affect  $\leq 1$  dof
  - Line-line perpendicular

# Primitive constraint types

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- Angular
  - May affect only rotational dofs
  - Line-line perpendicular
- Blind
  - May affect either rotational or translational dofs
  - Point-point distance (bar)

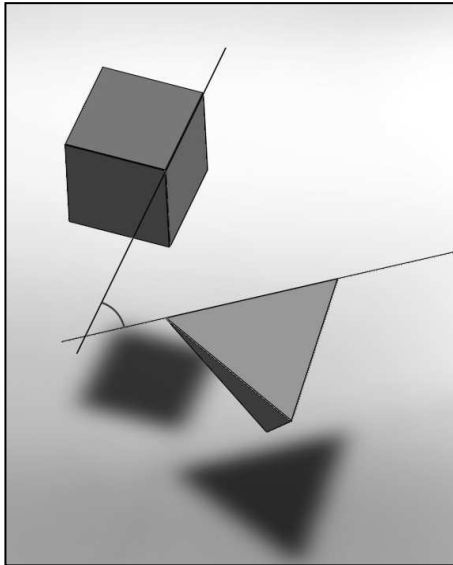
# Basic building blocks

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- 20 of 21 body-and-cad constraints decompose into 2 basic building blocks:
  - 1 angular
  - 1 blind
- Point-point coincidence requires separate treatment

# Basic building blocks

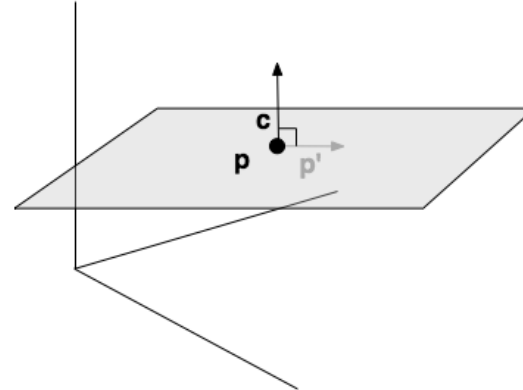
Basic angular:  
line-line non-parallel



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \mathbf{v}_i & -\omega_i & \dots & \mathbf{v}_j & -\omega_j & \dots \\ \dots \vec{0} \dots & \vec{0} & \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a} & \dots \vec{0} \dots & \vec{0} & \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} & \dots \vec{0} \dots \end{array}$$

Basic blind:

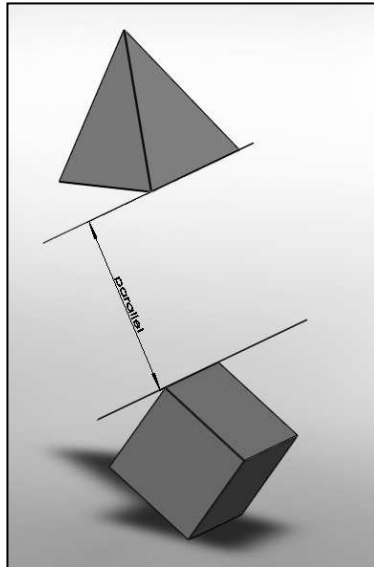
For point  $p$  and direction  $c$ ,  
 $p'$  is constrained to be  
orthogonal to  $c$



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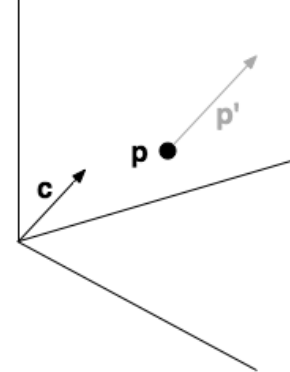
# Building blocks

Angular:  
line-line **parallel**



...	$\mathbf{v}_i$	$-\omega_i$	...	$\mathbf{v}_j$	$-\omega_j$	...
... $\vec{0}$ ...	$\vec{0}$	$\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}$	... $\vec{0}$ ...	$\vec{0}$	$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}$	... $\vec{0}$ ...
... $\vec{0}$ ...	$\vec{0}$	$\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b}$	... $\vec{0}$ ...	$\vec{0}$	$\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}$	... $\vec{0}$ ...

Blind:  
For point  $p$  and direction  $c$ ,  
 $p'$  is constrained to be  
**parallel** to  $c$

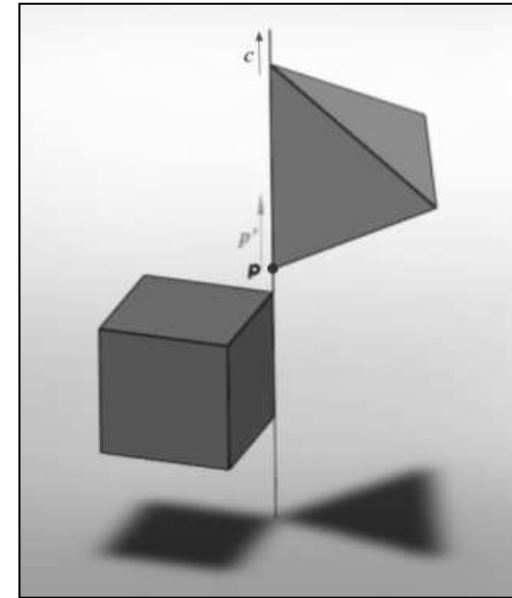


$\dots$	$\mathbf{v}_i$	$-\omega_i$	$\dots$	$\mathbf{v}_j$	$-\omega_j$	$\dots$
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# Example: line-line coincidence

(i) line-line parallel

(iii)  $p'$  same direction as  $c$

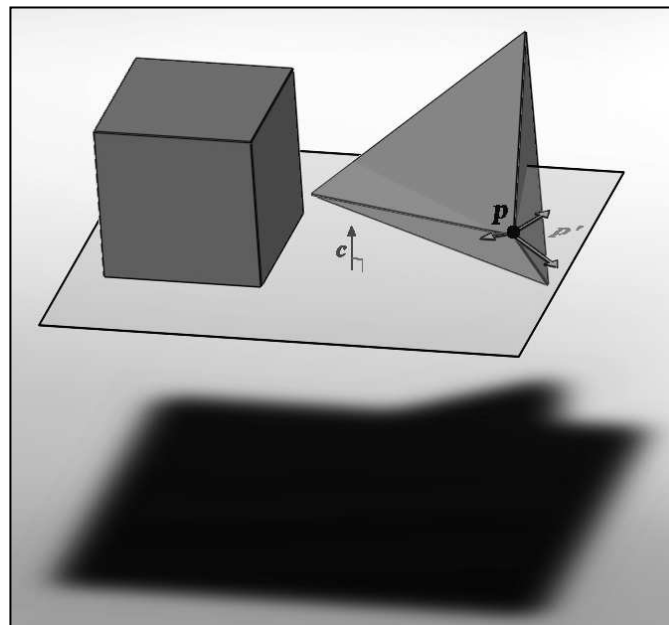


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# Example: plane-point coincidence

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(iv)  $p'$  is constrained to be orthogonal to  $c$



...	$\mathbf{v}_i$	$-\omega_i$	...	$\mathbf{v}_j$	$-\omega_j$	...
...0...	$(\mathbf{p} : 1) \vee (\mathbf{c} : 0)$		...0...	$-(\mathbf{p} : 1) \vee (\mathbf{c} : 0)$		...0...

# Rigidity matrix

21 body-and-cad constraints

- Each associated to  
 $\leq 1$  angular building block  
 $\leq 1$  blind building block

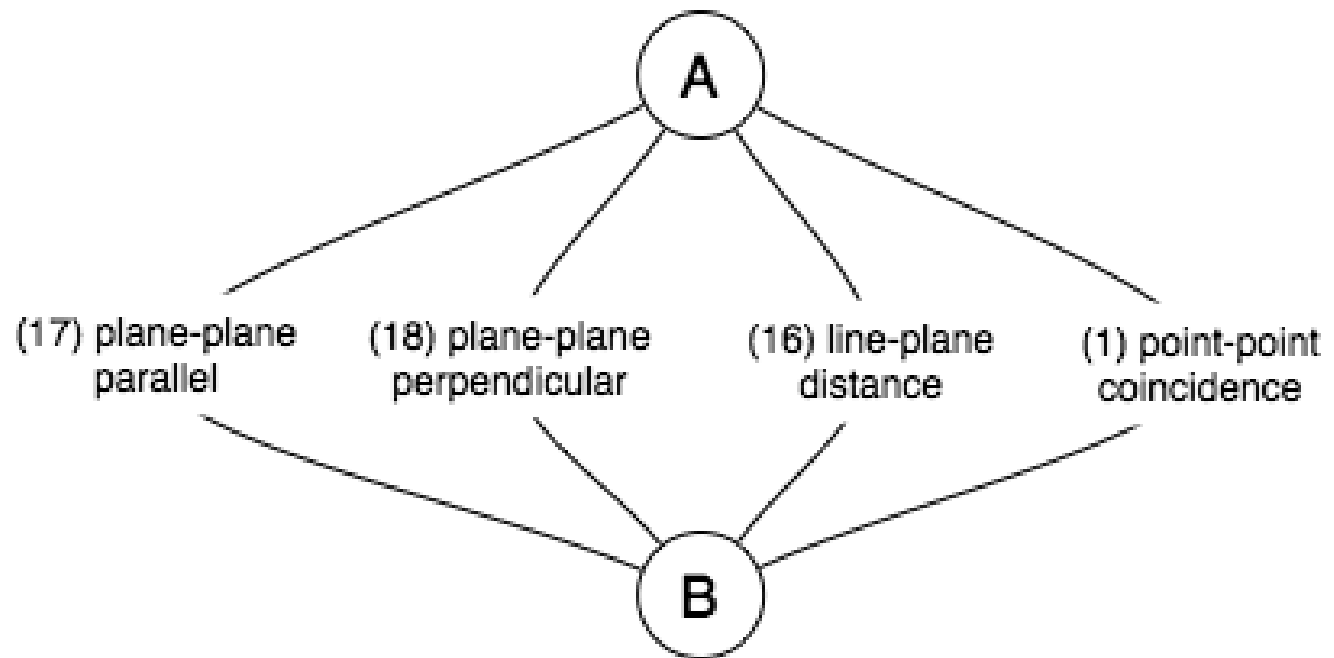
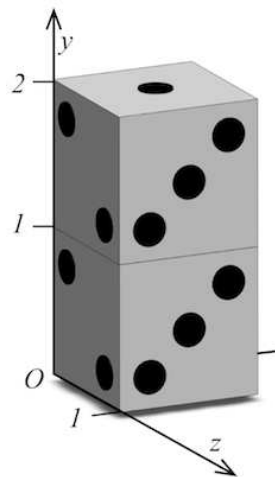
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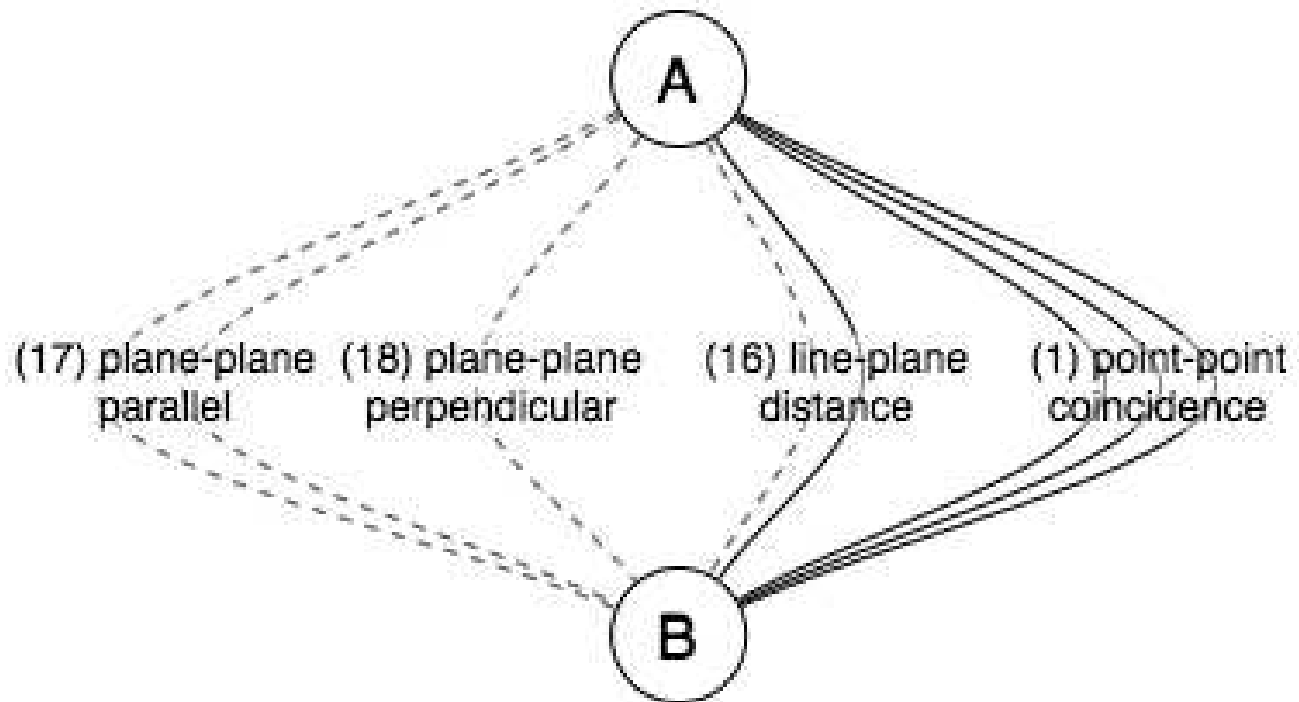
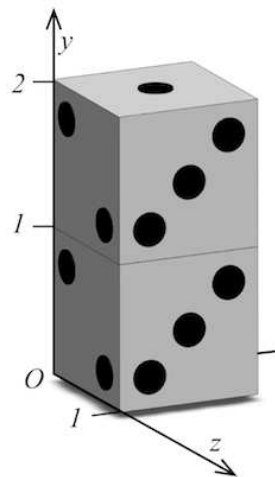
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# Combinatorics

# Cad graph



# Primitive cad graph



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# Nested sparsity

Matroid  
intersection  
algorithm

$(k_1, a_1, k_2, a_2)$ -nested sparse

On a graph with edges colored black and red

1. All edges (black and red):  $(k_1, a_1)$ -sparse

2. Red edges:  $(k_2, a_2)$ -sparse

**Theorem:**  $(6,6,3,3)$ -nested sparsity is a necessary condition

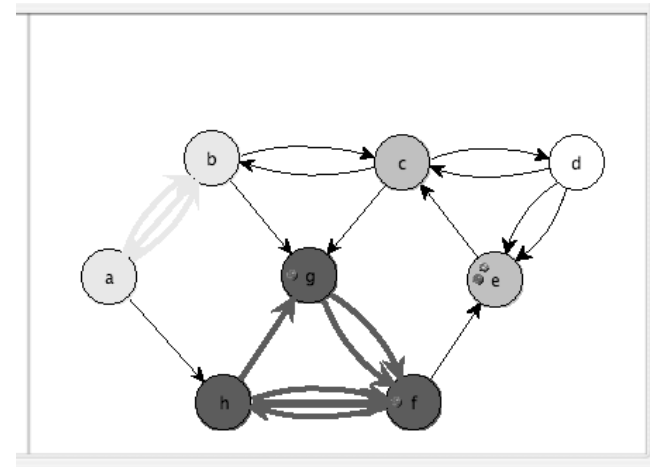
-All constraints:  $(6,6)$ -sparse

-Angular constraints:  $(3,3)$ -sparse

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0	...	...	0	...	...	0	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
0	...	...	0	...	...	0	...
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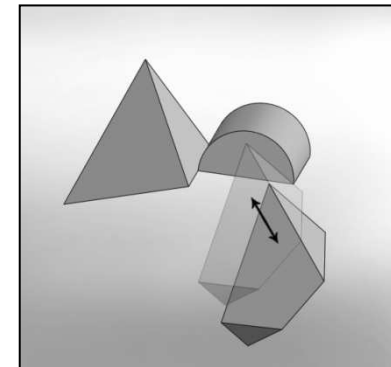
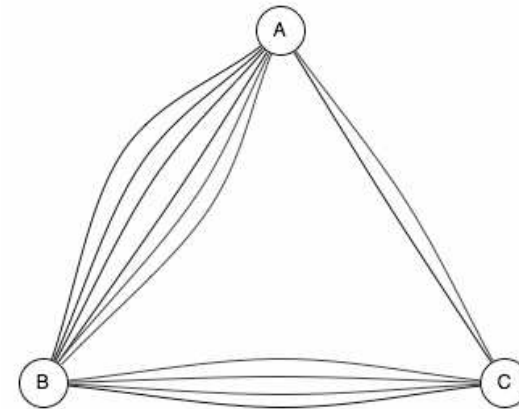
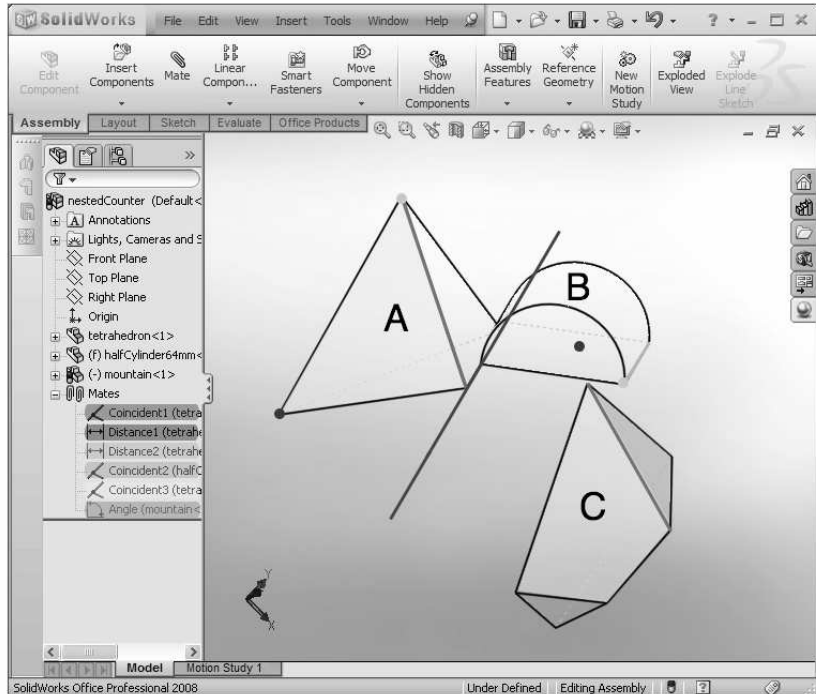
# Sparsity

- A graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices is  $(k, a)$ -sparse if every set of  $n'$  vertices spans at most  $kn' - a$  edges
- Pebble game algorithms for sparsity (Lee, Streinu '05)
  - Matroidal properties of sparse graphs



# Nested sparsity for body-and-cad

- Not sufficient



This sounds familiar...

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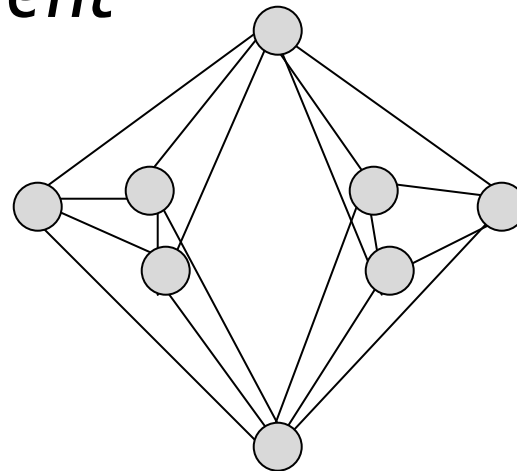
# Bar-and-joint: 3D

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- Combinatorial characterization is open!!

Even this is not well-understood!

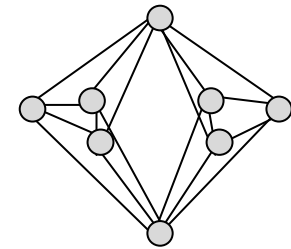
- Generalized Laman count  $(3,6)$  is *necessary* but not *sufficient*
  - Double banana example



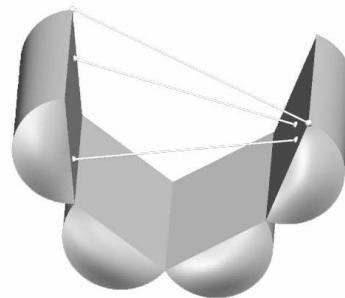
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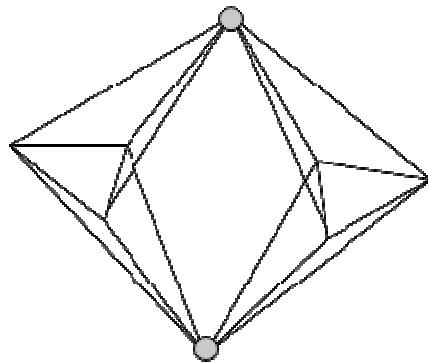
- Can we come up with a combinatorial characterization for body-and-cad rigidity?



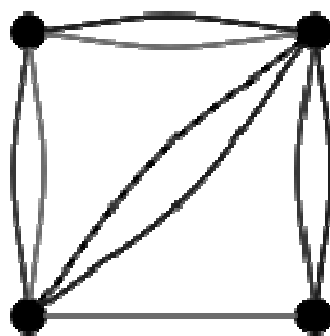
- *Is this as hard as 3D bar-and-joint?*
- *Where does it lie between body-and-bar and bar-and-joint?*



# Without point-point coincidences...



... we have a  
combinatorial characterization!



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# Main theorem

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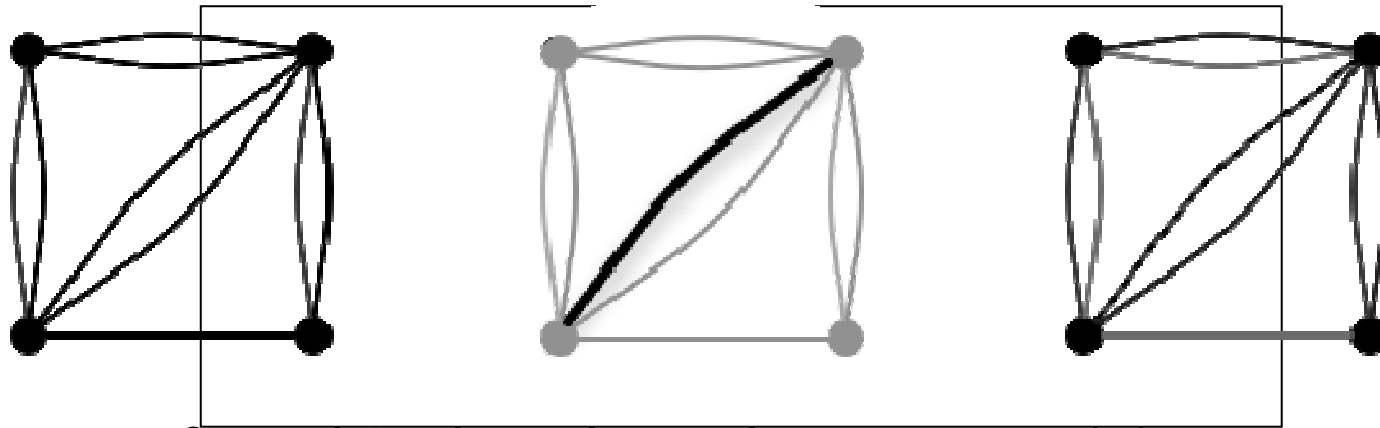
A body-and-cad framework  
(with no point-point coincidences)  
is generically minimally rigid



for its associated primitive cad graph  $G = (V, B \sqcup R)$ ,  
exists  $B' \sqsubseteq B$  s.t.

- (1)  $B \setminus B'$  is edge-disjoint union of 3 spanning trees,  
and
- (2)  $R \sqsubseteq B'$  is edge-disjoint union of 3 spanning trees.

# Combinatorics



for a bicolored graph  $G = (V, B \sqcup R)$ ,

exists  $B' \sqsubseteq B$  s.t.

- (1)  $B \setminus B'$  is edge-disjoint union of ~~3~~<sup>2</sup> spanning trees,  
and
- (2)  $R \sqsubseteq B'$  is edge-disjoint union of ~~3~~<sup>1</sup> spanning trees.

# Intuitively...

	$v_1$	$\omega_1$	$\dots$	$v_i$	$\omega_i$	$\dots$	$v_n$	$\omega_n$	
Angular constraints	0		$\dots$	0		$\dots$	0		}
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\dots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\dots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
	0		$\dots$	0		$\dots$	0		
Blind constraints									}
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\dots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\dots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	

$B$   
,

# Generalize White and Whiteley

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- A bi-colored graph  $G$  is  $(k, g)$ -counted if
  - $m = kn - k$  (count on total edges), and
  - $m_R \leq gn - g$  (count on red edges)
- A  $(k, g)$ -frame is a pair  $(G, x)$ ,
  - $x: E \rightarrow R^k$ , where  $x(r)_j = 0$  for  $j = 1, \dots, k - g$  and  $r \in R$

Body-and-cad (without point-point coincidence)  
are  $(6, 3)$ -frames

# Main theorem

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# Pure condition

Tied-down  
rigidity matrix

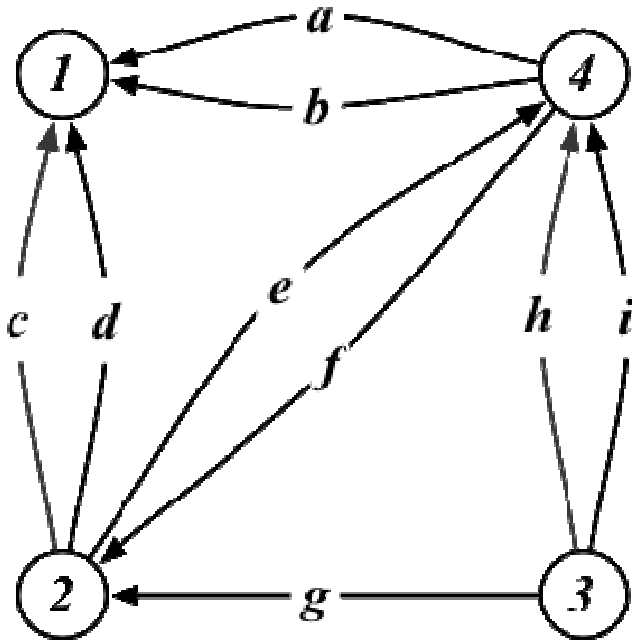
- The pure condition for  $G$  is a polynomial in indeterminate edge vectors:  $C(G) = \det(M_T(G))$
- A  $(k, g)$ -fan  $\varphi$  is a partitioning of  $E$  into  $n - 1$  ordered sets  $(\varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n)$  such that each  $\varphi_i = (\varphi_{i,1}, \dots, \varphi_{i,k})$  contains
  - exactly  $k$  edges incident to vertex  $i$ ,
  - $\leq g$  (red) edges from  $R$

# Fans and the pure condition

Proposition.

$$C(G) = \sum \varphi \pm [\varphi_2] \cdots [\varphi_n],$$

for all distinct  $(k,g)$ -fans  $\varphi$  of  $G$ .



- $(3,1)$ -fan diagram corresponds to one *distinct* fan
- more than one  $(3,1)$ -fan, including:  
 $((c,d,e),(a,b,f),(g,h,i))$   
 $((e,c,d),(f,a,b),(i,g,h))$   
 $((c,e,d),(a,f,b),(g,i,h))$

# Proof sketch

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- $\Rightarrow$  If  $C(G) \neq 0$ , then can pick out  $k$  trees
  - Red edges can only appear in  $g$  of the trees due to 0 entries
  - $B'$  is composed of black edges in those  $g$  trees
- $\Leftarrow$  If have tree decomposition, assign

$$x'(e) = \begin{cases} (a_{j,1}, a_{j,2}, \dots, a_{j,k}) & \text{if } e \in B \setminus B' \\ (0, 0, \dots, 0, a_{j,k-g+1}, \dots, a_{j,k}) & \text{if } e \in R \cup B' \end{cases}$$

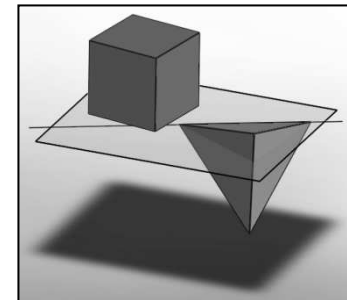
Then only one distinct  $(k, g)$ -fan (root trees at vertex 1 and direct edges to root) contributes a non-zero term to  $C(G)$  and  $C(G) \neq 0$ .

# Conclusions

# Summary of contributions

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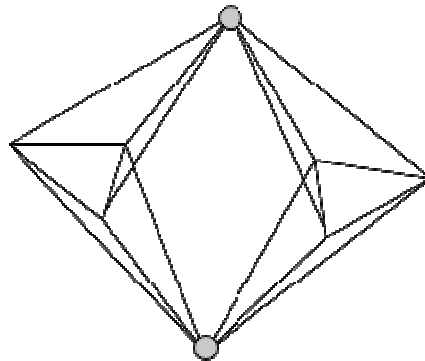
- New rigidity model
  - Body-and-*cad*
    - 21 pairwise constraints
    - Coincidence
    - Angle
    - Distance
- Infinitesimal rigidity theory foundation
  - Rigidity matrix
- Combinatorics
  - Nested sparsity
    - Necessary, not sufficient
  - Trees
    - Characterization for 20 of 21 constraints



# Open questions

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- Other constraints for CAD
  - Symmetry, equality
- Combinatorial characterization for point-point coincidence



# Thank you!

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- Infinitesimal rigidity theory based on dissertation work at UMass Amherst
  - Advisor: Ileana Streinu
  - Other collaborators: Kirk Haller, Meera Sitharam, Neil White
- Combinatorial characterization
  - Joint work with Jessica Sidman
- Questions?



# Symmetric Mate

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- ◆ **Allows two similar entities to be symmetric about a face or plane**
- ◆ **Features allowed:**
  - ◆ Points
  - ◆ Planes or planar faces
  - ◆ Spheres of equal radius
  - ◆ Cylinders of equal radius



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# Alpha helices

- Line-line angle

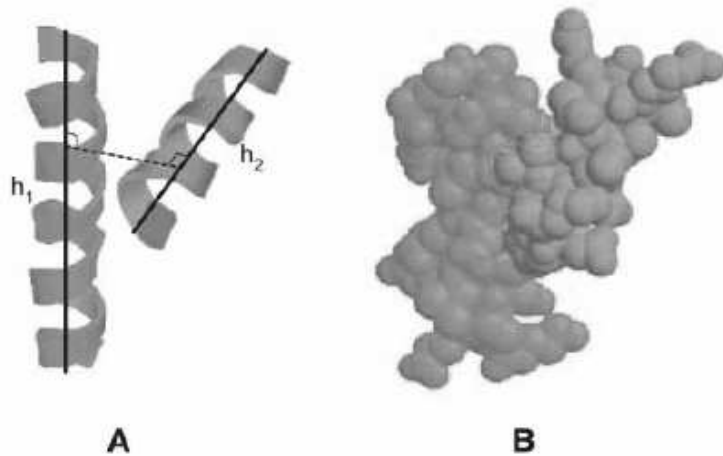


FIGURE 3 Case 1: Helix-helix interactions. (a) Ribbon representation. (b) All-atom. The helices in this figure are the third helix (21 residues with sequence numbers 60–80) and the fifth helix (14 residues with sequence numbers 93–106) in a protein with ID 119L.

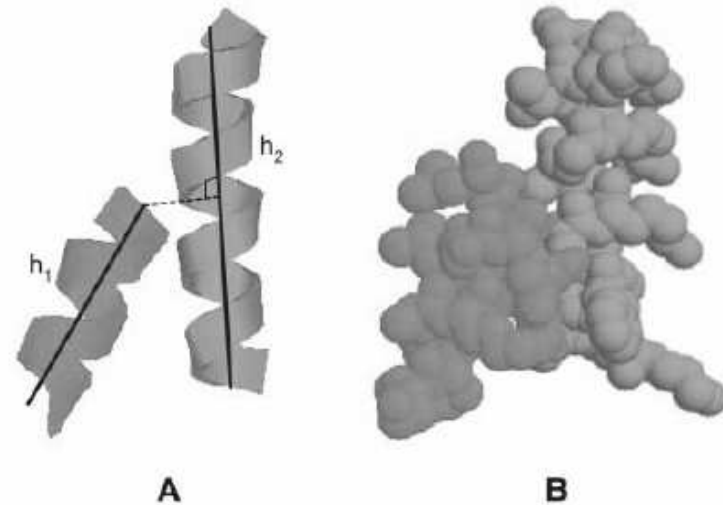


FIGURE 4 Case 2: Helix-helix interactions. (a) Ribbon representation. (b) All-atom. The helices in this figure are the fifth helix (11 residues with sequence numbers 93–103) and the 18th helix (17 residues with sequence numbers 351–367) in a protein with ID 16PK.

Lee, Sangyoon, and Chirikjian, Gregory. Interhelical angle and distance preferences in globular proteins. *Biophysical Journal* 86 (2004), 1105–1117.

# Beta sheets

- Plane-plane | |, coincident

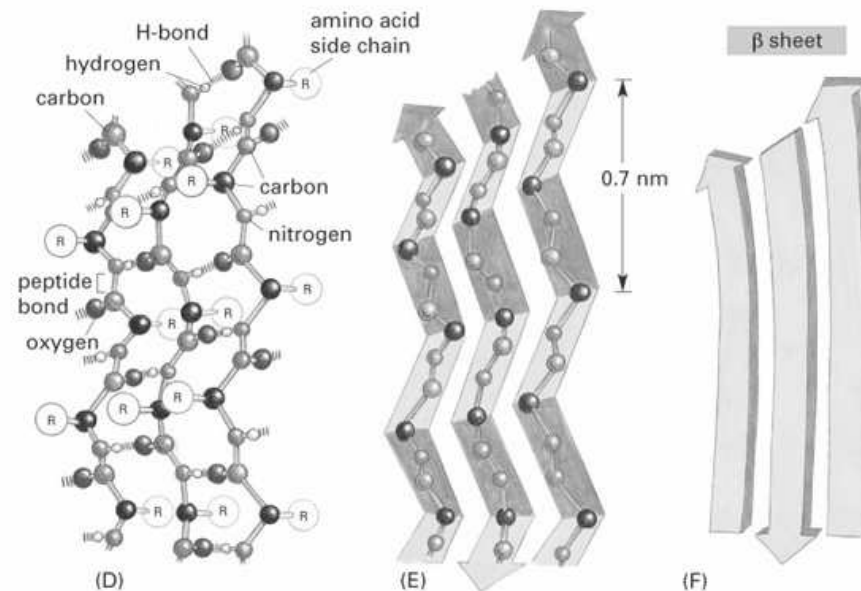
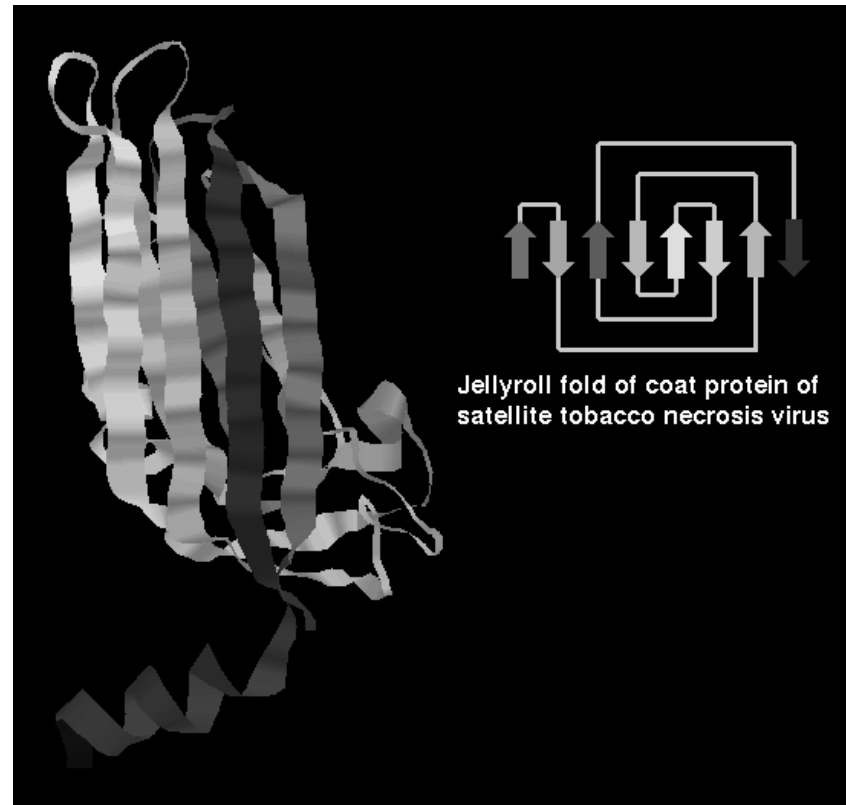


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# Beta sheets

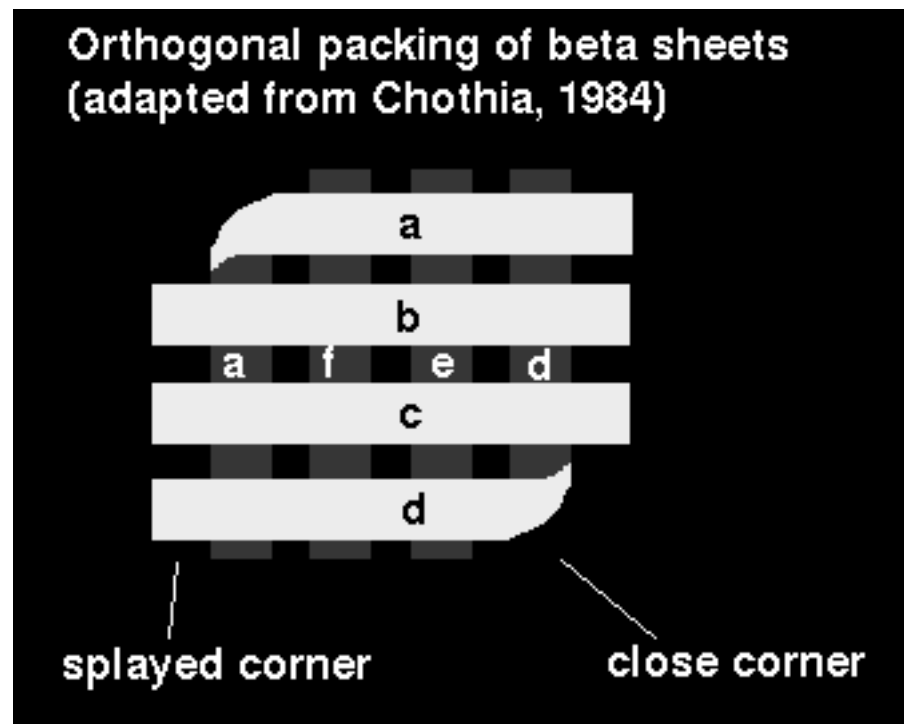
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# Orthogonal beta sheets

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# Body-and-cad

	plane		line		point	
	angular	blind	angular	blind	angular	blind
<b>plane</b>						
coincidence	2	1	1	1	0	1
distance	2	1	1	1	0	1
parallel	2	0	1	0		
perpendicular	1	0	2	0		
fixed angle	1	0	1	0		
<b>line</b>						
coincidence			2	2	0	2
distance			0	1	0	1
parallel			2	0		
perpendicular			1	0		
fixed angle			1	0		
<b>point</b>						
coincidence					0	3
distance					0	1