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INTRODUCTION

Two computer subprograms, SCREW and INSCRU, are contained here. The first one computes the screw parameters of a rigid-body motion with finite separation; the second one, in turn, computes the corresponding parameters when the motion is specified through two infinitesimally separated positions.

Each subprogram is self-contained, its comments describing in detail each stage of the computational procedure. SCREW is based upon [1]², whereas INSCRU is based upon [2]. In each case, a main program is included, in order to illustrate how these subprograms can be used. The subprograms are written in the FORTRAN IV version of the Burroughs 6700 computer, of the computing center of the University of Mexico (UNAM). Subsidiary subroutines are also included.

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C THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES THE SCREW PARAMETERS OF GIVEN RIGID-BODY
 C MOTIONS. THE MOTIONS ARE SPECIFIED THROUGH THE INITIAL AND FINAL
 C POSITIONS OF THREE NONCOLLINEAR POINTS.
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REAL AIN(3),BIN(3),CIN(3),AFIN(3),BFIN(3),CFIN(3),E(3),RHO(3)
COMMON ZERO
RAD=180.0/(4.0*ATAN(1.0))
NUM=0
1 READ(5,/,END=3) N
ZERO=0.00001
NUM=NUM+1
DO 2 I=1,N
    READ(5,/)AIN(I),BIN(I),CIN(I)
    READ(5,/)AFIN(I),BFIN(I),CFIN(I)
2 CONTINUE
WRITE(6,9)NUM
WRITE(6,10)
WRITE(6,11)(AIN(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,12)(BIN(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,13)(CIN(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,14)(AFIN(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,15)(BFIN(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,16)(CFIN(I),I=1,N)
CALL SCREW (AIN,BIN,CIN,AFIN,BFIN,CFIN,E,RHO,THETA,DISPL)
IF(ZERO.LT.0.0) GO TO 1
WRITE(6,18)(E(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,19)(RHO(I),I=1,N)
THETA=THETA*RAD
WRITE(6,20)THETA
WRITE(6,21)DISPL
GO TO 1
3 CALL EXIT
9 FORMAT(3(/),9X,"EXAMPLE",I3/)
10 FORMAT(9X,"POINT",20X,"COORDINATES"/22X,"X",16X,"Y",16X,"Z"/)
11 FORMAT(9X,"A(1)= ",F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
12 FORMAT(9X,"B(1)= ",F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
13 FORMAT(9X,"C(1)= ",F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5/)
14 FORMAT(9X,"A(2)= ",F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
15 FORMAT(9X,"B(2)= ",F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
16 FORMAT(9X,"C(2)= ",F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5/)
18 FORMAT(15X,"THE SCREW AXIS HAS THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION COSINES"/
- 15X,"(VECTOR E) :",F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
19 FORMAT(15X,"THE POINT ON THE SCREW AXIS CLOSEST TO THE ORIGIN ",
- "HAS"/15X,"THE FOLLOWING X-,Y-AND Z COORDINATES"/
- 15X,"(VECTOR RHO) :",F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
20 FORMAT(15X,"THE ANGLE OF ROTATION (THETA) IS",F12.5," DEGREES")
21 FORMAT(15X,"THE DISPLACEMENT ALONG THE SCREW AXIS (DISPL) IS",
- F12.5/)
END

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#WAITING FOR WORKER
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  SUBROUTINE SCREW(AIN,BIN,CIN,AFIN,BFIN,CFIN,E,RHO,THETA,DISPL)
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  C
  C THIS SUBROUTINE COMPUTES THE SCREW-PARAMETERS OF A RIGID BODY MOTION.
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  C INPUT:
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  C THE X, Y AND Z-COORDINATES OF THREE NONCOLLINEAR POINTS OF THE
  C RIGID BODY IN BOTH ITS INITIAL (AIN,BIN,CIN 3-DIMENSIONAL VECTORS)
  C AND FINAL (AFIN,BFIN,CFIN 3-DIMENSIONAL VECTORS) CONFIGURATIONS.
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  C OUTPUT:
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  C 1. THE DIRECTION E, OF THE SCREW AXIS, A 3-DIMENSIONAL VECTOR.
  C 2. THE LOCATION RHO OF THE POINT ON THE SCREW AXIS LYING CLOSEST
  C TO THE ORIGIN.
  C 3. THE ANGLE OF ROTATION (SIGN WITH RESPECT TO E
  C INCLUDED), THETA.
  C 4. THE SCALAR DISPLACEMENT DISPL, ALONG E (SIGN WITH RESPECT TO
  C E INCLUDED).
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  C SUBSIDIARY SUBROUTINES:
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  C CROSS(A,B,C) COMPUTES THE CROSS PRODUCT OF VECTORS A AND B, IN THIS
  C ORDER, AND STORES THE PRODUCT IN VECTOR C,
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  C SCAL(A,B,S) COMPUTES THE SCALAR PRODUCT OF VECTORS A AND B AND
  C STORES THE PRODUCT IN THE SCALAR S.
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  C EXCHGE(A,B) EXCHANGES FIELDS A AND B.
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  C 3-DIMENSIONAL VECTORS A, B, C ARE AUXILIARY FIELDS.
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    REAL AIN(3),BIN(3),CIN(3),AFIN(3),BFIN(3),CFIN(3),UA(3),UB(3)
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    -   ,UC(3),A(3),B(3),C(3),E(3),RHO(3)
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    LOGICAL LO(3)
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    COMMON ZERO
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  C
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  C COLLINEARITY OF GIVEN POINTS IS VERIFIED. WHEN POINTS ARE COLLINEAR,
  C ZERO IS SET EQUAL TO -1 AND SUBROUTINE RETURNS TO MAIN PROGRAM.
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    DO 10 I=1,3
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      LO(I)=.FALSE.
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      A(I)=AIN(I)-CIN(I)
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10  B(I)=BIN(I)-CIN(I)
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    CALL CROSS(A,B,C)
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    CALL SCAL(C,C,S)
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    S=SQRT(S)
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    IF(S-ZERO) 20,20,30
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20  ZERO=-1.
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    WRITE(6,1000)
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    RETURN
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  C
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  C DONE
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  C COMPABILITY IS VERIFIED. IF THIS IS NOT MET, THEN ZERO IS SET EQUAL
  C TO -2, -3, OR -4, DEPENDING UPON WETHER DISTANCE AC, BC, OR AB DOES
  C NOT REMAIN CONSTANT THROUGHOUT THE MOTION.
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30 DO 40 I=1,3
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    C(I)=AFIN(I)-CFIN(I)
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40 CONTINUE
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CALL SCAL(A,A,S1)
S1=SQRT(S1)
CALL SCAL(C,C,S2)
S2=SQRT(S2)
IF(ABS(S1-S2).LE.ZERO) GO TO 50
ZERO=-2.
WRITE(6,1010)
RETURN
50 DO 60 I=1,3
    C(I)=BFIN(I)-CFIN(I)
60 CONTINUE
CALL SCAL(B,B,S1)
CALL SCAL(C,C,S2)
S1=SQRT(S1)
S2=SQRT(S2)
IF(ABS(S1-S2).LE.ZERO) GO TO 70
ZERO=-3
WRITE(6,1020)
RETURN
70 DO 80 I=1,3
    A(I)=AIN(I)-BIN(I)
80 B(I)=AFIN(I)-BFIN(I)
CALL SCAL(A,A,S1)
CALL SCAL(B,B,S2)
S1=SQRT(S1)
S2=SQRT(S2)
IF(ABS(S1-S2).LE.ZERO) GO TO 90
ZERO=-4.
WRITE(6,1030)
RETURN
C
C DONE
C DISPLACEMENT VECTORS ARE COMPUTED
90 DO 100 I=1,3
    UA(I)=AFIN(I)-AIN(I)
    UB(I)=BFIN(I)-BIN(I)
100 UC(I)=CFIN(I)-CIN(I)
C
C DONE
C NUMBER OF VANISHING DISPLACEMENTS IS DETERMINED AND STORED IN NUZE.
C DISPLACEMENT MAGNITUDES ARE STORED TEMPORARILY IN E. IF NUZE.EQ.0
C THEN NUZE IS SET EQUAL TO 4.
CALL SCAL(UA,UA,E(1))
CALL SCAL(UB,UB,E(2))
CALL SCAL(UC,UC,E(3))
NUZE=0
DO 110 I=1,3
    E(I)=SQRT(E(I))
    IF(E(I).GT.ZERO) GO TO 110
    NUZE=NUZE+1
    LO(I)=.TRUE.
110 CONTINUE

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C  DONE
    WRITE(6,1060) NUZE
    IF(NUZE.EQ.0)NUZE=4
C
C  EACH CASE (NUZE=1,2,3 AND 0) IS NOW INVESTIGATED.
    GO TO(111,211,311,411) NUZE
C
C  IF ONE, AND ONLY ONE, VECTOR VANISHES, THE SUBROUTINE INVESTIGATES
C  WHETHER THE REMAINING ONES ARE PARALLEL OR NOT. FIRST, THE
C  VANISHING VECTOR IS DETECTED BY SETTING THE INTEGER VARIABLE IN
C  EQUAL TO 1,2 OR 3, DEPENDING UPON WHETHER UA,UB OR UC, RESPECTIVELY,
C  IS THAT WHICH VANISHES.
111 DO 120 I=1,3
        IF(LO(I))IN=I
120 CONTINUE
    GO TO (121,131,141),IN
121 CALL EXCHGE(UA,UC)
    CALL EXCHGE(AIN,CIN)
    CALL EXCHGE(AFIN,CFIN)
    GO TO 141
131 CALL EXCHGE(UB,UC)
    CALL EXCHGE(BIN,CIN)
    CALL EXCHGE(BFIN,CFIN)
141 CALL CROSS(UA,UB,C)
    CALL SCAL(C,C,S)
    S=SQRT(S)
C
C  THE FORMULA TO COMPUTE TH DIRECTION OF THE SCREW AXIS IS
C  CHOSEN DEPENDING UPON WHETHER THE TWO NONVANISHING VECTORS
C  ARE PARALLEL OR NOT.
    IF(S.GT.ZERO) GO TO 150
    WRITE(6,1070)
    GO TO 509
150 WRITE(6,1080)
    GO TO 600
C
C  IF EXACTLY TWO VECTORS VANISH, IN IS SET EQUAL TO 1,2 OR 3, DEPEND-
C  ING UPON WHETHER UA, UB OR UC, RESPECTIVELY, IS THE NONVANISHING
C  VECTOR.
211 DO 221 I=1,3
        IF(LO(I))GO TO 221
        IN=I
221 CONTINUE
C
C  ALL VECTORS ARE RELABELLED SO THAT THE NONVANISHING VECTOR IS
C  STORED IN FIELD UC. VECTOR E IS THEN COMPUTED USING THE
C  FORMULA REALISED IN STATEMENTS 501-520.
    GO TO (231,232,233),IN
231 CALL EXCHGE(AIN,CIN)
    CALL EXCHGE(AFIN,CFIN)
    CALL EXCHGE(UA,UC)
    GO TO 233
232 CALL EXCHGE(BIN,CIN)
    CALL EXCHGE(BFIN,CFIN)
    CALL EXCHGE(UB,UC)

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C   UA-UC AND UB-UC ARE STORED IN UA AND UB, RESPECTIVELY.
233 DO 240 I=1,3
      UA(I)=UA(I)-UC(I)
240 UB(I)=UB(I)-UC(I)
      GO TO 509

C
C   IF ALL THREE VECTORS VANISH, A MESSAGE IS WRITEN AND SCREW RE-
C   TURNS TO MAIN PROGRAM.
311 WRITE(6,1040)
      ZERO=-5
      RETURN

C
C   DONE
C   ONE-, TWO- AND THREE- VANISHING-DISPLACEMENT CASES WERE ALREADY
C   DEALT WITH. NO-VANISHING-DISPLACEMENT CASE IS NEXT INVESTIGATED.
C   FIRST IT IS INVESTIGATED WHETHER THE GIVEN VECTORS ARE
C   COPLANAR AND, IF SO, WHETHER THEIR DIFFERENCES ARE PARALLEL.
C   THE FORMULA EMPLOYED TO COMPUTE VECTOR E IS DECIDED UPON
C   ACCORDINGLY.
411 CALL CROSS(UA,UB,C)
      CALL SCAL(UC,C,S1)

C
C   UA-UC AND UB-UC ARE STORED IN UA AND UB RESPECTIVELY.
      DO 420 I=1,3
          UA(I)=UA(I)-UC(I)
420 UB(I)=UB(I)-UC(I)
      CALL CROSS (UA,UB,C)
      CALL SCAL(C,C,S2)
      S2=SQRT(S2)
      JUMP=1
      IF(ABS(S1).LT.ZERO)JUMP=JUMP+1
      IF(S2.LT.ZERO)JUMP=JUMP+1
      GO TO (421,422,423),JUMP
421 WRITE(6,1090)
      GO TO 600
422 WRITE(6,1100)
      GO TO 600

C
C   IF VECTORS ARE COPLANAR AND DIFFERENCES ARE PARALLEL, INVESTIGATES
C   WHETHER MOTION IS A PURE TRANSLATION.
423 CALL SCAL(UA,UA,UAVA)
      CALL SCAL(UB,UB,UBUB)
      UAVA=SQRT(UAVA)
      UBUB=SQRT(UBUB)
      IF(UAVA.LE.ZERO.AND.UBUB.LE.ZERO)GO TO 900
      WRITE(6,1110)

C
C   COMPUTES VECTOR E. FIRST THE SCALAR FACTOR BETA RELATING
C   PARALLEL VECTORS UA AND UB IS COMPUTED-VECTOR E IS STORED
C   TEMPORARILY IN C.
509 CALL SCAL(UA,UA,UAMAG)
      CALL SCAL(UB,UB,UBMAG)
      CALL SCAL(UA,UB,UAUB)

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    UAMAG=SQRT(UAMAG)
    UBMAG=SQRT(UBMAG)
    IF(UAMAG.LE.ZERO) WRITE(6,1120)
    BETA=UBMAG/UAMAG
    IF(UAUB.LE.0)BETA=-BETA
    DO 510 I=1,3
510  E(I)=BIN(I)-CIN(I)-BETA*(AIN(I)-CIN(I))
    GO TO 605
600  CALL CROSS(UA,UB,E)
605  CALL SCAL(E,E,EE)
    EE=SQRT(EE)
    DO 610 I=1,3
610  E(I)=E(I)/EE
C
C  DONE
C  THE ANGLE OF ROTATION IS COMPUTED,AUXILIARY VECTORS A AND B
C  ARE INTRODUCED.
    DO 710 I=1,3
        A(I)=AIN(I)-CIN(I)
        C(I)=AIN(I)+UA(I)
710  B(I)=C(I)-CIN(I)
    CALL SCAL(A,E,APROY)
    CALL SCAL(B,E,BPROY)
    DO 720 I=1,3
        A(I)=A(I)-APROY*E(I)
720  B(I)=B(I)-BPROY*E(I)
    CALL SCAL(A,B,AB)
    CALL SCAL(A,A,AA)
    THETA=ARCOS(AB/AA)
    CALL CROSS(A,B,C)
    CALL SCAL(C,E,CE)
    IF(CE.LE.0)THETA=-THETA
C
C  DONE
C  COMPUTATION OF RHO AND DISPL.
    COTH=COS(THETA)
    DIF=1+COSH
    DIF=ABS(DIF)
    IF(DIF.LE.ZERO) GO TO 830
    DO 810 I=1,3
        UA(I)=AFIN(I)-AIN(I)
810  C(I)=AFIN(I)+AIN(I)
    CALL CROSS(E,C,A)
    CALL CROSS(E,A,B)
    CALL CROSS(E,UA,RHO)
    DO 820 I=1,3
        RHO(I)=COTAN(THETA/2.)*RHO(I)
820  RHO(I)=(RHO(I)-B(I))/2.
    GO TO 840
830  DO 850 I=1,3
850  RHO(I)=AIN(I)+UA(I)*0.5
    CALL SCAL(RHO,E,S)
    DO 860 I=1,3
860  RHO(I)=RHO(I)-S*E(I)

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840 CALL SCAL(UA,E,DISPL)
      RETURN
900 DO 905 I=1,3
905 UA(I)=AFIN(I)-AIN(I)
      WRITE(6,1050)(UA(I),I=1,3)
      ZERO=-6
      RETURN
1000 FORMAT(5X,"POINTS ARE COLLINEAR.MOTION IS UNDEFINED"/)
1010 FORMAT(5X,"MOTION IS NOT RIGID.LENGTH AC DOES NOT REMAIN",
-        " CONSTANT.)/)
1020 FORMAT(5X,"MOTION IS NOT RIGID.LENGTH BC DOES NOT REMAIN",
-        " CONSTANT.)/)
1030 FORMAT(5X,"MOTION IS NOT RIGID.LENGTH AB DOES NOT REMAIN",
-        " CONSTANT.)/)
1040 FORMAT(5X,"NO MOTION.ALL THREE DISPLACEMENTS VECTORS ARE",
-        " ZERO.)/)
1050 FORMAT(9X,"VECTORS DIFFERENCES ARE BOTH ZERO "/
-        9X,"THE MOTION IS PURE TRANSLATION. "//15X,"THE ",
-        "DISPLACEMENT HAS THE FOLLOWING X-,Y-AND Z COMPONENTS : "
-        /15X,F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5,/)
1060 FORMAT(9X,"NUMBER OF VANISHING DISPLACEMENTS IS",I5)
1070 FORMAT(9X,"DIFFERENCES ARE PARALLEL"/)
1080 FORMAT(9X,"DIFFERENCES ARE NONPARALLEL"/)
1090 FORMAT(9X,"VECTORS ARE NONCOPLANAR"/)
1100 FORMAT(9X,"VECTORS ARE COPLANAR AND DIFFERENCES ARE NONPARALLEL"/)
1110 FORMAT(9X,"VECTOR DIFFERENCES ARE PARALLEL"/)
1120 FORMAT(1X,"THE MAGNITUD OF THE NONVANISHING VECTOR UA WAS "
-        "COMPUTED AS ZERO BETWEEN STATEMENS 509 AND 510",/)
      END
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C THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES THE PARAMETERS OF THE INSTANTANEOUS
C SCREW OF GIVEN RIGID-BODY MOTIONS.
C
REAL A(3),B(3),C(3),VA(3),VB(3),VC(3),RHO(3),SPIN(3)
COMMON ZERO
NUM=0
1 READ(5,10,END=50)N
ZERO=0.00001
NUM=NUM+1
DO 2 I=1,N
    READ(5,20)A(I),B(I),C(I)
    READ(5,20)VA(I),VB(I),VC(I)
2 CONTINUE
WRITE(6,30)NUM
WRITE(6,31)
WRITE(6,32)(A(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,33)(B(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,34)(C(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,35)(VA(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,36)(VB(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,37)(VC(I),I=1,N)
CALL INSCRU(A,B,C,VA,VB,VC,RHO,SPIN,SPEED)
IF(ZERO.LT.0.0) GO TO 1
WRITE(6,38)(SPIN(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,39)(RHO(I),I=1,N)
WRITE(6,40)SPEED
GO TO 1
10 FORMAT(I2)
20 FORMAT(F7.3)
30 FORMAT(5X,'EXAMPLE',I3/)
31 FORMAT(5X,'POINT',20X,'COORDINATES'/18X,'X',16X,'Y',16X,'Z'//)
32 FORMAT(5X,'A = ',F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
33 FORMAT(5X,'B = ',F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
34 FORMAT(5X,'C = ',F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
35 FORMAT(5X,'VA = ',F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
36 FORMAT(5X,'VB = ',F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
37 FORMAT(5X,'VC = ',F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
38 FORMAT(9X,'THE SPIN HAS THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS'/
-      9X,'(VECTOR SPIN) :',F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,F12.5)
39 FORMAT(9X,'THE POINT ON THE INSTANTANEOUS-SCREW AXIS CLOSEST'
-      ', ' TO'/9X,'THE ORIGIN HAS THE FOLLOWING X-, Y- AND Z',
-      ' COORDINATES'/9X,'(VECTOR RHO) :',F12.5,5X,F12.5,5X,
-      F12.5)
40 FORMAT(9X,'THE VELOCITY COMPONENT ALONG THE INSTANTANEOUS-SCREW',
-      ' AXIS :'/9X,'(SPEED) :',F12.5)
50 CALL EXIT
END
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SUBROUTINE INSCRU(A,B,C,VA,VB,VC,RHO,SPIN,SPEED)
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C
C THIS SUBROUTINE COMPUTES THE PARAMETERS OF THE INSTANTANEOUS
C SCREW OF A RIGID-BODY MOTION.
C INPUT:
C THE X,Y AND Z COORDINATES OF THREE NONCOLINEAR POINTS,
C A,B AND C OF A RIGID BODY AND THEIR CORRESPONDING
C VELOCITIES, VA,VB AND VC. FIELDS A,B,C,VA,VB AND VC ARE
C THREE DIMENSIONAL, THEIR ELEMENTS BEING THE X,Y AND Z
C COMPONENTS OF THE CARTESIAN VECTORS STORED IN THEM.
C OUTPUT:
C 1.- THE POSITION VECTOR RHO OF THE POINT ON THE INSTANTANEOUS
C -SCREW AXIS LYING CLOSEST TO THE ORIGIN.
C 2.- THE SPIN. THIS VARIABLE IS LABELED "SPIN".
C 3.- THE SLIDING SPEED, I.E THE PROJECTION OF THE VELOCITY FIELD
C ON THE AXIS OF THE INSTANTANEOUS SCREW. THIS VARIABLE IS
C LABELED "SPEED".
C SUBSIDIARY SUBROUTINES:
C EXCHGE(A,B) -EXCHANGES FIELDS A AND B.
C CROSS(U,V,W)-COMPUTES THE CROSS PRODUCT OF VECTOR U TIMES
C VECTOR V, IN THIS ORDER, AND STORES THE PRODUCT
C IN VECTOR W.
C SCAL(U,V,S) -COMPUTES THE SCALAR PRODUCT OF VECTORS U AND
C V AND STORES THE PRODUCT IN THE SCALAR S.
C
C REAL A(3),B(3),C(3),VA(3),VB(3),VC(3),RHO(3),SPIN(3),AU(3),BU(3),
C - CU(3)
C LOGICAL LO(3)
C COMMON ZERO
C
C IT IS VERIFIED WHETHER THE GIVEN POINTS ARE COLLINEAR. IF
C THEY ARE, ZERO IS SET EQUAL TO -1 AND SUBROUTINE RETURNS
C TO MAIN PROGRAM. DIFFERENCE VECTORS ARE TEMPORARILY STORED
C IN THE SPIN AND RHO FIELDS.
C
C DO 10 I=1,3
C SPIN(I)=A(I)-C(I)
10 RHO(I)=B(I)-C(I)
C CALL CROSS(SPIN,RHO,CU)
C CALL SCAL(CU,CU,S)
C S=SQRT(S)
C IF(S.GT.ZERO) GO TO 30
C ZERO=-1
C WRITE(6,1000)
C RETURN
C
C DONE
C COMPATIBILITY IS VERIFIED. IF THIS IS NOT MET, ZERO IS
C SET EQUAL TO -2.,-3.,-4., DEPENDING UPON WHETHER DISTANCE
C AC, BC OR AB HAS A NONZERO TIME RATE OF CHANGE.
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30    CALL SCAL(VA,SPIN,SA)
      CALL SCAL(VC,SPIN,SC)
      IF(ABS(SA-SC).LE.ZERO) GO TO 40
      ZERO=-2.
      WRITE(6,1010)
      RETURN
40    CALL SCAL(VB,RHO,SB)
      CALL SCAL(VC,RHO,SC)
      IF(ABS(SB-SC).LE.ZERO) GO TO 50
      ZERO=-3.
      WRITE(6,1020)
      RETURN
50    DO 60 I=1,3
60    AU(I)=B(I)-A(I)
      CALL SCAL(VA,AU,SA)
      CALL SCAL(VB,AU,SB)
      IF(ABS(SA-SB).LE.ZERO) GO TO 70
      ZERO=-4.
      WRITE(6,1030)
      RETURN
C
C  DONE
C  NUMBER OF VANISHING-VELOCITY VECTORS IS DETERMINED AND
C  STORED IN NUZE. DISPLACEMENT MAGNITUDES ARE TEMPORARILY
C  STORED IN AU. IF NUZE.EQ.0, THEN NUZE IS SET EQUAL TO 4.
C
70    CALL SCAL(VA,VA,AU(1))
      CALL SCAL(VB,VB,AU(2))
      CALL SCAL(VC,VC,AU(3))
      NUZE=0
      DO 80 I=1,3
          LO(I)=.FALSE.
          AU(I)=SQRT(AU(I))
          IF(AU(I).GT.ZERO) GO TO 80
          NUZE=NUZE+1
          LO(I)=.TRUE.
80    CONTINUE
      WRITE(6,1040)NUZE
      IF(NUZE.EQ.0) NUZE=4
C
C  DONE
C  EACH CASE (NUZE=1,2,3,0) IS NOW INVESTIGATED. PARALLELISM AND
C  EQUALITY OF VECTORS ARE THEN VERIFIED.
C
      GO TO(100,200,300,400),NUZE
C
C  IF ONE, AND ONLY ONE VELOCITY VECTOR VANISHES, THE
C  SUBROUTINE INVESTIGATES WHETHER THE REMAINING ONES ARE
C  PARALLEL OR NOT.
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100   DO 101 I=1,3
      IF(L0(I)) IN=I
101   CONTINUE
      GO TO (110,120,130),IN
110   CALL EXCHGE(VA,VC)
      CALL EXCHGE(A,C)
      GO TO 130
120   CALL EXCHGE(VB,VC)
      CALL EXCHGE(B,C)
130   CALL CROSS(VA,VB,AU)
      CALL SCAL(AU,AU,S)
      S=SQRT(S)
      DO 140 I=1,3
        AU(I)=VA(I)
        BU(I)=VB(I)
140   RHO(I)=B(I)-C(I)
C
C   THE FORMULA TO COMPUTE THE DIRECTION OF THE SCREW AXIS IS
C   CHOSEN DEPENDING UPON WHETHER THE TWO NONVANISHING VECTORS
C   ARE PARALLEL OR NOT.
C
      IF(S.GT,ZERO) GO TO 150
      WRITE(6,1050)
      GO TO 500
150   WRITE(6,1060)
      GO TO 600
C
C   IF EXACTLY TWO VECTORS VANISH, IN IS SET EQUAL TO 1,2 OR 3
C   DEPENDING UPON WHETHER VA,VB OR VC, RESPECTIVELY, IS THE
C   NONVANISHING VECTOR.
C
200   DO 202 I=1,3
      IF(L0(I)) GO TO 202
      IN=I
202   CONTINUE
C
C   ALL VECTORS ARE RELABELLED SO THAT THE NONVANISHING
C   VELOCITY VECTOR IS STORED IN VC.
C
      GO TO(210,220,230),IN
210   CALL EXCHGE(A,C)
      CALL EXCHGE(VA,VC)
      GO TO 230
220   CALL EXCHGE(B,C)
      CALL EXCHGE(VB,VC)
C
C   VA-VC AND VB-VC ARE STORED IN AU AND BU RESPECTIVELY.
C
230   DO 240 I=1,3
      AU(I)=VA(I)-VC(I)

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240     BU(I)=VB(I)-VC(I)
      GO TO 500

C
C IF ALL THREE VELOCITIES VANISH, A MESSAGE IS WRITTEN AND INSCRU
C RETURNS TO THE MAIN PROGRAM.
C
300     WRITE(6,1070)
      ZERO=-5
      RETURN

C
C DONE
C ONE, TWO AND THREE-VANISHING-VELOCITY CASES WERE ALREADY DEALT
C WITH. NO-VANISHING DISPLACEMENT CASE IS NOW INVESTIGATED. FIRST
C IT IS INVESTIGATED WHETHER THE GIVEN VECTORS ARE COPLANAR AND
C IF SO, WHETHER THEIR DIFFERENCES ARE PARALLEL.
C
400     CALL CROSS(VA,VB,CU)
      CALL SCAL(VC,CU,S1)

C
C VA-VC AND VB-VC ARE STORED IN AU AND BU RESPECTIVELY.
C
      DO 402 I=1,3
          AU(I)=VA(I)-VC(I)
402     BU(I)=VB(I)-VC(I)
      CALL CROSS(AU,BU,CU)
      CALL SCAL(CU,CU,S2)
      S2=SQRT(S2)
      IND=1
      IF(ABS(S1).LT.ZERO)IND=IND+1
      IF(S2.LT.ZERO)IND=IND+1
      GO TO (410,420,430),IND
410     WRITE(6,1080)
      GO TO 600
420     WRITE(6,1090)
      GO TO 600

C
C IF VECTORS ARE COPLANAR AND DIFERENCES ARE PARALLEL, INVESTIGATES
C WHETHER THE MOTION IS A PURE TRANSLATION.
C
430     CALL SCAL(AU,AU,VA2)
      CALL SCAL(BU,BU,VB2)
      VA2=SQRT(VA2)
      VB2=SQRT(VB2)
      IF(VA2.LE.ZERO.AND.VB2.LE.ZERO) GO TO 700
      WRITE(6,1100)

C
C COMPUTES VECTOR SPIN. FIRST THE SCALAR FACTOR ALFA IS COMPUTED.
C
500     DO 502 I=1,3
          RHO(I)=B(I)-C(I)

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502  SPIN(I)=A(I)-C(I)
      CALL SCAL(AU,AU,VA2)
      CALL CROSS(RHO,SPIN,CU)
      CALL SCAL(CU,CU,ABC)
      VA2=SQRT(VA2)
      ABC=SQRT(ABC)
      ALFA=VA2/ABC
      CALL SCAL(AU,CU,SG)
      IF(SG.LT.0)ALFA=-ALFA
C
C  DONE
C  THE SCALAR FACTOR BETA IS COMPUTED
C
      CALL SCAL(BU,BU,SB)
      CALL SCAL(AU,AU,SA)
      CALL SCAL(AU,BU,SAB)
      SB=SQRT(SB)
      SA=SQRT(SA)
      BETA=SB/SA
      IF(SAB.LT.0)BETA=-BETA
C
C  DONE
C
      DO 504 I=1,3
          SPIN(I)=RHO(I)-BETA*SPIN(I)
504  SPIN(I)=SPIN(I)*ALFA
C
C  DONE
C  RHO AND SPIN ARE NEXT COMPUTED
C
      GO TO 610
600  CALL CROSS(AU,BU,CU)
      CALL SCAL(AU,RHO,DEN)
      DO 602 I=1,3
602  SPIN(I)=CU(I)/DEN
610  CALL SCAL(SPIN,SPIN,W2)
      CALL SCAL(SPIN,A,COFW)
      CALL CROSS(SPIN,VA,RHO)
      DO 612 I=1,3
612  RHO(I)=A(I)+(RHO(I)-COFW*SPIN(I))/W2
      CALL SCAL(VA,SPIN,SPEED)
      W2=SQRT(W2)
      SPEED=SPEED/W2
C
C  DONE
C
      RETURN
700  WRITE(6,1110)(VA(I),I=1,3)
      ZERO=-6
      RETURN

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1000  FORMAT(5X,'POINTS ARE COLINEAR. MOTION IS UNDEFINED'//)
1010  FORMAT(5X,'MOTION IS NOT RIGID. LENGTH AC DOES NOT REMAIN',
-      ' CONSTANT'//)
1020  FORMAT(5X,'MOTION IS NOT RIGID. LENGTH BC DOES NOT REMAIN',
-      ' CONSTANT'//)
1030  FORMAT(5X,'MOTION IS NOT RIGID. LENGTH AB DOES NOT REMAIN',
-      ' CONSTANT'//)
1040  FORMAT(5X,'NUMBER OF VANISHING VELOCITIES IS :',I5//)
1050  FORMAT(5X,'VELOCITIES ARE PARALLEL'//)
1060  FORMAT(5X,'VELOCITIES ARE NONPARALLEL'//)
1070  FORMAT(5X,'NO MOTION. ALL THREE VELOCITY VECTORS ARE ZERO'//)
1080  FORMAT(5X,'VELOCITIES ARE NONCOPLANAR'//)
1090  FORMAT(5X,'VELOCITIES ARE COPLANAR AND DIFFERENCES ARE NON',
-      ' PARALLEL'//)
1100  FORMAT(5X,'VELOCITIES ARE COPLANAR AND DIFERENCES ARE ',
-      ' PARALLEL'//)
1110  FORMAT(5X,'MOTION IS PURE TRANSLATION'/5X,'THE VELOCITIES ',
-      ' HAVE THE FOLLOWING X-,Y- AND Z- COORDINATES:'//
-      3(5X,F12.5)//)
      END

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$
SUBROUTINE EXCHGE(A,B)
C
C THIS SUBROUTINE EXCHANGES THE FIELDS A AND B, I.E. IT RETURNS
C B AS A AND A AS B.
C
C
      REAL A(3),B(3),AUX(3)
      DO 10 I=1,3
          AUX(I)=A(I)
          A(I)=B(I)
          B(I)=AUX(I)
10      CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END

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SUBROUTINE CROSS(A,B,C)
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C THIS SUBROUTINE PERFORMS THE CROSS PRODUCT A AND B, IN THIS ORDER,  
C AND STORES THIS PRODUCT IN C.  
C  
C
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REAL A(3),B(3),C(3)
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DO 10 K=1,3
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    C(K)=0.
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    DO 10 L=1,3
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        DO 10 M=1,3
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            N=(L-K)*(M-L)*(K-M)
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            C(K)=C(K)-N*A(L)*B(M)/2.
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10 CONTINUE  
RETURN  
END
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SUBROUTINE SCAL(A,B,S)
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C THIS SUBROUTINE PERFORMS THE SCALAR PRODUCT OF VECTORS A AND B  
C AND STORES THIS PRODUCT IN S.  
C  
C  
C
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REAL A(3),B(3)
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S=0.
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DO 10 I=1,3
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    S=S+A(I)*B(I)
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10 CONTINUE  
RETURN  
END
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