

Control Methods for Roll Instability of Articulated Steering Vehicles

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What is articulated steering?

- [Articulated steering](#) is a system by which a vehicle is split into front and rear halves which are connected by a vertical hinge. The front and rear halves are connected with one or more [hydraulic cylinders](#) that change the angle between the halves, including the front and rear axles and wheels, thus steering the vehicle. This system does not use steering arms, king pins, tie rods, etc. as does four-wheel steering. If the vertical hinge is placed equidistant between the two axles, it also eliminates the need for a central [differential](#), as both front and rear axles will follow the same path, and thus rotate at the same speed. [Articulated haulers](#) have very good off-road performance.

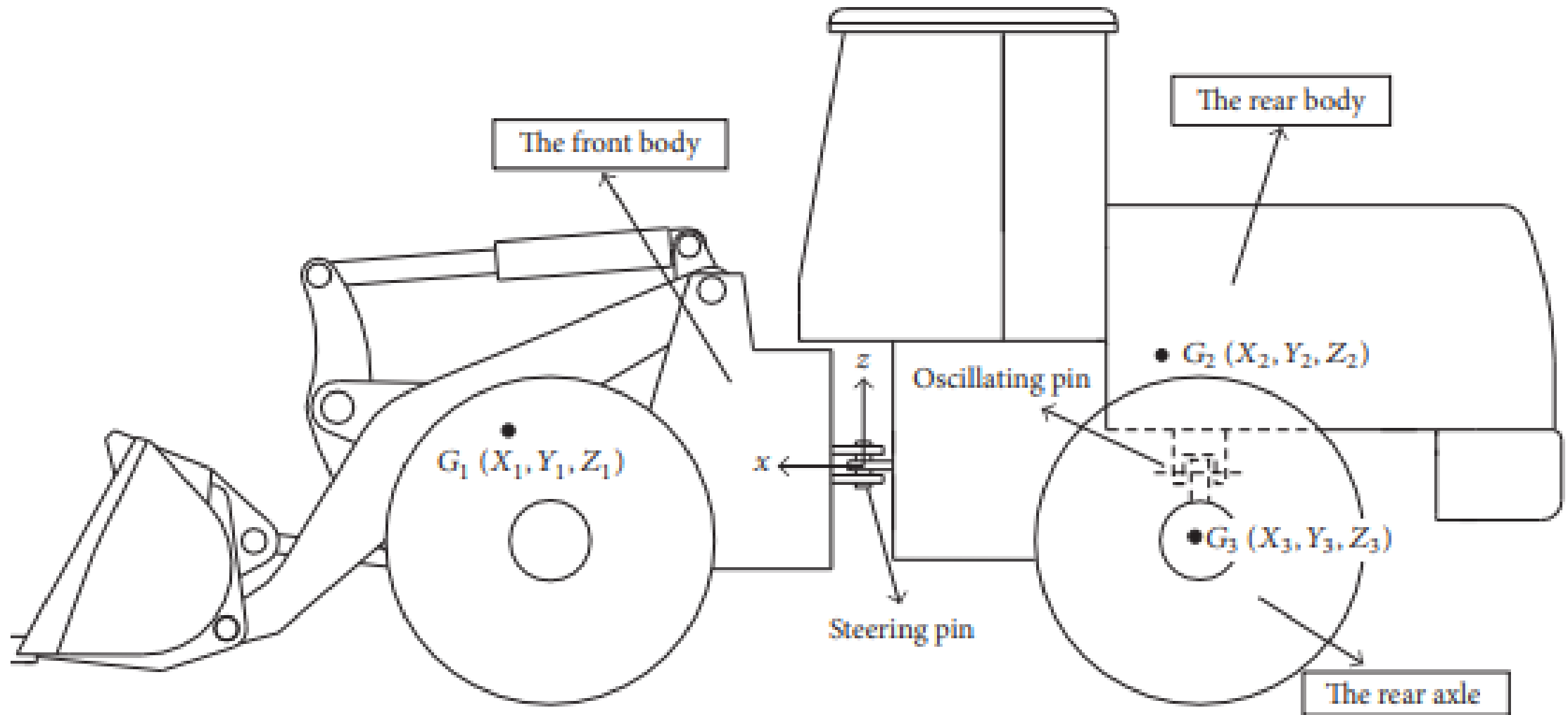
Advantages

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- less complicated drivetrain, cheaper axles since two rears can be used, and being able to "wiggle" the truck through tight spots etc.
- Both maneuverability and traction of off-road vehicles are important for enhanced performance in applications on unpredictable and changing terrains. To combine these two important features, articulated frame steering has become popular.

The Dynamic Model of ASVs

- This study aims to establish an seven-degrees-of-freedom (DOF) nonlinear dynamic model for ASVs and to examine the control methods of active rollover protection
- This model is used to analyze the effects of active braking, active steering, and adjusting the swing bridge on the roll stability of ASVs.
- Typical ASVs comprise three parts, namely, the front body, the rear body, and the rear axle.



Physical Model

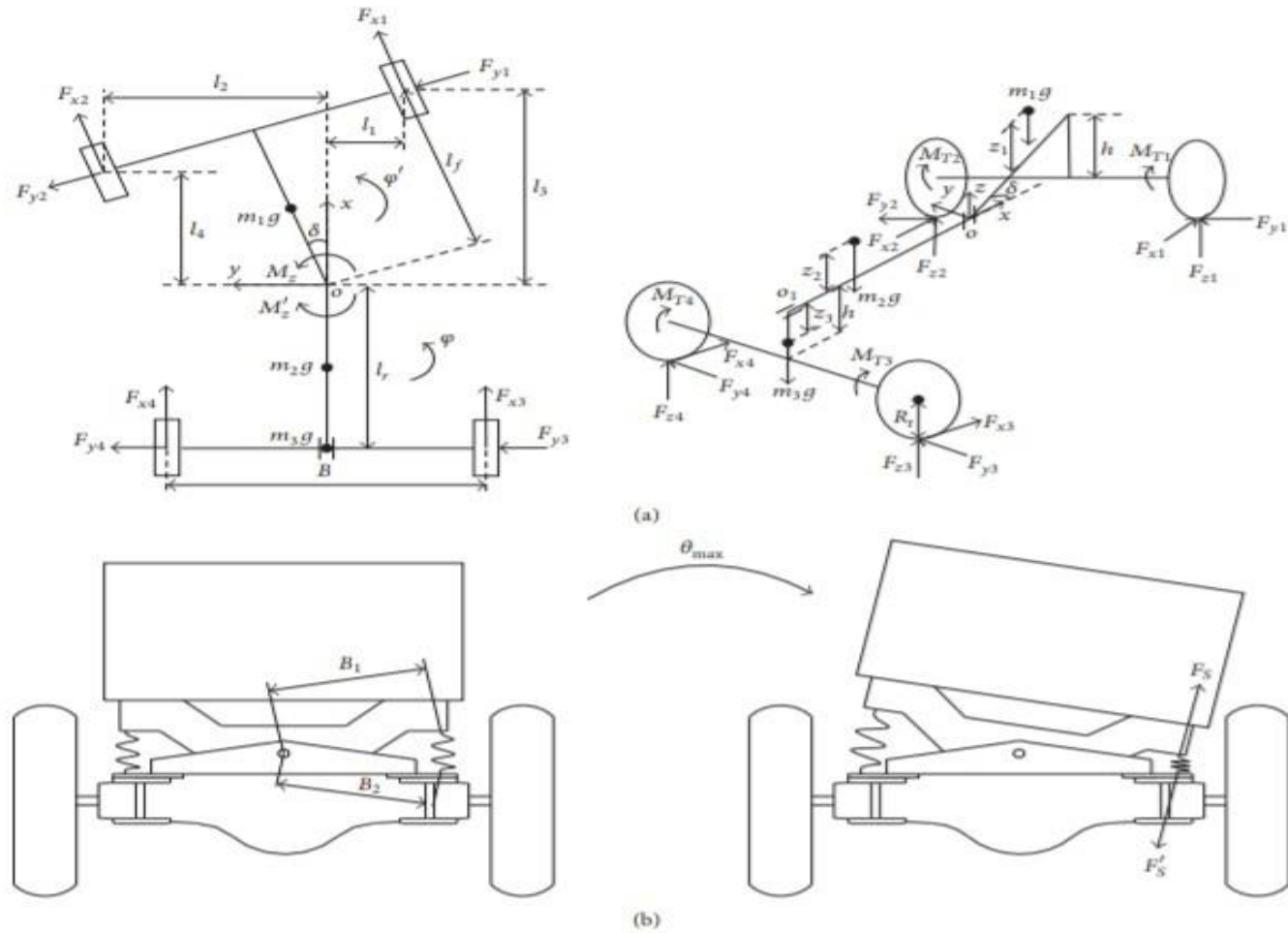
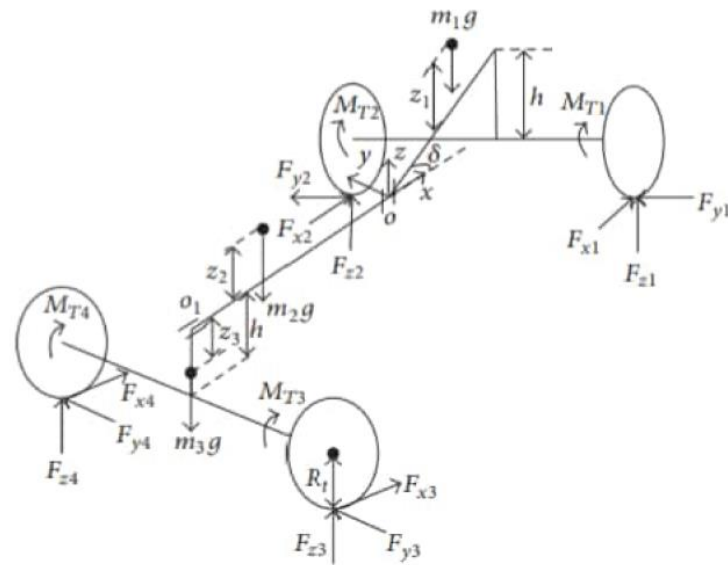
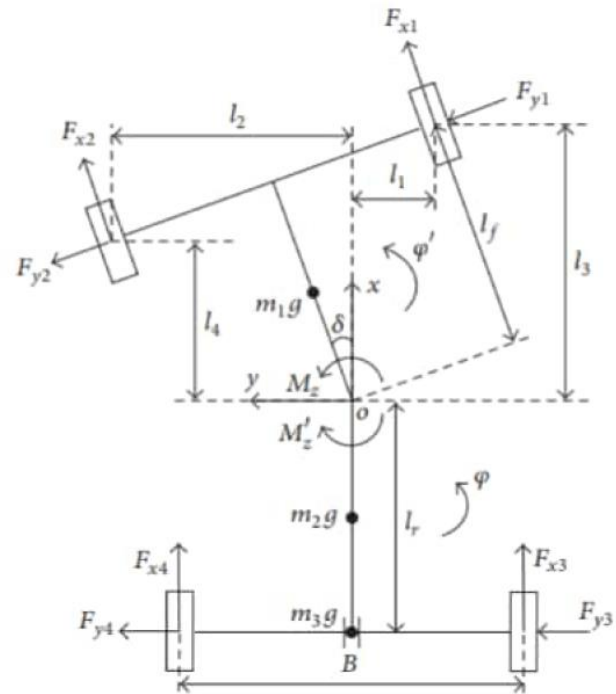


FIGURE 2: The model outline of vehicle movements.

Equation of DOF's:



From the FBD we have seven DoFs

x-movement

y-movement

z-movement

pitch movement - ψ

Roll movement of front and rear body - θ

Roll movement of rear axle - θ'

yaw movement ϕ - ϕ

~> So from the D'Alembert principle for multibody dynamics we can write equation of motion.

(1) x-direction

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(\ddot{x} - \dot{y}\dot{\phi} + \dot{z}\dot{\psi}) \\
 &= (F_{x1} + F_{x2} + \underbrace{M_{T1} + M_{T2}}_{R_T}) \cos \delta - (F_{y1} + F_{y2}) \sin \delta \\
 &\quad + (F_{x3} + F_{x4} + \underbrace{M_{T3} + M_{T4}}_{R_T})
 \end{aligned}$$

(2) y direction

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(\ddot{y} + \dot{x}\dot{\phi} - \dot{z}\dot{\psi}) \\
 &= (F_{x1} + F_{x2} + \underbrace{M_{T1} + M_{T2}}_{R_T}) \sin \delta \\
 &\quad + (F_{y1} + F_{y2}) \cos \delta + F_{y3} + F_{y4}
 \end{aligned}$$

(3) z direction

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(\ddot{z} + \dot{y}\dot{\psi} - \dot{x}\dot{\phi}) &= F_{z1} + F_{z2} + F_{z3} + F_{z4} \\
 &\quad - (m_1 g \cos \theta + m_2 g \cos \theta + m_3 g \cos \delta) \cos \phi
 \end{aligned}$$

(4) Roll motion of front and rear body

$$\begin{aligned}
 (J_{xx1} + J_{xx2}) \ddot{\theta} \\
 &= \left[\underbrace{(F_{x1} + F_{x2} + \underbrace{M_{T1} + M_{T2}}_{R_T}) \sin \delta + (F_{y1} + F_{y2}) \cos \delta}_{(R+th)} \right] \\
 &\quad - F_{z1} l_1 + F_{z2} l_2 - m_1 g (x_1 \sin \delta - z_1 \sin \theta) \\
 &\quad + m_2 g z_2 \sin \theta + m_1 g n_1 z_1 \cos \theta \\
 &\quad + m_2 g n_2 z_2 \cos \theta - F_s B_1
 \end{aligned}$$

(5) Roll motion of rear axle

$$J_{xx3} \ddot{\theta}' = (F_{y3} + F_{y4})(R+h) + \frac{(F_{z4} - F_{z3})B}{2} + m_3 g z_3 \sin \theta' + m_3 a_{n3} z_3 \cos \theta' + F_s B_2$$

(6) Vehicle pitch motion

$$(J_{yy1} + J_{yy2} + J_{yy3}) \ddot{\phi} = -F_{z1} l_3 - F_{z2} l_4 + (F_{z3} + F_{z4}) l_1 + m_1 g x_1 \cos \delta + m_2 g x_2 - m_3 g l_1 + m_1 \ddot{x} z_1 + m_2 \ddot{x} z_2 + m_3 \ddot{x} z_3 + \int (F_{y1} + F_{y2}) \sin \delta - \left(\frac{F_{x1} + F_{x2} + M_{r1} + M_{r2}}{R_t} \cos \delta \right) (R+h) - \int \left(\frac{F_{x3} + F_{x4} + \frac{M_{r3} + M_{r4}}{R_t}}{R+h} \right) (R+h)$$

(7) Yaw motion of rear body

$$(J_{zz2} + J_{zz3}) \ddot{\phi} = -(F_{y3} + F_{y4}) l_1 + (m_1 a_{n1} x_1 + m_2 a_{n2} x_2 + m_3 a_{n3} x_3) - M \dot{z}$$

(8) Yaw motion of front body

$$J_{zz1} \ddot{\phi}' = (F_{y1} + F_{y2}) l_f - m_1 a_{n1} x_1 + M_2$$

here

$$l_1 = B/2 \cos \delta - l_f \sin \delta$$

$$l_2 = B/2 \cos \delta + l_f \sin \delta$$

$$l_3 = l_f \cos \delta + B/2 \sin \delta$$

$$l_4 = l_f \cos \delta - B/2 \sin \delta$$

$$a_{n1} = \ddot{\phi} \cdot x_1 \sin \phi - \dot{z} \dot{\phi} + \ddot{x}$$

$$a_{n2} = \ddot{y} + \dot{x} \dot{\phi} - \dot{z} \dot{\phi}$$

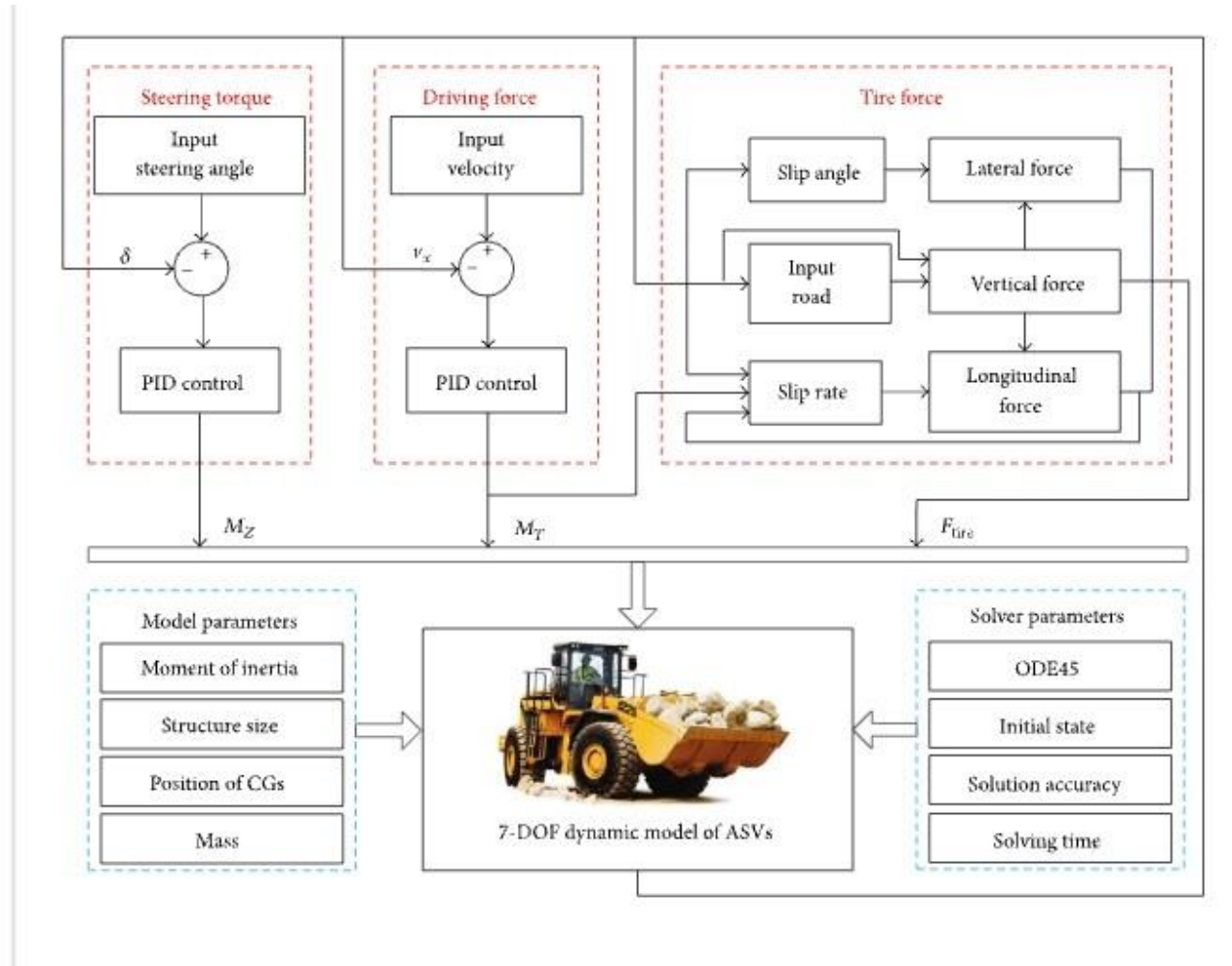
$$a_{n3} = \ddot{y} + \dot{x} \dot{\phi} - \dot{z} \dot{\phi}$$

F_s is the contact force which is generated when the swing bridge reaches the limit position. In order to calculate it contact process is assumed to be connected by a spring and damping system. F_s can be given as

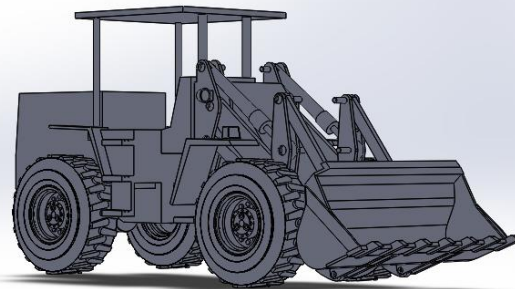
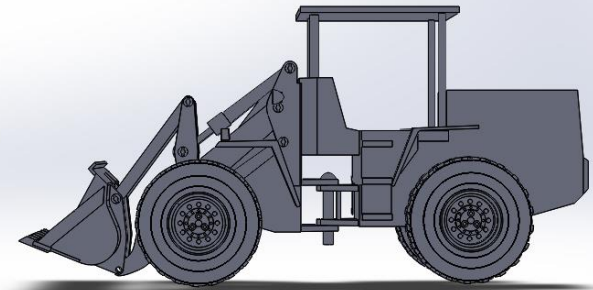
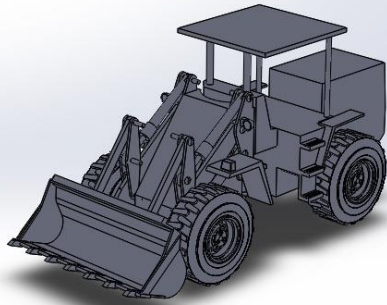
$$F_s = k_s (B_1 \theta - B_2 \theta') + c_s (B_1 \dot{\theta} - B_2 \dot{\theta}')$$

k_s is contact stiffness c_s is contact damping, k_s and c_s is null when it does not reach maximum.

Mathematical Model



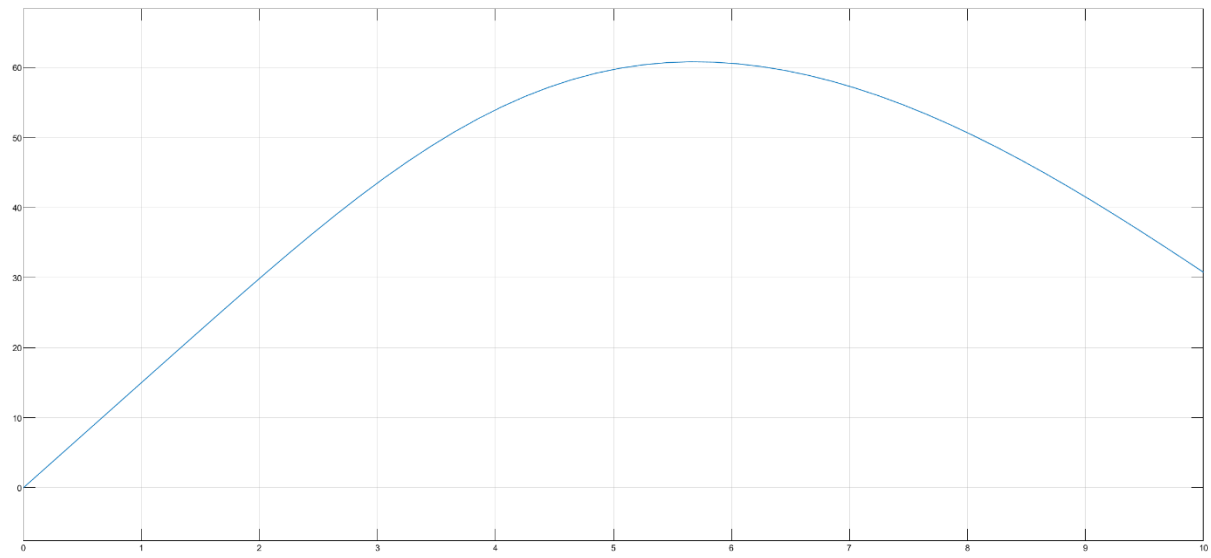
CAD Model



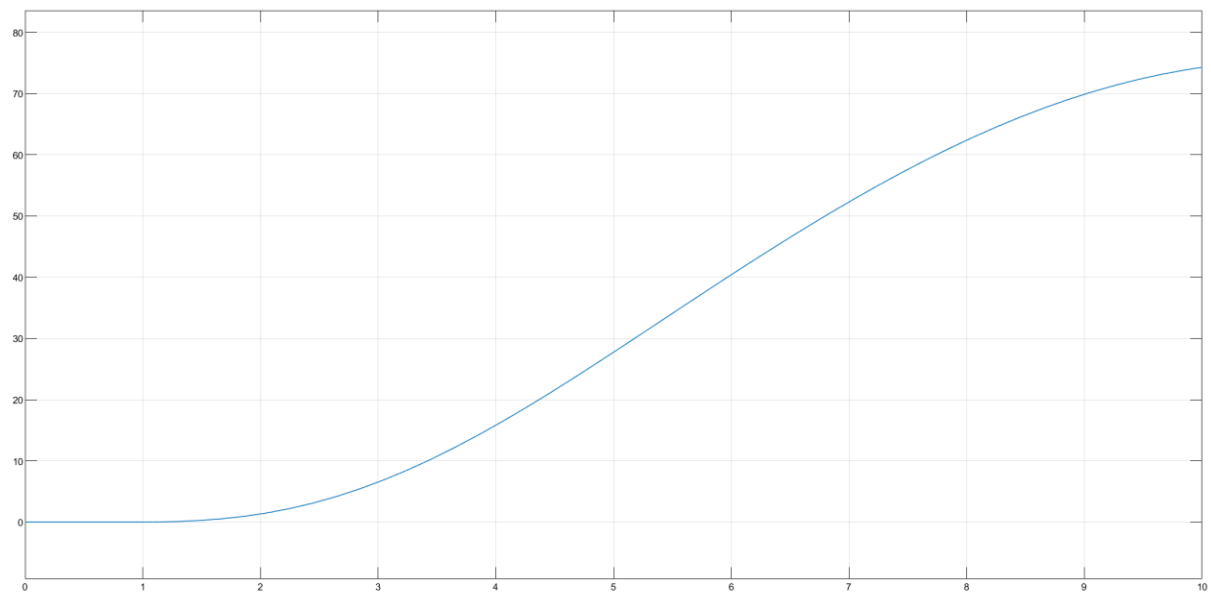
Simulation

Because the wheels on articulated wheel loader are parallel in most cases and the velocities are slower we can model them as bicycle model result of such model is given below steering input is given as step function

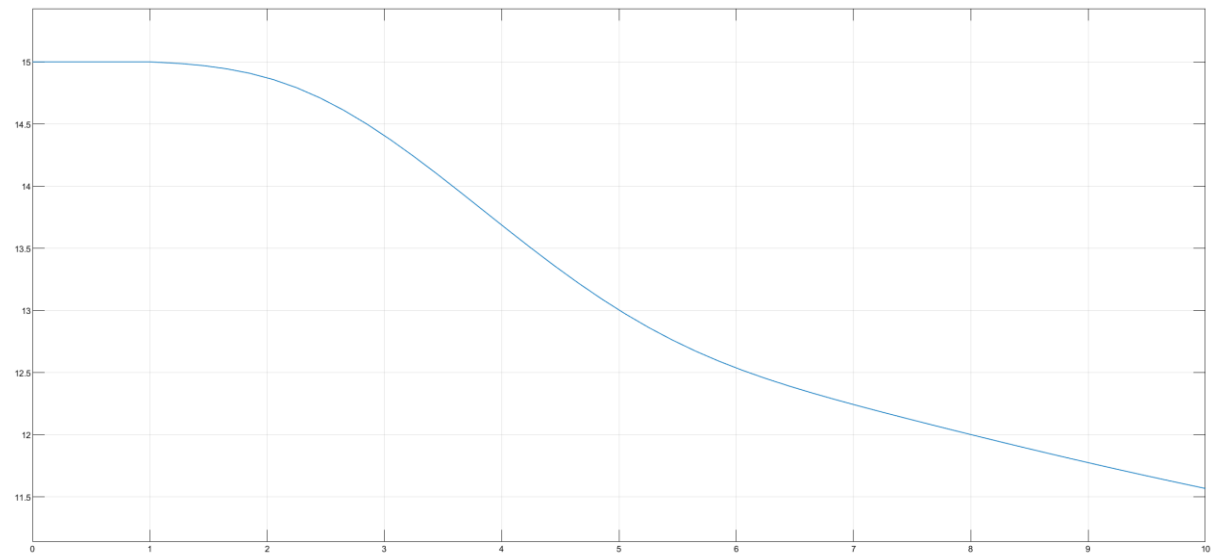
X-Coordinate



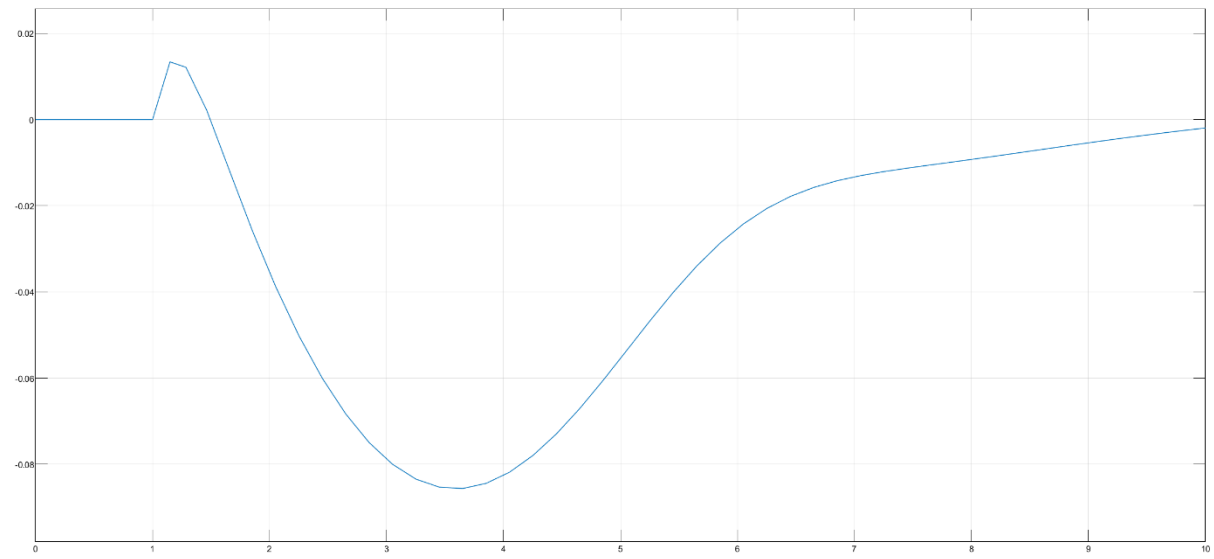
Y-Coordinate



Velocity



Slip angle



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