



Static, kinematic, dynamic, and  
generic invariants in touch

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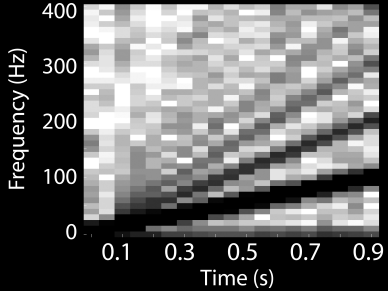
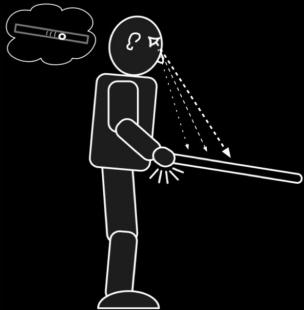
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## What is an invariant? Examples:

- ▶ The fixed points of a transformation,  $f$ , are those points,  $x$ , such that  $f(x) = x$ , and thus are invariants for that transformation.
  
- ▶  $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dz + ey + f = 0$   
The discriminant,  $b^2 - 4ac$ , which tells the type of graph the equation traces is invariant under rotations.\*
  
- ▶  $ax + by + c = 0, \quad \forall \alpha : x = x' + \alpha, y = y' - \frac{a}{b}\alpha$ , transforms the line into to the same line.

Some invariants are in the ambient physics, e.g.



Some others are in the sensing apparatus



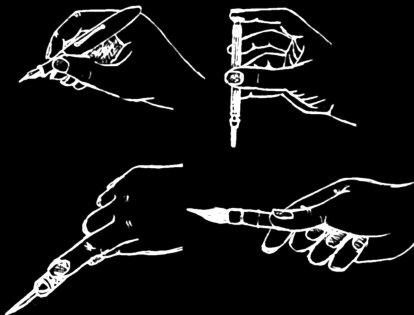
# invariants, and priors

indirect touch:

$$g \circ f \stackrel{?}{\Leftrightarrow} f^{-1}g^{-1}$$

$f$ : object-tool transformation

$g$ : transformation tool-hand  
transformation

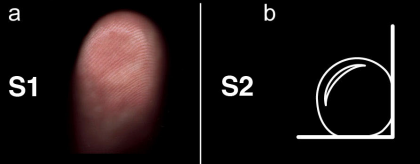


direct contact is easier for perception  
therefore more difficult to stimulate

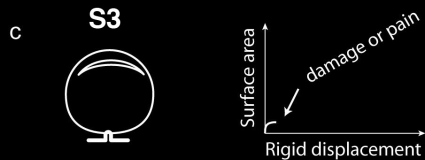


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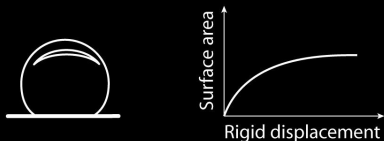
# static invariants



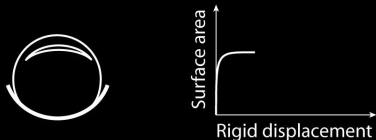
S1 = biological metric



S2 (and others) = geometry



S3 = contact mechanics



# kinematic invariants

(principe de St Venant)

$$K1 : k \in ]\infty, -k_d[ \mapsto \frac{dx_c}{d\theta_d} \in ]0, \infty[$$

$$K2 : k \in ]\infty, -k_d[ \mapsto \frac{dx_c}{dx_d} \in ]0, \infty[$$

$k$  : object curvature

$k_d$  : finger curvature

$x_c$  : somatotopic location

$\theta_d$  : finger orientation in space

$x_d$  : finger position in space

K1

K2

a



b



c



d



e



f



g



h





K1



K2



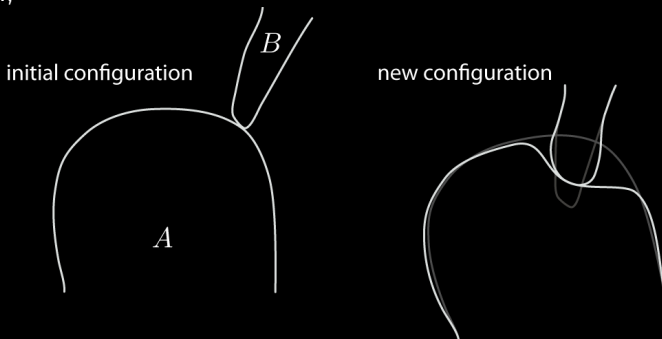
flatness detection using K2





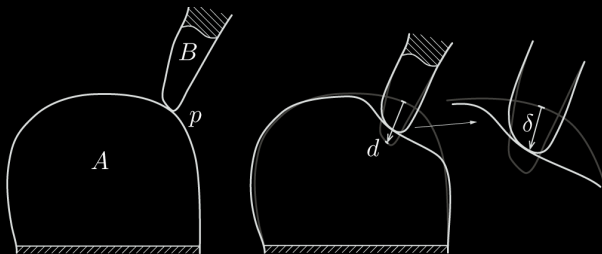
# the 'plenhaptic' function

- ▶ with vision,  $p(l, v, \lambda, t)$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^7$   
Adelson E. H., Bergen J. R. '81. The **plenoptic** function and the elements of early vision
- ▶ with touch,



$$a = h_{A,B}(b) \quad b = h_{B,A}(a)$$

# simplifications



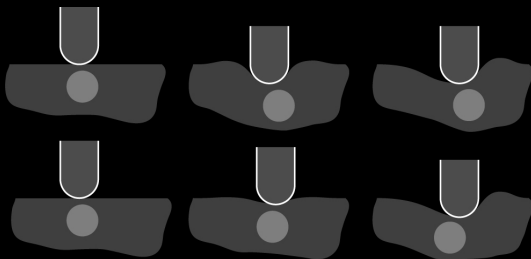
$$\delta = \bar{h}_{A,B}(p, d)$$

$$\text{ou } d(t) : \mathbb{R}^+ \mapsto \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(3)$$

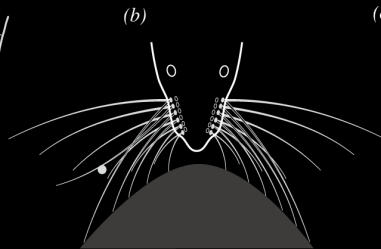
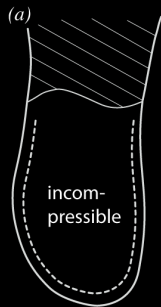
local deformation assumption

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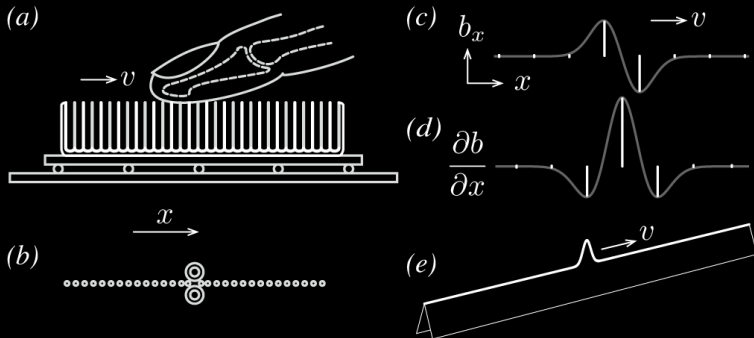
- ▶ rigid objects and rigid probe: satisfy  $0 \approx \bar{h}(p, d)$
- ▶ rigid objects et soft probe: find object,  $B$ , such that  $0 = h(b)$
- ▶ soft objects et rigid probe:  $\delta = h(p, d)$  or  $h(p, d) = d - p$
- ▶ complexities:



# haptic probes

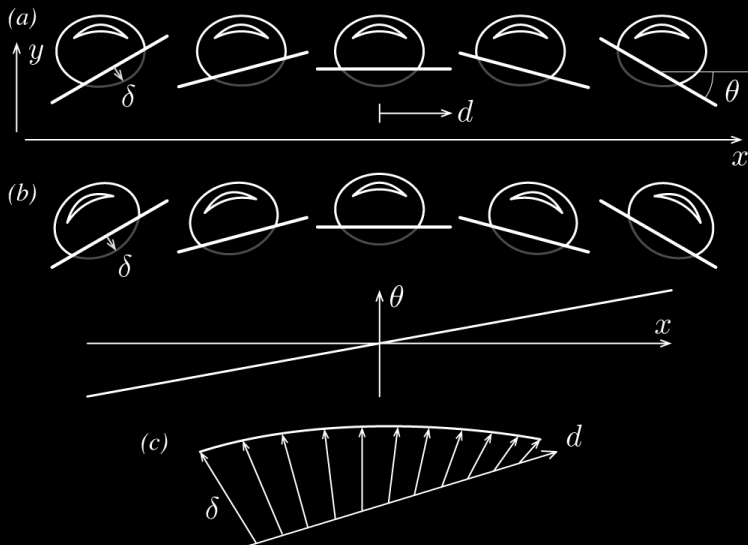


# tactile illusions



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