



Vertical-axis joints of sprawled animals result in a 'sliding' weight support with low mechanical power demand

Here modelled as a famous 4-bar linkage:
Watt's straight-line mechanism



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