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Reconfigurable Structure

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DESCRIPTION

This is a reconfigurable structure for wheeled vehicles. The structure has a set of extensible and retractable limbs, and a node with a set of balls and socket joints for pivotably receiving ends of the respective limbs. An actuator is associated with each limb for extending and retracting the limb. A cable and pulley actuator causes shaft segments to extend and retract simultaneously. An addressable module is associated with each actuator to control the actuator.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- The cable and pulley actuator causes the shaft segments to extend and retract simultaneously, thus allowing smooth movement for the structure.
- The nodes and limbs on the structure enable the structure to change its form to optimize its function and adapt to contingencies arising in its operating environment with greater flexibility.

APPLICATIONS

- Aerospace
- Aviation

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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