## Comprehension questions

This problem concerns a mechanical linkage with sliding constraints. This is a bit different from the linkages in the lecture, but the same theory applies.

Problem 20.1. Look at this mechanism:


The point a can move on the $y$-axis; $b$ can move on the $x$-axis; and ( $a, b, c$ ) lie on a straight rod, with distances as indicated. If $c$ is the position of the pen, what does the mechanism draw?

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