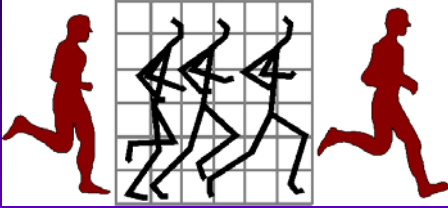


Body Segment Parameters

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Body Segment Parameters

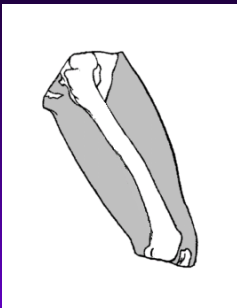
Subdivision of Anthropometry

- Necessary to derive kinetics from kinematics (I.e., $\Sigma F = m a$, $\Sigma M_{cg} = I \alpha$, a is acceleration of centre of gravity, α is ang. acceleration)
- Called “inverse dynamics”
- Need to compute:
 - segment mass
 - segment centre of gravity
 - segment moment of inertia

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Segment Mass

Definition

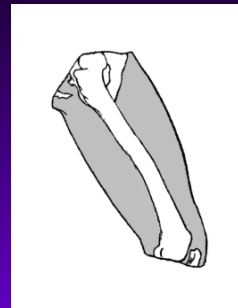


- mass is a body's resistance to changes in linear motion
- need to measure total body mass using “balance scale”
- each segment is a proportion of the total

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Segment Mass

Thigh segment

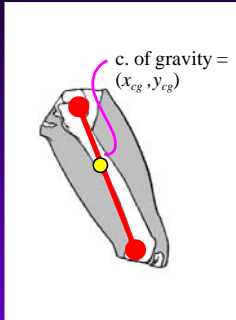


- $P_{thigh} = m_{thigh} / m_{total}$
- P_{thigh} = thigh's mass proportion
- m_{total} = total body mass
- Therefore,
 $m_{thigh} = P_{thigh} m_{total}$
- Note, $\Sigma P_i = 1.000$

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Centre of Gravity

Definition



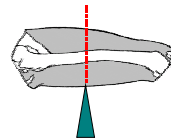
- point at which a body can be balanced
- (x_{cg}, y_{cg}) = centre of gravity
- also called centre of mass
- first moment of mass
- i.e., turning effect on one side balances turning effect of other side of centre of mass

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Centre of Gravity

Empirical method

c. of g. is above the vertical line



mass on one side balances the other

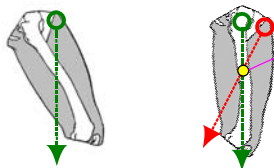
- balance body on a “knife edge”
- balance along a different axis
- intersection is c. of g.

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Centre of Gravity

Empirical method

suspend body from two different points



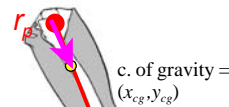
- record plumb lines
- intersection of plumb lines is centre of gravity

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Segment Centre of Gravity

Proportional method

proximal end = (x_p, y_p)



distal end = (x_d, y_d)

- $R_p = r_p / \text{seg. length}$
- r_p = distance from proximal end to c. of g.
- *need table of proportions derived from a population similar to subject*
- for many segments R_p is approximately 43% of segment length

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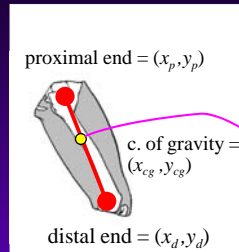
Table of Proportions

Segment	P	K_{cg}	$R_{proximal}$	R_{distal}
Hand	0.006	0.297	0.506	0.494
Forearm	0.016	0.303	0.430	0.570
Forearm and hand	0.022	0.468	0.682	0.318
Arm	0.028	0.322	0.436	0.564
Upper extremity	0.050	0.368	0.530	0.470
Foot	0.0145	0.475	0.500	0.500
Leg	0.0465	0.302	0.433	0.567
Leg and foot	0.061	0.416	0.606	0.394
Thigh	0.100	0.323	0.433	0.567
Lower extremity	0.161	0.326	0.447	0.553
Head and neck	0.081	0.495	1.000	0.000
Trunk	0.497	0.500	0.500	0.500
Trunk, head & neck	0.578	0.503	0.660	0.370

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Segment Centre of Gravity

Thigh segment

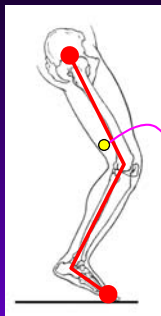


- R_p = distance to c. of g. from proximal end as proportion of seg. length
- $x_{cg} = x_p + R_p (x_d - x_p)$
- $y_{cg} = y_p + R_p (y_d - y_p)$
- (x_{cg}, y_{cg}) = centre of gravity
- (x_p, y_p) = proximal end
- (x_d, y_d) = distal end

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Centre of Gravity of a Limb

Lower extremity

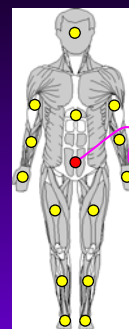


- **weighted** average of segment centres
- $x_{limb} = \frac{\sum (P_i x_i)}{\sum P_i}$
- $y_{limb} = \frac{\sum (P_i y_i)}{\sum P_i}$
- (x_i, y_i) = mass centre of segment "i"
- P_i = mass proportion of segment "i"

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Total Body Centre of Gravity

Need to compute centres of each segment

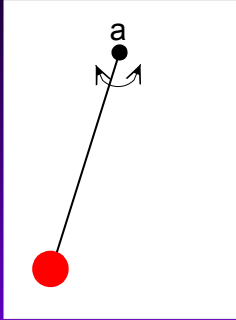


- weighted sum of all segments' centres
- $x_{total} = \frac{\sum P_i x_i}{\sum P_i}$
- $y_{total} = \frac{\sum P_i y_i}{\sum P_i}$
- (x_{total}, y_{total}) = total body centre of gravity

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Moment of Inertia

Definition

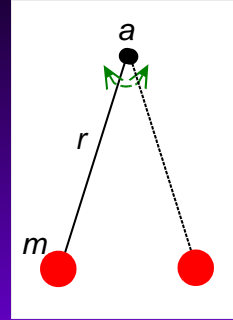


- body's resistance to change in its angular motion
- second moment of mass (squared distance)
- for a point mass
 - $I_a = mr^2$
- for a distributed mass
 - $I_a = \int r^2 dm$

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Moment of Inertia

Empirical method

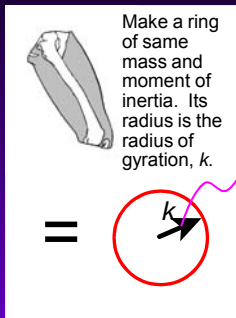


- $I_a = mgrt^2 / 4\pi^2$
- m = mass
- r = radius of pendulum
- $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$
- t = period of oscillation (time 20 oscillations then $\div 20$)
- oscillations must be less than ± 5 degrees

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Segmental Radius of Gyration

Thigh segment

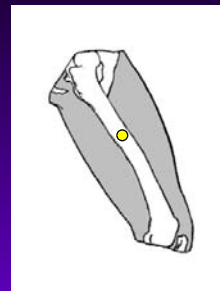


- $I_{thigh} = m_{thigh} k_{thigh}^2$
- Thus, $k_{thigh} = \sqrt{I_{thigh} / m_{thigh}}$
- k_{thigh} = radius of gyration
- Define K_{thigh} = radius of gyration as proportion of segment length
- $L_{thigh} = \sqrt{[(x_d - x_p)^2 + (y_d - y_p)^2]}$
- $K_{thigh} = k_{thigh} / L_{thigh}$

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Segmental Moment of Inertia

Thigh's moment of inertia about thigh centre of gravity

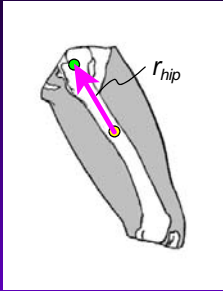


- $I_{thigh} = m_{thigh} (K_{thigh} L_{thigh})^2$
- I_{thigh} = moment of inertia about centre of mass
- m_{thigh} = segment mass
- K_{thigh} = radius of gyration as proportion of segment length
- L_{thigh} = segment length

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Parallel Axis Theorem

Thigh's moment of inertia about hip



- r_{hip} = distance from centre of gravity to hip
- $r_{hip} = \sqrt{[r_x^2 + r_y^2]}$
- $I_{hip} = I_{thigh} + m_{thigh} r_{hip}^2$
- I_{thigh} = moment of inertia about centre of mass
- m_{thigh} = segment mass

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Limb/Total Body Moment of Inertia

Repeatedly apply Parallel Axis Theorem

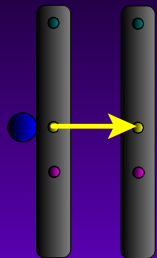


- $I_{total} = \Sigma I_i + \Sigma m_i r_i^2$
- I_i = segment moments of inertia about each segment's centre of gravity
- m_i = segment masses
- r_i = distance of each segment from limb or total body centre of gravity

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Impact at Centre of Gravity

Translation Only

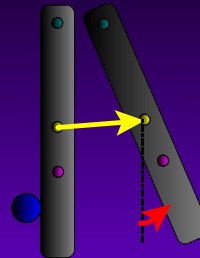


- an impact to the centre of gravity causes the object to move in pure translation
- **arrow** represents translation

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Eccentric Impact

Translation and Rotation

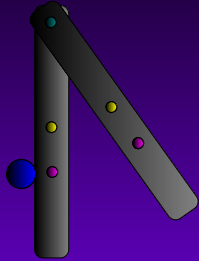


- an eccentric impact causes the object to rotate and translate
- **arrow** represents translation
- **arc** represents rotation

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Centre of Percussion

Translation and Rotation about Suspension Point

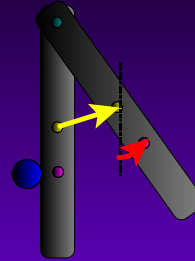


- point (q) at which an impact will cause no shock (translation) at the grip or point of suspension

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Centre of Percussion (q)

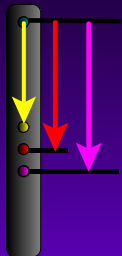
Translation and Rotation about Suspension Point



- $q = k^2 / r = I / mr$
- arrow represents amount of translation
- k is radius of gyration about suspension point
- r is distance to mass centre
- I is moment of inertia about suspension point

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Relationships among Centres and Radius of Gyration



- centre of gravity is nearest centre of rotation
- radius of gyration is past centre of gravity
- centre of percussion is past radius of gyration

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“Sweet Spots” on Racquets, Bats, Hockey Sticks & Clubs

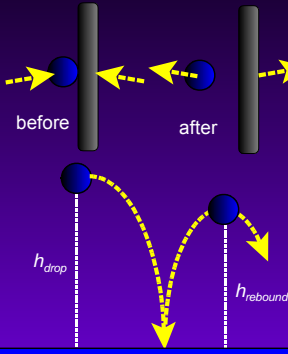
There are at least three!

- centre of percussion gives the least shock (acceleration or force) at point of suspension
- point where coefficient of restitution is largest (i.e., gives greatest rebound speed)
- node of first harmonic, which produces least vibration from an impact

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Coefficient of Restitution

Collision between two objects or an object and a surface



- Collision of two objects
- c. of r. = $-(\Delta v_{after} / \Delta v_{before})$
- Velocities should be taken after any deformation.
- Collision with a surface
- c. of r. = $\sqrt{h_{rebound} / h_{drop}}$
- Note, ball should have no spin.