

Dempster's Body Segment Parameter Data for 2-D Studies¹

| Segment name | Endpoints (proximal to distal) | Seg. mass /total mass (<i>P</i>) | Centre of mass /segment length | | Radius of gyration /segment length | | |
|--------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | (<i>R_{proximal}</i>) | (<i>R_{distal}</i>) | (<i>K_{cg}</i>) | (<i>K_{proximal}</i>) | (<i>K_{distal}</i>) |
| Hand | wrist axis to knuckle II third finger | 0.0060 | 0.506 | 0.494 | 0.298 | 0.587 | 0.577 |
| Forearm | elbow axis to ulnar styloid | 0.0160 | 0.430 | 0.570 | 0.303 | 0.526 | 0.647 |
| Upper arm | glenohumeral joint to elbow axis | 0.0280 | 0.436 | 0.564 | 0.322 | 0.542 | 0.645 |
| Forearm & hand | elbow axis to ulnar styloid | 0.0220 | 0.682 | 0.318 | 0.468 | 0.827 | 0.565 |
| Upper extremity | glenohumeral joint to elbow axis | 0.0500 | 0.530 | 0.470 | 0.368 | 0.645 | 0.596 |
| Foot | lateral malleolus to head metatarsal II | 0.0145 | 0.500 | 0.500 | 0.475 | 0.690 | 0.690 |
| Leg | femoral condyles to medial malleolus | 0.0465 | 0.433 | 0.567 | 0.302 | 0.528 | 0.643 |
| Thigh | greater trochanter to femoral condyles | 0.1000 | 0.433 | 0.567 | 0.323 | 0.540 | 0.653 |
| Leg & foot | femoral condyles to medial malleolus | 0.0610 | 0.606 | 0.394 | 0.416 | 0.735 | 0.572 |
| Lower extremity | greater trochanter to medial malleolus | 0.1610 | 0.447 | 0.553 | 0.326 | 0.560 | 0.650 |
| Head | C7-T1 to ear canal | 0.0810 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.495 | 1.116 | 0.495 |
| Shoulder | sternoclavicular joint to glenohumeral joint | 0.0158 | 0.712 | 0.288 | | | |
| Thorax | C7-T1 to T12-L1 | 0.2160 | 0.820 | 0.180 | | | |
| Abdomen | T12-L1 to L4-L5 | 0.1390 | 0.440 | 0.560 | | | |
| Pelvis | L4-L5 to trochanter | 0.1420 | 0.105 | 0.895 | | | |
| Thorax & abdomen | C7-T1 to L4-L5 | 0.3550 | 0.630 | 0.370 | | | |
| Abdomen & pelvis | T12-L1 to greater trochanter | 0.2810 | 0.270 | 0.730 | | | |
| Trunk | greater trochanter to glenohumeral joint | 0.4970 | 0.495 | 0.505 | 0.406 | 0.640 | 0.648 |
| Trunk & head | greater trochanter to glenohumeral joint | 0.5780 | 0.660 | 0.340 | 0.503 | 0.830 | 0.607 |
| Head, arms & trunk | greater trochanter to glenohumeral joint | 0.6780 | 0.626 | 0.374 | 0.496 | 0.798 | 0.621 |
| Head, arms & trunk | greater trochanter to midrib | 0.6780 | 1.142 | -0.142 | 0.903 | 1.456 | 0.914 |

¹ Adapted from D.A. Winter, *Biomechanics and Motor Control of Human Movement*, Second edition. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Toronto, 1990.

Equations:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P_i = 1.000 \quad \text{where } n \text{ is the number of body segments and } i \text{ is the segment number and } P_i \text{ is the segment mass proportion}$$

$$m_{total \text{ body}} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \quad m_i \text{ is mass of a segment}$$

$$R_{proximal} + R_{distal} = 1.000 \quad R \text{ is distance to centre of gravity as proportion of segment length}$$

$$r_{proximal} = R_{proximal} \times length \quad r_{proximal} \text{ is distance from centre of gravity to proximal end}$$

$$s_{cg} = s_{proximal} + R_{proximal} (s_{distal} - s_{proximal}) \quad s \text{ represents position in x, y or z directions}$$

$$s_{limb} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^L P_i s_{cg_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^L P_i} \quad \text{where } L \text{ is the number of segments in the limb}$$

$$s_{total \text{ body}} = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i s_{cg_i}$$

$$k_{proximal} = K_{proximal} \times length \quad k_{proximal} \text{ is radius of gyration for axes through the proximal end and } K_{proximal} \text{ is the radius of gyration as a proportion of the segment length}$$

$$K_{cg} = \sqrt{K_{proximal}^2 + R_{proximal}^2}$$

$$K_{proximal} = \sqrt{K_{cg}^2 - R_{proximal}^2}$$

$$I_{cg} = m (K_{cg} \times length)^2 \quad I_{cg} \text{ is moment of inertia about an axis through the centre of gravity}$$

$$I_{proximal} = m k_{cg}^2 + m r_{proximal}^2$$

$$I_{proximal} = m (K_{cg} \times length)^2 + m (R_{proximal} \times length)^2$$

$$I_{total \text{ body}} = \sum_{i=1}^n I_{cg_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n m_i r_i^2 \quad \text{where } r_i \text{ is the distance between the total body centre of gravity and each segment's centre of gravity}$$