We are not Walking, We are Rolling

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What is Walking?



The walking gait —



Walking is the fact to put one feet **ahead of** the other, with a succession of **single** and double **support** phases, ...



The six major determinants of gait —

The six determinants of gait (Saunders, 1953) try to explain the shape of the centre of gravity trajectory:

- 1. pelvic rotation
- 2. pelvic tilting
- 3. knee flexion in stance phase
- 4. foot mechanism
- 5. ankle mechanism
- 6. lateral displacement of the pelvis





Experimental Setup



- Marker placements -







- Motion Capture recording -





Reconstruction of the Centre of Mass trajectory



— The general idea —



Center of Mass Estimation for Polyarticulated System in Contact - A Spectral Approach, Carpentier et al., to appear in IEEE Transactions on Robotics.

https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01182734



- The general idea -



Projection of the CoM on the Central Axis of contact wrench

Error level on the different bandwidths









The Geometric Nature of the Centre of Mass trajectory



- Centre of Mass trajectory-



The CoM trajectory follows a cycloidal pattern.



— What is a cycloid? —





- What is a cycloid? -

The geometric formula of a cycloid:

$$y(\theta) = R\theta - r\sin(\theta + \phi)$$

 $z(\theta) = z_0 - r\cos(\theta + \phi)$

With a linear dependency with time:

$$\theta(t) = \theta_0 + \omega_1 t$$



Fitting results –





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- The Yoyo-Man -



The Yoyo-Man, Laumond et al., in International Symposium on Robotics Research, Sept 2015, Sestri Levante, Italy.

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Where is the segmentation? Does this Geometry encompass the natural segmentation?



The segmentation is hidden in the model –



The segmentation of trajectories does not necessarily imply segmented control.



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