









Temporal and Spatial Measures

Stride Duration (cycle duration, cycle period) Stance Time (stance duration) Swing Time (swing duration) Single Support Time Double Support Time Stride Length Step Length Base of Support Width Degree of Toe Out Cadence Velocity





- There are 2 steps in each stride(or GC).





Generic			82 m/min			
					62%	
					12%	
					38%	
		1			12%	
					38%	
					-	12% 38%

• running

- stance gets much shorter and swing gets slightly shorter as speed increases
- as speed increases, the *proportion of the cycle* devoted to stance decreases and the proportion of the cycle devoted to swing increases.







• Initial contact

- The <u>instant</u> time when the foot contacts the ground
- begin stance with a heel rocker.
- <u>beginning of double limb</u> <u>support</u> interval(both extremities in contact with the surface)



- Loading response – initial double stance
 - period
 - begins with initial contact
 - <u>until the other foot is</u> <u>lifted for swing</u>.
 - <u>Shock is absorbed</u> as weight is rapidly transferred on the outstretched limb
 - Interval : 0-10% of GC

- Three Rockers
 - These concepts are presented in <u>Dr. Perry's</u> book entitled *Gait Analysis.*
- 1. HEEL ROCKER.
- 2. ANKLE ROCKER.
- 3. FOREFOOT ROCKER.
- 4. TOE ROCKER





Mid stance

- single support period.
- It begins as the <u>other foot</u> <u>is lifted</u> form the ground
- continues until the body weight is aligned over the forefoot(<u>tibia of swing leg</u> <u>apporaches vertical</u>)
- when your momentum moves <u>your mass</u> forward(other limb swing) and slightly up(to the top of the pendulum)
- Interval = 10-30% of GC



Ankle Rocker

Figure 3-23. Ankle rocker. With the ankle as the fulcrum (rod designat-ing the axis of motion), the tibia (and whole limb) rolls forward in response to momentum (arrow). The rate of tibial progression is decelerated by the soleus muscle.

• 2. ANKLE ROCKER.

- Lasts from the time of foot flat to heel rise. Its function is to control the rate of forward progression of the body as the tibia rotates at the ankle joint over the fixed foot under the eccentric control of the triceps surae.

Terminal Stance Figure 2-5. terminal stance. During the second half of SLS, the heel rises and the limb(Shaded) advances over the forefoot rocker. The knew completes its extension and then begins a new arc of flexion. Increased hip extension and heel rise put the limb in a more trailing position. The other limb(clear) is completing terminal swimg

• Terminal stance

– This phase completes the period of single support. It begins with heel rise and continues until the other foot strikes the ground. In this phase the body weight moves ahead of the forefoot

-Interval = 30 - 50% of GC

Forefoot Rocker

Figure 3-24. Forefoot rocker, Tibial pro-gression (arrow) is continued over the forefoot rocker (rod as the axis). The gastrocnemius and soleus are active to stabilize the ankle.

• 3. FOREFOOT ROCKER.

- Lasts from heel rise until the end of stance.
- It functions to extend the period of ground contact via the gastrocnemius to exploit the GRF vector's helpful influence on swing initiation.



Preswing

- The final phase of stance
 the second period of
- double stance.Begins with initial contact of the opposite limb
- ends with ipsilateral toe-off.
- weight is transferred to the contralateral limb.
- Objective
 - To position the limb for swing
- Interval = 50-60% of gait cycle



Initial swing

- The first third of the swing period.Begins with lift of the
- foot from the floor – ends when the swinging
- foot is opposite the stance foot.
- <u>Objectives</u>
 - advancement of the limb from its trailing position and
- foot clearance of the foot
- -Interval = 60-73% of GC















PELVIC ROTATION IN THE TRANSVERSE PLANE.

- During stance for the right limb, the pelvis rotates to the right.
- This action extends the stride length
 - -> effective limb length -> limit the drop of the COM.
- as the right limb swings forward, the right side of the pelvis also moves forward so that the pelvis rotates to the left.





Figure 3-32. The change in body height between double and SLS would be 9.5 cm if no modifying action were performed.

• KNEE FLEXION AT MIDSTANCE.

- From the time of footflat until midstance
 knee joint actually flexes
- reduce the "inverted pendulum", "vaulting" effect
- the effective length of the limb
 - to control the vertical excursion of the COM.



KNEE, ANKLE, FOOT INTERACTIONS.

- during the loading response vary the effective length of the limb.

- They make the limbs longer so that the COM does not "fall" quite so far
- While one limb hastens the onset of heel contact with a dorsiflexed ankle
- the opposite limb delays the time of toe off with a plantarflexed ankle.
 These events occur concurrent with the lowest vertical position and the maximal upward acceleration of the COM as its descent ends and ascent begins during double support. support.
- Gait II: JOINT KINEMATICS
- Lower Extremity Kinematics - Sagittal plane motions



• Hip position at initial contact

- Position is about 30 degrees of flexion
- Hip during loading response - the hip remains in about 30 degrees of flexion, although at the end of the phase there may be the initiation of a teensy bit of extension • The pelvis & trunk do move
 - forward. However, because the knee if flexing, the overall result is little actual motion at the hip during loading response



Hip during mid stance Throughout midstance the hip steadily extends toward neutral, achieving a position of about 5 degrees of flexion by the end of the phase, for a total arc of 25 degrees.

- Hip during terminal stance

 Continued extension, through neutral to a position of 10 degrees of extension
 - Motion = 15 deg extension
 In reality, several degrees of that apparent extension are really anterior pelvic tilting & lumbar extension, but this is very difficult to distinguish from extension at the hip



- Motion = 25 deg flexion



Hip during mid swing

- Flexion slows, then stops at the end of the phase, at a position of about 35 degrees (of flexion)
- Motion = 10 deg flexion
- Hip during terminal swing
 The hip at first holds steady, then extends slightly to a position of about 30 degrees (of flexion).
- Motion = 5 deg flexion
- This is primarily due to hip extensor activity (decelerating the swinging limb)





- 7 deg flexion
- Primarily because of heel rise/plantarflexion



• Knee, preswing

- Rapid flexion to about 40 degrees of flexion
- Motion = 28 deg flexion
- Knee, initial swing
 - During most of this phase the knee continues flexing, reaching a peak of about 60 degrees. Then the motion is reversed and the knee begins extending, so that at the end of initial swing a position of 55 degrees of flexion has been achieved. - Motion = 20 deg flexion
 - 5 deg exetension



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Ankle, initial contact Ideally the ankle is in neutral(0 degrees) at initial contact. This helps initiate a heel rocker. It also places the ground reaction force vector behind the ankle, creating a plantarflexion moment.

Ankle, loading response The ankle begins this phase in neutral(0 deg), plantarflexes rapidly to about 8 deg (achieving footflat) then reverses this motion and dorsiflexes so that at the end of loading response the ankle has returned to neutral.

– Motion = 8 deg plantarflexion 8 deg dorsiflexion



Ankle, mid stance

- Throughout midstance the ankle steadily dorsiflexes to about 10 degrees. This is the "ankle rocker" which allows progressing over the weightbearing limb.
- Motion = 10 deg dorsiflexion

2 deg PF





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• Ankle, terminal swing

– Ankle remains in neutral
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• PELVIC TILT

- Two full cycles
- At right heel contact, the pelvic is in a near neutral position
- Loading response, posterior pelvic tilt occur
- Until just after mid stance(30% of GC)
- In the second half of the stance phase, the pelvis tilts posteriorly until just after toe off.
- During initial and mid swing(60~87 of GC), the pelvis again tilts anteriorly before starting to tilt in the posterior direction in terminal swing



non-sagittal plane motions

• PELVIC ROTATION

- The pattern of pelvic rotation is fairly symmetrical.
- rotates externally from initial contact until the onset of preswing
- internally during preswing and swing, the second 50%

HIP INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ROTATION

- The hip rotates ± 8° from neutral in a monotonic fashion (*i.e., like a sine-wave, with* one maximum and one minimum).
- Peak internal rotation occurs during Pre-Swing
- Peak external rotation occurs toward the end of Loading Response.
- That is, rotation at the hip trails pelvic rotation slightly so at the end of Loading Response the hip begins internally rotating and continues to do so until well into Pre-Swing when it begins externally rotating (and does so until well into Loading Response).





HIP AB / AD DUCTION

- The hip ab- and adducts ± 7° from neutral.

 During the loading response, the pelvis undergoes a controlled drop on the contralateral side, thus the ipsilateral hip adducts under the eccentric control of gluteus medius and minimus
 During midstance, the hip moves in the abductor direction, returning to neutral (level pelvis) by the onset of terminal stance and more or less remaining so until the onset of preswing.

PELVIC OBLIQUITY

- Pelvic obliquity is analogous to ab- and adduction at the hip, and indeed, the patterns are so similar that the description for hip abadduction can almost be substituted for pelvic obliquity.
- The basic feature of pelvic obliquity is that the pelvis is higher on the stance side than on the swing side.
- The orientation angle of the pelvis in the frontal plane varies ± 4° from neutral, with the reference side highest relative to the opposite side at the end of the loading response, and conversely, lowest at the onset of swing.



SUBTALAR JOINT

- The subtalar joints vary ± 5° from neutral in a roughly monotonic fashion. There is rapid eversion during the loading response, which slows greatly but continues into midstance.
- The subtalar joints begin resupinating during midstance, ideally returning to neutral during terminal stance.
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- terminal stance. Peak inversion occurs during preswing and the subtalar joints actually begin to return towards neutral before toe off. The return to neutral is completed during initial swing, and the subtalar joints hover near neutral for the remainder of swing, often entering initial contact in slight inversion (thus contact on postero-lateral heel).