

Planar Biped Locomotion: Background & Modeling

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Outline

- Why is bipedal locomotion a hard problem
- Heuristics and the ZMP principle
- What is RABBIT & why this morphology
- Systematic derivation of planar models
 - Lagrangian dynamics for SS (continuous portion)
 - Rigid impact model for DS (discrete portion)
 - System with impulse effects
- Automating model computations within MATLAB
 - Files available online at :

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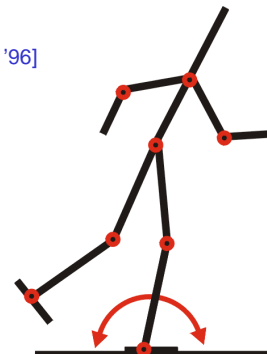


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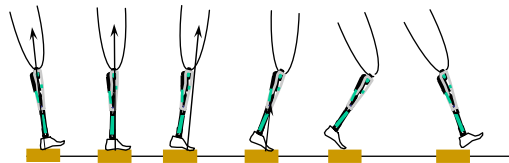


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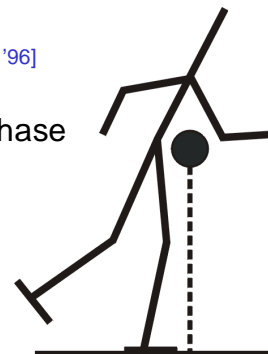
Normal gait human gait has underactuated phases

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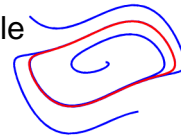


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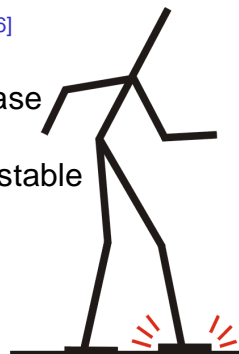


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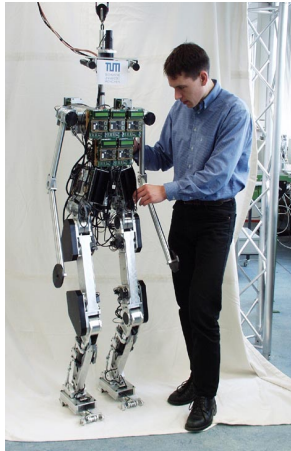
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5. Impacts and/or nontrivial double support phase

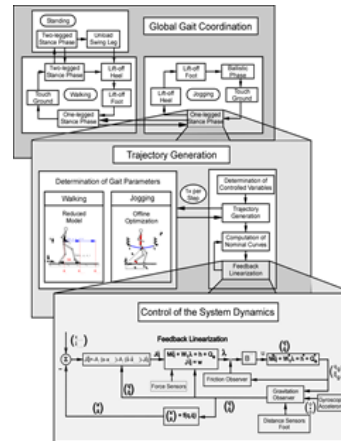


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Consequence: Impressive Advances in Mechanisms, but *status quo* in Control Notions



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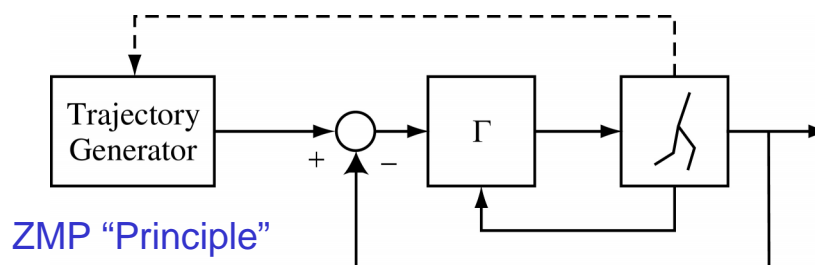


Control Architecture

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Control Block Diagram

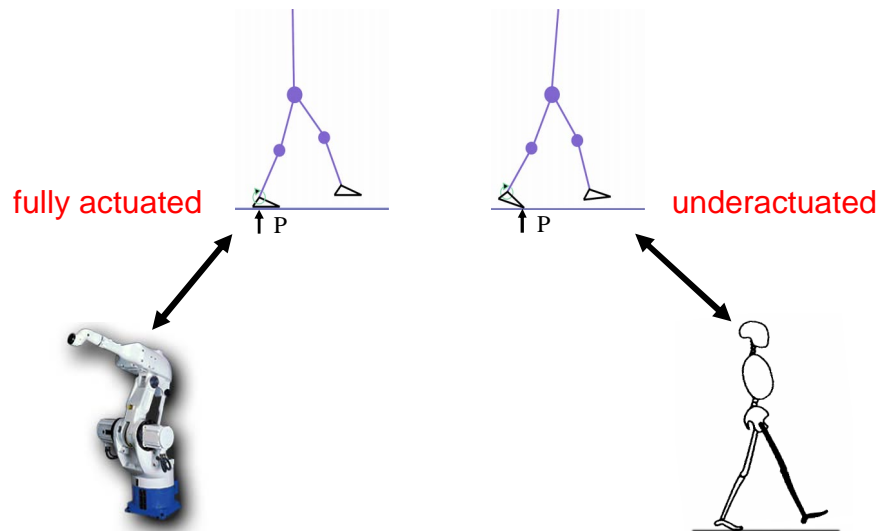
ZMP: "Stability" is determined by the trajectory generator and **NOT** the within-stride feedback loop.



ZMP "Principle"

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ZMP Principle (Heuristic)



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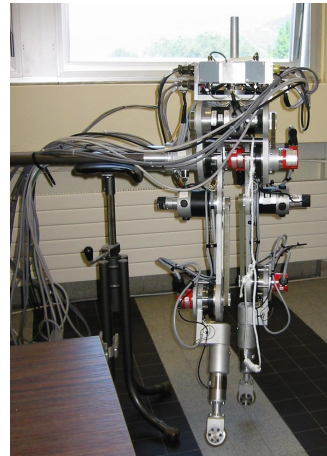
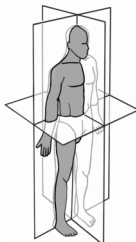
Minority View: Inherent Complexity does NOT Render Analysis Impossible!

- Carefully develop low level behaviors
- Obtain complex behaviors via composition of simpler behaviors
 - Koditschek (Michigan)
 - Krishnaprasad (Maryland)
 - The present workshop
- See also Workshop M-4: "Motion Description Languages for Multi-Modal Control", CDC 2003

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RABBIT: Simplest Mechanism Capable of Quasi-Anthropomorphic Gait

- Sagittal plane dynamics
- Two legs, knees, torso
- No feet = No ZMP = Need control theory!



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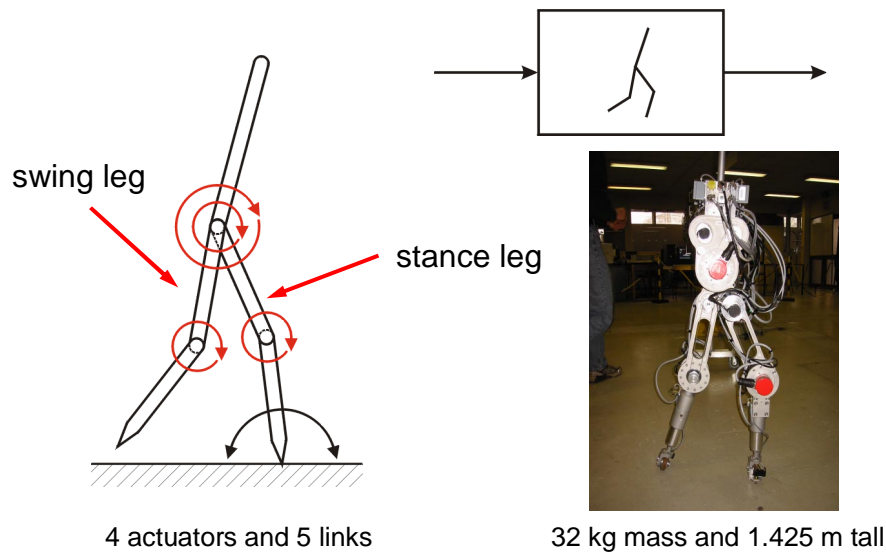
ROBEA: Robotique et Entités Artificielles (1997)

- Supported by **CNRS** and links seven French laboratories
 - Gabriel Abba, Carlos Canudas-de-Wit, C. Chevallereau,
- Michigan joined in late 1998 through a sabbatical in Strasbourg; **NSF** support came in September 2000
- Themes:
 - modeling of underactuated systems, systems with impacts
 - dynamic gaits (fast walking and running)
 - optimal motions
 - control of underactuated & hybrid systems
 - experimentation
- Robot named RABBIT:
 - LAG: Laboratoire Automatique de Grenoble
 - See Carlos Canudas-de-Wit for details! →



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RABBIT Prototype



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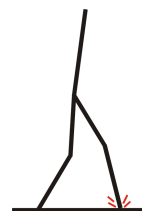
Robot Model: $SS + DS = \text{Hybrid}$

Normal walking:

... SS, DS, SS, DS, \dots

SS — Single Support

DS — Double Support

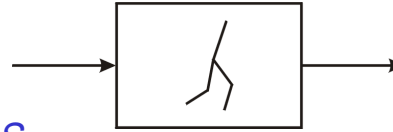


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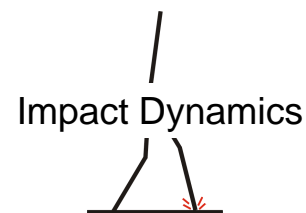
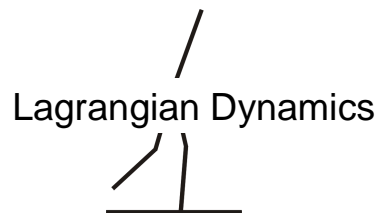
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Lagrangian Dynamics

Lagrange's Equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = \Gamma \quad L = K - V$$

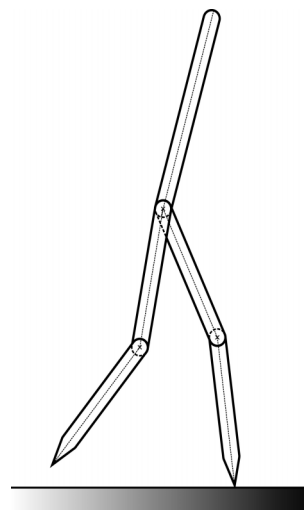
K = Kinetic Energy

V = Potential Energy

Γ = Forces & Torques

Typical Form in Robotics

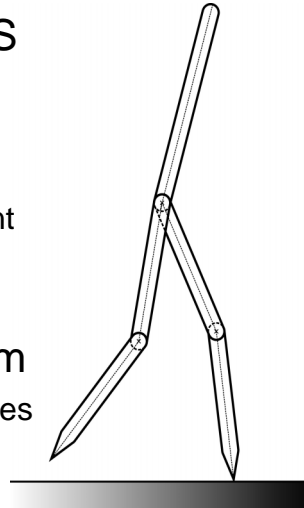
$$D(q)\ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + G(q) = Bu$$



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Computing the Lagrangian

- Basic Assumptions in SS
 - Stance leg acts as a pivot
 - Swing leg is not interacting with the ground
 - Rigid links, rigid joints, no joint friction,...
- Five Degrees of Freedom
 - need 5 generalized coordinates

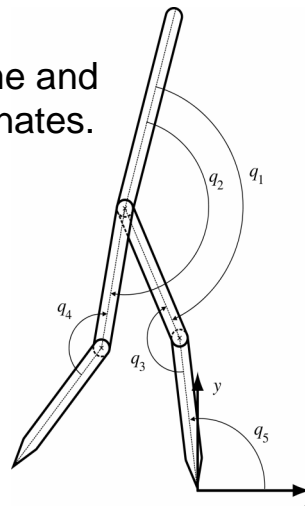


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Computing the Lagrangian

Define a reference (world) frame and a set of five generalized coordinates.

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ q_4 \\ q_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

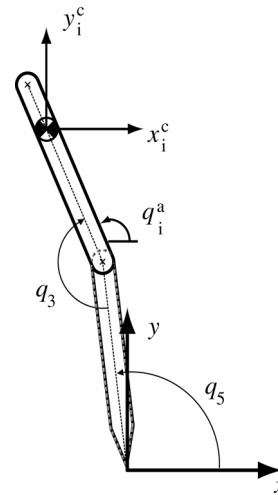


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Computing the Lagrangian

- For each link, assign coordinates to
 - the center of mass
 - and the angle of the link with respect to the world frame

$$q_i^a$$



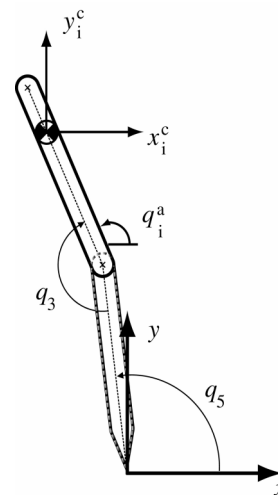
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Computing the Lagrangian

- And express these as a function of the generalized coordinates, q
 - the center of mass
 - angle of the link with respect to the world frame

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i^c \\ y_i^c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_i^c(q) \\ y_i^c(q) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_i^a = q_i^a(q)$$



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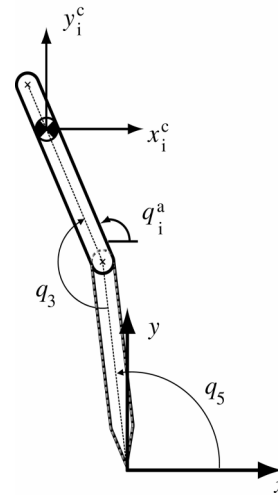
Computing the Lagrangian

- By the chain rule
 - velocity of center of mass

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_i^c \\ \dot{y}_i^c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_i^c(q)}{\partial q} \\ \frac{\partial y_i^c(q)}{\partial q} \end{bmatrix} \dot{q}$$

- angular velocity of link

$$\dot{q}_i^a = \frac{\partial q_i^a(q)}{\partial q} \dot{q}$$



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Computing the Lagrangian

Kinetic Energy of i-th Link

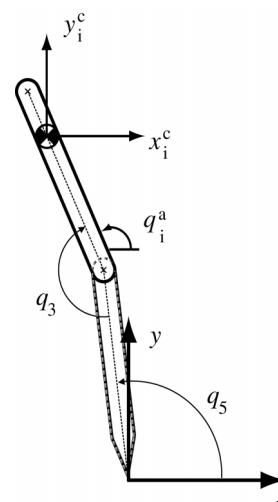
$$K_i = \frac{1}{2} m_i ((\dot{x}_i^c)^2 + (\dot{y}_i^c)^2) + \frac{1}{2} I_i (\dot{q}_i^a)^2$$

$$K_i = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^T D_i(q) \dot{q}$$

Potential Energy of i-th Link

$$V_i = m_i g y_i^c$$

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Total Kinetic Energy

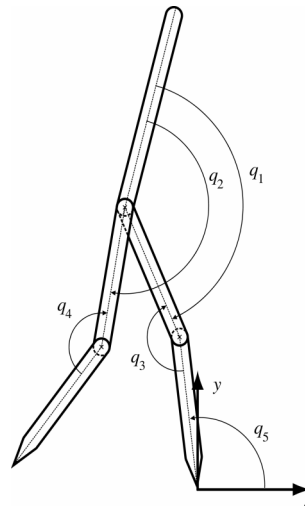
$$K = \sum_{i=1}^5 K_i = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^T D(q) \dot{q}$$

Total Potential Energy

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^5 V_i$$

Lagrangian

$$L = K - V$$



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Dynamic Model in SS

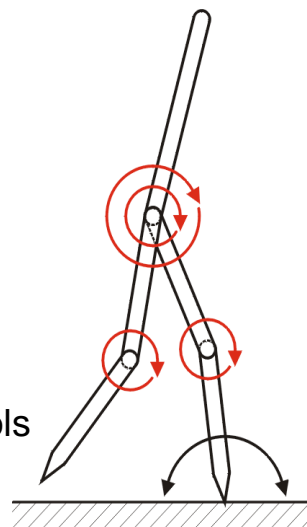
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Form of the Equations

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Underactuated: 5 DOF & 4 Controls



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A Property of the SS Model

Coordinates: 4 relative and 1 absolute

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = \begin{cases} u_k & k = 1, \dots, 4 \\ 0 & k = 5 \end{cases}$$

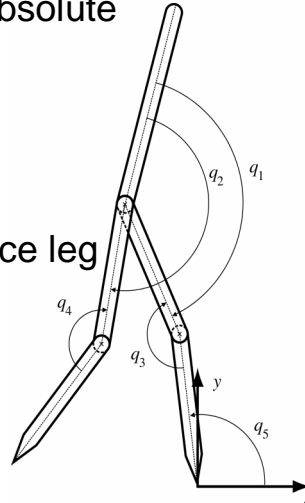
$$\frac{\partial K}{\partial \dot{q}_5} = 0 \quad \text{cyclic coordinate}$$

Angular momentum about stance leg

$$\sigma = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_5}$$

$$\sigma = \sum_{k=1}^5 d_{5,k}(q_1, \dots, q_4) \dot{q}_k$$

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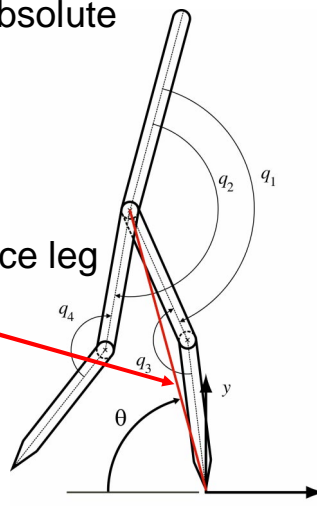
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Alternate choice of the absolute coordinate

$$q_5 = \theta$$



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Using MATLAB to Obtain the Model

- Very convenient to derive model, compute control laws, and perform simulations in a common environment:
 - we have been using MATLAB
 - model derived using SYMBOLIC TOOLBOX
 - m-files for ODE45 or Simulink are automatically generated from the symbolic computations
 - relevant files can be downloaded at

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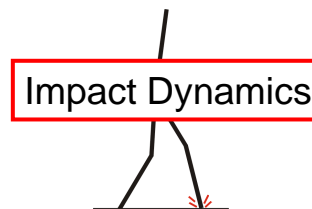
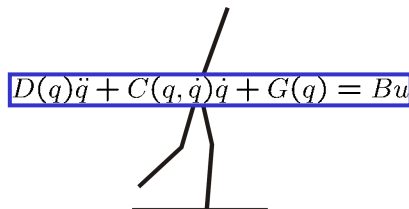
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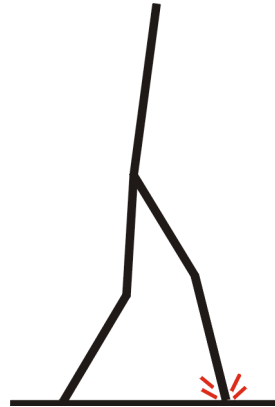


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DS: Rigid Impact Model

[Brach-1989, Hurmuzlu-Marghitu-1994]

- Basic Assumptions in DS
 - Impact instantaneous
 - \Rightarrow impulsive contact forces
 - No rebound, no slip at impact
 - Former stance leg releases freely and does not interact with the ground
 - Yields conservation of angular momentum about impact point
 - Positions are continuous but **instantaneous jump** in the **velocities**
 - Relabel coordinates so that previous SS model can be reused



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$S = \{q \mid y_2(q) = 0, x_2(q) > 0\}$ Impact Surface

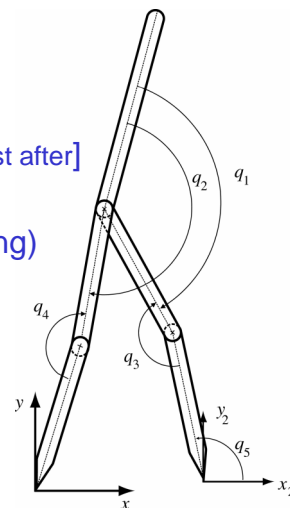
$$q^+ = Rq^- \quad \text{(relabel states)}$$

[- is just before impact and + is just after]

$$\dot{q}^+ = \Delta_{\dot{q}} \dot{q}^- \quad \text{(jump in velocities + relabeling)}$$

$$x^+ = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix}^+ = \begin{bmatrix} Rq^- \\ \Delta_{\dot{q}} \dot{q}^- \end{bmatrix} = \Delta(x^-)$$

$$x^+ = \Delta(x^-) \quad \text{(overall effect of impact)}$$



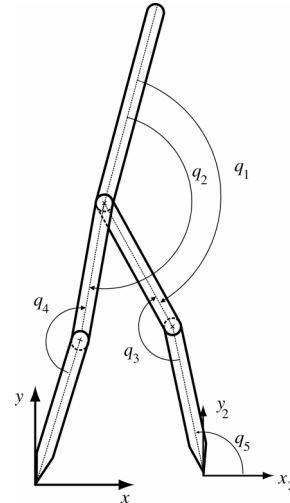
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- See web site for MATLAB symbolic code

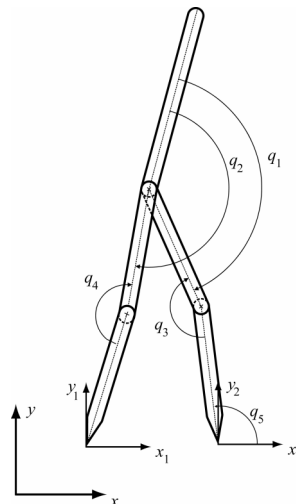
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- **Standard reference is:** Y. Hurmuzlu and D.B. Marghitu, "Rigid Body Collisions of Planar Kinematic Chains with Multiple Contact Points," *IJRR*, Vol. 13, No. 1, 1194, pp. 82-92.
- **Step-by-step derivation in:** J.W. Grizzle, G. Abba and F. Plestan, "Asymptotically Stable Walking for Biped Robots: Analysis via Systems with Impulse Effects," *IEEE T-AC*, Volume 46, No. 1, January 2001, pp. 51-64, **is easier to read**

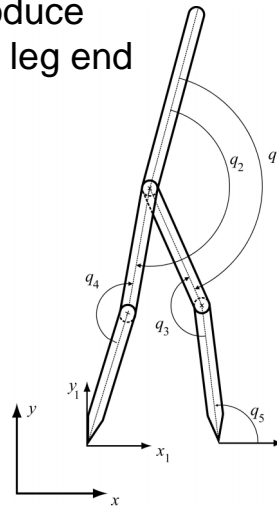


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Need to use 7 DOF model. Introduce Cartesian coordinates of stance leg end

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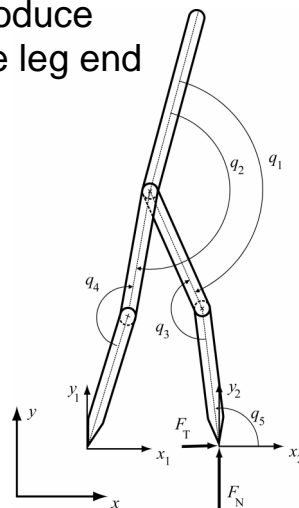
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Use Lagrange to Compute 7DOF Model

$$D_e(q_e)\ddot{q}_e + C_e(q_e, \dot{q}_e)\dot{q}_e + G_e(q_e) = \Gamma_e$$



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\dot{q}_e^- = velocity just before impact

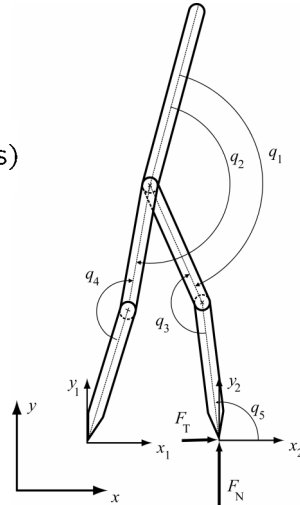
\dot{q}_e^+ = velocity just after impact

$F_e = \begin{bmatrix} F_T \\ F_N \end{bmatrix}$ = impact force (intensities)

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_2(q_e)}{\partial q_e} \\ \frac{\partial y_2(q_e)}{\partial q_e} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\Gamma_e = B_e u + E F_e$$

Assumption: Impact forces are impulses while motor torques are not



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Conservation of momentum about impact point

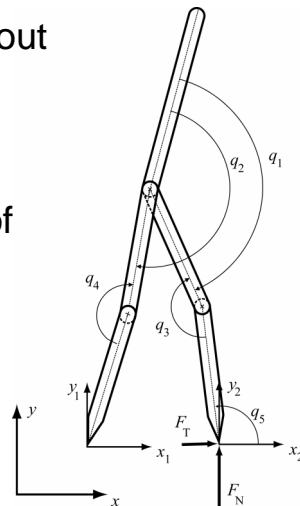
$$D_e (\dot{q}_e^+ - \dot{q}_e^-) = E F_e$$

No rebound nor slip at impact of swing leg end

$$E^T \dot{q}_e^+ = 0$$

Prior stance leg acted as pivot

$$\dot{q}_e^- = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}^- \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



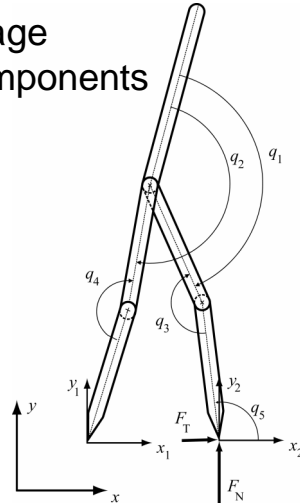
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DS: Rigid Impact Model

Solve equations on previous page
and then remove Cartesian components
to obtain

$$\dot{q}^+ = \bar{\Delta} \dot{q}^-$$

$$F_e = A(q) \dot{q}^-$$



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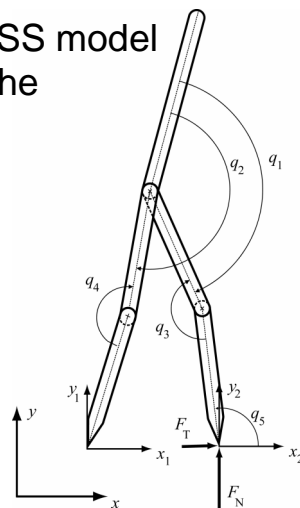
In order to re-use the previous SS model
at the next step, must re-label the
coordinates

$$q^+ = Rq^-$$

$$\dot{q}^+ = R\bar{\Delta} \dot{q}^- = \Delta \dot{q}^-$$

Final result is:

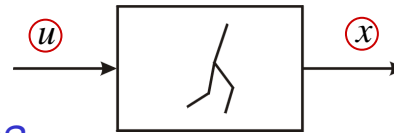
$$x^+ = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix}^+ = \begin{bmatrix} Rq^- \\ \Delta \dot{q}^- \end{bmatrix} = \Delta(x^-)$$



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Robot Model: $SS + DS = \text{Hybrid}$

Normal walking:



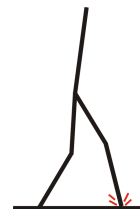
... SS, DS, SS, DS, \dots

SS — Single Support

DS — Double Support

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x^+ = \Delta(x^-)$$

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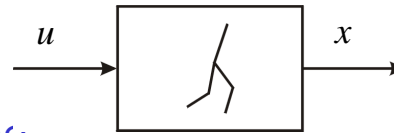
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(Hybrid Model)

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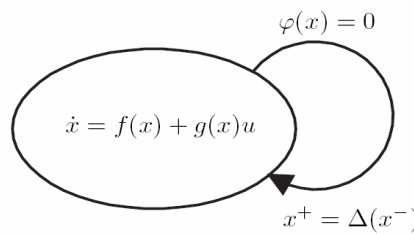


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Model as System with Impulse Effects

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) & x^-(t) \notin S \\ x^+(t) = \Delta(x^-(t)) & x^-(t) \in S \end{cases}$$

$$x^+(t) := \lim_{\tau \searrow t} x(\tau)$$

$$x^-(t) := \lim_{\tau \nearrow t} x(\tau)$$

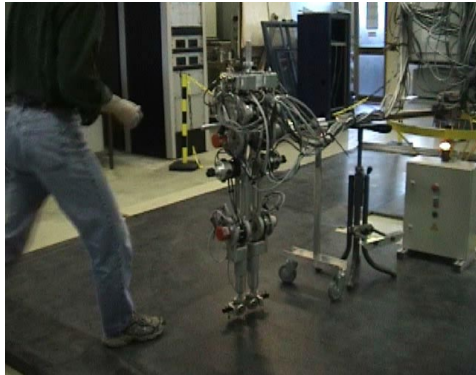
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$$S = \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid \text{swing leg contacts the ground}\}$$

Stable walking \Leftrightarrow Asymptotically stable limit cycle (transversal to S)

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Is the Model Complete?



- Standard friction compensation is used in the final stage of controller implementation
- Lagrangian model is crucial for inverse pendulum dynamics w.r.t. the support leg!

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Conclusions: Background & Modeling

- Bipedal locomotion is a hard problem due to high DOF, impacts, periodic orbits, and underactuation
- Models are necessarily hybrid in nature
 - Lagrangian dynamics for SS (continuous portion)
 - Rigid impact model for DS (discrete portion)
 - System with impulse effects
- RABBIT conceived to enhance understanding
- Systematic derivation of planar model presented
- MATLAB tools shared with participants

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