

# Stability and Conceptual Walking Models

## Goals:

- \* Walking & Running
- \* Limit cycles & stability
- \* Conceptual Models of Walking -  
Mechanics

## Motivations

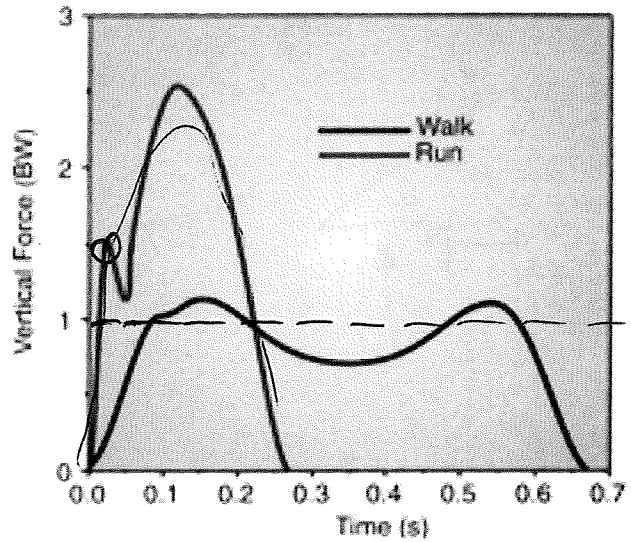
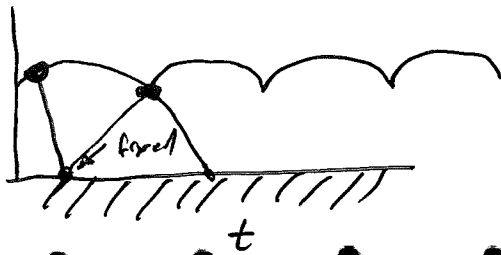
Why do we want models?

- \* Simple representation
- \* Answer question.
- \* design system that mimic biology.

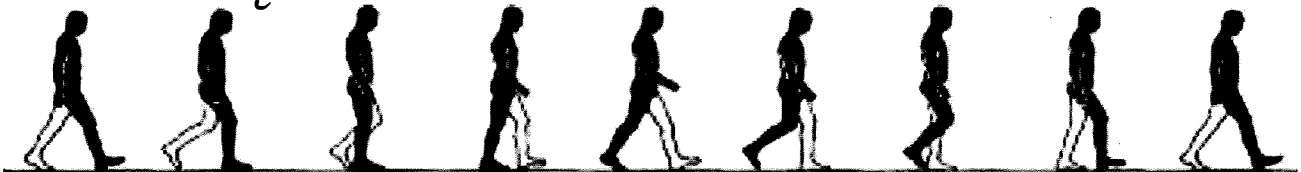
# Running vs Walking

- \* Walking : double support
- \* Running : double float

Center of Mass



Winter, 2009



Double Support

Double Support

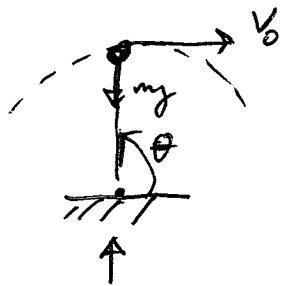
Double Support



Double Float

Double Float

## Walking has a Speed Limit



$$v_{max} \approx 3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$dW = v$$

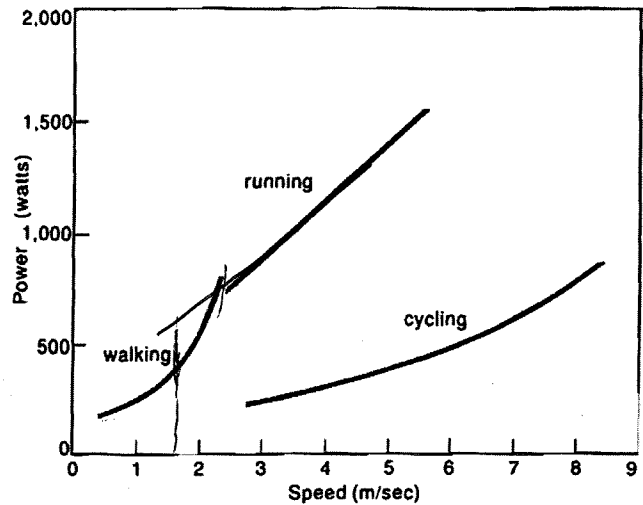
$$w = \frac{v}{l}$$

$$w^2 = \frac{v^2}{l^2}$$

$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

$$F - mg = \underbrace{-mlw^2}_{\text{centrifugal force}} = -\frac{m}{l}v^2$$

$$\frac{m}{l}v^2 \leq mg$$



Margaria, 1938

$$v_{max} = \sqrt{gl}$$

$$Fr_{oude} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}l} \leq 1$$

# Stability of Walking

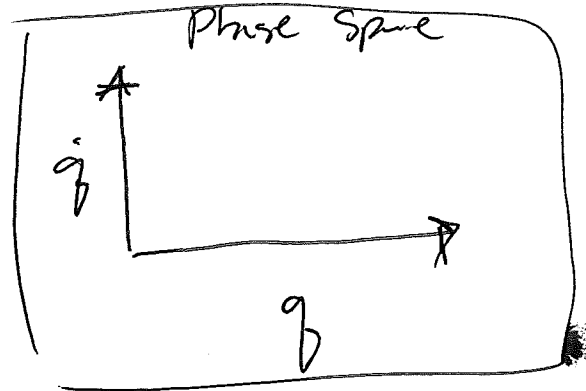
## Phase Space

\* represent all possible states of a system.

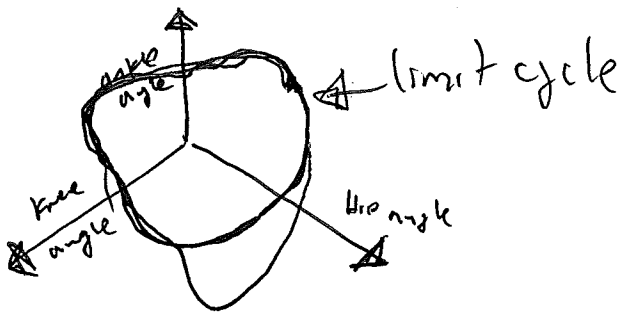
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$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t))$$

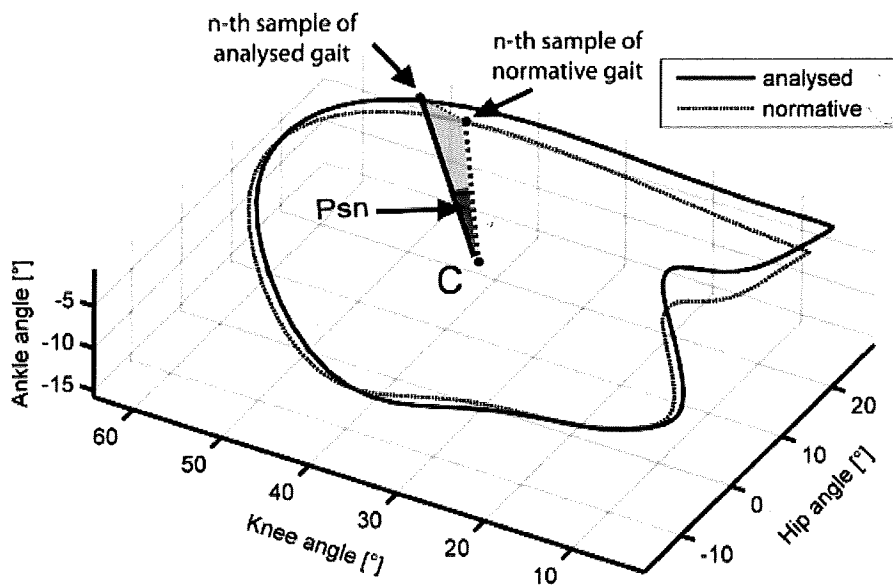
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$



## Limit Cycles

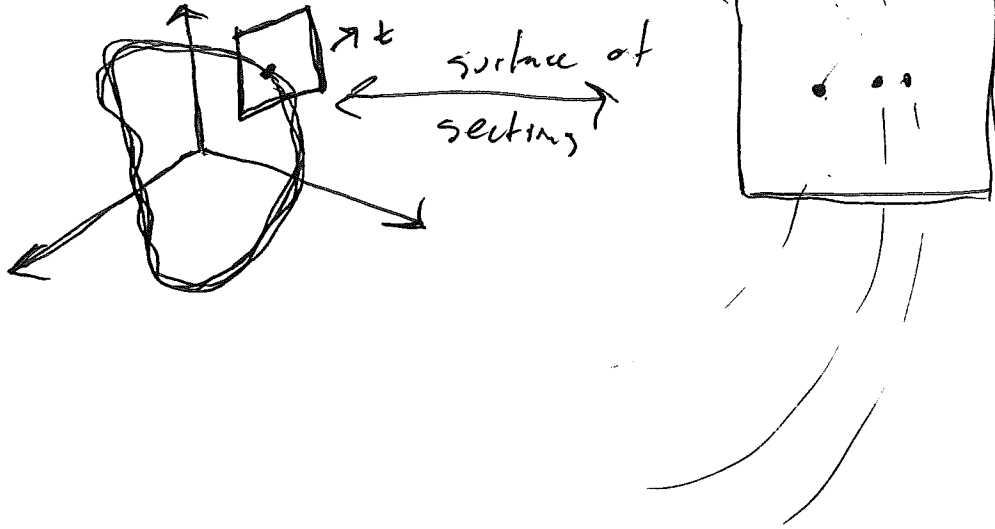


\* closed trajectory in phase space w/ at least one other trajectory spirals into it.



Stancic, 2012

### Stability of Limit Cycles

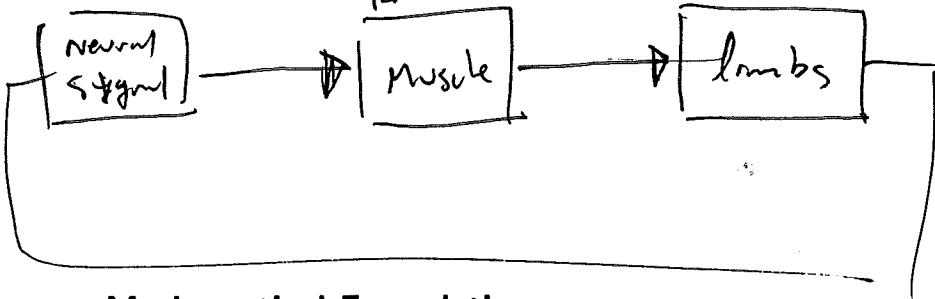


### Modeling Bipedal Locomotion

\* Synthesis of Human Locomotion  
(e.g. robotics, prosthetics)

(analysis)

Forward simulation



### Mathematical Formulation

\* Newtonian Mechanics is good!  
but it is cumbersome.  
finally derive differential/

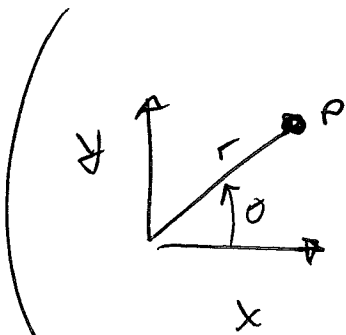
\* Energy

(1788) Joseph-Louis Lagrange.

## Lagrangian Mechanics

- \* ideal for conservative systems (e.g. no external forces, except gravity)
- \* lead to deep understanding of physics
- \* Principle of least action  $\rightarrow$  calculus of variations

## Generalized Coordinates



$$q_1 = [y, x]$$

$$q_2 = [r, \theta]$$

$\rightarrow$  describe the configuration (state) of a system.

## Lagrangian

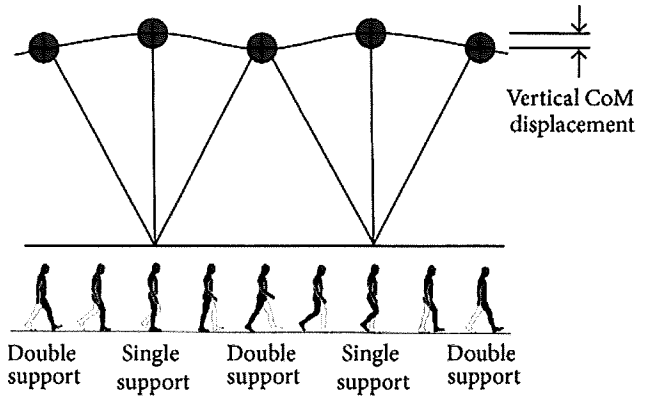
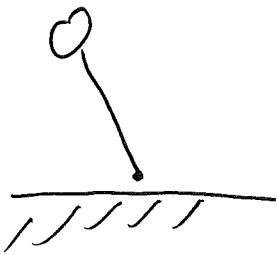
$$L = T - U$$

$\nearrow$   
Lagrangian

$\nearrow$   
Kinetic  
Energy

$\nearrow$   
Potential  
Energy (including  
strain  
energy)

# Inverted Pendulum Mechanics



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## Rimless Wheel

- \* legs massless
- \* mass only @ center

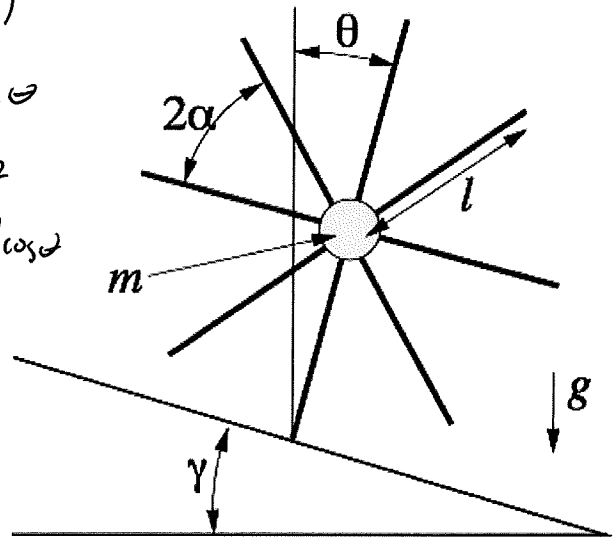
~~$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$~~   $\mathbf{q} = \theta$

Let's derive EDM.

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (l \dot{\theta})^2$$

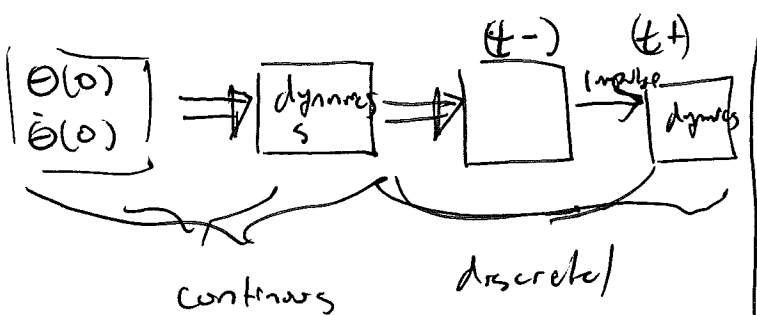
$$V = mgl \cos \theta$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (l \dot{\theta})^2 - mgl \cos \theta$$



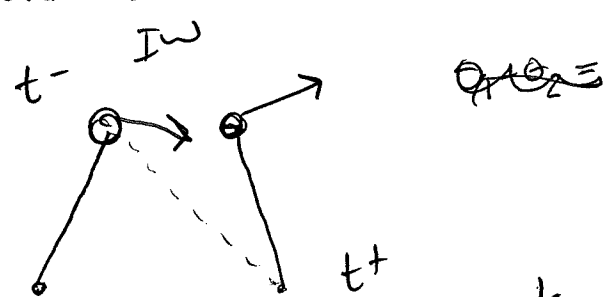
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## Rimless Wheel Simulation Procedure



Hybrid system.

Transition - angular momentum is conserved



$$\dot{\theta}(t^+) = \dot{\theta}(t^-) \cos 2\alpha$$

Impulse

# Passive Dynamic Walker

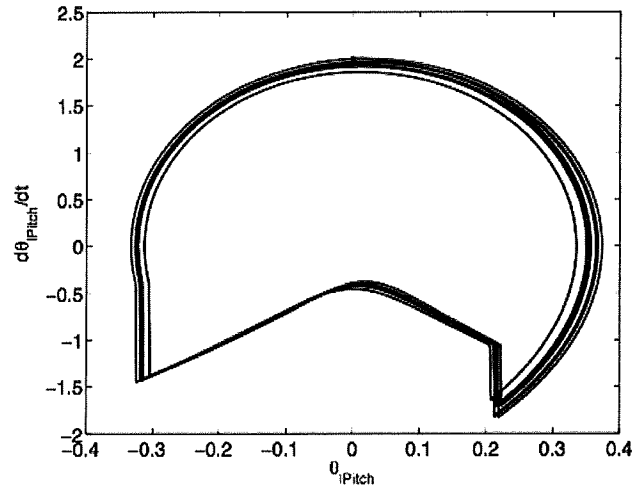
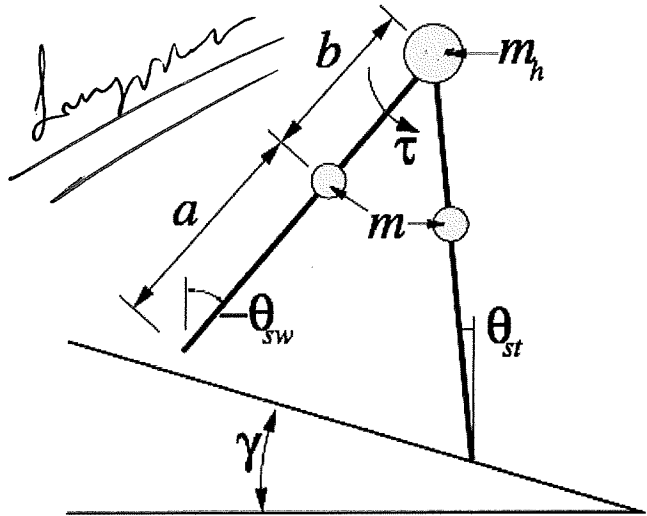
## Compass Gait Model

$$\mathbf{q} = [\theta_1, \theta_2]^T$$

~~Discrete~~

Discrete dynamics

$$Q_p \dot{\mathbf{q}}(t^-) = Q_m \dot{\mathbf{q}}(t^+)$$



Tedrake, 2009

## Knead Walker

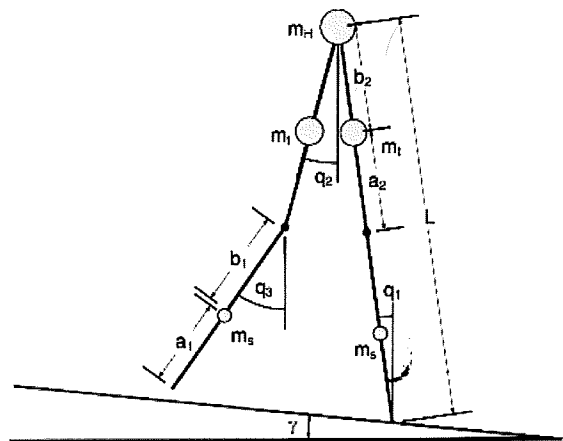
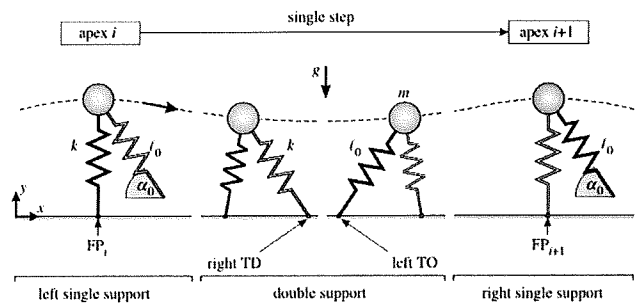
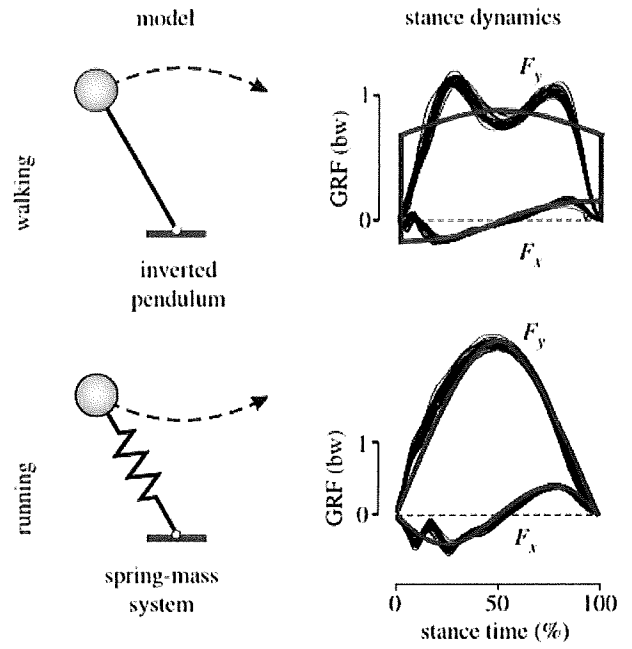


FIGURE 5.8 The Knead Walker

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# Spring Mass Running/Walking



Geyer, 2006