

VERTICAL OSCILLATION OF THE HIP TO WALK WITHOUT THINKING

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Context

- Optimal gait with respect to energy consumption
 - The control law will stabilize the motion
 - Sagittal walking: Rabbit, simple control law
 - 3D walking: more complex control
- Computational Morphology [Pfeiffer 2007]
- The gait can/must be chosen to solve the control difficulties



Simplified Model for walking

- Effect of gravity
- Small size of the foot : limited torque at ankle
- Free inverted pendulum

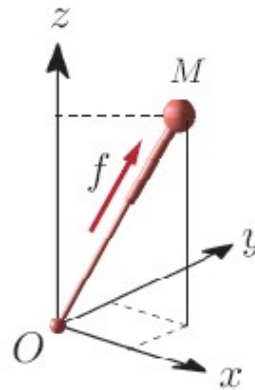


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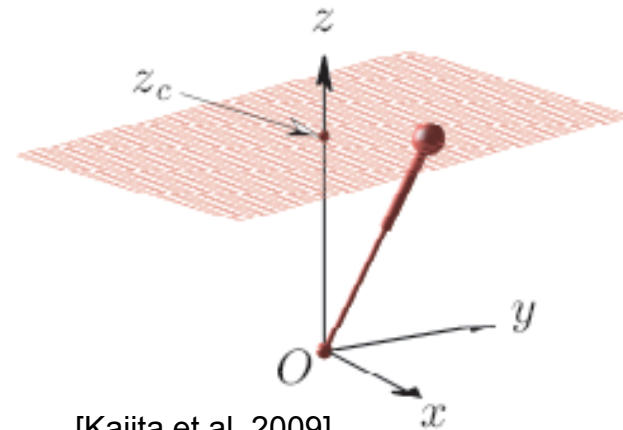
- Length of the pendulum may varie
- Instantaneous double support phase

- [Kajita et al. 2009] S. Kajita, H. Hirukawa K. Harada, K. Yokoi, Introduction à la commande des robots humanoïdes, De la modélisation à la génération du mouvement, Traduit et adapté du japonais par Sophie Sakka, 2009, Springer-Verlag France

Vertical motion of the CoM

- Constant vertical height of CoM : LIP3D
 - Very popular model for walking of humanoid
 - Linear equation for the CoM evolution
 - Decoupling between sagittal and frontal plane
 - Independent from time
 - Use on line when the desired foot position are defined

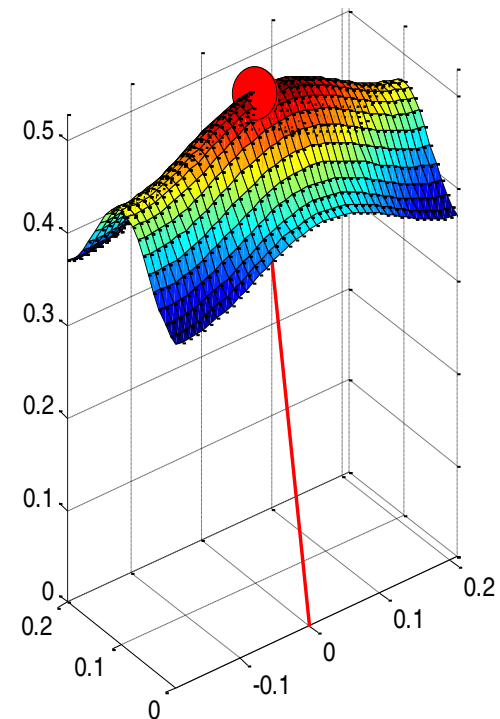
A predictive control is used



[Kajita et al. 2009]

Proposal : Vertical Oscillations

- Vertical height of CoM is imposed
- The height is function of x and y,
 $z=f(x,y)$
- Example : sum of sinusoidal functions of x and y
- Inspired from human walk
- Compatible with workspace of the legs

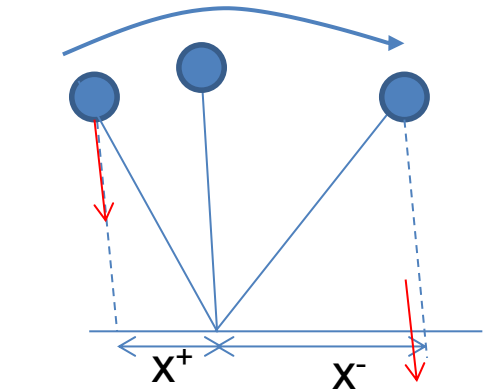


WALKING IN SAGITTAL PLANE

Support phase

- Control objective: $z=f(x)$
- Transitions : x varies from x^+ to x^-
- Gravity acts via angular momentum

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} - \end{array} \right)$$



From x^+ to 0, decreases
From 0 to x^- , increases

- Change of $\left(\begin{array}{c} - \end{array} \right)$ along a support depends on $z=f(x)$, from x^+ to x^-

$$v = \left(\begin{array}{c} \left(\begin{array}{c} - \end{array} \right) + V \end{array} \right)$$

Change of support

- Change of the point where angular momentum is calculated

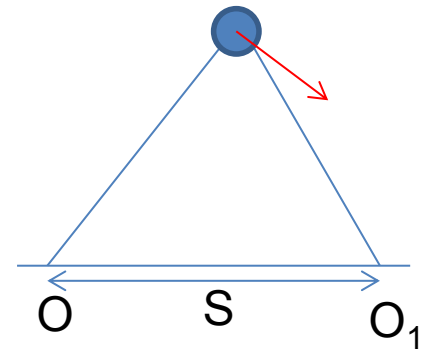
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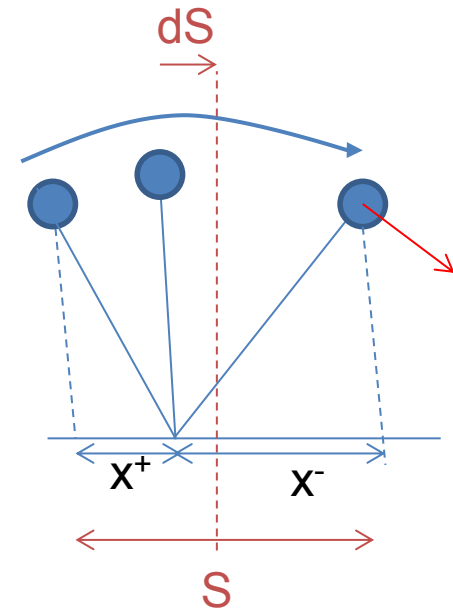
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Vertical Oscillations



Cyclic Walking

- Same $\dot{S}$ at the beginning of steps k and $k+1$
 - $\dot{S}^+ = \dot{S}^-$
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- Unique velocity
- If $\delta < 1$, stable or attractive walking
 - $\dot{S}$ decreases at change of support
 - $\dot{S}$ increases during support
 - $|\dot{S}^+| > |\dot{S}^-|$, CoM is in front of the foot ($dS > 0$)
 - Minimal initial velocity $\dot{S}(0) > 0$



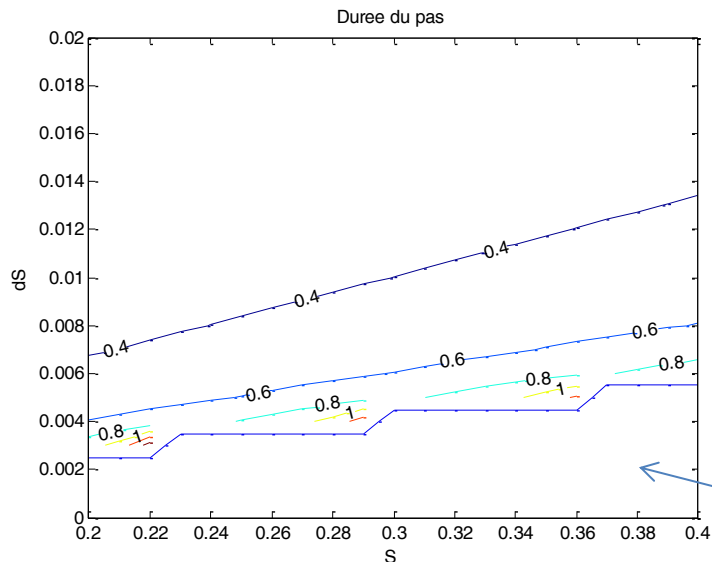
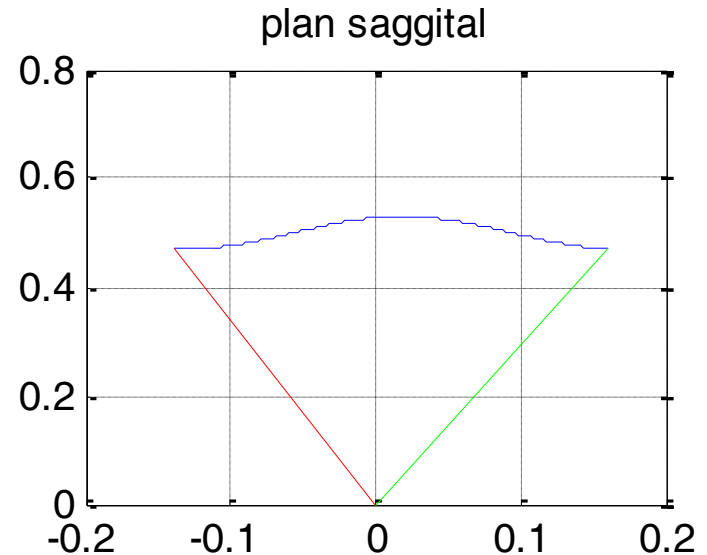
Example

- $Z = 0.5 + 0.03 \cos(\text{---} - 0.2)$;
- $S = 0.3$;
- $ds = 0.01$;

$\delta = 0.9237$ (stable)

Cycle :) = 1.0358

To achieve a step) > 0.6890



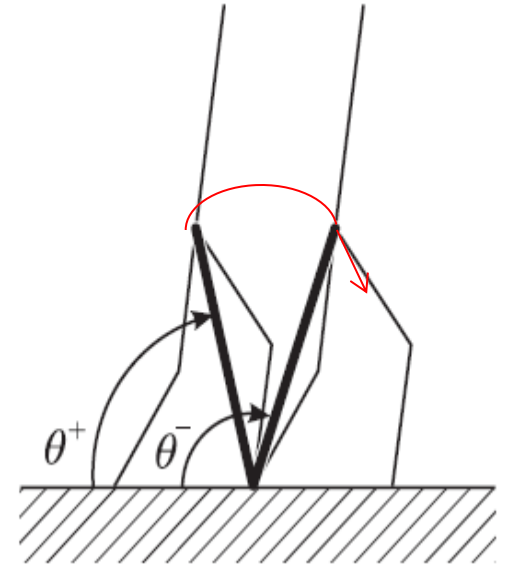
We can chose dS to modify the duration of step

No cyclic walking



Control of Rabbit

- Complete model of the robot
- Joint evolution is function of θ
- Virtual constraints
- Oscillations of CoM ($z=f(x)$)



Conclusions

- Change of angular momentum at support change is important
 - Velocity of the CoM must be directed downward in double support
 - Unique stable walking velocity
- Control objective: insure coordination of posture
 - $z(x,y)$
 - Change of support
- Choice of the gait produces « robust walking »



A. Berthoz, T. Pozzo, Posture and Gaits, Elsevier, 1988

Perspectives, Simplified model

- Extension to frontal plane and synchronization in 3D
 - Define non cyclic walking
 - Change of stride, lateral distance, Change of velocity, Start, Stop
 - Use of basin of attraction, transition steps, change of the pose of the legs
 - Change in the walking direction
- Ching-Long Shih, J. W. Grizzle, and Christine Chevallereau, From stable walking to steering of a 3D bipedal robot with passive point feet, Robotica 2012
- Introduction of double support



Perspectives, Complex model

- Extension to complete dynamic model:
 - Joint reference trajectory expressed as function of x and y
 - Study of the Hybrid zero dynamics
- Use of the simplified model to replace the LIP3D model
 - Prediction of the CoM evolution
 - Use of the inverse kinematic model to define the desired joint configuration
 - Resolved angular momentum control neglected in the model, ...

