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MEDIAL STABILIZED ORTHOPAEDIC TIBIAL INSERT

Abstract

An orthopaedic knee prosthesis includes a tibial insert and a femoral component configured to articulate on the tibial insert. The tibial insert includes a lateral articular surface and medial articular surface that is asymmetrically shaped relative to the lateral articular surface. The medial articular surface is shaped to reduce anterior translation of a medial condyle of the femoral component, while the lateral articular surface is shaped to allow a lateral condyle of the femoral component to pivot, relative to the medial articular surface, along an arcuate articular path. Additionally, one or both condyles of the femoral component may include a femoral articular surface having a curved femoral surface section defined by a continuously decreasing radius of curvature.

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Background/Summary

[0001] This application is a continuation application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/408,515, entitled “MEDIAL STABILIZED ORTHOPAEDIC TIBIAL INSERT,” now U.S. Pat. No. 12,279,960, which was filed on Jan. 9, 2024, which is a continuation application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/372,442, entitled “MEDIAL STABILIZED ORTHOPAEDIC TIBIAL INSERT,” now U.S. Pat. No. 11,865,011, which was filed on Jul. 10, 2021 and which claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 63/050,744, entitled “ORTHOPAEDIC KNEE PROSTHESIS SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR USING SAME,” which was filed on Jul. 10, 2020, the entirety of both of which is expressly incorporated by reference into the present application.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure relates to orthopaedic knee prosthesis systems and, more specifically, to orthopaedic knee prosthesis, instrumentation, and methods for total knee arthroplasty procedures.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Joint arthroplasty is a well-known surgical procedure by which a diseased and/or damaged natural joint is replaced by a prosthetic joint. A typical knee prosthesis includes a tibial tray, a femoral component, and a polymer insert or bearing positioned between the tibial tray and the femoral component. Depending on the severity of the damage to the patient's joint, orthopaedic prostheses of varying mobility may be used. For example, the knee prosthesis may include a “fixed” tibial insert in some cases wherein it is desirable to limit the movement of the knee prosthesis, such as when significant soft tissue damage or loss is present. Alternatively, the knee prosthesis may include a “mobile” tibial insert in cases wherein a greater degree of freedom of movement is desired. Additionally, the knee prosthesis may be a total knee prosthesis designed to replace the femoral-tibial interface of both condyles of the patient's femur or a uni-compartmental (or uni-condylar) knee prosthesis designed to replace the femoral-tibial interface of a single condyle of the patient's femur.

[0004] The type of orthopedic knee prosthesis used to replace a patient's natural knee may also depend on whether the patient's posterior cruciate ligament is retained or sacrificed (i.e., removed) during surgery. For example, if the patient's posterior cruciate ligament is damaged, diseased, and/or otherwise removed during surgery, a posterior-stabilized knee prosthesis may be used to provide additional support and/or control at later degrees of flexion. Alternatively, if the posterior cruciate ligament is intact, a cruciate-retaining knee prosthesis may be used.

[0005] Typical orthopaedic knee prostheses are generally designed to duplicate the natural movement of the patient's joint. As the knee is flexed and extended, the femoral and tibial components articulate and undergo combinations of relative anterior-posterior motion and relative internal-external rotation. However, the patient's surrounding soft tissue also impacts the

kinematics and stability of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis throughout the joint's range of motion. That is, forces exerted on the orthopaedic components by the patient's soft tissue may cause unwanted or undesirable motion of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis. For example, the orthopaedic knee prosthesis may exhibit an amount of unnatural (paradoxical) anterior translation as the femoral component is moved through the range of flexion.

SUMMARY

[0006] According to one aspect, a tibial insert includes a lateral articular surface and a medial articular surface. The lateral articular surface is configured to articulate with a lateral condyle of a femoral component and includes an arcuate articular path extending in an anterior-posterior direction. The arcuate articular path is defined by a plurality of points on the lateral articular surface and, when the tibial insert is viewed in a cross-sectional medial-lateral plane at each point, each point defines a distal-most point of the lateral articular surface in the corresponding cross-sectional medial-lateral plane. The lateral articular surface has a cross-sectional concave curvature orthogonal to the arcuate articular path, the cross-sectional concave curvature being uniform at each of the plurality of points. The medial articular surface is configured to articulate with a medial condyle of the femoral component. The medial articular surface is asymmetrically shaped relative to the lateral articular surface and has a coronal concave curvature that is non-uniform in the anterior-posterior direction.

[0007] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point of the medial articular surface. The coronal concave curvature of the medial articular surface is non-uniform anterior of the medial dwell point and uniform posterior of the medial dwell point.

[0008] In an embodiment, the arcuate articular path when viewed in a cross-sectional plane has a curvature that includes a semi-planar section, an anterior curved section located anterior of the planar section, and a plurality of posterior curved sections located posterior of the planar section. The semi-planar section defines a lateral dwell region that defines a distal-most area of the lateral articular surface. In an embodiment, each posterior curved section is defined by a corresponding radius of curvature, and wherein the radii of curvature of the plurality of posterior curved sections decrease posteriorly.

[0009] In an embodiment, the plurality of posterior curved sections includes a first posterior curved section adjacent to a posterior-most end of the planar section and a second posterior curved section adjacent to the first posterior curved section, wherein a radius of curvature of the first posterior curved section is greater than a radius of curvature of the second posterior curved section. In an embodiment, the anterior curved section is defined by a corresponding radius of curvature that is (i) less than the radius of curvature of the first posterior curved section and (ii) greater than the radius of curvature of the second posterior curved section. In an embodiment, the anterior curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 33.5 degrees to 34.4 degrees, the first posterior curved section extends for about 3.4 degrees, and the second posterior curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 13.2 degrees to 13.7 degrees.

[0010] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a sagittal concave curvature, when viewed in a sagittal plane, that is defined by a plurality of curved sections and a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point of the medial articular surface, wherein the medial dwell point is located on the sagittal concave curvature. In an embodiment, the plurality of curved sections includes a first curved section adjacent to the medial dwell point and extending posterior therefrom and a second curved section adjacent the medial dwell point and extending anterior therefrom, wherein a radius of curvature of the first curved section is greater than a radius of curvature of the second curved section. In an embodiment, the first curved section extends for an arc length of in the range of 15.9 degrees to 17.4 degrees and the second curved section extends for about 5.2 degrees.

[0011] In an embodiment, the plurality of curved sections includes a third curved section adjacent

to the second curved section and extending anterior therefrom, a fourth curved section adjacent to the third curved section and extending anterior therefrom, and a fifth curved section adjacent the fourth curved section and extending anterior therefrom. A radius of curvature of the third curved section is less than the radius of curvature of the second curved section, less than a radius of curvature of the fourth curved section, and less than a radius of the fifth radius of curvature. In an embodiment, the third curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 14.8 degrees to 24.8 degrees, the fourth curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 10.7 degrees to 20.7 degrees, and the fifth radius of curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 0.2 degrees to 6.3 degrees.

[0012] In an embodiment, the coronal concave curvature of the medial articular surface is defined by a plurality of coronal curvatures including a first coronal curvature that crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at the medial dwell point, a second coronal curvature located anteriorly to the first coronal curvature, a third coronal curvature located anteriorly to the second coronal curvature, wherein each of the first, second, and third coronal curvatures are different from each other. In an embodiment, the first coronal curvature is defined by a coronal curved section that extends for an arc length in the range of 18.6 degrees to 26.8 degrees medially from the medial dwell point and for about 25.0 degrees laterally from the medial dwell point. In an embodiment, the second coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the third curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the second coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from a lateral end of the planar section. In an embodiment, a radius of curvature of the first coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature is less than a radius of curvature of the second coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature. In an embodiment, the first coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 14.7 degrees to 15.7 degrees and the second coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 20.1 degrees to 28.5 degrees.

[0013] In an embodiment, the third coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the fourth curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface. The third coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from the lateral end of the planar section. In an embodiment, the planar section of the third coronal curvature is angled about 6 degrees relative to a bottom surface of the tibial insert. In an embodiment, the first coronal curved section of the third coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 0.3 degrees to 0.9 degrees and the second coronal curved section of the third coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 16.4 degrees to 24.7 degrees.

[0014] In an embodiment, the tibial insert further includes an anterior sidewall and a posterior sidewall opposite the anterior side, wherein a distance between the anterior sidewall and the posterior sidewall defines an anterior-posterior length of the tibial insert. The medial articular surface includes a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point of the medial articular surface and wherein the medial dwell point is located about 63.3% of the anterior-posterior length from the anterior end.

[0015] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point of the medial articular surface, and the arcuate articular path of the lateral articular surface, when viewed in a transverse plane, is defined by a radius of curvature having an origin on the medial dwell point.

[0016] In an embodiment, the tibial insert further includes a first portion of a locking mechanism

located on a bottom surface of the tibial insert. The first portion of the locking mechanism is configured to mate with a second portion of the locking mechanism located on a tibial base to secure the tibial insert to the tibial base.

[0017] According to another aspect, a tibial insert includes a lateral articular surface and a medial articular surface. The lateral articular surface is configured to articulate with a lateral condyle of a femoral component and includes an arcuate articular path extending in an anterior-posterior direction. The arcuate articular path when viewed in a cross-section plane has a curvature that includes a semi-planar section, wherein the semi-planar section defines a distal-most area of the lateral articular surface. The medial articular surface is configured to articulate with a medial condyle of the femoral component. The medial articular surface is asymmetrically shaped relative to the lateral articular surface and includes a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point of the medial condyle surface. The medial dwell point is located on the medial condyle surface (i) between a first imaginary medial-lateral bisecting line of the tibial insert that includes an anterior-most end of the planar section of the sagittal curvature of the lateral articular surface and a second imaginary medial-lateral bisecting line of the tibial insert that includes a posterior-most end of the planar section of the sagittal curvature of the lateral articular surface and (ii) posterior to an anterior-posterior midpoint of the planar section of the sagittal curvature of the lateral articular surface.

[0018] In an embodiment, the tibial insert further includes an anterior sidewall and a posterior sidewall opposite the anterior side, wherein a distance between the anterior sidewall and the posterior sidewall defines an anterior-posterior length of the tibial insert. The medial dwell point is located about 63.3% of the anterior-posterior length from the anterior end.

[0019] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface has a coronal concave curvature that is non-uniform anterior of the medial dwell point and uniform posterior of the medial dwell point.

[0020] In an embodiment, the curvature of the arcuate articular path, when viewed in the cross-section plane, further includes an anterior curved section located anterior of the semi-planar section and a plurality of posterior curved sections located posterior of the semi-planar section. In an embodiment, each posterior curved section is defined by a corresponding radius of curvature, and the radii of curvature of the plurality of posterior curved sections decrease posteriorly. In an embodiment, the plurality of posterior curved sections includes a first posterior curved section adjacent to the posterior-most end of the planar section and a second posterior curved section adjacent to the first posterior curved section, wherein a radius of curvature of the first posterior curved section is greater than a radius of curvature of the second posterior curved section. In an embodiment, the anterior curved section is defined by a corresponding radius of curvature that is (i) less than the radius of curvature of the first posterior curved section and (ii) greater than radius of curvature of the second posterior curved section. In an embodiment, the anterior curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 33.5 degrees to 34.4 degrees, the first posterior curved section extends for about 3.4 degrees, and the second posterior curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 13.2 degrees to 13.7 degrees.

[0021] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a sagittal concave curvature, when viewed in a sagittal plane, that is defined by a plurality of curved sections, wherein the medial dwell point is located on the sagittal concave curvature. In an embodiment, the plurality of curved sections includes a first curved section adjacent to the medial dwell point and extending posterior therefrom and a second curved section adjacent the medial dwell point and extending anterior therefrom, wherein a radius of curvature of the first curved section is greater than a radius of curvature of the second curved section. In an embodiment, the first curved section extends for an arc length of in the range of 15.9 degrees to 17.4 degrees and the second curved section extends for about 5.2 degrees.

[0022] In an embodiment, the plurality of curved sections includes a third curved section adjacent to the second curved section and extending anterior therefrom, a fourth curved section adjacent to

the third curved section and extending anterior therefrom, and a fifth curved section adjacent the fourth curved section and extending anterior therefrom, wherein a radius of curvature of the third curved section is less than the radius of curvature of the second curved section, less than a radius of curvature of the fourth curved section, and less than a radius of the fifth radius of curvature. In an embodiment, the third curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 14.8 degrees to 24.8 degrees, the fourth curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 10.7 degrees to 20.7 degrees, and the fifth radius of curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 0.2 degrees to 6.3 degrees.

[0023] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface has a coronal curvature defined by a plurality of coronal curvatures including a first coronal curvature that crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at the medial dwell point, a second coronal curvature located anteriorly to the first coronal curvature, a third coronal curvature located anteriorly to the second coronal curvature, wherein each of the first, second, and third coronal curvatures are different from each other. In an embodiment, the first coronal curvature is defined by a coronal curved section that extends for an arc length in the range of 18.6 degrees to 26.8 degrees medially from the medial dwell point and for about 25.0 degrees laterally from the medial dwell point.

[0024] In an embodiment, the second coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the third curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the second coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from a lateral end of the planar section. In an embodiment, a radius of curvature of the first coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature is less than a radius of curvature of the second coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature. In an embodiment, the first coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 14.7 degrees to 15.7 degrees and the second coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 20.1 degrees to 28.5 degrees.

[0025] In an embodiment, the third coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the fourth curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the third coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from the lateral end of the planar section. In an embodiment, the planar section of the third coronal curvature is angled about 6 degrees relative to a bottom surface of the tibial insert. In an embodiment, the first coronal curved section of the third coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 0.3 degrees to 0.9 degrees and the second coronal curved section of the third coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 16.4 degrees to 24.7 degrees.

[0026] In an embodiment, the arcuate articular path, when viewed in a transverse plane, is defined by a radius of curvature having an origin on the medial dwell point.

[0027] In an embodiment, the tibial insert further includes a first portion of a locking mechanism located on a bottom surface of the tibial insert. The first portion of the locking mechanism is configured to mate with a second portion of the locking mechanism located on a tibial base to secure the tibial insert to the tibial base.

[0028] According to another aspect, a tibial insert includes a lateral articular surface configured to articulate with a lateral condyle of a femoral component and a medial articular surface configured to articulate with a medial condyle of the femoral component. The lateral articular surface includes an arcuate articular path extending in an anterior-posterior direction, a lateral dwell point that defines a distal-most point on the lateral articular surface located on the arcuate articular path, and an anterior lateral lip, wherein an inferior-superior distance between the lateral dwell point and a

superior-most point of the anterior lateral lip defines a lip height of the anterior lateral lip. The medial articular surface is asymmetrically shaped relative to the lateral articular surface and includes a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point on the medial articular surface and an anterior medial lip, wherein an inferior-superior distance between the medial dwell point and a superior-most point on the medial lateral lip defines a lip height of the anterior medial lip. The lip height of the anterior medial lip is greater than the lip height of the anterior lateral lip, and a ratio of the lip height of the anterior medial lip to an anterior-posterior distance between an anterior sidewall of the medial articular surface and a posterior sidewall of the medial articular surface is in the range of 18.9% to 20.9%.

[0029] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface has a coronal concave curvature that is non-uniform anterior of the medial dwell point and uniform posterior of the medial dwell point.

[0030] In an embodiment, the arcuate articular path, when viewed in the cross-section plane, has curvature that includes a semi-planar section, an anterior curved section located anterior of the planar section, and a plurality of posterior curved sections located posterior of the planar section. The lateral dwell point is located on the semi-planar section.

[0031] In an embodiment, each posterior curved section is defined by a corresponding radius of curvature, wherein the radii of curvature of the plurality of posterior curved sections decrease posteriorly.

[0032] In an embodiment, the plurality of posterior curved sections includes a first posterior curved section adjacent to a posterior-most end of the planar section and a second posterior curved section adjacent to the first posterior curved section, wherein a radius of curvature of the first posterior curved section is greater than a radius of curvature of the second posterior curved section. In an embodiment, an anterior curved section is defined by a corresponding radius of curvature that is (i) less than the radius of curvature of the first posterior curved section and (ii) greater than radius of curvature of the second posterior curved section. In an embodiment, the anterior curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 33.5 degrees to 34.4 degrees, the first posterior curved section extends for about 3.4 degrees, and the second posterior curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 13.2 degrees to 13.7 degrees.

[0033] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a sagittal concave curvature, when viewed in a sagittal plane, that is defined by a plurality of curved sections, wherein the medial dwell point is located on the sagittal concave curvature. In an embodiment, the plurality of curved sections includes a first curved section adjacent to the medial dwell point and extending posterior therefrom and a second curved section adjacent the medial dwell point and extending anterior therefrom, wherein a radius of curvature of the first curved section is greater than a radius of curvature of the second curved section. In an embodiment, the first curved section extends for an arc length of in the range of 15.9 degrees to 17.4 degrees and the second curved section extends for about 5.2 degrees.

[0034] In an embodiment, the plurality of curved sections includes a third curved section adjacent to the second curved section and extending anterior therefrom, a fourth curved section adjacent to the third curved section and extending anterior therefrom, and a fifth curved section adjacent the fourth curved section and extending anterior therefrom, wherein a radius of curvature of the third curved section is less than the radius of curvature of the second curved section, less than a radius of curvature of the fourth curved section, and less than a radius of the fifth radius of curvature. In an embodiment, the third curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 14.8 degrees to 24.8 degrees, the fourth curved section extends for an arc length in the range of 10.7 degrees to 20.7 degrees, and the fifth radius of curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 0.2 degrees to 6.3 degrees.

[0035] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface has a coronal curvature defined by a plurality of coronal curvatures including a first coronal curvature that crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at the medial dwell point, a second coronal curvature

located anteriorly to the first coronal curvature, a third coronal curvature located anteriorly to the second coronal curvature, wherein each of the first, second, and third coronal curvatures are different from each other. In an embodiment, the first coronal curvature is defined by a coronal curved section that extends for an arc length in the range of 18.6 degrees to 26.8 degrees medially from the medial dwell point and for about 25.0 degrees laterally from the medial dwell point.

[0036] In an embodiment, the second coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the third curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the second coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from a lateral end of the planar section. In an embodiment, a radius of curvature of the first coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature is less than a radius of curvature of the second coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature. In an embodiment, the first coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 14.7 degrees to 15.7 degrees and the second coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 20.1 degrees to 28.5 degrees.

[0037] In an embodiment, the third coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the fourth curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the third coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from the lateral end of the planar section. In an embodiment, the planar section of the third coronal curvature is angled about 6 degrees relative to a bottom surface of the tibial insert. In an embodiment, the first coronal curved section of the third coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 0.3 degrees to 0.9 degrees and the second coronal curved section of the third coronal curvature extends for an arc length in the range of 16.4 degrees to 24.7 degrees.

[0038] In an embodiment, the tibial insert further includes an anterior side and a posterior side opposite the anterior side. A distance between the anterior side and the posterior side defines an anterior-posterior length of the tibial insert. The medial dwell point is located about 63.3% of the anterior-posterior length from the anterior end. In an embodiment, the arcuate articular path of the lateral articular surface, when viewed in a transverse plane, is defined by a radius of curvature having an origin on the medial dwell point.

[0039] In an embodiment, the tibial insert further includes a first portion of a locking mechanism located on a bottom surface of the tibial insert. The first portion of the locking mechanism is configured to mate with a second portion of the locking mechanism located on a tibial base to secure the tibial insert to the tibial base.

[0040] According to yet another aspect, an orthopaedic knee prosthesis includes a femoral component having a lateral condyle and a medial condyle and a tibial insert having a lateral articular surface configured to articulate with the lateral condyle of the femoral component and a medial articular surface configured to articulate with the medial condyle of the femoral component. The medial condyle includes a femoral articular surface defined by a plurality of curved femoral surface sections that includes a first curved femoral surface section defined by a continually decreasing radius of curvature. The medial articular surface is asymmetrically shaped relative to the lateral articular surface and includes a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point on the medial articular surface. The medial condyle contacts the medial dwell point at a first contact point on the first curved femoral surface section at a first degree of flexion and contacts the medial dwell point at a second contact point on the first curved femoral surface section at a second degree of flexion, wherein the second contact point is posterior of the first contact point and wherein the second degree of flexion is greater than the first degree of flexion. The medial articular surface

includes a sagittal concave curvature that has a first sagittal conformity with the medial condyle at a location anterior to dwell point at the first degree of flexion and a second sagittal conformity with the medial condyle at the location anterior to the dwell point at the second degree of flexion, wherein the second sagittal conformity is greater than the first sagittal conformity to reduce anterior translation of the medial condyle at the second degree of flexion.

[0041] In an embodiment, the medial condyle of femoral component includes a sagittal convex curvature, and a sagittal conformity between the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface and sagittal concave curvature of the medial condyle is greater at a first degree of flexion of the femoral condyle than at extension. In an embodiment, the first degree of flexion is about 30 degrees.

[0042] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a coronal concave curvature and a coronal conformity between the coronal concave curvature and the medial condyle at the degree of flexion is greater at the medial dwell point of the medial articular surface than at the location on the medial articular surface that is anterior of the medial dwell point. In an embodiment, the medial articular surface is non-uniform anterior of the medial dwell point and uniform posterior of the medial dwell point.

[0043] In an embodiment, the medial condyle and the medial articular surface are more conforming with each other than the lateral condyle and the lateral articular surface.

[0044] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a coronal concave curvature and a coronal conformity between the coronal concave curvature and the medial condyle is greater when the femoral component is positioned at extension than when the femoral component is positioned at a later degree of flexion.

[0045] In an embodiment, the lateral articular surface includes an arcuate articular path that when viewed in a cross-section plane has a curvature that includes a planar section, an anterior curved section located anterior of the semi-planar section, and a plurality of posterior curved sections located posterior of the planar section, the semi-planar section defines a distal-most area of the lateral articular surface. In an embodiment, each posterior curved section is defined by a corresponding radius of curvature, and wherein the radii of curvature of the plurality of posterior curved sections decrease posteriorly.

[0046] In an embodiment, the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, when viewed in a sagittal plane, includes a plurality of curved sections and wherein the medial dwell point is located on the sagittal concave curvature. The plurality of curved sections includes a first curved section adjacent to the medial dwell point and extending posterior therefrom, a second curved section adjacent the medial dwell point and extending anterior therefrom, a third curved section adjacent to the second curved section and extending anterior therefrom, a fourth curved section adjacent to the third curved section and extending anterior therefrom, and a fifth curved section adjacent the fourth curved section and extending anterior therefrom. A radius of curvature of the first curved section is greater than a radius of curvature of the second curved section and wherein a radius of curvature of the third curved section is less than the radius of curvature of the second curved section, less than a radius of curvature of the fourth curved section, and less than a radius of the fifth radius of curvature.

[0047] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a coronal concave curvature that is defined by a plurality of coronal curvatures including a first coronal curvature that crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at the medial dwell point, a second coronal curvature located anteriorly to the first coronal curvature, a third coronal curvature located anteriorly to the second coronal curvature, wherein each of the first, second, and third coronal curvatures are different from each other. In an embodiment, the second coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the third curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the second coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having

a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from a lateral end of the planar section, and wherein a radius of curvature of the first coronal curved section is less than a radius of curvature of the second coronal curved section. In an embodiment, the third coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the fourth curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the third coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from the lateral end of the planar section.

[0048] In an embodiment, the tibial insert further includes a first portion of a locking mechanism located on a bottom surface of the tibial insert. The first portion of the locking mechanism is configured to mate with a second portion of the locking mechanism located on a tibial base to secure the tibial insert to the tibial base.

[0049] In an embodiment, a distal-most point of the femoral articular surface when the femoral component is in extension defines zero degrees of flexion, and the first curved femoral surface section extends from a first degree of flexion of about 5 degrees to a second degree of flexion of about 65 degrees. In an embodiment, the first curved femoral surface section is defined by a plurality of rays extending from a common origin to a corresponding point on the second curved femoral surface section. Each ray has a length defined by the following polynomial equation: $r_{\text{sub.}\theta} = (a + (b \cdot \theta) + (c \cdot \theta^2) + (d \cdot \theta^3))$, wherein r_{θ} is the length of the ray defining a point on the second curved femoral surface section at θ degrees of flexion, a is a coefficient value between 20 and 50, and b is a coefficient value in a range selected from the group consisting of: $-0.30 < b < 0.00$, $0.00 < b < 0.30$, and $b = 0$, wherein when b is in the range of $-0.30 < b < 0.00$, (i) c is a coefficient value between 0.00 and 0.012 and (ii) d is a coefficient value between -0.00015 and 0.00, wherein when b is in the range of $0 < b < 0.30$, (i) c is a coefficient value between -0.010 and 0.00 and (ii) d is a coefficient value between -0.00015 and 0.00, and wherein when b is equal to 0, (i) c is a coefficient value in a range selected from the group consisting of: $-0.0020 < c < 0.00$ and $0.00 < c < 0.0025$ and (ii) d is a coefficient value between -0.00015 and 0.00.

[0050] In an embodiment, the plurality of curved femoral surface sections includes a second curved femoral surface section posteriorly adjacent the first curved femoral section, wherein the second curved femoral surface section is defined by a constant radius of curvature greater than a posterior-most radii of curvature of the first curved femoral surface section. In an embodiment, the second curved femoral surface section extends from a first degree of flexion of about 65 degrees to a second degree of flexion of about 90.

[0051] According to another aspect, an orthopaedic knee prosthesis includes a femoral component having a lateral condyle and a medial condyle and a tibial insert having a lateral articular surface configured to articulate with the lateral condyle of the femoral component and a medial articular surface configured to articulate with the medial condyle of the femoral component. The medial condyle includes a femoral articular surface defined by a plurality of curved femoral surface sections that includes a first curved femoral surface section and a second curved femoral surface section posteriorly adjacent the first curved femoral surface section, wherein the first curved femoral surface section is defined by a continually decreasing radius of curvature and the second curved femoral surface section is defined by a constant radius of curvature greater than a posterior-most radii of curvature of the first curved femoral surface section. The medial articular surface is asymmetrically shaped relative to the lateral articular surface and includes a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point on the medial articular surface. The medial condyle (i) contacts the medial dwell point at a first contact point on the first curved femoral surface section at a first degree of flexion, the first contact point being defined by the posterior-most radii of curvature of the first curved femoral surface section and (ii) contacts the medial dwell point at a second contact

point on the second curved femoral surface section at a second degree of flexion greater than the first degree of flexion, the second contact point being defined by the constant radius of curvature of the second curved femoral surface section. An inferior-superior distance between the medial dwell point and an origin of the constant radius of curvature of the second curved femoral surface section at the second degree of flexion is greater than an inferior-superior distance between the medial dwell point and an origin of the posterior-most radii of curvature of the first curved femoral surface section at the first degree of flexion.

[0052] In an embodiment, the medial condyle of femoral component includes a sagittal convex curvature and the medial articular surface includes a sagittal concave curvature, and wherein a sagittal conformity between the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface and sagittal concave curvature of the medial condyle is greater at a first degree of flexion of the femoral condyle than at extension. In an embodiment, the first degree of flexion is about 30 degrees.

[0053] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a sagittal concave curvature, wherein at the medial dwell point the sagittal concave curvature has a first sagittal conformity with the medial condyle at a first degree of flexion of the femoral component, wherein at a location on the medial articular surface that is anterior of the medial dwell point the sagittal concave curvature has a second sagittal conformity with the medial condyle at the first degree of flexion, and wherein the second sagittal conformity is greater than the first sagittal conformity.

[0054] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a coronal concave curvature, wherein at the medial dwell point the coronal concave curvature has a first coronal conformity with the medial condyle at the first degree of flexion, wherein at the location on the medial articular surface that is anterior of the medial dwell point the coronal concave curvature has a second coronal conformity with the medial condyle at the first degree of flexion, and wherein the second coronal conformity is greater than the first coronal conformity. In an embodiment, the medial articular surface is non-uniform anterior of the medial dwell point and uniform posterior of the medial dwell point.

[0055] In an embodiment, the medial condyle and the medial articular surface are more conforming with each other than the lateral condyle and the lateral articular surface.

[0056] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a coronal concave curvature and wherein a coronal conformity between the coronal concave curvature and the medial condyle is greater when the femoral component is positioned at extension than when the femoral component is positioned at a later degree of flexion.

[0057] In an embodiment, the lateral articular surface includes an arcuate articular path that when viewed in a cross-section plane has a curvature that includes a semi-planar section, an anterior curved section located anterior of the semi-planar section, and a plurality of posterior curved sections located posterior of the planar section. The planar section defines a distal-most area of the lateral articular surface. In an embodiment, each posterior curved section is defined by a corresponding radius of curvature, and wherein the radii of curvature of the plurality of posterior curved sections decrease posteriorly.

[0058] In an embodiment, the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, when viewed in a sagittal plane, includes a plurality of curved sections and wherein the medial dwell point is located on the sagittal concave curvature. The plurality of curved sections includes a first curved section adjacent to the medial dwell point and extending posterior therefrom, a second curved section adjacent the medial dwell point and extending anterior therefrom, a third curved section adjacent to the second curved section and extending anterior therefrom, a fourth curved section adjacent to the third curved section and extending anterior therefrom, and a fifth curved section adjacent the fourth curved section and extending anterior therefrom. A radius of curvature of the first curved section is greater than a radius of curvature of the second curved section and wherein a radius of curvature of the third curved section is less than the radius of curvature of the second curved section, less than a radius of curvature of the fourth curved section, and less than a

radius of the fifth radius of curvature

[0059] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a coronal concave curvature that is defined by a plurality of coronal curvatures including a first coronal curvature that crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at the medial dwell point, a second coronal curvature located anteriorly to the first coronal curvature, a third coronal curvature located anteriorly to the second coronal curvature, wherein each of the first, second, and third coronal curvatures are different from each other.

[0060] In an embodiment, the second coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the third curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the second coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from a lateral end of the planar section, and wherein a radius of curvature of the first coronal curved section is less than a radius of curvature of the second coronal curved section.

[0061] In an embodiment, the third coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the fourth curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the third coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from the lateral end of the planar section.

[0062] In an embodiment, the tibial insert further includes a first portion of a locking mechanism located on a bottom surface of the tibial insert, wherein the first portion of the locking mechanism is configured to mate with a second portion of the locking mechanism located on a tibial base to secure the tibial insert to the tibial base.

[0063] In an embodiment, a distal-most point of the femoral articular surface when the femoral component is in extension defines zero degrees of flexion, and the first curved femoral surface section extends from a first degree of flexion of about 5 degrees to a second degree of flexion of about 65 degrees. In an embodiment, the first curved femoral surface section is defined by a plurality of rays extending from a common origin to a corresponding point on the second curved femoral surface section. Each ray has a length defined by the following polynomial equation: $r_{\text{sub.}\theta} = (a + (b \cdot \theta) + (c \cdot \theta^2) + (d \cdot \theta^3))$, wherein $r_{\text{sub.}\theta}$ is the length of the ray defining a point on the second curved femoral surface section at θ degrees of flexion, a is a coefficient value between 20 and 50, and b is a coefficient value in a range selected from the group consisting of: $-0.30 < b < 0.00$, $0.00 < b < 0.30$, and $b = 0$, wherein when b is in the range of $-0.30 < b < 0.00$, (i) c is a coefficient value between 0.00 and 0.012 and (ii) d is a coefficient value between -0.00015 and 0.00, wherein when b is in the range of $0 < b < 0.30$, (i) c is a coefficient value between -0.010 and 0.00 and (ii) d is a coefficient value between -0.00015 and 0.00, and wherein when b is equal to 0, (i) c is a coefficient value in a range selected from the group consisting of: $-0.0020 < c < 0.00$ and $0.00 < c < 0.0025$ and (ii) d is a coefficient value between -0.00015 and 0.00.

[0064] In an embodiment, the plurality of curved femoral surface sections includes a second curved femoral surface section posteriorly adjacent the first curved femoral section, wherein the second curved femoral surface section is defined by a constant radius of curvature greater than a posterior-most radii of curvature of the first curved femoral surface section. In an embodiment, the second curved femoral surface section extends from a first degree of flexion of about 65 degrees to a second degree of flexion of about 90.

[0065] According to another aspect, an orthopaedic knee prosthesis includes a femoral component having a lateral condyle and a medial condyle and a tibial insert having a lateral articular surface configured to articulate with the lateral condyle of the femoral component and a medial articular surface configured to articulate with the medial condyle of the femoral component. The medial

condyle includes a femoral articular surface defined by a plurality of curved femoral surface sections that includes a first curved femoral surface section defined by a continually decreasing radius of curvature. The lateral articular surface includes an arcuate articular path extending in an anterior-posterior direction, wherein the arcuate articular path when viewed in a cross-section plane has a curvature that includes a planar section and wherein the planar section defines a distal-most area of the lateral articular surface. The medial articular surface is asymmetrically shaped relative to the lateral articular surface and includes a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point of the medial condyle surface, and wherein the medial dwell point is located on the medial condyle surface (i) between a first imaginary medial-lateral bisecting line of the tibial insert that includes an anterior-most end of the planar section of the sagittal curvature of the lateral articular surface and a second imaginary medial-lateral bisecting line of the tibial insert that includes a posterior-most end of the planar section of the sagittal curvature of the lateral articular surface and (ii) posterior to an anterior-posterior midpoint of the planar section of the sagittal curvature of the lateral articular surface.

[0066] In an embodiment, the medial condyle of femoral component includes a sagittal convex curvature and the medial articular surface includes a sagittal concave curvature, and wherein a sagittal conformity between the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface and sagittal concave curvature of the medial condyle is greater at a first degree of flexion of the femoral condyle than at extension. In an embodiment, the first degree of flexion is about 30 degrees.

[0067] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a sagittal concave curvature, wherein at the medial dwell point the sagittal concave curvature has a first sagittal conformity with the medial condyle at a first degree of flexion of the femoral component, wherein at a location on the medial articular surface that is anterior of the medial dwell point the sagittal concave curvature has a second sagittal conformity with the medial condyle at the first degree of flexion, and wherein the second sagittal conformity is greater than the first sagittal conformity.

[0068] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a coronal concave curvature, wherein at the medial dwell point the coronal concave curvature has a first coronal conformity with the medial condyle at the first degree of flexion, wherein at the location on the medial articular surface that is anterior of the medial dwell point the coronal concave curvature has a second coronal conformity with the medial condyle at the first degree of flexion, and wherein the second coronal conformity is greater than the first coronal conformity. In an embodiment, the medial articular surface is non-uniform anterior of the medial dwell point and uniform posterior of the medial dwell point.

[0069] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a coronal concave curvature and a coronal conformity between the coronal concave curvature and the medial condyle is greater when the femoral component is positioned at extension than when the femoral component is positioned at a later degree of flexion.

[0070] In an embodiment, the arcuate articular path of the lateral articular surface, when viewed in a cross-section plane, has a curvature that includes a semi-planar section, an anterior curved section located anterior of the planar section, and a plurality of posterior curved sections located posterior of the planar section. The semi-planar section defines a distal-most area of the lateral articular surface. In an embodiment, each posterior curved section is defined by a corresponding radius of curvature, and wherein the radii of curvature of the plurality of posterior curved sections decrease posteriorly.

[0071] In an embodiment, the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, when viewed in a sagittal plane, includes a plurality of curved sections and wherein the medial dwell point is located on the sagittal concave curvature. The plurality of curved sections includes a first curved section adjacent to the medial dwell point and extending posterior therefrom, a second curved section adjacent the medial dwell point and extending anterior therefrom, a third curved section adjacent to the second curved section and extending anterior therefrom, a fourth curved

section adjacent to the third curved section and extending anterior therefrom, and a fifth curved section adjacent the fourth curved section and extending anterior therefrom. A radius of curvature of the first curved section is greater than a radius of curvature of the second curved section and wherein a radius of curvature of the third curved section is less than the radius of curvature of the second curved section, less than a radius of curvature of the fourth curved section, and less than a radius of the fifth radius of curvature.

[0072] In an embodiment, the medial articular surface includes a coronal concave curvature that is defined by a plurality of coronal curvatures including a first coronal curvature that crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at the medial dwell point, a second coronal curvature located anteriorly to the first coronal curvature, a third coronal curvature located anteriorly to the second coronal curvature, wherein each of the first, second, and third coronal curvatures are different from each other.

[0073] In an embodiment, the second coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at a posterior-most point of the third curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the second coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from a lateral end of the planar section, and wherein a radius of curvature of the first coronal curved section is less than a radius of curvature of the second coronal curved section.

[0074] In an embodiment, the third coronal curvature crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at an anterior-most point of the fourth curved section of the plurality of curved sections that define the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface, wherein the third coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from the lateral end of the planar section.

[0075] In an embodiment, the tibial insert further includes a first portion of a locking mechanism located on a bottom surface of the tibial insert, wherein the first portion of the locking mechanism is configured to mate with a second portion of the locking mechanism located on a tibial base to secure the tibial insert to the tibial base.

[0076] In an embodiment, a distal-most point of the femoral articular surface when the femoral component is in extension defines zero degrees of flexion. The first curved femoral surface section extends from a first degree of flexion of about 5 degrees to a second degree of flexion of about 65 degrees. In an embodiment, the first curved femoral surface section is defined by a plurality of rays extending from a common origin to a corresponding point on the second curved femoral surface section. Each ray has a length defined by the following polynomial equation: $r_{\theta} = (a + (b \cdot \theta) + (c \cdot \theta^2) + (d \cdot \theta^3))$, wherein r_{θ} is the length of the ray defining a point on the second curved femoral surface section at θ degrees of flexion, a is a coefficient value between 20 and 50, and b is a coefficient value in a range selected from the group consisting of: $-0.30 < b < 0.00$, $0.00 < b < 0.30$, and $b = 0$, wherein when b is in the range of $-0.30 < b < 0.00$, (i) c is a coefficient value between 0.00 and 0.012 and (ii) d is a coefficient value between -0.00015 and 0.00, wherein when b is in the range of $0 < b < 0.30$, (i) c is a coefficient value between -0.010 and 0.00 and (ii) d is a coefficient value between -0.00015 and 0.00, and wherein when b is equal to 0, (i) c is a coefficient value in a range selected from the group consisting of: $-0.0020 < c < 0.00$ and $0.00 < c < 0.0025$ and (ii) d is a coefficient value between -0.00015 and 0.00.

[0077] In an embodiment, the plurality of curved femoral surface sections includes a second curved femoral surface section posteriorly adjacent the first curved femoral section, wherein the second curved femoral surface section is defined by a constant radius of curvature greater than a posterior-most radii of curvature of the first curved femoral surface section. In an embodiment, the second

curved femoral surface section extends from a first degree of flexion of about 65 degrees to a second degree of flexion of about 90.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0078] The detailed description particularly refers to the following figures, in which:

[0079] FIG. 1 is an exploded perspective view of an embodiment of an orthopaedic knee prosthesis;

[0080] FIG. 2 is lateral perspective view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. 1 in an assembled configuration;

[0081] FIG. 3 is an anterior elevation view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. 1;

[0082] FIG. 4 is a side elevation view of an embodiment of a femoral component of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. 1;

[0083] FIG. 5 is a table of an embodiment of ending degrees of flexion for radii of curvature for a family of femoral component sizes of the femoral component of FIG. 4;

[0084] FIG. 6 is a table of an embodiment of radii of curvature length values and corresponding ratios for a family of femoral component sizes of the femoral component of FIG. 4;

[0085] FIG. 7 is a table of an embodiment of coefficient values of a polynomial equation that may define a curved surface section of one or more condyle surfaces of the femoral component of FIG. 4;

[0086] FIG. 8 is a superior plan view of a tibial insert of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. 1 illustrating a lateral arcuate articular path;

[0087] FIG. 9 is another superior plan view of the tibial insert of FIG. 8 illustrating a lateral dwell region;

[0088] FIG. 10 is an inferior perspective view of the tibial insert of FIG. 8;

[0089] FIG. 11 is an inferior plan view of the tibial insert of FIG. 8;

[0090] FIG. 12 is an anterior elevation view of the tibial insert of FIG. 8;

[0091] FIG. 13 is a posterior elevation view of the tibial insert of FIG. 8;

[0092] FIG. 14 is a lateral elevation view of the tibial insert of FIG. 8;

[0093] FIG. 15 is a medial elevation view of the tibial insert of FIG. 8;

[0094] FIG. 16 is a cross-sectional view of a lateral articulation surface of the tibial insert of FIG. 8 in a illustrating a lateral dwell region;

[0095] FIG. 17 is a cross-sectional view of a medial articulation surface of the tibial insert of FIG. 8 in a sagittal plane illustrating a medial dwell point;

[0096] FIG. 18 is a perspective view of the tibial insert of FIG. 8 illustrating sagittal and coronal curvatures of the articular surfaces of the tibial insert;

[0097] FIG. 19 is a superior plan view of the tibial insert of FIG. 8 showing several cross-sectional cut lines;

[0098] FIG. 20 is a cross-sectional view of a lateral articulation surface of an embodiment of the tibial insert of FIG. 8 in a complex plane along the line 20-20 in FIG. 19;

[0099] FIG. 21 is a cross-sectional view of a lateral articulation surface of another embodiment of the tibial insert of FIG. 8 in a complex plane along the line 20-20 in FIG. 19;

[0100] FIG. 22 is a cross-sectional view of a medial articulation surface of an embodiment of the tibial insert of FIG. 8 in a sagittal plane along the line 22-22 in

[0101] FIG. 19;

[0102] FIG. 23 is a cross-sectional view of the lateral articulation surface of an embodiment of the tibial insert of FIG. 8 in a coronal plane along the line 23-23 in

[0103] FIG. 19;

[0104] FIG. **24** is a cross-sectional view of the medial articulation surface of an embodiment of the tibial insert of FIG. **8** in a coronal plane along the line **24-24** in FIG. **19**;

[0105] FIG. **25** is a cross-sectional view of the medial articulation surface of another embodiment of the tibial insert of FIG. **8** in a coronal plane along the line **24-24** in FIG. **19**;

[0106] FIG. **26** is another cross-sectional view of the medial articulation surface of an embodiment of the tibial insert of FIG. **8** in a coronal plane along the line **26-26** in FIG. **19**;

[0107] FIG. **27** is another cross-sectional view of the medial articulation surface of an embodiment of the tibial insert of FIG. **8** in a coronal plane along the line **27-27** in FIG. **19**;

[0108] FIG. **28** is a medial elevation view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **1** at about 0 degrees of flexion;

[0109] FIG. **29** is a medial elevation view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **1** at about 35 degrees of flexion;

[0110] FIG. **30** is a medial elevation view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **1** at about 90 degrees of flexion;

[0111] FIG. **31** is a medial elevation view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **1** at about 110 degrees of flexion;

[0112] FIG. **32** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **28** in a coronal plan along the line **32-32** in FIG. **28**;

[0113] FIG. **33** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **28** in a transverse plane along the line **33-33** in FIG. **28**;

[0114] FIG. **34** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **28** in a sagittal plan along a medial dwell point of a medial articular surface of the tibial insert of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **28**;

[0115] FIG. **35** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **29** in a coronal plan along the line **35-35** in FIG. **29**;

[0116] FIG. **36** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **29** in a transverse plane along the line **36-36** in FIG. **29**;

[0117] FIG. **37** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **29** in a sagittal plan along a medial dwell point of a medial articular surface of the tibial insert of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **29**;

[0118] FIG. **38** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **30** in a coronal plan along the line **38-38** in FIG. **30**;

[0119] FIG. **39** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **30** in a transverse plane along the line **39-39** in FIG. **30**;

[0120] FIG. **40** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **30** in a sagittal plan along a medial dwell point of a medial articular surface of the tibial insert of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **30**;

[0121] FIG. **41** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **31** in a coronal plan along the line **41-41** in FIG. **31**;

[0122] FIG. **42** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **31** in a transverse plane along the line **42-42** in FIG. **31**;

[0123] FIG. **43** is a cross-sectional view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **31** in a sagittal plan along a medial dwell point of a medial articular surface of the tibial insert of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **31**;

[0124] FIG. **44** is a lateral elevation view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **1** flexed to a degree of flexion and showing a point of contact defined by a radius of curvature; and

[0125] FIG. **45** is a lateral elevation view of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis of FIG. **1** flexed to a degree of flexion slightly greater than FIG. **44** and showing another point of contact defined by another radius of curvature.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0126] While the concepts of the present disclosure are susceptible to various modifications and alternative forms, specific illustrative embodiments thereof have been shown by way of example in the drawings and will herein be described in detail. It should be understood, however, that there is no intent to limit the concepts of the present disclosure to the particular forms disclosed, but on the contrary, the intention is to cover all modifications, equivalents, and alternatives falling within the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

[0127] Terms representing anatomical references, such as anterior, posterior, medial, lateral, superior, inferior, etcetera, may be used throughout the specification in reference to the orthopaedic implants and/or surgical instruments described herein as well as in reference to the patient's natural anatomy. Such terms have well-understood meanings in both the study of anatomy and the field of orthopaedics. Use of such anatomical reference terms in the written description and claims is intended to be consistent with their well-understood meanings unless noted otherwise. Additionally, the term “about” may be used in the specification in reference to certain measurements that are defined within manufacturing tolerances. That is, the provided measurements and/or numerical values may deviate, in practice, due to tolerances inherent in the machine or fabrication process.

[0128] References in the specification to “one embodiment,” “an embodiment,” “an illustrative embodiment,” etc., indicate that the embodiment described may include a particular feature, structure, or characteristic, but every embodiment may or may not necessarily include that particular feature, structure, or characteristic. Moreover, such phrases are not necessarily referring to the same embodiment. Further, when a particular feature, structure, or characteristic is described in connection with an embodiment, it is submitted that it is within the knowledge of one skilled in the art to effect such feature, structure, or characteristic in connection with other embodiments whether or not explicitly described. Additionally, it should be appreciated that items included in a list in the form of “at least one A, B, and C” can mean (A); (B); (C); (A and B); (A and C); (B and C); or (A, B, and C). Similarly, items listed in the form of “at least one of A, B, or C” can mean (A); (B); (C); (A and B); (A and C); (B and C); or (A, B, and C).

[0129] In the drawings, some structural or method features may be shown in specific arrangements and/or orderings. However, it should be appreciated that such specific arrangements and/or orderings may not be required. Rather, in some embodiments, such features may be arranged in a different manner and/or order than shown in the illustrative figures. Additionally, the inclusion of a structural or method feature in a particular figure is not meant to imply that such feature is required in all embodiments and, in some embodiments, may not be included or may be combined with other features.

[0130] Referring now to FIGS. 1-3, in an illustrative embodiment, an orthopaedic knee prosthesis **100** includes a femoral component **102** and a tibial insert **104**. Additionally, the orthopaedic knee prosthesis **100** may include a tibial tray (not shown) to which the tibial insert **104** is coupled during use. The femoral component **102** (and the tibial tray) are illustratively formed from a metallic material such as cobalt-chromium or titanium, but may be formed from other materials, such as a ceramic material, a polymer material, a bio-engineered material, or the like, in other embodiments. The tibial insert **104** is illustratively formed from a polymer material such as an ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE), but may be formed from other materials, such as a ceramic material, a metallic material, a bio-engineered material, or the like, in other embodiments.

[0131] The femoral component **102** is configured to be coupled to a surgically-prepared surface of the distal end of a patient's femur (not shown), and the tibial insert **104** is configured to be coupled to a surgically-prepared surface of the proximal end of a patient's tibia (not shown) via, for example, a tibial tray (not shown). Alternatively, in other embodiments, the tibial insert **104** may be configured to attach to the surgically-prepared surface of the proximal end of the patient's tibia directly, without use of a tibial tray. For example, the tibial insert **104** and a polymer “tray” may be combined into a single polymeric component.

[0132] In use, the femoral component **102** is configured to articulate with the tibial insert **104**. To

do so, the femoral component includes an outer, articulating surface **110** having a lateral condyle **112** and a medial condyle **114**. Similarly, the tibial insert **104** includes an articular surface **120** having lateral articular surface **122** and a medial articular surface **124**. As such, the lateral condyle **112** is configured to articulate with the lateral articular surface **122**, and the medial condyle **114** is configured to articulate with a medial articular surface **124** of the tibial insert as shown in FIGS. **28-31**.

[0133] As discussed in more detail below, each of the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** include articular curvatures and related features that facilitate or promote pivoting of the lateral condyle **112** on the lateral articular surface **122**, while limiting or reducing anterior translation of the medial condyle **114** on the medial articular surface **124** during flexion. For example, one or both of the condyles **112**, **114** include a sagittal condylar surface having a curved surface section defined by a continuously decreasing radius of curvature. Additionally, the medial articular surface **124** has a concave sagittal curvature that is overall more conforming with a convex sagittal curvature of the medial condyle **114** at a degree of mid-flexion (e.g., 30 degrees) than at extension. The lateral and medial articular surfaces **122**, **124** of the tibial insert **104** are also asymmetrically shaped to provide asymmetric pivoting of the femoral component **102** on the tibial insert **104**. Additionally, the lateral articular surface **122** and the lateral condyle **112** may be less conforming with each other than the medial articular surface **124** and the medial condyle **114**. Furthermore, as discussed below, the coronal curvature of the lateral articular surface **122** is uniform in the anterior-posterior direction, while the coronal curvature of the medial articular surface **124** is non-uniform in the anterior-posterior direction (e.g., the coronal curvature of the medial articular surface **124** is defined by multiple, different coronal curvatures). Additionally, the medial articular surface **124** may be more conforming with the medial condyle **114** in extension, compared to flexion and more conforming anterior of a dwell point of the medial condyle **114** (see discussion of FIGS. **18-27** below) than at the dwell point, due to the sagittal shape of the medial articular surface **124**. It should be appreciated that the sagittal curvature of the femoral condyles **112**, **114**, the overall sagittal conformity between the medial condyle **114** and the medial articular surface **124**, the asymmetry of the lateral and medial articular surfaces **122**, **124**, the increased conformity in extension and anterior of the dwell point of the medial condyle **114** improves the stability of the orthopaedic knee prosthesis **100**, facilitates pivoting of the lateral femoral condyle **112**, and reduces or restricts medial anterior translation of the femur.

[0134] As discussed above, the femoral component **102** is configured to be coupled to a surgically-prepared surface of the distal end of a patient's femur (not shown) and may be secured to the patient's femur via use of bone adhesive or other attachment means. The femoral component **102** includes the lateral condyle **112** and the medial condyle **114**, which are spaced apart to define an intercondylar opening **116** therebetween. In use, the condyles **112**, **114** replace the natural condyles of the patient's femur and are configured to articulate on the corresponding lateral and medial articular surfaces **122**, **124** of the tibial insert **104** as discussed above.

[0135] Referring now to FIG. **4**, one or both of the condyles **112**, **114** of the femoral component **102** include a condyle surface **400**, which is convexly curved in the sagittal plane. Illustratively, the condyle surface **400** is formed from a number of curved surface sections **402**, **404**, **406**, **408**, **410**, and **412** each of which is tangent to the adjacent curved surface section. Each curved surface sections **402**, **404**, **406**, **408**, **410**, and **412** contacts the tibial bearing insert through different ranges of degrees of flexion. For example, the curved surface sections **402**, **404** of the condyle surface **400** contact the tibial insert **104** during early flexion. The curved surface sections **406**, **408** of the condyle surface **400** contact the tibial insert **104** during mid-flexion. And, the curved surface sections **410**, **412** of the condyle surface **400** contact the tibial insert **104** during late flexion.

[0136] Each curved surface sections **402**, **406**, **408**, **410**, and **412** is defined by a constant radius of curvature R1, R3, R4, R5, and R6, respectively. However, as discussed in more detail below, the curved surface section **404** is defined by a plurality of rays, rather than a constant radius of

curvature. In particular, the curved surface section **3604** is designed to transition gradually the condyle surface **400** from the radius of curvature R1 of the curved surface section **402** to a radius of curvature R2, which is tangent to the curved surface section **406**. As such, the curved surface section **3604** has a continuously decreasing radius of curvature.

[0137] In the illustrative embodiment as shown in table **500** of FIG. 5, the curved surface section **402** defined by the radius of curvature R1 ranges from a first degree of flexion of -5 degrees to a second degree of flexion of 5 degrees. The curved section **404** defined by the radius of curvature R2 ranges from a first degree of flexion of 5 degrees to a second degree of flexion of 65 degrees. The curved section **406** defined by the radius of curvature R3 ranges from a first degree of flexion of 65 degrees to a second degree of flexion of 90 degrees. The curved section **408** defined by the radius of curvature R4 ranges from a first degree of flexion of 90 degrees to a second degree of flexion of 105 degrees. The curved section **410** defined by the radius of curvature R5 ranges from a first degree of flexion of 105 degrees to a second degree of flexion of 120 degrees. And, the curved section **412** defined by the radius of curvature R6 ranges from a first degree of flexion of 120 degrees to a second degree of flexion of 163 degrees (or 155 degrees depending on the size). In other embodiments, any of the curved surface sections **402**, **406**, **408**, **410**, and **412** have range across a different number of degrees.

[0138] As shown in FIG. 6, a table **600** defines the length of each radius of curvature R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, and R6, for a family of femoral component sizes 1 through 10. As illustrated in the table **600**, while the particular length of each radius of curvature R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6 for each size 1-10 of the femoral component **102** may vary across sizes, the ratios of R1/R2, R1/R3, and R1/R4 are relatively constant, or vary slightly, across the femoral component sizes. For example, the ratio of the radius of curvature R1 to the radius of curvature R2 may vary in a range of about 1.347 to 1.355, to maintain a value of about 1.350 across the femoral component sizes 1 through 10. Similarly, the ratio of the radius of curvature R1 to the radius of curvature R3 may vary in a range of about 1.277 to 1.278, to maintain a value of about 1.280 across the femoral component sizes 1 through 10. Furthermore, the ratio of the radius of curvature R1 to the radius of curvature R4 may be maintained at a value of about 1.305 across the femoral component sizes 1 through 10.

[0139] It should also be appreciated that the condyle surface **400** of the femoral component **102** is designed such that the radius of curvature R3 is greater than the radius of curvature R2 by an amount in the range of about 0.5 millimeters to about 5 millimeters in some embodiments. As discussed below, the particular amount of increase may be based on the size of the femoral component in some embodiments. Additionally, based on the above analysis, the condyle surface **400** is designed such that the increase in the radius of curvature from R2 to R3 occurs at a degree of flexion in the range of about 45 degrees to about 90 degrees. In one particular embodiment, the increase in radius of curvature from R2 to R3 occurs at about 65 degrees of flexion on the condyle surface **400**.

[0140] As discussed above, the curved surface section **404** is designed to provide a gradual transition from the radius of curvature R1 to the radius of curvature R2. As such, the size of the angle defined by the curved surface section **404** may be selected based on the desired rate of transition. For example, in some embodiments, the condyle surface **400** of the femoral component **102** is designed such that the curved surface section **404** extends from a first degree of flexion in the range of about 0.0 to about 30.0 degrees to a second degree of flexion in the range of about 45.0 to about 90.0 degrees of flexion. In one particular embodiment, the curved surface section **404** extends from about 5.0 degrees of flexion to about 65.0 degrees of flexion, as discussed above.

[0141] It should be appreciated that the particular amount of increase in the radius of curvature R2 to R3 of the condyle surface **400** of the femoral component **102** and/or the positioning of such increase on the condyle surface **400** may also be based on, scaled, or otherwise affected by the size of the femoral component **102**. That is, it should be appreciated that an increase of the radius of curvature R2 to R3 of the condyle surface **400** of 0.5 millimeters is a relatively larger increase in

small-sized femoral components compared to larger-sized femoral components. As such, the magnitude of the increase in the radius of curvature R2 to R3 of the condyle surface **400** of the femoral component **102** may change across femoral component sizes. In some embodiments, however, the ratios of the radius of curvatures R1 to the radius of curvatures R2, R3, and R4 are maintained at a substantially constant value across the family of femoral component sizes.

[0142] As discussed above, the curved surface section **404** is designed to provide a gradual transition from the radius of curvature R1 to the radius of curvature R2. To do so, the curved surface section **404** is defined by a plurality of rays **420**, which originate from a common origin O. Each of the plurality of rays **420** defines a respective contact point on the curved surface section **404**. The location of each of those contact points, which collectively define the curved surface section **404**, can be determined based on the length of each ray **420** at each degree of flexion according to the following polynomial equation:

[00001] $r_{\theta} = (a + (b * \theta) + (c * \theta^2) + (d * \theta^3))$, (3) [0143] wherein “r.sub.θ” is the length of a ray **420** (in metric units) defining a contact point on the curved surface section **404** at “θ” degrees of flexion, “a” is a scalar value between 20 and 50, and “b” is a coefficient value selected such that:

[00002] $-0.30 < b < 0.$, (4) $0. < b < 0.30$, or $b = 0$

[0144] If the selected coefficient “b” is in the range of $-0.30 < b < 0.00$, then coefficients “c” and “d” are selected such that:

[00003] $0. < c < 0.012$, and (5) $-0.00015 < d < 0.$.

[0145] Alternatively, if the selected coefficient “b” is in the range of $0.00 < b < 0.30$, then coefficients “c” and “d” are selected such that:

[00004] $-0.010 < c < 0.$, and (6) $-0.0015 < d < 0.00$.

[0146] Further, if the selected coefficient “b” is equal to 0, then coefficients “c” and “d” are selected such that:

[00005] $-0.0020 < c < 0.00$, or (7) $0. < c < 0.0025$, and $-0.0015 < d < 0.00$.

[0147] It should be appreciated that ranges of values for the scalar “a” and coefficients “b”, “c”, and “d” are a subset of an infinite number of possible solutions for the polynomial equation (3). That is, the particular set of ranges provided above have been determined from an infinite number of possibilities to generate a family of curves (i.e., the curved surface section **404**) that provide a gradual transitioning of the condyle surface **400** from the radius of curvature R1 to the radius of curvature R2 such that anterior translation of the femoral component **102** relative to the tibial insert **104** (e.g., anterior translation of the medial side) is reduced or delayed. Additionally, it should be appreciated that the range of values for each coefficient “a”, “b”, “c”, and “d” are provided above in regard to embodiments designed using the metric system of units. However, such range of coefficient values may be converted for use in embodiments using other systems of units such as the English system of units.

[0148] The overall shape of the curved surface section **404** is also affected by the placement of the common origin O of the plurality of rays **420**. By limiting the distance between the common origin O of the plurality of rays **420** and the origin **422** of the radius of curvature R1, which defines the early flexion curved surface section **402**, paradoxical anterior sliding of the femoral component **102** on the tibial insert **104** may be reduced or delayed. As such, in one embodiment, the location of the common origin O of the plurality of rays **420** is selected such that the distance between the common origin O and the origin **422** of the radius of curvature R1 is less than about 10 millimeters. It should be appreciated that the distance between the common origin O and the origin **422** of the radius of curvature R1 and the particular coefficient values may be dependent upon the particular size of the femoral component **102** in some embodiments. An illustrative embodiment of distances between the common origin O and the origin **422** of the radius of curvature R1 and the particular

coefficient values for equation (3) are shown in table **700** of FIG. **7**.

[0149] In other embodiments, the curved surface section **404** may be designed to provide a gradual transition from the radius of curvature **R1** to the radius of curvature **R2** using other geometry. For example, the radii forming the curved surface section **404** may not have common origin but may be of the same length. In such embodiment, the origin of each radii is moved along a spiral to provide a gradual transition from the radius of curvature **R1** to the radius of curvature **R2**. Additionally, in yet other embodiments, the curved surface section **404** may be formed from a plurality of small curved sections each having a small arc length (e.g., 1 degree) and each defined by a constant radius that decreases relative to the anterior-most adjacent small curved section.

[0150] Referring now to FIGS. **8-18**, the illustrative tibial insert **104** includes a body **800**, which includes the asymmetrical lateral and medial articular surfaces **122**, **124**. The medial articular surface **124** includes a dwell point **802**, which defines a distal most point of the medial articular surface **124** and, generally, the contact point or region at which the medial condyle **114** of the femoral component **102** contacts the medial articular surface **124** during articulation (although some contact between the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** may occur anterior to the medial dwell point **802** at some degrees flexion and depending on loading of the femoral component **102** and tibial insert **104**).

[0151] Illustratively, the dwell point **802** is located on the medial articular surface **124** in relation to an anterior sidewall **810** of the body **800** of the tibial insert **104**. For example, in the illustrative embodiment, the dwell point **802** is located on the medial articular surface **124** a distance **820** that is about 63.3% of the overall medial anterior-posterior length **822**, which is defined as the distance from an anterior-most point on the anterior sidewall **810** to a posterior-most point on a posterior sidewall **812** of the body **800** of the tibial insert **104** on the medial side (i.e., measured across the medial articular surface **124**). It should be appreciated that in some embodiments, the lateral articular surface **122** and the medial articular surface **124** may have different anterior-posterior lengths due to different posterior-most points on the posterior sidewall **812**.

[0152] Unlike the dwell point **802** of the medial articular surface **124**, the lateral articular surface **122** includes a dwell region **804** (shown as a solid line in FIG. **8**), which defines a distal-most region of the lateral articular surface **122**. The dwell region **804** is embodied as a region of contact because the dwell region **804** corresponds to a semi-planar or semi-flat section of the “sagittal” curvature of the lateral articular surface **122**. As used herein, the term “semi-planar” refers to a section that is either planar or is otherwise defined by a radius that is at least three times the length of the radius of curvature of the adjacent curved section as discussed in more detail below. That is, the dwell region **804** may be embodied as a surface section that is defined by a large enough radius of curvature that the curvature of the dwell region **804** approximates a planar section when viewed in a cross-section taken along the arcuate articular path **806**.

[0153] The dwell region **804** lies on an arcuate articular path **806** of the lateral articular surface **122**, which defines a path of contact points between the lateral condyle **112** of the femoral component **102** and the lateral articular surface **122** through flexion of the femoral component **102** (although the lateral condyle **112** may not travel the complete arcuate articular path **806** during normal flexion). The arcuate path **806** is defined by a radius of curvature **808**, which has an origin congruent with the dwell point **802** of the medial articular surface **124** or within a reference distance thereof. In the illustrative embodiment, the length of the radius of curvature **808** is design to match, within manufacturing tolerances, the pitch of the condyles **112**, **114** of the femoral component **102** (i.e., the distance between the distal-most points on each condyle **112**, **114**). As such, the curvature of the lateral articular surface **122** is designed to allow the femoral component **102** to pivot or rotate, relative to the dwell point **802**, along the arcuate articular path **806** during flexion of the femoral component **102**. That is, as the femoral component **102** is moved from extension through flexion, the contact point between the lateral condyle **112** of the femoral component **102** and the lateral articular surface **122** moves posteriorly along the arcuate path **806**.

[0154] Similar to the dwell point **802**, the dwell point **804** is illustratively located on the lateral articular surface **122** in relation to the anterior sidewall **810** of the body **800** of the tibial insert **104**. For example, in the illustrative embodiment, the dwell point **804** is located on the lateral articular surface **122** a distance **920** that is about 62.6% of the overall lateral anterior-posterior length **922**, which is defined as the distance from an anterior-most point on the anterior sidewall **810** to a posterior-most point on a posterior sidewall **812** of the body **800** of the tibial insert **104** on the lateral side (i.e., measured across the lateral articular surface **122**). Again, it should be appreciated that in some embodiments, the lateral articular surface **122** and the medial articular surface **124** may have different anterior-posterior lengths due to different posterior-most points on the posterior sidewall **812**.

[0155] Additionally, as shown in FIG. **9**, the dwell point **802** of the medial articular surface **124** is spatially related to the dwell region **804** of the lateral articular surface **122**. Specifically, the dwell region **804** has a length **900** defined as the distance between an anterior-most end **902** of the dwell region **804** (shown as a solid point on FIG. **9**) and a posterior-most end **904** of the dwell region **804** (also shown as a solid point on FIG. **9**), and the dwell point **802** is located on the medial articular surface **124** between the anterior-most end **902** and the posterior-most end **904** of the dwell region **804**. That is the dwell point **804** is located on the medial articular surface **124** between an anterior, imaginary medial-lateral bisecting line **910** that includes the anterior-most end **902** of the dwell region **804** and a posterior, imaginary medial-lateral bisecting line **912** that includes the posterior-most end **904** of the dwell region **804**. Additionally, as shown in FIG. **9**, the dwell point **804** is located on the medial articular surface **124** posterior to a midpoint **906** of the dwell region **804** (shown as a solid point on FIG. **9**). That is the dwell point **804** is located on the medial articular surface **124** posterior to an imaginary medial-lateral bisecting line **914** that includes the midpoint **906** of the dwell region **804**.

[0156] As shown in FIGS. **10** and **11**, the body **800** of the tibial insert **104** includes a bottom side **1000**, which is configured to confront a platform of a tibial tray (not shown) during implantation as discussed above. The illustrative tibial insert **104** includes a posterior channel **1002** sized and shaped to receive a posterior buttress of the tibial tray. The posterior channel **1002** is defined by sidewalls **1004**, which includes flanges **1006** that extend inwardly into the posterior channel **1002** and are positioned to be received in undercuts of the corresponding tibial tray. The tibial insert **104** also includes an anterior channel **1010** that is sized and shaped to receive an anterior buttress of the corresponding tibial tray. In this way, the channels **1002**, **1010** cooperate with features of the corresponding tibial tray to lock the tibial insert **104** onto the tibial tray in a single orientation relative to the tibial tray. It should be appreciated that in other embodiments the tibial insert **104** and a corresponding tibial tray may include mobile bearing interface that allows the tibial insert **104** to move independent of the corresponding tibial tray. Additionally, as discussed above, the tibial insert **104** may be configured to attach directly to the patient's tibia in some embodiments. In such embodiments, the tibial insert **104** may not include the features described above for coupling to a tibial tray and may include other geometry that allows for implantation of the tibial insert **104** directly onto the patient's bony anatomy.

[0157] As discussed above, the medial articular surface **124** and the lateral articular surface **122** are asymmetric to each other. For example, as best shown in FIGS. **12-17**, the medial articular surface **124** has an anterior lip that is higher than an anterior lip of the lateral articular surface **122**. For example, as shown in FIG. **16**, the lateral articular surface **122** includes a lateral anterior lip **1600**, which defines the lip or rim of the anterior sidewall **810** on the lateral side. The lateral anterior lip **1600** has a lip height **1602** defined by a vertical distance (i.e., an inferior-superior distance) between the lateral dwell point/region **804** of the tibial insert **104** and the lateral anterior lip **1600**. Similarly, as shown in FIG. **17**, the medial articular surface **124** includes a medial anterior lip **1700**, which defines the lip or rim of the anterior sidewall **810** on the medial side. The medial anterior lip **1700** has a lip height **1702** defined by a vertical distance (i.e., an inferior-superior distance)

between the medial dwell point **802** of the tibial insert **104** and the medial anterior lip **1700**. In the illustrative embodiment, the lip height **1702** of the medial anterior lip **1700** is greater than the lip height **1602** of the lateral anterior lip **1600**.

[0158] Additionally, the dwell point **802** of the medial articular surface **124** is positioned such that a ratio between the distance **1710** of the medial dwell point **802** and the anterior sidewall **810** to the lip height **1702** is relatively constant across sizes of the tibial insert **104**. For example, in one illustrative embodiment, the ratio between the lip height **1702** to the dwell point distance **1710** is in the range of 18.9% to 20.9%, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**.

[0159] Referring now to FIGS. **18-27**, as discussed above the lateral and medial articular surfaces **122**, **124** have different contours such that the articular surfaces **122**, **124** are asymmetric with each other. For example, as shown in FIG. **18**, the lateral articular surface **122** includes a concave curvature **1802** when viewed in an anterior-posterior complex cross-section taken along the arcuate articular path **806**. It should be appreciated that the anterior-posterior complex concave curvature **1802** of the arcuate articular path **806** does not lie on a single sagittal plane due to the arcuate shape of the arcuate articular path **806** when viewed in a transverse plane. Additionally, the lateral articular surface **122** has a concave curvature **1812** when viewed in a cross-section taken orthogonal to the arcuate articular path **806**. The cross-sectional concave curvature **1812** is uniform at each point along the arcuate articular path **806** (shown in FIG. **18** by multiple concave curvatures **1812**). That is, the cross-section concave curvature **1812** of the arcuate articular path **806** is uniform along the arcuate articular path **806** in the general anterior-to-posterior direction (which also curves in the medial-lateral direction due to the arcuate shape of the arcuate articular path **806**). Again, it should be appreciated that the cross-section concave curvature **1812** does not lie directly on the coronal planes of the lateral articular surface **122** due to the arcuate shape of the arcuate articular path **806** when viewed in a transverse plane.

[0160] Conversely, the medial articular surface **124** is defined by a sagittal concave curvature **1804** and a plurality of non-uniform coronal curvatures **1814**, **1824**, **1834**. However, as indicated in FIG. **18**, the coronal curvature of the medial articular surface **124** is uniform posteriorly of the medial dwell point **802** and defined by the coronal curvature **1814**. Conversely, anterior of the medial dwell point **802**, the coronal curvature of the medial articular surface is non-uniform and defined by the coronal curvatures **1824** and **1834**.

[0161] In some embodiments, the coronal conformity between the medial articular surface **124** and the medial condyle **114** is not uniform across the coronal curvatures **1814**, **1824**, **1834** and/or across degrees of flexion of the femoral component **102** on the tibial insert **104**. For example, in the illustrative embodiment, the coronal conformity between the medial articular surface **124** and the medial condyle **114** (i.e., the amount at which the radius of curvature defining the coronal curvature of the medial articular surface **124** at a particular contact point and the radius of curvature defining the contact point (or region) of the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** match) is less between the coronal curvature **1814** and the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** at a particular degree of flexion (e.g., at 30.0 degrees of flexion) than between the coronal curvature **1824** or **1834** and the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** at the particular degree of flexion. That is, at a particular degree of flexion, the coronal conformity between the coronal curvature **1824** and the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** is greater than the coronal conformity between the coronal curvature **1814** (e.g., at the medial dwell point **802**) and the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114**. While the coronal curvature of the medial articular surface **124** is design so as to avoid impingement and/or unintended contact between the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104**, it should also be appreciated that because the coronal conformity between the medial articular surface **124** and the medial condyle **114** increases anterior of the medial dwell point **802** at a particular degree of flexion (e.g., at 30.0 degrees of flexion), anterior translation of the medial condyle **114** may be limited, restricted, or otherwise reduced.

[0162] Referring now to FIG. **20**, an illustrative embodiment of the anterior-posterior complex

concave curvature **1802** of the lateral articular surface **122** is shown in a cross-section of the tibial insert **104** taken generally along the line **20-20** of FIG. **19** (i.e., along the arcuate articular path **806**). The illustrative anterior-posterior complex concave curvature **1802** includes a semi-planar section **2000** corresponding to the dwell region **804**, a first set of curved sections extending posteriorly of the flat section **2000** and an anterior curved section **2006** extending anteriorly of the flat section **2000**. The first set of curved sections illustratively include a first curved section **2002** and a second curved section **2004**.

[0163] As discussed above the flat section **2000** (i.e., the dwell region **804**) is semi-planar and extends from anterior-most end **902** to a posterior-most end **904**. Again, the flat section **2000** is “semi-planar” in that it may be defined as a planar section as shown in FIG. **20** or as a curved section having a radius that is sufficiently large so as to approximate a planar section. For example, in an illustrative embodiment, the flat section **2000** is defined by a large radius of curvature **2010** that has a length of at least three times the length of a radius of curvature that defines either adjacent curved section (i.e., curved section **2012** and curved section **2016**). In such embodiments, the flat section **2000** includes a dwell point **2090** that defines the distal-most point of the flat section **2000** and extends for about 1.15 degrees anterior of the dwell point **2090** and about 1.58 degrees posterior of the dwell point **2090** for a total arc length of about 2.73 degrees.

[0164] Illustratively, the first curved section **2002** of the first set of curved sections extends posteriorly from the posterior-most end **904** of the flat section **2000** for about 3.4 degrees and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2012**. The second curved section **2004** is adjacent to the first curved section **2002**, extends posteriorly therefrom for an arc length in the range of about 13.2 degrees to about 13.7 degrees depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**. The second curved section **2004** is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2014**. In an illustrative embodiment, the radius of curvature **2014** is less than the radius of curvature **2012** (i.e., the radii of curvature of the anterior-posterior complex concave curvature **1802** decrease posteriorly). In other embodiments, however, the first set of curved sections that extend posteriorly from the flat section **2000** may include additional curved sections to smoothly open up the posterior side of the anterior-posterior complex concave curvature **1802** and/or be defined by a gradually or continuously decreasing radii as discussed above in regard to the femoral component **102**.

[0165] The anterior curved section **2006** extends anteriorly from the anterior-most end **902** of the flat section **2000** for an arc length in the range of about 33.5 degrees to about 34.4 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**. In an illustrative embodiment, the radius of curvature **2016** is less than the radius of curvature **2012** and greater than the radius of curvature **2014**.

[0166] Referring now to FIG. **21**, in another embodiment, the anterior-posterior complex concave curvature **1802** may include a flat or planar section **2100** corresponding to the dwell region **804**, a first set of curved sections extending posteriorly of the flat section **2100** and a second set of curved sections extending anteriorly of the flat section **2100**. As discussed above the flat section **2100** (i.e., the dwell region **804**) extends from anterior-most end **902** to a posterior-most end **904**.

[0167] The first set of curved sections illustratively include a first curved section **2102**, a second curved section **2104**, a third curved section **2106**, and a fourth curved section **2108**. The first curved section **2102** extends for about 5.0 degrees and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2122**. The second curved section **2104** extends for about 5.0 degrees and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2124**. The third curved section **2106** extends for about 5.0 degrees and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2126**. And, the fourth curved section **2108** extends for 18.0 degrees and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2128**. In some embodiments, however, the first set of curved sections that extend posteriorly from the flat section **2100** may include additional curved sections to smoothly open up the posterior side of the anterior-posterior complex concave curvature **1802** and/or be defined by a gradually or continuously decreasing radii as discussed above in regard to the femoral component **102**. In an illustrative embodiment, the radii of curvature of the first set of curved sections increases posteriorly. That is, the radius of curvature

2128 is greater than the radius of curvature **2126**, which is greater than the radius of curvature **2124**, which is greater than the radius of curvature **2122**.

[0168] The second set of curved sections illustratively includes a fifth curved section **2110** and a sixth curved section **2112**. The fifth curved section **2110** extends for about 15.0 degrees and is defined by a radius of curvature **2130**. And, the sixth curved section **2112** extends for about 35.0 degrees and is defined by a radius of curvature **2132**. In an illustrative embodiment, the radius of curvature **2130** is greater than the radius of curvature **2132**.

[0169] Referring now to FIG. 22, an illustrative embodiment of the medial sagittal concave curvature **1804** of the tibial insert **104** is shown in a cross-section taken generally along the line 22-22 of FIG. 19, which generally matches the sagittal concave curvature **1804** of FIG. 18. The illustrative medial sagittal concave curvature **1804** includes a first curved section **2200**, a second curved section **2202** anteriorly adjacent the first curved section **2200**, third curved section **2204** anteriorly adjacent the second curved section **2202**, a fourth curved section **2206** anteriorly adjacent the third curved section, and a fifth curved section **2208** posteriorly adjacent the first curved section **2200**. Illustratively, the medial dwell point **802** lies at the intersection of the first curved section **2200** and the fifth curved section **2208**. However, in other embodiments, the dwell point **802** may lie on the first curved section **2200** or the fifth curved section **2208**.

[0170] The first curved section **2200** extends from the dwell point **802** anteriorly for about 5.2 degrees and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2210**. The second curved section **2202** extends anteriorly from the first curved section **2200** for an arc length in the range of about 14.8 degrees to about 24.8 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**, and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2212**. The third curved section **2204** extends anteriorly from the second curved section **2202** for an arc length in the range of about 10.7 degrees to about 20.7 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**, and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2214**. The fourth curved section **2206** extends anteriorly from the third curved section **2204** for an arc length in the range of about 0.2 degrees to about 6.3 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**, and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2216**. And, the fifth curved section **2208** extends posteriorly from the first curved section **2200** for an arc length in the range of about 15.9 degrees to about 17.4 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**, and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2218**. In an illustrative embodiment, the radius of curvature **2218** is greater than the radius of curvature **2210**. Additionally, in an illustrative embodiment, the radius of curvature **2212** is less than each of the radii of curvatures **2210**, **2214**, and **2216**.

[0171] The medial sagittal concave curvature **1804** of the tibial insert **104** may be shaped differently to have a different curvature in other embodiments. For example, in another embodiment, the second curved section **2202** may extend anteriorly from the first curved section **2200** for about 24.8 degrees. The third curved section **2204** may extend anteriorly from the second curved section **2202** for about 15.0 degrees. And, the fifth curved section **2208** may extend posteriorly from the first curved section **2200** for about 19.0 degrees.

[0172] In some embodiments, the sagittal conformity between the medial articular surface **124** and the medial condyle **114** is not uniform across degrees of flexion. For example, as discussed in more detail below in regard to FIGS. 28-43, the overall sagittal conformity between the medial sagittal concave curvature **1804** of the tibial insert **104** and the sagittal convex curvature of the medial condyle **114** of the femoral component **102** may be greater at a particular degree of flexion (e.g., at 30 degrees of flexion) than at extension. The overall sagittal conformity between the sagittal curvatures of the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** (i.e., the conformity across the complete sagittal curvature rather than only at a particular contact point) can be defined as the amount of overall gap between those curvatures at a particular degree of flexion. As such, the sagittal curvature of the medial condyle **114** of the femoral component **102** matches the sagittal curvature of the medial articular surface **124** of the tibial insert the greatest amount at the particular

degree of flexion (e.g., at 30 degrees of flexion). The sagittal conformity may be increased further under loading conditions (i.e., the femoral component **102** may be compressed further onto the tibial insert **104** such that the sagittal conformity at the particular degree of flexion is further increased). By increasing the overall sagittal conformity between the medial condyle **114** and the medial articular surface **124** during flexion, relative to extension, anterior translation of the femoral component **102** on the medial articular surface **124** may be reduced at that particular degree of flexion (e.g., at 30 or 35 degrees of flexion).

[0173] Additionally, at a particular degree of flexion (e.g., 30 degrees of flexion) the sagittal conformity between the medial condyle **114** and the sagittal curvatures **2200**, **2202**, **2204**, **2206**. For example, in an illustrative embodiment, the sagittal conformity between the medial articular surface **124** and the medial condyle **114** (i.e., the amount at which the radius of curvature defining the sagittal curvature of the medial articular surface **124** at a particular contact point and the radius of curvature defining the contact point on the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** match) is less between the fourth curved section **2206** and the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** at a particular degree of flexion (e.g., at 30.0 degrees of flexion) than between the first curved section **2200** and the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** at the particular degree of flexion. That is, at a particular degree of flexion, the sagittal conformity at the point (or region) of contact between the first curved section **2200** and the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** is greater than the sagittal conformity between the point (or region) of contact between the fourth curved section **2206** and the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114**. As such, it should be appreciated that because the sagittal conformity between the medial articular surface **124** and the medial condyle **114** increases anterior of the medial dwell point **802** at a particular degree of flexion (e.g., at 30.0 degrees of flexion), anterior translation of the medial condyle **114** on the medial articular surface **124** may be limited, restricted, or otherwise reduced.

[0174] Additionally, it should be appreciated that the sagittal conformity between the medial articular surface **124** and the medial condyle **114** at the medial dwell point **802** may increase through a particular range of flexion in some embodiments. For example, in an illustrative embodiment, as the femoral component **102** is flexed through a particular range of flexion, the point of contact between the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** moves along the curved surface section **404** defined by the decreasing radii of curvature. As such, in the illustrative embodiment, the sagittal curvature of the medial articular surface **124** at the medial dwell point **802** is designed to have the greatest amount of sagittal conformity with the medial condyle **114** at a particular degree of flexion (e.g., at 30 degrees of flexion) at which the point of contact between the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** occurs on the curved surface section **404**, resulting in an increasing amount of sagittal conformity between the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** as the particular degree of flexion is approached.

[0175] Referring now to FIG. 23, an illustrative embodiment of the cross-section concave curvature **1812** of the lateral articular surface **122** of the tibial insert **104** is shown in a cross-section taken generally along the line 23-23 of FIG. 19, which generally matches the uniform cross-section curvature **1812** of FIG. 18. As discussed above, in the illustrative embodiment, the cross-section curvature **1812** of the lateral articular surface **122** is uniform along the anterior-posterior complex concave curvature **1802** and has a single curved section **2300** having a constant radius of curvature **2302**. The curved section **2300** extends medially (i.e., inboard) of the lateral dwell region **804** for about 25 degrees and extends laterally (i.e., outboard) of the lateral dwell region **804** for an arc length in the range of about 18.7 degrees to about 31.1 degrees for an overall arc length of about 43.7 degrees to about 56.1 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**. Additionally, the cross-section curvature **1812** of the lateral articular surface **122** includes a planar section **2310** that is tangent to and extends medially of (i.e., inboard) the medial-most point of the curved section **2300**. Additionally, as shown in FIG. 23, the planar section **2310** is angled relative to the bottom side **1000** of the tibial insert **104** at an angle **2320** of about 25.0 degrees. The size, shape, and

orientation of the planar section **2310** may be selected or designed to match the inboard shape of the femoral component **102** and/or to avoid impingement of the femoral component **102**.

[0176] Referring now to FIG. **24**, an illustrative embodiment of the coronal curvature **1814** of the tibial insert **104** is shown in a cross-section taken generally along the line **24-24** of FIG. **19**, which generally matches the coronal curvature **1814** of FIG. **18**. In the illustrative embodiment, the coronal curvature **1814** of the medial articular surface **124** is uniform posterior of the medial dwell point **802** and has a single curved section **2400** having a constant radius of curvature **2402**.

[0177] The curved section **2400** extends laterally (i.e., inboard) of the medial dwell point **802** for about 25 degrees and extends medially (i.e., outboard) of the medial dwell point **802** for an arc length in the range of about 18.6 degrees to about 26.8 degrees for an overall arc length of about 43.6 degrees to about 51.8 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**. Additionally, the coronal curvature **1814** of the medial articular surface **124** includes a planar section **2410** that is tangent to and extends laterally of (i.e., inboard) the lateral-most point of the curved section **2400**. As shown in FIG. **24**, the planar section **2410** is angled relative to the bottom side **1000** of the tibial insert **104** at an angle **2420** of about 25.0 degrees. Similarly, to planar section **2310** of the lateral articular surface **122**, the size, shape, and orientation of the planar section **2410** may be selected or designed to match the inboard shape of the femoral component **102** and/or to avoid impingement of the femoral component **102**.

[0178] In other embodiments, the coronal curvature **1814** may be defined by a plurality of curved sections. For example, as shown in FIG. **25**, in another embodiment, the coronal curvature **1814** may be defined by a first curved section **2500** on which the dwell point **802** lies and a second curved section **2502** located medially adjacent (i.e., outboard of) the first curved section **2500**. The first curved section **2500** extends for about 20 degrees and is defined by a radius of curvature **2510**, and the second curved section **2502** extends for about 10 degrees and is defined by a radius of curvature **2512**. In such embodiments, the radius of curvature **2512** may be greater than the radius of curvature **2510**. Additionally, the coronal curvature **1814** of FIG. **25** may include a planar section **2504** that is tangent to and extends laterally of (i.e., inboard) the lateral-most point of the curved section **2500**. Similar to planar section **2410**, the planar section **2504** may be angled relative to the bottom side **1000** of the tibial insert **104** at an angle of about 25.0 degrees.

[0179] Referring now to FIG. **26**, an illustrative embodiment of the coronal curvature **1824** of the tibial insert **104** is shown in a cross-section taken generally along the line **26-26** of FIG. **19**, which generally matches the coronal curvature **1824** of FIG. **18**. The coronal curvature **1824** crosses the sagittal concave curvature **1804** at an anterior-most point of the second curved section **2202** that defines the medial sagittal concave curvature **1804** (see FIG. **22**). The coronal curvature **1824** includes a flat or planar section **2600** having a lateral end **2602** (i.e., an inboard end) and a medial end **2604** (i.e., an outboard end), a first curved section **2606** extending from the medial end **2604** of the planar section **2600**, and a second curved section **2608** extending from the lateral end **2602** of the planar section **2600**. The first curved section **2606** extends for an arc length in the range of about 14.7 degrees to about 15.7 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**, and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2616**. The second curved section **2608** extends for an arc length in the range of about 20.1 degrees to about 28.5 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**, and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2618**. In the illustrative embodiment, the radius of curvature **2618** is greater than the radius of curvature **2616**.

[0180] Referring now to FIG. **27**, an illustrative embodiment of the coronal curvature **1834** of the tibial insert **104** is shown in a cross-section taken generally along the line **27-27** of FIG. **19**, which generally matches the coronal curvature **1834** of FIG. **18**. The coronal curvature **1834** crosses the sagittal concave curvature **1804** at an anterior-most point of the third curved section **2204** that defines the medial sagittal concave curvature **1804** (see FIG. **22**). Similar to the coronal curvature **1824**, the coronal curvature **1834** includes a flat or planar section **2700** having a lateral end **2702** (i.e., an inboard end) and a medial end **2704** (i.e., an outboard end), a first curved section **2706**

extending from the medial end **2704** of the planar section **2700**, and a second curved section **2708** extending from the lateral end **2702** of the planar section **2700**. In some embodiments, the planar section **2700** may be angled relative to the bottom side **1000** of the tibial insert **104** at about 6.0 degrees. The first curved section **2706** extends for an arc length in the range of about 0.3 degrees to about 0.9 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**, and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2616**. The second curved section **2708** extends for an arc length in the range of about 16.4 degrees to about 24.7 degrees, depending on the size of the tibial insert **104**, and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **2718**. In the illustrative embodiment, the radius of curvature **2716** is greater than the radius of curvature **2718**.

[0181] Referring now to FIGS. **28-43**, as discussed above, the femoral component **102** is configured to articulate on the tibial insert **104** through a range of degrees of flexion. For example, the femoral component **102** is shown at extension (i.e., 0 degrees of flexion) in FIG. **28**. In FIG. **29**, the femoral component **102** has articulated to about 35 degrees of flexion. In FIG. **30**, the femoral component **102** has articulated to about 90 degrees of flexion. And, in FIG. **31**, the femoral component **102** has articulated to about 110 degrees of flexion.

[0182] As discussed above, the condyles **112**, **114** of the femoral component **102** may have a different amount of conformity with the articular surfaces **122**, **124** at different degrees of flexion. For example, in FIGS. **32-34**, the orthopaedic prosthesis **100** is shown at about 0.0 degrees of flexion. As indicated in FIG. **32**, the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** have an increase coronal conformity when in extension. Additionally, as shown in FIG. **33**, the femoral component **102** is only slightly pivoted or rotated on the tibial insert **104**. Furthermore, as shown in FIG. **34**, the medial condyle **114** and the medial articular surface **124** have an overall sagittal conformity (i.e., the amount of space between the sagittal curvatures of the medial condyle **114** and the medial articular surface **124**) at extension.

[0183] In FIGS. **35-37**, the orthopaedic prosthesis **100** is shown at 35.0 degrees of flexion. As indicated in FIG. **35**, the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** has a slightly less coronal conformity relative to the extension position. Additionally, as shown in FIG. **36**, the femoral component **102** is pivoted or rotated on the tibial insert **104** to a greater amount. Furthermore, as shown in FIG. **37**, the medial condyle **114** and the medial articular surface **124** have an overall sagittal conformity that is increased relative to the 0.0 degrees of flexion of FIG. **34**.

[0184] In FIGS. **38-40**, the orthopaedic prosthesis **100** is shown at about 90 degrees of flexion. As indicated in FIG. **38**, the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** has less coronal conformity relative to the 35 degrees of flexion of FIGS. **34** and **35**. Additionally, as shown in FIG. **39**, the femoral component **102** is pivoted or rotated on the tibial insert **104** to a greater amount relative to 35 degrees of flexion of FIGS. **35** and **36**. Furthermore, as shown in FIG. **40**, the medial condyle **114** and the medial articular surface **124** have an overall sagittal conformity that is decreased relative to the 35.0 degrees of flexion of FIG. **37**.

[0185] In FIGS. **41-43**, the orthopaedic prosthesis **100** is shown at about 110 degrees of flexion. As indicated in FIG. **41**, the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** has less coronal conformity relative to the 90 degrees of flexion of FIGS. **38** and **39**. Additionally, as shown in FIG. **42**, the femoral component **102** is pivoted or rotated on the tibial insert **104** to a greater amount relative to 90 degrees of flexion of FIGS. **38** and **39**. Furthermore, as shown in FIG. **43**, the medial condyle **114** and the medial articular surface **124** have an overall sagittal conformity that is further decreased relative to the 90.0 degrees of flexion of FIG. **40**.

[0186] Referring now to FIGS. **44** and **45**, as the femoral component **102** is moved through a range of flexion, the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** contacts the medial dwell point **802** of the tibial insert **104** at different points on contact on the condyle surface **400**. For example, an illustrative embodiment, as the femoral component **102** moves from about 65 degrees of flexion to a degree of flexion greater than 65 degrees, the point of contact between the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** moves from the curved surface section **404** defined by the decreasing

radii of curvature to the curved surface section **406** defined by a radius of curvature that is greater than the posterior-most radii of curvature of the curved surface section **404**. In doing so, the distance between the origin that defines the radius of curvature of the point of contact between the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert increases.

[0187] For example, FIG. **44** illustrates the femoral component **102** at a first degree of flexion at which a point of contact **4400** between the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** of the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** is located at the dwell point **802** of the tibial insert **104** and is defined by a posterior-most radii **4402** of the plurality of decreasing radii that define the curved surface section **404**. The posterior-most radii **4402** has an origin **4404** that is located a distance **4410** from the medial dwell point **802**.

[0188] In FIG. **45**, the femoral component **102** has been moved to a second degree of flexion, slightly greater than the first degree of flexion, at which a point of contact **4500** between the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** of the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** is located at the dwell point **802** of the tibial insert **104** and is defined by a constant radius of curvature **4502** that defines the curved surface section **406** (i.e., radius of curvature R3 of FIG. **4**). The constant radius of curvature **4502** has an origin **4504** that is located a distance **4510** from the medial dwell point **802**. It should be appreciated that the distance **4510** between the origin **4504** and the medial dwell point **802** is greater than the distance **4410** between the origin **4404** and the medial dwell point **802**. As such, the increase in distance between the origins **4404**, **4504** as the point of contact between the femoral component **102** and the tibial insert **104** moves from the curved surface section **404** to the curved section **406** of the condyle surface **400** of the medial condyle **114** extends the tibial-femoral envelope, which increases tension on the ligaments of the knee joint and may improve stability of the knee joint.

[0189] While the disclosure has been illustrated and described in detail in the drawings and foregoing description, such an illustration and description is to be considered as illustrative and not restrictive in character, it being understood that only illustrative embodiments have been shown and described and that all changes and modifications that come within the spirit of the disclosure are desired to be protected.

[0190] There are a plurality of advantages of the present disclosure arising from the various features of the methods, apparatuses, and/or systems described herein. It will be noted that alternative embodiments of the methods, apparatuses, and systems of the present disclosure may not include all of the features described yet still benefit from at least some of the advantages of such features. Those of ordinary skill in the art may readily devise their own implementations of the methods, apparatuses, and systems that incorporate one or more of the features of the present invention and fall within the spirit and scope of the present disclosure as defined by the appended claims.

Claims

1. A tibial insert comprising: a lateral articular surface configured to articulate with a lateral condyle of a femoral component and including an arcuate articular path extending in an anterior-posterior direction; a medial articular surface configured to articulate with a medial condyle of the femoral component, wherein the medial articular surface is asymmetrically shaped relative to the lateral articular surface and includes a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point of the medial articular surface, wherein the medial articular surface has a coronal concave curvature that is non-uniform anterior of the medial dwell point and uniform posterior of the medial dwell point.
2. The tibial insert of claim 1, wherein the medial articular surface includes a sagittal concave curvature, when viewed in a sagittal plane, and wherein the coronal concave curvature of the medial articular surface is defined by a plurality of coronal curvatures including a first coronal curvature that crosses the sagittal concave curvature of the medial articular surface at the medial

dwelling point and a second coronal curvature located anteriorly to the first coronal curvature, wherein the first and second coronal curvatures are different from each other.

3. The tibial insert of claim 2, wherein the first coronal curvature includes a coronal curved section and a planar section that extends laterally from the coronal curved section.

4. The tibial insert of claim 3, wherein the coronal curved section of the first coronal curvature has an arc in the range of 43.6 degrees to 51.8 degrees.

5. The tibial insert of claim 4, wherein the coronal curved section of the first coronal curvature extends medially of the medial dwelling point for an arc of 25 degrees and extends laterally of the medial dwelling point an arc in the range of 18.6 degrees to 26.8 degrees.

6. The tibial insert of claim 3, wherein the planar section is tangent to and extends laterally from a lateral-most point of the coronal curved section, and wherein the planar section is angled relative to a bottom side of the tibial insert to define an angle of greater than zero degrees therebetween.

7. The tibial insert of claim 6, wherein the planar section and the bottom side of the tibial insert define an angle therebetween of 25 degrees.

8. The tibial insert of claim 2, wherein the first coronal curvature is defined by a plurality of coronal curved sections including a first coronal curved section on which the medial dwelling point is located and a second coronal curved section located medially of the first curved section.

9. The tibial insert of claim 8, wherein the first coronal curved section extends for an arc of 20 degrees and the second coronal curved section extends for an arc of 10 degrees.

10. The tibial insert of claim 9, wherein the first coronal curved section is defined by a first radius of curvature and the second curved section is defined by a second radius of curvature, and wherein the first and second radii of curvature are different from each other.

11. The tibial insert of claim 10, wherein the first coronal curvature further includes a planar section that is tangent to and extends laterally from a lateral-most point of the first coronal curved section.

12. The tibial insert of claim 11, wherein the planar section and a bottom side of the tibial insert define an angle therebetween greater than zero degrees.

13. The tibial insert of claim 2, wherein the second coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from a lateral end of the planar section.

14. The tibial insert of claim 13, wherein a radius of curvature of the first coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature is less than a radius of curvature of the second coronal curved section of the second coronal curvature.

15. The tibial insert of claim 13, wherein the first coronal curved section extends for an arc in the range of 14.7 degrees to 15.7 degrees and the second coronal curved section extends for an arc in the range of 20.1 degrees to 28.5 degrees.

16. The tibial insert of claim 2, wherein the plurality of coronal curvatures further includes a third coronal curvature located anteriorly to the second coronal curvature, wherein the first and second coronal curvatures are different from each other.

17. The tibial insert of claim 16, wherein the third coronal curvature is defined by a planar section having a medial end and a lateral end, a first coronal curved section extending from the medial end of the planar section, and a second coronal curved section extending from the lateral end of the planar section.

18. The tibial insert of claim 17, wherein the planar section and a bottom side of the tibial insert define an angle therebetween greater than zero degrees.

19. The tibial insert of claim 17, wherein the first coronal curved section extends for an arc in the range of 0.3 degrees to 0.9 degrees and the second coronal curved section extends for an arc in the range of 16.4 degrees to 24.7 degrees.

20. An orthopaedic knee prosthesis comprising: a femoral component having a lateral condyle and

a medial condyle; and a tibial insert having a lateral articular surface configured to articulate with the lateral condyle of the femoral component and a medial articular surface configured to articulate with the medial condyle of the femoral component, wherein the medial articular surface is asymmetrically shaped relative to the lateral articular surface and includes a medial dwell point that defines a distal-most point on the medial articular surface, wherein the medial articular surface has a coronal concave curvature that is non-uniform anterior of the medial dwell point and uniform posterior of the medial dwell point, and wherein a coronal conformity between the coronal concave curvature and the medial condyle of the femoral component is greater when the femoral component is positioned at extension relative to the tibial insert than when the femoral component is positioned at a degree of flexion greater than extension.
