

Correlation Between Kinovea Analysis and Accelerometric Analysis

The analysis of the video using Kinovea and the processing of raw accelerometer data via the Python script constitute a complementary study of jump performance, where dynamics (forces) explain kinematics (movement).

Observations from Kinovea

The video analysis highlights the impact of arm movement on the jump :

- **Jump without arms** : Maximum height reached of **44.78** cm for a flight time of **0.57** s.
- **Jump with arms** : Maximum height reached of **55.71** cm for a flight time of **0.65** s.

The addition of arm movement allowed for a height gain of **10.93** cm (or approximately **24%** improvement) and an increase in flight time of **0.08** s. The jumper was therefore successful in propelling themselves faster off the ground thanks to their arms.

Justification by the Python Code

The role of the Python code was to analyze the cause of this increase in flight velocity. The script isolates the push-off phase (détente) of the jump and focuses on acceleration to serve as a proxy for force.

- **Acceleration calculation** : The code calculates the magnitude of the Euclidean acceleration ($A = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$) and subtracts $1g$ to isolate the acceleration related to movement, utilizing the fact that the sensor's **X** and **Y** axes (worn on the wrist) primarily measure the vertical component (see the section "Sensor placement and axis study" in the *notebook*).
- **Peak extraction** : The analysis (referencing cell 39 of the *notebook*) reveals that the maximum acceleration peak is significantly higher when the arms are used (the ratio of the peaks is calculated to be approximately **6.98** compared to the jump without arms).

According to the fundamental principle of dynamics ($\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{a}$), an increase in the acceleration (a) recorded during the push-off, for a constant mass (m), signifies that the jumper exerted a **greater net force** (F) against the ground.

Synthesis and Implication

The increase in force measured by the accelerometer and the improvement in height measured by Kinovea are two sides of the same physical law, the impulse :

$$\text{Impulse} \left(\sum F \cdot \Delta t \right) = \text{Change in momentum} (m \cdot \Delta V)$$

The rapid and coordinated arm movement generates an additional vertical impulse. This increased impulse translates into a higher acceleration peak (quantified by the code) and, ultimately, a greater maximal take-off velocity ($\mathbf{V_0}$), thereby ensuring the better performance in height and flight time measured by Kinovea.