

Ostrich Legs

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Overview of Assignment 1

- ❖ Project Definition
 - How the gait and stride of the ostrich can change by using two four-bar linkages to represent the knee and ankle.
 - Leg weight
 - Phase Differences
 - Frequency
- ❖ Background Research
 - Through the use of multiple sources we determined that the four-bar linkage can affect the overall gait and swing power of an ostrich-like robot.
 - Bipedal robots are not novel but being made from foldable materials is.
- ❖ Specifications Table
 - On the right.

Parameter	Unit	Value Range		
Total Mass	kg	90-136		
Tibiotarsus Length	mm	500-530		
Tarsometatarsus Length	mm	450-490		
Hip Joint (X, Y, Z)	Degrees	-45 to 45	-45 to 45	-65 to 10
Knee Joint (X, Y, Z)	Degrees	-45 to 45	-45 to 45	-180 to 10
Ankle Joint (X, Y, Z)	Degrees	-45 to 45	-10	-10 to 180
Walking Force	Body Weight Normalization	1.12 ± 0.290		
Running Force	Body Weight Normalization	2.14 ± 0.540		
Functional Surface Area of Foot	cm ²	144.9 ± 7.6		

Fig.1 : Specifications Table

Overview of Assignment 1 cont

❖ First Prototype

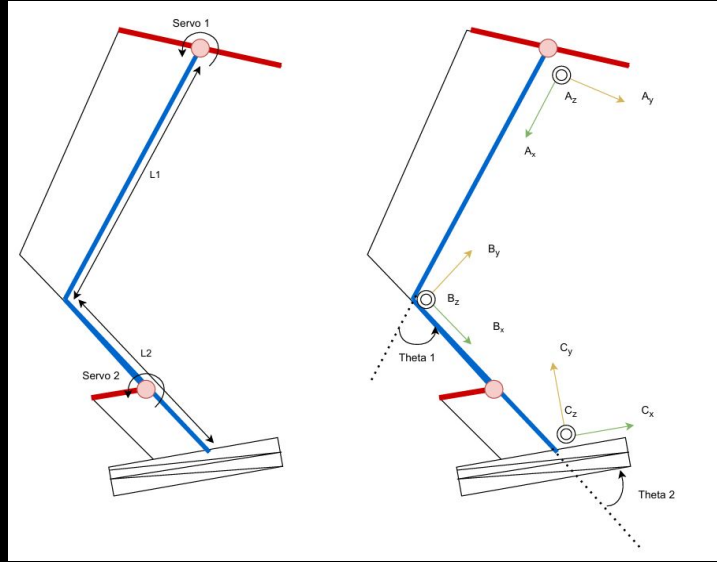


Fig.2 : Vector Drawing of First Prototype



Fig.3 : First Prototype

System model evolution

- ❖ The ostrich legs is made up of two four-bar linkage
 - Version 1 and Version 2 are easier to see with this
 - Current version has the first linkage in the same spot, while the second one is now taller than the first
 - One motor will be where the black and red bar meets and the other will be using a string to lift as a knee joint on the four-bar.
 - These two motors will be working at the same time for each leg

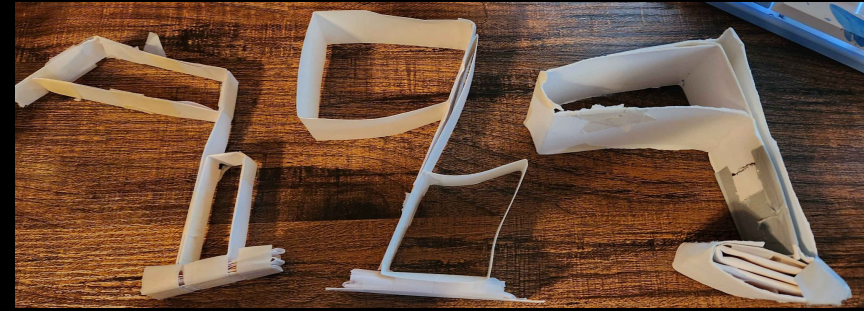


Fig.4 : Past prototypes In the order of version 1, 2, and three

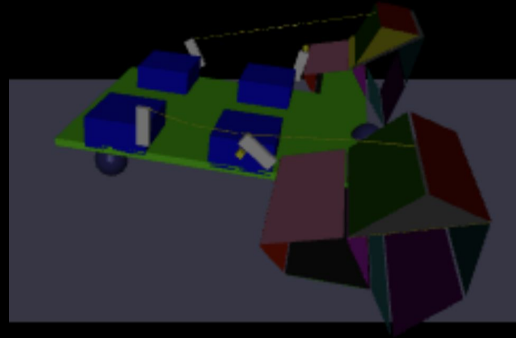


Fig. 5 : Current Model of our ostrich

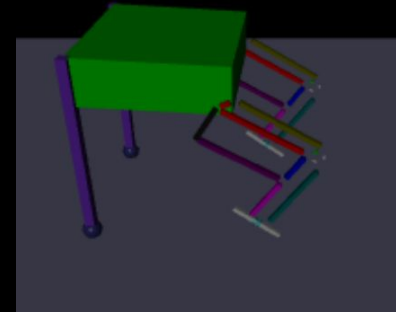


Fig. 6 : Old Model of our ostrich

System model continued

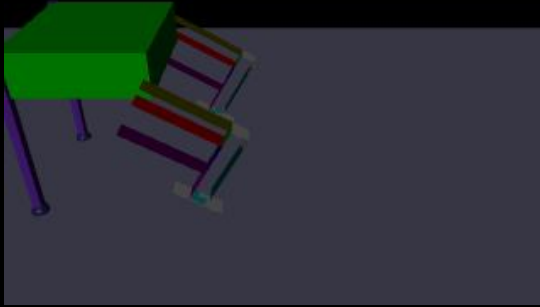


Fig.7 : Old Model of our ostrich moving

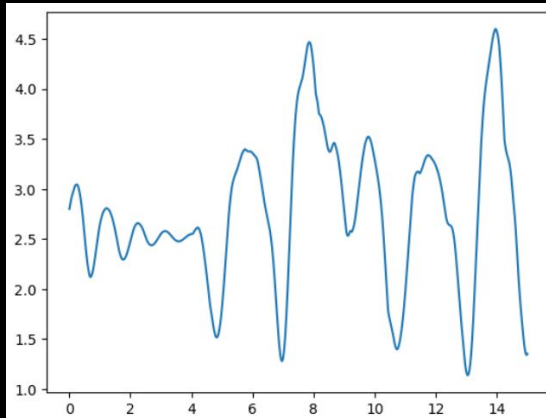


Fig.8 : Logged data of X position

Mujoco Model

❖ Leg Design:

- Legs are made using 3 four-bar structures connected with a “knee-like” joint.
- Four-bar 1 corresponds to Knee
- Four-bar 2 corresponds to Ankle
- Four-bar 3 transfers movement of ankle to “hip”
- Design moves weight of servos closer to center of mass

❖ Features:

- XML formatting for link lengths and key properties
- Displays distance traveled in x-axis as a function of time

❖ Parameters:

- Experimental Friction constant applied to feet
- Approximate dimensions of DXF file
- Frictionless wheels

Plan and Execute the Manufacturing

- ❖ Plan of Action
 - Create the DXF file on LibreCAD
 - Follow the guide given to create the multi-layer manufacturing process
 - Use the laser cutter that we learned about in the innovation hub
 - Fold the laminated ostrich leg and attach the motors and the body
 - Start Testing immediately after connecting the ESP32
- ❖ What has actually happened
 - LibreCAD was used to create the DXF file
 - Followed the code to generate the layers
 - Use the vinyl cutter to cut the rigid
 - Next day use the laser and complete the lamination process
 - Build the robot and attach the motors and ESP32
 - Setbacks happened when the small 4-bar would not move properly

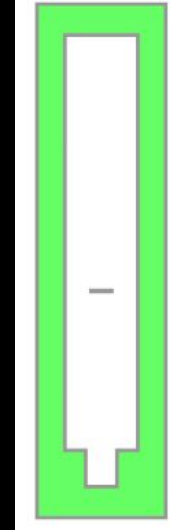


Fig.6 : Final cut in JupyterLab

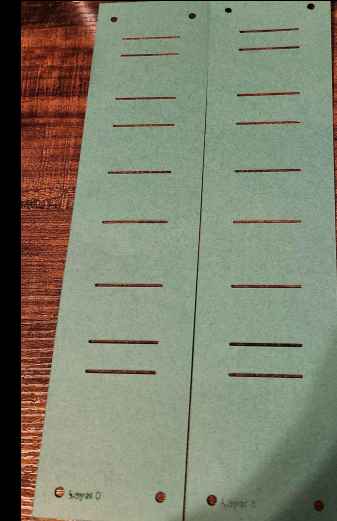


Fig.7 : Layers 0 and 4 in JupyterLab code and in real life

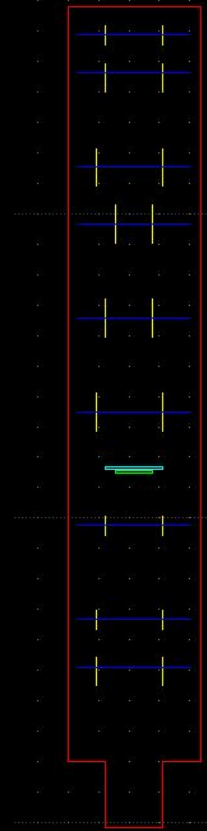
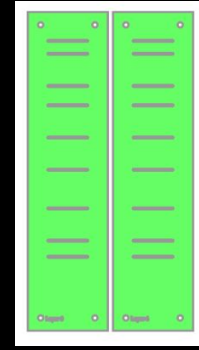


Fig.8 : DXF in LibreCAD

Plan and Execute the Manufacturing continued

❖ Behold the Ostrich

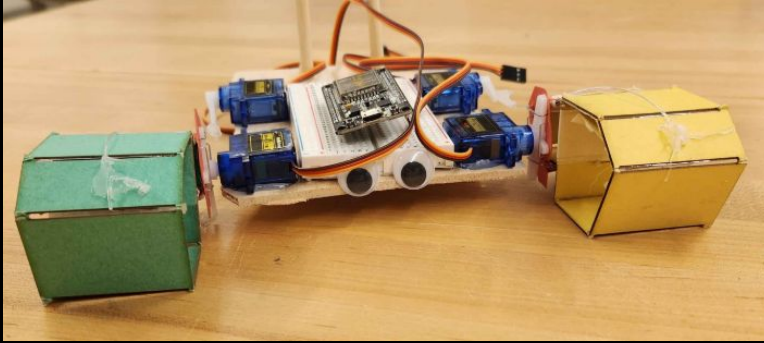


Fig. : First Built Ostrich

- ❖ Before the changes of motor
 - Went through 3 different adjustments

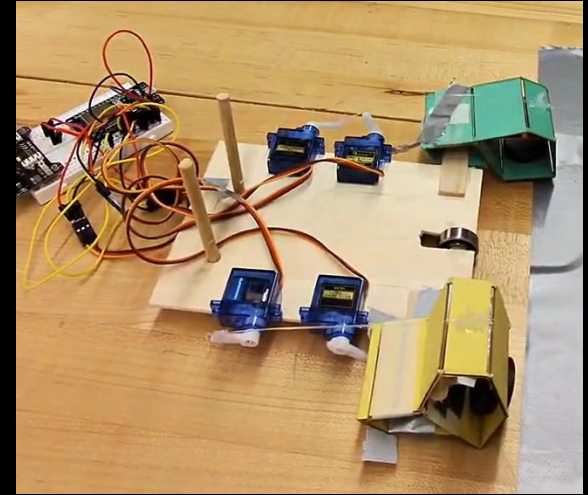


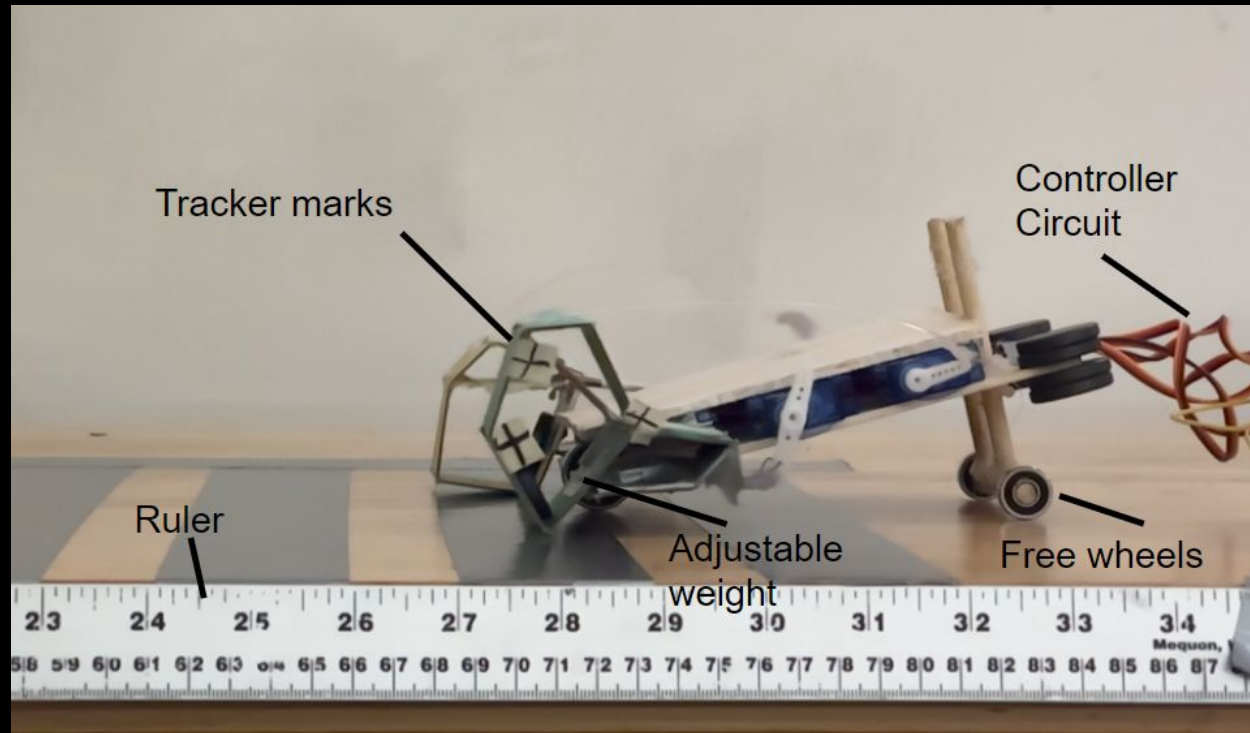
Fig. : Final Ostrich

- ❖ Final Change in the motor and horn
 - Created the rod used to move the small 4-bar

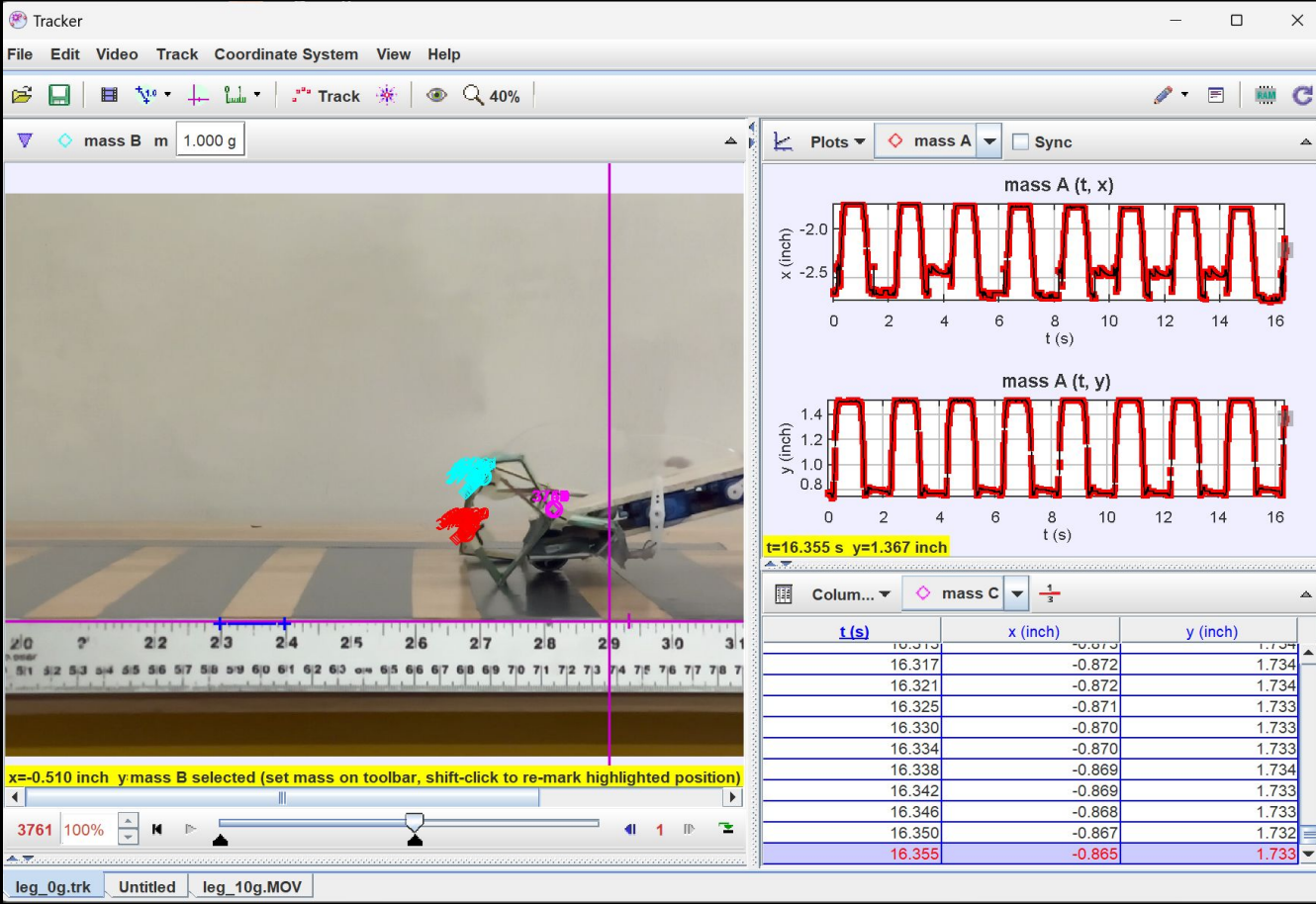
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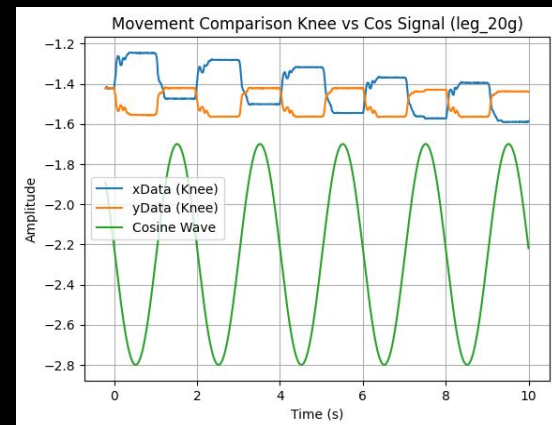
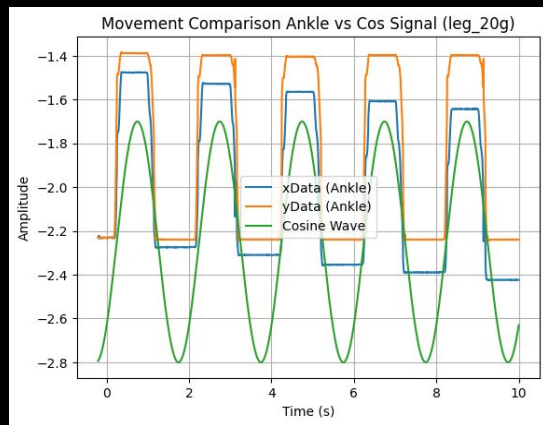
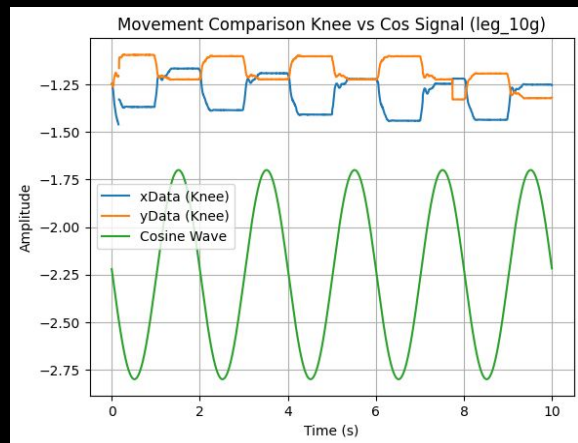
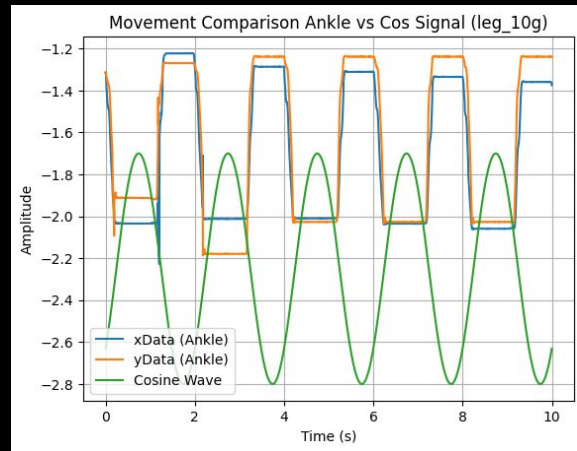
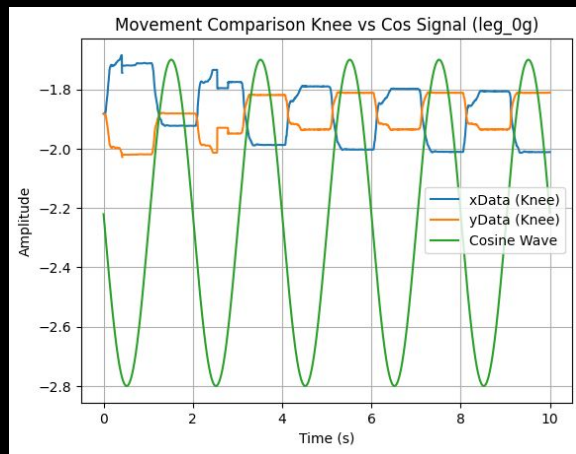
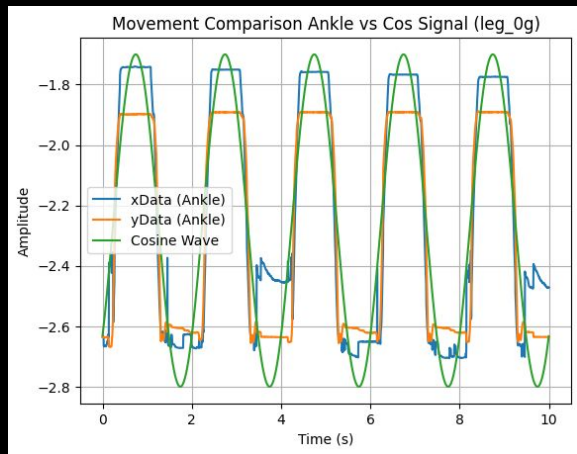
- ❖ Plan of Action
 - Goal:
 - Design a gait which will allow the robot to travel the greatest amount of distance in a set period of time.
 - Assumptions:
 - Motion of each joint can be simulated using trig functions
 - Joint movement operates at the same frequency
 - Gait is a phase-shift of each joint relative to each other
 - Methodology:
 - Place robot into controlled environment
 - Implement the use of a photo tracker to measure distance over time
 - Modify phase-shift of each joint, taking into account speed of distance traveled
 - Compare perceived optimized gait with simulated gait

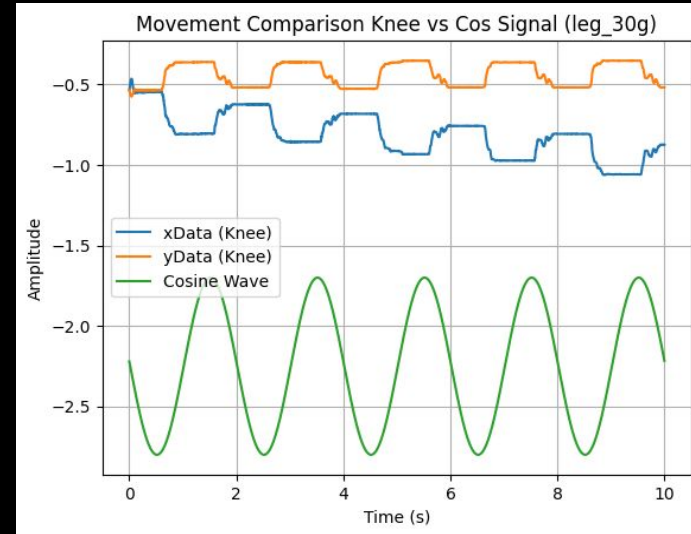
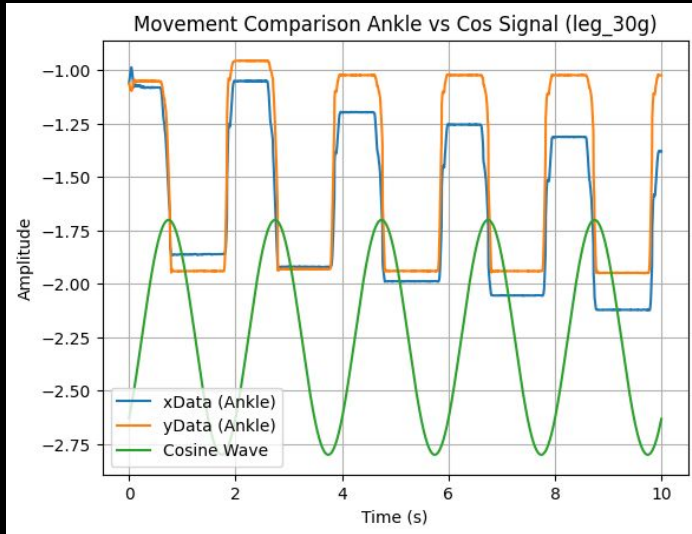
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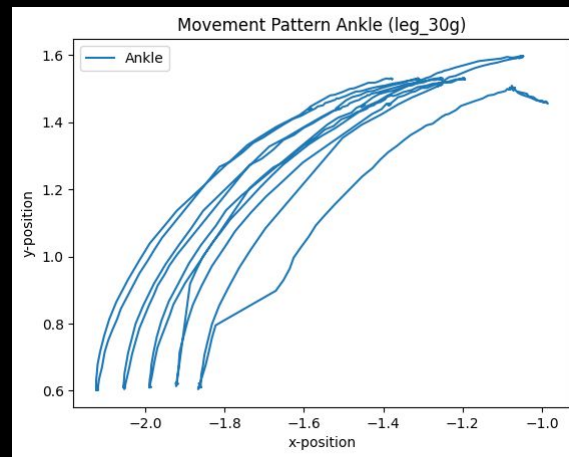
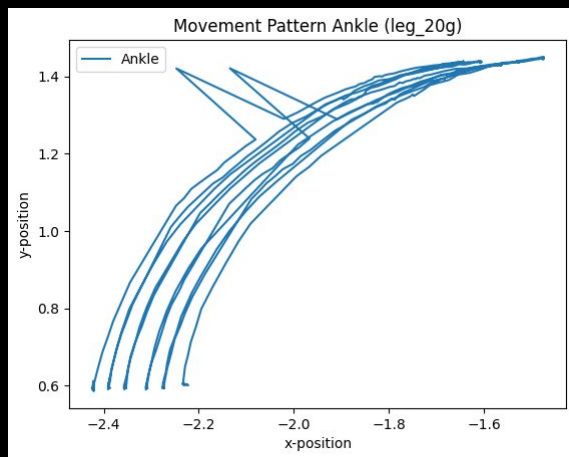
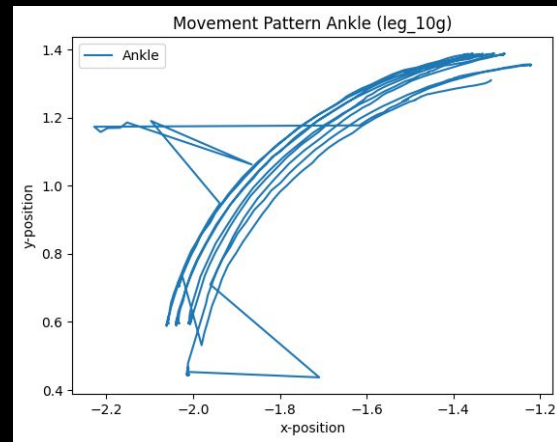
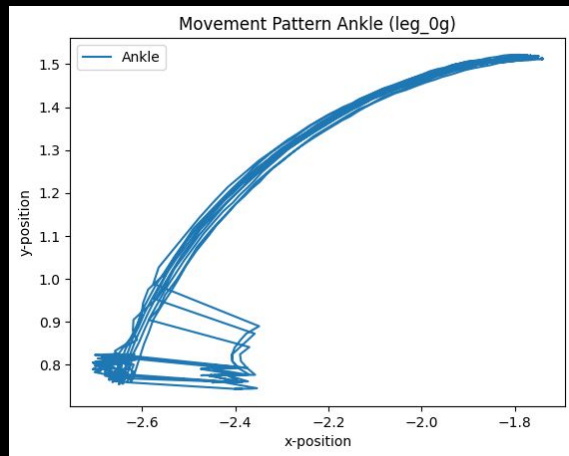


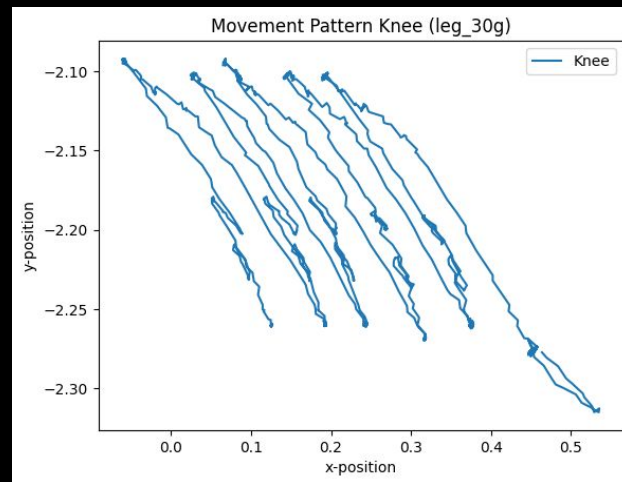
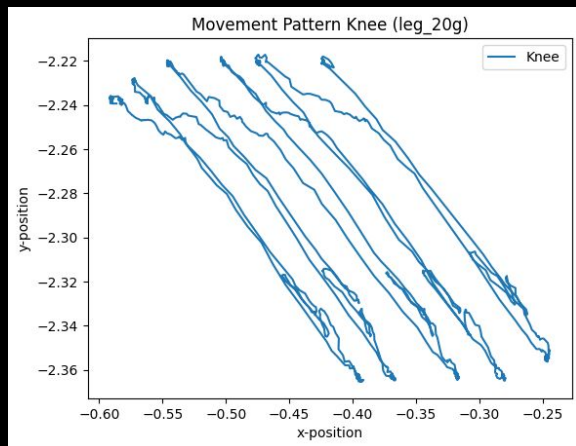
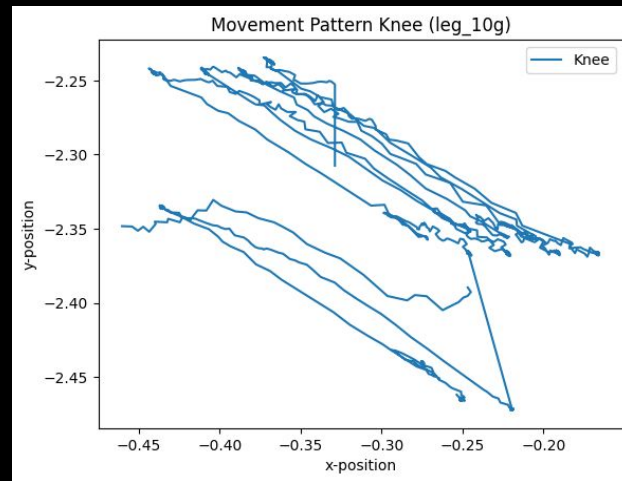
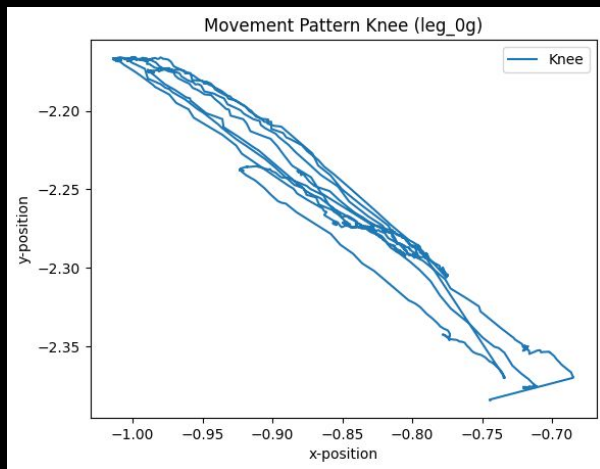
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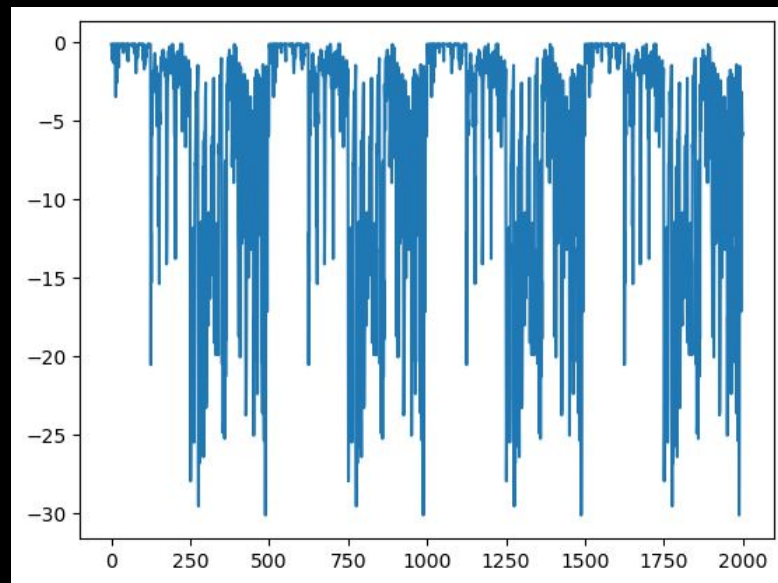
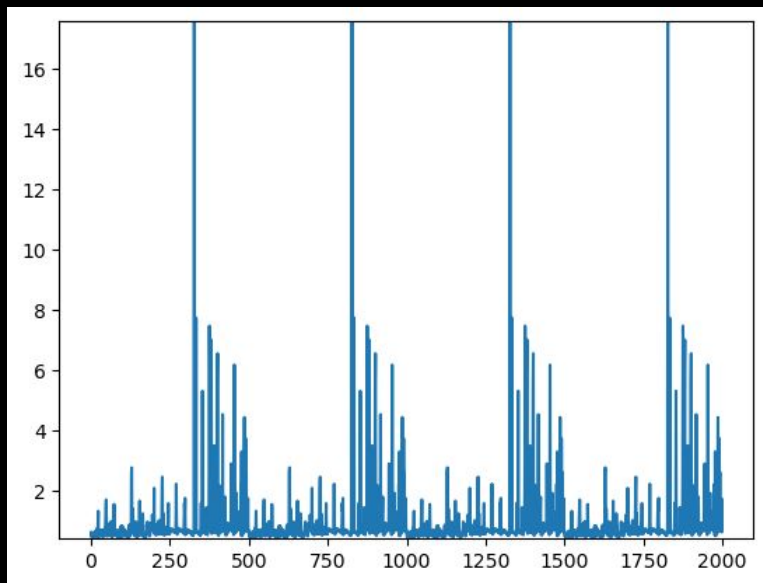


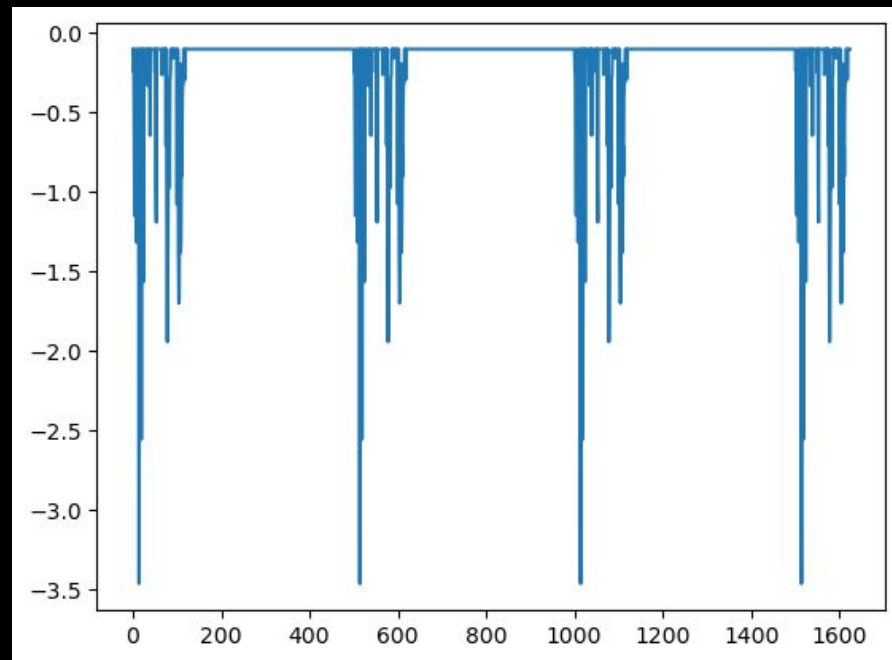
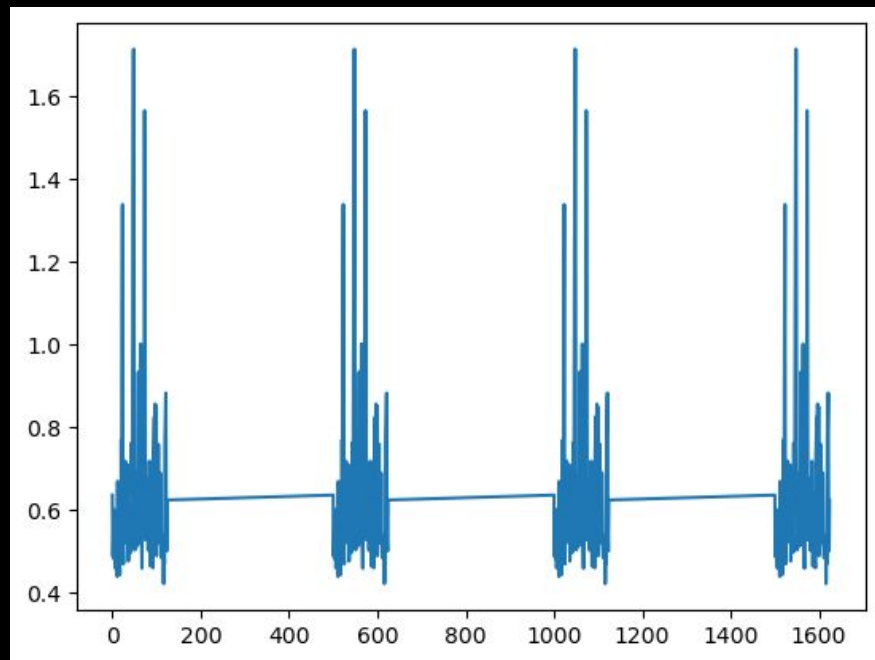




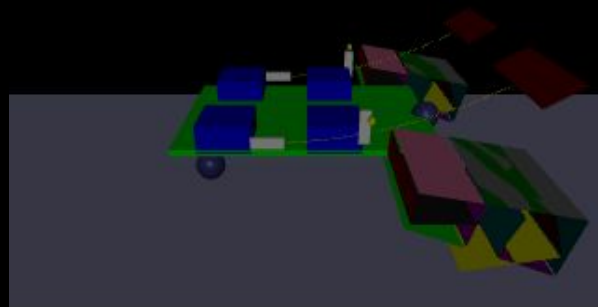
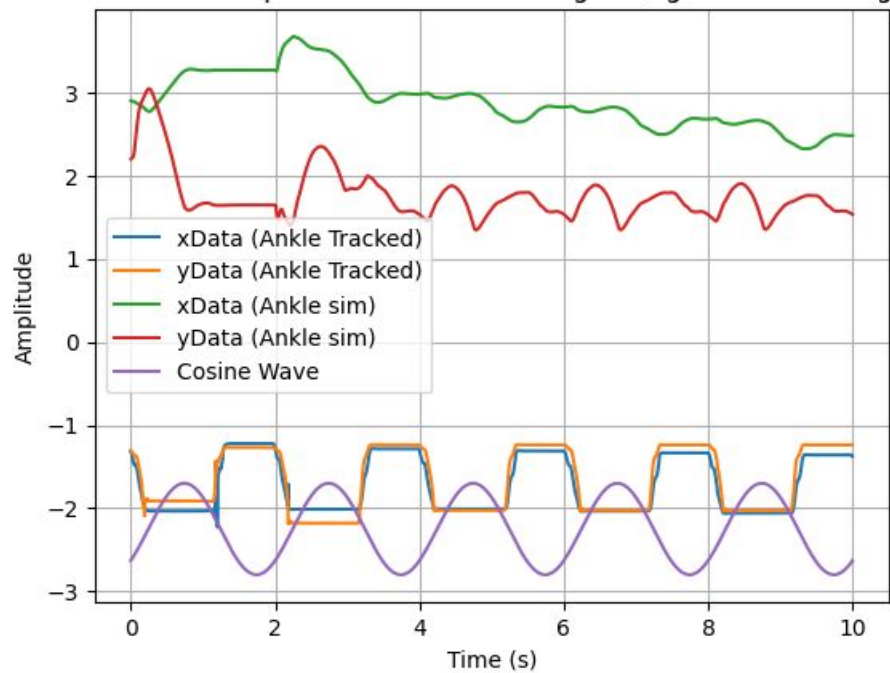


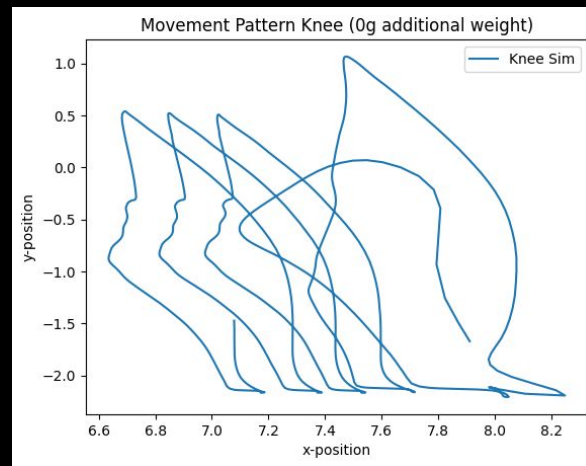
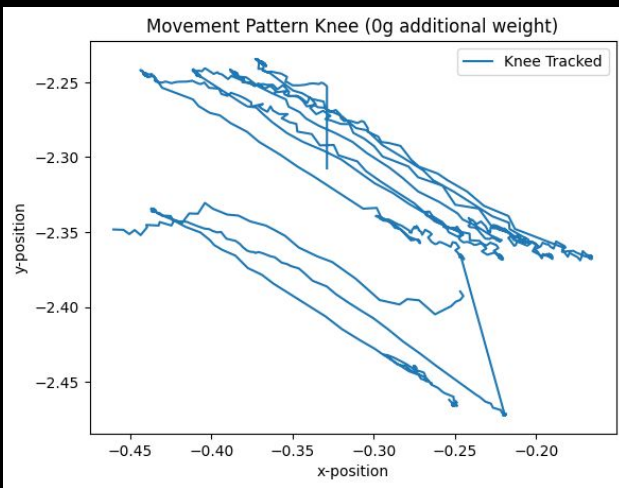
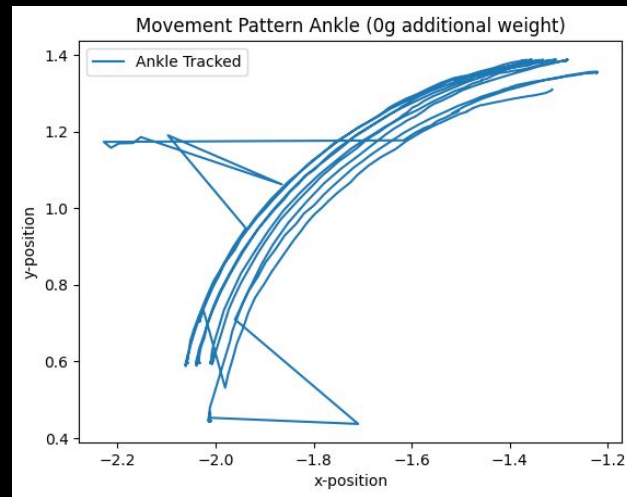
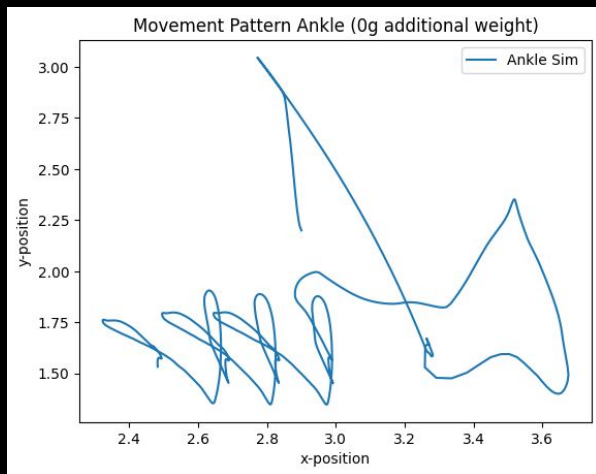


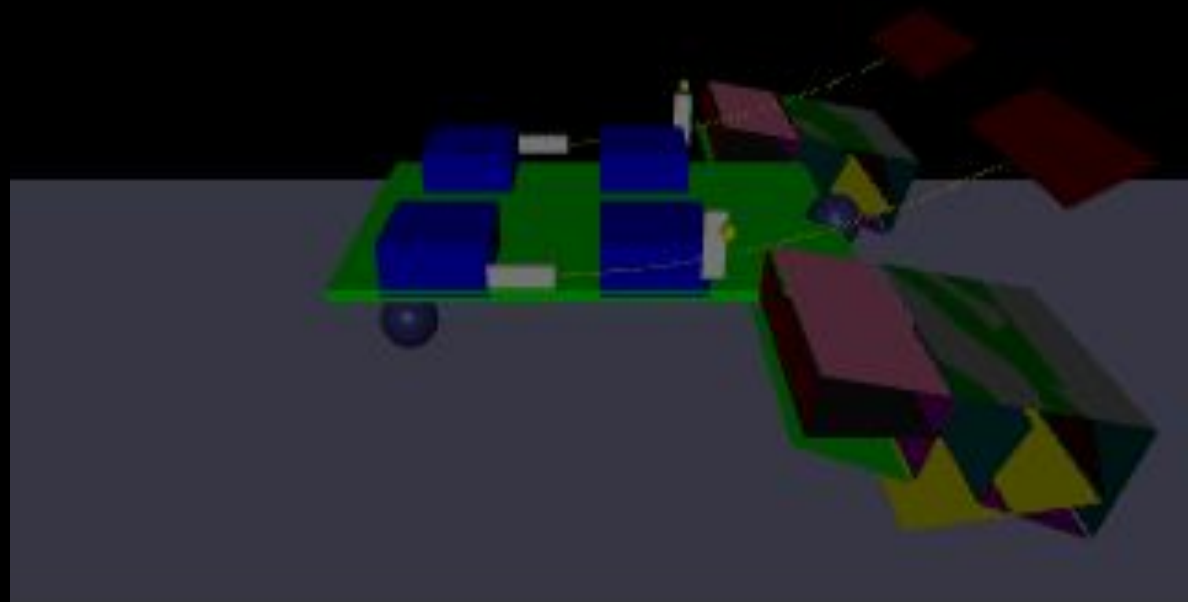




Movement Comparison Ankle vs Cos Signal (0g additional weight)









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