



Kinematic relation expressing position of the ankle (P_0) with reference to the hip (P_1):

$$P_0 = P_1 + R_1^0 P_{10}^1 = P_1 - l x_1$$

where the rotation matrix is

$$R_1^0 = (x_1 \ y_1 \ z_1)$$

$$x_1 = [\cos\theta_1, \sin\theta_1, 0]$$

$$y_1 = [-\sin\theta_1, \cos\theta_1, 0]$$

$$z_1 = [0, 0, 1]$$

and P_1 with reference to P_0 is

$$P_{10}^1 = [-l, 0, 0].$$

We want the equation in terms of the gyroscope input (radians/sec; $\dot{\theta}$) and the accelerometer input (meters/second²; \ddot{P}). So,

$$\dot{x}_1 = \dot{\theta}_1 y_1$$

$$\dot{y}_1 = -\dot{\theta}_1 x_1.$$

and by taking the derivative (in terms of time) of the initial kinematic relation expressing position,

$$\dot{P}_0 = \dot{P}_1 - l \dot{x}_1$$

$$\dot{P}_0 = \dot{P}_1 - l \dot{\theta}_1 y_1$$

$$\ddot{P}_0 = \ddot{P}_1 + l \ddot{\theta}_1 y_1 - l \dot{\theta}_1^2 x_1$$

Since the accelerometer takes into consideration gravity, so a more accurate description of the equations are

$$(\ddot{P}_0 + g_x) = (\ddot{P}_1 + g_x) + l \ddot{\theta}_1 y_1 - l \dot{\theta}_1^2 x_1$$

$$[\ddot{P}_{0,x} + g_x, \ddot{P}_{0,y}] = [\ddot{P}_{1,x} + g_x, \ddot{P}_{1,y}] + l \ddot{\theta}_1 y_1 - l \dot{\theta}_1^2 x_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\ddot{P}_{0,x} + g_x)\cos\theta_1 + \ddot{P}_{0,y}\sin\theta_1 &= \ddot{P}_{1,x} + l\dot{\theta}_1^2 x_1 \\
-(\ddot{P}_{0,x} + g_x)\sin\theta_1 + \ddot{P}_{0,y}\cos\theta_1 &= \ddot{P}_{1,y} - l\ddot{\theta}_1 y_1
\end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}
(\ddot{P}_{0,x} + g_x)\cos\theta_1 + \ddot{P}_{0,y}\sin\theta_1 &= \ddot{P}_{1,x} + l\dot{\theta}_1^2 x_1 \\
\ddot{P}_{0,y}\cos\theta_1 - (\ddot{P}_{0,x} + g_x)\sin\theta_1 &= \ddot{P}_{1,y} - l\ddot{\theta}_1 y_1
\end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{P}_{0,x} + g_x & \ddot{P}_{0,y} \\ \ddot{P}_{0,y} & -(\ddot{P}_{0,x} + g_x) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_1 \\ \sin\theta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{P}_{1,x} + l\dot{\theta}_1^2 x_1 \\ \ddot{P}_{1,y} - l\ddot{\theta}_1 y_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since we are solving for θ_1

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{P}_{0,x} + g_x & \ddot{P}_{0,y} \\ \ddot{P}_{0,y} & -(\ddot{P}_{0,x} + g_x) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{P}_{1,x} + l\dot{\theta}_1^2 x_1 \\ \ddot{P}_{1,y} - l\ddot{\theta}_1 y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_1 \\ \sin\theta_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

All the terms in the matrices are found from the sensor inputs or derived from the sensor inputs ($\ddot{\theta}_1$ can be derived from two sets of data points with t_0 time separating the data points). From there, the *arcsin* can be taken from the resulting (solution) matrix and the angle between the hip and ankle will be known.