Osteokinematics
(how the bones move)

&

Arthrokinematics
(how the joints move)
Planes & Axes

Planes of Action =
- Three fixed lines of reference along which the body is divided.
- Each plane is at right angles (or perpendicular) to the other two planes
  - The Sagittal Plane
  - The Frontal Plane
  - The Transverse Plane

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The Sagittal Plane

- Passes through the body from front to back
- Divides the body into right and left parts
- Motions occurring in this plane are ____________________________ and ____________________________

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Planes & Axes continued

- The Frontal Plane
  - Passes through the body from side to side
  - Divides the body into front and back parts
  - Motions occurring in this plane are ___________________ and ____________________

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Planes & Axes continued

- The Transverse Plane
  - Passes through the body horizontally
  - Divides the body into top and bottom parts
  - The motion that occurs in this plane is

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Planes & Axes continued
Whenever a plane passes through the midline of a part, it is referred to as a **cardinal plane**, because it divides the body into equal parts.

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Planes & Axes continued

- Joint movement occurs around an axis that is always perpendicular to its plane.
- Joint movement occurs in the ____________ plane and around the ________________ axis.
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Joints can also be described by the degrees of freedom, or number of planes, in which they can move.

- **Uniaxial joint** = moves in only 1 plane and around 1 axis. Therefore, it has 1 degree of freedom.
- **Biaxial joint** = moves in 2 planes and around 2 axes. Therefore, it has 2 degrees of freedom.
- **Triaxial joint** = moves in all 3 planes and around all three axes. Therefore, it has 3 degrees of freedom.

**What is the maximum # of degrees of freedom that an individual joint can have?**

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Flexion
  - The bending movement of 1 bone on another, bringing the two segments together
  - Usually occurs between the anterior surfaces of bones (except the knee)

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- **Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints**
- **Extension**
  - The straightening movement of one bone away from another
  - This motion usually returns the body part to anatomical position after it has been flexed
  - Joint surfaces tend to move away from each other
  - **Hyperextension** is the continuation of extension beyond the anatomical position

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Abduction & Adduction
  - Abduction is movement away from the midline of the body
  - Adduction is movement toward the midline
  - The shoulder and hip can abduct and adduct
  - Exception = the reference point for the fingers is the middle finger and the reference point for the toes is the second toe

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Horizontal Abduction and Horizontal Adduction
  - Motions of the shoulder which cannot occur from anatomical position
  - The shoulder must first flex or abduct 90 degrees so that the arm is at shoulder level (and perpendicular to the ground)
  - From this position, shoulder movement backward is horizontal abduction and movement forward is horizontal adduction

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Radial and Ulnar deviation
  - Radial deviation is a term used to refer to wrist abduction. When the hand moves laterally, or toward the thumb side, it is radial deviation.
  - Ulnar deviation is a term used to refer to wrist adduction. When the hand moves medially from the anatomical position toward the little finger, it is ulnar deviation.

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Lateral bending or side-bending
  - When the trunk moves sideways, lateral bending or side-bending is used.
  - Right lateral bending (or right side-bending) is when the right shoulder moves toward the right hip.
  - Left lateral bending (or left side-bending) is when the left shoulder moves toward the left hip

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- **Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints**
- **Circumduction**
  - A circular motion; a combination of flexion, abduction, extension and adduction

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Internal and External Rotation
  - Rotation is movement of a bone around its longitudinal axis
  - Internal rotation (aka medial rotation) occurs when the anterior surface rolls inward toward the midline
  - External rotation (aka lateral rotation) occurs when the anterior surface rolls outward, away from midline
Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Pronation and Supination
  - Rotation of the forearm is referred to as pronation and supination
  - In anatomical position, the forearm is in supination (the palm of the hand faces anteriorly)
  - In pronation, the palm of the hand faces posteriorly (in the anatomic position)
  - When the elbow is flexed, the “palm up” position is supination and the “palm down” position is pronation.

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Pronation and Supination

Supination

Pronation

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Plantarflexion and Dorsiflexion
  - Plantarflexion is flexion at the ankle (bringing the toes up toward the anterior tibia)
  - Dorsiflexion is extension at the ankle (pointing the foot down, moving the toes away from the anterior tibia)

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Inversion and Eversion
  - Inversion and eversion are terms specific to the ankle joint
  - Inversion is adduction of the calcaneus (moving the sole of the foot inward at the ankle)
  - Eversion is abduction of the calcaneus (moving the sole of the foot outward at the ankle)

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Protraction and Retraction
  - Protraction and retraction are linear movements along a plane parallel to the ground.
  - Protraction is a moving away from midline and retraction is a motion toward midline
  - Examples:
    - Shoulder girdle:
    - Jaw:

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Osteokinematics (the movement of bones)

- Fundamental Motions that occur at Synovial Joints
- Protraction and Retraction
Osteokinematics and Arthrokinematics

- **Osteokinematics**
  - Movements of the shaft of bones that we can see
  - Flexion, extension, abduction, adduction, etc
  - Under voluntary control
  - Aka physiological motion, osteokinematic motion

- **Arthrokinematics**
  - Movements taking place within the joint at the joint surfaces, that we cannot see
  - Not under voluntary control
  - Aka accessory motion, arthrokinematic motion

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Arthrokinematics

- **Types of Arthrokinematic Motion**
  - Roll
  - Glide (aka slide)
  - Spin

  - Most joint movement involves a combination of all three of these motions.

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Types of Arthrokinematic Motion continued

**Roll**: the rolling of one joint surface on another

- New points on each surface come into contact throughout the motion
- Example: a ball rolling across the ground

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CcQVREqgPM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CcQVREqgPM)
Arthrokinematics

- Types of Arthrokinematic Motion continued
- **Glide (aka slide):** linear movement of a joint surface parallel to the plane of the adjacent joint surface
  - In other words, one point on one joint surface (remains the same) contacts new points on the other joint surface
  - Example: An ice-skater’s blade (one point) sliding across the ice surface (many points)

  - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kKlGrIFuXY&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kKlGrIFuXY&feature=related)

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Arthrokinematics

- Types of Arthrokinematic Motion continued
- **Spin**: the rotation of the movable joint surface on the fixed adjacent surface
  - Essentially, the same point on each surface remains in contact with each other
  - Example: a top spinning on the table (if it were to remain upright and in one place)
    - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkbZcbswoOY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkbZcbswoOY)

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- The Convex-Concave Rule
  - Knowing that a joint surface is concave or convex is important because shape determines motion
  - A concave joint surface will move on a fixed convex surface in the same direction the body segment is moving
    - Therefore, the concave joint surface moves in the same direction as the body segment’s motion
  - A convex joint surface will move on a fixed concave surface in the opposite direction as the moving body segment
    - Therefore, the convex joint surface moves in the opposite direction as the body segment’s motion

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Arthrokinematics

- The Convex-Concave Rule
Arthrokinematics

- **Joint Congruency**
  - How well joint surfaces match or fit.
  - Close-packed/Closed-pack Position =
    - Joint surfaces have maximum contact with each other
    - Ligaments and capsules holding the joint together are taut
  - Open-packed/Loose-packed Position (aka resting position) =
    - Position of maximum in-congruency
    - Parts of the capsule and supporting ligaments are lax

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References