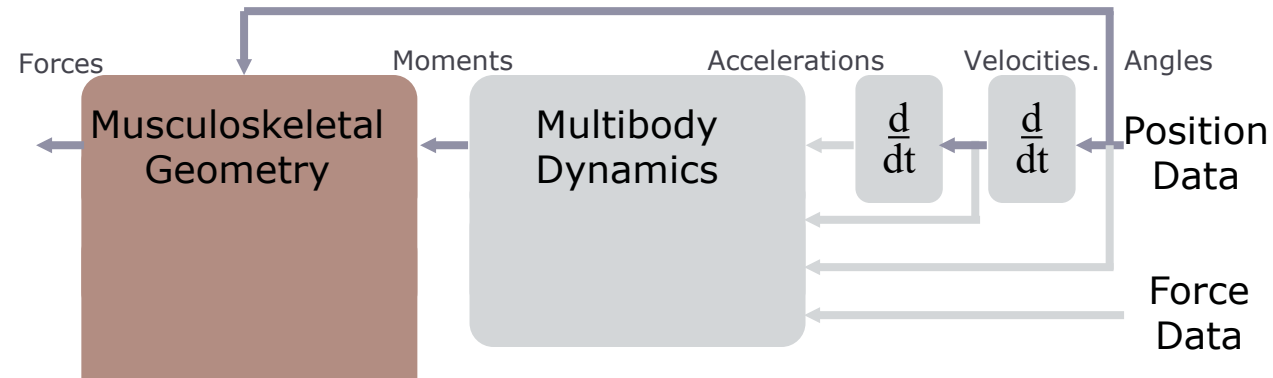


## Static Optimization

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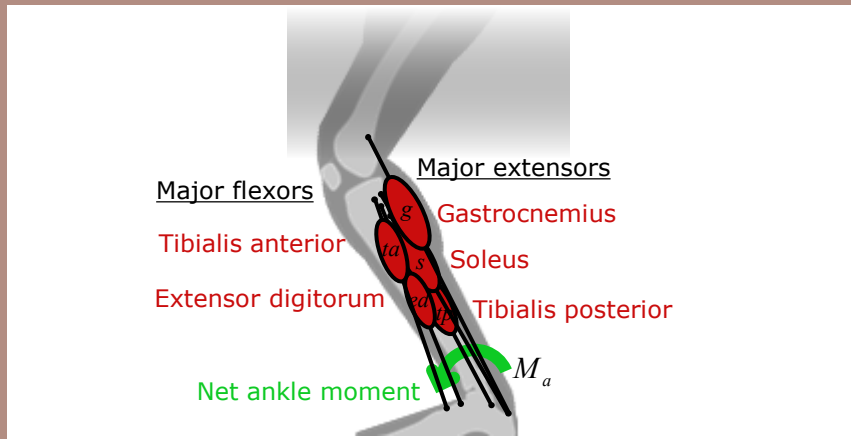
# The Inverse Problem



**Static Optimization**

**Inverse Dynamics**

**Inverse Kinematics**



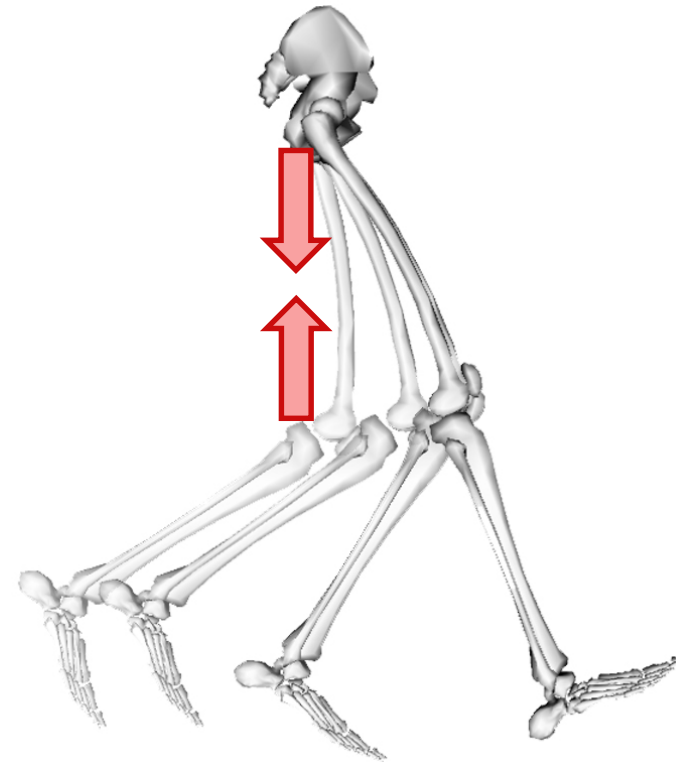
- Use musculoskeletal geometry and assumptions about force distribution to estimate individual muscle forces

## Key Concepts

- **Kinematics**      coordinates and their velocities and accelerations
- **Kinetics**      muscle forces
- **Muscle physiology**      muscle activation-contraction dynamics and force-length-velocity relations
- **Dynamics**      equations of motion
- **Musculoskeletal geometry**      muscle moment arm
- **Optimization**      the “distribution” problem

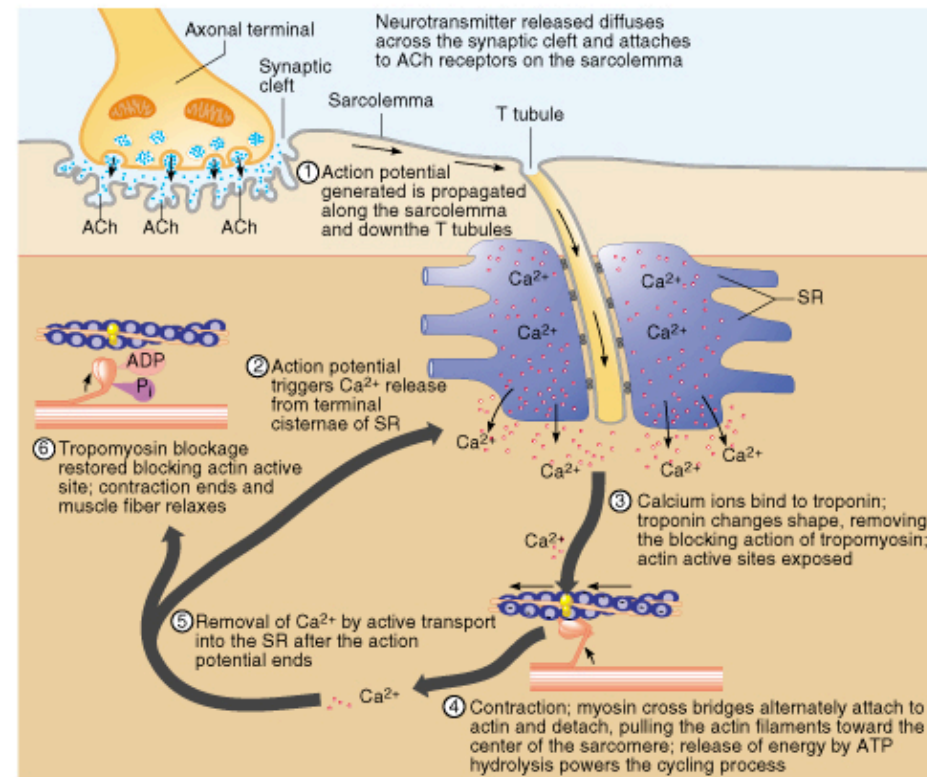
# Kinetics: Muscle Forces

- Kinetics
  - Muscle forces cause the model to accelerate
    - Muscle force
      - Applied between origin and insertion points



# Muscle Physiology: Muscle Activation-Contraction and Force-Length-Velocity Relations

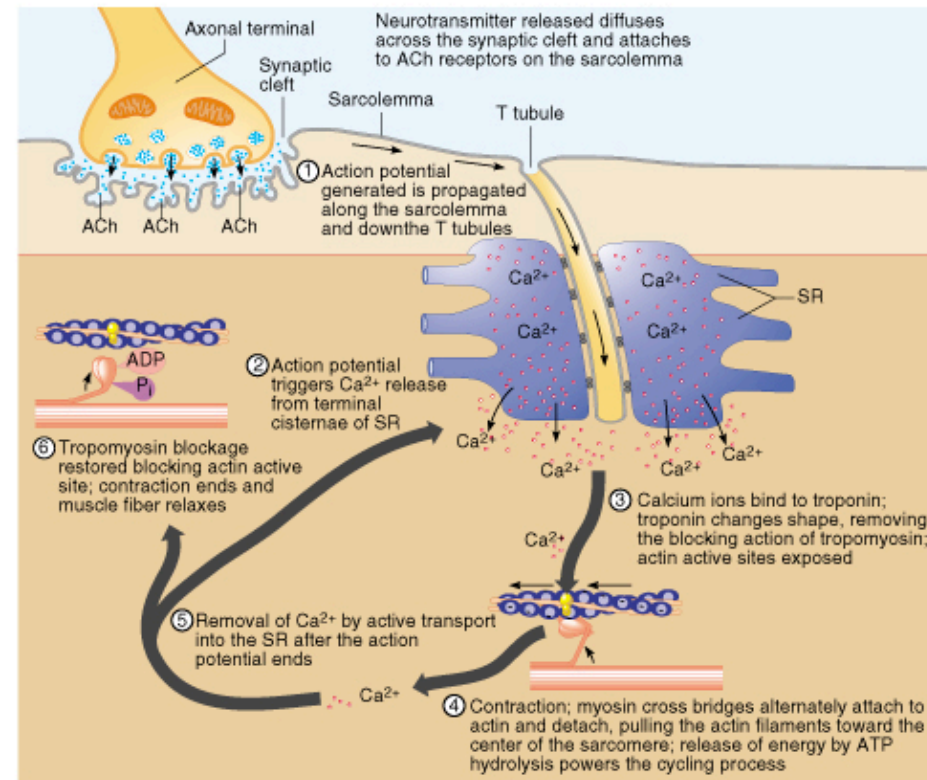
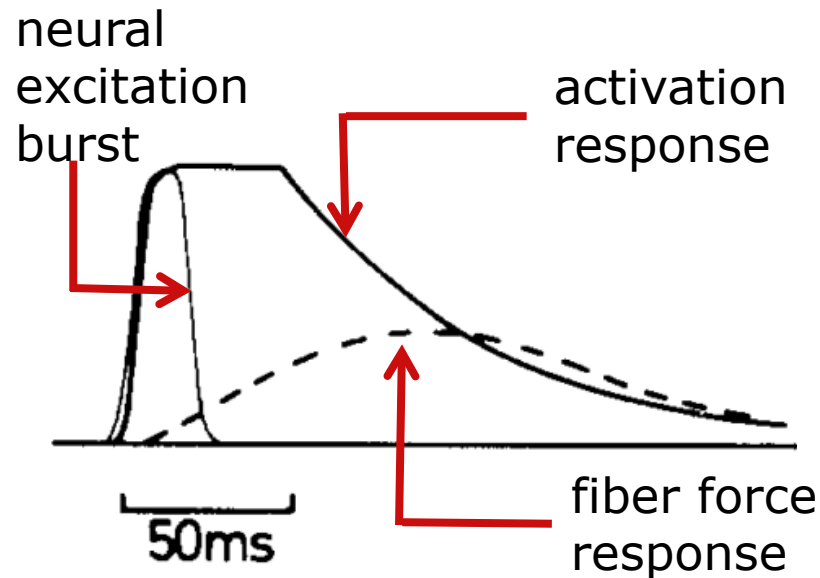
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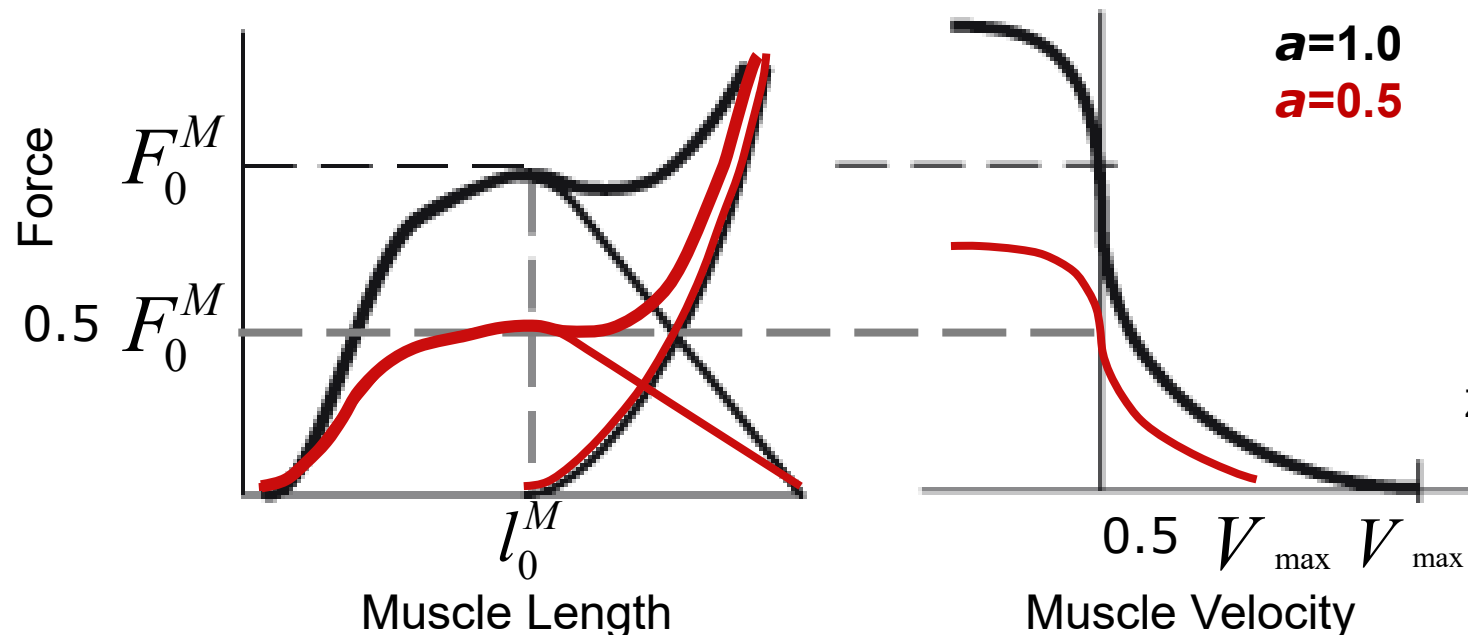
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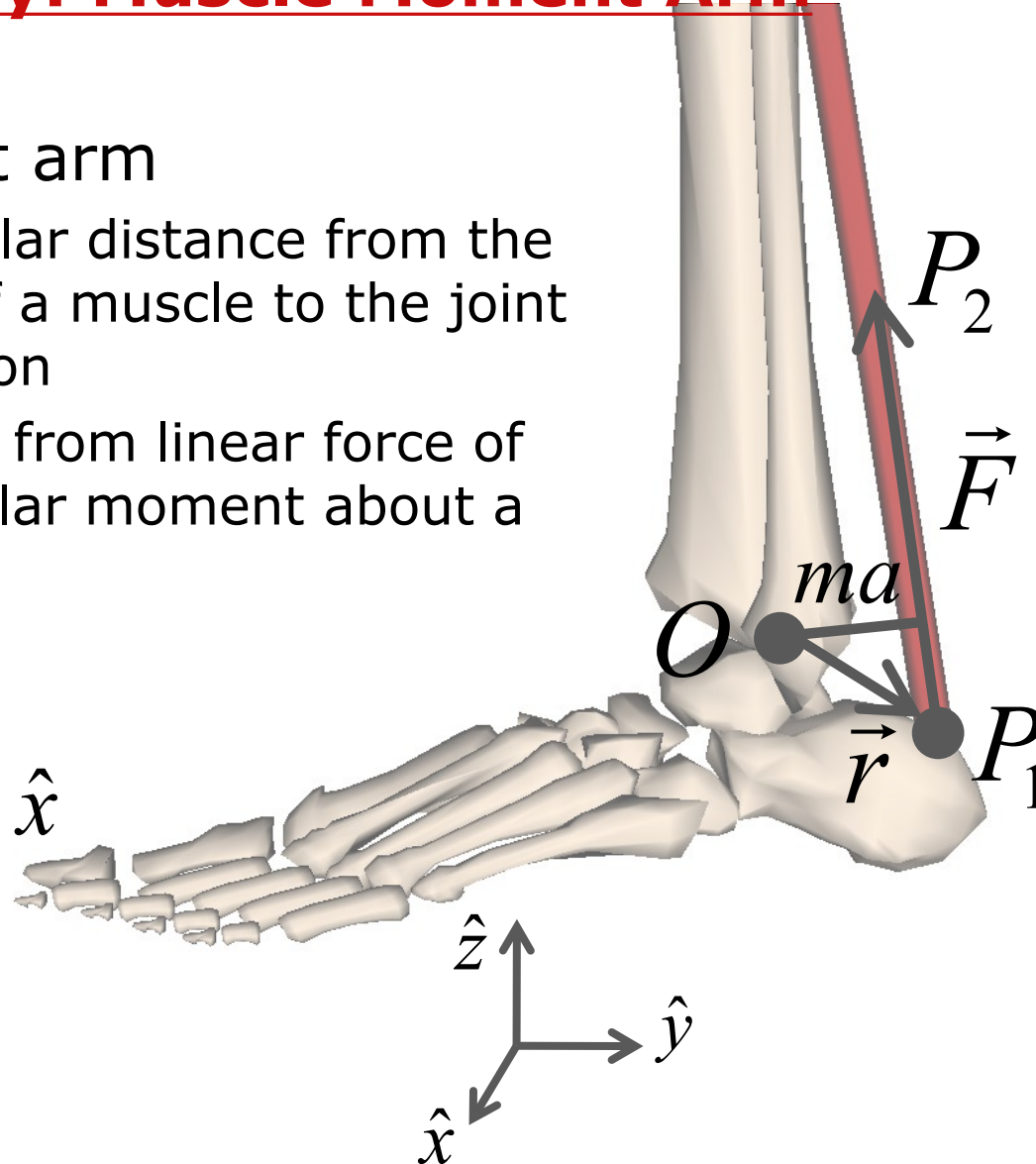


Zajac, Crit Rev Bioeng, 1989

# Musculoskeletal Geometry: Muscle Moment Arm

- Muscle moment arm
  - The perpendicular distance from the line of action of a muscle to the joint center of rotation
  - Transformation from linear force of muscle to angular moment about a joint center

$$ma_x = \frac{\vec{r} \times \vec{F}}{|\vec{F}|} \cdot \hat{x}$$





# The Muscle Force Distribution Problem

$$M_j = \sum \text{muscle moments} + \sum \text{moments due to other structures}$$

number of flexors  $n_f$       number of extensors  $n_e$

$$M_j = \underbrace{\sum_{f=1}^{n_f} F_f r_f}_{\text{flexion moment}} - \underbrace{\sum_{e=1}^{n_e} F_e r_e}_{\text{extension moment}}$$

moment arm

1 equation with  $n_f + n_e$  unknowns

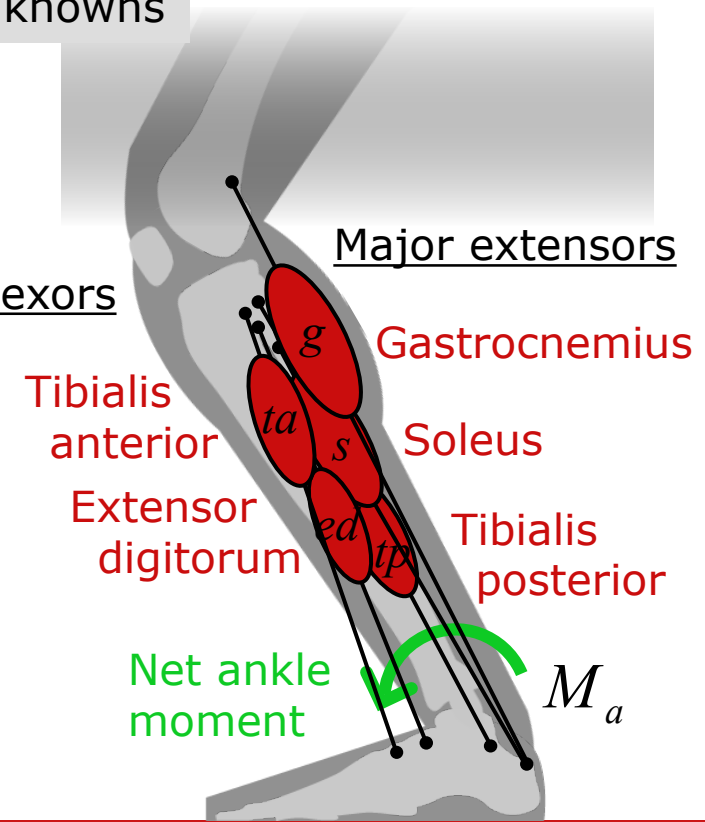
Ankle example

$$M_a = (F_{ta}r_{ta} + F_{ed}r_{ed}) - (F_g r_g + F_s r_s + F_{tp}r_{tp})$$

How can we solve this?

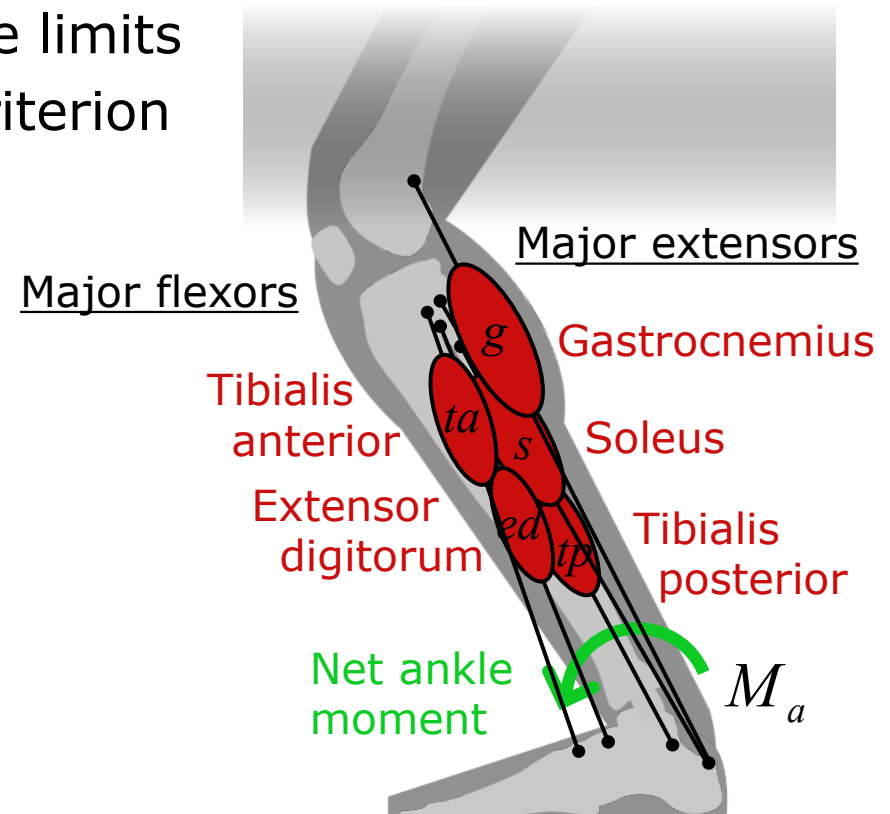
Major flexors

Major extensors



## Static Optimization

- Determines the “best” set of muscle forces that
  - Produce net joint moments at a discrete time
  - Do not violate muscle force limits
  - Optimize a performance criterion
- Performance criterion attempts to capture the goal of the neural control system
  - Minimize muscle force?
  - Minimize muscle stress?



# Static Optimization Formulation

minimize  $f(F_m)$       Function of muscle forces

subject to  $M_a(t) = [F_{ta}(t)r_{ta}(t) + F_{ed}(t)r_{ed}(t)] - [F_g(t)r_g(t) + F_s(t)r_s(t) + F_{tp}(t)r_{tp}(t)]$

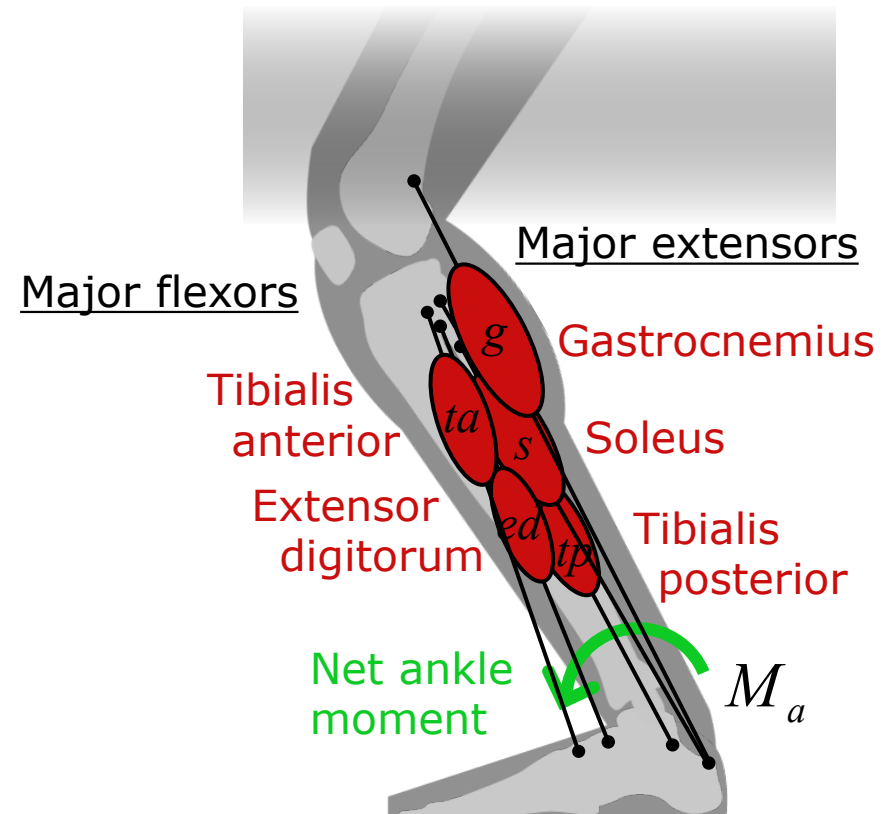
$$F_{ta}(t) \leq 900\text{N}$$

$$F_{ed}(t) \leq 800\text{N}$$

$$F_g(t) \leq 1500\text{N}$$

$$F_s(t) \leq 2500\text{N}$$

$$F_{tp}(t) \leq 1500\text{N}$$



# Example Performance Criteria

$$f(F_m) = \sum_{m=1}^{nm} F_m$$

$$f(F_m) = \sum_{m=1}^{nm} \left( \frac{F_m}{PCSA_m} \right)^3$$

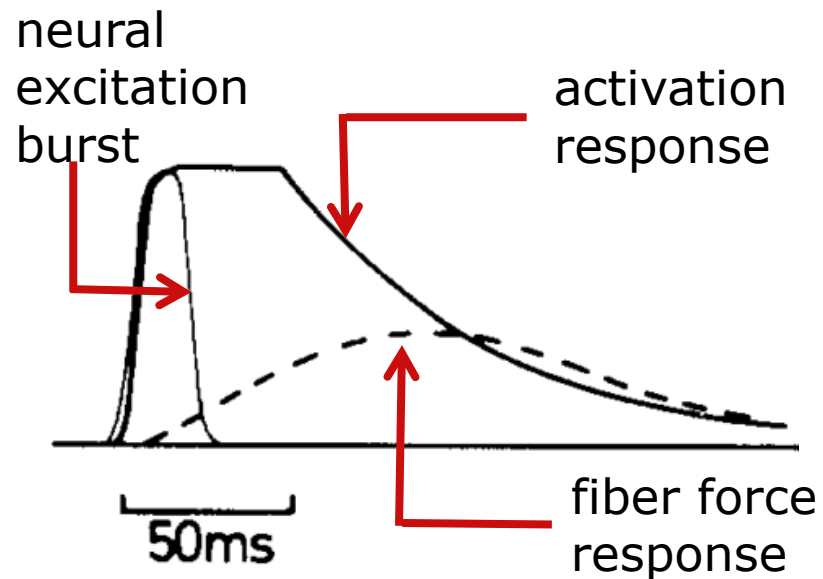
$$f(F_m) = \sum_{m=1}^{nm} \left( k \frac{F_m}{PCSA_m} \right)^2 \approx \sum_{m=1}^{nm} (a_m)^2$$

Muscle force

Difficult to define and validate a good criterion

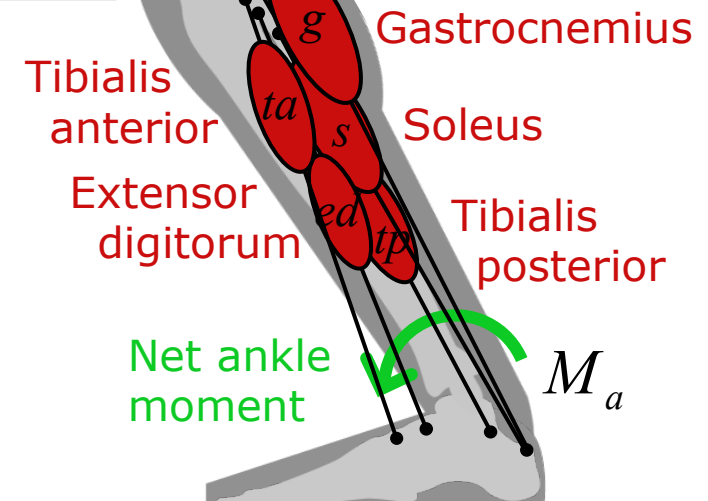
(Muscle stress)<sup>3</sup> ~ Metabolic energy

(Muscle activation)<sup>2</sup>



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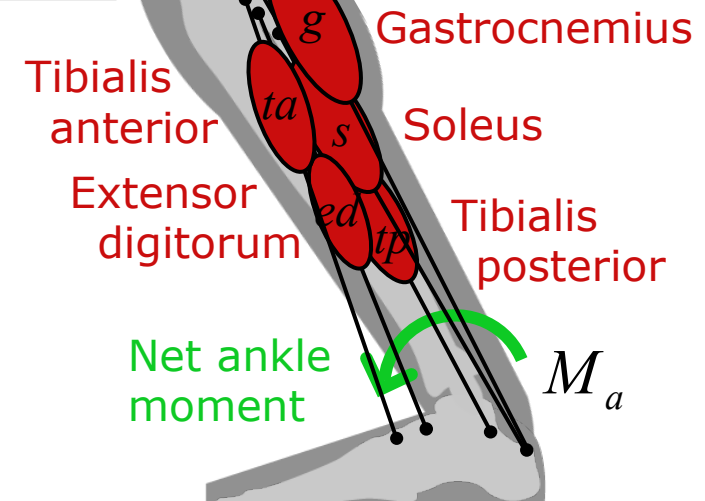
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### Possible validations

- Use output to drive a forward dynamic simulation
- Compare qualitatively to experimental EMG
- Compare to measured forces (instrumented implant, buckle transducer in tendon)

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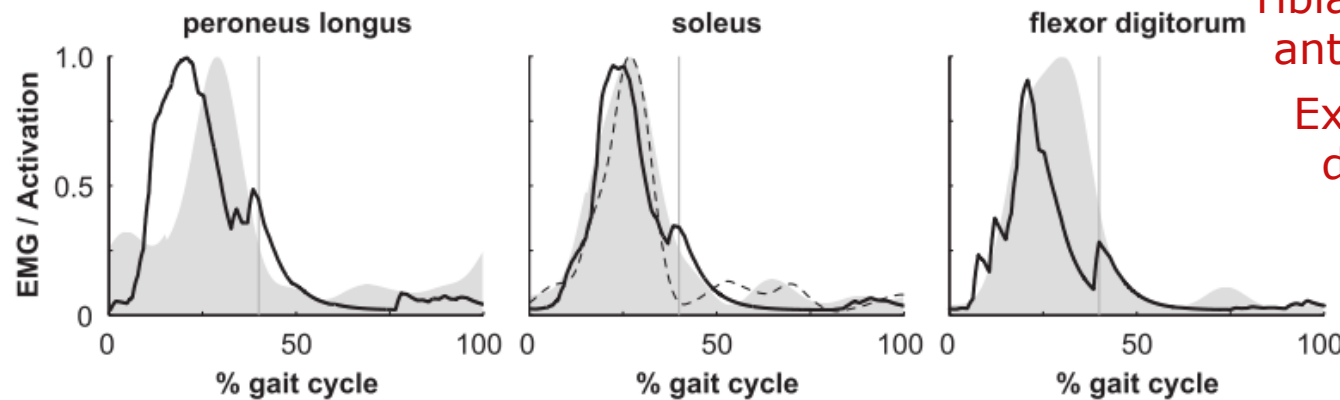
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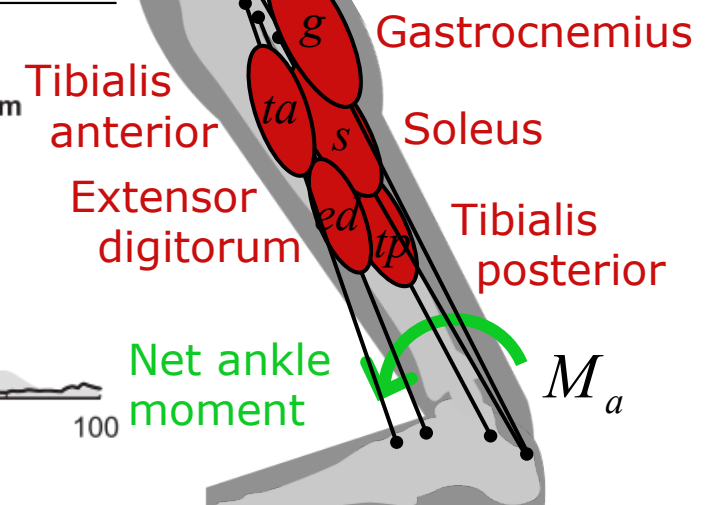
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# Static Optimization

## TIPS & TRICKS

**Inputs:** Can use kinematics from IK or RRA.  
If using IK, need to filter kinematics

**Residuals:** Add residual actuators to pelvis

**Reserves:** Add reserve torque actuators to trouble-shoot a weak model

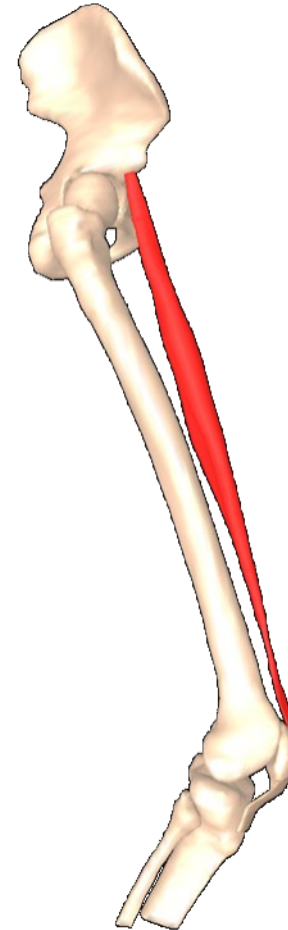
**Minimizing residuals & reserves:** Increase maximum control value (default = 1) and lower the maximum force → penalizes activity

**Command Line:** analyze -S setup\_file.xml

## Exercise

1. Given that the rectus femoris muscle has a peak isometric force of 1169 N and it is at its optimal fiber length and zero velocity, what is the force generated for an activation of 0.86?

- A. 164 N
- B. 952 N
- C. 1005 N**
- D. 1058 N





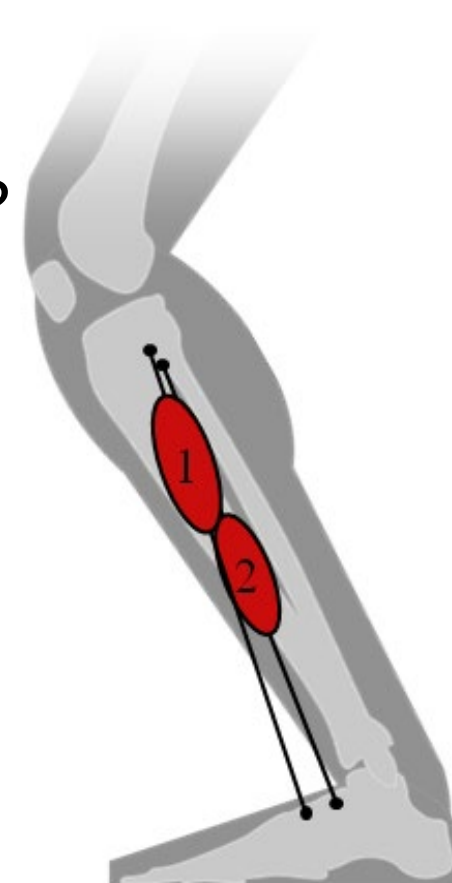
## Exercise

2. For the model shown on the right, which muscle has the largest moment arm about the **ankle** joint?

A. 1

B. 2

C. Neither (are identical)



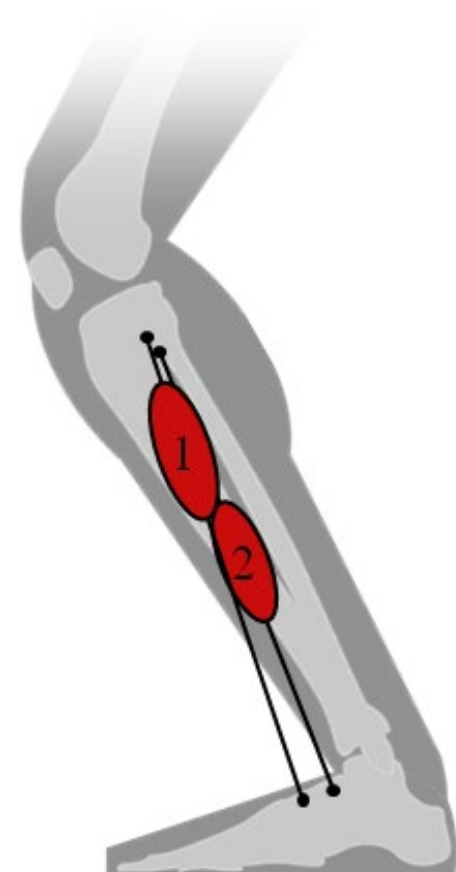
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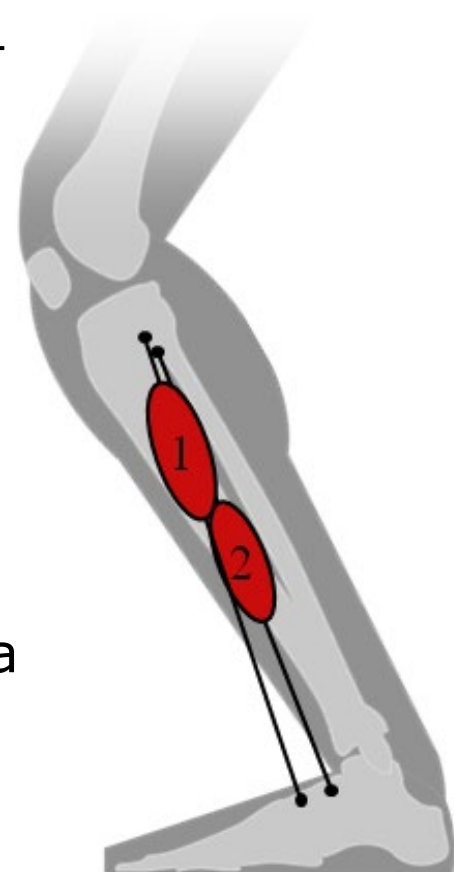
## Exercise

4. For the model shown on the right, muscle 1 and 2 have the following properties

Muscle	Peak Isometric Force (N)	Moment Arm (cm)
1	905	3.6
2	512	3.0

To solve the “distribution” problem minimizing the sum of squared activations, which muscle would be activated more for a given dorsiflexion moment?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. Neither (are identical)



# Tracking Simulation

