

# Basic Biomechanics

- typical mechanical engineering
- review core math

## Terminology

-  $F = ma$

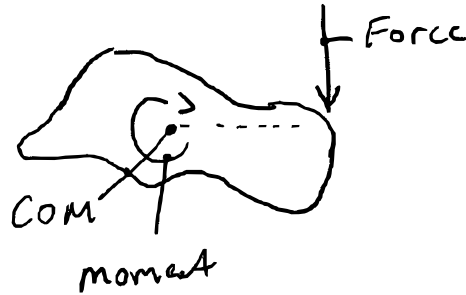
- stress = action of force wrt given area
- +  $1 \text{ N/m}^2$  stress =  $1 \text{ N}$  for every square meter of area
- + if perpendicular to surface of object, denoted as "normal stress"
- + parallel to surface, shear stress
- + moment = force acting a distance from a certain point
- \* biomechanics: torque, since often fixed point of rotation
- + change in shape of object due to stress = deformation
- + strain = expression capturing amount of deformation from original geometry

- strain perpendicular to cross section = normal
- parallel = shear strain
- equilibrium = state where  $\Sigma$  forces & moments = 0 written as:

$$\Sigma F(x, y, z) = 0$$

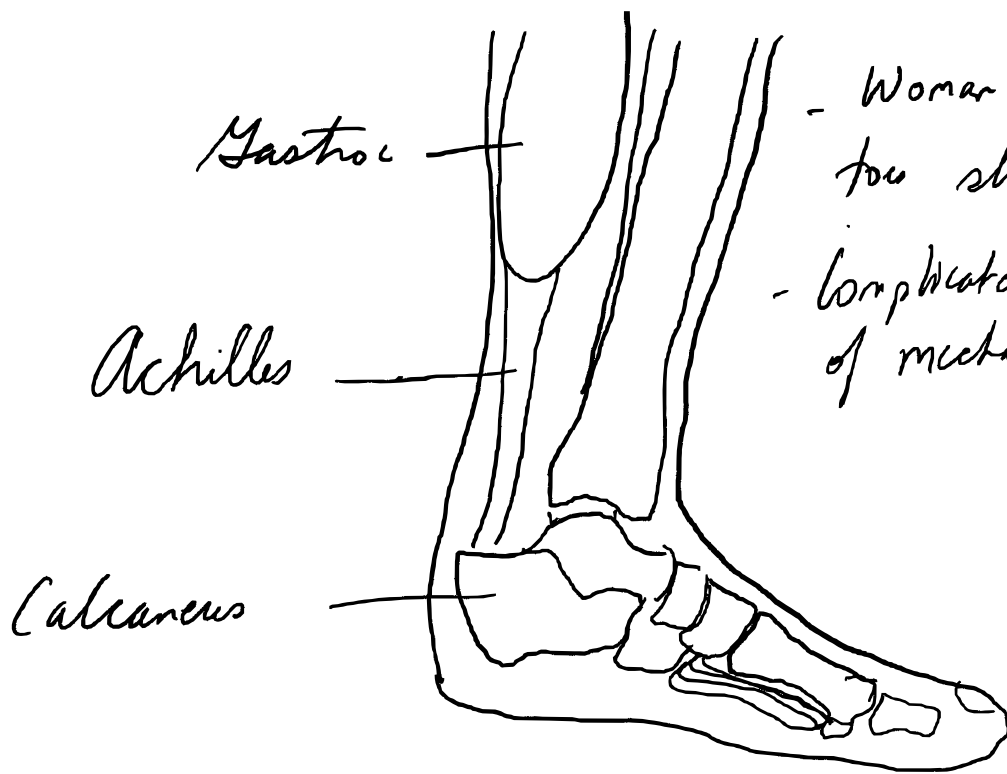
$$\Sigma M(x, y, z) = 0$$

E.S: Talus, lateral view



## Statics

- study of external force on a system in equilibrium
- + human body, either still or momentarily still
- + gravity + internal forces and moments = 0
- \* assume bodies are rigid and non deformable
- FBD (free body diagram) for biomechanics require deep anatomy knowledge.
- + when model is wrong or what assumptions to make



Gastroc

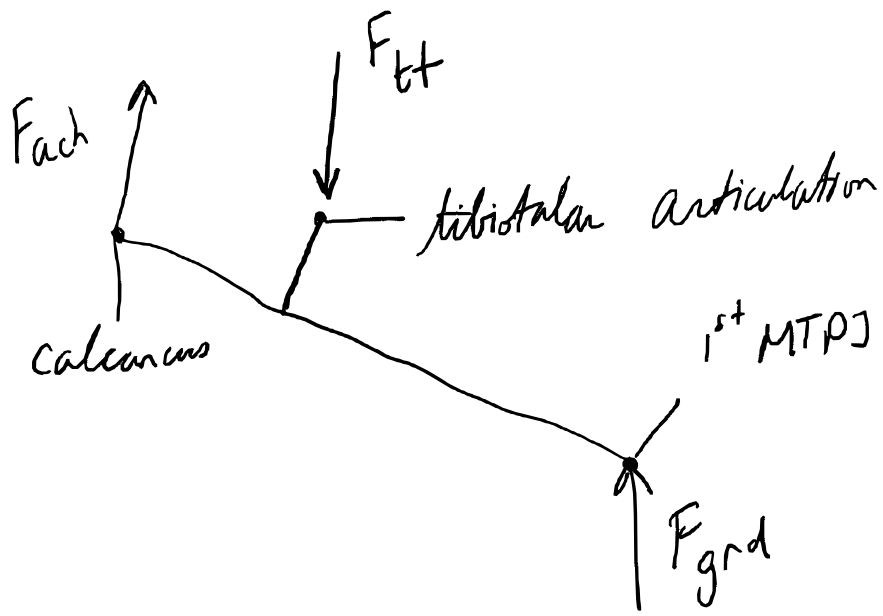
Achilles

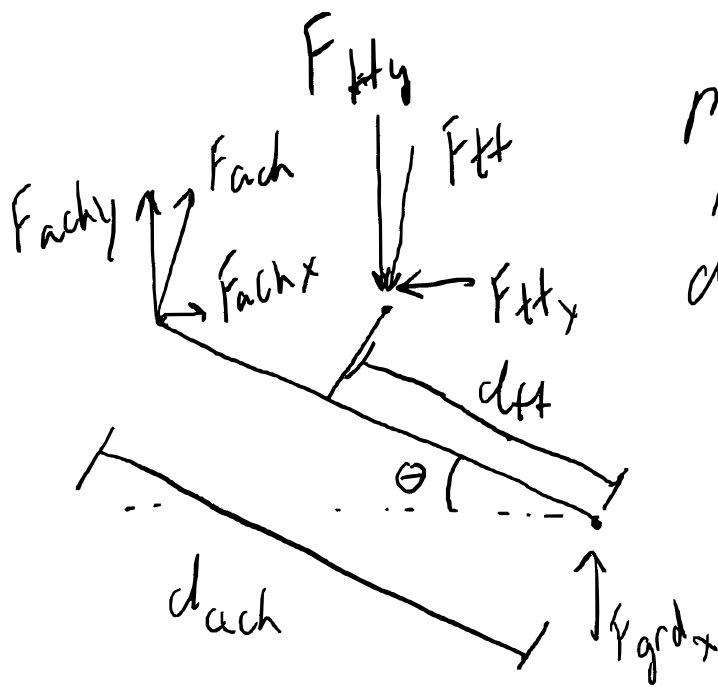
Calcaneus

- Woman standing on toe slightly.
- complicated representation of mechanics

FBD

hind & midfoot fused to form single segment





More complete  
FDB with  
decomposition

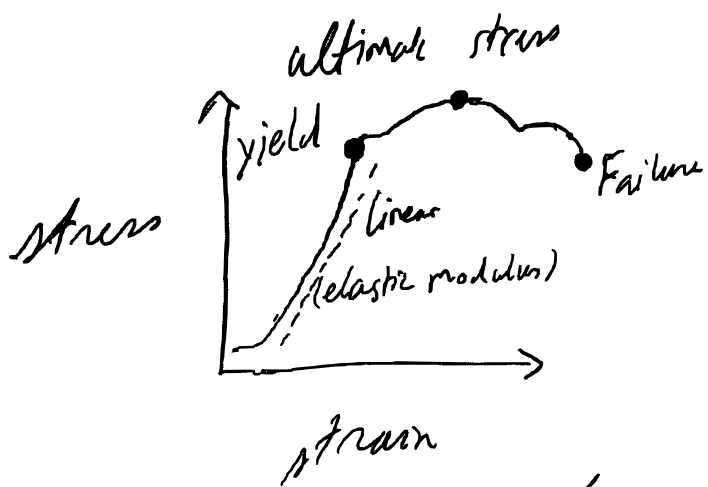
helps identify  
assumptions  
(segment rigidity,  
single muscle element)

## Dynamics

- External forces acting on an object, resulting in change in motion
- + net forces on system  $\neq 0$
- + Kinematics - study of motion regardless of forces that create it
- \* time, position, velocity, acceleration, geometry
- \* NOT forces, stresses, deformation, strain.
- + Kinetics study of forces and moments causing motion
- + Kinesiology = study of human movement.

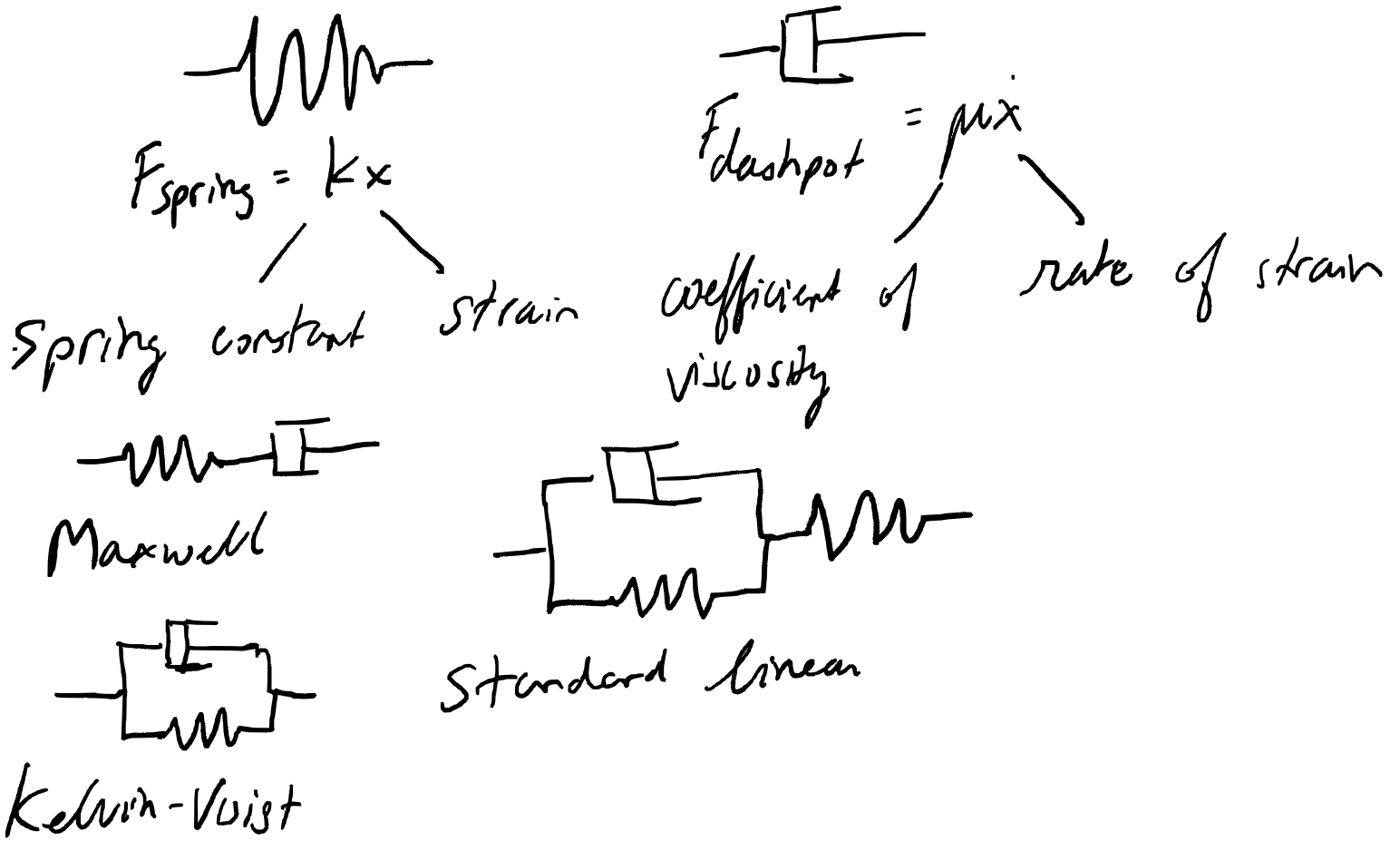
## Strength of Materials & Deformation

- rigid useful of human biomechanics
- however, tissues deform to mechanical tension
- + stress and strain on cells, trigger response in the cell ECM
- \* Wolff's law for bones



- \* adipose tissue structural role in cushioning sole and heel
- core concepts:
  - + elastic modulus = material property, ratio of stress to strain in region of elastic response
  - + stiffness = structural property, resistance to deformation
  - + failure = complicated, but in biomechanics, catastrophic breakdown
  - + yield/ultimate/failure load and strain: points on curve for end of elastic response, end of maximal load, catastrophic failure
  - + Poisson's Ratio = ratio of transverse to axial load
- \* e.g. tendon gets thinner under axial load
- deformation
  - + elastic = change when perturbed, return to state
  - + plastic = change when perturbed, permanent
  - + fluid flow

Viscoelasticity



- biological tissue often complex blend of elements for substantial motion and deformation
- fluid content implies viscosity = resistance of fluid to shear
- + viscoelasticity = combined consideration of solids and fluids
- 3 models, all use spring + dashpot
- + Kelvin-Voigt
- + Maxwell
- + Standard Linear
- \* ligaments, organ tissue, bone, cartilage, skin, etc.