



TECHNOLOGICAL RELIABILITY OF A THREE-DIMENSIONAL MARKERLESS MOTION CAPTURE SYSTEM FOR ASSESSING KINEMATIC DATA

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Introduction

Advances in motion capture technology include markerless systems to facilitate valid data collection. Reliability of this technology includes both biological and technological variability.

Purpose

The aim of this study was to determine the inter-device technological reliability for a 3-dimensional markerless motion capture system to quantify 214 basic kinematic variables.

Methods and Materials

Twenty healthy men (n = 11, hgt = 181.0±7.2 cm, body mass = 87.7±11.1 kg, age = 26.8±6.8 yrs) and women (n = 9, height = 167.0±6.6 cm, body mass = 62.7±6.9 kg, age = 24.2±7.3 yrs) participated in this study. All subjects performed a standardized test battery consisting of 29 different movements, from which 214 different kinematic metrics were derived. These variables (with the number of variables in parentheses) included range of motion in degrees for both the right and left shoulder (28), hip (40), knee (26), and ankle (26). Also, torso rotation, flexion and extension (28), lower limb summary flexion (26), knee valgus (26), pelvis rotation (6), and lunge stride length (4). Cameras for two three-dimensional markerless motion capture systems (DARI Motion, Lenexa, KS) located immediately adjacent (3 cm apart) to each other were utilized to quantify movement characteristics. Independent sample t-tests with selected reliability statistics (i.e., intraclass correlation coefficient, effect sizes, mean absolute differences) were used to evaluate agreement between the two systems (p<.05).



Figures 1 & 2 Illustrations of acquiring the image using the 3-D markerless motion capture system evaluated in the present study.



Results

Table 1 – Comparison data for inter-device reliability (technical reliability) for 2 identical markerless motion capture systems. Results are presented as X̄±SD for normally distributed data, or medians (Mdn) for non-normally distributed data. Significance (p) for individual t-tests, mean absolute differences (X̄ diff), effect sizes (ES), and intra-class correlation coefficients are also listed for each variable.

Anatomical Motion	System 1 (X̄±SD or Mdn)	System 2 (X̄±SD or Mdn)	p	X̄ diff	ES	ICC	Anatomical Motion	System 1 (X̄±SD or Mdn)	System 2 (X̄±SD or Mdn)	p	X̄ diff	ES	ICC
Shoulder Abduction							Forward Lunge (cont'd)						
Shoulder abduction mobility, maximum left value (°) †	179.3	178.3	0.82	0.6	0.38	0.89	Forward lunge knee flexion, maximum right value (°)	116.8 ± 9.4	116.9 ± 7.8	0.98	0.1	0.01	0.92
Shoulder abduction mobility, maximum right value (°) †	178.5	177.1	0.86	0.6	0.06	0.94	Forward lunge ankle flexion, maximum left value (°)	26.4 ± 8.7	26.0 ± 7.1	0.86	0.4	0.06	0.79
Shoulder Horizontal Abduction							Forward lunge ankle flexion, maximum right value (°) †	27.6	25.4	0.70	1.1	0.13	0.84
Shoulder horizontal abduction mobility, maximum left value (°) †	37.1	34.4	0.21	3.3	0.41	0.91	220.4 ± 20.3	217.7 ± 20.3	0.68	2.7	0.13	0.86	
Shoulder horizontal abduction mobility, maximum right value (°)	44.6 ± 19.5	42.3 ± 16.1	0.68	2.4	0.13	0.91	Forward lunge lower extremity flexion, sum left value (°) †	226.3	222.6	0.68	1.7	0.14	0.82
Shoulder Internal/External Rotation							Forward lunge lower extremity flexion, sum right value (°) †	1.6 ± 6.2	1.1 ± 6.3	0.80	0.5	0.08	0.93
Shoulder external rotation, maximum left value (°)	84.3 ± 11.0	85.4 ± 12.3	0.76	1.1	0.10	0.95	Forward lunge lateral trunk flexion, left value (°)	2.3 ± 5.1	1.6 ± 5.0	0.68	0.7	0.13	0.68
Shoulder external rotation, maximum right value (°)	92.7 ± 10.0	92.4 ± 9.8	0.93	0.3	0.03	0.93	Forward lunge lateral trunk flexion, right value (°)	3.8 ± 10.7	0.2 ± 10.3	0.24	4.0	0.38	0.79
Shoulder internal rotation, maximum left value (°)	70.1 ± 18.8	70.3 ± 18.1	0.98	0.1	0.01	0.98	Forward lunge pelvic obliquity, right value (°)	3.9 ± 9.4	3.5 ± 7.9	0.88	0.4	0.05	0.44
Shoulder internal rotation, maximum right value (°)	68.5 ± 16.4	69.5 ± 15.3	0.84	1.0	0.06	0.95	Forward lunge hip adduction, left value (°)	10.9 ± 4.9	9.8 ± 6.1	0.55	1.1	0.19	0.80
Shoulder Flexion/Extension							Forward lunge hip adduction, right value (°)	16.9 ± 7.6	14.7 ± 7.4	0.38	2.1	0.28	0.82
Shoulder flexion, maximum left value (°) †	182.5	182.7	0.76	1.6	0.10	0.34	Forward lunge dynamic valgus, left value (°)	20.5 ± 13.6	15.8 ± 13.1	0.28	4.7	0.35	0.85
Shoulder flexion, maximum right value (°) †	183.6	186.5	0.25	3.6	0.37	0.50	Forward lunge dynamic valgus, right value (°)	29.8 ± 14.9	26.7 ± 13.4	0.47	3.2	0.22	0.82
Shoulder extension, maximum left value (°) †	53.4	54.3	0.84	0.9	0.07	0.68	Lateral Lunge						
Shoulder extension, maximum right value (°)	54.4 ± 16.6	54.1 ± 15.5	0.96	0.3	0.02	0.98	Lateral lunge stride length, left value (cm)	99.4 ± 10.3	99.6 ± 10.6	0.96	0.2	0.02	0.99
Forward Fold							Lateral lunge stride length, right value (cm) †	99.6	98.1	0.57	1.7	0.19	0.73
Forward fold - thoracic flexion, maximum value (°) †	33.1	34.1	0.90	1.0	0.04	0.83	Lateral lunge trail hip abduction, left value (°)	42.5 ± 6.5	43.3 ± 9.1	0.76	0.8	0.10	0.80
Forward fold - lumbar flexion, maximum value (°) †	55.6	57.8	0.74	0.4	0.11	0.85	Lateral lunge trail hip abduction, right value (°)	44.1 ± 10.3	44.3 ± 7.3	0.14	4.2	0.47	0.54
Trunk Rotation							Lateral lunge knee flexion, maximum left value (°) †	110.5	114.0	0.66	1.9	0.15	0.97
Thoracic rotation, maximum left value (°)	34.8 ± 7.7	33.6 ± 8.0	0.64	1.2	0.15	0.75	Lateral lunge knee flexion, maximum right value (°) †	120.0	113.2	0.31	4.4	0.33	0.87
Thoracic rotation, maximum right value (°) †	29.8	28.3	0.60	0.9	0.17	0.81	Lateral lunge ankle flexion, maximum left value (°)	34.7 ± 11.3	33.8 ± 10.2	0.79	0.9	0.08	0.88
Lumbar rotation, maximum left value (°)	13.5 ± 3.7	13.5 ± 3.8	0.99	<0.1	0.01	0.80	Lateral lunge ankle flexion, maximum right value (°)	39.4 ± 13.5	36.3 ± 10.8	0.43	3.1	0.25	0.66
Lumbar rotation, maximum right value (°)	14.9 ± 3.6	14.0 ± 3.4	0.41	0.9	0.26	0.69	Lateral lunge lower extremity flexion, sum left value (°) †	250.6	236.9	1.00	<0.1	<0.01	0.93
Trunk Lateral Flexion							Lateral lunge lower extremity flexion, sum right value (°)	250.3 ± 37.0	246.4 ± 36.2	0.74	3.9	0.11	0.92
Thoracic lateral flexion, maximum left value (°)	30.3 ± 6.2	28.4 ± 5.8	0.34	1.9	0.31	0.84	Lateral lunge hip flexion, maximum left value (°)	91.4 ± 15.1	95.3 ± 15.9	0.43	4.0	0.26	0.74
Thoracic lateral flexion, maximum right value (°) †	30.5	25.9	0.04	3.3	0.70	0.68	Lateral lunge hip flexion, maximum right value (°)	90.5 ± 18.0	93.9 ± 18.8	0.56	3.5	0.19	0.53
Lumbar lateral flexion, maximum left value (°)	15.4 ± 3.0	14.1 ± 3.1	0.18	1.3	0.43	0.78	Lateral lunge trunk flexion, left value (°)	45.9 ± 10.2	46.4 ± 10.0	0.86	0.6	0.06	0.97
Lumbar lateral flexion, maximum right value (°) †	15.7	13.0	0.03	2.2	0.74	0.57	Lateral lunge trunk flexion, right value (°)	46.7 ± 9.6	47.1 ± 9.0	0.88	0.5	0.05	0.98
Reverse Lunge with Rotation							Lateral lunge pelvic obliquity, left value (°)	5.4 ± 10.8	4.7 ± 10.9	0.83	0.7	0.06	0.70
Thoracic rotation, maximum left value (°)	18.6 ± 12.2	23.6 ± 11.9	0.19	5.0	0.42	0.59	Lateral lunge pelvic obliquity, right value (°)	9.6 ± 8.2	5.4 ± 10.0	0.16	4.1	0.45	0.38
Thoracic rotation, maximum right value (°)	13.7 ± 10.3	20.3 ± 10.0	0.05	6.6	0.65	0.47	-15.1 ± 11.5	-16.8 ± 11.1	0.64	1.7	0.15	0.94	
Lumbar rotation, maximum left value (°)	8.8 ± 5.9	10.6 ± 4.6	0.29	1.8	0.34	0.78	-16.4 ± 13.6	-12.7 ± 10.4	0.34	3.7	0.31	0.76	
Lumbar rotation, maximum right value (°) †	10.9	11.6	0.34	1.0	0.31	0.29	6.9 ± 4.5	7.4 ± 4.13	0.74	0.5	0.14	0.73	
Thoracic flexion, maximum left value (°)	14.0 ± 6.6	12.1 ± 5.4	0.32	1.9	0.32	0.64	Lateral lunge dynamic valgus, left value (°)	7.4 ± 2.6	7.0 ± 2.5	0.64	0.4	0.15	0.51
Thoracic flexion, maximum right value (°)	14.4 ± 6.7	13.2 ± 5.5	0.56	1.1	0.19	0.80	Vertical Jump						
Lumbar flexion, maximum left value (°)	20.4 ± 9.9	18.1 ± 8.8	0.44	2.3	0.25	0.67	Vertical jump center of mass height (cm)	193.3 ± 10.9	189.9 ± 10.5	0.90	0.4	0.04	0.98
Lumbar flexion, maximum right value (°)	20.0 ± 9.6	19.3 ± 9.1	0.81	0.7	0.09	0.80	Vertical jump eccentric phase hip flexion, maximum left value (°)	66.1 ± 19.5	70.4 ± 21.3	0.51	4.3	0.21	0.82
Standing Hip Abduction							Vertical jump eccentric phase hip flexion, maximum right value (°)	62.6 ± 17.1	68.7 ± 19.8	0.30	6.1	0.33	0.73
Hip abduction, maximum left value (°)	48.6 ± 9.4	50.6 ± 11.1	0.56	1.9	0.19	0.84	Vertical jump eccentric phase knee flexion, maximum left value (°)	99.0 ± 17.6	97.3 ± 15.9	0.74	1.8	0.10	0.94
Hip abduction, maximum right value (°)	52.6 ± 8.1	51.5 ± 9.4	0.69	1.1	0.13	0.74	Vertical jump eccentric phase knee flexion, maximum right value (°)	100.6 ± 18.4	96.6 ± 17.0	0.48	4.0	0.23	0.91
Bilateral Squat							Vertical jump eccentric phase ankle flexion, maximum left value (°)	40.8 ± 12.2	38.6 ± 7.3	0.51	2.1	0.21	0.62
Squat COM depth value (cm) †	50.6	51.2	0.80	0.4	0.09	0.96	Vertical jump eccentric phase ankle flexion, maximum right value (°)	37.2 ± 13.1	32.7 ± 7.6	0.19	4.5	0.42	0.54
Hip flexion, maximum left value (°) †	94.6 ± 14.5	105.0 ± 14.0	0.03*	10.4	0.73	0.55	Vertical jump eccentric phase lower extremity flexion, sum left value (°) †	207.2	207.9	0.90	1.1	0.04	0.93
Lower extremity flexion, sum left value (°)	263.3 ± 25.7	269.0 ± 21.3	0.46	5.6	0.24	0.79	Vertical jump eccentric phase lower extremity flexion, sum right value (°)	205.7 ± 32.2	204.2 ± 29.9	0.88	1.5	0.05	0.93
Lower extremity flexion, sum right value (°)	265.4 ± 26.5	263.2 ± 22.7	0.78	2.2	0.09	0.79	Vertical jump center of mass eccentric depth (cm) †	19.3	18.9	0.93	0.6	0.03	0.94
Trunk flexion value (°)	45.1 ± 8.7	44.3 ± 8.6	0.79	0.7	0.08	0.96	9.9 ± 6.0	6.0 ± 4.3	0.02*	3.9	0.75	0.35	
Hip adduction, left value (°)	3.84±3.57	4.39±3.28	0.61	0.6	0.16	0.75	8.0 ± 4.1	10.0 ± 4.6	0.17	1.9	0.44	0.33	
Hip adduction, right value (°)	2.82±4.32	2.95±4.73	0.93	0.1	0.03	0.93	37.1 ± 26.3	47.4 ± 25.8	0.22	10.2	0.39	0.82	
Dynamic valgus, left value (°)	6.21±4.93	5.06±3.27	0.39	1.2	0.28	0.47	34.5 ± 25.5	45.9 ± 24.0	0.15	11.4	0.46	0.63	
Dynamic valgus, right value (°)	7.80±6.84	6.54±4.22	0.49	1.3	0.22	0.61	82.5 ± 23.2	80.7 ± 22.0	0.80	1.8	0.08	0.97	
Overhead Squat							Vertical jump landing ankle flexion, maximum left value (°)	82.2 ± 22.5	79.1 ± 20.9	0.66	3.0	0.14	0.97
Overhead squat COM depth value (cm)	48.7 ± 8.3	50.6 ± 9.6	0.51	1.9	0.21	0.92	Vertical jump landing ankle flexion, maximum right value (°)	36.3 ± 10.2	35.3 ± 8.6	0.73	1.0	0.11	0.83
Overhead squat hip flexion, maximum left value (°) †	108.7	115.4	0.38	5.9	0.29	0.82	Vertical jump landing lower extremity flexion, sum left value (°)	39.1 ± 8.7	35.8 ± 8.2	0.23	3.3	0.39	0.77
Overhead squat hip flexion, maximum right value (°) †	104.1	107.8	0.28	6.0	0.36	0.51	Vertical jump landing lower extremity flexion, sum right value (°)	152.3 ± 49.2	160.4 ± 46.4	0.60	8.1	0.17	0.93
Overhead squat knee flexion, maximum left value (°)	128.4 ± 13.4	128.5 ± 14.5	0.97	0.2	0.01	0.96	Vertical jump landing dynamic valgus, left value (°)	152.7 ± 44.0	157.9 ± 41.4	0.70	5.2	0.12	0.90
Overhead squat knee flexion, maximum right value (°)	129.3 ± 11.8	128.1 ± 14.6	0.78	1.2	0.09	0.82	Vertical jump landing dynamic valgus, right value (°)	2.3 ± 5.8	-1.3 ± 5.8	0.06	3.6	0.62	0.34
Overhead squat ankle flexion, maximum left value (°)	39.6 ± 10.0	37.1 ± 8.6	0.40	2.5	0.27	0.72	4.4 ± 7.9	5.0 ± 8.6	0.82	0.6	0.07	0.75	
Overhead squat ankle flexion, maximum right value (°)	40.6 ± 9.9	37.7 ± 7.7	0.30	2.9	0.33	0.54	Drop Jump						
Overhead squat lower extremity flexion, sum left value (°)	273.6 ± 29.3	275.7 ± 35.7	0.84	2.1	0.06	0.92	Drop jump landing ankle flexion, left value (°) †	44.7	40.6	0.76	1.1	0.10	0.29
Overhead squat lower extremity flexion, sum right value (°)	267.2 ± 24.7	270.1 ± 34.0	0.76	2.9	0.10	0.80	Drop jump landing ankle flexion, right value (°) †	45.0	40.1	0.28	2.9	0.36	0.39
Overhead squat, trunk flexion value (°)	39.7 ± 7.0	39.2 ± 6.9	0.83	0.5	0.07	0.86	103.6 ± 15.6	100.9 ± 15.0	0.59	2.7	0.17	0.90	
Overhead squat hip adduction, left value (°)	4.76 ± 4.18	4.92 ± 3.64	0.90	0.2	0.04	0.89	102.3 ± 15.0	99.8 ± 15.0	0.61	2.5	0.16	0.90	
Overhead squat hip adduction, right value (°)	3.82 ± 3.48	3.75 ± 4.04	0.96	0.1	0.02	0.74	44.2 ± 27.0	47.8 ± 27.2	0.67	3.7	0.14	0.93	
Overhead squat dynamic valgus, left value (°)	6.26 ± 4.87	5.56 ± 2.95	0.58	0.7	0.17	0.56	Drop jump landing hip flexion, left value (°)	39.9 ± 26.0	46.9 ± 25.2	0.39	7.0	0.27	0.88
Overhead squat dynamic valgus, right value (°)	6.48 ± 2.71	6.54 ± 3.94	0.95	0.1	0.02	0.64	Drop jump landing hip flexion, maximum right value (°)	185.6 ± 53.5	190.6 ± 41.8	0.75	5.0	0.10	0.87
Unilateral Squat							Drop jump landing lower extremity flexion, sum left value (°)	187.4 ± 38.9	189.3 ± 40.9	0.88	1.9	0.05	0.97
Unilateral squat COM depth, left value (cm)	30.5 ± 9.1	30.2 ± 8.7	0.92	0.3	0.03	0.98	Drop jump landing lower extremity flexion, sum right value (°)	29.6 ± 8.7	29.1 ± 8.4	0.84	0.6	0.07	0.95
Unilateral squat COM depth, right value (cm) †	34.3	32.6	0.03	0.3	0.03	0.96	Drop jump landing dynamic valgus, left value (°)	8.9 ± 11.3	2.81 ± 7.8	0.06	6.1	0.62	0.29
Unilateral squat hip flexion, maximum left value (°) †	75.2	85.0	0.22	8.5	0.40	0.81	5.6 ± 10.0	12.3 ± 13.3	0.08	6.7	0.57	0.49	
Unilateral squat hip flexion, maximum right value (°) †	76.4	84.4	0.17	8.5	0.46	0.63	Static Vertical Jump (concentric only)						
Unilateral squat knee flexion, maximum left value (°)	101.3 ± 15.4	100.0 ± 14.4	0.78	1.4	0.09	0.91	Static VJ center of mass height (cm)						
Unilateral squat knee flexion, maximum right value (°)	106.3 ± 13.4	104.3 ± 14.1	0.65	2.0	0.15	0.90	Static VJ hip flexion, maximum left value (°)	66.1 ± 19.5	70.4 ± 21.3	0.51	4.3	0.21	0.82
Unilateral squat ankle flexion, maximum left value (°)	39.1 ± 10.8	38.0 ± 8.3	0.74	1.0	0.11	0.75	Static VJ hip flexion, maximum right value (°)	62.6 ± 17.1	68.7 ± 19.8	0.30	6.1	0.33	0.73
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