

## OPTIMIZATION OF CENTRAL PATTERN GENERATORS FOR DEFINING HUMAN LOCOMOTION

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**Abstract.** *This paper explores the effect of bidirectional central pattern generators (CPGs) on the fitness function using the Genetic Algorithm. It approaches this issue from two broad perspectives: the first is concerned with answering the question "Do small changes in some CPG parameters result in different walking gaits?" and the second is concerned with answering the question, "What are the underlying constraints that render the optimization of bipedal locomotion in robots feasible?" These concerns can thus be seen as leading to one general objective: to investigate how bidirectional two CPGs can best be optimized to generate effective rhythmic movement patterns. This paper, however, takes as its assumption, that unlike uncoupled and unidirectional CPGs, which result in instability, optimizing bidirectional two CPGs do not only enhance movement but also produce rhythmic patterns akin to the rhythmic patterns derived from real data that is not provided with input or any sensory feedback.*

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