

ABSTRACT

Exoskeleton for Ankle Assistance with Wearable Strain Sensor as a Human-Machine Interface

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A one degree of freedom exoskeleton is presented to assist a patient with foot drop during walking. The exoskeleton assists the flexion-extension movement that the user cannot do on his or her own. According to the analysis of gait movement, the indicated moment to perform ankle flexion can be identified by the angle of the knee flexion. For this reason, a wearable strain sensor is used to command and indicates to the exoskeleton when to carry out the trajectory control of ankle flexion through that identifies the measurement of knee flexion.