

Building an IK Model

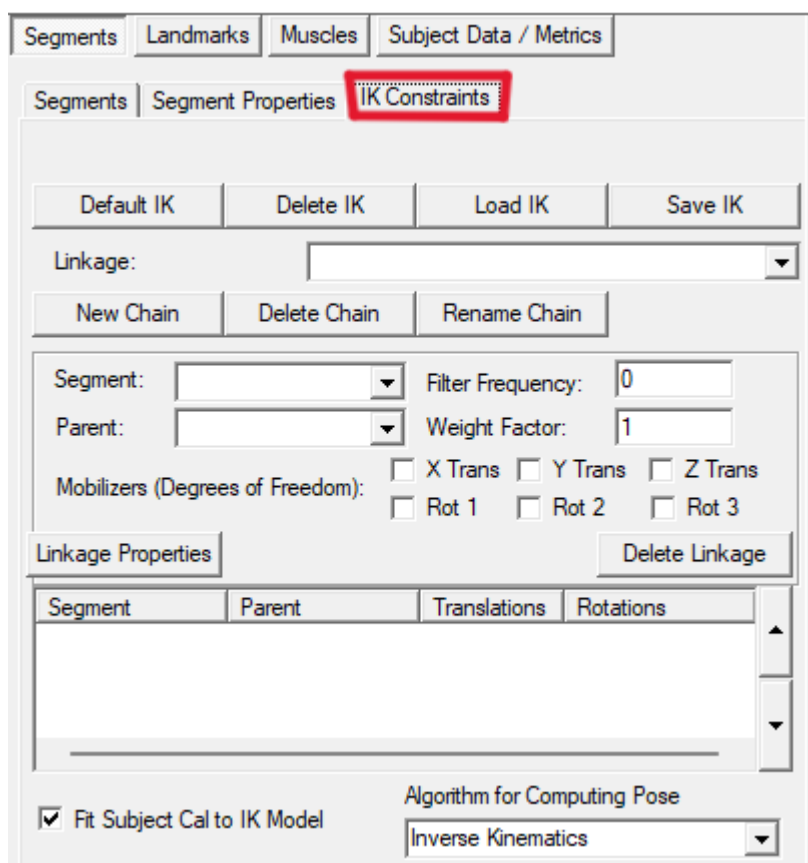
Introduction

This tutorial will show you step by step how to build an IK model. The file used for this tutorial is the file used for the [Building a 6 DOF Model](#) tutorial.

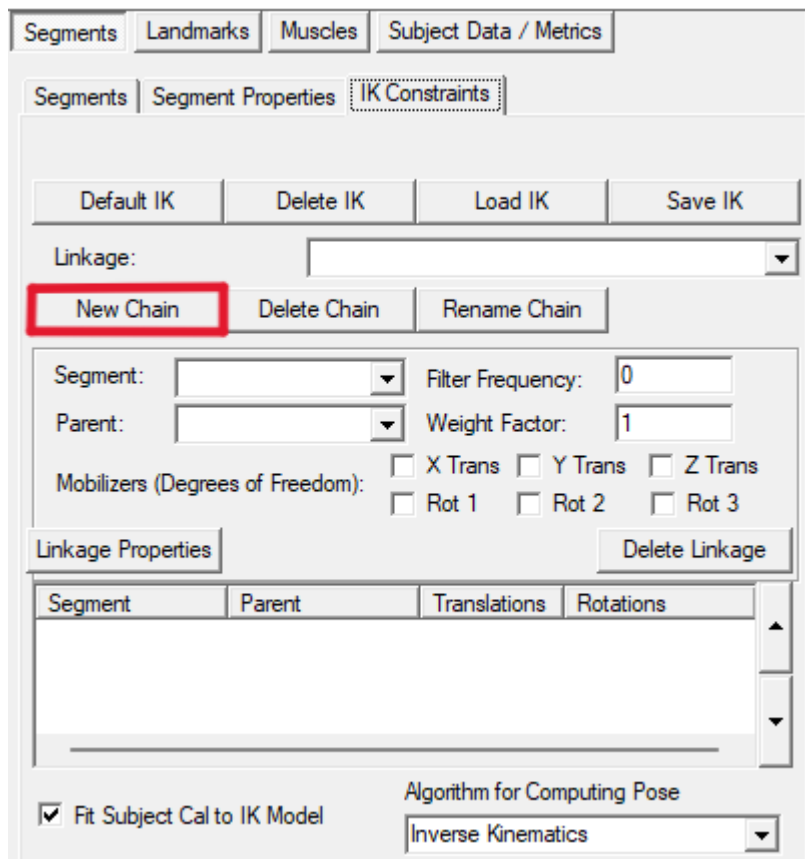
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Tutorial

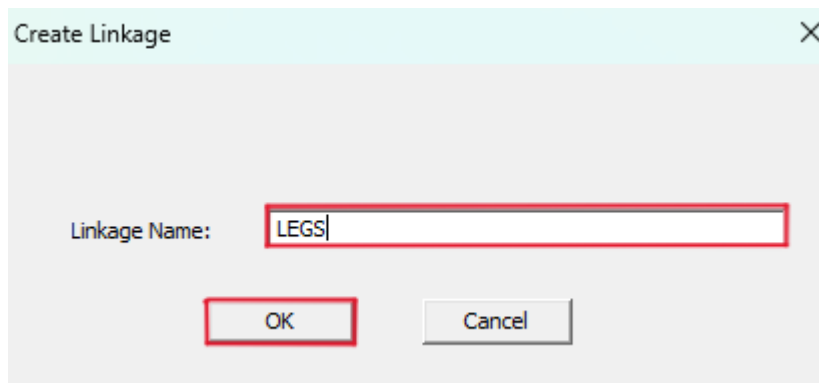
1. Open the file and go to the Models tab.
2. Under the Segments tab open the IK Constraints tab.



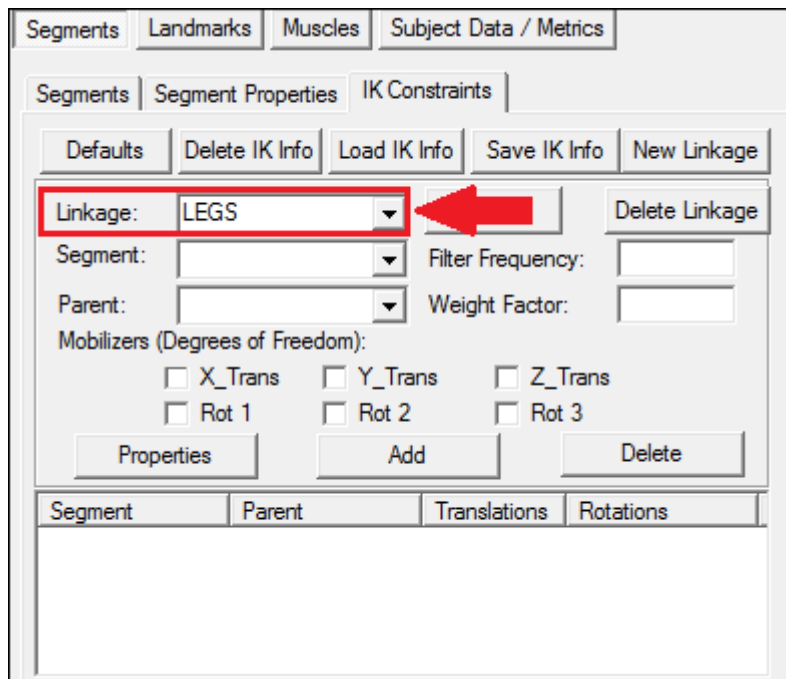
3. Click the *New Chain* button.



4. In the Create Linkage window type the name of the new linkage and click Okay.



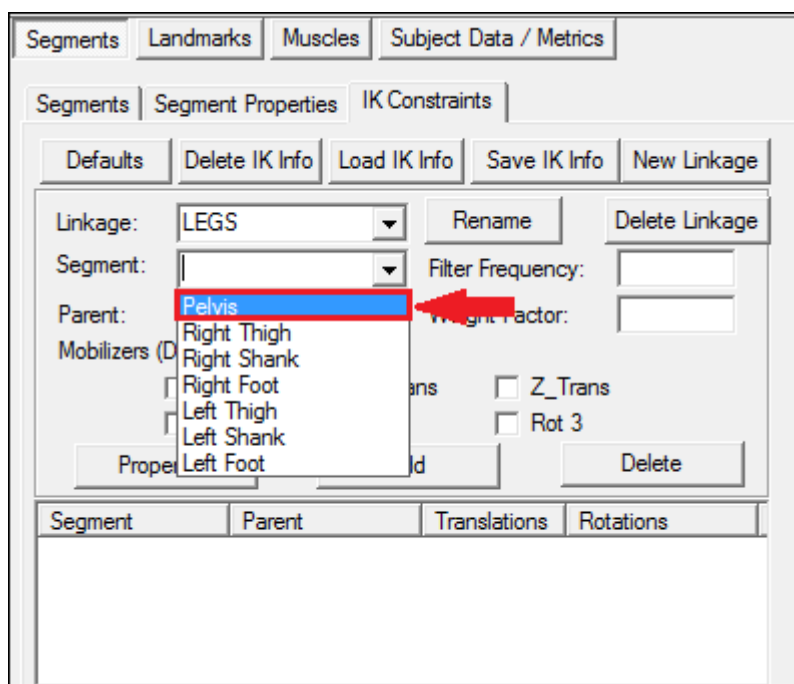
5. You'll notice that the linkage you created shows up in the IK Constraints dialogue.



The screenshot shows the 'IK Constraints' panel with the following elements:

- Buttons: Defaults, Delete IK Info, Load IK Info, Save IK Info, New Linkage.
- Linkage: LEGS (highlighted with a red box).
- Segment: (empty dropdown).
- Parent: (empty dropdown).
- Filter Frequency: (empty text field).
- Weight Factor: (empty text field).
- Mobilizers (Degrees of Freedom):
 - ☐ X_Trans
 - ☐ Y_Trans
 - ☐ Z_Trans
 - ☐ Rot 1
 - ☐ Rot 2
 - ☐ Rot 3
- Buttons: Properties, Add, Delete.
- Table headers: Segment, Parent, Translations, Rotations.

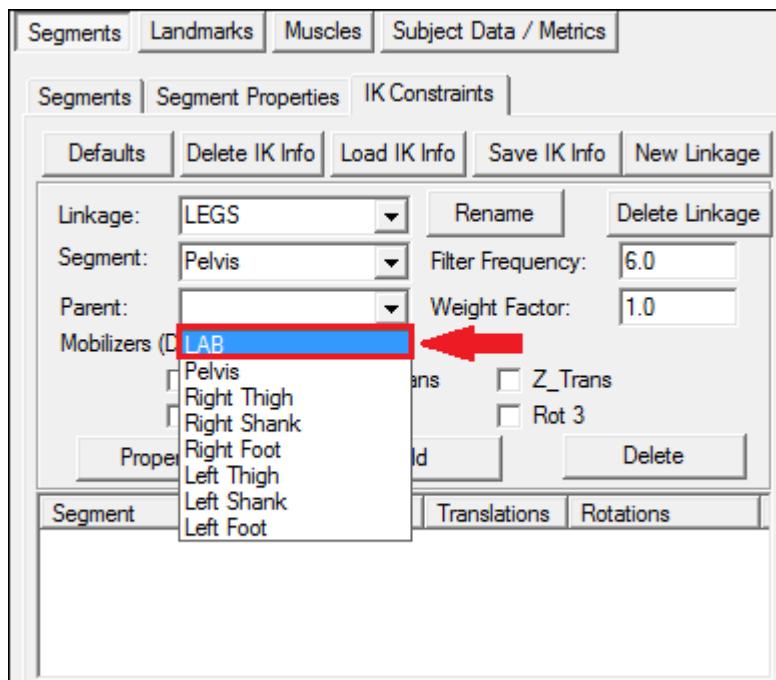
6. Under *Segment* select *Pelvis*



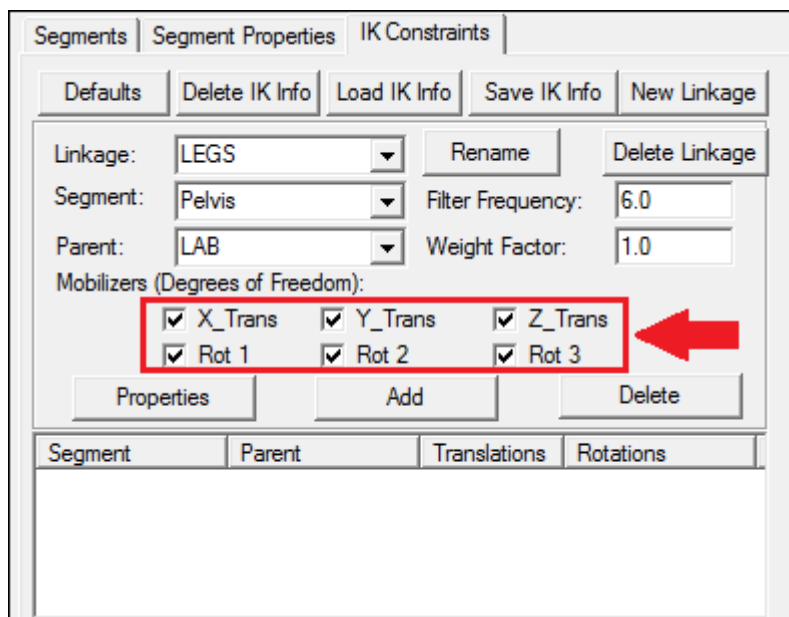
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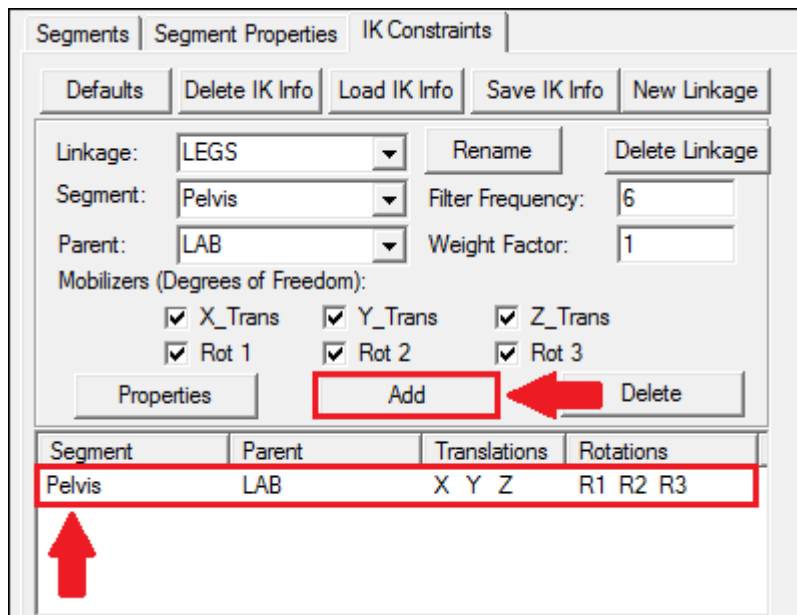
7. Under *Parent* choose *LAB*



8. You want the pelvis to have all six degrees of freedom so make sure all of the boxes are checked.



9. Click *Add* and the new constraint will appear in the window below



Segments | Segment Properties | IK Constraints

Defaults | Delete IK Info | Load IK Info | Save IK Info | New Linkage

Linkage: LEGS | Rename | Delete Linkage

Segment: Pelvis | Filter Frequency: 6

Parent: LAB | Weight Factor: 1

Mobilizers (Degrees of Freedom):

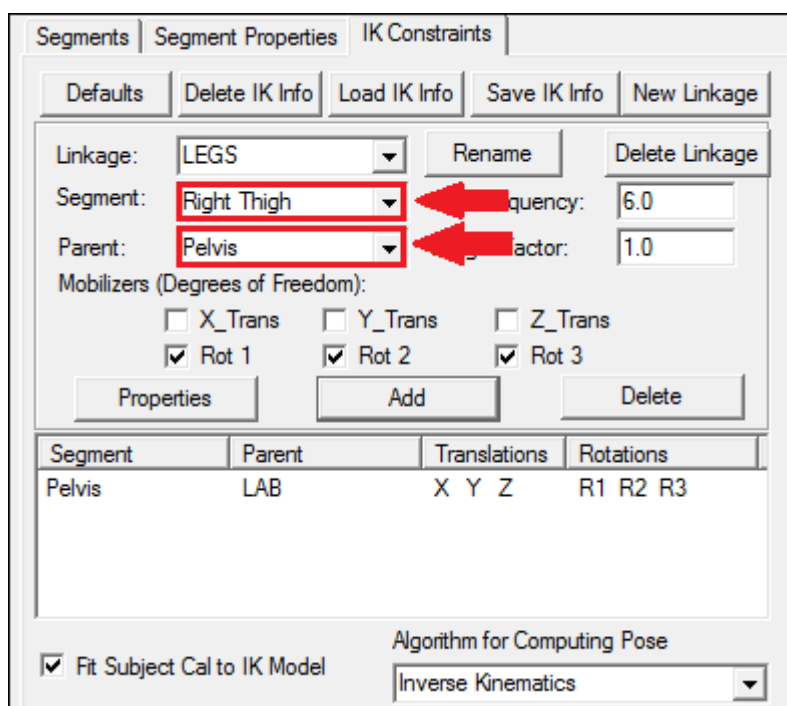
☒ X_Trans ☒ Y_Trans ☒ Z_Trans

☒ Rot 1 ☒ Rot 2 ☒ Rot 3

Properties | Add | Delete

Segment	Parent	Translations	Rotations
Pelvis	LAB	X Y Z	R1 R2 R3

10. Keep the *Linkage* the same but change the *Segment* to Right Thigh and the *Parent* to Pelvis.



Segments | Segment Properties | IK Constraints

Defaults | Delete IK Info | Load IK Info | Save IK Info | New Linkage

Linkage: LEGS | Rename | Delete Linkage

Segment: Right Thigh | Filter Frequency: 6.0

Parent: Pelvis | Weight Factor: 1.0

Mobilizers (Degrees of Freedom):

☐ X_Trans ☐ Y_Trans ☐ Z_Trans

☒ Rot 1 ☒ Rot 2 ☒ Rot 3

Properties | Add | Delete

Segment	Parent	Translations	Rotations
Pelvis	LAB	X Y Z	R1 R2 R3

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11. Select only the bottom row of Mobilizers.

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Defaults | Delete IK Info | Load IK Info | Save IK Info | New Linkage

Linkage: LEGS | Rename | Delete Linkage

Segment: Right Thigh | Filter Frequency: 6.0

Parent: Pelvis | Weight Factor: 1.0

Mobilizers (Degrees of Freedom):

☐ X_Trans ☐ Y_Trans ☐ Z_Trans

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Properties | Add | Delete

Segment	Parent	Translations	Rotations
		X Y Z	R1 R2 R3
Pelvis	LAB		

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12. Add the new constraint.

Segments | Segment Properties | IK Constraints

Defaults | Delete IK Info | Load IK Info | Save IK Info | New Linkage

Linkage: LEGS | Rename | Delete Linkage

Segment: Right Thigh | Filter Frequency: 6

Parent: Pelvis | Weight Factor: 1

Mobilizers (Degrees of Freedom):

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Properties | Add | Delete

Segment	Parent	Translations	Rotations
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Pelvis	LAB		
Right Thigh	Pelvis	0 0 0	R1 R2 R3

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13. Now set the *Segment* as Right Shank and the *Parent* as Right Thigh.

14. Add this constraint.

15. Set the *Segment* as Right Foot and the *Parent* as Right Shank

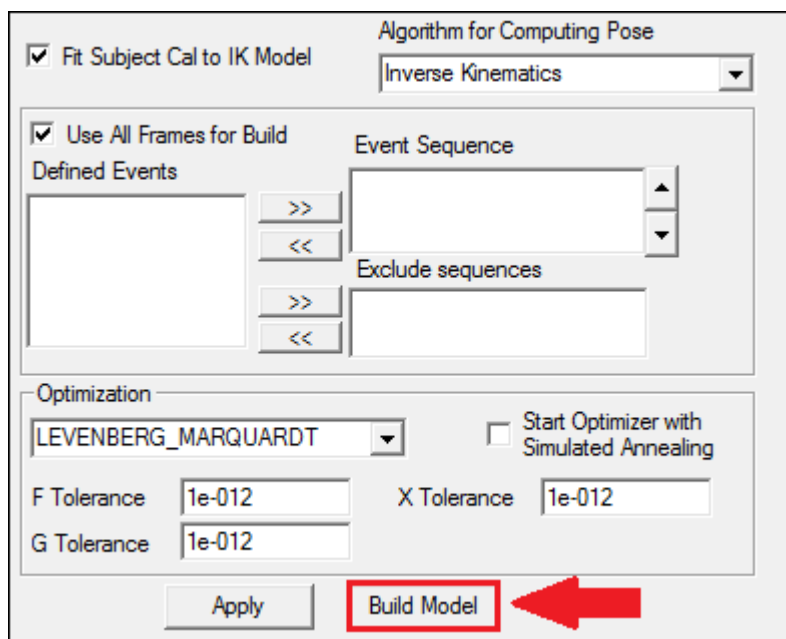
16. Add this constraint.

17. Set the *Segment* as Left Thigh and the *Parent* as Pelvis and add this constraint.

18. Set the *Segment* as Left Shank and the *Parent* as Left Thigh and add this constraint.

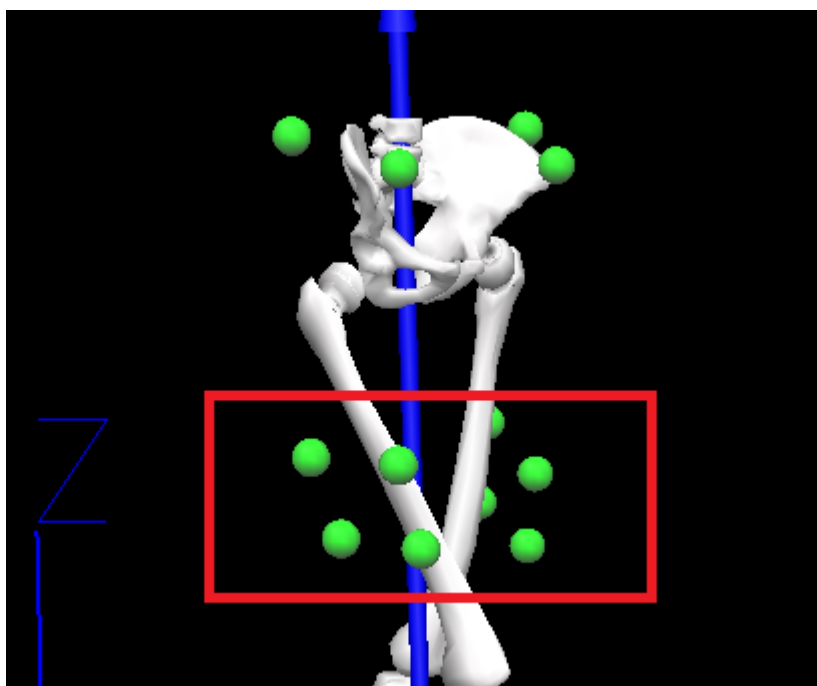
19. Set the *Segment* as Left Foot and the *Parent* as Left Shank and add this constraint.

20. Click the Build Model button



21. Your IK model has now been built

22. If your CMO has a motion file in it you will notice that building an IK Model will change the marker colour from white to green.



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