

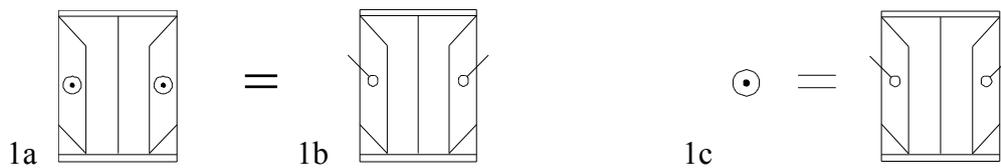
LEG ROTATIONS – NATURAL STATE

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Statement of Leg Rotation

1.1. Once a rotational state for a leg (or both legs) is stated in a Labanotation score it is ‘strong’, i.e. in effect, until cancelled by statement of another rotational state.

1.2. At one time the following usage of the back-to-normal sign was considered. In the Glossary at the start of the score, the statement would be made for the rotational state to be used in the score. Ex. 1a states that the ‘normal’ outward state of rotation for this score is that of 1b, i.e. turned out 1/8th, or this statement could be written as 1c.



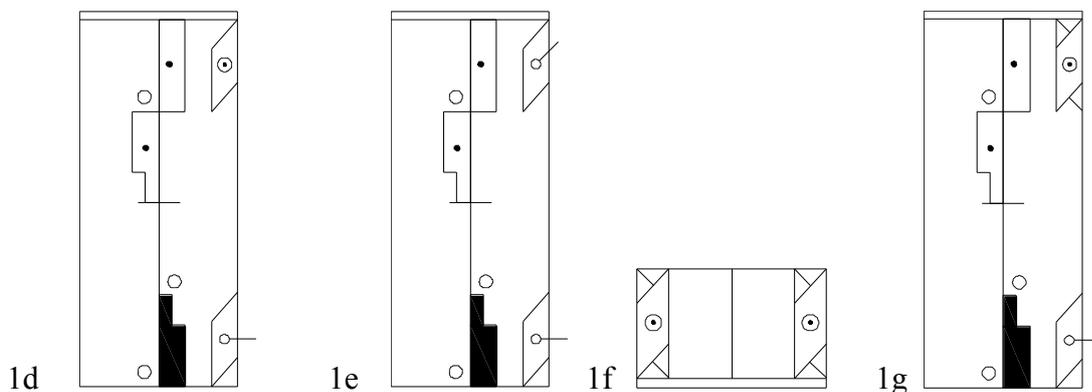
1.3 During the score a different state would be indicated, as in 1d, and cancelled by the statement of ‘normal’ outward rotation. (See Minutes of Theory Meeting with AHG, June 8th, 1988.) The drawback with this was that, in a longer score one may have forgotten the statement given in the Glossary and have to refer back. Why not state the desired rotation in the usual way, when it is needed, as in 1e? The reader has the information right there. Also one can then pick up a score in the middle and make sense of it. (See also e-mails between Sheila Marion and Jennifer Garda, May 13, 14, 2008.)

1.4. With general agreement on this, we then have the idea of 1a open for another meaning.

‘Normal’ for the Individual Person

1.5 There is no general ‘normal’ rotational state for the legs, each individual is different, some may be parallel (feet pointing forward), or even with the legs slightly turned in. At present we have no way of stating what is ‘normal’ for that individual person.

If we make use of Ex. 1f, it can have that meaning. We have plenty of indications for being specific, this usage would cover the need for not being specific, of leaving it open to the individual. Ex. 1g is similar to 1d, but showing the individual’s natural state.



Proposal: When needed, Ex. 1f will mean the rotational state of the legs **natural to that person**. KIN will need to consider the adoption of the back to normal sign.