



Rigid Body Dynamics

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Motivation



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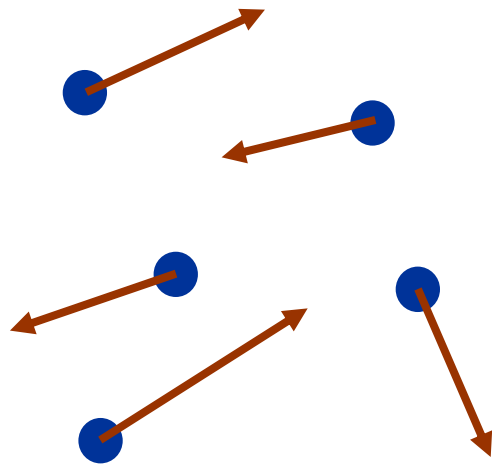
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Particle System vs. Rigid Body

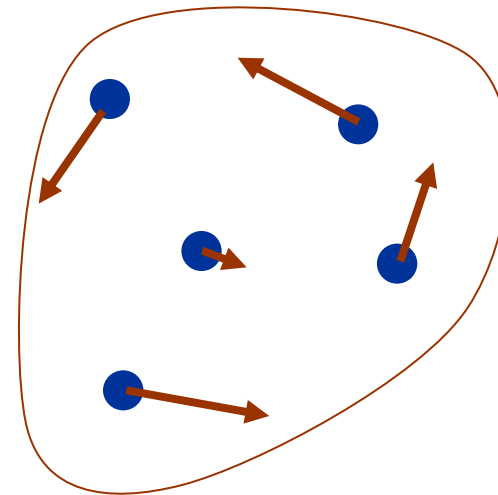
Particle System

- $3n$ degrees of freedom (dof)
- interaction modeled explicitly
- system of $3n$ unknown
- no notion of orientation
- scalar mass

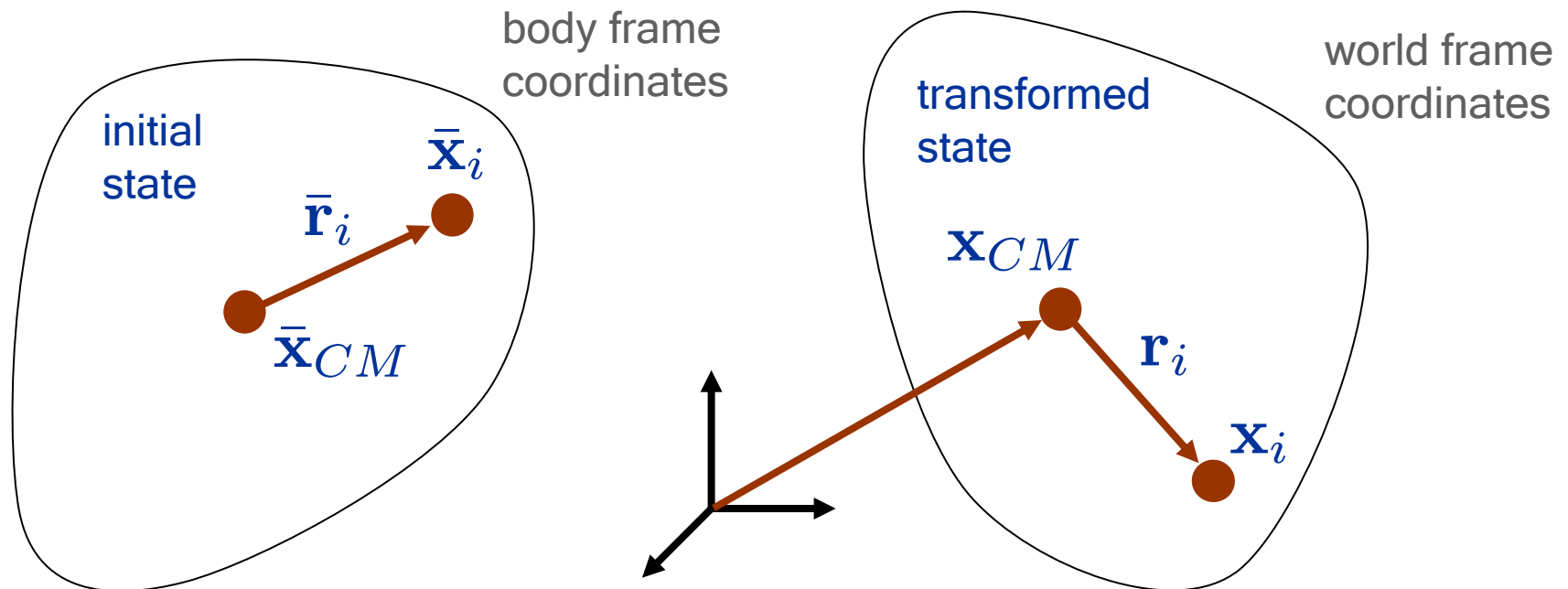


Rigid Body

- springs with infinite stiffness
- modeled implicitly
- 6 remaining dof (position and orientation of the entire body)
- meaningful orientation
- mass distribution



Representation of a Rigid Body



- body frame (local coordinate system)

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{CM} = (0, 0, 0)^T$$

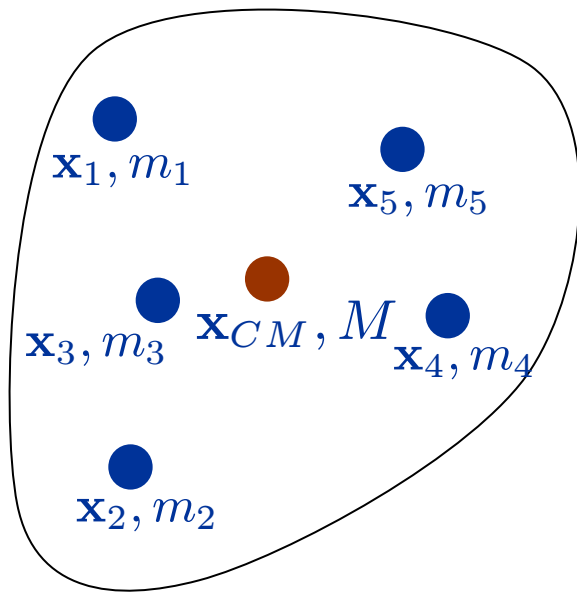
$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{CM}$$

- world frame (global coordinate system)

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_{CM} + \mathbf{r}_i = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{CM} + \mathbf{t} + \text{Rot}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i)$$

translation + rotation

Center of Mass (Massenmittelpunkt, Schwerpunkt)



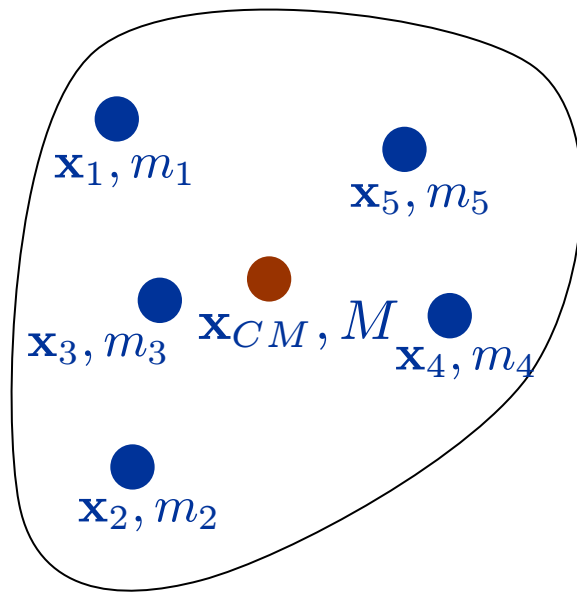
$$\mathbf{x}_{CM} = \frac{\sum m_i \mathbf{x}_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{\sum m_i \mathbf{x}_i}{M}$$

- same point under translation and rotation

$$M \mathbf{x}_{CM} = \sum m_i \mathbf{x}_i$$



Center of Mass - Motivation



$$M\mathbf{x}_{CM} = \sum m_i\mathbf{x}_i$$

Newton's Second Law

$$\mathbf{f}_i = m_i\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F} &= \sum \mathbf{f}_i = \sum m_i\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \sum m_i\mathbf{x}_i \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} M\mathbf{x}_{CM} = M\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM}\end{aligned}$$

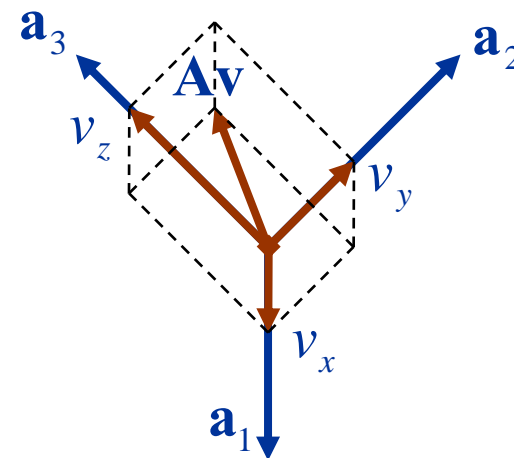
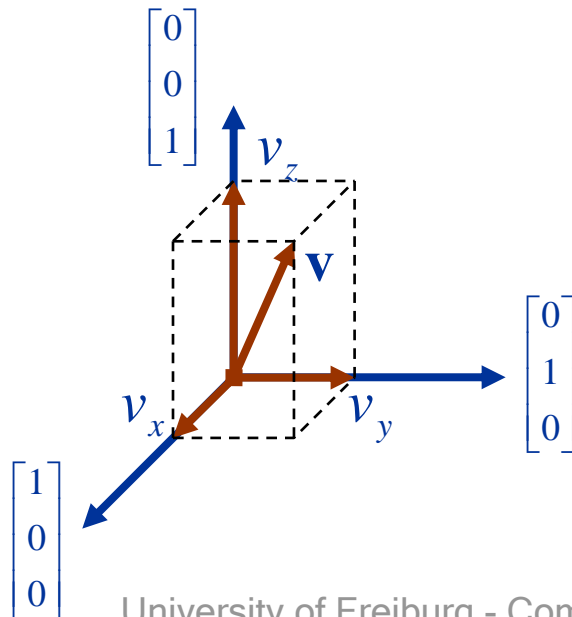
$$\mathbf{F} = M\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM}$$



Orientation in 3D

- rotation matrix
 - 3x3 elements to represent 3 dof

$$\text{Rot}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix} = v_x \mathbf{a}_1 + v_y \mathbf{a}_2 + v_z \mathbf{a}_3$$





Orientation in 3D

- \mathbf{A} has to be orthonormal

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^T \\ \mathbf{a}_2^T \\ \mathbf{a}_3^T \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\text{Det}(\mathbf{A}) = 1$$

- magnitude of eigenvalues is 1, so \mathbf{A} preserves the length of \mathbf{r}
- position of a body point $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_{CM} + \mathbf{r}_i = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{CM} + \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i$
translation + rotation



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Body in Motion

- time-dependent position

$$\mathbf{x}_i(t) = \mathbf{x}_{CM}(t) + \mathbf{A}(t)\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i$$

- velocity

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM}(t) + \dot{\mathbf{A}}\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i + \mathbf{A}\dot{\bar{\mathbf{r}}}_i = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM}(t) + \dot{\mathbf{A}}\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i$$

linear velocity + angular velocity

Angular Velocity in 3D (Winkelgeschwindigkeit)



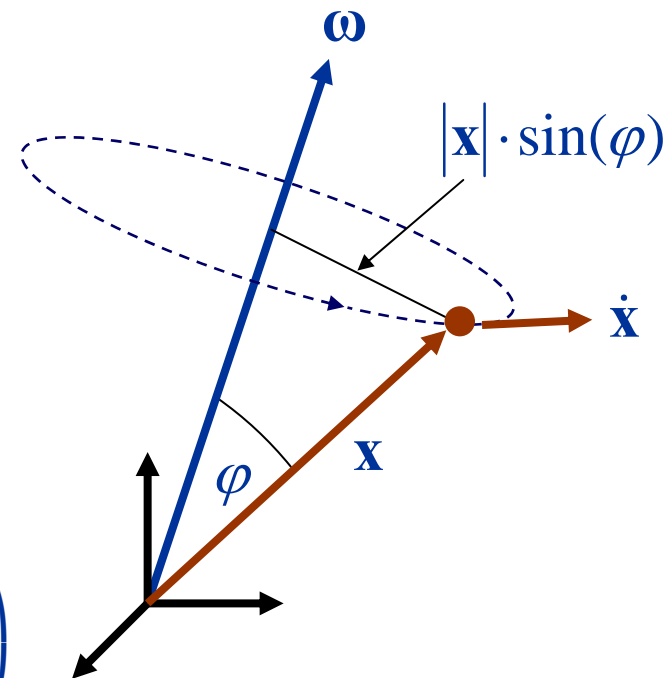
- angular velocity ω is a 3D vector
 - in direction of axis of rotation
 - $|\omega|$ is the magnitude of the angular velocity [rad/s]

$$|\dot{\mathbf{x}}| = |\omega| \cdot r = |\omega| \cdot |\mathbf{x}| \cdot \sin(\phi)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \omega \times \mathbf{x}$$

$$\omega = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \tilde{\omega} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_z & \omega_y \\ \omega_z & 0 & -\omega_x \\ -\omega_y & \omega_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \tilde{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{x}$$





Rigid Body Kinematics

- what is the relation between $\tilde{\omega}$ and $\dot{\mathbf{A}}$?
- angular velocity rotates all axis (columns of \mathbf{A})

$$\dot{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{a}}_1 & \dot{\mathbf{a}}_2 & \dot{\mathbf{a}}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 & \tilde{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 & \tilde{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \tilde{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

- position of a point $\mathbf{x}_i(t) = \mathbf{x}_{CM}(t) + \mathbf{A}(t) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{r}}_i$
- velocity of a point $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i(t) = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM}(t) + \dot{\mathbf{A}}(t) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{r}}_i + \mathbf{A}(t) \cdot \dot{\bar{\mathbf{r}}}_i$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i(t) = \mathbf{v}(t) + \tilde{\omega}(t) \cdot \mathbf{A}(t) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{r}}_i$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i(t) = \mathbf{v}(t) + \tilde{\omega}(t) \cdot (\mathbf{x}_i(t) - \mathbf{x}_{CM}(t))$$



State Vector

particle

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{v}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

rigid body

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{A}(t) \\ \mathbf{v}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$



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Rigid Body Dynamics

- forces change
 - linear velocity
 - angular velocity

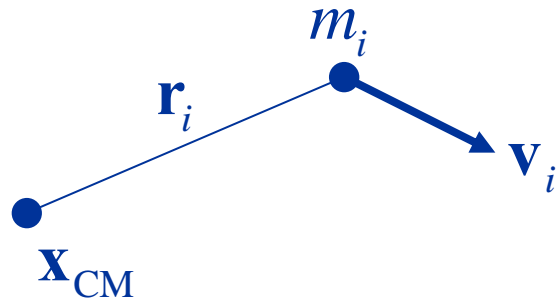
- linear velocity change

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F} &= \sum \mathbf{f}_i = \sum m_i \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \sum m_i \mathbf{x}_i \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} M \mathbf{x}_{CM} = M \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM}\end{aligned}$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{M} = \frac{\sum \mathbf{f}_i}{M}$$

- like a particle, but ...

Angular Momentum (Drehimpuls)



- the angular momentum of a particle w.r.t. the center of mass is

$$\mathbf{L}_i = \mathbf{r}_i \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{r}_i \times m_i (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_i)$$

- the total angular momentum of the body is

$$\mathbf{L} = \sum \mathbf{L}_i = \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times m_i (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_i)$$

$$= \sum -m_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \boldsymbol{\omega} = \left(\sum -m_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

$$= \mathbf{I} \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

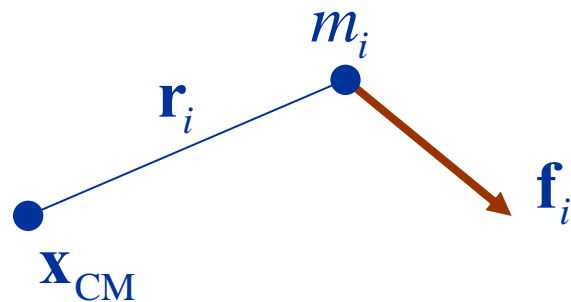
Inertia Tensor (Trägheitstensor)



- the total angular momentum is $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{I}\omega$
with \mathbf{I} being a 3x3 matrix (the inertia tensor of the body)
- \mathbf{I} depends on the rotated configuration $\mathbf{I} = (\sum -m_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i)$
- the inertia tensor for the original body can be pre-computed,
e. g. $\bar{\mathbf{I}} = (\sum -m_i \tilde{\tilde{\mathbf{r}}}_i \tilde{\tilde{\mathbf{r}}}_i)$
- similarity transform relates time-dependent \mathbf{I} and
pre-computed $\bar{\mathbf{I}}$ $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{I}}\mathbf{A}^T$
 $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{I}\omega = \mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{I}}\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}\bar{\omega} = \mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{I}}\bar{\omega}$



Torque (*Drehmoment*)



- the torque of a particle w.r.t. the center of mass is

$$\tau_i = \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{f}_i$$

- the total torque of the body is

$$\tau = \sum \tau_i = \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{f}_i$$

Newton's Second Law (Angular)



- angular momentum $\mathbf{L} = \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{I}\omega$
- torque $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{f}_i$
- the angular version of Newton's Second law reads
 $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$
- tells us, how the forces \mathbf{f}_i change the angular velocity ω
 $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{f}_i$
 $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{L} + \Delta t \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}$
 $\omega = \mathbf{I}^{-1}\mathbf{L}$

Linear vs. Angular Quantities



linear momentum

$$\mathbf{p} = M\mathbf{v}$$

linear velocity

$$\mathbf{v} = M^{-1}\mathbf{p}$$

time-derivative of
the linear momentum

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{F}$$

angular momentum

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{I}\omega$$

angular velocity

$$\omega = \mathbf{I}^{-1}\mathbf{L}$$

time-derivative of
the angular momentum

$$\dot{\mathbf{L}} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

Dynamics



$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{X}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{A}(t) \\ \mathbf{p}(t) \\ \mathbf{L}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}(t) \\ \tilde{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{A}(t) \\ \mathbf{F}(t) \\ \tau(t) \end{pmatrix}$$



Simulation Loop (Euler)

Pre-compute:

$$M \leftarrow \sum m_i$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{CM} \leftarrow \left(\sum \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i m_i \right) / M$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i \leftarrow \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{CM}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{I}}^{-1} \leftarrow \left(\sum -m_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \right)^{-1}$$

Initialize:

$$\mathbf{x}_{CM}, \mathbf{v}_{CM}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{L}$$

$$\mathbf{I}^{-1} \leftarrow \mathbf{A} \bar{\mathbf{I}}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} \leftarrow \mathbf{I}^{-1} \mathbf{L}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} \leftarrow \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{f}_i$$

$$\mathbf{F} \leftarrow \sum \mathbf{f}_i$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{CM} \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_{CM} + \Delta t \cdot \mathbf{v}_{CM}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{CM} \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_{CM} + \Delta t \cdot \mathbf{F} / M$$

$$\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathbf{A} + \Delta t \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{L} \leftarrow \mathbf{L} + \Delta t \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

$$\mathbf{I}^{-1} \leftarrow \mathbf{A} \bar{\mathbf{I}}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} \leftarrow \mathbf{I}^{-1} \mathbf{L}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{A} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{r}}_i$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_{CM} + \mathbf{r}_i$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_{CM} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_i$$

sum up external forces

perform Euler integration step

per particle quantities



Reorthonormalization of the Orientation

- orientation matrix is updated every time step
- $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathbf{A} + \Delta t \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \mathbf{A}$
- errors accumulate
- \mathbf{A} is not orthonormal anymore
- use Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization

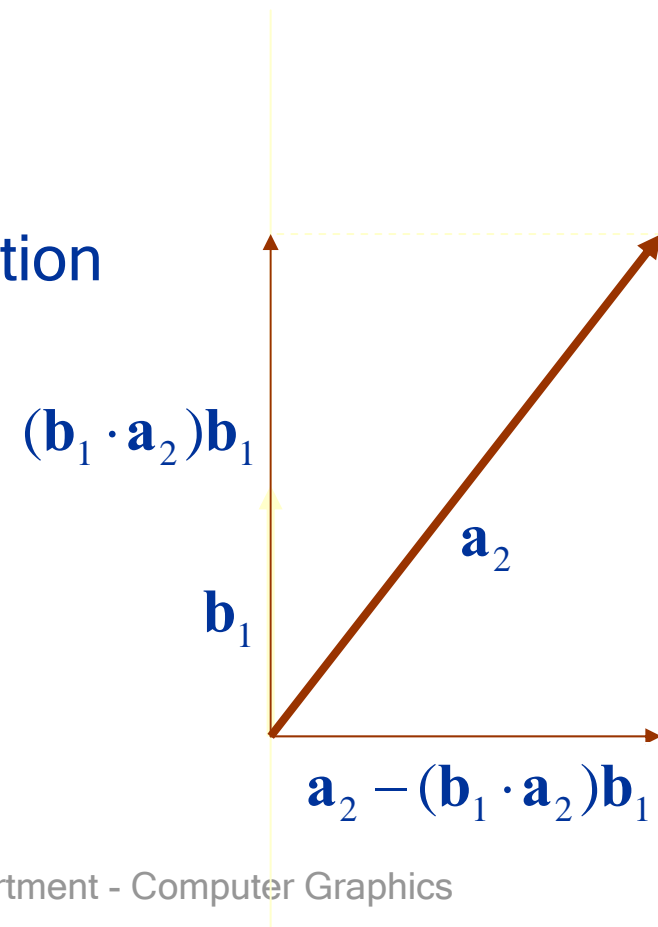
$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 / |\mathbf{a}_1|$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 - (\mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_2) \mathbf{b}_1$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \mathbf{b}_2 / |\mathbf{b}_2|$$

$$\mathbf{b}_3 = \mathbf{a}_3 - (\mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_3) \mathbf{b}_1 - (\mathbf{b}_2 \cdot \mathbf{a}_3) \mathbf{b}_2$$

$$\mathbf{b}_3 = \mathbf{b}_3 / |\mathbf{b}_3|$$



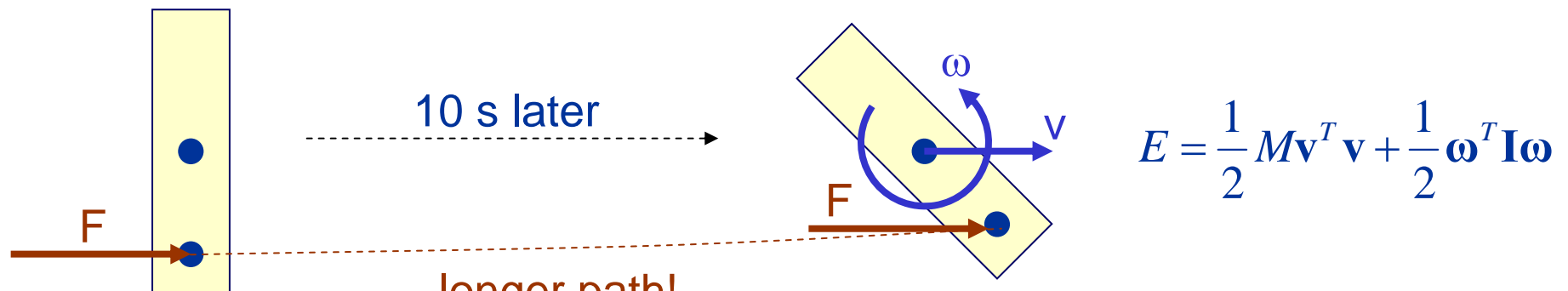
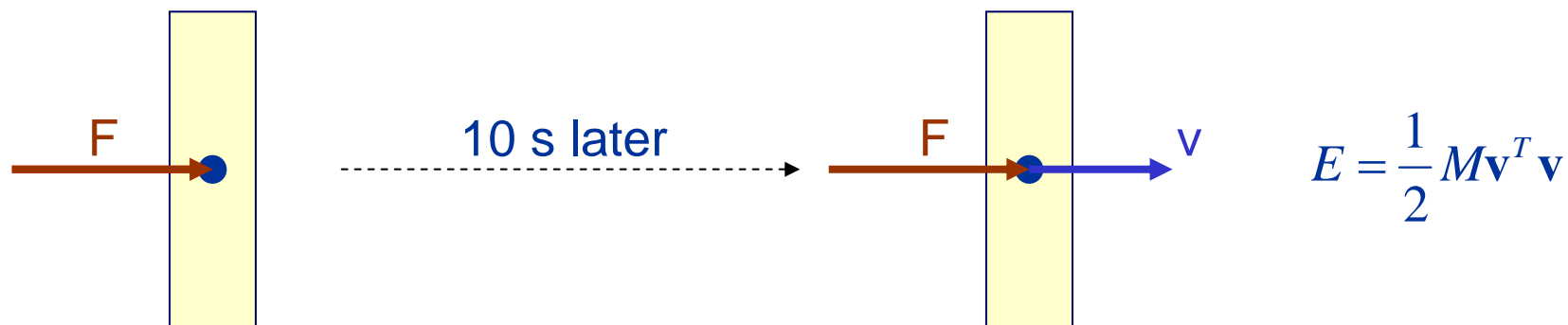


Force vs. Torque Puzzle

- is force being considered twice?
 - to accelerate center of mass
 - to cause the body to spin

$$\mathbf{F} = \sum \mathbf{f}_i$$

$$\tau = \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{f}_i$$



longer path!



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Alternative Orientation Representations

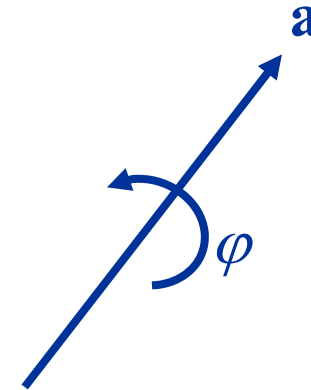


- quaternions

$$\mathbf{q} = (w, x, y, z)$$

- 4 components represent 3 dof

$$\mathbf{q} = \left(\cos\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right), \sin\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) \cdot (a_x, a_y, a_z) \right)$$



- often used in rigid body computations for rotations

$$\text{Rot}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{q} \circ (0, v_x, v_y, v_z) \circ \mathbf{q}^{-1}$$



Quaternions

- quaternions are an extension of complex numbers

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{q} &= (w, \mathbf{v}) = w + \mathbf{v} = (w, x, y, z) \\ &= w + x \cdot \mathbf{i} + y \cdot \mathbf{j} + z \cdot \mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{i}^2 = \mathbf{j}^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 = -1$$

$$\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i}, \quad \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{i}, \quad \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{j}$$



Basic Operations

- addition $\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 = (w_1 + w_2) + (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2)$
- dot product $\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2 = w_1 w_2 + \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2$
- conjugate $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = w \bar{+} \mathbf{v} = w - \mathbf{v}$
- magnitude (module) $|\mathbf{q}|^2 = \mathbf{q} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{q}} = w^2 + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$
 $= w^2 + v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2$
- inverse $\mathbf{q}^{-1} = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{q}}}{|\mathbf{q}|^2}$



Basic Operations

- multiplication

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{q}_1 \circ \mathbf{q}_2 &= (w_1 + \mathbf{v}_1)(w_2 + \mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= (w_1w_2 - \mathbf{v}_1\mathbf{v}_2) + (w_1\mathbf{v}_2 + w_2\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= (w_1w_2 - x_1x_2 - y_1y_2 - z_1z_2) \\ &\quad + (w_1x_2 + w_2x_1 + y_2z_1 - y_1z_2)\mathbf{i} \\ &\quad + (w_1y_2 + w_2y_1 + z_2x_1 - z_1x_2)\mathbf{j} \\ &\quad + (w_1z_2 + w_2z_1 + x_2y_1 - x_1y_2)\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$



Unit Quaternions

- quaternions with $|\mathbf{q}| = 1$
can be used to represent rotations
- corresponding rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 - y^2 - z^2 & xy + wz & xz - wy \\ xy - wz & 0.5 - x^2 - z^2 & yz + wx \\ xz + wy & yz - wx & 0.5 - x^2 - y^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- rotation of a point

$$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q} \circ (0, \mathbf{p}^T) \circ \bar{\mathbf{q}}$$



Application in the Simulation Loop

- initialization of orientation \mathbf{q} and angular velocity $\bar{\omega}$ in the body frame
- update of the angular velocity using
$$\dot{\bar{\omega}} = \bar{\mathbf{I}}^{-1}(\bar{\tau} - \bar{\omega} \times (\bar{\mathbf{I}}\bar{\omega}))$$
- update of the orientation using
$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = 0.5\mathbf{q} \circ (0, \bar{\omega}^T)$$
- updated orientation has to be normalized
- torque needs to be transformed from world to body frame, angular velocity from body to world frame



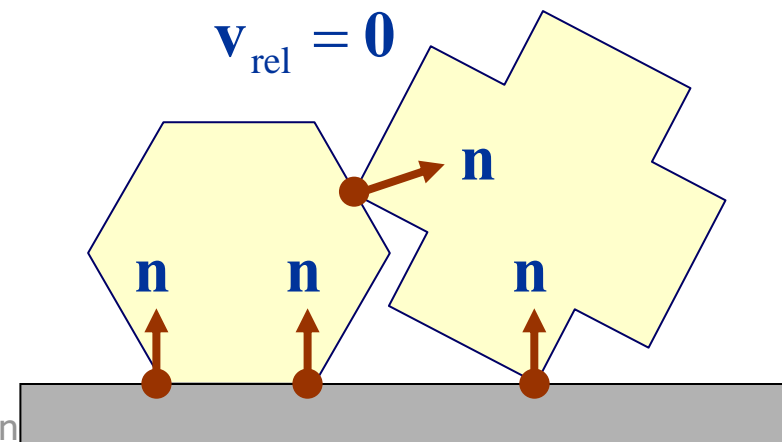
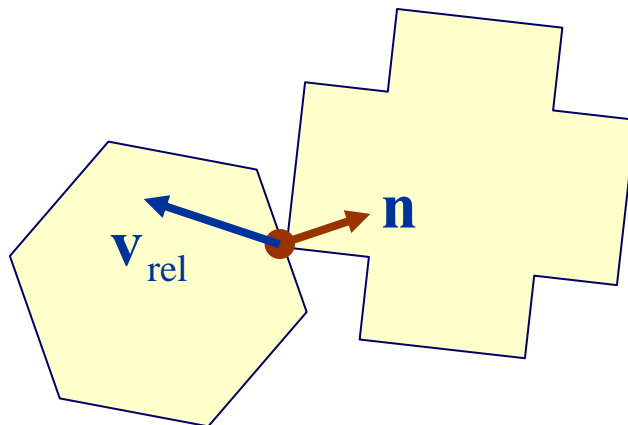
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Non-Penetration

- detect collisions (see collision detection slides)
- avoid penetrations
 - change time step or
 - push body back
- compute collision response
 - colliding contact ("easy")
 - resting contact (very hard)





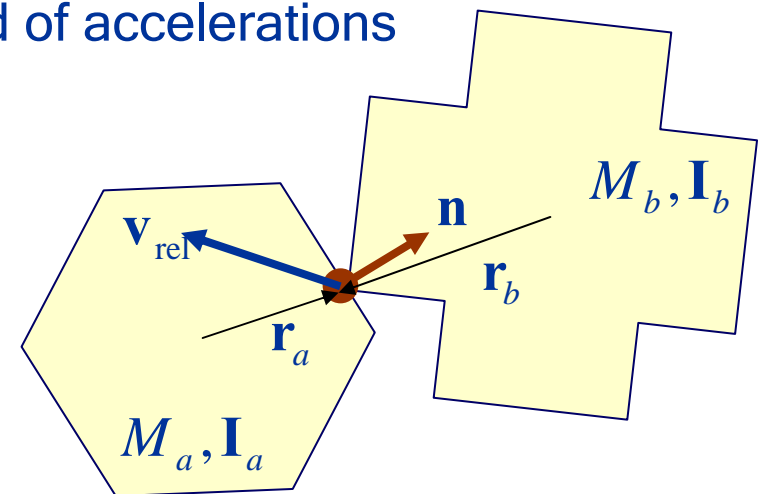
Colliding Contact

- force driven
 - penetration causes force (late, slow, easy to compute)
- impulse driven
 - manipulation of velocities (\mathbf{J}) instead of accelerations (fast, more difficult to compute)
 - e - coefficient of restitution ($e=0$ plastic c., $e=1$ elastic c.)

$$\Delta \mathbf{v}_{CM} = \mathbf{J} / M$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{L} = (\mathbf{x}_{\text{impact}} - \mathbf{x}_{CM}) \times \mathbf{J}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = j \mathbf{n}$$

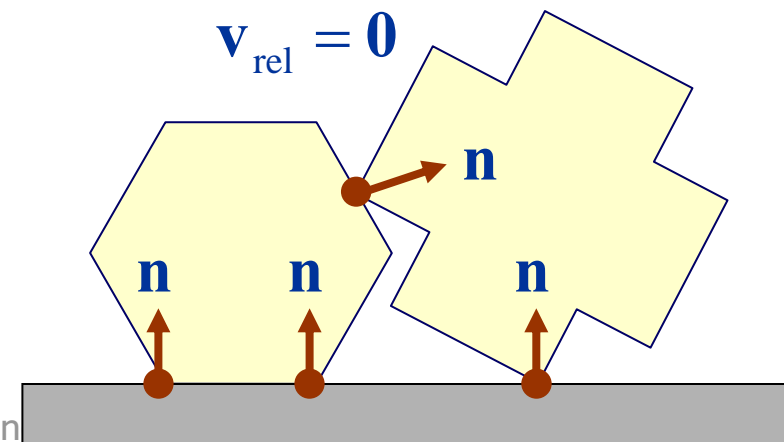


$$j = \frac{-(1+e)v_{\text{rel}}}{\frac{1}{M_a} + \frac{1}{M_b} + \left[(\mathbf{I}_a^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_a \times \mathbf{n})) \times \mathbf{r}_a + (\mathbf{I}_b^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_b \times \mathbf{n})) \times \mathbf{r}_b \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}}$$



Resting Contact

- find all collisions with small relative velocities
- solve for all contact forces simultaneously such that for each contact force
 - the force is strong enough to prevent interpenetration
 - the force is repulsive only (not glue like)
 - the force is zero if the bodies separate
- Linear complementary problem (LCP)





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