

## Rigid Body Dynamics



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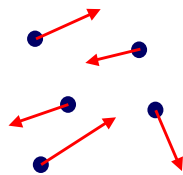
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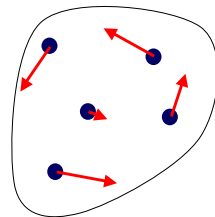
## Particle System vs. Rigid Body

### Particle System



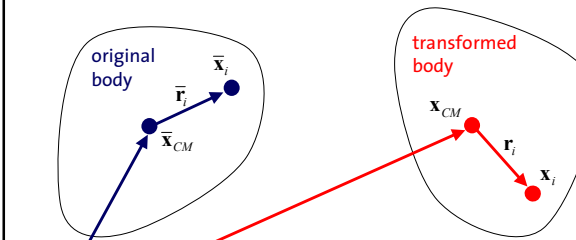
- 3n degrees of freedom (dof)
- interaction modeled explicitly
- system of 3n unknowns

### Rigid Body (using mesh)



- springs with infinite stiffness
- modeled implicitly
- 6 remaining dof
- position and orientation of entire body

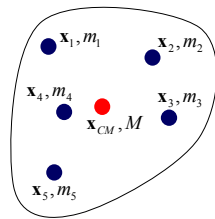
## Representation of a Rigid Body



- pre-compute:  $\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{CM}$
- actual position:  $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_{CM} + \mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{x}_{CM} + \text{Rot}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i)$

translation      rotation

## Center of Mass Definition



Definition:

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

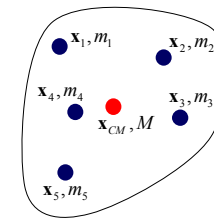
$$M \mathbf{x}_{CM} = \sum m_i \mathbf{x}_i$$



Same point on body under translation and rotation!

Continuous: 
$$\mathbf{x}_{CM} = \frac{\int \mathbf{x} \rho(x) dV}{\int \rho(x) dV}$$

## Center of Mass Motivation



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

Newton's second law:

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

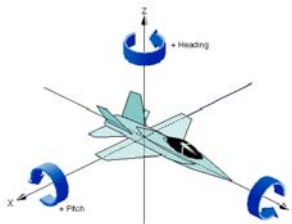
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= \sum \mathbf{f}_i = \sum m_i \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \sum m_i \mathbf{x}_i \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} M \mathbf{x}_{CM} = M \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM} \end{aligned}$$

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

## Rotation in 3-d

Three Euler Angles:

- airplanes: roll, pitch, heading



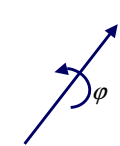
- dependent on order of application
- not practical

## Rotation in 3-d

Quaternions:

- every combination of rotations can be represented by
- one rotation about one axis

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q} &= [s, x, y, z] \\ &= \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right), \sin\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) \cdot (a_x, a_y, a_z) \right] \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Rot}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q}^{-1}$$

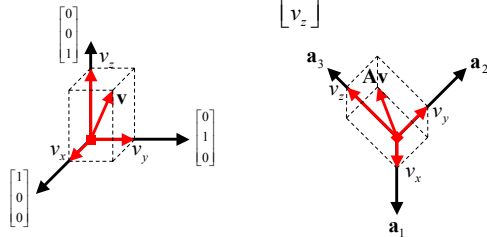
- special definition for quaternion multiplication
- one additional dof
- often used in rigid body computations

## Rotation in 3-d

### Rotation matrix

- simplest way
- 6 additional dof!

$$\text{Rot}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = v_x \mathbf{a}_1 + v_y \mathbf{a}_2 + v_z \mathbf{a}_3$$



## Rotation in 3-d

- The columns  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  are the new axis!
- $\rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  must be **right handed orthonormal**

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-T} = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^T \\ \mathbf{a}_2^T \\ \mathbf{a}_3^T \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

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

- actual position:

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_{CM} + \mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{x}_{CM} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{r}}_i$$

translation      rotation

## Body in Motion

Time dependent position:

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

Velocity:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM} + \dot{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{r}}_i$$

linear velocity

angular velocity

## Angular Velocity in 3-d

Angular velocity  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  is a vector in 3-d:

- in direction of axis of rotation
- $|\boldsymbol{\omega}| = \text{angular velocity [rad/s]}$

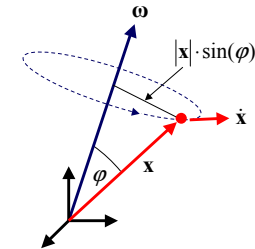
$$|\dot{\mathbf{x}}| = |\boldsymbol{\omega}| \cdot r = |\boldsymbol{\omega}| \cdot |\mathbf{x}| \cdot \sin(\varphi)$$

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

Define:

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

Then:  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \cdot \mathbf{x}$



## Rigid Body Kinematics

What is the relationship between  $\tilde{\omega}$  and  $\dot{A}$ ?

Angular velocity rotates all axis (columns of A)!

$$\dot{A} = [\dot{\mathbf{a}}_1, \dot{\mathbf{a}}_2, \dot{\mathbf{a}}_3] = [\tilde{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1, \tilde{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2, \tilde{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3] = \tilde{\omega} \cdot A$$

Rigid body kinematics (no forces – in free flight):

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM} = \mathbf{v}_{init}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{init}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{CM} = \mathbf{x}_{CM} + \Delta t \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM}$$

$$A = A + \Delta t \cdot \tilde{\omega} \cdot A$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}_{CM} + A \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i$$



## Dynamics - Let the force be with you!

Forces change:

- Linear velocity
- Angular velocity

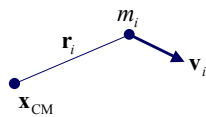
Linear velocity change:

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$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{CM} = \mathbf{F} / M = (\sum \mathbf{f}_i) / M$$



## Angular Momentum (Drehimpuls)



The angular momentum of particle i (w.r.t. 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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L} &= \sum_{\text{body}} \mathbf{L}_i = \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times m_i \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_i \\ &= \sum -m_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \boldsymbol{\omega} = \left( \sum -m_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} \\ &= \mathbf{I} \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

## Inertia Tensor (Trägheitsmoment)

We have for the total angular momentum:

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

where I is a 3x3 matrix (the **inertia tensor** of the body)  
I depends on rotated configuration!

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

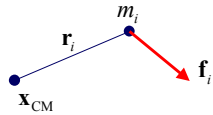
Fortunately we have the relation:

$$\mathbf{I} = A \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{I}} \cdot A^T$$

and the inertia tensor in the original body can be pre-computed:

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

## Torque (Drehmoment)



The torque of particle  $i$  (w.r.t. center of mass) is:

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

The total torque of the body:

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

## Newton's Second Law (Angular)

Angular momentum:  $\mathbf{L} = \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{I} \boldsymbol{\omega}$

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  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  (Euler integration):

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

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

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

## Simulation Algorithm (Euler)

Pre-compute:

$$M \leftarrow \sum m_i$$

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

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

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

Initialize:

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

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

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

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

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

Sum up external forces

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

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

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

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

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

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

Perform Euler integration step

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

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

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

Per particle quantities

## Reorthonormalization of Rotation

• Rotation matrix is updated at 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 Orthogonalization

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

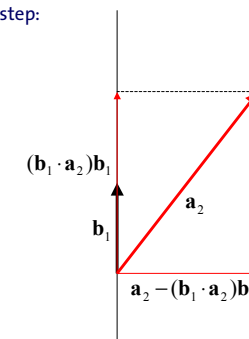
$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 - (\mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_2) \mathbf{b}_1$$

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

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

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

• better:  $\mathbf{b}_3 = \mathbf{b}_1 \times \mathbf{b}_2$

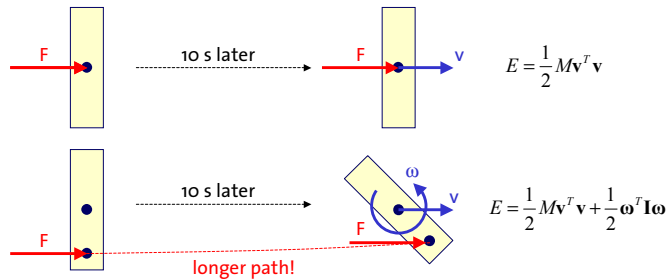


## Force vs. Torque Puzzle

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

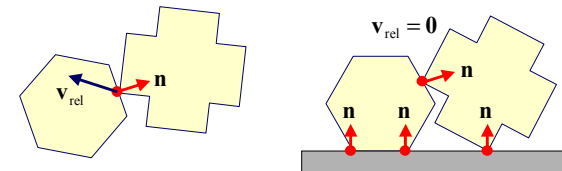
$$\boldsymbol{\tau} \leftarrow \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{f}_i$$

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



## Non-Penetration

- Detect collisions (see Matthias Teschner's slides)
- Avoid penetration
  - change time step or
  - push body back
- Compute collision response
  - Colliding contacts ("easy")
  - Resting contacts (very hard!)



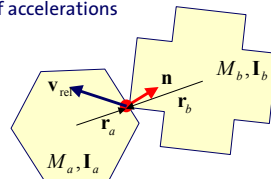
## Colliding Contacts

- Force driven**
  - Penetration cause forces
  - Late, slow, easy to compute
- Impulse driven**
  - Manipulation of velocities instead of accelerations
  - Fast, more difficult to compute
  - Impulse  $\mathbf{J}$  changes body state:

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

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

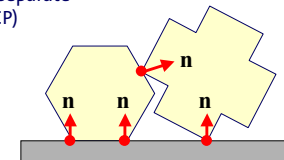
$$\mathbf{J} = j \mathbf{n}$$



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

## Resting Contacts

- Find all collisions with
 
$$|\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}| < \epsilon$$
- Solve for all contact forces simultaneously such that for each contact force  $\mathbf{f}_i$ 
  - $\mathbf{f}_i$  is strong enough that bodies are not pushed towards one another
  - $\mathbf{f}_i$  must be repulsive only (not glue like)
  - $\mathbf{f}_i$  is zero if the bodies begin to separate
- Linear complementarity problem (LCP)
- Special case of a (QPP) Quadratic Programming Problem!



## Web Sites



- **Andrew Witkin, David Baraff: *Physically Based Modeling: Principles and Practice* (Online Siggraph '97 Course notes)**

[www-2.cs.cmu.edu/~baraff/sigcourse/](http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/~baraff/sigcourse/)

- **Chris Hecker: *Rigid Body Dynamics***

[www.d6.com/users/checker/dynamics.htm](http://www.d6.com/users/checker/dynamics.htm)

- **NovodeX Rigid Body SDK & Demos**

[www.novodex.com](http://www.novodex.com)