



# Rigid Body Dynamics

Lesson

08



# Lesson 08 Outline

- \* Problem definition and motivations
- \* Dynamics of rigid bodies
- \* The equation of unconstrained motion (ODE)
- \* User and time control
- \* Demos / tools / libs





Rigid Body

Concepts



# Concept of Rigid Bodies

- ★ Assumption of Rigidity: The shape of rigid body never undergoes any deformation during simulation
- ★ Motion concept: Due to rigidity overall motion of body is a composition of
  - ★ 1) Linear motion of the center of mass (CoM)
  - ★ 2) Angular motion - rotation of body shape around center of mass

# Position and Orientation

- \* Position is represented as vector  $\mathbf{c} = (x, y, z)$
- \* Orientation can be represented using:
  - \* 1) Euler Angles:  $\mathbf{q} = (\varphi, \theta, \psi)$ 
    - This is the minimal 6 (3+3) DOF representation of body.
    - Problems of gimbal lock (non-uniqueness)
  - \* 2) Rotation Matrices:  $\mathbf{R} = (R_{i,j}) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ 
    - Overdetermined representation. Must be orthogonalized.
  - \* 3) Unit Quaternions:  $\mathbf{q} = (x, y, z, w)$ 
    - 7 (3+4) DOF representation solved by simple normalization.
    - Very suitable for angular velocity integration

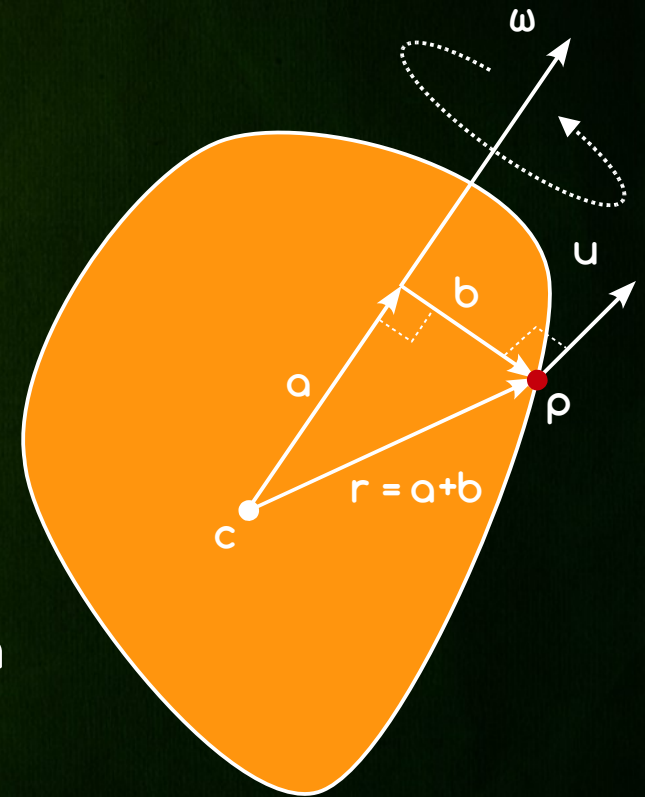


# Linear and Angular Velocity

- \* Linear velocity  $v(t)$  is simply the time derivative of position
  - Formally:  $v(t) = c'(t) = dc(t)/dt$
- \* Angular velocity  $\omega(t)$  is a vector parallel to rotational axis with the length equal to spin velocity
  - Spin velocity = total radians body spin around rotational axis per second.
  - Formally:  $q'(t) = 0.5 Q \omega(t)$  (see later for details)

# Linear and Angular Velocity

- \* Assume some body point  $p = c + r$ 
  - Local displacement  $r = a + b$  can be decomposed into axis parallel “a” and axis perpendicular “b”
- \* Current velocity  $u$  of point  $p$  is
  - Perpendicular to rotation axis
  - Proportional to length of angular velocity  $|\omega|$  and distance from rotation axis  $|b|$
  - Formally  $|u| = |\omega| |b| \rightarrow u = \omega \times b$
- \* Since  $\omega \times a = 0$
- \*  $u = \omega \times b = \omega \times a + \omega \times b = \omega \times r (= r')$





# Linear and Angular Velocity

- ★ Cross product matrix  $\mathbf{a}^\times$  for vector  $\mathbf{a} = (a_x, a_y, a_z)$  is
  - antisymmetric 3x3 matrix

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}^\times \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -a_z & +a_y \\ +a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & +a_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{pmatrix}$$

- ★ Rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  is a orthonormal 3x3 matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_x & \mathbf{R}_y & \mathbf{R}_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{xx} & \mathbf{R}_{xy} & \mathbf{R}_{xz} \\ \mathbf{R}_{yx} & \mathbf{R}_{yy} & \mathbf{R}_{yz} \\ \mathbf{R}_{zx} & \mathbf{R}_{zy} & \mathbf{R}_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Linear and Angular Velocity

- ★ Time derivative of rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  with respect to angular velocity  $\omega$  is (assuming  $r' = \omega \times r = \omega^\times r$ )

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}} = (\dot{\mathbf{R}}_x \quad \dot{\mathbf{R}}_y \quad \dot{\mathbf{R}}_z) = (\omega^\times \mathbf{R}_x \quad \omega^\times \mathbf{R}_y \quad \omega^\times \mathbf{R}_z) = \omega^\times (\mathbf{R}_x \quad \mathbf{R}_y \quad \mathbf{R}_z) = \omega^\times \mathbf{R}$$

- ★ Time derivative of orientation quaternion  $q = (x, y, z, w)$  is

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{w} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} +w & -z & +y \\ +z & +w & -x \\ -y & +x & +w \\ -x & -y & -z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{Q} \omega$$

→  $\mathbf{Q}$  is 4x3 “quaternion matrix”



# Center of Mass

- ★ Consider rigid body as a collection of particles with their positions  $\mathbf{p}_i$  and masses  $m_i$
- ★ Center of mass “c” is a weighted average of all particles

$$\mathbf{c} = \frac{\sum m_i \mathbf{p}_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{\sum m_i \mathbf{p}_i}{M}$$

→ where  $M = \sum m_i$  is total mass of body

- ★ Relative position  $\mathbf{r}_i$  of i-th particle satisfies  $\mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{r}_i$
- ★ Current i-th particle position is  $\mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{R} \mathbf{r}_{0i}$ 
  - $\mathbf{R}$  is current rotation matrix of body
  - $\mathbf{r}_{0i}$  is initial local-space position of i-th particle



# Linear and Angular Momentum

- \* Assuming each particle has its own mass  $m_i$  and velocity  $u_i = \omega \times r_i + v$ , we define its linear momentum " $P_i$ " and  $i$ -th angular momentum " $L_i$ " as
  - $P_i = m_i u_i$
  - $L_i = r_i \times P_i = m_i r_i \times u_i$
- \* Summing up  $P_i$  and  $L_i$  over all particles we get total linear momentum " $P$ " and angular momentum " $L$ "
- \*  $P = \sum P_i = \sum m_i u_i = \sum m_i (\omega \times r_i + v) = \dots = M v$
- \*  $L = \sum L_i = \sum m_i r_i \times u_i = \sum m_i r_i \times (\omega \times r_i + v) = \dots = J \omega$ 
  - where matrix  $J$  is the current inertia tensor



# Mass and Inertia Tensor

- ★ Total mass  $M$  and inertial tensor  $\mathbf{J}$  are defined as

$$M = \sum m_i$$
$$\mathbf{J} = -\sum m_i \mathbf{r}_i^{\times} \mathbf{r}_i^{\times} = \sum m_i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_{iy}^2 + \mathbf{r}_{iz}^2 & -\mathbf{r}_{ix} \mathbf{r}_{iy} & -\mathbf{r}_{ix} \mathbf{r}_{iz} \\ -\mathbf{r}_{iy} \mathbf{r}_{ix} & \mathbf{r}_{ix}^2 + \mathbf{r}_{iz}^2 & -\mathbf{r}_{iy} \mathbf{r}_{iz} \\ -\mathbf{r}_{iz} \mathbf{r}_{ix} & -\mathbf{r}_{iz} \mathbf{r}_{iy} & \mathbf{r}_{ix}^2 + \mathbf{r}_{iy}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Unlike scalar mass  $M$ , inertia tensor  $\mathbf{J}$  is time dependent
- ★ Initial inertia is  $\mathbf{J}_0 = -\sum m_i \mathbf{r}_{0i}^{\times} \mathbf{r}_{0i}^{\times}$ 
  - Bodies never deform, thus current inertia can be expressed in terms of initial inertia  $\mathbf{J}_0$  and current rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$
- ★  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{J}_0 \mathbf{R}^T$  and  $\mathbf{J}^{-1} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{J}_0^{-1} \mathbf{R}^T$



# Mass and Inertia Tensor

- ★  $J_1$  = Inertia tensor of sphere with radius  $r$  and mass  $m$
- ★  $J_2$  = Inertia tensor of solid box with mass  $m$  and width  $w$ , height  $h$  and depth  $d$

$$\mathbf{J}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2mr^2}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2mr^2}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2mr^2}{5} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{J}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{m}{12}(h^2+d^2) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{m}{12}(w^2+d^2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{m}{12}(w^2+h^2) \end{pmatrix}$$



# Mass and Inertia Tensor

- \* Translated inertia tensor by offset  $r$  is
- \*  $J = J_0 + m(r^T r \mathbf{1} - r r^T)$ 
  - where  $\mathbf{1}$  is 3x3 identity matrix and  $r$  is a column vector, ie. transposed  $r^T = (r_x, r_y, r_z)$  is row vector, thus
  - $r^T r$  (inner or dot product) is scalar
  - $r r^T$  (outer product) is a 3x3 matrix
- \* Given body with  $n$  solid parts with mass  $m_i$ , center of mass  $c_i$  and inertia tensor  $J_{0i}$ , total body
  - Mass  $m = \sum m_i$
  - Inertia  $J = \sum J_i = \sum (J_{0i} + m_i(c_i^T c_i \mathbf{1} - c_i c_i^T))$
  - Center of mass  $c = (\sum m_i c_i) / (\sum m_i)$



# Linear and Angular Acceleration

- \* The time derivative of inertia  $J$  (and  $J^{-1}$ ) is
- \*  $J' = (R J_0 R^T)' = R' J_0 R^T + R J_0 R'^T = \dots = \omega^\times J - J \omega^\times$
- \*  $J^{-1}' = (R J_0^{-1} R^T)' = R' J_0^{-1} R^T + R J_0^{-1} R'^T = \dots = \omega^\times J^{-1} - J^{-1} \omega^\times$
- \* Linear acceleration “ $a$ ” is defined as
- \*  $a = v' = (M^{-1}P)' = M^{-1}P' = M^{-1}f$ 
  - Where  $f$  is force - time derivative of linear momentum  $P$
- \* Angular acceleration “ $\alpha$ ” is defined as
- \*  $\alpha = \omega' = (J^{-1}L)' = J^{-1}'L + J^{-1}L' = \dots = 0 - J^{-1}\omega^\times J\omega + J^{-1}\tau$ 
  - Where  $\tau$  is torque - time derivative of angular momentum  $L$



# Force and Torque

- \* Force  $f_i$  and torque  $\tau_i$  of  $i$ -th particle are
- \*  $f_i = m_i a_i$  ( $i$ -th force)
- \*  $\tau_i = r_i \times f_i = m_i r_i \times a_i$  ( $i$ -th torque)
- \* Summing up over all particles we get the famous Newton-Euler equations for total force and torque
- \*  $f = \sum f_i = \sum m_i a_i = \dots = M v' = P'$
- \*  $\tau = \sum \tau_i = \sum m_i r_i \times a_i = \dots = J\omega + \omega^\times J\omega = \dots = L'$



# Summary of Rigid Body Concepts

- ★ We can summarize main physical properties (quantities) of rigid bodies as either
  - Kinematical (pure geometrical, mass “independent”)
  - Dynamical (physical, mass “dependent”)

	Kinematical Properties		Dynamical Properties	
lin	Position	$\mathbf{c}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$	Mass	$M \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$
ang	Orientation	$\mathbf{q}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 1}$	Inertia Tensor	$\mathbf{J}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$
lin	Linear velocity	$\mathbf{v}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$	Linear Momentum	$\mathbf{P}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$
ang	Angular velocity	$\boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$	Angular Momentum	$\mathbf{L}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$
lin	Linear acceleration	$\mathbf{a}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$	Force	$\mathbf{f}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$
ang	Angular acceleration	$\boldsymbol{\alpha}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$	Torque	$\boldsymbol{\tau}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$



# Rigid Body Equation of Motion

- ★ The rigid body equation of unconstrained motion can be summarized as the following ODE

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c}(t) \\ \mathbf{q}(t) \\ \mathbf{P}(t) \\ \mathbf{L}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}(t) \\ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{Q}(t) \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \\ \mathbf{f}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- ★ Where auxiliary variables are

$$\mathbf{Q}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} +\mathbf{q}_w(t) & -\mathbf{q}_z(t) & +\mathbf{q}_y(t) \\ +\mathbf{q}_z(t) & +\mathbf{q}_w(t) & -\mathbf{q}_x(t) \\ -\mathbf{q}_y(t) & +\mathbf{q}_x(t) & +\mathbf{q}_w(t) \\ -\mathbf{q}_x(t) & -\mathbf{q}_y(t) & -\mathbf{q}_z(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}(t) &= \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{P}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) &= \mathbf{J}^{-1}(t) \mathbf{L}(t) \\ \mathbf{J}^{-1}(t) &= \mathbf{R}(t) \mathbf{J}_0^{-1} \mathbf{R}^T(t) \end{aligned}$$



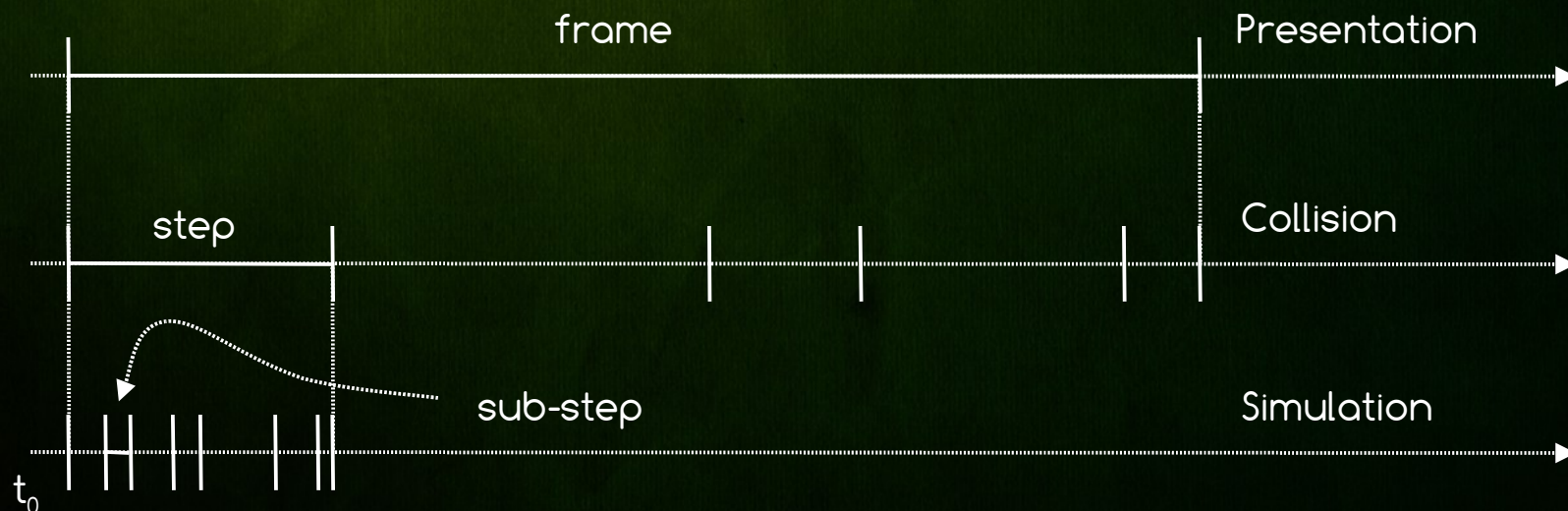
The image features two hourglasses against a light blue background. The left hourglass is tilted, with golden sand falling from its top bulb, which contains a model of a classical building, into its bottom bulb where a model of the Eiffel Tower is positioned. The right hourglass is upright, with golden sand falling from its top bulb, which contains a model of a classical temple, into its bottom bulb where a model of Big Ben is positioned. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the narrow necks of both hourglasses, containing the text 'User and Time control' in orange.

# User and Time control



# User and Time control

- ★ According to the time control of the simulation, we can split the overall simulation process into three nested layers
  - The Presentation Layer
  - The Collision Layer
  - The Simulation Layer.





# Time control: Presentation Layer

- ★ From users point-of-view the overall simulation must be present (rendered) in a sequence of animation frames
- ★ The size of the frame is obviously application dependent:
- ★ In time-critical and interactive applications (VR) it is usually fixed and defined by the user/device (min. 25 frames per seconds)
- ★ In large, complex offline simulations it can vary upon the computational expenses



# Time control: Collision Layer

- ★ Within each frame the motion solver perform some sub-steps to advance the motion correctly.
- ★ Due to collision and constraint resolution discontinuities arise in the motion
- ★ Depending on the time of collision detection (resolution) the number (size) of "collision steps" can be fixed or adaptive
- ★ When handling multiple penetrating objects in one step fixed time stepping is usually suitable
- ★ If only one collision is resolved at once adaptive time stepping technique should be used

# Backtracking Approach

- ★ We want to advance the simulation from  $t_0$  to  $t_1$
- ★ Use bisection to find the first collision occurrence
  - First check for collisions at  $t_1$ , next at mid time  $t_m = 0.5(t_0 + t_1)$
  - If there is some collision proceed similar back in  $(t_0, t_m)$
  - Otherwise proceed in second half interval  $(t_m, t_1)$
  - Proceed similar until desired number of iterations
- ★ if we know the time derivative of the separation distance the search can be even faster
- ★ It is simple, robust, can have slow convergence and tunneling problem (some collisions are missed)

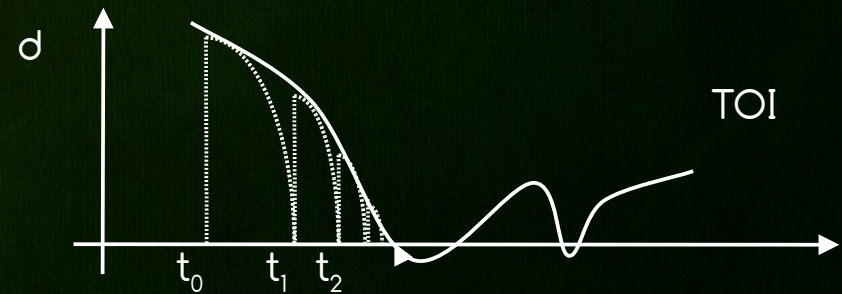
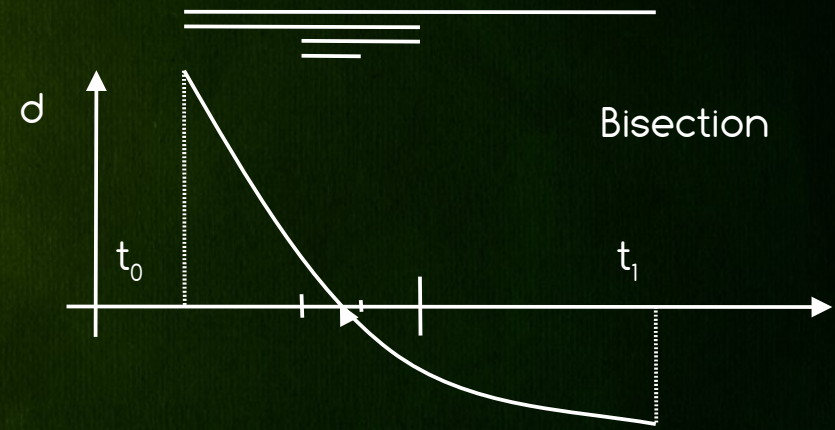


# One-Side Approach

- ★ The One-Side Approach is a more conservative technique. We always advance the simulation forward in time.
  - This is possible, since between collisions objects move along ballistic trajectories and we can estimate the lower bound of their Time of Impact (TOI)
- ★ Given upper bounds on angular and linear velocities we can estimate maximal translation of any surface point (on both estimated bodies) w.r.t. some direction axis  $d$
- ★ Find earliest time when bodies may penetrate. If no collision occurs, we advance bodies

# User and Time control

- ★ During both methods full collision detection is performed on estimated times
- ★ Alternative solution is to use continuous collision detection





# Time control: Simulation Layer

- ★ Within each "collision" step the motion solver must integrate the motion equation
- ★ Numerical ODE solver usually requires several integration steps to achieve desired accuracy and stability
- ★ Again we can choose a fixed or adaptive time stepping scheme



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