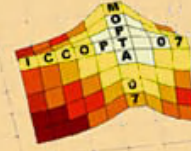


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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF METHODS FOR MODELING CONTACT AND FRICTION IN PHYSICAL SIMULATION



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Introduction

- Motivation
 - Computer games
 - Machine design
- Set of methods originated from (David Stewart, Jeff Trinkle) and (Mihai Anitescu, Florian Potra, Cremer) [1996-2003], (Chakraborty, Steven Berard, Jeff Trinkle, Srinivas Akella) [2006-2007].

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A popular physical model

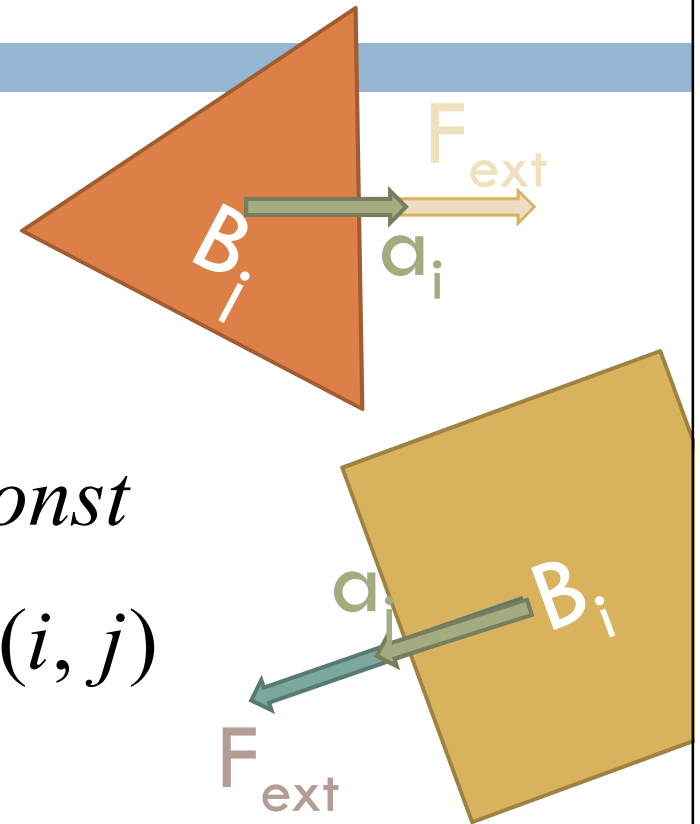
- Newton Euler
- Rigid body and non-penetration assumption:

$$\forall (p, q) \in B_i : \|p - q\| = \text{const}$$

$$\text{Int}(B_i) \cap \text{Int}(B_j) = \emptyset, \forall (i, j)$$

- Coulomb friction:

$$\|f_{\text{friction}}\| \leq \mu \|f_{\text{normal}}\|$$



Continuous formulation

- A system of n body $\{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n\}$ with configuration vector $q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n\}$.
- Velocity vector: $v = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]^T$
- Inertia matrix: M (stack of n inertia matrix)
- Newton-Euler equation:

$$M(q)\dot{v} = F_{\text{applied}} + F_{\text{coriolis}} + \overbrace{F_{\text{contact}} + F_{\text{friction}}}^{\text{Constraint forces}}$$

External force Forces to prevent penetration Forces to prevent sliding

Kinematic map: $\dot{q} = Gv$

Rigid body assumption

I) Signed distance function

$$\Psi_{in}(q) \geq 0$$

II) Lagrange multiplier

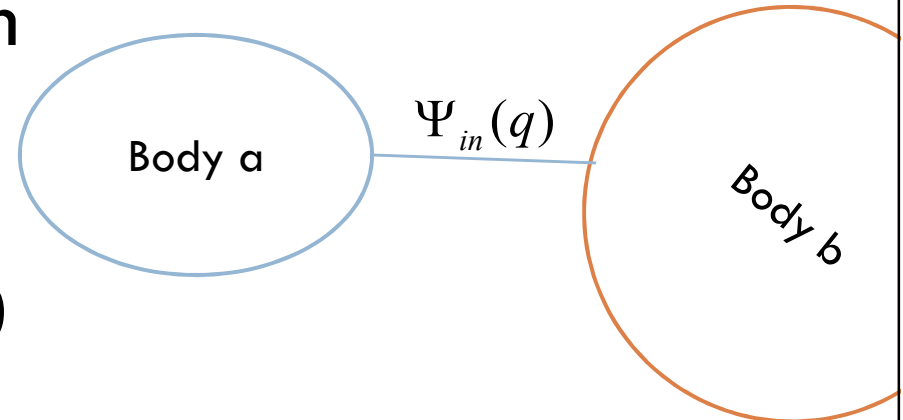
for contact force: $\lambda_{in} \geq 0$

III) Normal force only exists when bodies in

contact: $\lambda_{in}^T \bullet \Psi_{in}(q) = 0$.

These 3 conditions are called Signorini condition and can be formulated as:

$$0 \leq \lambda_{in} \perp \Psi_{in}(q) \geq 0$$



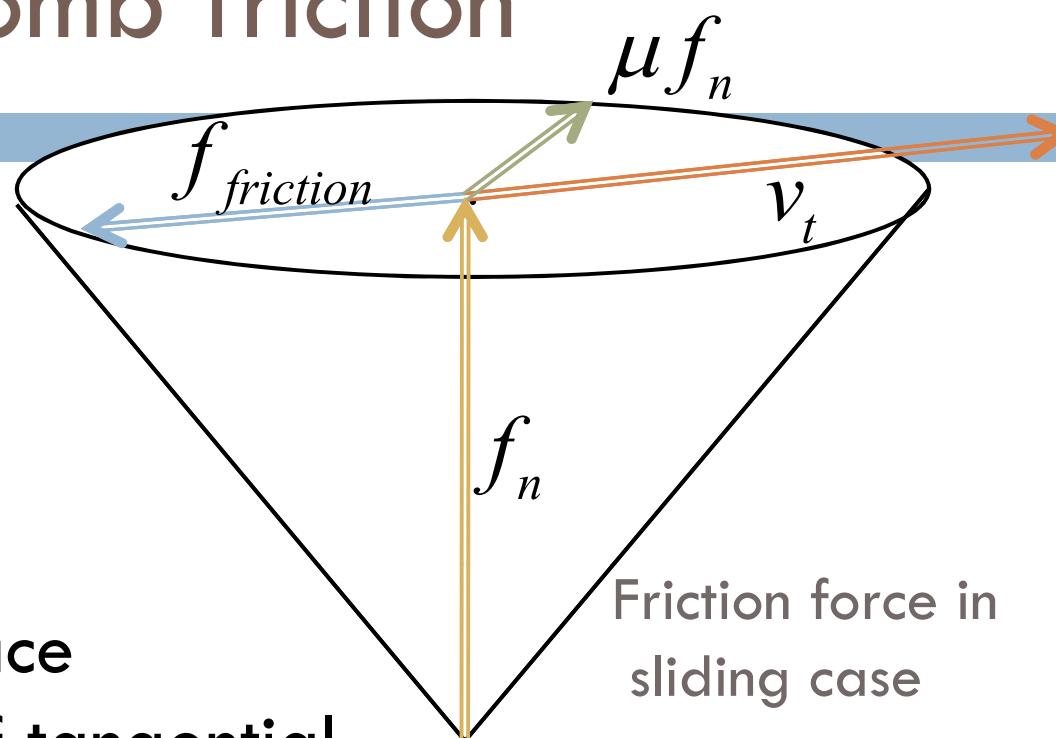
Coulomb friction

- Friction cone (f_n, μ)

- Friction force must lie on the disc defined by (f_n, μ) .

- Friction force must face opposite direction of tangential velocity (sliding).

- f_n : normal contact force, v_t : tangential velocity,
 f_c : friction force.



Time stepping method

- Time stepping method: introduce time step h .
- Only calculate system state values at time $t_l = l * h, l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $X^{(l)}$ = value of X at time l .
- Approximate: $\dot{v} \approx \frac{v^{(l+1)} - v^{(l)}}{h}, \dot{q} \approx \frac{q^{(l+1)} - q^{(l)}}{h}$.
- Using velocity-impulse instead of acceleration-force.
(Impulse $p = f * h$.)

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Stewart Trinkle formulation

- Newton-Euler equation:

$$M \cdot (v^{(l+1)} - v^l) = W_n p_n^{(l+1)} + W_f p_f^{(l+1)} + p_{ext}$$

W_n, W_f : Normal and friction “wrenches” and

$$W_n^T = \frac{\partial \Psi_n}{\partial q} G, W_f^T = \frac{\partial \Psi_f}{\partial q} G.$$

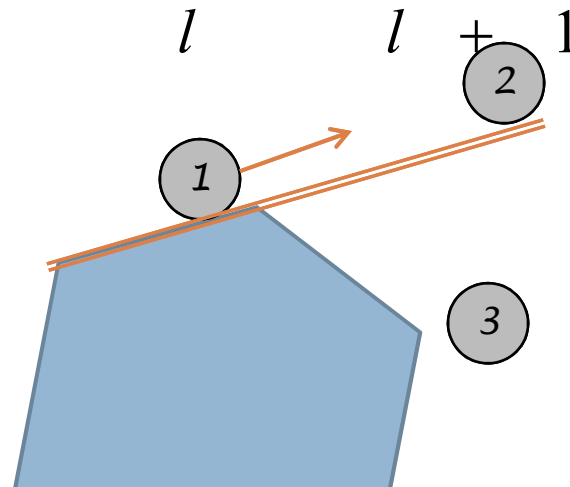
p_n, p_f, p_{ext} : normal, friction, external impulse
($p_n = h\lambda_n, p_f = h\lambda_f, p_{ext} = h\lambda_{ext}$)

Stewart Trinkle formulation

- Linearized distance function:

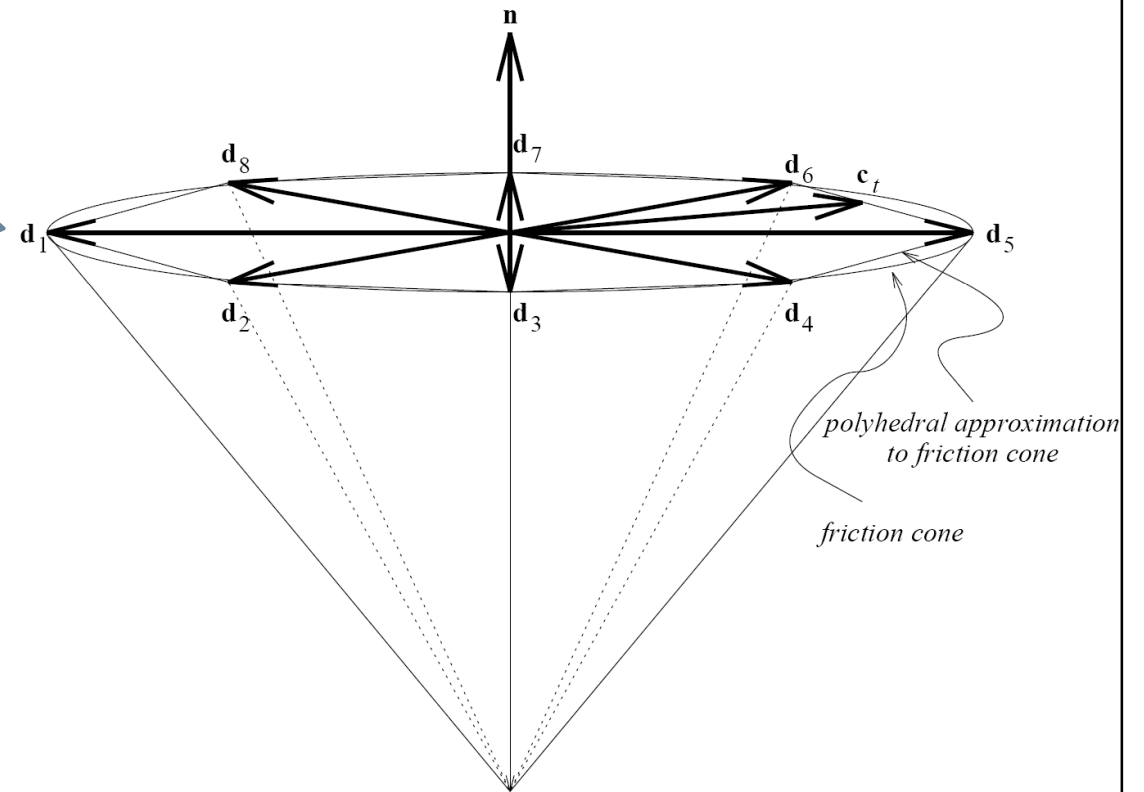
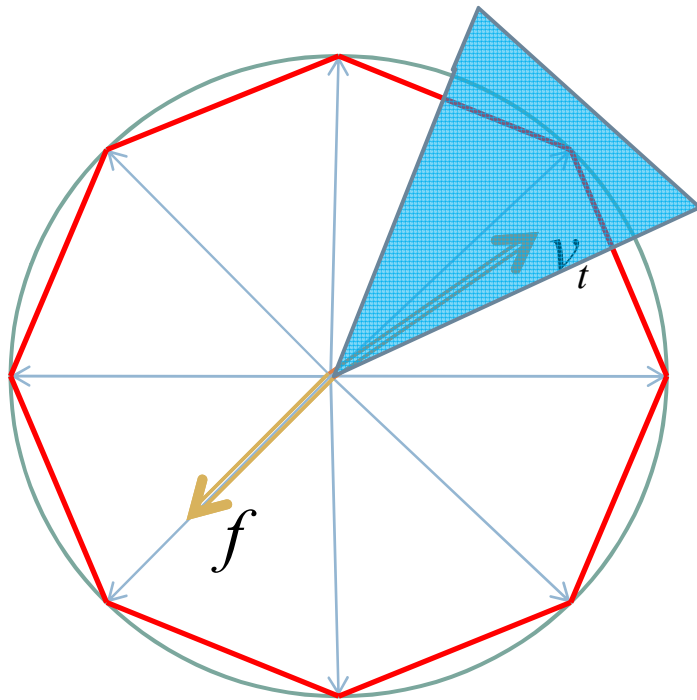
$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{in}^{(l+1)} &\approx \Psi_{in}^{(l)} + \frac{\partial \Psi_{in}^{(l)}}{\partial q} (q^{(l+1)} - q^{(l)}) + \frac{\partial \Psi_{in}^{(l)}}{\partial t} h \\ &= \Psi_{in}^{(l)} + W_{in}^T v^{(l+1)} h + \frac{\partial \Psi_{in}^{(l)}}{\partial t} h \geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

- Use information at time l to build constraints that should be satisfied at time $l+1$.



Stewart Trinkle formulation

- Polygonal approximation of friction cone.



Stewart Trinkle formulation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \rho_n^{\ell+1} \\ \rho_f^{\ell+1} \\ s^{\ell+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -M & W_n & W_f & 0 \\ W_n^T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ W_f^T & 0 & 0 & E \\ 0 & U & -E^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu^{\ell+1} \\ p_n^{\ell+1} \\ p_f^{\ell+1} \\ \sigma^{\ell+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} M\nu^\ell + hf \\ \frac{\psi_n^\ell}{h} + \frac{\partial\psi_n^\ell}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial\psi_f^\ell}{\partial t} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$6n$ n_c $n_c n_d$ n_c

n : number of bodies.
 n_c : number of contacts
 n_d : number friction directions

$$0 \leq \begin{bmatrix} \rho_n^{\ell+1} \\ \rho_f^{\ell+1} \\ s^{\ell+1} \end{bmatrix} \perp \begin{bmatrix} p_n^{\ell+1} \\ p_f^{\ell+1} \\ \sigma^{\ell+1} \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

$n_c (n_d + 2)$ complementarity conditions

Stewart Trinkle formulation

- Show triangle convex demo
- A quick look at ST non penetration constraint:

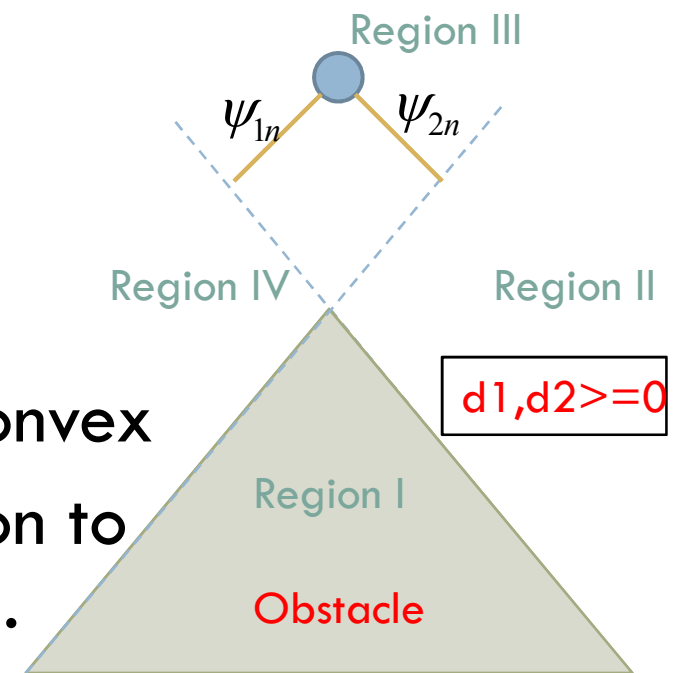
$$0 \leq \psi_{1n} \perp p_1 \geq 0$$

$$0 \leq \psi_{2n} \perp p_2 \geq 0$$

(p_1, p_2) : Normal impulses to keep ψ_{1n}, ψ_{2n} in feasible set.

\Rightarrow implicit assumption locally convex

- Need to use topology information to deal with this implicit assumption.



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Egan Trinkle formulation

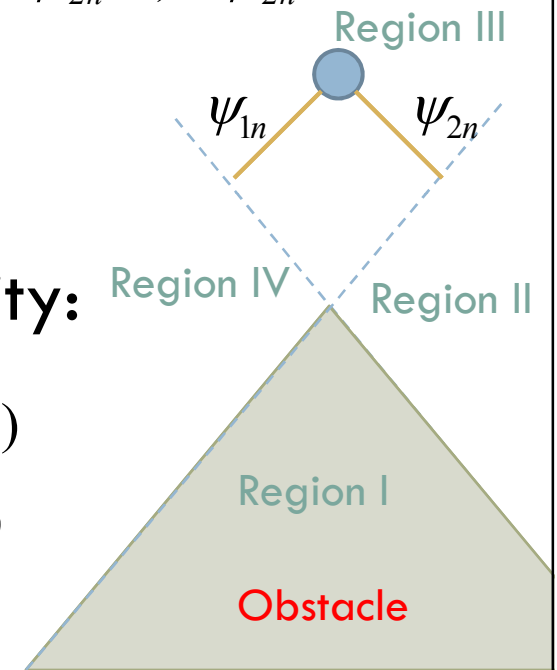
- **Non penetration constraint:** $(0 \leq \psi_{1n} \vee \psi_{2n} \geq 0)$
- $(0 \leq \psi_{1n} \vee \psi_{2n} \geq 0) \Leftrightarrow \max(\psi_{1n}, \psi_{2n}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \max(\psi_{1n} - \psi_{2n}, 0) + \psi_{2n} \geq 0$
- **Use** $c = \max(a, 0) \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq c - a \perp c \geq 0$
- **The formulation of non-penetration constraint with this locally non-convexity:**

$$0 \leq c - \psi_{1n} + \psi_{2n} \perp c \geq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad c = \max(\psi_{1n} - \psi_{2n}, 0)$$

$$0 \leq c + \psi_{2n} \perp p_1 \geq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad (0 \leq \psi_{1n}) \text{ or } (\psi_{2n} \geq 0)$$

$$0 \leq c + \psi_{2n} \perp p_2 \geq 0$$

Only apply normal impulses when $\psi_{1n}, \psi_{2n} \leq 0$



Egan Trinkle formulation

- Show [Egan Trinkle triangle convex demo](#)
- Show [Stewart Trinkle ramp demo](#)
- Show [Egan Trinkle ramp demo](#)
- Show [Stewart Trinkle hole fitting](#)
- Show [Egan Trinkle hole fitting](#)

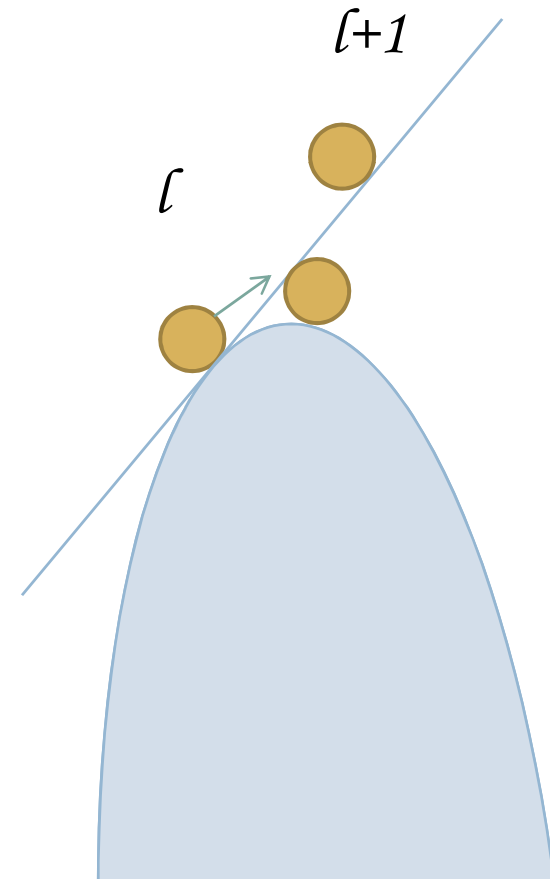
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Chakraborty Berard formulation

- Newton Euler
- Rigid body assumption: non linear and implicit
- Friction: non linear



Chakraborty Berard formulation

$$0 = -\mathbf{M}\nu^{\ell+1} + \mathbf{M}\nu^{\ell} + \mathbf{W}_n^{\ell+1} \mathbf{p}_n^{\ell+1} + \mathbf{W}_t^{\ell+1} \mathbf{p}_t^{\ell+1} \\ + \mathbf{W}_o^{\ell+1} \mathbf{p}_o^{\ell+1} + \mathbf{W}_r^{\ell+1} \mathbf{p}_r^{\ell+1} + \mathbf{p}_{\text{app}} + \mathbf{p}_{\text{vp}}$$

$$0 = (\mathbf{a}_1^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{a}_2^{\ell+1}) + \|\mathbf{a}_1^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{a}_2^{\ell+1}\| \frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{a}_1^{\ell+1})}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{a}_1^{\ell+1})\|}$$

$$0 = \frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{a}_1^{\ell+1})}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{a}_1^{\ell+1})\|} + \frac{\nabla g(\mathbf{a}_2^{\ell+1})}{\|\nabla g(\mathbf{a}_2^{\ell+1})\|}$$

$$0 = f(\mathbf{a}_1^{\ell+1})$$

$$0 = g(\mathbf{a}_2^{\ell+1})$$

$$0 \leq p_n^{\ell+1} \perp f(\mathbf{a}_2^{\ell+1}) \geq 0$$

Implicit and non-linear distance function

The mathematical model is a Mixed Nonlinear Complementarity Problem.

Chakraborty Berard formulation

- A disk can roll to infinity on a flat surface even with friction in CB and stop with ST and ET: [movie](#).

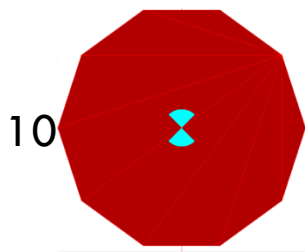
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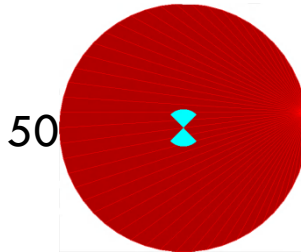
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Problem's size comparison

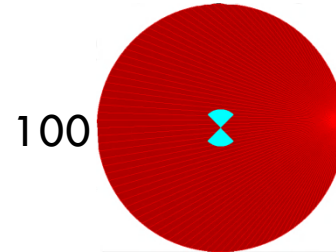
Scenario	Stewart Trinkle (LCP size)	Egan Trinkle (LCP size)	Chakraborty Berard (NCP size)
Sphere(10) rolling on floor	15	15	9
Sphere(50) rolling on floor	67	67	9
Sphere(100) rolling on floor	123	123	9
Sphere(1000) rolling on floor	1263	1263	9



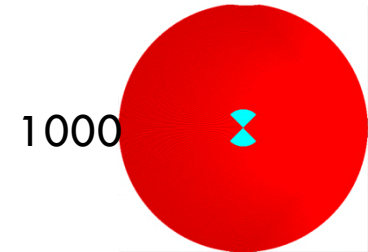
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100



1000

Stewart Trinkle	Egan Trinkle (1)	CB
$6*n + nc*(nd+2)$	$6*n + nc*(nd+2) + nk - 1$	$9*n + 4*nc$

n: number of bodies, *nc*: number of contacts

nd: number friction direction, *nk*: number of Egan Trinkle's contacts

Summary

- We can use complementary condition to model contact and friction in many ways.
- Which formulation to use in simulation is really depend on application.
- We are trying to create more formulations having a set of features that may be useful for more types of applications.

Question

- PATH is a general solver so it cannot exploit some information that we have (structure of matrix, physical interpretation,...)
- How to solve the dynamics simulation LCP/NCP efficiently?

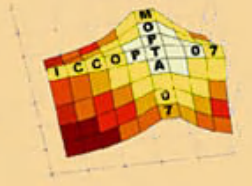
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