CS-184: Computer Graphics

Lecture #21: Physically Based Animation Intro

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Today

- Introduction to Simulation
  - Basic particle systems
  - Time integration (simple version)

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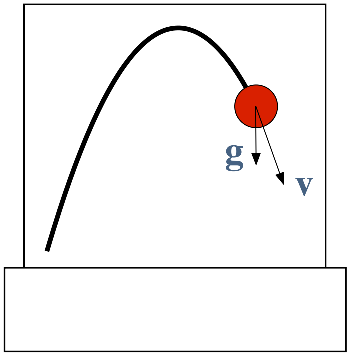
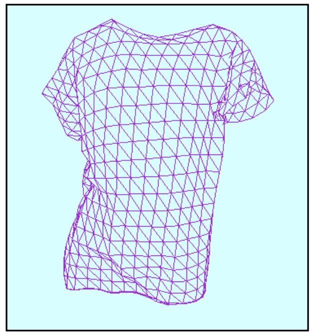
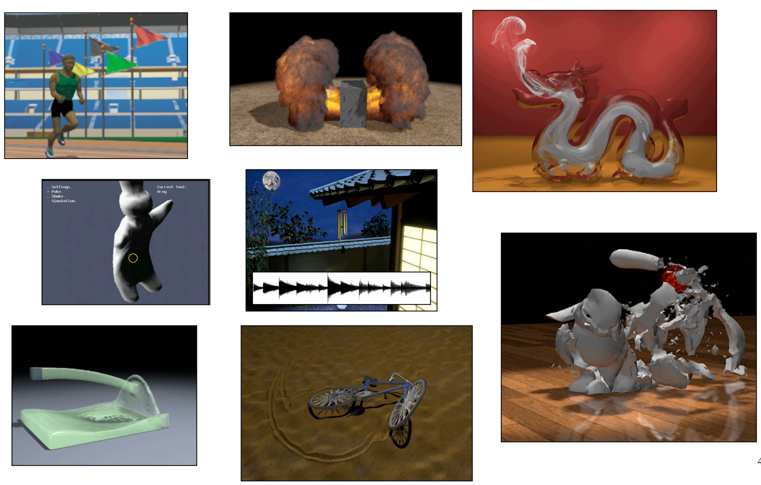
Physically Based Animation

- Generate motion of objects using numerical simulation methods





Physically Based Animation



Particle Systems

- Single particles are very simple
- Large groups can produce interesting effects
- Supplement basic ballistic rules
  - Collisions
  - Interactions
  - Force fields
  - Springs
  - Others...

Karl Sims, SIGGRAPH 1990

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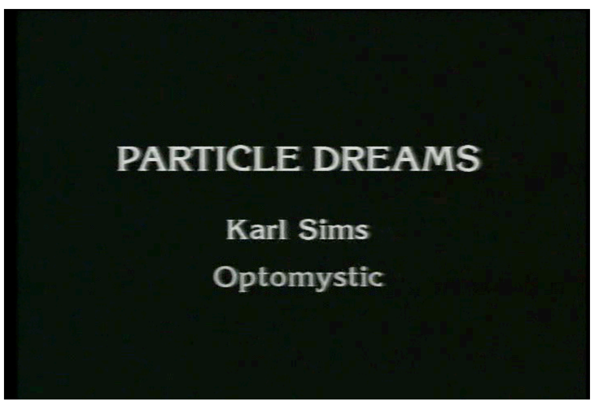

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Feldman, Klingner, O'Brien, SIGGRAPH 2005

Basic Particles

- Basic governing equation $\ddot{\boldsymbol{x}} = \frac{1}{m}\boldsymbol{f}$
  - $\boldsymbol{f}$ is a sum of a number of things
    - Gravity: constant downward force proportional to mass
    - Simple drag: force proportional to negative velocity
    - Particle interactions: particles mutually attract and/or repell
      - Beware $O(n^2)$ complexity!
    - Force fields
    - Wind forces
    - User interaction

Basic Particles

- Properties other than position
  - Color
  - Temp
  - Age
- Differential equations also needed to govern these properties
- Collisions and other constrains directly modify position and/or velocity

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Integration

- Euler's Method
  - Simple
  - Commonly used
  - Very inaccurate
  - Most often goes unstable

$$\boldsymbol{x}^{t+\Delta t} = \boldsymbol{x}^{t} + \Delta t$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t} = \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t} + \Delta t$$

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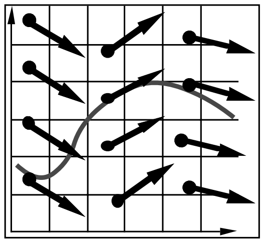

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$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}} = \mathsf{f}(\boldsymbol{x}, t)$$

Note: Second order ODEs can be turned into first order ODEs using extra variables.

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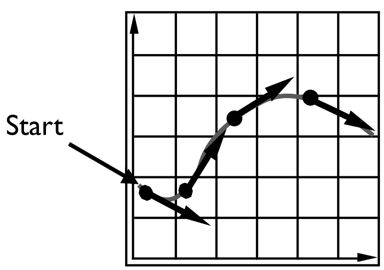

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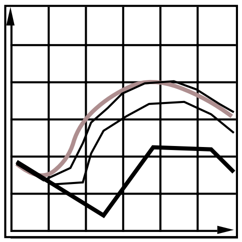
Integration

- With numerical integration, errors accumulate
- Euler integration is particularly bad



$$x := x + \Delta t \, \mathsf{f}(\boldsymbol{x}, t)$$

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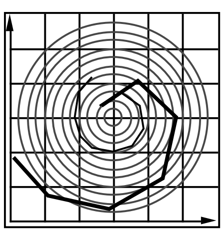
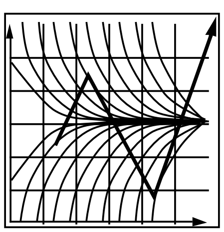
Integration

- Stability issues can also arise
  - Occurs when errors lead to larger errors
  - Often more serious than error issues



$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}} = [\, -\sin(\omega t) \; , \; -\cos(\omega t) \,]$



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Integration

- Modified Euler

$$\boldsymbol{x}^{t+\Delta t} = \boldsymbol{x}^t + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\left(\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^t + \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t}\right)$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t} = \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^t + \Delta t\ \ddot{\boldsymbol{x}}^t$$

$$\boldsymbol{x}^{t+\Delta t} = \boldsymbol{x}^t + \Delta t\ \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^t + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2}\ \ddot{\boldsymbol{x}}^t$$

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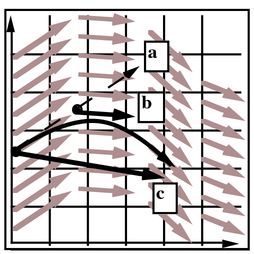
Integration

- Midpoint method
  a. Compute half Euler step
  b. Eval. derivative at halfway
  c. Retake step
- Other methods
  - Verlet
  - Runge-Kutta
  - And *many* others...



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Integration

- Implicit methods
  - Informally (incorrectly) called backward methods
  - Use derivatives in the future for the current step

$$\boldsymbol{x}^{t+\Delta t} = \boldsymbol{x}^t + \Delta t \; \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t}$$
$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t} = \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^t + \Delta t \; \ddot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t}$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t} = \mathsf{V}(\boldsymbol{x}^{t+\Delta t}, \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t}, t + \Delta t)$$
$$\ddot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t} = \mathsf{A}(\boldsymbol{x}^{t+\Delta t}, \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t}, t + \Delta t)$$

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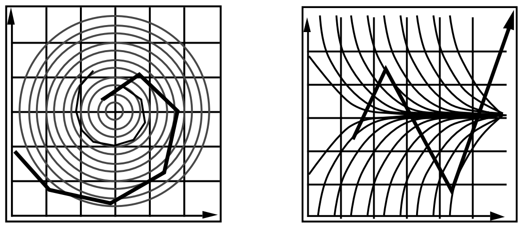
  - Solve nonlinear problem for $\boldsymbol{x}^{t+\Delta t}$ and $\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t}$
  - This is fully implicit backward Euler
  - Many other implicit methods exist...
  - Modified Euler is *partially* implicit as is Verlet

Temp Slide



Need to draw reverse diagrams....

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Integration

- Semi-Implicit
  - Approximate with linearized equations

$$\mathsf{V}(\boldsymbol{x}^{t+\Delta t}, \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t}) \approx \mathsf{V}(\boldsymbol{x}^{t}, \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t}) + \mathbf{A} \cdot (\Delta \boldsymbol{x}) + \mathbf{B} \cdot (\Delta \dot{\boldsymbol{x}})$$

$$\mathsf{A}(\boldsymbol{x}^{t+\Delta t}, \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t}) \approx \mathsf{A}(\boldsymbol{x}^{t}, \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t}) + \mathbf{C} \cdot (\Delta \boldsymbol{x}) + \mathbf{D} \cdot (\Delta \dot{\boldsymbol{x}})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}^{t+\Delta t} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t+\Delta t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}^{t} \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t} \end{bmatrix} + \Delta t \left(\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t} \\ \ddot{\boldsymbol{x}}^{t} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \boldsymbol{x} \\ \Delta \dot{\boldsymbol{x}} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

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Integration

- Explicit methods can be conditionally stable
  - Depends on time-step and *stiffness* of system
- Fully implicit can be **un**conditionally stable
  - May still have large errors
- Semi-implicit can be conditionally stable
  - Nonlinearities can cause instability
  - Generally more stable than explicit
  - Comparable errors as explicit
    - Often show up as excessive damping

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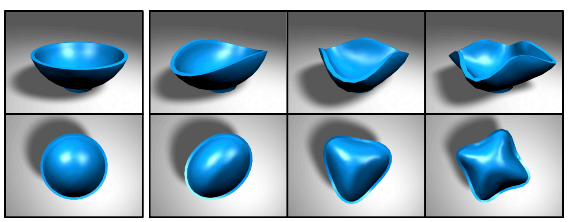
Integration

- Integrators can be analyzed in modal domain
- System have different component behaviors
- Integrators impact components differently



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Suggested Reading

- Physically Based Modeling: Principles and Practice
  - Andy Witkin and David Baraff
  - http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/~baraff/sigcourse/index.html
- Numerical Recipes in C++
  - Chapter 16
- Any good text on integrating ODE's

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