

Animation & Simulation

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Physically-based Animation

- Forces used to keep geometric relationships
 - We only care geometry at the end of day, not physics
 - Modelling the underlying governing laws
 - Cloth, we only see wrinkles, need to model forces that generate them
- Dynamic control
 - The forces needed to achieve target goals

Physically-based Animation

- Basic physics

$$f = ma \quad a = \frac{f}{m}$$

$$v' = v + a\Delta t \quad p' = p + \frac{1}{2}(v + v')\Delta t$$

What scheme here?

Physically-based Animation

- Basic physics
 - A spring
 - Virtual spring as forces between object, particles, lumped mass points

$$f_s = -k_s(L_c - L_r) \left(\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\|p_2 - p_1\|} \right)$$

spring force (f_s) rest length (L_r) current length (L_c)

constant of proportionality (k_s), also called the *spring constant*.

Stiffness

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$$f_s = -k_s(L_c - L_r) \left(\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\|p_2 - p_1\|} \right) \quad \text{Linear}$$

Non-linear: k_s changes at certain lengths, or in general a function of length

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 - Damper

$$f_d = -k_d \left(\dot{p}_2 - \dot{p}_1 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\|p_2 - p_1\|} \right) \left(\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\|p_2 - p_1\|} \right)$$

Physically-based Animation

- Basic physics
 - A spring
 - Virtual spring as forces between object, particles, lumped mass points
 - Damper
 - Viscosity

$$f_v = -k_v v$$

- Momentum

$$\sum m_i v_i = c \quad \tau = I\alpha$$

Physically-based Animation

- Basic physics
 - Spring-damp pair

$$f_s = -k_s(L_c - L_r) \left(\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\|p_2 - p_1\|} \right) \quad f_d = -k_d(\dot{p}_2 - \dot{p}_1) \cdot \left(\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\|p_2 - p_1\|} \right) \left(\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\|p_2 - p_1\|} \right)$$

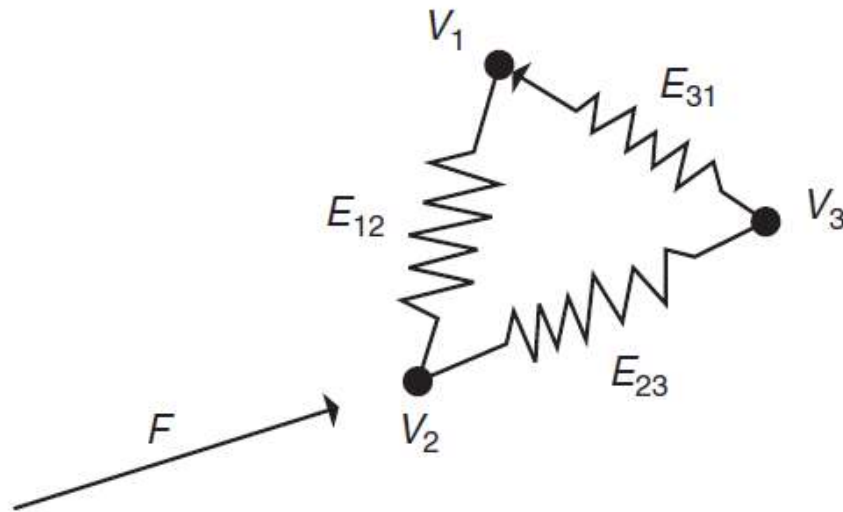
Linear Spring

damper

$$f = \left(k_s(L_c - L_r) - k_d(\dot{p}_2 - \dot{p}_1) \cdot \left(\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\|p_2 - p_1\|} \right) \right) \left(\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\|p_2 - p_1\|} \right)$$

Physically-based Animation

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 - Flexible objects
 - Mass-spring-damper model



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Write the force equations for three vertices

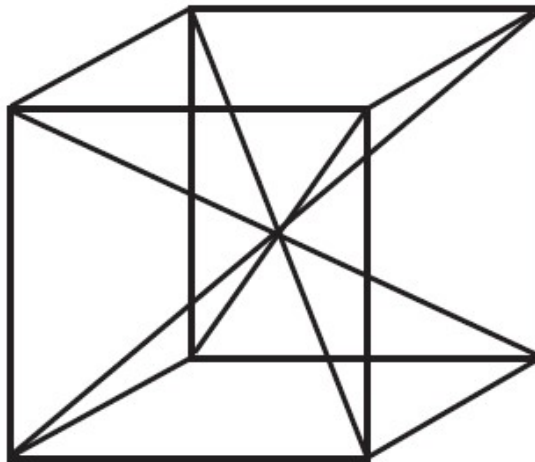
Assuming:

1. Initial velocities are zeros
2. Initial positions are (x_1, y_1) (x_2, y_2) (x_3, y_3)
3. Force F applied onto V_2
4. Initial rest spring lengths are E_{11} , E_{23} and E_{31}
5. Masses are m_1 , m_2 and m_3
6. K_s and k_d are known for all springs

Compute the positions at $t + \Delta t$

Physically-based Animation

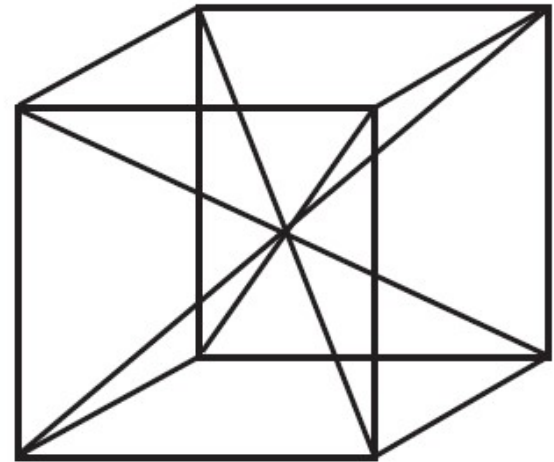
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$$\hat{\tau} = k_s(\theta(t) - \theta_r) - k_d \dot{\theta}(t)$$



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 - Not stable if only edges are modelled: a cube could turn inside out
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 - Too many parameters to tune K_s , K_d , K_v for each spring
 - Hard to tune
 - Numerically explode
 - Why? Forces are assumed constant during the time step
 - Clipping values might help, but introducing slaggishness

Physically-based Animation

- Spring animation

- Virtual Springs

- Proportional derivative control (PD)

$$u(t) = K_p e(t) + K_d \frac{de(t)}{dt} \quad \tau = k_s(\theta(t) - \theta_d(t)) - k_d(\dot{\theta}(t) - \dot{\theta}_d(t))$$

- Proportional integral control (PI)

$$u(t) = K_p e(t) + K_i \int_0^t e(t') dt'$$

- Proportional integral derivative control (PID)

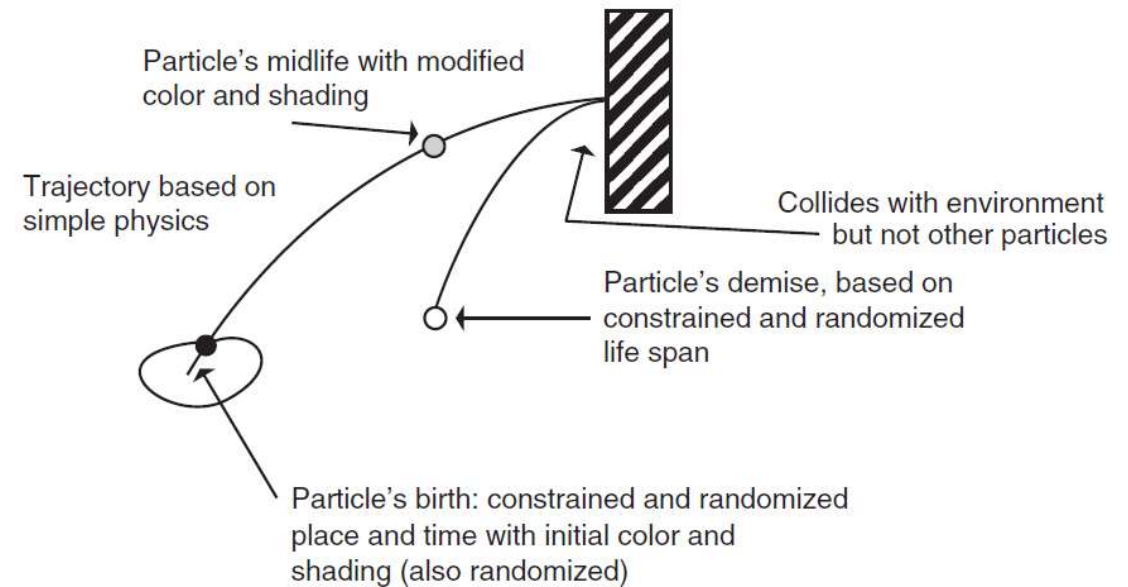
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Physically-based Animation

- Particle Systems
 - A large number of small particles, common simplifications:
 - Volume of individual particles are (largely) ignored
 - Masses are assumed to be lumped at points
 - Not colliding with other particles
 - Not casting shadows
 - Not reflecting lights

Physically-based Animation

- Particle Systems
 - A large number of small particles, common simplifications:
 - Life spans
 - Particles born in this time step
 - Attributes assigned
 - Terminating dead particles
 - Animating remaining particles
 - Render particles

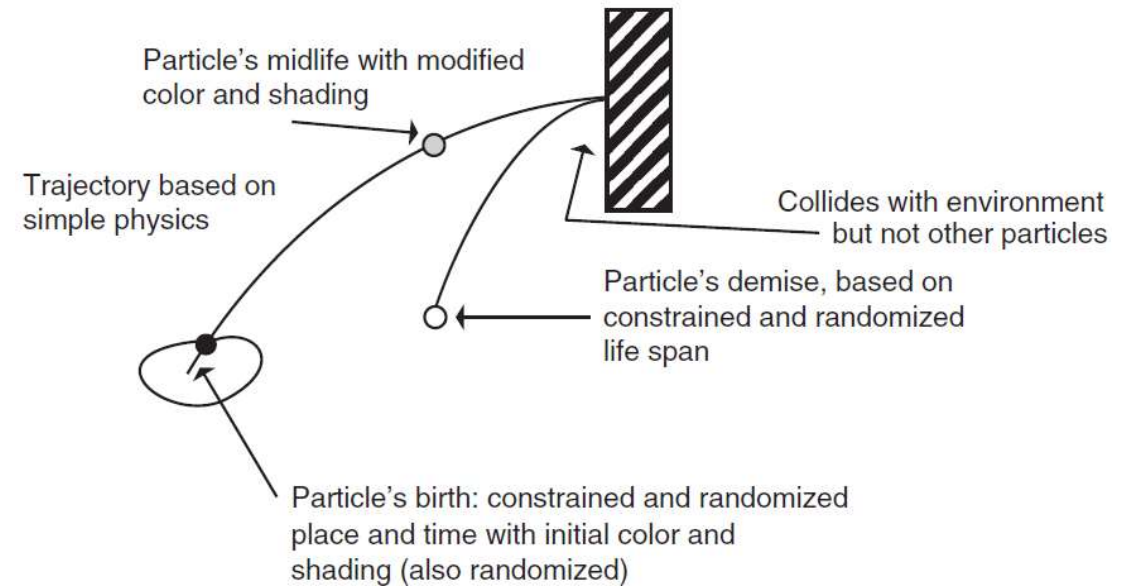


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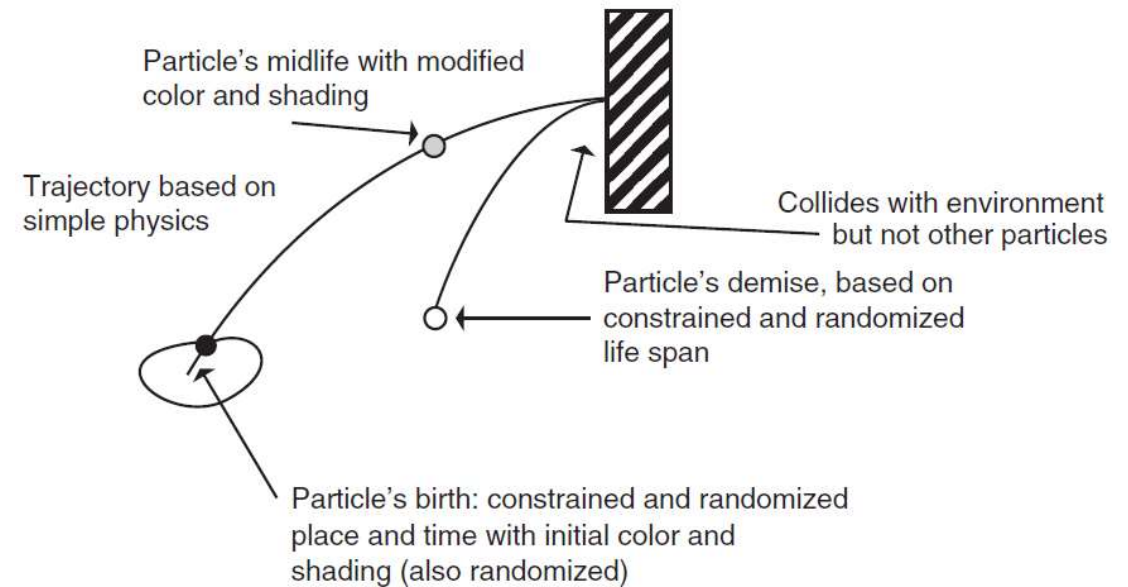
$$\# \text{ of particles} = n + \text{Rand}() * r$$

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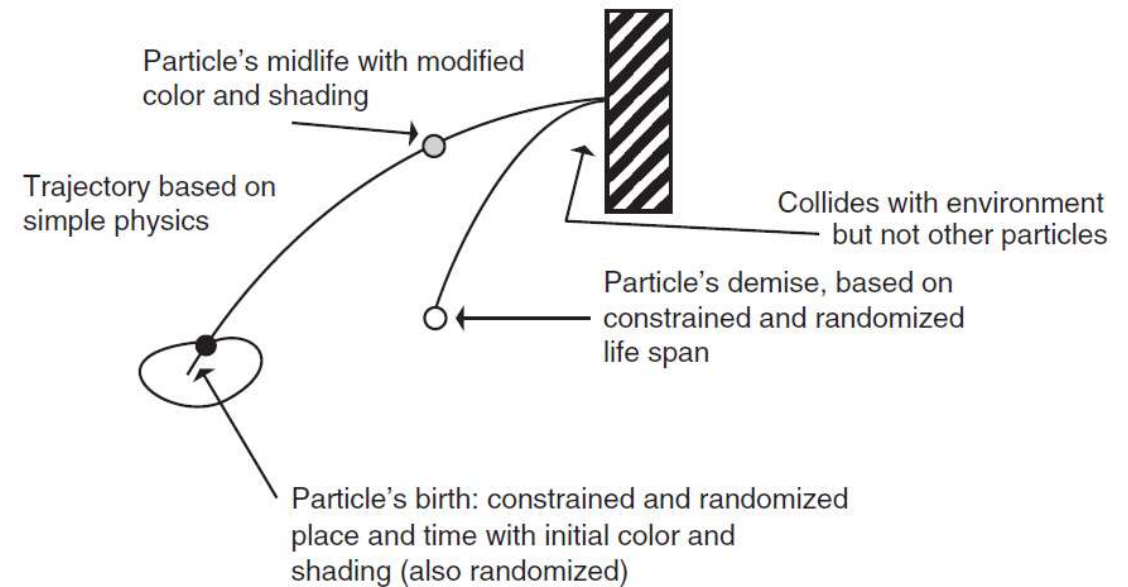
Physically-based Animation

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 - Attributes assigned
 - Pos, vel, shape, color, transparency, lifetime



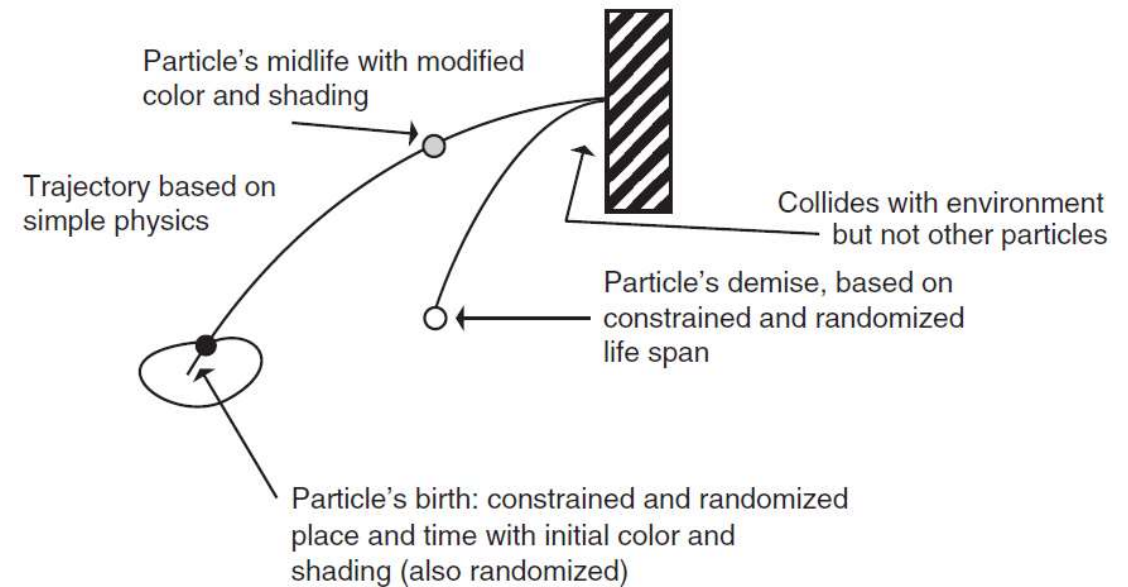
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 - Terminating dead particles
 - Check particle clocks, remove dead ones



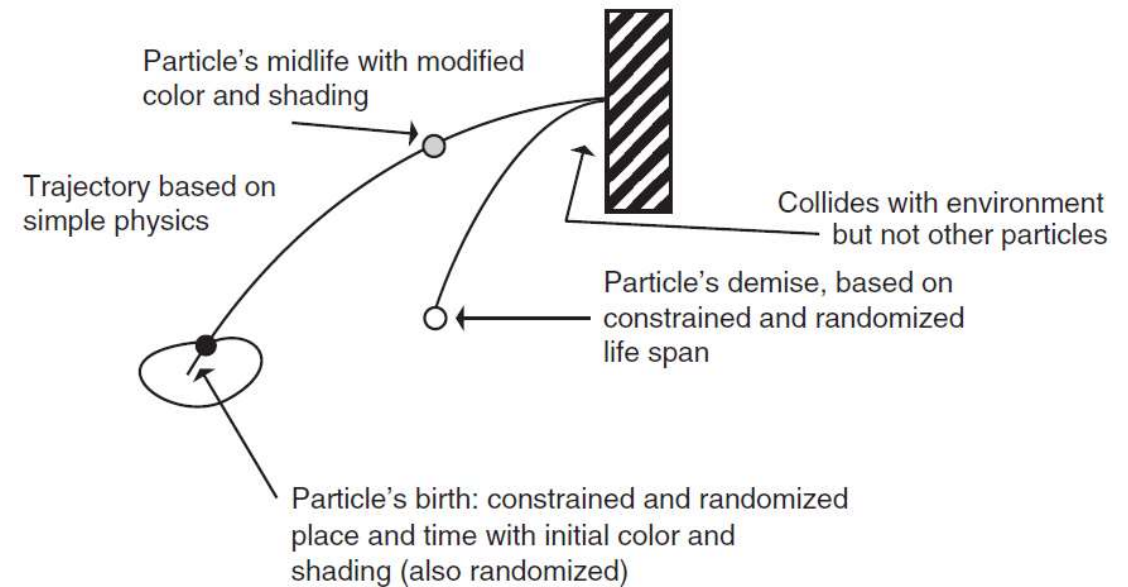
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 - Terminating dead particles
 - Animating remaining particles
 - Simulation (gravity, wind, force field, etc.)



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 - Life spans
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 - Terminating dead particles
 - Animating remaining particles
 - Render particles
 - Render as light sources



Physically-based Animation

- Rigid body simulation
 - Cloth (listed under 'rigid body simulation'?)
 - Direct modelling of folds, pure geometry
 - Only works for very special situations
 - Physically based modelling
 - Stretch, bend, skew
 - Springs or energy functions



Physically-based Animation

- Rigid body simulation
 - Cloth
 - Physically based modelling
 - Stretch

$$F_s = \left(\frac{\text{Rest length} \quad \text{Current length}}{k_s |v1 - v2| - |v1^* - v2^*|} \right) \frac{v1 - v2}{|v1 - v2|}$$

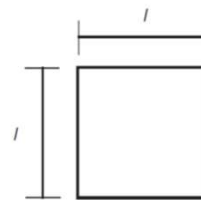
$$E_s = k_s \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{|v1 - v2| - |v1^* - v2^*|}{|v1^* - v2^*|} \right)^2$$

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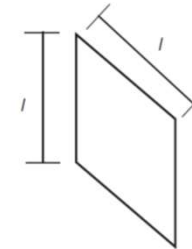
- Rigid body simulation
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 - Physically based modelling
 - Stretch
 - In-plane skew

$$S(v1, v2) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{|v1 - v2| - |v1^* - v2^*|}{|v1^* - v2^*|} \right)^2$$

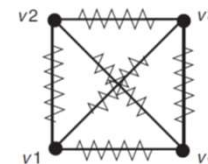
$$E_w = k_w \cdot S(v1, v3) S(v2, v4)$$



A Original quadrilateral of mesh



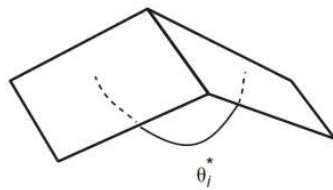
B Skew of original quadrilateral without changing the length of edges



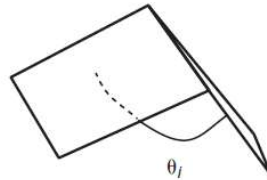
C Diagonal springs to control skew

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 - In-plane skew
 - Out-plane skew (restricting dihedral angle or control vertices separation)

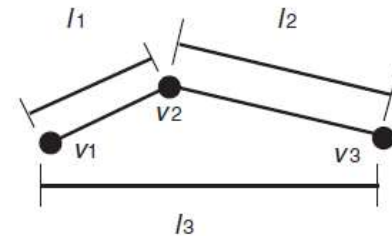


Original dihedral angle



Bending along the edge that changes dihedral angle

$$F_b = k_b(\theta_i - \theta_i^*)$$



$$l_1 = |v_2 - v_1|$$

$$l_2 = |v_3 - v_2|$$

$$l_3 = |v_3 - v_1|$$

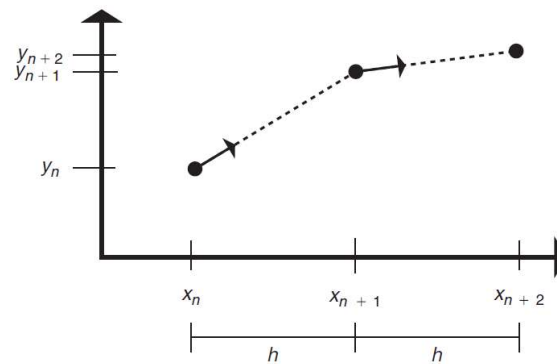
$$F_b = k_b \left(\frac{l_3}{(l_1 + l_2)} - \frac{l_3^*}{(l_1^* + l_2^*)} \right)$$

Physically-based Animation

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 - Mass-spring-damper model, compute forces and update states of mass points
 - Integration

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf'(x_n, y_n)$$

explicit Euler (fast but ?)

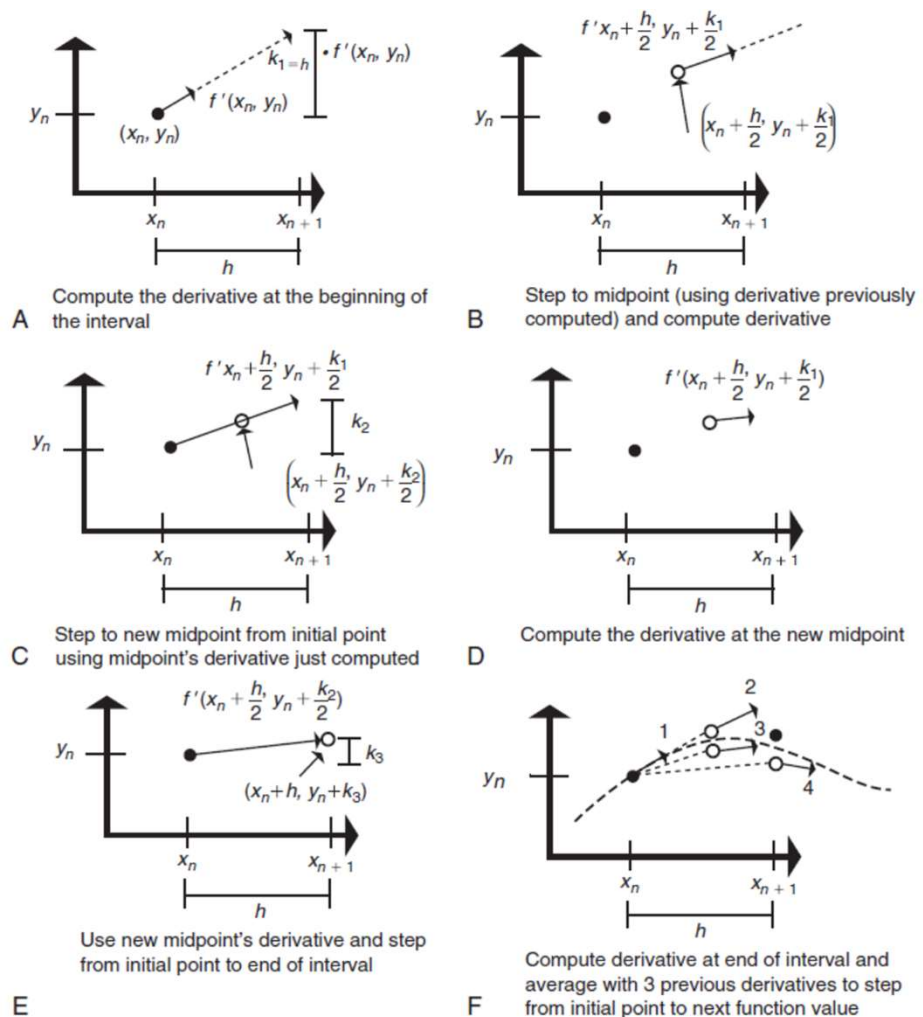


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Fourth-order Runge-Kutta

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1 &= hf'(x_n, y_n) \\
 k_2 &= hf'\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) \\
 k_3 &= hf'\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_2}{2}\right) \\
 k_4 &= hf'(x_n + h, y_n + k_3) \\
 y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{k_1}{6} + \frac{k_2}{3} + \frac{k_3}{3} + \frac{k_4}{6} + O(h^5)
 \end{aligned}$$



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Implicit Euler

$$\boxed{y_{n+1}} = y_n + hf'(x_{n+1}, \boxed{y_{n+1}})$$

Unknowns on both sides, need to solve an equation for every step

[Baraff et al, Large Steps in Cloth Simulation. 1998](#)

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Semi-implicit Euler

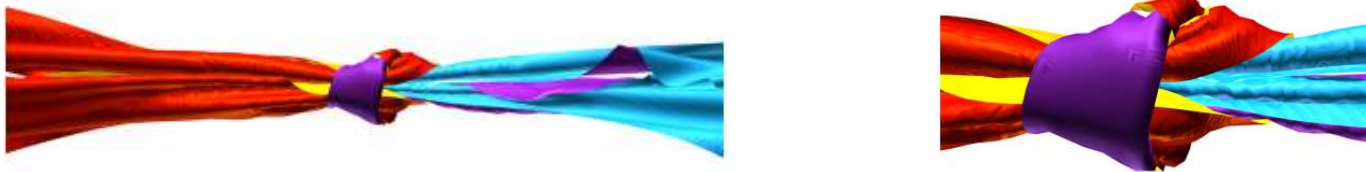
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 - Integration
 - Control stretching
 - Spring model can lead to unrealistic stretching:super-elasticity
 - Stiffer springs, smaller time steps, limiting initial stretching, modelling non-linear effects
 - Biphasic springs (allow initial stretching but becomes stiff exceeding threshold)
 - Velocity damping (controlling vertex displacement)

Physically-based Animation

- Rigid body simulation
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 - Integration
 - Control stretching
 - Collision detection (self and environment)
 - Hierarchical bounding volumes to accelerate the detection



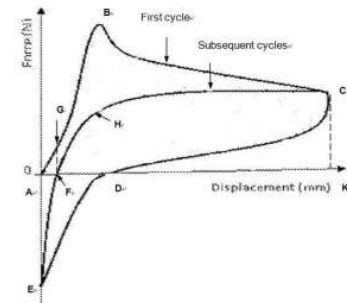
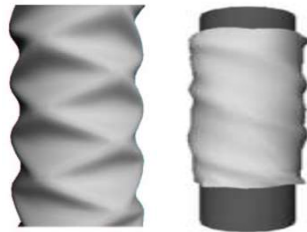
Harmon et al, Asynchronous Contact Mechanics, 2011

Physically-based Animation

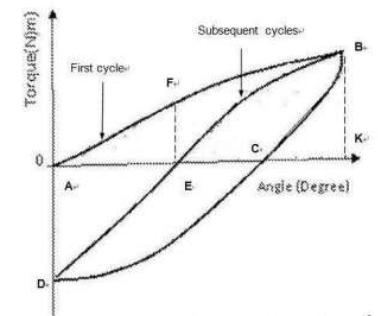
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 - Integration
 - Control stretching
 - Collision detection (self and environment)
 - Collision response
 - Damped inelastic collision
 - Restraining the positions/velocities of the colliding vertices
 - Open research question

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 - Integration
 - Control stretching
 - Collision detection (self and environment)
 - Collision response
 - Folds, wrinkles, buckling
 - More difficult, still under research



(a) Compression buckling



(b) twist buckling