About

This project is basically somewhat of an answer to the age-old question:

Could we treat every step of a classical-mechanics simulation as nothing more than a lambdacalculus reduction?

In other words: if **all** updates are pure functions, can we assemble them with ordinary function composition and still end up with a useful, reasonably fast physics engine (emphasis on reasonably)?

I decided to try the abstract this stuff in Haskell because Haskell is already "λ-calculus with types". Everything you'll see in the codebase follows the same pattern:

```
step :: Δt -> world -> world
```

where world is an immutable value and step is a lambda that rewrites that value. The final result was an EDSL that I call "Phynjo".

Before pointing out the limits of Haskell, it's worth looking at its strengths which can be summed up with four words: determinism, referential transparency and explicit domains.

Basically, identical inputs will yield identical outputs and a failing test can be rerun with the same seeds to produce byte-for-byte equal traces. This would, in theory, make debugging and profiling reproducible. We can also replace the expression $step\ dt\ w$ by its value anywhere in the code. Here, algebraic reasoning is more valid and we have property-based testing such as $totalEnergy\ (step\ dt\ w) = totalEnergy\ w + O(dt^2)$. Most importantly, though, we can define a numeric rule that modifies a set of components like so:

```
NumericRule
{ nrDomain = Set.fromList [a, b]
, nrStep = kickForce3D ...
}
```

When two rules scheduled in parallel refer to overlapping domains, the interpreter will raise an error instead of chaotically overwriting data. This explicit conflict detection provides three key concurrency advantages:

- 1. **Race Prevention:** By rejecting overlapping writes upfront, we avoid non-deterministic state corruption that would require complex locking in imperative systems
- 2. **Compositional Safety:** Parallel rules become verifiable at compile-time if domains don't overlap, execution is automatically thread-safe without synchronization
- 3. **Determinism Preserved:** The pure functional core ensures parallel evaluation of non-conflicting rules always yields the same result as sequential evaluation

Now, even with these pros, it's obviously not going to compete in terms of performance with languages like C/C++. For instance, this EDSL would probably not be helpful for applications that require that sub-

millisecond latency; applications that'd need haptic feedback, for instance, would need an outer loop that samples the immutable state and performs the required I/O. The core remains pure and a thin shell handles scheduling here.

And even though GHC manages the garbage values for each tick producing a fresh world value well, the allocation rate will never quite be the same as in a C engine that updates memory in place.

So, please note that performance isn't the goal here (though it would be convenient): its the semantic modeling of problems in classical physics. While we will be going through certain benchmarks, speed was not the priority in this project.

Classical Mechanics Overview

To understand the codebase properly, its important to get some analytical background on the domain. It might be helpful to think of physical systems as state machines where we update positions and momenta through discrete time steps.

It's worth noting that classical mechanics is a big topic and to properly understand it, you'll need to move beyond this (heavily) summarized pieces of texts. (Introduction to Mechanics by Kleppner and Kolenkow is a great resource).

For the purposes of this EDSL, we'll be focusing on the following three topics:

Simple Linear Dynamics

We can describe physical systems in three mathematically equivalent ways: Newtonian, Lagrangian and Hamiltonian. The idea behind Newtonian physics is that force causes a change in velocity (F=ma, the famous consequence of the second law). The equivalent equations would look something like:

$$p' = p + \Delta t \cdot F$$

$$q' = q + \Delta t \cdot rac{p'}{m}$$

The idea is that force changes momentum (p) and momentum changes position (q).

On the other hand, the idea behind Lagrangian is that systems evolve to minimize "action" (kinetic - potential energy) and Hamiltonian works behind the usual TE = PE + KE for a closed system; it's equivalent equations would look something like:

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \quad \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$$

Here, H = TE = KE + PE. This principle appears implicitly in our implementation when we perform energy checks.

Rotational and Rigid Body Dynamics

We can't model a spinning top the same way we'd model a falling apple. Rotation is the point where linear dynamics alone doesn't suffice. To properly describe such motion, we introduce the concept of *rigid bodies*, objects that do not deform under the forces they experience. Unlike a particle or point mass, a rigid body has both mass and shape, which means its motion involves both translation (like the

apple falling) and rotation (like the spinning top). Modeling rigid bodies allows us to account for how forces and torques affect not just the center of mass, but the orientation of the entire object.

Basically, when a force hits a rigid body, two things happen simultaneously:

- 1. The whole object moves in the direction of the force (like a particle)
- 2. The object starts spinning around its center of mass

So, to model it computationally we'll have to keep track of where the body is (COM position), how its oriented (state of rotation), how fast its moving (linear momentum) and how fast its spinning (angular momentum). You should be able to find rigid bodies defined accordingly like so:

We use **quaternions** to represent orientation because they avoid several pitfalls of other representations like Euler angles and rotation matrices. Euler angles suffer from *gimbal lock*, a phenomenon where you lose a degree of freedom in rotation, making them unreliable for tracking complex motion. Rotation matrices, while accurate, are overkill in size (9 values for 3 degrees of freedom, really?), and are harder to keep orthonormal under numerical integration. Quaternions, on the other hand, are compact (just 4 numbers), efficient to compute with, and inherently avoid gimbal lock.

Collisions

Ever tried hitting two things together?

Newton's laws govern smooth motion, but collisions happen faster than our timestep Δt . We resolve this through impulse-momentum theory:

- **Impulse** (J) = $\int F \cdot dt$ (force integrated over collision time)
- Changes momentum instantaneously: $\Delta p = J$

For a particle:

$$m\mathbf{v}' - m\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{J}$$

For rigid bodies, we add rotational effects:

$$m\Delta \mathbf{v}_{ ext{COM}} = \mathbf{J} \ \mathbf{I}\Delta oldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{r} imes \mathbf{J}$$

where \mathbf{r} is the vector from center-of-mass to contact point.

Newton's restitution law quantifies energy remaining after collision:

$$\mathbf{v}_{ ext{rel}}^{ ext{after}} \cdot \mathbf{n} = -\epsilon (\mathbf{v}_{ ext{rel}}^{ ext{before}} \cdot \mathbf{n})$$

• ϵ = coefficient of restitution ($0 \le \epsilon \le 1$)

- n = collision normal vector
- v_{rel} = relative velocity at contact point

We determine impulse magnitude by momentum conservation, restitution law and geometric constraints

For two bodies A and B:

$$J = rac{-(1+\epsilon)\mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{rel}}\cdot\mathbf{n}}{rac{1}{m_A} + rac{1}{m_B} + \mathbf{n}\cdot(\mathbf{I}_A^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_A imes\mathbf{n}) imes\mathbf{r}_A + \mathbf{n}\cdot(\mathbf{I}_B^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_B imes\mathbf{n}) imes\mathbf{r}_B}$$

The denominator represents **effective mass** or the resistance to impulse considering both translation and rotation.

When surfaces slide during impact, Coulomb friction applies:

$$\mathbf{J}_t = -\mu \|\mathbf{J}_n\|\hat{\mathbf{t}}$$

- μ = friction coefficient
- t = tangential direction

It's worth noting that friction impulse can't cause reversal of sliding direction

This leads to piecewise solutions:

$$\mathbf{J}_t = egin{cases} -\mu \|\mathbf{J}_n\|\hat{\mathbf{t}} & ext{if sliding} \\ ext{solution to } \mathbf{v}_t' = 0 & ext{if sticking} \end{cases}$$

When multiple collisions occur at once (e.g., Newton's cradle), we face a **linear complementarity problem** (LCP):

$$0 \leq \mathbf{J}_n \perp \mathbf{AJ} + \mathbf{b} \geq 0$$

 $\mathbf{J}_t \in \text{Friction cone}$

where:

- A = "mass matrix" coupling all contacts
- **b** = pre-impact velocities
- \perp means $\mathbf{J}_n^T(\mathbf{AJ} + \mathbf{b}) = 0$ (either impulse or separation)

This matrix formulation gives us null interpenetration while respecting friction constraints.

For objects in sustained contact (like a book on table), we transition to constraint-based dynamics:

$$\phi(\mathbf{q}) \ge 0$$
 (non-penetration)
 $\nabla \phi \cdot \mathbf{v} \ge 0$ (no inward velocity)
 $\lambda \ge 0$ (contact force magnitude)

with the complementarity condition:

$$\lambda(\nabla\phi\cdot\mathbf{v})=0$$

Also, Collisions break Hamiltonian structure:

$$\Delta T = -rac{1}{2}(1-\epsilon^2)rac{m_1m_2}{m_1+m_2}(\mathbf{v}_{
m rel}\cdot\mathbf{n})^2 + {
m friction~losses}$$

Data Structures

Components.hs

A **component** is a label that identifies a physical entity: an atom, a rigid body, or whatever else.

The type is intentionally recursive.

- children returns the immediate sub-list.
- subcomponents flattens the entire tree.
- arity counts direct children and is later used to validate joint definitions.

EventWorkflow.hs

EventWorkflow is one of the modules for the Boolean layer. Each EventRule is like a small chip: it consumes the current flag set, possibly flips a bit or two, and possibly emits an event. A useful simulation, however, needs many chips working together. I considered dropping straight into Action composition, but that loses the semantic difference between "do these two rules **now**" and "do one, then on the next tick do the other". The workflow datatype keeps that distinction explicit.

ERun is the trivial wrapper; ESeq and EPar are the thing.

Sequential composition is just function composition over time. If I have a state (tick, flags) and I give it to w1, the result becomes the input to w2. The interpreter does exactly that and nothing more; it does not go inside the rules.

It's worth noting that parallel composition needs a safety check: two branches must not update the same flag. That requirement is enforced at run time by computing the union of erDomain s. If the intersection is non-empty the interpreter throws.

toProcess lowers the workflow to the generic Process defined earlier. The translation is structural. ERun becomes PAct (ruleToAction r), ESeq becomes PSeq, and so on. That means the only interpreter I need to maintain is applyProcessWorld / Phen, and Boolean workflows piggy-back on it automatically.

So, as an example, suppose I want a contact sensor that, once it sees the flag on Ground, waits one tick and then clears it. I write two rules:

```
setRule = ... -- sets onGround when penetration detected
clearRule = ... -- clears onGround unconditionally
```

Then

```
sensorWF = ESeq (ERun setRule) (ERun clearRule)
```

gives me exactly one-tick hysteresis. If I add a second, unrelated sensor I can combine them safely:

```
fullWF = EPar sensorWF otherSensorWF
```

because their domains are disjoint.

EventRule.hs

The Boolean part of the language needed a truly atomic unit of behaviour: "look at a handful of flags right now, decide what those flags should be on the next tick, possibly announce that something happened." That atomic unit is EventRule.

```
data EventRule = EventRule
{ erDomain :: Set Component
, erStep :: Literal -> Literal
, erEvents :: Int -> Literal -> Phenomenon
}
```

erDomain is the whole key to composability. If I write a rule for a door latch (latchOpen, latchClosed) I can guarantee no other rule touches those two flags by declaring them here. Later, when I run two rules in parallel, the interpreter checks that the domains are disjoint before it merges their results. Without this field I would end up silently overwriting someone else's flag.

erStep is completely pure: given only the slice of flags in the domain it produces the slice for the next tick. Because it is pure, QuickCheck and unit tests can nail the behaviour down with no IO and no global state. I deliberately excluded the global tick from erStep; the tick lives in erEvents because it matters only for time-stamping events.

erEvents is also pure. Many rules don't emit anything, so they just return emptyPhen. When a rule does emit, it receives the same domain slice and the integer tick and can build any Phenomenon it wants, typically via the helper epsilon component tick.

Embedding a rule into the engine is handled by ruleToAction. The function literally splits the full world literal into two pieces (domain and outside), runs erStep on the first, pastes the result back together with the second, and increments the tick. That is all. The phenomenon function is forwarded directly. After the conversion an EventRule behaves like any other Action, which means the generic Process interpreter can execute it without knowing anything about domains or events.

In the grand scheme of things, EventRule is a data record of two lambdas and one set, but it is the very important pivot that lets Boolean logic plug into the exact same interpreter infrastructure as the

numeric rules. That uniformity pays off every time I add a new subsystem: I implement a pure function, declare its domain, and the rest of the engine will schedule it correctly.

NumericRule.hs

NumericRule is the atom of the continuous half of the DSL. The idea makes the bold assumption that every bit of classical mechanics, no matter how complicated, can be written as a **pure function** that takes a timestep dt and an NState and returns a new NState. Once that function is wrapped in a record together with the set of bodies it may touch, the interpreter can schedule it alongside any other rule.

```
data NumericRule = NumericRule
  { nrDomain :: Set Component
  , nrStep :: Double -> NState -> NState
}
```

nrDomain enforces locality. If I compose two rules in parallel and they try to update the same momentum entry, the merge step in NumericWorkflow will detect the overlap and abort. That single set keeps the rest of the engine honest.

nrStep is kept completely unconstrained. A rule may read both q and p, update one or both, allocate new maps, or reuse them. The only promise is purity: the same inputs yield the same outputs. That design made unit testing straightforward; I can build a tiny NState, call the function, and check an exact result.

Writing a rule is therefore just writing a lambda. For example, the drift rule is

```
nrStep = \dt st ->
  foldr
  (\((c,m) acc -> \)
    let q0 = lookupPos c acc
        p0 = lookupMom c acc
        in insertPos c (q0 + dt * p0 / m) acc)
    st
    masses
```

The helper

```
applyRule :: NumericRule -> Double -> NState -> NState
applyRule NumericRule{nrStep} = nrStep
```

exists mostly for readability in tests. It hides the record selector and keeps call-sites short.

NumericWorkflow.hs

The Boolean side had EventWorkflow; I needed the same idea for the numeric layer, a data structure that lets me put together a handful of NumericRules into a single stepper without writing a bespoke interpreter for every integrator. That became NumericWorkflow.

```
data NumericWorkflow
= WRun NumericRule
| WSeq NumericWorkflow NumericWorkflow
| WPar NumericWorkflow NumericWorkflow
```

WRun is the leaf: "apply this one rule". WSeq a b means "run a, then feed the result to b", so it advances the world by *two* sub-steps. WPar a b runs both branches on the *same* input state and merges the outputs in a single sub-step provided those branches touch disjoint bodies.

The interpreter is about forty lines. The sequential case is trivial recursion. The parallel case is slightly subtle: both branches read the same NState, so they must write to disjoint momentum/position maps or the merge would be ambiguous. I check that with

```
let da = workflowDomain a
   db = workflowDomain b
in if Set.null (da `Set.intersection` db)
        then mergeStates ...
        else error "NumericWorkflow: parallel overlap"
```

mergeStates unions the two SLit maps; because the domains are disjoint, Map.union is safe.

With that interpreter in place the higher-level integrator functions become simple AST builders. The leap-frog constructor returns

```
WSeq (WRun driftHalf) (WSeq (WRun kickFull) (WRun driftHalf))
```

and Forest—Ruth is just foldr1 WSeq (map mkSlice coeffs).

Literals

ScalarLiteral is the simplest container in the engine: a map from Component to a Double.

```
newtype SLit = SL (Map Component Double)
```

The choice looks mundane, but three small conventions keep later code short and predictable.

• **Sparsity** Positions, momenta, or coefficients may be undefined for many components. A missing key represents a mathematical zero. The helper

```
lookupSL :: Component -> SLit -> Double -- defaults to 0
```

converts that convention into code.

- In-place updates insertSL returns a new map with one entry replaced or added.
- **Incremental adjustment** Many rules need "add this increment unless the key is absent; if absent, start from a default". That pattern appears often enough to justify a helper:

```
adjustSL :: (Double -> Double) -- update function
    -> Double -- default if key not present
    -> Component
    -> SLit
    -> SLit
```

Physical quantities carry dimensions. Encoding them at the type level prevents accidental additions such as "metres plus kilograms". ULiteral adds a phantom type parameter u:

```
newtype ULiteral u = ULit (Map Component (Quantity u Double))
```

u is drawn from Numeric.Units.Dimensional (e.g. DLength, DMass).

- **Phantom type** u is not used at runtime, only by the compiler. Two ULiteral's with different u cannot be combined without an explicit conversion.
- **Quantity** Quantity u Double is a value tagged with its dimension. The operator (*~) attaches a unit; (/~) strips it.

```
x = 2.0 *~ metre :: Quantity DLength Double
v = 3.0 *~ (metre/second)
```

These units disappear after compilation; execution works with raw Double s.

NState

An *n*-body point-mass system is fully described by the canonical pair

$$(\mathbf{q},\mathbf{p}) \ = \ ig(q_1,\ldots,q_n,\ p_1,\ldots,p_nig), \qquad p_i \ = \ m_i\dot{q}_i,$$

where $q_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is a one-dimensional position, $m_i > 0$ is the mass, and p_i is the conjugate momentum.

The engine stores that pair in an *immutable* record:

Here SLit is the sparse map.

Mathematically $q: \mathcal{C} \to \mathbb{R}$ is a partial function from the set of components \mathcal{C} to reals; entries not present are implicitly zero. In code that convention is encoded in

```
lookupPos :: Component -> NState -> Double -- returns 0 if missing
lookupMom :: Component -> NState -> Double -- idem
```

A *drift* update is the discrete version of $\dot{q}_i = \partial H/\partial p_i = p_i/m_i$:

$$q_i^{
m \, new} = \ q_i^{
m \, old} + \Delta t \, rac{p_i^{
m \, old}}{m_i}.$$

Translated:

```
insertPos c (oldQ + dt * oldP / m) st
```

Momentum kicks follow Hamilton's second equation $\dot{p}_i = -\partial H/\partial q_i$.

$$p_i^{
m \, new} = \, p_i^{
m \, old} + \Delta t \, F_i ig({f q} ig)$$

with one line:

```
adjustSL (+ Δp) 0 c (p st)
```

The CAS

I'd like to point out that the goal here was not to build a full computer-algebra system but to get *just* enough structure to derive Euler-Lagrange equations automatically.

The datatype is a straightforward expression tree:

```
data Expr
 = Var String
                       -- ×
 | Const Rational
                       -- 3, 7/5
 | Add Expr Expr
                       -- u + v
 | Sub Expr Expr
                       -- u - v
 | Mul Expr Expr
                       -- u ∘ ∨
 Div Expr Expr
                       -- u / v
 | Pow Expr Expr
                       -- u ^ ∨
 | Neg Expr
                       -- -u
 | Sin Expr | Cos Expr | Tan Expr
 | Exp Expr | Log Expr
 deriving (Eq, Ord, Show)
```

Infix helpers

```
(.+.) = Add ; (.-.) = Sub

(.*.) = Mul ; (./.) = Div

(.^.) = Pow

neg = Neg
```

They shorten test cases:

```
x, y :: Expr
x = Var "x"; y = Var "y"
expr = x .+. neg (y .^. Const 2)
```

Operator precedences mirror the pretty printer so round-tripping through pretty . parse is stable.

Differenciation

The engine must turn a symbolic Lagrangian $L(q,\dot{q})$ into its Euler–Lagrange residual $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} ig(\partial L/\partial \dot{q}_iig) - \partial L/\partial q_i.$

I needed a reliable derivative, so I had CAS.Differentiate encode the textbook rules directly in Haskell pattern-matching and relies on a few helper functions to keep expression size under control.

D.differentiate is the raw derivative; the final call to S.simplify.

Construct	Rule implemented	Code Chunk
Variable	$\partial x/\partial v=1$ if names match, 0 otherwise	diff (Var x)
Constant	derivative is 0	diff (Const _) = Const 0
Sum	linearity	<pre>diff (Add a b) = Add (diff a) (diff b)</pre>
Product	$\partial(uv)=u'v+uv'$	diff (Mul a b) after flattening
Quotient	standard quotient rule	diff (Div a b)
Power u^n with rational n	$nu^{n-1}u'$	diff (Pow a (Const n))
Power u^v general	$u^vig(v'\ln u + vu'/uig)$	diff (Pow a b) fallback
-u	sign preserved	diff (Neg a) = Neg (diff a)
Elementary functions	chain rule	diff (Sin a), Cos, Tan, Exp, Log

The naïve product rule would expand $u_1u_2u_3$ into a sum of three triple products.

To avoid exponential blow-up flattenMul rewrites the operand tree into a flat list before applying the rule, so only two Mul nodes are introduced:

```
diff (Mul a b) =
  Add (stripOne (Mul (diff a) b))
      (stripOne (Mul a (diff b)))
```

stripOne removes multiplicative factors equal to 11. For commutative combinations of constants the simplifier pass combines them into a single rational.

Now you might be wondering: "oh but it doesn't really simplify complex equations to human readable format, does it?", and you're correct. Just don't tell anyone else about it.

Building the Physics EDSL

Vectors

Physics.Integrators.LeapfrogNR has two modules that recur in every 3-D example:

- 1. a minimal algebra on cartesian triples Vec3;
- 2. an adaptive velocity-Verlet (leap-frog) integrator for Newtonian gravity.

Both parts are fully independent of the rest of the engine, so they can be tested in isolation and compared against analytical or high-precision solutions.

The type alias is fixed throughout the project:

```
type Vec3 = (Double, Double) -- (x, y, z)
```

Although a record or small array would be marginally faster, the tuple keeps pattern-matching concise and avoids an external dependency.

Function	Formula
vadd u v	u+v
vsub u v	u-v
vscale k v	kv
vdot u v	$u\cdot v$
vnorm2 v	$ v ^2$

All are implemented with direct tuple pattern matches; GHC unboxes the intermediate doubles in optimised builds.

A gravitational acceleration onto body *i* is written

```
accOne g massMap pos i
```

with

$$\mathbf{a}_i = \ \sum_{j
eq i} rac{G \, m_j \, (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i)}{\left(\|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i\|^2 + arepsilon^2
ight)^{3/2}}, \qquad arepsilon = \mathsf{soft} = 10^{-3} \, \mathrm{m},$$

using *Plummer softening* to avoid the singularity at zero separation.

Forces

I have a force generator that takes the current state of the system and returns a translation-space force (\mathbf{F}) plus, for rigid bodies, a rotation-space torque ($\boldsymbol{\tau}$). The **Forces DSL** packages several predefined generators, lets them be added and scaled algebraically, and finally converts them into

- ullet a **one-dimensional** NumericRule that updates momenta p_i in an NState, or
- a three-dimensional Force3D callback consumed by the rigid-body integrator.

- **Gravity** Constant acceleration $a_y = -g$. One-dimensional scenes treat g as a scalar $F = -m_i g$.
- **Spring** Hooke law between bodies *i* and *j* with stiffness k and rest length ℓ_0 .

$$F_i = -k \left(|q_i - q_j| - \ell_0
ight) \; \mathrm{sgn}(q_i - q_j), \qquad F_j = -F_i.$$

- **Drag** Linear damping $F = -\gamma v$.
- Custom Any user-supplied pure function from state to vector.

For each body c with mass m_c

$$p_c^\prime \ = \ p_c + h\,F_c(q).$$

nrDomain is the set of all listed components, so the rule refuses to run in parallel with any other numeric rule that touches the same bodies.

For the Newtonian potential

$$V(q) = -\sum_{i < j} rac{Gm_im_j}{|q_i - q_j|},$$

the force on body i is

$$F_i(q) = \sum_{j
eq i} rac{G \, m_i m_j}{(q_j - q_i)^2} \, ext{sgn}(q_j - q_i).$$

gravNR pre-builds

- an Int -> Double mass lookup,
- an Int list of indices,

so each evaluation visits every pair once, giving $O(n^2)$ cost without allocation. The small Plummer softening used in 3-D is not required in 1-D.

```
newtype Force3D =
  Force3D { runForce3D ::
```

```
RigidState -> Component -> (Vec3, Vec3) }
```

runForce3D state c returns

- \mathbf{F}_c translation-space force (N),
- τ_c world-space torque (N·m).

Provided constructors:

Name	F	au
gravity3D g masses	(0,-mg,0)	0
spring3D i j k l0	$=\pm k(\mathbf{r}_i-\mathbf{r}_j -\ell_0)\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij}$	0
drag3D γ	$-\gamma {f v}$	0

A user may wrap any other effect in

```
Force3D (\state c -> (f state c, tau state c))
```

kickForce3D transforms these outputs into updates of linear velocity and world-space angular velocity using the body-space inertia tensor.

Given a Force3D field $(\mathbf{F}_c, oldsymbol{ au}_c) = \mathtt{field} \ st \ c$ in world coordinates, the rune performs

1. Linear momentum

$$\mathbf{v}_c' = \mathbf{v}_c + rac{h}{m_c} \, \mathbf{F}_c.$$

2. Angular momentum

Express torque and angular velocity in body coordinates:

$$au_B = R(Q)^{\mathsf{T}} oldsymbol{ au}_W, \qquad oldsymbol{\omega}_B = R(Q)^{\mathsf{T}} oldsymbol{\omega}_W.$$

Euler's rigid-body equation

$$\dot{oldsymbol{\omega}}_B = I^{-1}ig(au_B - oldsymbol{\omega}_B imes (Ioldsymbol{\omega}_B)ig)$$

is integrated by a first-order step:

$$oldsymbol{\omega}_B' = oldsymbol{\omega}_B + h\, \dot{oldsymbol{\omega}}_B.$$

Finally convert back to world frame

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_W' = R(Q)\boldsymbol{\omega}_B'$$

Quaternion Mathematics

RigidBody and RigidState

- rbInertia is a 3×3 symmetric tensor expressed in the **body** coordinate frame that coincides with the principal axes at t=0.
- rb0ri0 must satisfy $w^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$.
- Velocities are world-space vectors. Converting them to the body frame requires the orientation matrix.

```
data RigidState = RigidState
  { rsPos :: Map Component Vec3
  , rsOri :: Map Component Quaternion
  , rsVel :: Map Component Vec3
  , rsAngVel :: Map Component Vec3 -- world frame
}
```

Default values used by the lookup helpers are

$$\mathbf{0} = (0,0,0), \qquad Q_{\text{unit}} = (1,0,0,0).$$

insertRigid writes one component into all four maps at once, which gives us the maps that remain keyed by the same component set.

Quaternion to Rotation Matrix

For a unit quaternion Q=(w,x,y,z) the active rotation matrix that transforms **body vectors into world vectors** is

$$R(Q) = egin{pmatrix} w^2 + x^2 - y^2 - z^2 & 2(xy - wz) & 2(xz + wy) \ 2(xy + wz) & w^2 - x^2 + y^2 - z^2 & 2(yz - wx) \ 2(xz - wy) & 2(yz + wx) & w^2 - x^2 - y^2 + z^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

quatToMatrix implements these nine polynomials directly:

```
ww = w*w; xx = x*x; yy = y*y; zz = z*z
wx = w*x; wy = w*y; wz = w*z
xy = x*y; xz = x*z; yz = y*z
```

and returns three row vectors packed in the InertiaTensor alias

```
type InertiaTensor = (Vec3, Vec3, Vec3)
```

The transpose is needed in driftRot when world-space angular velocity ω_W must be expressed in body coordinates:

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_B = R(Q)^{\mathsf{T}} \, \boldsymbol{\omega}_W.$$

Let $\omega = (\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z)$ be angular velocity in **body coordinates**. The quaternion derivative is

$$\dot{Q}=rac{1}{2}\;\Omega(oldsymbol{\omega})\,Q, \qquad \Omega(\omega)=egin{pmatrix} 0&-\omega_x&-\omega_y&-\omega_z\ \omega_x&0&\omega_z&-\omega_y\ \omega_y&-\omega_z&0&\omega_x\ \omega_z&\omega_y&-\omega_x&0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

integrateQuat applies a first-order Euler step

$$Q' = Q + rac{1}{2} \, \Delta t \, \Omega(\omega) \, Q$$

and renormalises

$$Q_{
m new} = rac{Q'}{\|Q'\|}.$$

The renormalisation corrects numerical drift of ||Q||-1 but breaks perfect symplecticity. Energy growth measured later on is \mathcal $O(\Delta t^3)$, acceptable for the time steps used.

```
mw = -qx*wx - qy*wy - qz*wz
mx = qw*wx + qy*wz - qz*wy
my = qw*wy - qx*wz + qz*wx
mz = qw*wz + qx*wy - qy*wx

half = 0.5 * dt
qw' = qw + half * mw
qx' = qx + half * mx
qy' = qy + half * my
qz' = qz + half * mz
norm = sqrt (qw'*qw' + qx'*qx' + qy'*qy' + qz'*qz')
```

(qw'/norm, qx'/norm, qy'/norm, qz'/norm) is returned.

A **rune** is the rigid—body counterpart of a NumericRule: a pure function that rewrites a RigidState inside its declared component set. Physics.RigidBodyUtilities.Rigid3DNR defines three runes:

Symbol in code	Math	Order	Symplectic
driftTrans	$(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p})\mapsto (\mathbf{r}+rac{h}{m}\mathbf{p},\mathbf{p})$	second	Yes
driftRot	$Q \mapsto \mathrm{integrateQuat}(h, oldsymbol{\omega}_B, Q)$	first	Yes (rotation-only)
kickForce3D	Euler equation update for $\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}$	first	Yes (impulse)

Each rune advertises a domainR :: Set Component; the interpreter will refuse to compose two runes in parallel when their domains overlap.

Basic Contact

Sphere on Ground Plane contactGroundF

Assume the plane is y=0 with upward normal $\mathbf{n}=(0,1,0).$ For body c with centre p=(x,y,z) and radius r

$$d = r - y$$
.

Penetration occurs when d > 0. Current relative velocity at the contact point

$$\mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{rel}} = \mathbf{v} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (0, -r, 0).$$

Normal component $v_n = \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{rel}} \cdot \mathbf{n}$.

Effective inverse mass

$$K^{-1} = rac{1}{m} + (\, \mathbf{r} imes \mathbf{n} \,) \cdot ig(I^{-1} (\mathbf{r} imes \mathbf{n}) ig), \qquad \mathbf{r} = (0, -r, 0).$$

Impulse magnitude

$$j_n = egin{cases} -(1+e)\,v_n/K^{-1}, & v_n < 0, \ 0, & v_n \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

where $e=e(v_n)$ is a user-supplied restitution curve (${ t eFun}$).

Tangential velocity $\mathbf{v}_t = \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{rel}} - v_n \mathbf{n}$. If $\|\mathbf{v}_t\| > 0$,

$$j_t^{ ext{slide}} = -rac{\|\mathbf{v}_t\|}{K_t^{-1}}, \qquad K_t^{-1} = rac{1}{m} + (\mathbf{r} imes \mathbf{t}) \cdot I^{-1}(\mathbf{r} imes \mathbf{t}),$$

with direction $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{v}_t / \|\mathbf{v}_t\|$.

Coulomb limit $|j_t| \le \mu |j_n|$; the final impulse is

$$j_t = \operatorname{clip} ig(j_t^{ ext{slide}}, \; -\mu |j_n|, \; \mu |j_n|ig),$$

where $\mu = \mu(\|\mathbf{v}_t\|)$ is another user curve (μ Fun).

$$\Delta \mathbf{v} = rac{1}{m} \left(\left. j_n \mathbf{n} + j_t \mathbf{t} \,
ight), \Delta oldsymbol{\omega} = I^{-1} ig(\mathbf{r} imes \left(\left. j_n \mathbf{n} + j_t \mathbf{t} \,
ight) ig).$$

The rune accumulates these Δ contributions for all bodies then vehicles M.unionWith vadd.

Depth *d* is reduced by

$$\Delta \mathbf{r} = \beta \max(d - \text{slop}, 0) \mathbf{n},$$

with $\beta=0.2$ and $\mathrm{slop}=1$ cm hard-coded. This term is added directly to rsPos.

Sphere-sphere solver contactSpheresF

Handles N identical or non-identical spheres. The algorithm is **Jacobi**: iterate over all unordered pairs, compute impulses as if other pairs were frozen, accumulate $\Delta \mathbf{v}$ and $\Delta \boldsymbol{\omega}$ in maps, and after one pass add the totals to the state. Repeat it times.

For bodies 1, 2 with world centres \mathbf{p}_1 , \mathbf{p}_2 , radii r_1 , r_2 ,

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2, \qquad d = \|\mathbf{d}\|, \qquad \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{d}/d, \qquad ext{penetration} = r_1 + r_2 - d.$$

Contact exists when penetration > 0.

Relative velocity at the contact point

$$\mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{rel}} = \mathbf{v}_1 + oldsymbol{\omega}_1 imes (-r_1\mathbf{n}) - \mathbf{v}_2 - oldsymbol{\omega}_2 imes (+r_2\mathbf{n}).$$

From here the impulse calculation copies the plane case, replacing ${\bf r}$ by $\pm r_{1,2}{\bf n}$ and using individual masses and inertia tensors.

The parameter it chooses Jacobi passes. Five to ten passes resolve most penetrations for up to 10^3 spheres. Higher iteration counts increase accuracy at $O(N^2)$ cost; convergence is linear, so doubling passes almost halves the residual overlap.

Baumgarte term splits the depth proportionally to inverse masses:

$$egin{align} \Delta \mathbf{p}_1 = & eta d_{ ext{corr}} \, rac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \, \mathbf{n}, \ \Delta \mathbf{p}_2 = -eta d_{ ext{corr}} \, rac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \, \mathbf{n}. \end{align}$$

contactSpheresF accumulates these shifts in a map and adds the total once per iteration.

Pure velocity impulses remove worsening penetration but cannot *recover* depth already present at time t. Baumgarte correction augments the position by a small fraction of the depth at every step:

$$\mathbf{p} \leftarrow \mathbf{p} + \beta \max(d - \text{slop}, 0) \mathbf{n}, \qquad 0 < \beta < 1.$$

- $\beta = 0$ no correction, bodies can interpenetrate and stay stuck.
- $\beta \approx 0.1$ –0.3 depth decays geometrically without visible jitter.
- $\beta \rightarrow 1$ aggressive correction, may introduce energy gain.

The constant $d_{\rm slop}$ prevents micro-oscillations when penetration is below a user-chosen tolerance (here 1 cm).

Collision Modeling

Bounding Volumes

Collision detection starts with a **broad phase** that prunes obviously non-intersecting object pairs. The filter is based on *bounding volumes*—simple shapes that enclose the physical geometry but are fast to test for overlap. Physics.Collision.Types defines three variants:

Abbreviation	Parameters	Shape
AABB	min corner, max corner	axis-aligned box
SphereBB	centre, radius	sphere
OBB	centre, half-sizes, quaternion rotation	oriented box

Each bounding volume implements containment and intersection tests; the broad phase combines them into sweep-and-prune or uniform-grid algorithms.

Shape records

Axis-aligned bounding box AABB

All faces align with the world axes. Updating an AABB requires only a component-wise min/max over points of the enclosed object.

Bounding sphere SphereBB

```
data SphereBB = SphereBB
  { sCenter :: Vec3
   , sRadius :: Double
  } deriving (Eq, Show)
```

Spheres are rotation-invariant and cheap to intersect; they are often used as a first culling stage in molecular or particle simulations.

Oriented bounding box **OBB**

Anyway, we'll be moving on to the test between each collision type, starting with AABB-AABB.

An OBB is a rectangular prism in a local frame, rotated into the world frame by oRotation. The half-sizes h_x, h_y, h_z define the extent along the local axes.

Two axis-aligned boxes intersect iff they overlap on **all three** axes:

```
egin{aligned} x_1^{	ext{max}} &\geq x_2^{	ext{min}} \wedge x_2^{	ext{max}} &\geq x_1^{	ext{min}} \ y_1^{	ext{max}} &\geq y_2^{	ext{min}} \wedge y_2^{	ext{max}} &\geq y_1^{	ext{min}} \ z_1^{	ext{max}} &\geq z_2^{	ext{min}} \wedge z_2^{	ext{max}} &\geq z_1^{	ext{min}} \end{aligned}
```

```
intersectsAABB :: AABB -> AABB -> Bool
```

It should be obvious that all six comparisons are independent; branch prediction is favourable because each clause exits early on the first separating axis.

And the sphere-sphere

Overlap implies that squared centre distance $\leq (r_1 + r_2)^2$ (and vice versa):

```
intersectsSphere (SphereBB c1 r1) (SphereBB c2 r2) =
  vdot d d <= (r1+r2) * (r1+r2)
  where d = vsub c1 c2</pre>
```

vdot and vsub are reused from the leapfrog thing we built.

- aabbUnion a b returns the minimal AABB containing both boxes by component-wise min/max.
 Used in sweep-and-prune when merging child volumes in a BVH.
- aabbFromSphere s converts a sphere into a conservatively enclosing AABB. This is required by the uniform-grid broad phase, which stores only AABBs for fast cell indexing.

```
aabbFromSphere (SphereBB (cx,cy,cz) r) =
AABB (cx-r, cy-r, cz-r) (cx+r, cy+r, cz+r)
```

Any scenario beyond this involves me doing more work, which is obviously outrageous, so we will pretend like these are the only scenarios (don't tell anyone).

Broad Phase Algorithms

Let $B = \{B_1, \dots, B_N\}$ be the current set of **bounding volumes** (AABBs or spheres). The broad phase builds a subset $P \subseteq \{(i, j) \mid 1 \le i < j \le N\}$ that satisfies

$$(B_i, B_j) \notin \mathcal{P} \implies B_i \cap B_j = \varnothing.$$

The smaller \mathcal{P} is, the less work the narrow phase performs. Two complementary filters are implemented.

Sweep-and-Prune

For an axis x define the interval

$$I_{x,i} = [\, \underline{x}_i, \ \overline{x}_i \,], \qquad \underline{x}_i = \min\{x ext{-coord of } B_i\}, \ \overline{x}_i = \max\{\ldots\}.$$

Write each interval as two tagged endpoints $E=(i,\underline{x}_i, \text{low})$ and $E=(i,\overline{x}_i, \text{high})$. Sorting the 2N endpoints gives an ordered list E_1, \ldots, E_{2N} with non-decreasing coordinate.

During a left-to-right scan keep an **active set** $A\subseteq\{1,\ldots,N\}$ containing indices whose *low* endpoint has appeared but *high* endpoint has not yet been processed. When a *low* endpoint $E=(k,\underline{x}_k,\operatorname{low})$ is encountered, k must overlap on the xx-axis with **every** $j\in A$. All pairs $(k,j):j\in A\{(k,j):j\in A\}$ are added to the candidate set \mathcal{P}_x . A *high* endpoint simply removes k from A.

Uniform Grid

Fix a cell size s > 0. Map a point (x, y, z) to the integer **cell coordinate**

$$\lfloor x/s \rfloor$$
, $\lfloor y/s \rfloor$, $\lfloor z/s \rfloor$.

For B_i with component-wise extrema $(x_{\min}, y_{\min}, z_{\min})$, $(x_{\max}, y_{\max}, z_{\max})$ the set of covered cells is the Cartesian product

$$ig[\lfloor x_{\min}/s
floor, \ \lfloor x_{\max}/s
floor ig] imes ig[\lfloor y_{\min}/s
floor, \ \lfloor y_{\max}/s
floor ig] imes ig[\lfloor z_{\min}/s
floor, \ \lfloor z_{\max}/s
floor ig],$$

a rectangle with

$$n_i = (|x_{
m max}/s| - |x_{
m min}/s| + 1)(|y_{
m max}/s| - |y_{
m min}/s| + 1)(|z_{
m max}/s| - |z_{
m min}/s| + 1)$$

cells. For spheres $n_i = 1$ when $2r \leq s$.

Two hash maps are maintained:

map	key	value
σ	component id	list of occupied cells
γ	cell coord	list of components in cell

Building these maps is $O\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} n_i\right)$.

For enumerating candidates, for each component *i*

- 1. obtain its cell list $\sigma(i)$;
- 2. collect $\bigcup_{c \in \sigma(i)} \gamma(c)$;
- 3. remove *i* and eliminate duplicates;
- 4. filter with intersectsAABB.

If bodies have diameter $d \ll s$ and are distributed with spatial density ρ (Poisson assumption), the expected cell occupancy is $\lambda = \rho s^3$ and the expected number of neighbour checks per body is λ . Total expected work: $O(N\lambda)$.

Collision.Manager façade

```
buildManager :: BroadPhase -> [ComponentBB] -> CollisionManager
updateManager :: CollisionManager -> [ComponentBB] -> CollisionManager
runBroadPhase :: CollisionManager -> Set (Component, Component)
```

The façade allows experiments such as

without touching downstream collision code.

Narrow Phase Algorithms

Collision.NarrowPhase \rightarrow RRune

Let

$$\mathcal{P} = \{(a,b)\} \subseteq \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}, \qquad a < b$$

be the unordered candidate pairs from the broad phase. For each component cc a *shape function* shape : $C \rightarrow \{\text{sphere}, \text{plane}\}\$ is obtained from the (Component, Shape) table.

The current code retains **only sphere** \otimes **sphere pairs**:

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{P}} = \{(a,b) \in \mathcal{P} \mid \operatorname{shape}(a) = \operatorname{shape}(b) = \operatorname{sphere}\}.$$

All planes are handled separately by composing the ground-plane rune contactGroundF.

Sphere ⊗ Sphere impulse

Consider one pair (1,2) with masses m_1, m_2 , body-space inertia tensors I_{B1}, I_{B2} (diagonal if principal-axis aligned at rest), world-space orientations Q_1, Q_2 , radii r_1, r_2 .

For penetration and depth contact frame,

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2, \qquad d = \|\mathbf{d}\|, \qquad \mathbf{n} = rac{\mathbf{d}}{d}, \qquad \delta = r_1 + r_2 - d > 0.$$

```
p1 = rsPos M.! c1

p2 = rsPos M.! c2

d = vsub p1 p2

dist = vnorm d

rSum = radMap M.! c1 + radMap M.! c2

n = vscale (1/dist) d

pen = rSum - dist
```

Contact points in world space

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \mathbf{p}_1 - r_1 \mathbf{n}, \qquad \mathbf{c}_2 = \mathbf{p}_2 + r_2 \mathbf{n}.$$

Lever arms

$${f r}_1={f c}_1-{f p}_1=-r_1{f n}, \qquad {f r}_2={f c}_2-{f p}_2=+r_2{f n}.$$

```
r1 = vscale (-radMap M.! c1) n
r2 = vscale ( radMap M.! c2) n
```

And the velocity at contact is,

$$\mathbf{v}_c = (\mathbf{v}_1 + oldsymbol{\omega}_1 imes \mathbf{r}_1) - (\mathbf{v}_2 + oldsymbol{\omega}_2 imes \mathbf{r}_2).$$

Split into normal/tangential

$$v_n = \mathbf{v}_c \cdot \mathbf{n}, \qquad \mathbf{v}_t = \mathbf{v}_c - v_n \mathbf{n}, \qquad v_t = \|\mathbf{v}_t\|.$$

```
vRel1 = vadd (rsVel M.! c1) (cross (rsAngVel M.! c1) r1)
vRel2 = vadd (rsVel M.! c2) (cross (rsAngVel M.! c2) r2)
vRel = vsub vRel1 vRel2
vn = vdot vRel n
vt = vsub vRel (vscale vn n)
vtMag = vnorm vt
```

I defined the effective mass (inverse of the constraint matrix) along a generic direction u as

$$K^{-1}(\mathbf{u}) = rac{1}{m_1} + rac{1}{m_2} + (\mathbf{r}_1 imes \mathbf{u})^ op R_1 I_{B1}^{-1} R_1^ op (\mathbf{r}_1 imes \mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{r}_2 imes \mathbf{u})^ op R_2 I_{B2}^{-1} R_2^ op (\mathbf{r}_2 imes \mathbf{u}),$$

where $R_i = \mathtt{quatToMatrix}(Q_i)$.

For the **normal axis** set $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{n}$; for **tangential** use a unit vector $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{v}_t/v_t$ (choose any orthonormal complement when $v_t = 0$).

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```
termN1 = vdot n (applyMat (invIMap M.! c1) (cross r1 n))
termN2 = vdot n (applyMat (invIMap M.! c2) (cross r2 n))
invKn = invM1 + invM2 + termN1 + termN2

tDir = if vtMag < 1e-9 then (0,0,0) else vscale (1/vtMag) vt
termT1 = vdot (cross r1 tDir) (applyMat (invIMap M.! c1) (cross r1 tDir))
termT2 = vdot (cross r2 tDir) (applyMat (invIMap M.! c2) (cross r2 tDir))
invKt = invM1 + invM2 + termT1 + termT2</pre>
```

Then, for the normal impulse:

For coefficient of restitution $e = e(v_n) \in [0, 1]$.

$$j_n = egin{cases} 0, & v_n \geq 0, \ -(1+e) \, rac{v_n}{K^{-1}(\mathbf{n})}, & v_n < 0. \end{cases}$$

Impulse vector $\mathbf{J}_n = j_n \mathbf{n}$.

Then, the coulomb-friction impulse:

Maximum tangential magnitude $j_t^{\max} = \mu(v_t) |j_n|$. Sliding impulse (no limit)

$$j_t^{
m slide} = -rac{v_t}{K^{-1}({f t})}.$$

Final scalar

$$j_t = ext{clip}ig(j_t^{ ext{slide}},\,-j_t^{ ext{max}},\,j_t^{ ext{max}}ig), \qquad \mathbf{J}_t = j_t\,\mathbf{t}.$$

We have the velocity update:

$$egin{aligned} \Delta \mathbf{v}_1 &= +rac{1}{m_1}(\mathbf{J}_n + \mathbf{J}_t), \ \Delta oldsymbol{\omega}_1 &= +I_1^{-1}ig(\mathbf{r}_1 imes (\mathbf{J}_n + \mathbf{J}_t)ig), \ \Delta \mathbf{v}_2 &= -rac{1}{m_2}(\mathbf{J}_n + \mathbf{J}_t), \ \Delta oldsymbol{\omega}_2 &= -I_2^{-1}ig(\mathbf{r}_2 imes (\mathbf{J}_n + \mathbf{J}_t)ig). \end{aligned}$$

Here I_i are world tensors $I_i = R_i I_{Bi} R_i^{\top}$.

These increments are accumulated during the Jacobi sweep, then merged into RigidState after every iteration.

```
dv1 = vscale invM1 imp1
dw1 = applyMat (invIMap M.! c1) (cross r1 imp1)

dv2 = vscale invM2 imp2
dw2 = applyMat (invIMap M.! c2) (cross r2 imp2)
```

Then, for the convergence of the jacobi scheme:

Define the contact constraint function

$$C(\mathbf{p}_1,\mathbf{p}_2)=\delta=r_1+r_2-d\geq 0.$$

The impulse update is equivalent to one step of Projected Gauss–Jacobi on the linearised complementarity problem

$$\mathbf{J}K^{-1}\mathbf{J}^{ op}\,\lambda=-b, \qquad \lambda\geq 0,$$

where $\lambda = (j_n, j_t)$.

```
iterate impulsePass (zeroMap, zeroMap) !! it
foldl' solver (dvAcc,dwAcc) [(c1,c2) | (c1:c2:_) <- tails comps]</pre>
```

For frictionless contacts the matrix is 2×2 positive definite, and the spectral radius of the Jacobi preconditioner is <1 whenever $K^{-1}>0$; therefore convergence is linear. Empirically, 8-10 iterations reduce the residual penetration below $10^{-4}\,\mathrm{m}$ for $N\leq 10^3$ randomly packed spheres.