

$$0 = \ddot{C} + 2b\dot{C} + b^2C. \quad (4)$$

What b value works best? What happens when the damping parameter b is set too high, or too low? Can you determine b automatically? Momentarily disable C^{RING} and drop the chain from a horizontal position: (a) compare the stabilized system ($b > 0$) to the unstabilized one ($b = 0$); (b) plot the error in the constraints as a function of time.

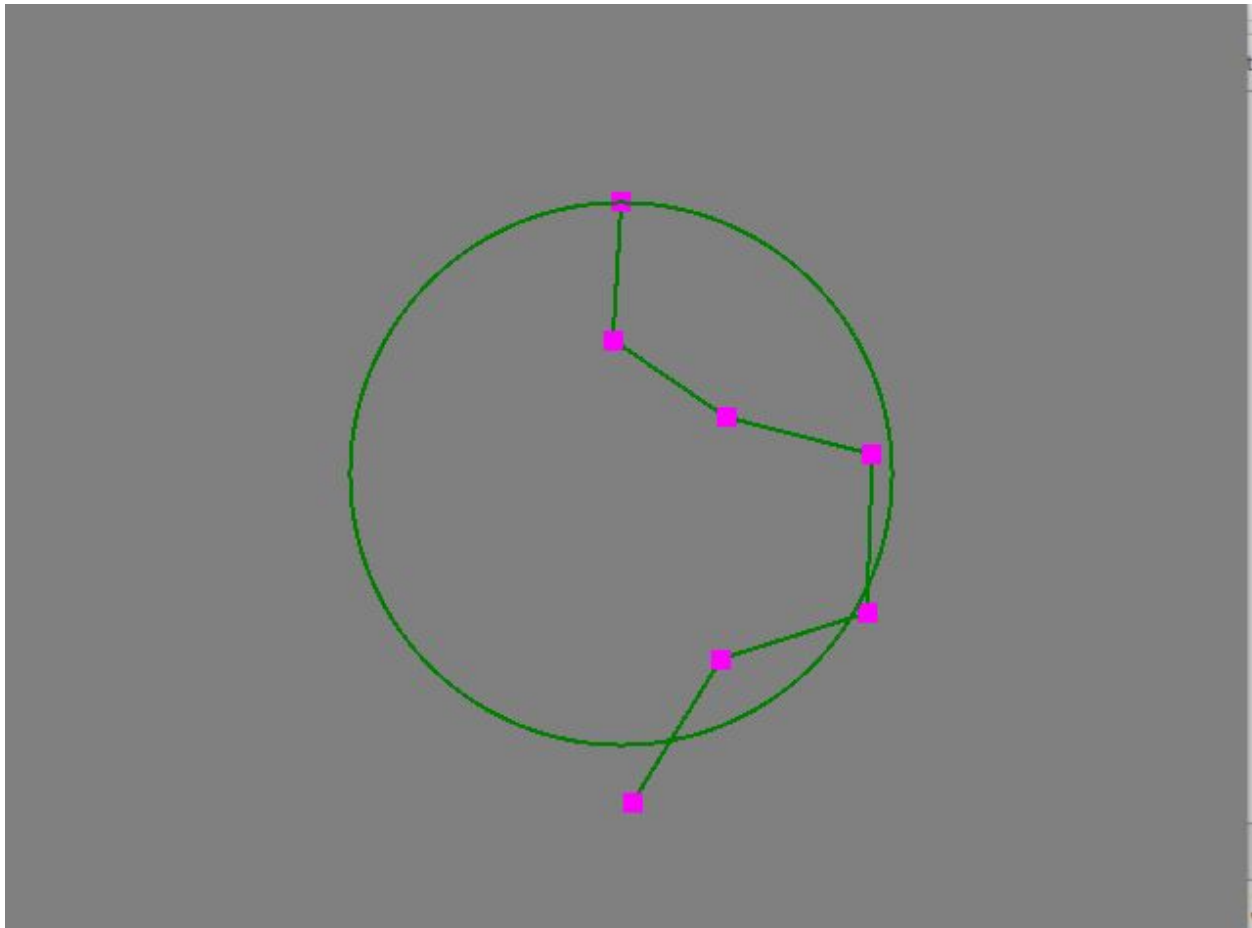
Next, try adding some simple velocity damping, $f_i = -\alpha \dot{x}_i$ to give the chain an “underwater effect.” How much damping can you add before stability becomes a problem?

First, I tried to set $b=0$,

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double b=0;

chain->ks = pow(b, 2);
chain->kd = 2*b;
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After I add a horizontal force to the second last point, I got this result:

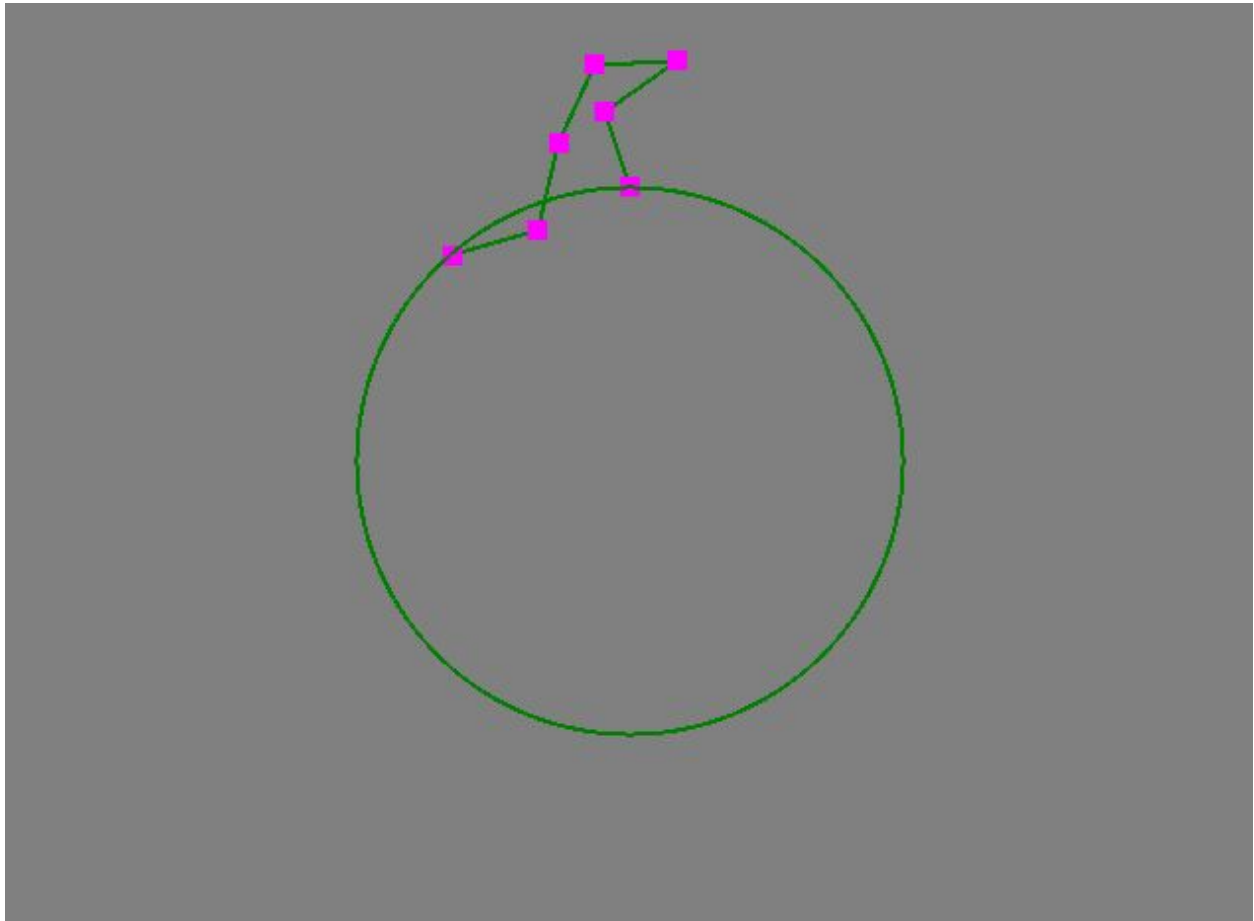


The system seems kind loose, the last point even get off the track. This is an unstabilized system.

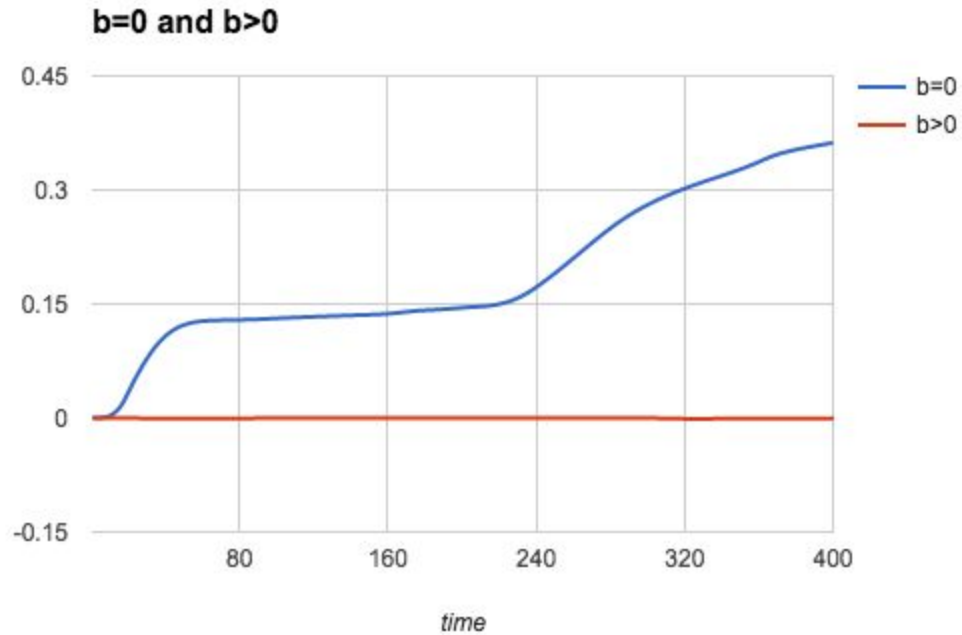
After that, I set $b>0$,

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double b=10;  
chain->ks = pow(b, 2);  
chain->kd = 2*b;
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And I got this:



This system seems more constrained, so I printed out both of their last point C constraint.



As you can see in the chart, when $b>0$ the last point stays on the circle perfectly, however, when $b=0$, the last point get off the circle away as the time goes by.

I tried to set $b=100$, but when I run the program, the system blow up very fast.

So, If I set the b too low, the system will become loose, but if I set it too high, It will blow up quickly.

Then I change the k_s and k_d individually to get a better result.

Finally, I found that when I set $k_s = 100$ and $k_d = 10$, my system stays well.