

# CPSC 687 A3 Description

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Program description: This program animates 5 mass-spring systems, including 4 basic parts and bonus-2.

## Compilation [1]

1. How to Install Dependencies (Ubuntu)  
sudo apt install cmake build-essential
2. How to Build  
cmake -H. -Bbuild -DCMAKE\_BUILD\_TYPE=Release  
cmake --build build
3. How to Run
  - (a) `./build/simple` to run the program.
  - (b) Press **TAB** to switch the model.
  - (c) Press **R** to replay the animation of the current model.
  - (d) Use **left mouse button** to rotate the model.
  - (e) Use **SHIFT + left mouse button** to zoom.

## Math/ physics [2]

1. **Net force**  
Given a spring the connects two particles  $\mathbf{p}_i$  and  $\mathbf{p}_j$ . Their positions and velocities are  $\mathbf{x}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_j$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{v}_j$ , respectively. The net force is composed of spring forces, damping forces, and gravity.

- (a) Spring force. The spring force is proportional to the displacement of the particle positions. The spring force acting on  $\mathbf{p}_i$  is

$$\mathbf{F}_{ij}^s = -k_s(\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\| - l) \frac{\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j}{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|},$$

where  $k_s$  is the spring stiffness coefficient and  $l$  is the rest length of the spring.

- (b) Damping force. The damping force is proportional to the relative velocity of  $\mathbf{p}_i$  and  $\mathbf{p}_j$ , projected to the direction of  $\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j$ . The damping force acting on  $\mathbf{p}_i$  is

$$\mathbf{F}_{ij}^d = -k_d(\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j}{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|},$$

where  $k_d$  is the damping coefficient.

- (c) Gravity  $\mathbf{F}_i^g = m_i \mathbf{g}$ .

## 2. Semi-implicit Euler integration

The velocity and position of the particle  $\mathbf{p}_i$  at the  $n + 1$  time step are updated by the semi-implicit Euler integration:

$$\mathbf{v}_i^{n+1} = \mathbf{v}_i^n + \frac{\mathbf{F}_i^n}{m_i} \Delta t,$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_i^n + \mathbf{v}_i^{n+1} \Delta t,$$

where  $F_i$  is the net force and  $m_i$  is the mass of  $p_i$ .

## 3. Collision

Collisions are handled using the penalty method. If a particle  $\mathbf{p}_i$  collide with the ground (i.e.,  $y_i < 0$ ), then the vertical speed is updated as

$$v^+ = -c_r v^-,$$

where  $0 \leq c_r \leq 1$  is the *coefficient of restitution* and  $v^- < 0$  is the original vertical speed calculated in the numerical integration.

## 4. Bonus

The bonus part animates a sheet of cloth falling on a table.

- (a) Collision detection. Assume the radius of the tabletop is  $R$ , and the center of the tabletop is  $(X, Y, Z)$ . Given a particle position  $(x, y, z)$  and its velocity  $v_x, v_y, v_z$ , collision happens if

$$\begin{cases} (x - X)^2 + (z - Z)^2 < R^2, \\ Y - h < y < Y, \end{cases}$$

, where  $h$  is the thickness of the tabletop.

- (b) Collision handling. For the sake of simplicity, the cloth and the table are vertically aligned at the beginning. If a particle collides with the tabletop, then we let the particle “stick” to the table, which means the velocity of the particle is set to 0. This is equivalent to applying an extra upward force (or in the horizontal direction if the particle collides with the side of the table) to the particle, because they are both reducing the speed. Setting the velocity to 0 also avoids perturbations of the cloth, as observed. This is also close to the real world scenario where friction avoids the cloth to move (or stretch) horizontally.

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## References

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