


Modeling and Simulating Dice

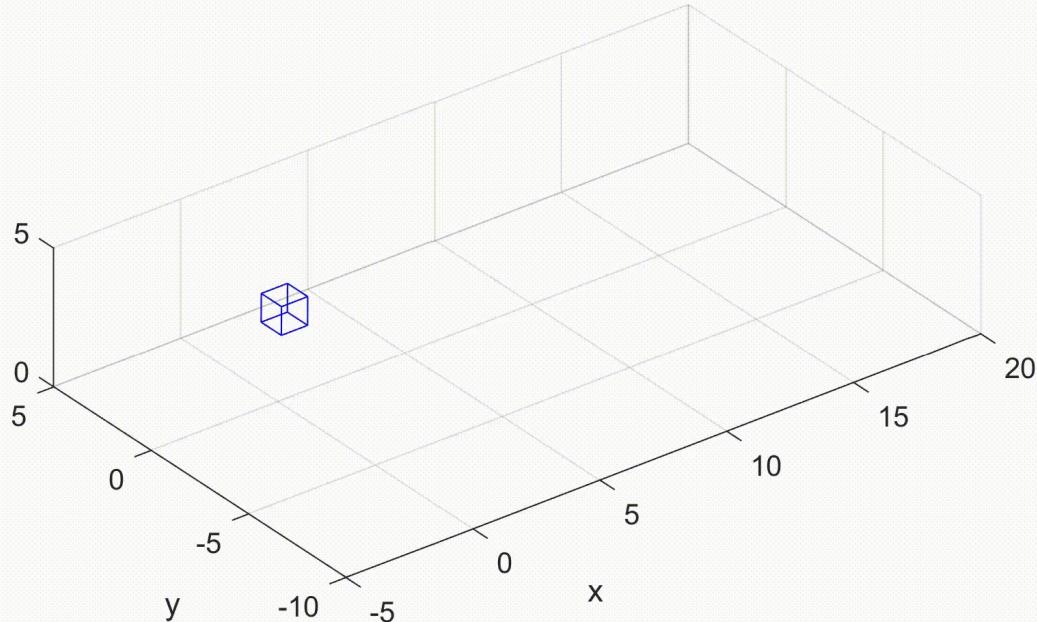
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Consider effects of:

1. gravity
2. spinning
3. friction
4. bouncing



Configuring the Cube & the Table



The Cube

m = total mass

s = side length

Note: we distribute the total mass uniformly throughout the cube.

The Cube: moment of inertia tensor

$$I = (1/6)ms^2$$

I is a **scalar** and stays **constant** throughout the simulation

The Table

We represent the table as a plane through the origin.

n = unit normal of table

S = stiffness

D = damping

μ = coefficient of sliding friction

Governing Equations

Rigid Body Motion

Central assumption: The motion of the body is only affected by external forces.

We track (1) translational motion X_{cm}
(2) angular momentum L (rotational motion)

both in three dimensions.

Governing Equations

$$(1) \quad \frac{d}{dt}u_{cm} = F/m = \sum_k F_k/m \quad \text{Change in } u_{cm}$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{d}{dt}x_{cm} = u_{cm} \quad \text{Change in } x_{cm}$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{d}{dt}L = \tau = \sum_k \tilde{X}_k \times F_k \quad \text{Change in } L$$

$$(4) \quad \boldsymbol{\omega} = (\boldsymbol{I}^{-1})\boldsymbol{L} \quad \text{Value of } \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

Where

\tilde{X}_k denotes the position of corner k relative to the center of mass

F_k denotes the force acted on corner k

Corner Positions and Velocities

We need these to animate our simulation and calculate the interaction with the table later.

$$X_k = x_{cm} + \tilde{X}_k \quad \text{Updating } X$$

$$U_k = u_{cm} + \omega \times \tilde{X}_k \quad \text{Updating } U$$

Updating Relative Positions \tilde{X}_k

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$$\tilde{X}_k = R \tilde{X}_k$$

where $R = P + \cos(||\omega||\Delta t)(E - P) + \sin(||\omega||\Delta t) \left(\frac{\omega_{cross}}{||\omega||} \right)$

$$P = \frac{\omega}{||\omega||} \left(\frac{\omega}{||\omega||} \right)^\top \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \omega_{cross} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_z & \omega_y \\ \omega_z & 0 & -\omega_x \\ -\omega_y & \omega_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Updating Forces F_k

Forces on the body

$$F_k = F_{gravity} + F_{table}$$

$$F_{gravity} = mg$$

$$F_{table} = ?$$

Force of the Table

$$F_{table} = F_n + F_f$$

where F_n = normal force, F_f = sliding friction

Force of the Table (Normal)

$$F_n = || F_n || n$$

where $|| F_n || = S(-n^\top X_k) - D(n^\top U_k)$

$-n^\top X_k$ = distance into the table

$n^\top U_k$ = component of velocity normal to the table

Force of the Table (Friction)

$$F_f = -\mu ||F_n|| \left(\frac{U_{tan}}{||U_{tan}||} \right)$$

$$\text{where } U_{tan} = U_k - (n^\top U_k)n$$

Finally, we can evaluate the total force by the table:

$$F_{table} = F_n + F_f$$

Results

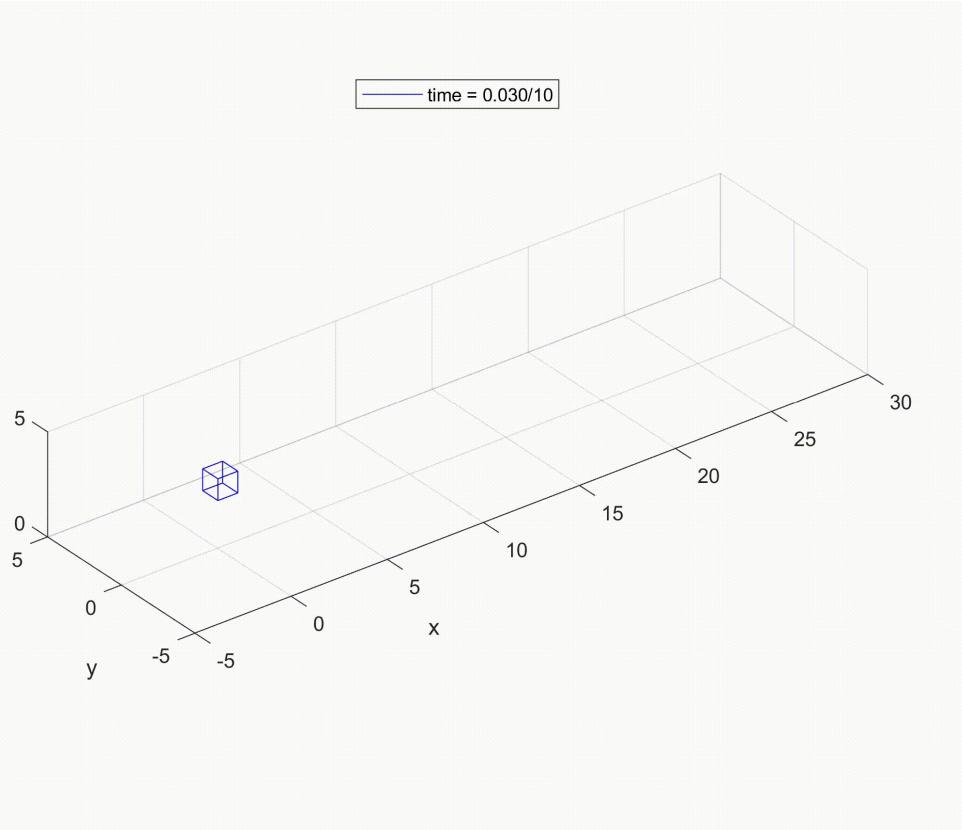
Changing Table Parameters (No Rotation Version)

S = stiffness

D = damping

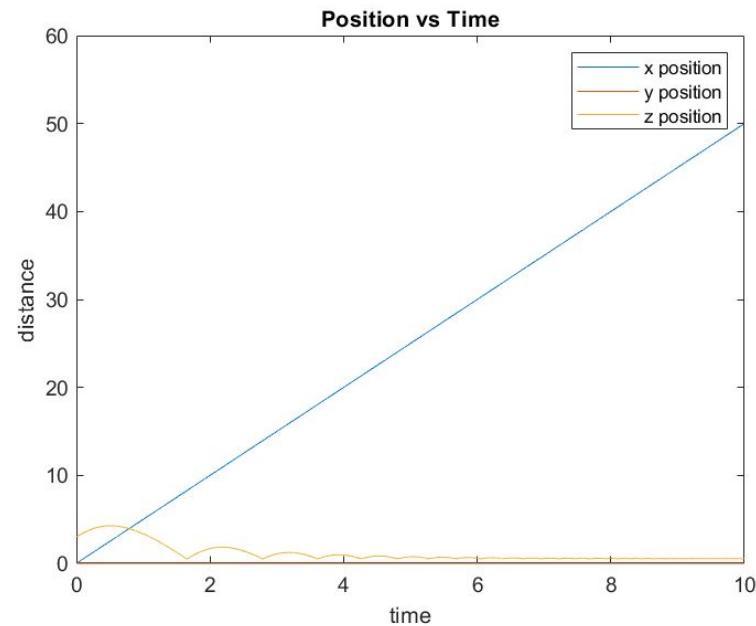
μ = coefficient of sliding friction

NO FRICTION:

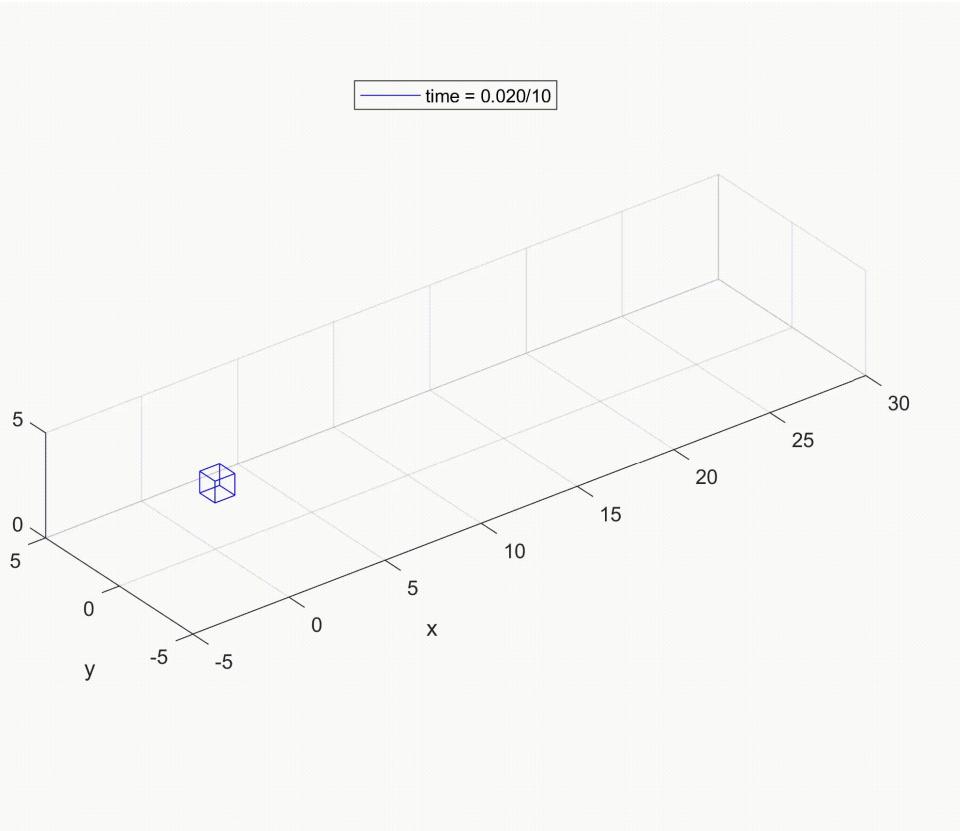


S = 10^4
D = 0.2
mu = 0

tmax = 10
clockmax = 10000
dt = tmax/clockmax



NO DAMPING:



$$S = 10^4$$

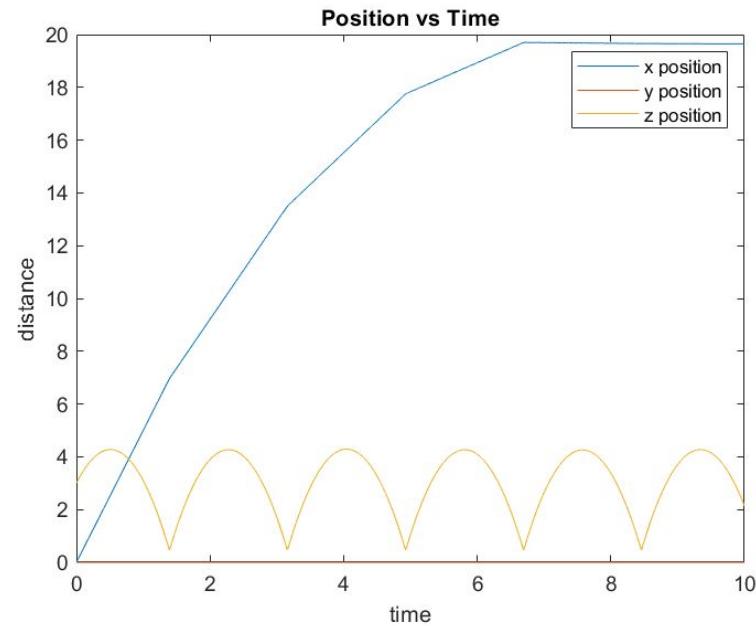
$$D = 0$$

$$\mu = 0.75$$

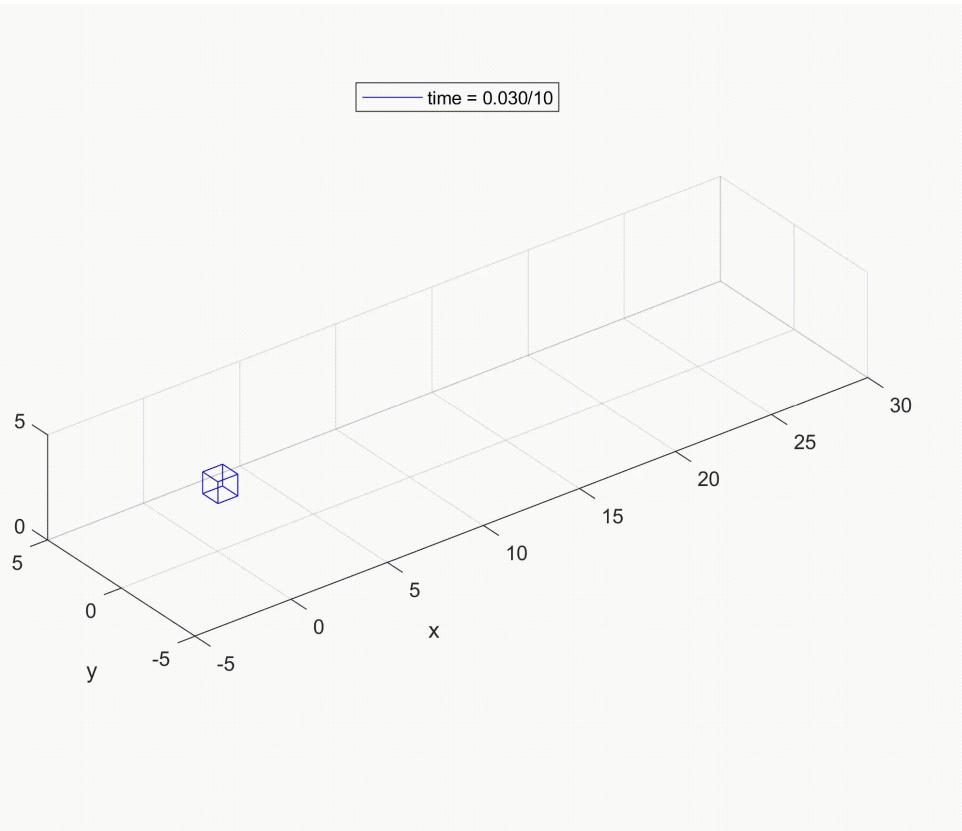
$$t_{\max} = 10$$

$$\text{clockmax} = 10000$$

$$dt = t_{\max}/\text{clockmax}$$



LOW STIFFNESS:



$$S = 10^1$$

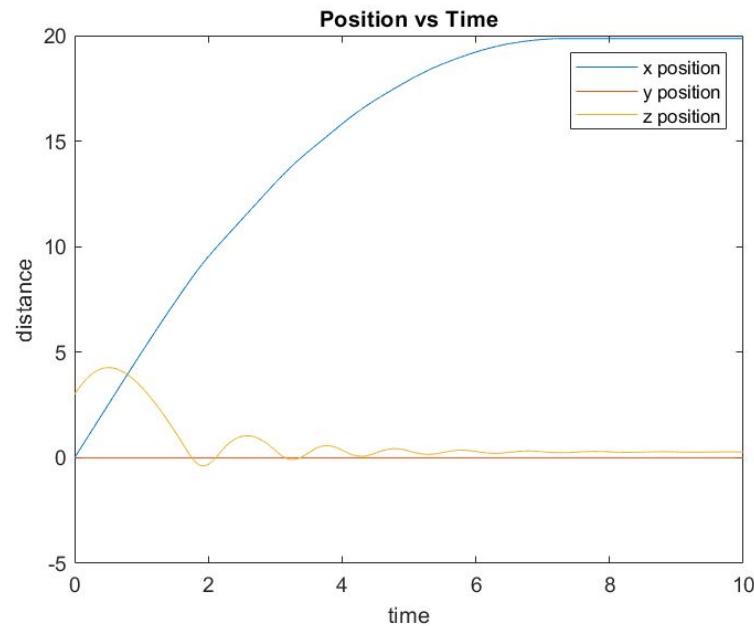
$$D = 0.2$$

$$\mu = 0.75$$

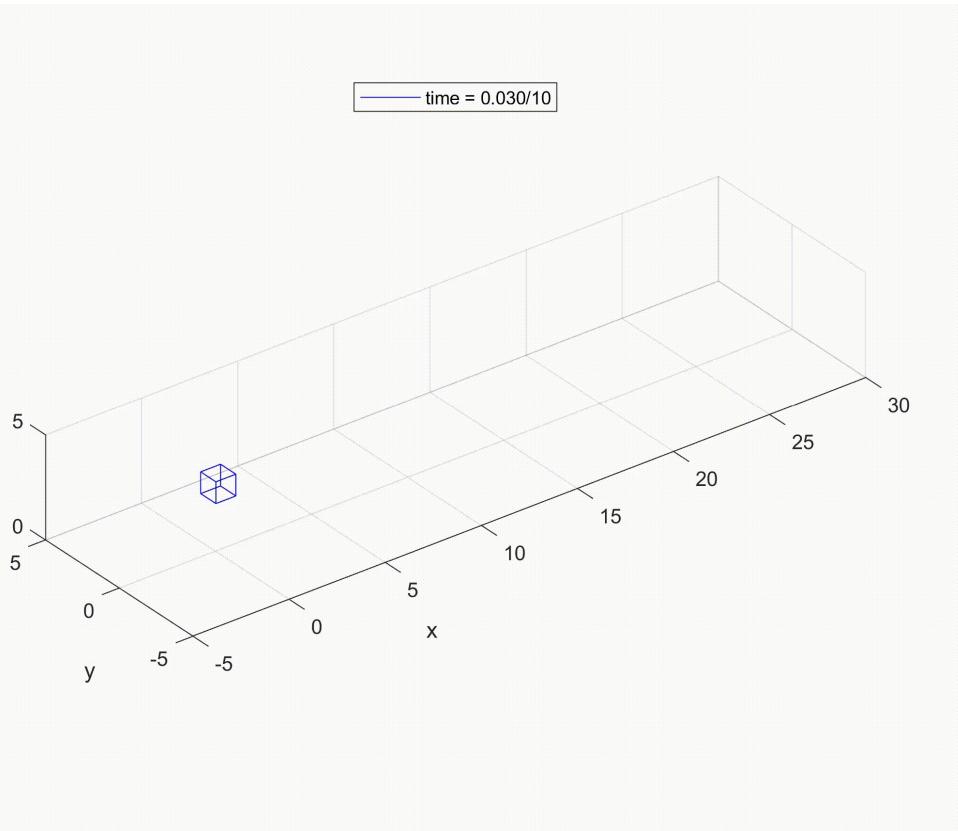
$$t_{\max} = 10$$

$$\text{clockmax} = 10000$$

$$dt = t_{\max}/\text{clockmax}$$



HIGH STIFFNESS:



$$S = 10^6$$

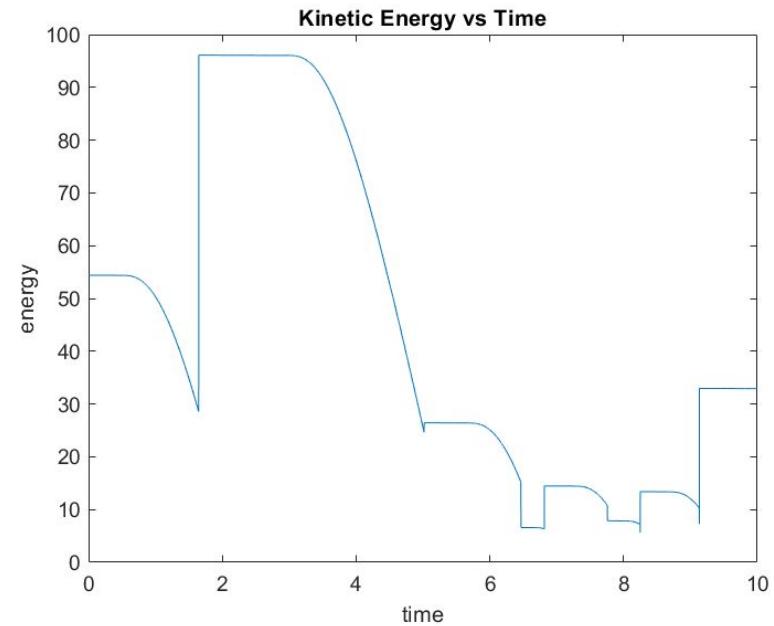
$$D = 0.2$$

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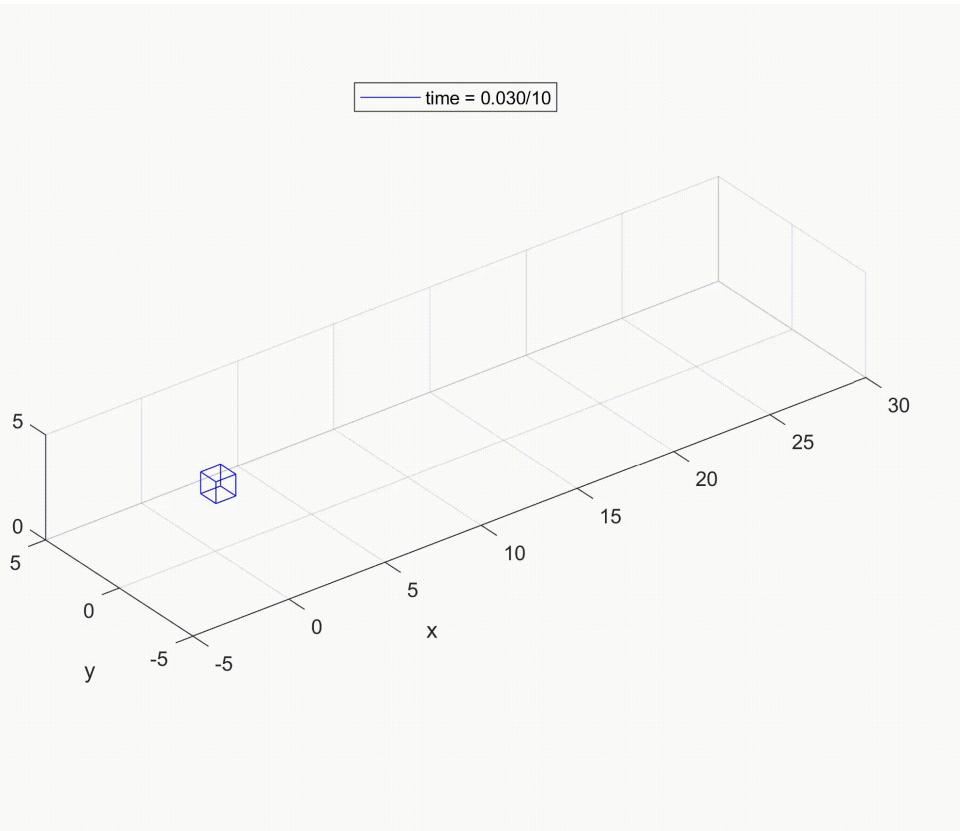
$$t_{\max} = 10$$

$$\text{clockmax} = 10000$$

$$dt = t_{\max}/\text{clockmax}$$



HIGH STIFFNESS (NUMERICALLY STABLE) :



$$S = 10^6$$

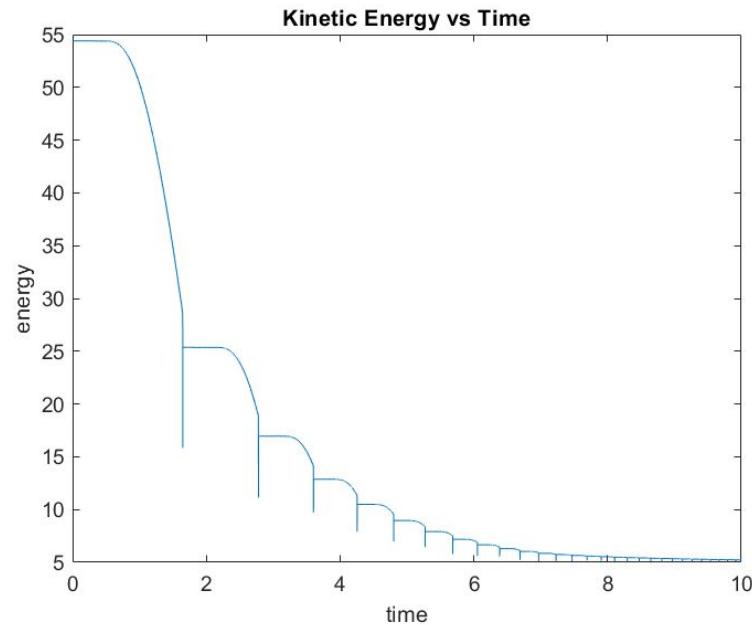
$$D = 0.2$$

$$\mu = 0.75$$

$$t_{\max} = 10$$

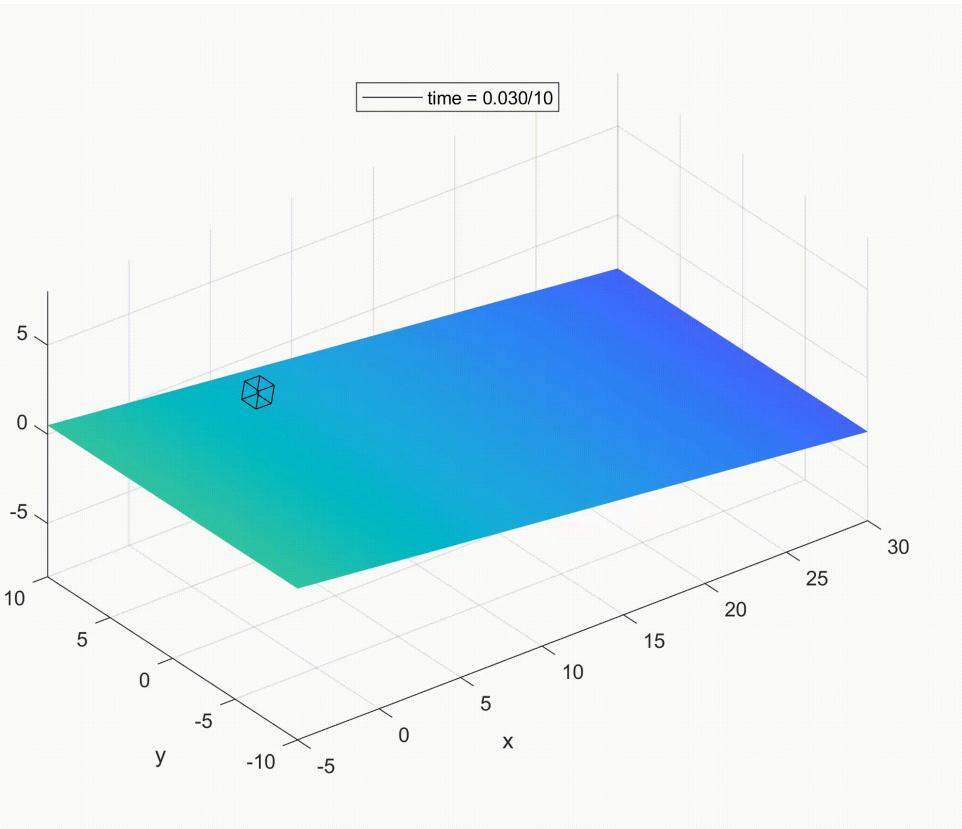
$$clock_{\max} = 20000$$

$$dt = t_{\max}/clock_{\max}$$

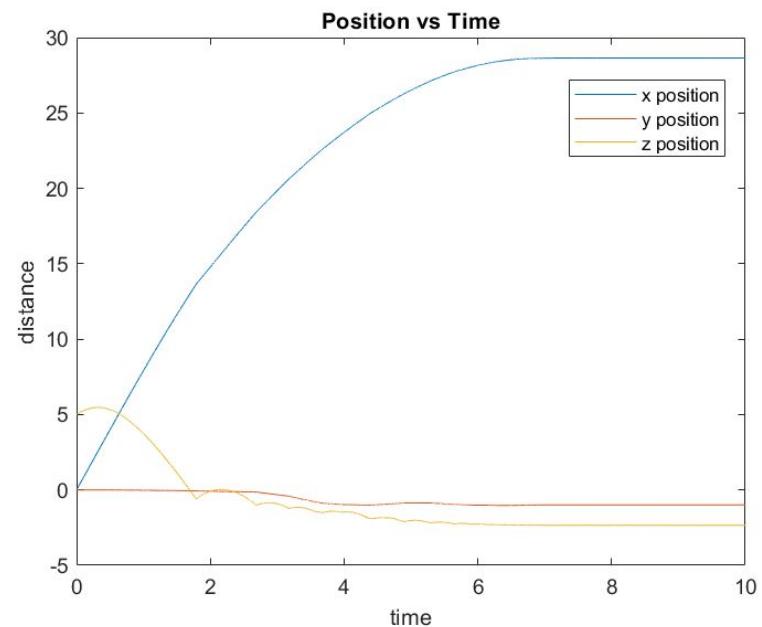


Tilting the Table

TILTED TABLE:



S = 10^4 ag = $1/101$ x_cm = [0, 0, 5]
D = 0.2 bg = 0 u_cm = [8, 0, 3]
mu = 0.25 cg = $10/101$ L = [0.6; 0.6; 0.6]



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