

Study of Rigid Body Models in the PySPH Framework

Mid-Semester Review

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- The SPH methodology uses the Lagrangian Formulation of the governing equations (i.e. all the governing equations are expressed in terms of the Substantial Derivative)

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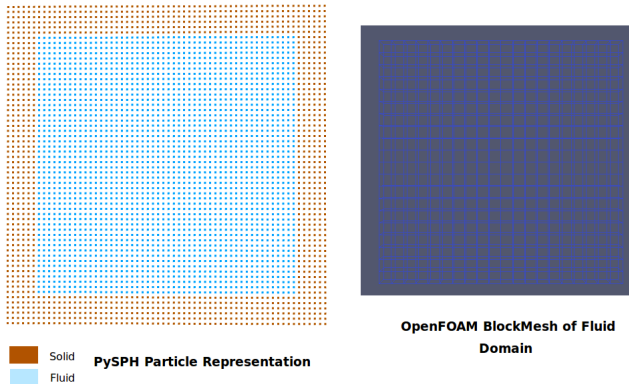


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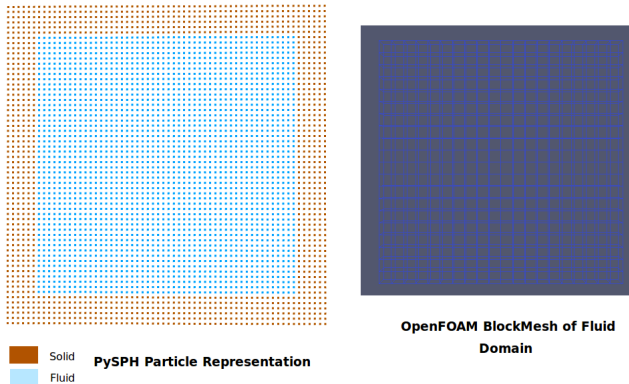


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- The support depends on the **Smoothing Length**, h .

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 - The FEM basis functions are stationary, while those of SPH move along with the particles.
i.e. if '**B**' are the SPH Basis functions then $\frac{DB}{Dt} = 0$

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- **Soft Contact Method**
 - The bodies are allowed to “overlap”
 - The amount and rate of the overlap gives incremental contact forces
 - These contact forces are applied to Newton's laws to obtain new out of balance forces and moments
 - From the forces and moments, the velocities and displacements are evaluated

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- the NNPS keeps track of all those elements which are in contact and the smoothing length effectively computes the amount of overlap

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- Current PoC model implementation

Repulsive Force, $f_{i,s} = -k(d - |\mathbf{r}_{ij}|) \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ij}}{|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|}$

Damping Force, $f_{i,d} = \eta \mathbf{v}_{ij}$

Shear Force, $f_{i,t} = k_t \mathbf{v}_{ij,t}$

where,

k = Spring Coefficient,

k_t = Coefficient of Shear,

η = Damping Coefficient,

d = diameter of elements comprising the body

$\mathbf{r}_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j$,

$\mathbf{v}_{ij} = \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j$

Relative Tangential Velocity,

$$\mathbf{v}_{ij,t} = \mathbf{v}_{ij} - \left(\mathbf{v}_{ij} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ij}}{|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|} \right) \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ij}}{|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|}$$

- Total Contact Force,

$$F_c = \sum_{i \in RigidBody} (f_{i,s} + f_{i,d} + f_{i,t})$$

- Total Torque due to contact,

$$T_C = \sum_{i \in RigidBody} [r_i \times (f_{i,s} + f_{i,d} + f_{i,t})]$$

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- Test Cases: Zhang et.al¹ performed experimental studies to validate a coupled Finite Volume Particle (FVP) DEM to simulate interactions between fluids and solid bodies

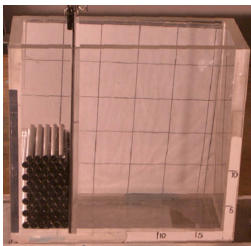


Figure : Experimental Setup

- Tank Dimensions: $l = h = 26\text{cm}$, $w = 10\text{cm}$
- Cylinder Properties: $l = 9.9\text{cm}$, $d = 1\text{cm}$, $\rho = 2.7 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$

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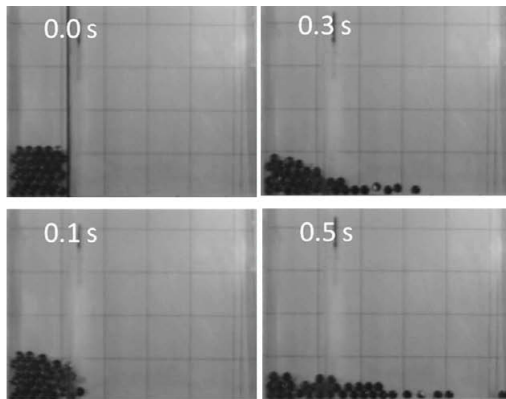


Figure : Evolution of the system at various times (6 Cylinder stack)

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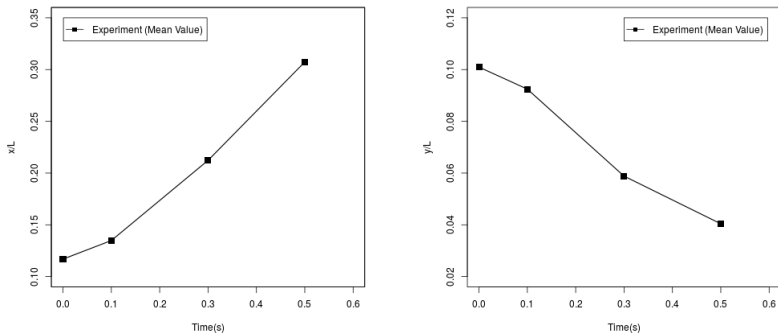


Figure : 6 Cylinder System Center of Mass

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