

# Spectral Rigid Body Dynamics

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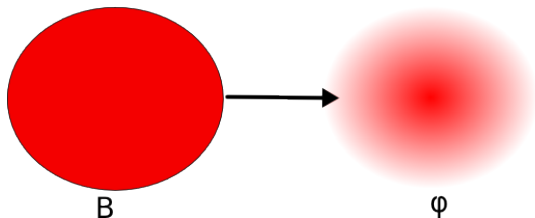
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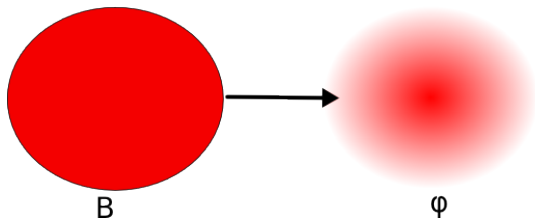
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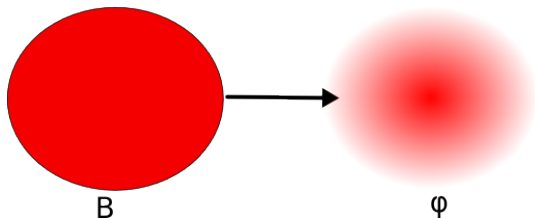
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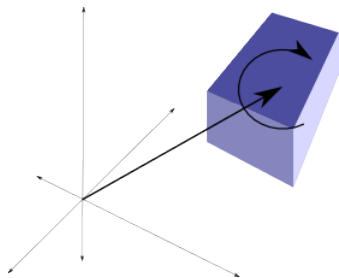
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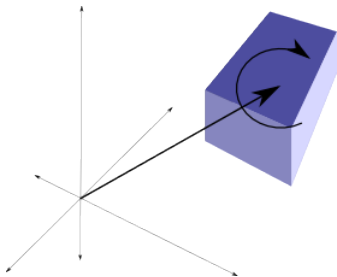
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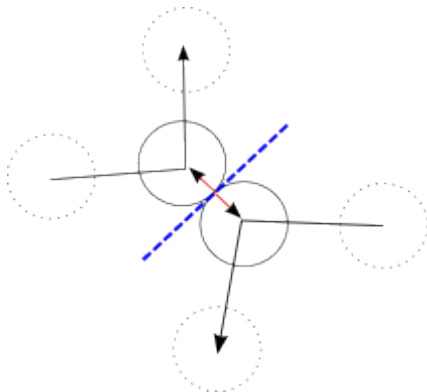
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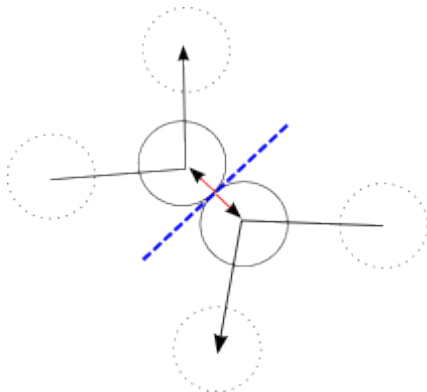
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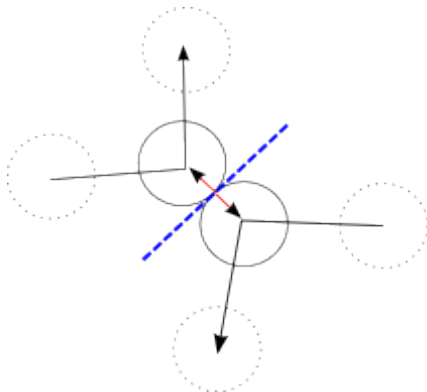
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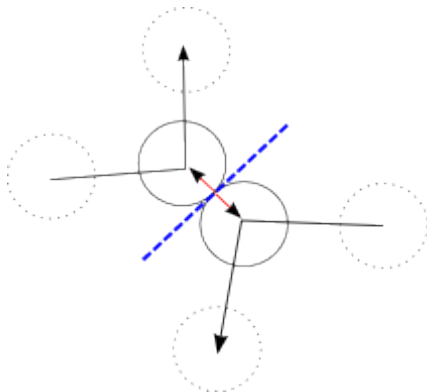
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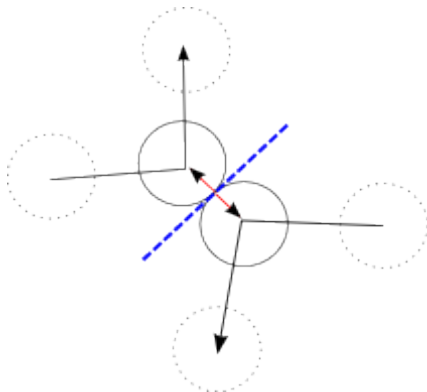
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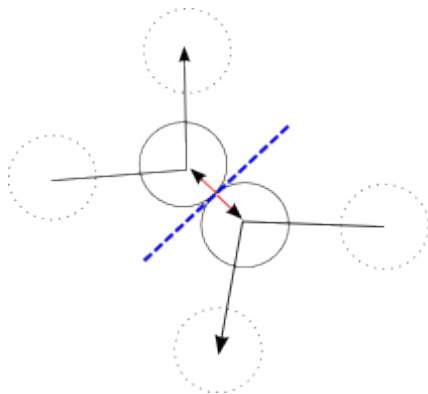
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And so we replace the impact forces with a system of differentiable holonomic inequality constraints:

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Conclusion: Translational gradient is just a multiplier

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Computationally not too bad, but still pretty messy in  $d$ -dimensional space.