

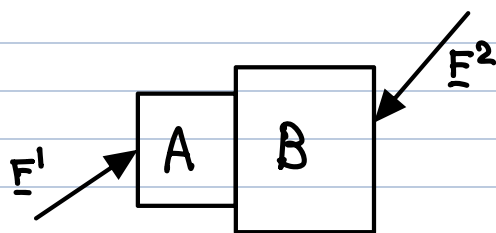
# ME 104 Lec 11

Last time: Intro to systems of particles.

Two particles interact through equal and opposite forces (Newton 3).

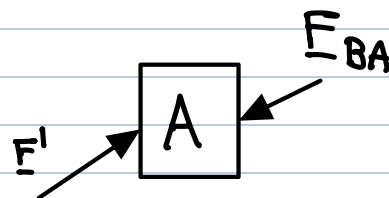
A pair of interaction forces are central if  $\underline{F}_{AB} = -\underline{F}_{BA}$  is parallel to  $\underline{r}_A - \underline{r}_B$  (a line connecting particle A to particle B).

Contact:

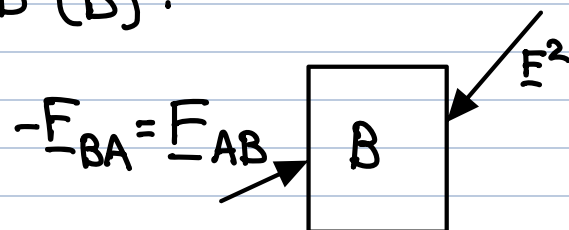


Due to friction, contact forces are not generally central.

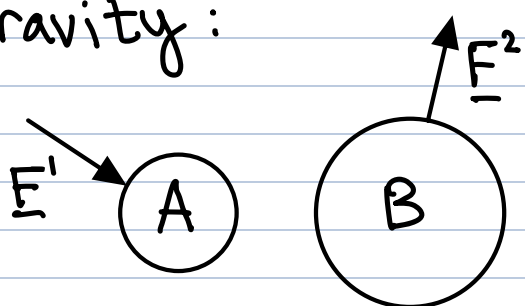
FBD (A):



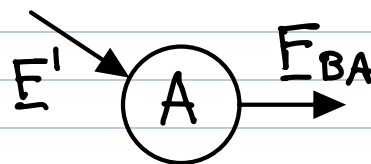
FBD (B):



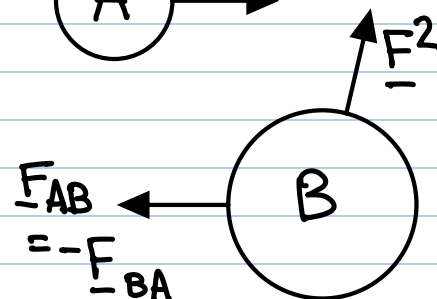
Gravity:



FBD (A):



FBD (B):



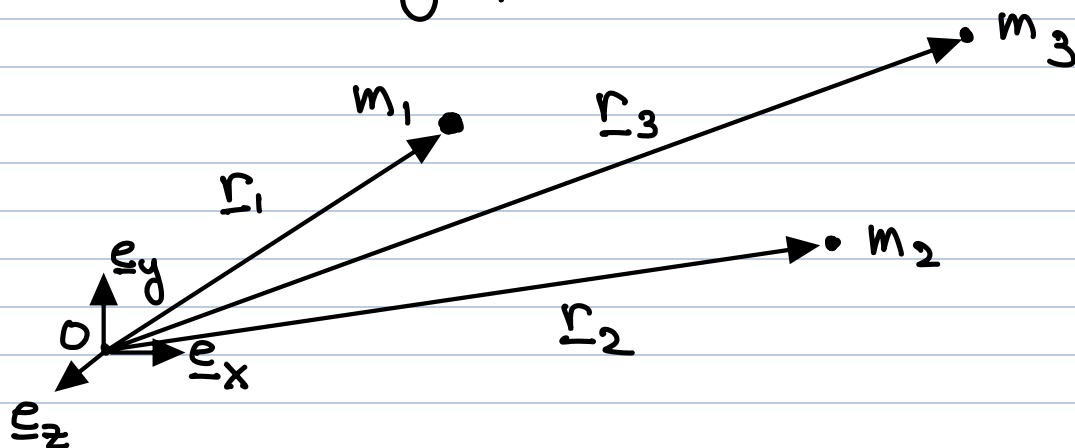
Gravitational forces are central.

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{F}_g^{ij} &\equiv \text{Force of grav from particle } i \text{ on } j \\ &= \frac{Gm_i m_j}{|\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j|^3} (\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j)\end{aligned}$$

{points toward  $i$ }

$$\underline{F}_g^{ij} = -\underline{F}_g^{ji} \parallel \underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j \quad \checkmark$$

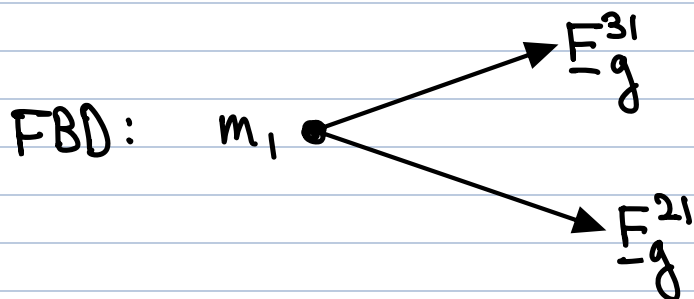
Ex: Three-body problem.



Suppose the three masses interact via gravity.  
Write equations of motion for the 3 particles  
and solve numerically.

Ans:

Particle 1:

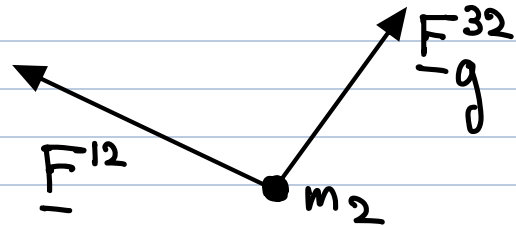


$$\Sigma \underline{F} = m \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{F}_g^{21} + \underline{F}_g^{31} = m_1 \underline{a}_1 = m_1 \dot{\underline{v}}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\underline{v}}_1 = G \left[ \frac{m_2}{|\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_1|^3} (\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_1) + \frac{m_3}{|\underline{r}_3 - \underline{r}_1|^3} (\underline{r}_3 - \underline{r}_1) \right]$$

Particle 2:

FBD:

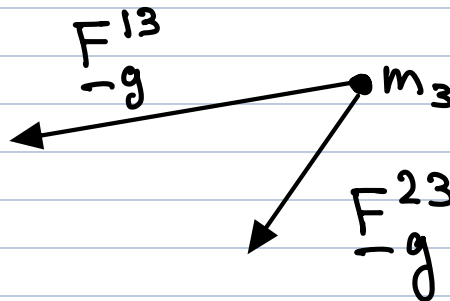


$$\Sigma \underline{F} = m \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{F}_{-g}^{12} + \underline{F}_{-g}^{32} = m_2 \underline{a}_2 = m_2 \dot{\underline{v}}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\underline{v}}_2 = G \left[ \frac{m_1}{|\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2|^3} (\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2) + \frac{m_3}{|\underline{r}_3 - \underline{r}_2|^3} (\underline{r}_3 - \underline{r}_2) \right]$$

Particle 3:

FBD:



$$\Sigma \underline{F} = m \underline{a} \Rightarrow \underline{F}_{-g}^{13} + \underline{F}_{-g}^{23} = m_3 \underline{a}_3 = m_3 \dot{\underline{v}}_3$$

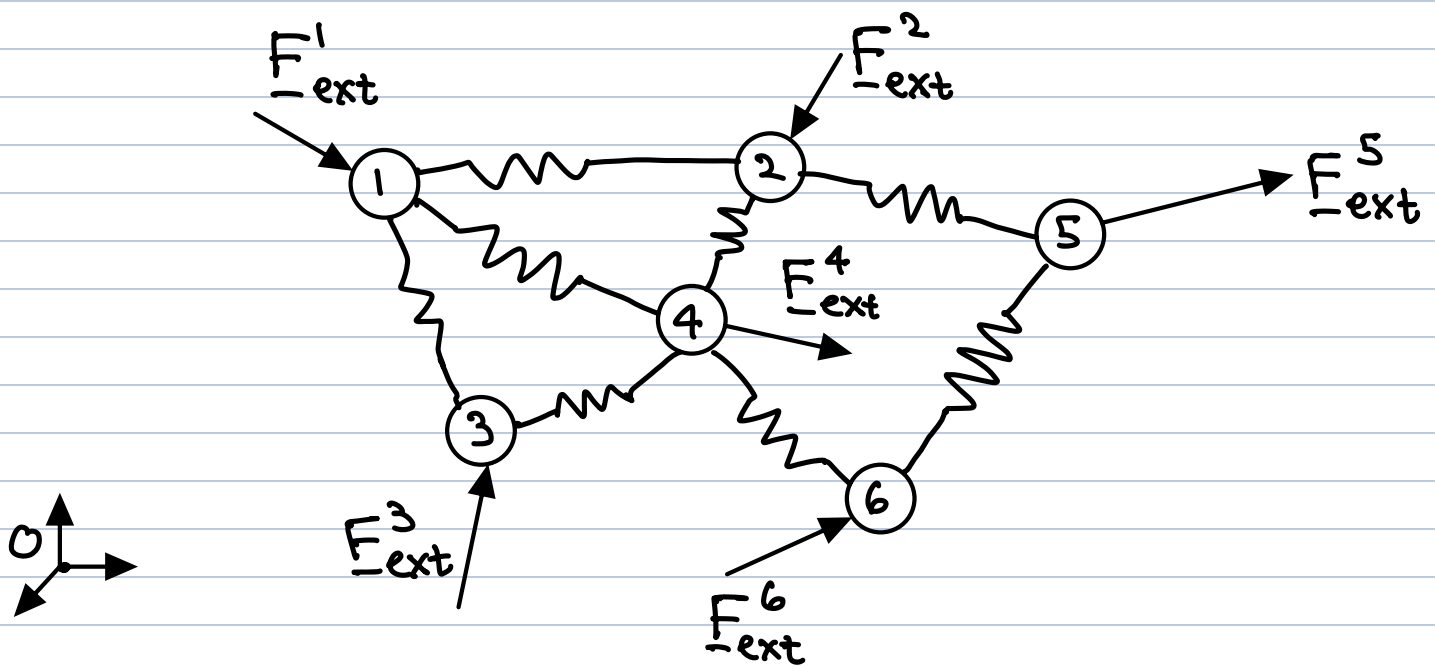
$$\Rightarrow \dot{\underline{v}}_3 = G \left[ \frac{m_1}{|\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_3|^3} (\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_3) + \frac{m_2}{|\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_3|^3} (\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_3) \right]$$

Solve numerically:

$$[\underline{U}] \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \underline{v}_1 \\ \underline{v}_2 \\ \underline{v}_3 \\ \underline{r}_1 \\ \underline{r}_2 \\ \underline{r}_3 \end{bmatrix}; \quad [\underline{\dot{U}}] = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{v}}_1 \\ \dot{\underline{v}}_2 \\ \dot{\underline{v}}_3 \\ \dot{\underline{r}}_1 \\ \dot{\underline{r}}_2 \\ \dot{\underline{r}}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G \left[ \frac{m_2}{|\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_1|^3} (\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_1) + \frac{m_3}{|\underline{r}_3 - \underline{r}_1|^3} (\underline{r}_3 - \underline{r}_1) \right] \\ G \left[ \frac{m_1}{|\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_3|^3} (\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_3) + \frac{m_2}{|\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_3|^3} (\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_3) \right] \\ G \left[ \frac{m_1}{|\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2|^3} (\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2) + \frac{m_2}{|\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_3|^3} (\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_3) \right] \\ \underline{v}_1 \\ \underline{v}_2 \\ \underline{v}_3 \end{bmatrix} \equiv f([\underline{U}])$$

Show Matlab demo.

Fundamental balance laws for systems of particles:



Consider a system of interacting particles.  
 On top of interaction forces, each particle may also have a net external force from other sources (e.g. weight, etc.).  
 $\Sigma \underline{F} = m \underline{a}$  applies to each particle.

Ex: (particle 5)  $\Sigma \underline{F} = m \underline{a}$ :  $\underline{F}_{\text{ext}}^5 + \underline{F}_{25} + \underline{F}_{65} = m_5 \underline{a}_5$ .

More generally, for the  $i$ th particle

$$\Sigma \underline{F} = m \underline{a}: \quad \underline{F}_{\text{ext}}^i + \underbrace{\sum_j \underline{F}_{ji}} = m_i \underline{a}_i.$$

Sum over all particles  $j$   
that interact with particle  $i$ .


Observe that:

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \underline{a}_1 + m_2 \underline{a}_2 + \dots &= \sum_i m_i \underline{a}_i = \sum_i \left( \underline{F}_{\text{ext}}^i + \sum_j \underline{F}_{ji} \right) \\ &= \left( \sum_i \underline{F}_{\text{ext}}^i \right) + \underbrace{\left( \sum_i \sum_j \underline{F}_{ji} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

Sum of all interaction  
forces in the system

Since interaction forces always come in pairs  
that are equal and opposite,

$$\sum_i \sum_j \underline{F}_{ji} = \underbrace{\underline{F}_{12} + \underline{F}_{21}}_{=0} + \underbrace{\underline{F}_{13} + \underline{F}_{31}}_{=0} + \dots = \underline{0}.$$

So  $\sum_i m_i \underline{a}_i = \sum_i \underline{F}_{\text{ext}}^i$ . 

Define the center of mass of the system  
as:

$$\underline{r}_{\text{cm}} = \left( \sum_i m_i \underline{r}_i \right) / M_{\text{Tot}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\text{Tot}} &\equiv \sum_i m_i \\ &= \text{Total mass.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{v}_{cm} = \dot{\underline{r}}_{cm} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_i m_i \underline{r}_i \right) / M_{Tot} = \left( \sum_i m_i \dot{\underline{r}}_i \right) / M_{Tot}$$

assuming the masses are const.

$$\underline{a}_{cm} = \dot{\underline{v}}_{cm} = \left( \sum_i m_i \ddot{\underline{r}}_i \right) / M_{Tot} = \left( \sum_i m_i \underline{a}_i \right) / M_{Tot} . \quad (\star \star)$$

Combining  $(\star)$  and  $(\star \star)$  gives

$$\boxed{\sum_i \underline{F}_{ext}^i = M_{Tot} \underline{a}_{cm}}$$

The system's center of mass moves like a single particle subject only to the external forces. Cool.

Momentum balance:

Define: Momentum =  $\underline{P} = \sum_i m_i \underline{v}_i = M_{Tot} \underline{v}_{cm}$ .  
momentum  
of i<sup>th</sup> particle

$$\dot{\underline{P}} = \sum_i m_i \dot{\underline{v}}_i = \sum_i m_i \underline{a}_i \Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{\underline{P}} = \sum_i \underline{F}_{ext}^i} .$$

Called "balance of (linear) momentum".

A major consequence of the above can

be observed by integrating both sides over a time interval:

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum_i \underline{F}_{\text{ext}}^i(t) dt = \underline{P}(t_2) - \underline{P}(t_1) .$$

Define Impulse =  $\underline{J} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum_i \underline{F}_{\text{ext}}^i(t) dt .$

Thus, we have  $\underline{J} = \underline{P}(t_2) - \underline{P}(t_1) = \Delta \underline{P} .$

If there are no external forces,  $\underline{J} = \underline{0}$  and we obtain  $\Delta \underline{P} = \underline{0}$  , "momentum is conserved".

Angular momentum balance:

Define the system's angular momentum as

$$\underline{H} = \sum_i \underbrace{\underline{r}_i \times (m_i \underline{v}_i)}_{\text{Ang mom of the } i\text{th particle}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\underline{H}}{dt} &= \sum_i m_i (\dot{\underline{r}}_i \times \underline{v}_i + \underline{r}_i \times \dot{\underline{v}}_i) = \sum_i m_i (\underbrace{\underline{v}_i \times \underline{v}_i}_{=0} + \underline{r}_i \times \underline{a}_i) \\ &= \sum_i \underline{r}_i \times (m_i \underline{a}_i) = \sum_i \underline{r}_i \times \left( \underline{F}_{\text{ext}}^i + \sum_j \underline{F}_{ji} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_i \underbrace{\underline{r}_i \times \underline{F}_{\text{ext}}^i}_{\equiv \underline{M}_{\text{ext}}^i} + \sum_i \underline{r}_i \times \left( \sum_j \underline{F}_{ji} \right). \quad (\star)$$

$\underline{M}_{\text{ext}}^i$  = "External torque on particle  $i$ ".

The terms in  $\sum_i \underline{r}_i \times \left( \sum_j \underline{F}_{ji} \right)$  can be arranged as

$$\underline{r}_1 \times \underline{F}_{21} + \underline{r}_2 \times \underbrace{\underline{F}_{12}}_{-\underline{F}_{21}} + \underline{r}_3 \times \underline{F}_{23} + \underline{r}_2 \times \underbrace{\underline{F}_{32}}_{-\underline{F}_{23}} + \dots \quad (\text{by Newton 3})$$

$$= (\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2) \times \underline{F}_{21} + (\underline{r}_3 - \underline{r}_2) \times \underline{F}_{23} + \dots$$

Assume the  $\underline{F}_{ji}$  are all central forces. Then by definition,  $(\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j) \times \underline{F}_{ji} = \underline{0}$  for all  $i, j$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i \underline{r}_i \times \sum_j \underline{F}_{ji} = \underline{0}.$$

To be continued...