



The velocity of a point with position \mathbf{r} relative to the center of mass of a cell with its main axis along the unit vector $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$ is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{r}} &= \mathbf{v}_{\text{linear}} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{angular}} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{growth}} \\
 &= \mathbf{v} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{l} v_{\text{growth}} \\
 &= \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{r} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{l} v_{\text{growth}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{I}^{-1} \mathbf{L} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{l} \frac{g}{G} \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{p} - [\mathbf{r}]_{\times} \mathbf{I}^{-1} \mathbf{L} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{l} \frac{g}{G}
 \end{aligned}$$

This expression is linear in \mathbf{p} , \mathbf{L} , and g , so the velocity of the point after an impulse $\Delta \mathbf{p}$ is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{r}} &= \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{r}0} + \Delta \mathbf{v} \\
 &= \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{r}0} + \frac{1}{m} \Delta \mathbf{p} - [\mathbf{r}]_{\times} \mathbf{I}^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{r} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{l} \frac{\Delta g}{G} \\
 &= \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{r}0} + \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{r}} \Delta \mathbf{p}
 \end{aligned}$$

... where:

$$\mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{r}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m} I & [\mathbf{r}]_{\times} \mathbf{I}^{-1} & \frac{\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{2lG} \hat{\mathbf{a}} \end{bmatrix}$$

... and:

$$\Delta \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{p} \\ \Delta \mathbf{L} \\ \Delta g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta p_x \\ \Delta p_y \\ \Delta p_z \\ \Delta L_x \\ \Delta L_y \\ \Delta L_z \\ \Delta g \end{bmatrix}$$

In the above, I is the identity matrix and \mathbf{I}^{-1} is the inverse inertia tensor. No confusion should arise from the use of $\Delta \mathbf{p}$ to signify both general momentum and specifically linear momentum.

The inertia tensor for a rod of mass m , radius r , and length l centered at the origin and lying along the x axis is:

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{1}{12}m \begin{bmatrix} 6r^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3r^2 + l^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3r^2 + l^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the inverse inertia tensor for the same cylinder is:

$$\mathbf{I}^{-1} = \frac{12}{m} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6r^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3r^2 + l^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3r^2 + l^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose \mathbf{T}_i transforms from world coordinates to local coordinates for cell i — i.e. it transforms the x axis to the main axis of that cell. Then the inverse inertia tensor for cell i in world coordinates is given by:

$$\mathbf{I}_i^{-1} = \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{I}_{\text{cyl}}^{-1} \mathbf{T}_i^{-1}$$

So we now have:

$$\mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{r}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m}I & [\mathbf{r}]_{\times} \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{I}_{\text{cyl}}^{-1} \mathbf{T}_i^{-1} & \frac{\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{2lG} \hat{\mathbf{a}} \end{bmatrix}$$

We assume that colliding capsules — those that overlap and are moving toward each other (the dot product of the velocity vectors of the contact points on the two capsules is negative) — collide inelastically. In this case, the relative velocity of the two contact points along the normal $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ after the impulse provided by the collision must be zero. So:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T (\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{r}_a} - \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{r}_b}) &= 0 \\ \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_a} \mathbf{p}_a - \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_b} \mathbf{p}_b &= 0 \\ \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_a} (\mathbf{p}_{a_0} + \Delta \mathbf{p}_a) - \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_b} (\mathbf{p}_{b_0} + \Delta \mathbf{p}_b) &= 0 \\ \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_a} \Delta \mathbf{p}_a - \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_b} \Delta \mathbf{p}_b &= \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_b} \mathbf{p}_{b_0} - \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_a} \mathbf{p}_{a_0} \\ \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_a} \Delta \mathbf{p}_a - \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_b} \Delta \mathbf{p}_b &= \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{v}_{b_0} - \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{v}_{a_0} \\ \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_a} \Delta \mathbf{p}_a - \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_b} \Delta \mathbf{p}_b &= \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}, a, b} \end{aligned}$$

Write:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}_{\hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{r}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \frac{1}{m}I & \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T [\mathbf{r}]_{\times} \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{I}_{\text{cyl}}^{-1} \mathbf{T}_i^{-1} & \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \frac{\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{2lG} \hat{\mathbf{a}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m} \hat{\mathbf{n}} & \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T [\mathbf{r}]_{\times} \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{I}_{\text{cyl}}^{-1} \mathbf{T}_i^{-1} & \frac{1}{2lG} (\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \mathbf{r}) (\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This is a 1×7 matrix which when multiplied by the 7×1 matrix $\Delta \mathbf{p}$ gives a change in velocity along the normal $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$.

In block matrix form, we can write:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_a} & -\hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_b} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{p}_a \\ \Delta \mathbf{p}_b \end{bmatrix} = \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel},a,b}$$

More generally, we will have a system of equations with one such equation for each pair of colliding cells. We build a larger block matrix with a row for each constraint and a column for each cell in the system. If the i th constraint involves cells a and b (in that order), then:

$$\mathbf{M}_{ij} = \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_a} & \text{if } j = a \\ -\hat{\mathbf{n}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_b} & \text{if } j = b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

A sytem with four cells and four collisions might have the equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{1a}} & -\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{1b}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{2b}} & -\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{2c}} & 0 \\ \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{3a}} & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{3d}} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{4c}} & -\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{4d}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{p}_a \\ \Delta \mathbf{p}_b \\ \Delta \mathbf{p}_c \\ \Delta \mathbf{p}_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel},a,b} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel},b,c} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel},a,d} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel},c,d} \end{bmatrix}$$

We can transform this into a square matrix by multiplying by \mathbf{M}^T .

$$\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} \Delta \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}$$

Consider $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M}$. We have:

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \sum_k \mathbf{M}_{ik}^T \mathbf{M}_{kj}$$

... where $k \in \text{constraints}$.

If $i \neq j$ and there is no constraint between cells i and j then $\mathbf{M}_{ik}^T \mathbf{M}_{kj}$ will be zero. If there is a constraint between i and j , then:

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = -\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{ik}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{jk}}$$

... where \mathbf{r}_{ik} is the vector from the center of cell i to the point on the surface of that cell associated with contact k .

If $i = j$, then:

$$\mathbf{A}_{ii} = \sum_k \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{ik}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}_{ik}}$$

... where k ranges over all constraints involving cell i .

In general:

$$\mathbf{M}_s^T \mathbf{M}_r = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{M_1 M_2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{s_z}{I_2} & -\frac{s_y}{I_2} & \frac{\mathbf{a}_{s_x}}{2l_2 G_2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{M_1 M_2} & 0 & -\frac{s_z}{I_2} & 0 & \frac{s_x}{I_2} & \frac{\mathbf{a}_{s_y}}{2l_2 G_2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{M_1 M_2} & \frac{s_y}{I_2} & -\frac{s_x}{I_2} & 0 & \frac{\mathbf{a}_{s_z}}{2l_2 G_2} \\ 0 & -\frac{r_z}{I_1} & \frac{r_y}{I_1} & \frac{r_y s_y + r_z s_z}{I_1 I_2} & -\frac{r_y s_x}{I_1 I_2} & -\frac{r_z s_x}{I_1 I_2} & \frac{r_y \mathbf{a}_{s_z}}{2I_1 l_2 G_2} \\ \frac{r_z}{I_1} & 0 & -\frac{r_x}{I_1} & -\frac{r_x s_y}{I_1 I_2} & \frac{r_x s_x + r_z s_z}{I_1 I_2} & -\frac{r_z s_y}{I_1 I_2} & \frac{r_z \mathbf{a}_{s_x}}{2I_1 l_2 G_2} \\ -\frac{r_y}{I_1} & \frac{r_x}{I_1} & 0 & -\frac{r_x s_z}{I_1 I_2} & -\frac{r_y s_z}{I_1 I_2} & \frac{r_y s_y + r_z s_z}{I_1 I_2} & \frac{r_x \mathbf{a}_{s_y}}{2I_1 l_2 G_2} \\ \frac{\mathbf{a}_{r_x}}{2l_1 G_1} & \frac{\mathbf{a}_{r_y}}{2l_1 G_1} & \frac{\mathbf{a}_{r_z}}{2l_1 G_1} & \frac{s_y \mathbf{a}_{r_z} - s_z \mathbf{a}_{r_y}}{2I_2 l_1 G_1} & \frac{s_z \mathbf{a}_{r_x} - s_x \mathbf{a}_{r_z}}{2I_2 l_1 G_1} & \frac{s_x \mathbf{a}_{r_y} - s_y \mathbf{a}_{r_x}}{2I_2 l_1 G_1} & \frac{\mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_s}{4l_1 l_2 G_1 G_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

... and:

$$\mathbf{M}_r^T \mathbf{M}_r = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{M_1^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{r_z}{I_1} & -\frac{r_y}{I_1} & \frac{\mathbf{a}_{r_x}}{2l_1 G_1} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{M_1^2} & 0 & -\frac{r_z}{I_1} & 0 & \frac{r_x}{I_1} & \frac{\mathbf{a}_{r_y}}{2l_1 G_1} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{M_1^2} & \frac{r_y}{I_1} & -\frac{r_x}{I_1} & 0 & \frac{\mathbf{a}_{r_z}}{2l_1 G_1} \\ 0 & -\frac{r_z}{I_1} & \frac{r_y}{I_1} & \frac{r_y^2 + r_z^2}{I_1^2} & -\frac{r_y r_x}{I_1^2} & -\frac{r_z r_x}{I_1^2} & \frac{r_y \mathbf{a}_{r_z}}{2I_1 l_1 G_1} \\ \frac{r_z}{I_1} & 0 & -\frac{r_x}{I_1} & -\frac{r_x r_y}{I_1^2} & \frac{r_x^2 + r_z^2}{I_1^2} & -\frac{r_z r_y}{I_1^2} & \frac{r_z \mathbf{a}_{r_x}}{2I_1 l_1 G_1} \\ -\frac{r_y}{I_1} & \frac{r_x}{I_1} & 0 & -\frac{r_x r_z}{I_1^2} & -\frac{r_y r_z}{I_1^2} & \frac{r_y^2 + r_z^2}{I_1^2} & \frac{r_x \mathbf{a}_{r_y}}{2I_1 l_1 G_1} \\ \frac{\mathbf{a}_{r_x}}{2l_1 G_1} & \frac{\mathbf{a}_{r_y}}{2l_1 G_1} & \frac{\mathbf{a}_{r_z}}{2l_1 G_1} & \frac{r_y \mathbf{a}_{r_z} - r_z \mathbf{a}_{r_y}}{2I_1 l_1 G_1} & \frac{r_z \mathbf{a}_{r_x} - r_x \mathbf{a}_{r_z}}{2I_1 l_1 G_1} & \frac{r_x \mathbf{a}_{r_y} - r_y \mathbf{a}_{r_x}}{2I_1 l_1 G_1} & \frac{\mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_r}{4l_1^2 G_1^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

... where:

$$\mathbf{a}_r = (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}) \mathbf{r}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_s = (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_2 \cdot \mathbf{s}) \mathbf{s}$$

So we are left with the equation:

$$\mathbf{A} \Delta \mathbf{p} = \Delta \mathbf{v}$$

... where:

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{M}_i^T \mathbf{M}_i & \text{if } i = j \\ -\mathbf{M}_i^T \mathbf{M}_j & \text{if cell } i \text{ and cell } j \text{ are colliding} \end{cases}$$