Interaction With 3D Geometry

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3D Interaction Happens with Geometric Objects



Rigid Body

Mesh geometry; Vec3 position; Quat orientation;



Skinned Characters

{
 Mesh geometry;
 Vec3 position[];
 Quat orientation[];
}



Soft Body

Mesh geometry;
Springs connectivity;
};

Agenda – Interacting with 3D Geometry

Practical topics among:

- Core Geometry Concepts
- Convex Polyhedra
- Spatial and Mass Properties
- Soft Geometry and Springs

With examples and implementation issues.

Warning: Some Math Ahead



What's an "outer product"?

Familiar dot or inner product:

$$u \cdot v = u^T v = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = u_x v_x + u_y v_y + u_z v_z$$

Outer product:

$$u \otimes v = uv^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{x} \\ u_{y} \\ u_{z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{x} & v_{y} & v_{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{x}v_{x} & u_{x}v_{y} & u_{x}v_{z} \\ u_{y}v_{x} & u_{y}v_{y} & u_{y}v_{z} \\ u_{z}v_{x} & u_{z}v_{y} & u_{z}v_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Outer Product - Geometric View



Distance of v along u (scalar)

 $u \rightarrow u(u \cdot v)$

Projection of *v* along *u* (vector)

Outer product $u \otimes u$ of a unit vector u projects any vector along that direction.

$$u(u \cdot v) \neq (u \cdot u)v$$



Outer Product for Plane Projection



$$v - u(u \cdot v) = Iv - (u \otimes u)v = (I - (u \otimes u))v$$

 $I - u \otimes u$ projects any vector onto plane with normal u.

Numerical Precision Issues



3 "collinear" points

Triangles and Planes

• Specify Front and Back



Triangle (*a b c*) CCW winding

$$p_{w} [p_{x} p_{y} p_{z}]$$

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Plane $p = [p_{x} p_{y} p_{z} p_{w}]$

Could use: Ax + By + Cz == DPrefer convention: Ax + By + Cz + D == 0

Given a point [xyz] its distance above plane is:

 $p_x x + p_y y + p_z z + p_w$

- <0 below</pre>
- =0 on plane
- >0 above

Intersection of 3 planes

$$p0_{x} v_{x} + p0_{y} v_{y} + p0_{z} v_{z} + p0_{w} == 0$$

$$p1_{x} v_{x} + p1_{y} v_{y} + p1_{z} v_{z} + p1_{w} == 0$$

$$p2_{x} v_{x} + p2_{y} v_{y} + p2_{z} v_{z} + p2_{w} == 0$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p0_{x} & p0_{y} & p0_{z} \\ p1_{x} & p1_{y} & p1_{z} \\ p2_{x} & p2_{y} & p2_{z} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad b = \begin{bmatrix} p0_{w} \\ p1_{w} \\ p2_{w} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad v = \begin{bmatrix} v_{x} \\ v_{y} \\ v_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Pv = -b$$

$$v = -P^{-1}b$$



What if we have 4 planes?



As house grows bottom up, how will the 4 roof planes come together at the top of this house?



If 4 planes meet at a point xyz then we've found a solution to:

Only possible if matrix singular.

$$\begin{bmatrix} p0_{x} & p0_{y} & p0_{z} & p0_{w} \\ p1_{x} & p1_{y} & p1_{z} & p1_{w} \\ p2_{x} & p2_{y} & p2_{z} & p2_{w} \\ p3_{x} & p3_{y} & p3_{z} & p3_{w} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$





Simple Ray Triangle Intersection Test

- - Intersect ray with plane and get a point p.
 - For each edge va to vb
 - Cross product with p-va
 - Dot result with tri normal n
 - <0 means outside
 - Backside hit if dot(n,ray)>0



Ray Mesh Intersection

- Check Against Every Polygon
 - (spatial structures can rule out many quickly)
- Detecting a "hit" might not be closest
- Numerical Robustness don't slip between two adjacent triangles.
- Mesh "intact" t-intersections, holes caused by missing triangles.



Multiple impact points – take closest.



Numeric precision can result in plane intersection point landing just outside each time, thus missing both neighbors.

Solid Geometry

- "Water-Tight" <u>borderless</u> manifold mesh:
 - Every edge has 1 adjacency edge going other way
 - Consistent winding. Polygon normals all face to exterior.
- The mesh is the boundary representation
- the infinitely thin surface that separates solid matter from empty space.





Inside/Outside Test of a point

- Cast a long ray from point
 - point is inside if it first hits the backside of a polygon.
 - point is outside the object if it first hits a front side or nothing at all.



Convex Polyhedra

Convex Mesh

Math textbook:

 $K \ convex \ \leftrightarrow \ \forall a, b \in K \to \overline{ab} \subseteq K$

- Neighboring face normals tilt away.
- Volume bounded by a number of planes.
- Every vertex lies at or below every face.

Many algorithms much easier when using convex shapes instead of general meshes.





Convex In/Out test

A point is inside a convex volume if it lies under <u>every</u> plane boundary.

No testing with vertices or edges.



Convex Ray Intersection



- Crop Ray with all front facing planes: $n \cdot (v_1 v_0) < 0$
- Impact at v0 if under all backside planes

Convex Line-Segment Intersection



- Trim **v0** for **Front** facing planes $n \cdot (v1 v0) < 0$
- Trim **v1** for **Back** facing planes $n \cdot (v1 v0) > 0$

Convex-Convex Contact

Separating Axis Theorem –

Two non touching convex polyhedra are separated by a plane.

- The contact between two touching convex polyhedra will be either
 - A point
 - A line segment
 - A convex polygon

Physics engines like convex objects



Convex Hull from points

Convex Hull - smallest convex polyhedron that contains all the points.

- Convex hull of a mesh will contain the mesh.
- Often a sufficient proxy for interaction and collision

Techniques

- Expanding outward: QuickHull [Eddy '77]
- Reducing inward: Gift Wrapping [Chand '70]







Compute 3D Convex Hull

- Start with 2 back to back triangles. (or a tetrahedron)
- Find a vertex outside current volume (above faces).
 - Find edge loop silhouette (around all faces below point)
 - Replace with new fan of polys
 - Remove Folds (if any)
- Rinse and Repeat







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Hull Numerical Robustness



Grow Hull



Generated skinny triangle with bad normal.



Flip edge to fix

Hull Tri-Tet Implementation

- Simple Triangle-mesh based approach
- When point *d* above any [*abc*] add tetrahedron [*abcd*] (triangles [*acb*][*dab*][*dbc*][*dca*]) to mesh.
- Prune any back-to-back tris such as [*abc*] and [*bac*]



Hull Tri-Tet Numeric Robustness



- 5 points {a,b,c,d,e} are coplanar-ish at one end of the point cloud
- But next point e tests <u>above</u> triangle [abc] but <u>below</u> [adb].
- Silhouette is {abc} for which we extrude a new tetrahedron up to e
- This produces triangles [eca],[ebc] (blue) facing the right way and [eab] (red) facing the wrong way – based on known interior point.
- This provides the hindsight to see that [adb] should also be extruded

Simplified Convex Hull

- Off-the-shelf solutions typically generate the complete hull.
- All hull vertices may not be needed and may be inefficient for usage.
- Instead use greedy incremental algorithm picking next vertex that increases hull size the most.
- Stop when vertex count or error threshold reached







Simplified

Minimize Number of Planes vs Points

- Minimize Planes:
- Compute full hull
- Dual points $\left[\frac{p_x}{p_w}\frac{p_y}{p_w}\frac{p_z}{p_w}\right]$



- Compute simplified hull
- Take Dual

12 Vertices
 20 Planes

20 Vertices 12 Planes

Convex Decomposition



3DS Max Screenshot

Manual Creation of Collision Proxy





Automatic Mesh Decomposition [Ratcliff], [Mamou]

Use skinned mesh bone weights to create collision hulls

Example: Convex Bones For Collisions



Constructive Solid Geometry Boolean Operations

Solid Geometry Boolean Operations



Applications for Booleans

Art tools (already have CSG)

• Modeling and level design

- Game Usages (less fidelity required):
 - Destruction
 - Geomod (tunneling)
- A convex based approach may suffice.
Convex Cropping and Intersection

- Like general mesh cropping, but only 1 open loop that is itself a convex polygon.
- Intersecting two convexes can be done by cropping one with all the planes of the other
- Non-convex operands can be implemented as a union





Convex Cropping Robustness

- Floating point issues can occur even in this most basic of mesh operations.
- One solution is to utilize plane equations to determine face/plane connectivity.







Bad Slice

Correct Slice

Robustness with Quantum Planes Let all planes p of CSG Boolean operands satisfy: $\forall p \exists s : sp = [s \ p_x \ s \ p_y \ s \ p_z \ s \ p_w] , \quad s \ p_{\{x,y,z,w\}} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad |sp_{\{x,y,z\}}| \le k$ $M = \begin{bmatrix} s_0 p 0_x & s_0 p 0_y & s_0 p 0_z \\ s_1 p 1_x & s_1 p 1_y & s_1 p 1_z \\ s_2 p 2_x & s_2 p 2_y & s_2 p 2_z \end{bmatrix} \qquad v = -M^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} s 0 p 0_w \\ s 1 p 1_w \\ s 2 p 2_w \end{bmatrix}$ Recall how vertices are the intersection of 3 or more planes $\exists a, b: v_{\{x,y,z\}} = \frac{a}{b} ,$ Generated points have $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $|b| \leq \det(M) \leq 6k^3$ Finite denominator $\therefore \exists \varepsilon \forall u, v \colon ||u - v|| < \varepsilon \iff u = v$ A fixed epsilon can now be used to indicate if two

points are the same.

Destruction – geometry modification





Texturing break

Objects in Motion Spatial Properties

Spatial and Mass Properties

• With a solid mesh we can correctly derive properties that affect motion:

- Volume
- Center of mass
- Covariance (and 3x3 Inertia Tensor)

Triangle Center and Area



i.e. Center of mass. There are other ways to define "center".



abs area =
$$\frac{\|(b-a) \times (c-b)\|}{2}$$

area =
$$\frac{((b-a) \times (c-b)) \cdot n}{2}$$

Cross Product - Edge Choice Irrelevant



All the same

Area of Polygon (2D) **Triangle Summation**:

- Pick a reference point p. Normal *n* known.
- For each edge (a,b) sum area of triangle (p,a,b): $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2}(a-p) \times (b-a) \cdot n$
- Signed Area upside down triangles cancel out extra area if p outside.







Solid's Area Weighted Normals Cancel

Sum of cross products for each tetrahedron face is zero.



 $u \times w + w \times v + v \times u + (v - u) \times (w - u) = 0$

Polygon Normal

- Pick reference point *p* (origin)
- For each edge (*ab*) in polygon, sum cross product:

$$\sum_{Edge\ (a,b)} (a-p) \times (b-a)$$





For a trapezoid explanation search for "Newell Normal"

Tetrahedron Volume and Center





volume =
$$\frac{(c-a) \times (b-a) \cdot (d-a)}{6}$$

$$\frac{\text{center}}{\text{of mass}} = \frac{a+b+c+d}{4}$$

$$= |c-a \quad b-a \quad d-a| \div 6$$

Triple product in determinant form

Tetrahedron Integration

General Form:

$$\int_0^u \int_0^{v(1-\frac{\alpha}{u})} \int_0^{w(1-\frac{\alpha}{u}-\frac{\beta}{v})} f(\alpha+\beta+\gamma) \, d\gamma \, d\beta \, d\alpha$$

Letting f(X)=1, we get our volume:

$$\int_0^u \int_0^{\nu(1-\frac{\alpha}{u})} \int_0^{w(1-\frac{\alpha}{u}-\frac{\beta}{\nu})} (1) \ d\gamma \ d\beta \ d\alpha = \frac{u\nu w}{6}$$

Letting f(X)=X/vol for center of mass (relative to vertex *a*):

$$\int_0^u \int_0^{v(1-\frac{\alpha}{u})} \int_0^{w(1-\frac{\alpha}{u}-\frac{\beta}{v})} \left(\frac{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}{uvw/6}\right) d\gamma \, d\beta \, d\alpha = \frac{u+v+w}{4}$$



Tetrahedral Summation (3D)

$$volume = \sum_{(u,v,w)\in mesh} |u v w|/6$$



$$\underset{of \ mass}{center} = \sum_{(u,v,w)\in mesh} \frac{(u+v+w)}{4} \frac{|u\ v\ w|}{6} / vol(mesh)$$

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Center of Mass Affects Gameplay

Catapult geometry:







Inertia Calculation



3D: 3x3 Inertia Tensor Related to covariance

$$\begin{bmatrix} yy + zz & -xy & -xz \\ -xy & xx + zz & -yz \\ -xz & -yz & xx + yy \end{bmatrix}$$



Covariance (origin = center of mass)

• If object was a collection of point masses v

$$\sum vv^{T} = \sum \begin{bmatrix} v_{x}^{2} & v_{x}v_{y} & v_{x}v_{z} \\ v_{y}v_{x} & v_{y}^{2} & v_{y}v_{z} \\ v_{z}v_{x} & v_{z}v_{y} & v_{z}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$



• Single Tetrahedron (0,u,v,w)...

 $\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-a} \int_0^{1-a-b} (au+bv+cw) \otimes (au+bv+cw) \, dc \, db \, da * vol_adj$

Tetrahedron (0,u,v,w) Covariance

u,v,w are vectors from center of mass to triangle on mesh

 $\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-a} \int_0^{1-a-b} (a u + b v + c w) \bigotimes (a u + b v + c w) \quad dc \quad db \quad da$ $\int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1-a} \int_{0}^{1-a-b} \left(u^{2} a^{2} + v^{2} b^{2} + w^{2} c^{2} \right) + \left(a b u v + b c v w \right) + a c w u \right) + \left(a b v u + a c u w + b c w v \right) \quad dc \quad db \quad da$ $\int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1-a} \frac{1}{3} (a+b-1) \left(-3 a^{2} u^{2} - w^{2} (a+b-1)^{2} - 3 b^{2} v^{2}\right) + (a+b-1) (w (a+b-1) (a u+b v) - 2 a b u v) db da$ $\int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{12} (a-1)^{2} (a^{2} (6 u^{2} + v^{2} + w^{2}) - 2 a (v^{2} + w^{2}) + v^{2} + w^{2}) + -\frac{1}{12} (a-1)^{3} (a (4 u (v+w) - vw) + vw) da$ $\frac{1}{60} \left(u u + v v + w w \right) + \frac{1}{120} \left(u v + v w + w u \right) + \frac{1}{120} \left(v u + u w + w v \right)$

Inertia Tetrahedral Summation

intertia:
$$T = \begin{bmatrix} yy + zz & -xy & -xz \\ -xy & xx + zz & -yz \\ -xz & -vz & xx + yy \end{bmatrix}$$

Sum for each triangle uvw, Covariance matrix C:



inertia:
$$T = Identity (c_{0,0} + c_{1,1} + c_{2,2}) - C$$



Inertia Tensor and Object Motion





$$\omega = q T^{-1} q^{-1} h$$

- $\omega \rightarrow spin \\ h \rightarrow momenum$
- $q \rightarrow orientation$
- $T \rightarrow Inertia$

Time Integration

Updating state to the next time step.

- **Position:** $p_{t+dt} = p_t + velocity * dt$
- Orientation:

Build a Quat for Multiplication

$$s = \left[\frac{\omega}{\|\omega\|} \sin(\frac{\|\omega\| dt}{2}), \cos(\frac{\|\omega\| dt}{2})\right]$$

$$q_{t+dt} = s * q_t$$



Proof it's the same: $\lim_{(\|\omega\| \ dt) \to 0} s \to \left[\frac{\omega}{2} \ dt, 1\right]$ $s * q_t = [0001] * q_t + \left[\frac{\omega}{2} \ dt, 0\right] * q_t$ $s * q_t = q_t + \left[\frac{\omega}{2}, 0\right] * q_t \ dt$

Add Derivative $q_{t+dt} = q_t + \frac{dq}{dt} dt$ $q_{t+dt} = q_t + \frac{\omega}{2} q_t dt$

Time Integration without Numerical Drift



$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= \frac{\omega(q_t)}{2} * q_t \\ k_2 &= \frac{\omega(q_t + k_1 * dt/2)}{2} * (q_t + k_1 * \frac{dt}{2}) \\ k_3 &= \frac{\omega(q_t + k_2 * dt/2)}{2} * (q_t + k_2 * \frac{dt}{2}) \\ k_4 &= \frac{\omega(q_t + k_3 * dt)}{2} * (q_t + k_3 * dt) \\ q_{t+dt} &= q_t + k_1 * \frac{dt}{6} + k_2 * \frac{dt}{3} + k_3 * \frac{dt}{3} + k_4 * \frac{dt}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$q_{t+dt} = q_t + \frac{\omega(q_t)}{2} * q_t * dt$$

Forward Euler

Runge Kutta

Time Integration Euler vs RK4



Forward Euler:

- Spin drifts toward
 - principle axis
- Energy gained

Runge Kutta

- Spin orbits as expected
- Energy stays constant

Soft Body Objects

Soft Body Meshes

- Every vertex has its own position and velocity
- Vertices are connected via springs or constraints.





Object Construction

- Connection topology can differ from visual mesh
- Stiffness can vary to simulate different objects and materials





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Cube Lattice Table

Time Integration – Simulating Soft Body

Kinematic

- Connections as constraints
- Iterative position projection
- Easy to Implement
- Numerically Robust (will never explode)
- Most common system used
- May not converge under stress (compression or stretch)

Dynamic

- Connections as springs
- Forward Euler can only handle weak "springy" forces
- Implicit Integration required for stiff springs
- Damped behavior
- Converges to force-correct state
- Harder to Implement

Kinematic Solver



Realistic Behavior

Easy To Implement

Algorithm: repeat a few times for each constraint move endpoints toward rest-length

Implicit Integration Spring Network

• Forward Euler

$$v_{t+dt} = v_t + m^{-1} force_t dt$$

• Implicit Euler

$$v_{t+dt} = v_t + m^{-1} force_{t+dt} dt$$

$$force_{t+dt} = f_{t+dt} = f_t + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \Delta p + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \Delta v$$
,

position p velocity v **GAME DEVELOPERS CONFERENCE® 2013**

Derivatives of Force

Force at spring endpoint

$$f = -k\left(p - r\frac{p}{\|p\|}\right)$$

 $\Delta f = \stackrel{\text{end}}{\longleftarrow} \Delta p = ---$

Compressed Spring:



How force changes as endpoint moves **along** spring direction:



start

$\frac{df}{dv} =$	$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial v_x} \\ \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial v_x} \\ \frac{\partial f_z}{\partial v_x} \end{bmatrix}$	$ \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial v_y} \\ \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial v_y} \\ \frac{\partial f_z}{\partial v_y} $	$\frac{\partial f_x}{\partial v_z} \\ \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial v_z} \\ \frac{\partial f_z}{\partial v_z} \\ \frac{\partial f_z}{\partial v_z} \end{bmatrix}$
	Jacobian		



Derivatives of Force – Endpoint moves orthogonal



How force changes as endpoint moves **lateral** to spring dir:

$$\Delta f = \uparrow \text{ or } \downarrow$$

 $\Delta p = \downarrow$

Compressed:

$$\int_{0}^{p} \Delta p$$

$$\Delta f = \int_{0}^{p} \int_{f}^{f} dp$$

$$\Delta f = \int_{0}^{p} \int_{f}^{f} dp$$

$$\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta p} = -k \left(1 - \frac{r}{\|p\|}\right)$$

Derivatives of Force – 3x3 Jacobian

General change in Force for a given change in position:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial p} = -k \left(\frac{p \otimes p}{p \cdot p} + \left(I - \frac{p \otimes p}{p \cdot p} \right) \left(1 - \frac{r}{\|p\|} \right) \right)$$

Avoid compression singularity by clamping r/||p||.

Solve for Δv in linear system:

$$A \ \Delta v = b$$
, $A = I - \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} dt - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} dt^2$, $b = f \ dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} v \ dt^2$

(note: slightly oversimplified)

Implicit Integration



Force Based

Stiff Springs

Realistic Behavior

Responsive

Convergence (Jitter Free)

Interacting with 3D Geometry

Summary

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Variety of topics:



Moving beyond triangles, dot and cross product:

- Objects as 3D Solids
 - Convex parts

Volume Integration

Time

Integration

- Spatial props
- "2nd Year" Maths
 - Object Motion
 - Stiff systems



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Hand Tracking – if someone asks....

