

## Classroom Demonstration Programs

### Demonstration Programs Used in Class

Simulate an imaginary world.

Bouncing ball, balloon, etc.

Based on simple physical models.

$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ , and not much more.

Programs make use of:

CPU graphics programming (OpenGL).

GPU graphics programming (OpenGL shader language).

CPU and GPU physics programming (CUDA on GPU).

## Bouncing Ball Simulation

Simulates a ball bouncing over a platform.

Purpose is to show overall program structure ...  
... and simple physical simulation.

### These Notes

First, we'll describe the simulation physics.

Then the overall program structure will be described.

## Simulation of a Bouncing Ball

### Representation of Ball

*Position*:  $p$ , a three-element vector:  $\begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix}$ .

*Velocity*:  $v$ , a three-element vector:  $\begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}$ .

Representation in demo-1-simple.cc:

```
class Ball {  
public:  
    pCoor position;  
    pVect velocity;  
};
```

## Model for Ball Free Motion

We should already know that under constant acceleration  $a$ :

$$v(t) = v(0) + at$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(t_1) &= p(0) + \int_0^{t_1} v(t) dt \\ &= p(0) + \int_0^{t_1} (v(0) + at) dt \\ &= p(0) + v(0)t_1 + \frac{1}{2}at_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

In demo-1-simple.cc:

```
ball.position +=  
  ball.velocity * delta_t + 0.5 * gravity_accel * delta_t * delta_t;
```

What about the platform?

## Model for Platform Collision

Let's keep things simple:

The platform is at  $y = 0$ .

If there is a collision with the platform ...

... the  $y$  component of the velocity will be multiplied by  $-0.9$ .

The ball will bounce off more slowly than it hit.

The factor  $-0.9$  is not special, just a typical non-ideal bounce.

$$v(t) = \begin{cases} v(0) + at & \text{if } t \leq t_c \\ -0.9 [v(0) + at_c] + a(t - t_c) & \text{if } t > t_c \end{cases}$$

where  $t_c$  is the time of collision.

The equation above only considers the first bounce.

## Closed-Form Doability

Closed-Form Equations for  $v(t)$  and  $p(t)$ ?

Should we re-write the equations for  $v(t)$  and  $p(t)$  for any  $t$ ?

The discontinuity (platform collision) makes things tedious.

But it is still doable for an undergraduate.

But, what if there were two balls?—or three?

Then, a closed-form expression would be impossible.

## Discrete Interval Simulation

Idea: Consider short time periods called *time steps*.

The overall simulation will occur over many time steps.

Within a time step separately consider:

Free motion (without collisions).

Collisions.

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```
for ( time = 0; time < end_of_time; time++ )
{
    // Each iteration computes one time step.
    simulate_free_motion();
    detect_and_resolve_collisions();
}
```

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## Simulation of Free Motion

Determine forces on object.

Gravity.

Contact.

From forces and mass determine acceleration.

From acceleration update velocity.

Update position.